

Happy Holidays From the

Lincoln County Leader

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Lincoln County, Oregon

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Letter of discrimination generates statewide response

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

An anonymous letter received by a number of government leaders and law enforcement personnel along the coast has raised concerns regarding its discriminatory language.

This letter prompted a conversation among members of the Toledo City Council during its meeting

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The Toledo City Council, during its meeting on Dec. 18, discussed an anonymous letter they had received that caused considerable concern due to its discriminatory language. (Photo by Steve Card)

Crab catch is coming into port



Dec. 16 marked the opening of the new season of Oregon's commercial Dungeness crab fishery, and not long after that, boats began returning to Newport's Yaquina Bay with their catch. On Thursday afternoon, Dec. 19, a crew from the fishing vessel Miss Emmaline, which is based out of Newport, unloaded crabs at Pacific Seafood on the Bayfront. (Photos by Steve Card)



Concerns raised regarding Toledo Fire Department

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Lincoln County Leader

In September, Toledo Fire Chief Larry Robeson was placed on paid administrative leave, and an interim fire chief, Ryan Harris, was appointed. Circumstances surrounding Robeson's leave have not been disclosed by the city, due to it being a personnel matter, but the fire department is currently in disarray, and it was a hot topic of discussion at the Dec. 18 meeting of the Toledo City Council.

A crowd of volunteer firefighters and other concerned citizens showed up at the meeting, demanding more transparency and that the city council take action to improve the situation.

Prior to there being

any public comment on the matter, Councilor Tracy Mix said, "Just be aware that some of this stuff is confidential, and we are barred by law from giving some of the answers you are asking for." She requested that those in attendance have patience while the issue is being dealt with. "We want to be fair, lawful and protect our employees and those people that are involved in this all around," she said. "It's not for the lack of transparency or the lack of wanting input from our citizens. I'm glad that you're all here. ... this shows us that you care. I just want to let you know if we can't answer your question, it's not because we don't want to."

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Deadly force justified in officer-involved shooting in Waldport

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A Lincoln County Grand Jury has found that Sheriff's Deputy Ben Cloud was justified in his use of deadly physical force against 38-year-old Virginia Lee Morris during an incident on Nov. 10 in Waldport.

The grand jury convened for two days and heard testimony from 11 witnesses, including the Lincoln City Police Department, who led the investigation. The grand jury reviewed multiple video exhibits and further examined photographs, firearms, and autopsy conclusions, according to a media release issued last week by Lincoln County District Attorney Jenna Wallace.

GRAND JURY FACTUAL SUMMARY

The following is a factual summary of the investigation:

On Nov. 10, 2024, Virginia Morris was at her residence located at 1015 SE Rolf Court, Waldport. At approximately 4:50 p.m., a resident in the neighborhood called 911 and reported that a female (later identified as Virginia Lee Morris) was screaming at the location and had been for approximately 10 minutes. This location is a dense residential neighborhood.

At approximately 5:04 p.m., Virginia Lee Morris called 911. She told the dispatcher that her neighbors had been

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Taft 7-12 expands special education facilities

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The Lincoln County School District has completed what district officials call "a significant remodel and expansion of the Special Education classrooms at Taft 7-12."

The project is designed to enhance the school's ability to serve students with diverse learning needs.

Three newly renovated spaces include an updated classroom for



Taft 7-12 Special Education teacher Liz Francis poses in front of a whiteboard in her recently renovated classroom. The large space means less crowding and more freedom for students to move around in, Francis said. (Courtesy photo)

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Rain

Saturday: High-53/Low-46
Rain

Sunday: High-49/Low-44
Rain

Monday: High-49/Low-40
AM Showers

Tuesday: High-48/Low-42
Cloudy

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
December 14..	0.20.....	44.5	53.7
December 15..	0.49.....	42.5	49.8
December 16..	0.23.....	45.1	51.9
December 17..	0.90.....	50.9	60.4
December 18..	0.50.....	47.7	55.3
December 19..	0.32.....	49.4	61.8
December 20..	0.00.....	51.7	53.9
Total rainfall from Jan. 1.....	70.96"		

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Low.....12:58 a.m.....3.3
High.....7:42 a.m.....8.2
Low.....2:56 p.m.....1.4
High.....9:26 p.m.....5.6

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Low.....1:49 a.m.....3.8
High.....8:19 a.m.....8.4
Low.....3:40 p.m.....0.8
High.....10:28 p.m.....6.0

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Low.....2:41 a.m.....4.2
High.....8:57 a.m.....8.8
Low.....4:20 p.m.....0.2
High.....11:16 p.m.....6.3

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Low.....3:31 a.m.....4.3
High.....9:36 a.m.....9.0
Low.....4:59 p.m.....0.2
High.....11:58 p.m.....6.7

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Low.....4:18 a.m.....4.4
High.....10:17 a.m.....9.3
Low.....5:37 p.m.....0.7

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

High.....12:36 a.m.....7.0
Low.....5:02 a.m.....4.3
High.....10:57 a.m.....9.4
Low.....6:15 p.m.....1.0

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

High.....1:14 a.m.....7.1
Low.....5:45 a.m.....4.2
High.....11:38 a.m.....9.5
Low.....6:54 p.m.....1.1

Sunrise/Sunset

December 25.....	7:52 a.m.....	4:41 p.m.
December 26.....	7:52 a.m.....	4:41 p.m.
December 27.....	7:52 a.m.....	4:42 p.m.
December 28.....	7:53 a.m.....	4:43 p.m.
December 29.....	7:53 a.m.....	4:44 p.m.
December 30.....	7:53 a.m.....	4:44 p.m.
December 31.....	7:53 a.m.....	4:45 p.m.

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Friday, December 20
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Saturday, December 21
Powerball
1 • 12 • 17 • 21 • 58 • PB-1 • x3

Saturday, December 21
MegaBucks
2 • 3 • 13 • 27 • 30 • 39

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Ocean Giving campaign nets nearly \$2 million

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The Oregon Ocean Science Trust has announced an end-of-year giving campaign to raise funds to support science and monitoring of Oregon’s ocean and coastal resources.

“It’s more important than ever to make strategic investments in Oregon’s ocean and coastal resources,” Trust Chair Laura Anderson said. “We need scientific research and monitoring to understand the pace, scale, and scope of the changes happening in our ocean and its effects on the goods and services the ocean provides. The trust has a solid track record and is well positioned to receive and disburse those investments.”

To date, the trust has disbursed almost \$2 million in funding to conduct scientific research and



The five Oregon Marine Reserves are included in the Oregon Ocean Trust funded research. (Courtesy graphic)

monitoring on nearshore keystone species, such as sea otters, kelp, and eelgrass habitat, as well as research that helps understand the effects of a warming, more acidic ocean that holds less oxygen.

“For example,

Dungeness crab, the most valuable fishery on the West Coast, is threatened by high carbon dioxide conditions,” Anderson noted.

The trust has low administrative overhead and has invested 85-90 percent of

the funds it receives to science and research projects through competitive grant proposals.

Projects funded to date include monitoring ocean acidification and hypoxia in Oregon’s marine reserves and in Yaquina Bay, developing best practices for sustainable shellfish cultivation in Oregon, mapping nearshore habitats in the Rogue River Reef Complex, documenting changes to kelp communities along the Oregon coast, and assessing impacts of climate change in rocky shore habitats.

To view the current status of this funded research, visit www.oregonoceanscience.com/fundedresearch.

The Oregon Ocean Science Trust is one of only two national ocean science trusts in the United States. The other trust is the California Ocean Science Trust. Both were

legislatively established and charged with providing funding and support to ocean and coastal research and monitoring, and both are working collaboratively on West Coast ocean issues.

“As people think about the giving season, we hope they’ll think about making a contribution to our ocean and coastal resources,” Anderson said. “These special places are important to all Oregonians. If every Oregonian gave just \$5, we would be well positioned to initiate a new round of research in 2025.”

The Oregon Community Foundation receives donations on behalf of the trust. To make your tax-deductible contribution to the “Thank you, Ocean” campaign, visit the foundation website (oregoncf.org), or click on the “Donate” button in the trust website (OregonOceanScience.com).

County to get a share of broadband funding

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon’s Broadband Deployment Program plans to award a second round out of the \$141 million to bring high-speed, reliable broadband internet to thousands by 2026

This second round of funding aims to enhance internet access in 881

locations, all of which are un-served (lacking 25/3 Mbps service) or lack sufficient broadband service for projects in Malheur and Lincoln counties, the Oregon Broadband Office officials said in a release.

The Oregon Broadband Office has issued notices of intent to award the second round of funding for the Broadband

Deployment Program. In this round, \$9,488,246 will be awarded to Home Telephone Company’s project, “Nyssa Regional Link Expansion.” It will provide 100/100 service at \$49.99/month to 800 currently un-served locations in Malheur County.

Additionally, \$3,359,260 will be awarded to the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians’ project, “Expanding Broadband Access for the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians.” It will provide 100/100 service to 81 currently un-served locations in Lincoln County.

Business Oregon Director Sophorn Cheang emphasized the program’s commitment to equity and collaboration.

“Equity and strategic collaboration are

the core values of our Oregon Broadband Office’s work,” Cheang said. “This process will ultimately provide thousands of un-served and underserved Oregonians with high-speed, reliable broadband internet. Access to the internet is essential for education, health care, remote work, and social connection. This award will ensure that Oregonians have every opportunity to succeed in the digital realm.”

“High-speed, reliable internet is a modern essential,” Gov. Tina Kotek said. “Our broadband infrastructure is the lifeblood of Oregon businesses and communities, and these grants will help ensure that we’re not leaving communities behind.” The Broadband

Deployment Program Handbook is available on the program’s website and outlines the selection process and criteria used to determine award-ees. Eligible applicants included municipalities, private and for-profit entities, electric utilities, co-operatives, municipal affiliates (economic development corporations, regional planning and development councils, and councils of government), nonprofit organizations, and partnerships between eligible applicants. All awarded funds must be utilized, and projects must be operational by December 2026.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers.

The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

Inmate dies in county jail

In inmate at the Lincoln County Jail was pronounced dead on Sunday, Dec. 22, after being found unresponsive at around 11:45 a.m.

During routine meal service, corrections deputies discovered Steven Patrick Riley, of Lincoln

City, unresponsive and immediately began CPR, administered the AED and medics were called. Riley was pronounced deceased by paramedics.

At the time of the incident, Riley was being housed in a single cell. Deputies had completed

routine welfare checks approximately 26 minutes prior to the incident, according to a press release issued by the sheriff’s office.

An autopsy to determine cause of death is scheduled.

Riley had been lodged at the jail on a Lincoln County Circuit Court warrant for probation violation/failure to appear related to charges of recklessly endangering and driving under the influence of intoxicants.

The Newport Police Department is the agency handling the death investigation.

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New community shelter, resource center opens in Lincoln City

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Lincoln County Health and Human Services has completed renovations and scheduled the opening of the Community Shelter and Resource Center's Lincoln City location on Dec. 23. The facility is located at 2125 NW Highway 101. The mission of the Community Shelter and Resource Center, a winter overnight shelter dedicated to saving lives one night at

a time, is to connect guests with essential services to help individuals not just survive, but to thrive, according to a release from the center's organizers. The opening of its Lincoln City campus represents a significant expansion of the shelter's capacity to directly serve residents of the north county in the community where they live, according to Health and Human Services Director Jayne Romero. "We are incredibly

happy to finally have a permanent home for the winter shelter in Lincoln City," Romero said. "We appreciate the support from our various funders and the help we received from county staff, city staff, and to contractors who have made this possible." Romero said Health and Human Services recently purchased the property, and the location's opening follows renovations, including installation of an accessible restroom. This permanent location

enhances the shelter's ability to provide life-saving services, she added. "The Community Shelter and Resource Center is a safe, welcoming and affirming place for all members of the community, including our furry companions," Romero said. The Lincoln City and Newport locations are open seven nights a week and will offer overnight shelter through the end of April. Open intakes are from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Learn more at

LincolnCountyShelter.com. "The shelter's work is possible through the generosity of community members who volunteer and donate to make a difference — providing comfort and dignity to those who need it the most," Romero said. Current donation priority needs include: • Clothing for men and women in all sizes (waterproof jackets, waterproof boots, shower flip-flops, hoodies, T-shirts, socks, underwear, belts).

• Personal hygiene items (shave cream, toothpaste, shampoo, hair ties, toothbrushes, disposable razors, cleansing wipes, washcloths, towels). • Basic supplies like toilet paper, trash bags of all sizes, and pillows. • Dog and cat food to support the furry companions. To apply to volunteer, to arrange for donation pick-up or drop-off, or to make a financial donation, call Andrea at 541-272-9647 or email aibarra@co.lincoln.or.us.

Child luring investigations net two suspects

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The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office has conducted investigations related to online child luring using decoy social media accounts, according to LCSO Detective Sgt. Jason Spano. "During these efforts, deputies and detectives posed as underage children on various social media platforms and were approached by adult males who offered to meet for

sexual encounters," Spano said. On Dec. 12, 40-year-old Jose Luis Sanchez-Morales, of Springfield, was arrested and charged with two counts of luring a minor and online sexual corruption of a child in both the first and second degrees. On Dec. 19, 40-year-old Joseph Thomas Cunningham, of Depoe Bay, was also arrested and charged with two counts of luring a minor and online sexual corruption of a child in the first and second degrees.

"The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office urges parents to closely monitor their children's social media activity," Spano said. "It is crucial for parents to discuss the potential dangers associated with communicating with strangers online. These investigations aim to reduce criminal activity and enhance the safety of our community." Troopers from Oregon State Police assisted in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office child luring investigations.

Partial closure at Beverly Beach State Park Campground next June

Beverly Beach State Park will temporarily close campground loops C, D, E, F, G and H for the month of June and the entire campground for the last two weeks in June (June 15-30) while crews repave the main campground road.

The day-use area will remain open during construction. The closed loops are slated to reopen July 1, 2025. "We thank visitors for their continued patience as we work to improve the park for future visitors," said

Park Manager Burke Martin. Visit the state parks website for more information about the park and any updates to the construction. Go to stateparks.oregon.gov, click on "Visit," then "Find a Park" and scroll down to "Beverly Beach."

TOLEDO

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Mayor Rod Cross added, "We would love to sit down and have a conversation, but we are barred from a lot of this stuff, so that's why when some of you have reached out to me, I've had to say the two hardest words for me to ever say. When I have to say, 'no comment,' it's not something I enjoy. This is a heated issue, and we all understand that." In late September, nine of the department's volunteer firefighters took a leave from their duties, and they were informed this month that they were being discharged from the fire department. According to some of those volunteers, this discharge came without any advanced notice or explanation. Toledo Interim City Manager Amanda Carey read an email to the council she had received that day from a local resident, Amber Brown. "I am a Toledo citizen of 36 years and am saddened to hear the fire department has had such an uproar, and I have questions," Brown said in her email. "First off, I would like to know why our volunteers of the fire department were discharged without notice. Furthermore, why would you allow an interim fire chief with such little training and experience to take the place of years of experience. Lastly, what is the end goal with our fire department ... I am disheartened and angry that our city would allow the unmanning of our fire station to take place." Carey addressed some of the concerns raised by Brown in her email. "First, we do have one staff person and one volunteer on leave. There

is an HR complaint, and we are conducting a third party investigation into personnel matters that cannot be commented on publicly because they are confidential." Carey also said she couldn't speak about the volunteers being discharged. "I can say that our interim fire chief, Ryan Harris, has stepped into a very difficult situation and is doing a fantastic job ... he has been nothing but professional and is holding the fort down flawlessly. "The end goal with our fire department is to remain consistent," continued Carey. "We are a combination department of both paid staff and volunteers, and we still have a strong force. I do know there have been rumors of not having staff or volunteers. I can address that we currently do have 28 members of our fire department — two on paid staff at this time and 26 volunteers." Toledo resident Edna Ammons addressed the council during the public comment period. "I know for a fact that there are nine high-ranking (volunteer) firefighters that have walked off the job, and the reason they have walked off is because we have now an interim fire chief that only has about three years of experience. They asked if they would please put somebody else in — there were several people who had lots of experience — and that didn't happen. And they walked off, nine high-ranking firefighter people — one of them has been on there for 35 years. He's never had any problems." Cara Ammons also spoke. She has worked as an emergency dispatcher and volunteer firefighter in Toledo. "I'm seriously concerned that the transparency of the city is not happening." She

said volunteers who left the department did so due to harassment by the training officer and the lack of experience of the interim fire chief. "I'm very concerned that the city does not know what's going on and the liability they're put in with the lack of responders that have any experience," Cara Ammons said. "I'm concerned about the lack of communication and the separation that was created with the volunteers who went on leave in support of having a fire chief that had experience and wisdom. It is really disheartening for all these people to put in all this time and effort to be shut down. "To be discharged with no notification, no communication from the city of Toledo, from the fire department whatsoever, is unacceptable," Ammons said in concluding her remarks. "I really hope that you guys can work through this. The fire department and the citizens really need you guys to step up and do your job." Cheryl Duprau, who was previously a volunteer firefighter, addressed the council members via an online link. "I am concerned. When you lose volunteers in this fashion, whether they are discharged or have walked off, you are talking about people that are giving their time to the city without the incentive of a paycheck," she said. "That means they have been coming and showing up consistently because of the heart that they have for this community. We should probably be asking ourselves with some integrity what is going on. What would

cause a person who is so dedicated to leave? This is the sign of a sick organization. Something is wrong, and I don't know that it can be solved in the way that it's being addressed right now." Others voiced similar concerns during the Dec. 18 meeting. No further statements were made by council members on this issue before they moved on to the next agenda item. The Lincoln County Leader will continue to monitor this situation and provide updates in future editions.

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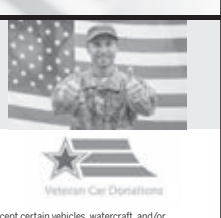
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LAW ENFORCEMENT TIP OF THE WEEK

Using GPS in winter

Winter officially began on Dec. 21 and comes with an important reminder to drive with extra care. The Oregon Department of Transportation has some excellent tips to keep in mind when using GPS to navigate this winter.

Most navigation tools don't take current road or weather conditions into consideration. They may direct you onto remote roads that are neither maintained or passable in all weather conditions. Because of this, here are a few tips to consider.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Be aware that the app on your phone or in your GPS device might not have the latest information. Don't follow it blindly.
- Use TripCheck.com (available online and on your phone) before you go to get the latest on state road conditions. You can also call 511.
- Remember, in winter conditions (or in summer's fire season), roads can be impass-

able, so use common sense.

- If you are not familiar with an area and current road conditions, stay on state roads and don't attempt detours onto roads you don't know.
- Alter your travel plans. If you are not sure of the route and conditions your device directs you to, ask local folks for information and consult a map. It is better to stay the night in town rather than be stuck on a remote road in the middle of nowhere.

WHAT ODOT WILL DO:

- ODOT crews work continually to keep state highways safe, but during certain conditions, such as blowing snow and freezing temperatures, you may want to avoid travel altogether.
- ODOT will issue media flash alerts if roads are closed. These will be updated continually on TripCheck.com

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Curtis Landers

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEMOCRACY, WHILE MESSY AND CUMBERSOME, IS AT WORK

Last Wednesday, I attended the county commissioners meeting as a follow-up to the meeting held on Dec. 4 to consider legislation proposed by FEMA to protect local endangered species and, in turn, burden homeowners who live on or near a floodplain. It proposes new and devastating limitations and requirements for dealing with flooding and its impact. Ordinance 537 sets new and confusing requirements for making repairs, changes, or improvements to any property along an existing floodplain.

The meeting on Dec. 4 took public testimony from many worried residents who questioned the federal government's ponderous need to analyze and permit any activity that might impact the protected environment and species. The resounding

swell of comments came from people afraid they would lose their homes and property because FEMA would disallow flood insurance and the banks would call in their loans. In addition, many local farmers, ranchers, and landowners could see no reasonable way to maintain or improve their properties under the new ordinance.

The commissioners welcomed and engaged with the crowd, which overflowed the meeting room and filled the hallway outside, requiring an additional sound system. They understood and took note of the many and varied concerns during two and a half hours of public testimony. The fact that the whole process was being ramrodded through the local input phase in less than a month left all of us feeling like the governmental machine was functioning as a result of the change of administration soon to arrive.

It would appear that Lincoln County has

found itself, as the commissioners assessed, "between a rock and a hard place." Their efforts to convince our federal legislative representatives of our plight resulted in a formal letter signed by our senators and representatives highlighting the weaknesses in the ordinance. In order to protect its citizens from mortgage foreclosure, they will be passing Ordinance 537 and hopefully the negative and unreasonable elements will be amended out or altered through appeal.

I was left with the feeling that our democracy, while messy and cum-

bersome, is at work, but teaching us all new lessons in perseverance and humility at every turn. I will be taking up the pen to make sure they — the board, our representatives in Washington and FEMA — all remember that they work for us. It could not be lost on FEMA and the federal government that they have slapped this legislation together too quickly to bring anything more than frustration and confusion to the people they expect to endure their efforts on behalf of salmon and the citizenry of our county.

Gary L Miller
Lincoln City

LETTER POLICY

The Lincoln County Leader welcomes letters to the editor concerning issues affecting Lincoln County. All letters must be signed with the full name of the writer, and must be accompanied by a telephone number and address. We request that letters be limited to 300 words, and that writers limit their letters and viewpoints to one every four weeks. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. Letters sent via email should clearly state that they are for publication.

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VIEWPOINT

Merkley Monthly: 2024 accomplishments for Oregonians

As 2024 draws to a close, I'm reflecting on what my team and I accomplished over the past year to give families across Oregon and around the country the foundations they need to thrive. Here are a few highlights important to Oregon's coastal communities.

As Oregon's representative on the committee that funds the federal government, I secured critical funding for wildfire relief and 139 homegrown community-initiated projects across our state. These investments address local priorities up and down the Oregon coast and beyond, including \$1 million for Tillamook County's project to build out broadband infrastructure and increase services to homes, and \$4 million headed to the city of North Bend to construct affordable housing.

I also fought for vital infrastructure projects, including \$54 million for Port of Coos Bay's transformative container port project and many other investments to rebuild and strengthen

our roads, bridges, and ports. It's projects like these that will boost our economy, create good-paying union jobs, and keep our communities connected.

In addition, I held the first Congressional hearings on dangerous plastic pollution choking our waterways and oceans, littering our land and beaches, and harming everyone's health. I also spearheaded the comprehensive Break Free from Plastic Pollution Act. Not only that, I shined a light on the salmon-killing chemical called 6PPD and championed the end to importing and manufacturing asbestos, both of which the EPA took action to address.

We had a lot to celebrate in Oregon, too. After working alongside tribes and stakeholders for 16 years, I celebrated the removal of four Klamath River dams, which was the largest dam removal project in our country's history. A vast stretch of the Klam-

ath River is flowing free for the first time in generations, and the salmon have returned and spawned.

In July, I successfully pushed state and federal agencies fighting wildfires in southern and western Oregon to renew their agreement on the Western Oregon Operating Plan — known as the WOOP — that boosts coordination, cooperation, and preparedness.

And the Senate unanimously adopted my bipartisan National Pollinator Week resolution. I also helped secure more funding for conservation efforts that reaffirm our commitment to protecting critical pollinators, including the Western Monarch Butterfly.

My amazing constituent services team continued to help hundreds of Oregonians with delayed Social Security and disability benefits, delayed visas, mail delivery snafus, and many other issues — including work-

ing tirelessly to secure transportation to Oregon for Palestinian children needing vital medical care.

And I created the Oregon Treasures Quest, encouraging folks to get out and enjoy all of the beauty and wonder that our state has to offer, with sites to visit in each of Oregon's 36 counties, from Marion to Malheur. Keep an eye out for the 2025 Oregon Treasures Quest coming next year and prepare to hit the road.

These are just a few of 24 major accomplishments in 2024, and you can watch my video recap of all of them on my YouTube channel.

Thank you all for being partners in making Oregon — and our world — a better place. Whether you call my office, write in, or attend one of the 36 town halls I hold in each of Oregon's counties every year, your input guides my work in the Senate. In 2025, let's keep working together to build a brighter future.

Jeff Merkley represents Oregon in the U.S. Senate.



Jeff Merkley

With a long session approaching in Salem and many state departments asking for increased funding, which area should legislators turn their focus to first?

- Transportation
- Schools
- Healthcare
- Public Safety
- Something Else

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Taft

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students in grades 7-12 and some transition-age students, and a large room with four distinct sections dedicated to curriculum, transitional education, focused reading groups, and specialized support for students with behavioral, medical, and intellectual needs.

The renovation also features a simulated home and workplace environment for the PACE transitional program, equipped with a kitchen and laundry room for teaching essential skills like cooking, cleaning, budgeting, and job preparation. Each student follows an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) while having the flexibility to participate across different learning groups,

according to a release from the LCSD.

“The larger, renovated SPED classroom gives the students more freedom. They feel more in control of their environment rather than being controlled,” special education teacher Liz Francis said. “It allows for multiple activities to be happening simultaneously and not feel overly crowded or loud.”

The expansion particularly benefits the district’s transition program for special education students aged 18-21, according to LCSD Director of Special Education Carol Stock.

“Two years ago, LCSD was thrilled to be able to expand our transition program to meet the needs of the growing north area population,” Stock said. “Previously, all transition-aged

students attended our ECEL program located at Newport High.”

Stock observed students applying their new skills in the PACE space.

“Students were choosing a recipe for chicken wings, assembling the ingredients, preparing the wings, using an air fryer to cook them, and serving them to each other and their teachers,” Stock said.

Taft 7-12 Principal Nick Lupo said he sees the expansion as a significant step forward for the school community.

“We appreciate how much this new space has allowed us to work with individual students,” Lupo said. “It’s transforming how we serve our students’ educational needs right here at Taft.”

Taft 7-12 is located at 3180 Spyglass Ridge Drive in Lincoln City.

DISCRIMINATION

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on Dec. 18, and it also resulted in a press release being issued the following day by the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office.

After news began spreading statewide about the contents of the letter, statements were issued Friday by Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and the Portland office of the FBI.

The letter is titled “The Brown Round-Up Part 1,” and it states in the first sentence, “Starting the last part of January of 2025, this nation will commence the largest round-up of brown illegals in our history.” The letter goes on say that people should “start identifying those folks who you suspect are here in our country on an illegal basis,” and it outlines steps on how to do that.

Toledo Mayor Rod Cross was the one who raised the topic of this letter during last week’s meeting, saying that he and other council members had received an anonymous letter from “a fake post office box in Otis.” He added, “Mayor Wahlke in Lincoln City received this, other councilors in Coos Bay and North Bend have received these.

“I’m livid because I don’t know if history is just not getting taught anymore or if the memories of my father and his generation have just been wiped out of existence, but this is not America,” Cross said. “This is not who we are. Ronald Reagan once said we are to be a shining city on the hill. This is where people come to get away from stuff, to be able to provide for their families, to have opportunities for themselves and their loved ones.”

City Councilor Tracy

Mix said, “I would like to see us make a declaration or something at our next meeting ... that we will not tolerate this kind of behavior. We are inviting and open. We’re the type of people that respect people for who and what they are. That is what Toledo is.”

Cross agreed. “We should make a statement at our next council meeting. One of the things that I always firmly believed in is that darkness cannot stand the light, and I want a spotlight shone on this whole idea that people don’t belong in the greatest country in the whole world,” he said. “I wanted the community to be aware of what’s out there. There is not a place for this. This is not acceptable behavior in Toledo.”

The following morning, the sheriff’s office issued a media release saying, “The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office recently learned about a letter being circulated throughout Lincoln County which encourages community members to track and report information regarding people of color, specifically community members that are believed to be undocumented.”

The release continues, “We want to be unequivocal in our stance: this type of behavior is harmful, divisive, and inconsistent with the values we uphold as public servants and community members. Targeting individuals in this manner erodes trust and undermines the sense of safety and inclusion that we strive to maintain in Lincoln County.”

Sheriff’s office officials encourage community members “to do the right thing and use compassion as we encounter these types of messages. We strongly advise against engaging in activities such as those outlined in this letter, including collecting or sharing information about individuals based

on their demographic or perceived immigration status.”

The release also states that the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office is committed to upholding Oregon law with regard to immigration enforcement. Oregon law generally prohibits the inquiry or collection of an individual’s immigration or citizenship status, or country of birth, with few specific exceptions as outlined in Oregon Revised Statute 181A.823. Consistent with this, the sheriff’s office does not inquire about, document, or share such information with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The statement from Attorney General Rosenblum reads: “In Oregon, we stand united in our commitment to create and maintain a place that is open, welcoming, and safe for all individuals, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, immigration status, or any other aspect of their identity. Attempts to intimidate our communities and their leaders through racist letter writing campaigns has no place in Oregon, and we will continue to stand together in opposition to those who seek to divide us.”

And the FBI states in its release: “The FBI is aware of the offensive and racist mailings sent to individuals and organizations in Lincoln County, Oregon. The FBI’s mission is to protect the American people and uphold the U.S. Constitution. Actions outside a lawful process infringe on everyone’s rights and law enforcement’s collective ability to keep people safe, regardless of their race. Community members who feel they are being physically threatened should report those concerns to their nearest local law enforcement agency.”



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Sudoku answers

DEATH NOTICES

ALVIN WESLEY AFFOLTER

Alvin Wesley Affolter, 68, of Lincoln City, Oregon, passed away on Dec. 11, 2024.

He was born on Sept. 14, 1956. His siblings are John A. Affolter, Lena (Bobbi) Affolter, Carl F. Affolter, Henry A. Affolter, and Wayne “Nickey” Affolter.

Diane Cannon

June 29, 1941 - October 26, 2024

Diane Elaine Cannon, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on October 26, 2024, at the age of 83. Born on June 29, 1941, Diane lived a life full of resilience and dedication to her family and community.

Diane was preceded in death by her husband, James Cannon, and her son, Kevin Connell. She is survived by her children, Karyn Thompson and Shannon Connell, her stepson, Randy, her stepdaughter, Renee, and her grandchildren: Monica, Nicholas, Nathan, Konnor, Kory, Klarice, and Kristina. Diane also found joy in her great-grandson, Owen, who brought a special light to her later years.

Affectionately known as “Turtle” by her loved ones, Diane was known for her strict and frugal nature. She believed in living



simply and valuing the important things in life, a philosophy that she passed on to her family.

Diane made many good friends through her participation in Gas Buddies and later on Facebook, where she continued to connect with others and share her practical wisdom. She also cherished the time she spent traveling with her stepson, Randy, creating many wonderful memories together.

Diane’s life was a testament to the values of simplicity, resilience, and dedication. Her memory will be cherished by all who knew her, and her legacy will continue to inspire her family and friends.

A burial will be held at the Yachats Memorial Park cemetery on December 26th at 2pm for close family and friends.

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This Week in HISTORY

LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER STAFF

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

25 YEARS AGO (1999)

LINCOLN CITY MAN TAKES RIDE OF HIS LIFE OVER SLIDE

Like many long-time coastal residents, Mike Cochran has driven U.S. Highway 101 between Lincoln City and Newport more times than he can count.

Thursday, the Lincoln City Safeway employee was taking just another trip over Cape Foulweather in the rain and the fog — until he found his 1995 Dodge Caravan airborne over a massive slide that destroyed a 150-foot section of the highway.

“My first thought was, this was not the kind of accident you want to be in,” Cochran recalled.

Cochran was virtually unhurt in the incident. “There wasn’t a scratch,” he said. “I just thank God. It’s like He floated me down and said, ‘It’s not your time yet.’”

SETTLEMENT REACHED ON MIDDLE SCHOOL REPAIR COSTS

The Lincoln County School District will be reimbursed \$1,026,620.40 — the largest settlement in the district’s history — for claims relating to construction of the new Newport Middle School.

The school district attorney, Richard Beeson of Newport, said the settlement is for claims against the architect, builder and two subcontractors responsible for the school.

Defects in construction reached the total amount received by the school district.

PHILOMATH TEEN INJURED BY BEACH LOG IN LINCOLN CITY

Fourteen-year-old Amber Gibbs of Philomath was seriously injured Tuesday when she was pinned under a large log on the beach at Lincoln City. The log was about 24 feet long and 2 1/2 feet around.

Amber was standing on the log with her mother, Lori Gibbs, when a wave rolled the log. Both were knocked down, and Amber was pinned face down in the sand. Her mother’s leg was caught, but she was able to free herself.

POST OFFICE VANDALIZED DURING THE WEEKEND

The Lincoln City Post Office was vandalized last weekend.

“Somebody tore a stamp vending machine out of the wall sometime Saturday night. That’s all I know,” said Paul Sheets, postmaster of the Lincoln City facility.

“The matter was reported to Lincoln City Police.”

There were no witnesses and there are no suspects for the incident, classified as criminal mischief.

50 YEARS AGO (1974)

DERAILMENT SPILLS OIL INTO YAQUINA RIVER

Efforts are being made to discover the reason for the breakdown in communication that slowed the response of state and federal agencies to the oil spill in the Yaquina River, resulting from the derailment of a Southern Pacific train Dec. 14 between Nashville and Eddyville.

Fortunately, this spill is not expected to cause any serious damage to marine life in the Yaquina Bay or the river, local fish commission and Coast Guard officials report.

NORTH END BACKS OFF

The North Lincoln Local School Committee has

backed off from any position on a possible breakup with the county school district.

Little support for such a move was generated at a meeting Tuesday at the Delake School. Glenn Middleton, a hearings officer for the State Department of Education, told the meeting of some 40 persons such as split would be most difficult and expensive.

NEWPORT MULLS HIRING OWN DOGCATCHER

The Newport City Council is going to consider the hiring of a part-time dogcatcher to work during the first six months of 1975.

The stray dog problem has been one of the most troublesome facing the council in recent months.

City Manager Dan Davis said he didn’t think that one person could catch the dogs that are really causing the problem. “It’s always someone’s favorite pet that you catch,” Davis said.

CITY GIVES OBJECTION TO REMOVAL OF DRIFTWOOD

An application to remove logs from Taft Beach for pulp material was denied after Lincoln City Council voted 4-1 Tuesday night to object the project.

A permit to remove the logs had been given by the Oregon Division of Highways on the condition that no objection to the project was voiced by either the city or county.

The decision on denying removal came after a 90-minute hearing.

75 YEARS AGO (1949)

FIRE DESTROYS DELAKE MOVIE THEATER

Delake’s only theater, the Colonial, was completely destroyed by fire that broke out about 11 a.m. Friday and was fought by the two local volunteer fire departments for nearly two hours.

The ironic twist to the disaster was the fact that the theater had been taken over the day before by C. E. Ward of Portland. Ward had purchased the equipment in the theater and had leased the building, which was owned by Charles Slaney of Newport.

Exact origin of the fire was not definitely determined, but it was believed to have begun in the electrical system in the projection room.

BANK EMPLOYEES GIVEN \$7,000

Employees of the Bank of Newport eagerly await their Christmas party each year — and for good reason.

At these events, they receive a share of the bank earnings. This year, it amounted to two months extra pay for each — a total of \$7000.

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN SOON

Bids were called this week for construction of the Newport Memorial Library, expecting to cost more than \$20,000.

The new structure, to replace the room now being used at City Hall for the municipal library, will be erected on city-owned land beside the high school. The building is being erected as a memorial to World War I and II servicemen and women. Funds were given by the city and by individual contribution to the

Newport Library Association.

ENFORCEMENT DOG LICENSE LAW DECIDED

Enforcement of the municipal dog tax law was voted Monday by the Newport City Council.

The city recorder was ordered to buy 100 metal tags to be used as licenses and attached to the dog’s collar. Action by the council followed the recommendation by Cal Martin, chairman of the council police committee.

The license fee set by city ordinance is \$1 for a male or spayed female, and \$1.50 for a female. It is the same for the county, but if city taxes are paid, it is not necessary to buy a county license.

100 YEARS AGO (1924)

PYTROL EXPLOSIVE HERE FOR USE ON LINCOLN COUNTY FARMS

Thursday of last week, County Agent J. R. Beck took two of Fred Horning’s trucks out to Corvallis and brought in 2,300 pounds of Pytrol, the government explosive. This was delivered to the farmers along with some other that was shipped by freight to Nortons and Elk City for \$9.50 per 100 pounds of explosive, with 50 caps for every hundred pounds thrown in.

Conservative calculations show that this distribution of war material to the local farmers resulted in a savings of over \$600.

LAW WOULD PREVENT DISCHARGING OF OIL ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

A communication has been received at this office from George Mayo, United States engineer at Portland, containing a copy of a law passed by the national Congress that prevents the discharging of all oils upon the waters of the navigable streams of the United States.

OVER 800 PEOPLE ENJOY CHRISTMAS BANQUET

The Christmas spirit reigned supreme at the Pacific Spruce cafeteria last Saturday afternoon and evening when the Pacific Spruce Corporation acted as host to its large list of employees and their families. Between 800 and 900 people were served, according to those in charge of the cafeteria. During the afternoon, the Pacific Spruce Orchestra furnished music, and vocal solos were provided by Ted Cosgrove and Tom Mills.

ELECTION TO BE HELD ON PORT DISTRICT FOR SILETZ BAY

Ballots are all printed and in the hands of the judges in the various precincts of the north end of Lincoln County for the purpose of holding an election next Tuesday, December 30, to form a new port district in Lincoln County.

The new proposed district includes practically all of the northern part of Lincoln County, all of which has been in the Toledo and Newport port district in the past, but should the election carry, that section of the county will have a port district all of its own, and it will be known as the Siletz Bay Port District.

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Health care, construction, helped Oregon gain 5,100 jobs

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon’s seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment gained 5,100 jobs, following a revised increase of 3,500 jobs in October, according to the Oregon Employment Department’s latest monthly report.

November’s gains were largest in health care and social assistance (+2,300 jobs); construction (+2,100); and professional and business services (+700).

JOB SURGE

Private health care and social assistance has been adding jobs very rapidly since June 2022. It expanded by 41,700 jobs, or 15.6 percent, during that 29-month period.

The fastest growing components during that time were social assistance (+17,800 jobs, or 27.0 percent) and nursing and residential care facilities (+9,400 jobs, or 19.3 percent). The other two component industries also added jobs, but grew less rapidly: hospitals



Health care and construction were the industries leading job growth in November, according to a recent report issued by the Oregon Employment Department. (Metro Creative Connection)

(+6,800 jobs, or 11.9 percent) and ambulatory health care	services (+10,200 jobs, or 10.7 percent).	Construction rebounded in November from a three-month
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dip, returning the sector’s total employment to 117,500, about where it had been from July 2022 through August 2024.

In the past 12 months, health care and social assistance (+17,500 jobs, or 6.0 percent) grew rapidly, while government (+6,900 jobs, or 2.2 percent) added the second most jobs.

DECLINES

In that time, only two major industries declined by 1,000 jobs or more: retail trade (-1,700 jobs, or -0.8 percent) and leisure and hospitality (-1,400 jobs, or -0.7 percent).

About half of the major industries were essentially flat over the year, with job changes of less than 1,200 in either direction.

EMPLOYMENT RATE

Oregon’s unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in November and 4.0 percent in October and has consistently remained between 4.0 percent and 4.2 percent since October 2023.

The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in November and 4.1 percent in October.

Angels Anonymous receives \$3,000 grant from WaFd Bank

Angels Anonymous, a nonprofit that provides immediate needs and basic services for those in need in north Lincoln County, recently received a \$3,000 grant from the WaFd Bank Foundation.

The nonprofit has given more than \$1 million over the past 25 years to residents who are in need of financial assistance.

“We provide north Lincoln County area residents with rent, food, utilities, car and home repairs, and a variety of other immediate and basic needs,” said Roger Robertson, an Angels Anonymous co-founder and board member. “We are fortunate to have WaFd’s Tammy Viles on the board and providing us with needed insight into the financial

operations of the board.”

Viles, an Angels Anonymous board member and the branch manager at the Lincoln City WaFd Bank branch, recently was able to help someone firsthand.

“A client came into the branch desperate, needing a loan because the power box at his trailer had blown,” Viles said. “We don’t have a loan product that could get him the funds needed very quickly, and he and other members of his family needed the electricity for their oxygen and CPAP machines.”

Viles helped the gentleman fill out an Angels request form and then put it up for vote with the board. It was approved within hours, and Viles was able to call an electrician, who was able to get the

man’s electricity back within 24 hours.

The following week, a man came into the bank after leaving a local pharmacy, unable to pay for his wife’s diabetes prescription because he couldn’t afford the increase in cost. The person in line behind him said, “Go talk to the nice lady at WaFd, she helped me get my electricity back on!”

So, the man swung by the branch, and Viles and Angels Anonymous were able to help him with the cost of the prescription through the end of the year, as well as provided a voucher to a local grocery store.

WaFd Bank, one of many groups helping fund Angels Anonymous, has donated \$13,000 over the last few years to the nonprofit.



The WaFd Bank Foundation recently gave a \$3,000 grant to Angels Anonymous, a nonprofit that provides immediate needs and basic services for those in need in north Lincoln County. (Courtesy photo)

With the holiday season now here, anyone who is able is encouraged to contribute, to	think about donating their support to this much needed and very appreciated nonprofit.	Donations can be sent to: Angels Anonymous, PO Box 554, Lincoln City, OR 97367.
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WALDPORT
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recording her and trying to provoke her. She said that if officers did not respond she would have to open fire and retaliate herself. When asked if she had any weapons, Morris refused to answer.

When asked if she would be violent with officers, Morris said she would draw her gun on officers if they drew their gun on her. The dispatcher noted that Morris was rambling and becoming more verbally aggressive.

A Lincoln County deputy contacted Morris by phone and spoke with her. Morris admitted to consuming alcohol and celebrating the Marine Corps birthday. The deputy noted that Morris was calm at the beginning of the conversation but became irate as the conversation continued. Morris told the deputy that she was not concerned with shedding blood if she had to.

At approximately 6:06 p.m., Morris called 911 and made threats that if her neighbors didn’t stop bothering her, we would need a coroner. Morris then hung up.

At approximately 6:37

p.m., a worker with the Veteran’s Crisis Line called 911 and reported that Morris had contacted them. The worker told the 911 dispatcher that Morris was homicidal and told the worker that it was time for her neighbors to die. Morris also told the worker that it was going to be “bloody” and she was going to enjoy watching them “chomp on the concrete.”

At approximately 7:06 p.m., a worker with the Veteran’s Crisis Line called 911 and said that Morris called them back and said she had a loaded AK-47 and would shoot anyone who knocked on her door. The worker further stated that Morris was a frequent caller of the crisis line and seemed intoxicated.

At approximately 7:10 p.m., another resident of the neighborhood called 911 and reported that his girlfriend, who resides next door to Morris, told him she heard a single gunshot from inside Morris’ residence approximately 5 minutes prior.

A deputy contacted this witness, who reported that Morris had been screaming for hours, and this resident had heard a loud bang come from

the direction of Morris’ residence. She reported that after the loud bang, Morris ran outside screaming to herself and yelling nonsense. Morris then went back into her residence and continued to scream.

At approximately 7:39 p.m., 911 received several calls reporting multiple gunshots coming from Morris’ property.

Lincoln County Sheriff’s deputies were en route during this time, and Deputy Cloud arrived on scene at approximately 7:46 p.m.. Deputy Cloud took an observation position approximately 30 yards from Morris’ residence while waiting for additional officers to respond. During this time, Morris exited the front of her residence holding a rifle. Deputy Cloud ordered Morris to drop her weapon. Morris did not comply with this command and turned towards Deputy Cloud, pointing the rifle at him.

Deputy Cloud fired his weapon in response until Morris fell to the ground. Assisting deputies responded to the scene and rendered aid to Morris with Deputy Cloud. Deputies located a loaded AK-47 beneath Morris.

Morris was transported by ambulance to Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital but was pronounced deceased while en route.

The Lincoln County Major Crime Team (MCT) was activated and conducted the investigation into the use of deadly force. Lincoln City Police Department Detective Bud Lane led the investigation.

Detectives from the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office, Lincoln City Police Department, Newport Police Department, Toledo Police Department, Corvallis Police Department, and Oregon State Police participated in the investigation.

An autopsy was conducted by the State Medical Examiner’s Office on Nov. 13, who determined Morris’ cause of death was from gunshot wounds. Morris had a large wound in the armpit area of the right arm and a large piece of silver colored metal was removed from that wound.

Overall, the investigation showed that Morris fired her gun in and/or around her property at least 10 times prior to Deputy Cloud arriving on scene. In total,

Deputy Cloud, who has been employed with the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office for 11 years, fired 13 rounds from his rifle.

No neighbors, bystanders or deputies were injured during this incident.

Morris had no prior criminal convictions.

The grand jury applied the facts of this case to the legal principles dictating circumstances when deadly physical force can be used. Specifically, the grand jury found that, under the totality of the circumstances known to Deputy Cloud, he reasonably determined that the use of deadly physical force was necessary.

The grand jury further found that no reasonable alternatives, such as verbal de-escalation, waiting or using other available techniques or resources was reasonable, safe or feasible to Deputy Cloud at the time he used deadly physical force.

The grand jury concluded that the actions of Lincoln County Sheriff’s Deputy Benjamin Cloud on November 10, 2024, were justified and lawful.

CRITICAL JUNCTURE

There have been three officer-involved shootings

in the past four months in Lincoln County: the Nov. 10 incident in Waldport, a multi law enforcement investigation at Motel 6 in Lincoln City on Oct. 19, and a stand-off shooting at Northwest Jetty Place in Lincoln City on Sept 5.

In a published report in the Lincoln County Leader in November, Oregon State Police Capt. Kyle Kennedy said all law enforcement applies Graham factors (the severity of the crime at issue) when considering any use of force, and in Oregon, the Oregon Revised Statutes, the codified laws of Oregon, dictate when deadly physical force can be used.

“The critical juncture is when the threat of serious injury or death outweighs law enforcement’s ability to de-escalate an individual,” Kennedy said, adding that officers attempt to use time to de-escalate what could be a deadly standoff or confrontation with a suspect or suspects.

“Time is a resource — sometimes we have it, and sometimes we don’t,” Kennedy said. “We use time to de-escalate when time is available to us, however, that can always change at a moment’s notice.”



Merry Christmas to all!

It's a colorful time of the year, with Christmas lights burning bright at many homes and businesses around Lincoln County. One popular display among passersby is this home located at the intersection of Northeast Eads Street and Northeast 10th Court in Newport, which seems to be decorated with just a few more lights each year. (Photo by Steve Card)

Peace Hike: A commemoration of resilience and remembrance



People are pictured in the Amanda Gathering Area during a previous Peace Hike in Yachats. (File photo)

On New Year's Day, Yachats will host the 15th annual Peace Hike, an event that honors the legacy of the indigenous peoples who endured immense suffering under government-sponsored genocidal policies during the 19th century. The Peace Hike commemorates the tragic history of the Alsea Subagency (1860–1875), highlighting the story of Amanda, a blind Native American (Coos) woman who was forcibly separated from her daughter and marched barefoot with other captives over 80 miles of rugged terrain to the Alsea Subagency prison camp in Yachats in 1864. This annual gathering serves as a solemn remembrance of those who lost their lives and a celebration of the resilience of their descendants, many of whom participate in the event each year.

A TIME FOR REFLECTION AND EDUCATION

The Peace Hike invites participants to reflect on the atrocities faced by

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Altrusa's Project School Bell serves local students



Through its "Project School Bell," Altrusa International of Yaquina Bay provides emergency clothing and hygiene supplies to students. (Courtesy photo)

For the past 34 years, Altrusa International of Yaquina Bay has made emergency clothing and hygiene supplies available to students in need through its longstanding program titled "Project School Bell." Altrusa of Yaquina Bay is a local group of dedicated volunteers whose mission is to support the women and children of the area through literacy, social and health services. Schools that receive assistance from Project School Bell are public schools and HELP Centers (which serve students with inadequate housing) in Newport, Waldport and Toledo, as well as Eddyville and Siletz Valley charter schools. Beginning in 2023, this service expanded to cover the Head Start Preschools in the county (Lincoln City, Newport, Toledo, and Siletz). The supplies that are

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Winter Whale Watch Week on the Oregon coast will take place from this Friday, Dec. 27, through Tuesday, Dec. 31. Trained volunteers will be stationed at 15 sites along the coast from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on those days. (Courtesy photos)

Winter whale watch week returns

Oregon State Parks will host Winter Whale Watch Week on the Oregon coast beginning this Friday, Dec. 27, and running through Tuesday, Dec. 31. Trained volunteers will be stationed at 15 sites along the coast from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help visitors spot gray whales on their southward migration to the calving lagoons in Mexico. The sites are some of the best places to watch

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In addition to whale watch volunteers being available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 27-31.



The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is organizing free, guided First Day Hikes around the state on Jan. 1. One of those will be a sunset hike in Yachats, which will provide almost continuous views of the Pacific Ocean, like the one pictured here. (Courtesy photo)

State parks to offer First Day Hikes

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Whether you prefer a sunset hike along the coast or a paved wooded trail inside city limits, First Day Hikes has a hike for you on New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1. Rangers and volunteers will lead 37 guided First Day Hikes at 30 parks around the state, with distances ranging from a quarter-mile stroll to a 5-mile trek, according to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). Hikes are free, and the \$5 day-use parking fee is waived on that day at the state parks that charge for parking. America's State Parks sponsors the First Day Hikes program nationwide to encourage everyone to start the year outside and connect with nature. The OPRD has participated since 2012. "First Day Hikes has become a fun tradition for both visitors and staff on New Year's Day. Rangers and volunteers get a chance to share park history, geology, wildlife and plants, and visitors get to experience an adventure with friends and family to start the new year," OPRD Director Lisa Sumption said. OPRD Public Information Officer Stefanie Knowlton said

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College announces winter term lineup of courses

intellectually stimulating programs without paying tuition. Course and college fees will still apply, and availability may be limited in some courses.

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purchased with funding from Project School Bell include: clothing, jackets, shoes, backpacks and hygiene supplies.

Crestview Heights School Principal Sandi Battles said, “Students often need these essentials to attend school with dignity and confidence. This is especially

important for students who may otherwise struggle to access these supplies on their own. Having these items available ... is a crucial element in maintaining a positive and supportive learning environment.”

For the school year of 2024-25, the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Charitable Fund has provided \$7,000 to support Project School Bell. Another \$6,000 was

allocated to the project by Altrusa's own fundraising efforts, making a record total of \$13,000 for this much needed service.

Altrusa expressed gratitude to the tribe for its generous contribution to the kids of Lincoln County, and also to all the business sponsors and individuals who support Altrusa's work through its annual fundraising event, The Crestview Golf Tournament.

Teen Fridays coming to Newport Rec Center

The Newport Recreation Center is pleased to announce Teen Fridays, a new series of winter events that will offer opportunities for local teens to remain active, engaged, and connected throughout the colder months. Teen Fridays will take place on the first and third Fridays of each month from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Teen Room.

Upcoming Teen Night events:

- Glow Party – Jan. 3: Celebrate the start of the year with a Glow Party at the rec center. Enjoy music, glow-in-the-dark games, and activities under the blacklights. Pizza and refreshments

will be provided.

- **Pizza and Movie Night – Jan. 17:** Relax with friends over pizza and enjoy a popular movie. The movie title will be announced closer to the event.
- **Roller Pride – Feb. 7:** In collaboration with Project Bravery, this event offers an inclusive space for teens to enjoy roller skating while celebrating diversity and community. Pizza, snacks, and refreshments will be served.
- **Ice Cream Social – Feb. 21:** Join in an ice cream social, where teens can socialize and enjoy sweet treats.

The first three Teen

Fridays events will also include free pizza for all attendees thanks to the generous support of community partner Domino's Pizza. Admission to Teen Fridays is free for recreation center members, and is included with a \$3 Youth Friday Drop-In Pass.

Pre-registration is recommended to ensure sufficient pizza and supplies. Drop-ins are welcome if space allows. Registration can be completed in person at 225 SE Avery St., over the phone by calling 541-265-7783, or online at <https://secure.recl.com/OR/newport-or/catalog> (click on the Youth Activities tab).

Parking fees to increase at state parks

The day-use parking fee will increase from \$5 to \$10 per day at the 25 Oregon State Parks that currently charge for parking starting Jan. 2, 2025. The 12-month and 24-month permits will remain the same price in 2025.

The permits cost \$30 for 12 months and \$50 for 24 months. Visitors can get a \$5 discount on the 12-month permit for the month of December as part of Oregon State Parks' annual sale.

Only 25 of the more than 250 Oregon State Parks currently require a day-use parking permit. The fee helps pay for operations and maintenance.

The day-use parking fee increase was announced

in September along with increases in reservation and camping fees as part of an ongoing effort to keep pace with rising costs. The last parking fee increase was more than 15 years ago.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) has three main sources of funding: a little less than half comes from constitutionally dedicated lottery funds, about 15 percent comes from recreational vehicle license plate fees, and roughly 35 percent comes from park fees from visitors. OPRD is not funded by taxes.

These resources and programs can help with access to Oregon State Parks.

Special access passes for free camping and

day-use parking permits are available for:

- Oregon foster parents, guardians and parents who have adopted Oregon foster children.
- U.S. veterans with a service-connected disability.
- Active duty U.S. military on official leave.

Parking fees are waived on the following days: The day after Thanksgiving, New Year's Day and Oregon State Parks Day (first Saturday in June), which also includes free camping.

OPRD will continue to explore options in the future that reduce cost as a barrier while earning needed revenue to maintain Oregon State Parks and manage congestion.

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HIKES

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the day hikes are both mentally and physically beneficial for those who participate.

Research shows that getting outside in nature offers a wide range of physical and mental health benefits, ranging from reducing stress and boosting immunity to improving your mood, Knowlton said. “Any way you look at it, getting outdoors is a good way to start the new year.”

She added that OPRD has included accessibility information in all of the hikes to help visitors

decide which hikes best fit their unique needs.

“We also encourage visitors to reach out with any questions about accessibility or to request reasonable accommodations needed to help them participate in a hike,” Knowlton said. “There might be alternative paths or shorter distances that can be incorporated. There are several hikes that are short and include paved trails to help those who might have mobility challenges.”

Two guided hikes will take place in Lincoln County. They are:

- Oregon Coast Trail Section: Fogarty Creek to Boiler Bay. This hike will

be a down-and-back trip along the Oregon Coast Trail from Fogarty Creek State Park to almost reaching Boiler Bay State Park. The turnaround point will be at the dirt lot approximately. 1/4 mile from the Boiler Bay State Park, and the entire length of the hike will be around 2.5 miles.

- Sunset Hike in Yachats. Join a park ranger for a guided hike along part of the historic 804 Trail, from Yachats State Recreation Area to Smelt Sands State Recreation Site. This hike will have almost continuous views of the powerful Pacific Ocean and should finish

just in time for a spectacular sunset (if the weather cooperates). This will be approximately a 1.5 mile round trip.

Although the hikes are free, people are encouraged to register ahead of time. To register for any of the hikes taking place around Oregon, go online at <https://tinyurl.com/2k5umtax> Additional information such as hike times, meet-up locations and trail terrain are available via the park links on the web page.

If you have questions about accessibility or to request reasonable accommodations needed for you to participate in a hike, see

contact information for each of the hikes.

Remember to plan for winter weather, dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes, bring water and carry binoculars for viewing wildlife.

Share photos of First Day Hikes on Instagram by using the hashtag #ORfirstdayhikes or tagging “Oregon State Parks” on Facebook.

About America’s State Parks

America’s State Parks is an alliance of state park systems in all 50 states. The National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) promotes and advocates for the state park

systems across America in providing conservation and management of natural and cultural resources, quality outdoor recreation experiences, and connecting children and families to nature and the outdoors.

With collectively more than 9,817 park areas covering over 20 million acres of land, and visitation of nearly 9 million people annually, state park systems across the country are an integral part of protecting natural and cultural resources while providing guests amazing access to the outdoors.

Learn more about America’s State Parks at stateparks.org.

PEACE

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the Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw, and Alsea Peoples and to deepen their understanding of this painful history. To support learning and reflection, participants are encouraged to:

- Watch the video, “The Genocide of the Alsea Subagency,” narrated by Patricia Whereat Phillips, Miluk Coos, and the late Chief Donald Slyter of the Confederated

Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians: www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6D-wkqXGy0.

- Explore the detailed Amanda’s Trail Curriculum, created by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians: <https://ctsi.nsn.us/sb-13-curriculum/#7th-grade>.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The day will be filled with ceremonies, reflections, and guided trail walks designed to honor the past and bring the

community together:

- 9:30 a.m. — The Yachats Community Drum will be available at the Yachats Commons (441 Highway 101 N, and drumming will begin.
- 10 a.m. — A fire will be lit at the commons, marking the start of the opening ceremony, which will include storytelling by tribal members and the recounting of Amanda’s story.
- 10:30 a.m. — Trail walks commence. Participants may choose from several trail options

indicated on a map designed by the Yachats Trails Committee and available at the commons. Those hiking to the Amanda Gathering Area (2.2 miles south of the commons) will have parking options available for those not wishing to hike the full distance. Volunteers at the commons will provide instructions. A ceremonial fire will be lit both at the Amanda Gathering Area and the commons, where participants can place cedar sprigs.

- Noon — A special ceremony, led by tribal members, will take place at the Amanda Gathering Area.
- 1 p.m. — Both the Amanda Gathering Area and the commons will hold closing ceremonies. Participants are invited to place their cedar sprigs in the ceremonial fires, which will then be respectfully closed.

Water, energy bars, and cookies generously prepared by the Yachats Ladies Club will be available at both the commons

and the Amanda Gathering Area.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

All participants will receive a beautifully crafted Peace Hike button designed by artist Morgan Gaines, Quuiich (Lower Umpqua), of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.

People will be on hand at the Yachats Commons to provide guidance, maps, and answer any questions.

WHALE

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for whales. A map of volunteer-staffed sites is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/y4xsuvpx>

“Now is a perfect time to see the whales as their population rebounds on the Oregon coast,” said Park Ranger Peter McBride.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced an end to an Unusual Mortality Event impacting gray whales. Since then, the estimated population has increased by roughly 30 percent from 14,530 last year to 19,260 this year, according to NOAA. The numbers are on the rise overall, but the calf count is

still low as the population continues to rebound.

“While there are more gray whales to see now on the Oregon coast, the calves remain a rare and important sight,” said Michael Milstein, public affairs officer with NOAA Fisheries.

Winter Whale Watch Week provides an opportunity to see not only the gray whales but other

coastal wildlife, including birds and other marine mammals with help from trained volunteers and rangers.

The Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 27-31. Visitors to the center can enjoy interactive whale exhibits and take in the panoramic ocean views. Binoculars are provided. Rangers

from Oregon State Parks will also be on hand to answer questions about the whales.

All Whale Watch Week visitors are encouraged to dress for the weather, to bring binoculars and to follow beach safety guidelines such as remaining out of fenced areas, knowing the tide schedule and always keeping an eye on the surf. Go to [\[visittheoregoncoast.com/beach-safety/\]\(http://visittheoregoncoast.com/beach-safety/\) for a list of safety tips.

For more information about coast parks and campgrounds, visit \[oregonstateparks.org\]\(http://oregonstateparks.org\).

Visitors are encouraged to share their photos and videos from Winter Whale Watch Week on social media using #OregonStateParks and #ORWhaleWatch24.](https://</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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Calendar of EVENTS

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FIRST NIGHT OF HANUKKAH

Join Lincoln City Cultural Center volunteers and staff for blessings, songs, dreidel games and donuts, as we light the first candle of the center's menorah. 4:30 to 6 p.m., 540 NE Highway 101, Lincoln City.

THURSDAY, DEC. 26

LIVE MUSIC AT THE DRIFT INN
Lavinia Ross performs performs on acoustic 6 and 12-string guitar from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

FRIDAY, DEC. 27

WINTER WHALE WATCH
Oregon State Parks hosts Winter Whale Watch Week with trained volunteers available to help people spot whales at 15 sites along the Oregon coast. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn more at orwhalewatch.org

SHY SHY AND GARY
Shy Shy and Gary perform from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

SATURDAY, DEC. 28

WINTER WHALE WATCH
Oregon State Parks hosts Winter Whale Watch Week with trained volunteers available to help people spot whales at 15 sites along the Oregon coast. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn more at orwhalewatch.org

SUNDAY, DEC. 29

WINTER WHALE WATCH
Oregon State Parks hosts Winter Whale Watch Week with trained volunteers available to help people spot whales at 15 sites along the Oregon coast. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn more at orwhalewatch.org

TED SWENSON DUO AT BEACHCREST
The Ted Swenson Duo performs jazz and electric music from 4 to 6 p.m. at Beachcrest Brewing, located at the Salishan Marketplace, 7755 N Highway 101, Gleneden Beach.

MONDAY, DEC. 30

WINTER WHALE WATCH
Oregon State Parks hosts Winter Whale Watch Week with trained volunteers available to help people spot whales at 15 sites along the Oregon coast. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn more at orwhalewatch.org

MATT NEELY AT THE DRIFT INN
Matt Neely from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

TUESDAY, DEC. 31

WINTER WHALE WATCH
Oregon State Parks hosts Winter Whale Watch Week with trained volunteers available to help people spot whales at 15 sites along the Oregon coast. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn more at orwhalewatch.org

NEW YEAR'S EVE FUN AT BEACHCREST
Enjoy live music and more during a New Year's Eve celebration from noon to 9 p.m. at Beachcrest Brewing, located at the Salishan Marketplace, 7755 N Highway 101, Gleneden Beach at Beachcrest Brewing. All ages welcome. No cover charge.

TEX BROOKLYN EXPERIMENT PERFORMS
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LCL24-3240 PERSUENT TO ORS CHAPTER 819 Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be Sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 1/7/2025 The sale will be held at 10:00am by Power Motors 1422 N Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 2017 Chev Trax VIN = 3GNCJPSBXL267637 Amount due on lien \$2749.25 Reputed owner(s) DINGMAN, TRAVIS ROYSL CREDIT UNION

LCL24-3239 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: EVAN WEEKLEY A PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF C.R.W.

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HAS BEEN FILED BY PETITIONERS, SONNY PARKER AND NADINE PARKER: IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR BONNER COUNTY, IDAHO CASE NO. CV09-24-1354. A hearing has been scheduled on this matter at 11 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on January 27, 2025, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 215 South First Avenue, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864, 208-265-1432 and served a copy of your response on the Attorney for Petitioners, Katherine Elsaesser of Elsaesser Anderson, Chtd., PO Box 369, 519 High Street, Priest River, ID 83856 208-448-2990. A copy of the Summons and Petition can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the other party. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. Date: 12/18/2024 1:45:48 PM, Bonner County District Court, By /s/Heather Ross, Deputy Clerk. D25 J1 J8

LCL24-3240 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN. PROBATE DEPARTMENT ESTATE OF JOHN LAWRENCE WOLFE, DECEASED CASE No. 24PB10930 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that Marena Kerr has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice, or their claims may be barred. Claims are to be presented at the address of the attorney for the personal representative, set forth below. All persons whose rights may

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be affected by this estate proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Circuit Court, the personal representative, or Jeffrey C. Hollen, attorney published: December 25, 2024. Attorney for the Personal Representative: Jeffrey C. Hollen, OSB #761757, 541-574-1630, P. O. Box 1167, 615 SW Hubert Street, Suite A, Newport, OR 97365. Personal Representative: Marena Kerr, 360-870-6968, 1477 College Hill Drive, Upper Arlington, Ohio 43221. D25

LCL24-3238 PUBLIC MEETING LEGAL NOTICE

You are invited to attend Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation Districts Annual Meeting: WHEN: January 9, 2024 (Thursday), 5:30PM - 8:30PM. PRESENTATION: 2023/2024 Annual Report WHERE: OSU Extension Service (1211 SE Bay Blvd. Newport, OR) and teleconference. Please contact Tyler Clouse (info@lincolnswcd.org) or call the office 541-265-2631 for registration assistance and to RSVP. D25 J1

LCL24-3237 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Probate Department In the Matter of David Scott Kay, Deceased, No. 24PB10852 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is hereby given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at: Bruce Kay, 124 SE Yaquina View Drive, Newport, OR 97365 or they may be barred. All persons whose right may be affected by the proceed-

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ings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date first published: December 25, 2024. /s/ Bruce Kay, Personal Representative. D25 J1 J8

LCL24-3236 PUBLIC NOTICE TO ACQUIRE LAND INTO TRUST

BIA Regional Director Decisions ACTION: Notice of decision to acquire land into trust under 25 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 151. SUMMARY: The Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, on the below date, has made a determination to acquire real property in trust for CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS OF OREGON. The land referred to as former Scott Creek Timber Property, property herein and is described as: See "Exhibit A" for legal descriptions. DATE: This determination was made on 12/02/2024. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BIA NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 911 NE 11TH AVENUE, PORTLAND, OR 97232, telephone (503) 231-6702. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR § 151.12(d)(2)(iii) that notice be given of the decision by the authorized representative of the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land in trust. A copy of the determination is available [at the following website: n/a AND/OR from the office identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION section of this notice]. Any party who wishes to seek judicial review of the Regional Director's decision must first exhaust administrative remedies. The Regional Director's decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) in accordance with the regulations in 43 C.F.R.

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4.310-4.340. If you choose to appeal this decision, your notice of appeal to the IBIA must be signed by you or your attorney and must be either postmarked and mailed (if you use mail) or delivered (if you use another means of physical delivery, such as FedEx or UPS) to the IBIA within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. The regulations do not authorize filings by facsimile/fax or by electronic means. Your notice of appeal should clearly identify the decision being appealed. You must send your original notice of appeal to the IBIA at the following address: Interior Board of Indian Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy Street, Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia 22203. You must send copies of your notice of appeal to (1) the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, MS-4141-MIB, 1849 C Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240; (2) each interested party known to you; and (3) the Regional Director. Your notice of appeal sent to the IBIA must include a statement certifying that you have sent copies to these officials and interested parties and should identify them by names or titles and addresses. If you file a notice of appeal, the IBIA will notify you of further procedures. If no appeal is timely filed, this decision will become final for the Department of the Interior at the expiration of the appeal period. No extension of time may be granted for filing a notice of appeal. LEGAL DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT A PORTLAND, OR Land Area Land Area Name Tract Number LTR0 Region Agency Resources 142 SILETZ Tract ID: NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE SILETZ AGENCY Both (Mineral and Surface) Tract Name: SCOTT CREEK TIMBER PROPERTY Section Township Range State County Meridian Legal Description Acres 31 009.00S 009.00W

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OREGON LINCOLN Willamette 122.280 METES AND BOUNDS: U.S. Lots 17, 18, 19, 29, 30 and 31, Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 9 West, Willamette Meridian 32 009.00S 009.00W OREGON LINCOLN Willamette 101.070 METES AND BOUNDS: U.S. Lots 11, 12, 22, 23 and 24, Section 32, Township 9 South, Range 9 West, Willamette Meridian, all in Lincoln County, Oregon. D25

LCL24-3235 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LINCOLN COUNTY

Juvenile Department In the Matter of JD INGLE, A Child, Case No. 24JU04549 PUBLISHED SUMMONS TO: Melissa Leanne Ingle, 1740 NW Lincoln Way, Toledo, OR 97391 IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: A petition has been filed asking the court to terminate your parental rights to the above-named child under ORS 419B.500, 419B.502, 419B.504, 419B.506 and/or 419B.508 for the purpose of placing the child for adoption. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR before the Lincoln County Circuit Court, 225 W. Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365 on January 28, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. and February 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for a hearing on the allegations of the petition and to personally appear at the subsequent court-ordered hearing. YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY in the courtroom on the date and at the time listed above. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND THE HEARING IN YOUR PLACE. THEREFORE, YOU MUST APPEAR EVEN IF YOUR ATTORNEY ALSO APPEARS. This summons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above-entitled court, dated December 2, 2024. The order directs that this summons be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, making three publications in all,

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in a published newspaper of general circulation in Lincoln County. Date of first publication: December 25, 2024. Date of last publication: January 8, 2025. NOTICE RE: THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR PERSONALLY BEFORE THE COURT OR DO NOT APPEAR AT ANY SUBSEQUENT COURT-ORDERED HEARING, the court may proceed in your absence without further notice and TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS (1) YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY IN THIS MATTER. If you are currently represented by an attorney, you must CONTACT YOUR ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTICE. Your previous attorney may not be representing you in this matter. IF YOU WISH TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, please retain one as soon as possible to represent you in this proceeding. If you need help finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY and you meet the state's financial guidelines, you are entitled to have an attorney appointed for you at state expense. TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU AT STATE EXPENSE, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY CONTACT the Lincoln County Circuit Court at 225 W. Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365, phone number (541) 265-4236, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for further information. IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH AN ATTORNEY IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AND TO KEEP YOUR ATTORNEY ADVISED OF YOUR WHEREABOUTS. (2) If you contest the petition, the court will schedule a hearing on the allegations of the petition and order you to appear personally and may schedule other hearings related to the petition and order you to appear personally. IF YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR, YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COURTROOM, UNLESS THE COURT HAS GRANTED YOU AN EXCEPTION IN ADVANCE under ORS 419B.918 to appear by other means including, but not limited to, telephone or other electronic means. An attorney may not attend the hearing(s) in your place. PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY: Michelle Branam, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301, Phone: (503) 934-4400. ISSUED this 12th day of December, 2024. Issued by: /s/ Michelle Branam, Michelle Branam, #032737, Senior Assistant Attorney General. D25 J1 J8

LCL24-3230 CITY OF NEWPORT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING.

The Newport City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers to consider File No. 2-Z-24, amendments to Newport Municipal Code (NMC) Chapter 14.01, Purpose, Applicability, and Definitions; Chapter 14.32, Nonconforming Uses, Lots, and Structures; and Chapter 14.52, Procedural Requirements, related to implementing the limited land use decision making procedures contained in the Governor's Housing Bill (HB 1537). Pursuant to Newport Municipal Code (NMC) Section 14.36.010, the Council must find that the change is required by public necessity and the general welfare of the community in order for the amendments to be adopted. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the request above or other criteria, including criteria within the Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances, which the person believes to apply to the decision. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the city and the parties an opportunity to respond to that issue precludes an appeal, including to the Land Use Board of Appeals, based on that issue. Testimony may be submitted in written or oral form. Oral testimony will be taken during the public hearing. The hearing may include a report by staff, testimony from the applicant and proponents, testimony from opponents, rebuttal by the applicant, and questions and deliberation by the City Council. Written testimony sent to the Community Development Department (Planning) Director, City Hall, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365, must be received by 2:00 p.m. the day of the hearing to be included as part of the hearing and be personally presented during testimony at the public hearing. Material related to the proposed amendment may be reviewed or a copy purchased at the Newport Community Development Department (Planning) Department (address above). Please note that this is a legislative public hearing process and changes to the proposed amendment may be recommended and made through the public hearing process and the changes may also be inspected at no cost or copies may be purchased for reasonable cost at this address. Contact Derrick Tokos, AICP, Newport Community Development Director, (541) 574-0626, email address: d.tokos@newportoregon.gov (mailing address above). D25

LCL24-3231 INVITATION TO BID/NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids for the construction of the New Yachats Library will be received from interested Contractors by: Submittal Recipient: Neal Morphis, Clerk Submittal Location: Yachats City Hall, PO Box 345 / 560 W. Hwy. 101, Yachats Oregon Submittal Deadline: 1:30 pm prevailing local time, on Thursday, 9 January, 2025. Immediately thereafter, (1:40pm) the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the undersigned or designated representative. Additional information is included in compliance with ORS 279C.370, OAR 125-249-0360, and with requirements specified in Section 00-20-00. Bidders shall submit List of 1st-tier Subcontractors at: Submittal Recipient & Location: Same as stipulated above Submittal Deadline: Within 2 hours following Bid Submittal Deadline (not later than 3:30 pm) As soon as conveniently possible thereafter, the Subcontractors Lists will be reviewed and considered as stipulated in Section 00-20-00. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: In general, the Project comprises the Demolition of the existing approximate 2,048 sq.ft., single story, wood frame existing Library structure. All salvage to Owner has been removed. Any items deemed as salvage becomes property of the Contractor. Construction of the new single story building totaling approximately 3448 sq. ft. of floor area, and built of standard wood frame construction as illustrated on the Further information is included in Section 01-11-00 Summary of Work The Project is located: 560 West 7th Street, Yachats, Oregon 97498. TYPE OF BID: One proposal for the entire Project, including General, Mechanical, and Electrical Work is required. BIDDING DOCUMENTS: Prime Bidders, Subbidders, and Vendors may obtain Bid Documents, and any Addenda as specified in Instructions to Bidders Section 00-20-00 Drawings and Specifications, including Bidding and Agreement Documents may be obtained or examined at the following location: Yachats City Hall, 501 Hwy 101, Yachats, Oregon, Attn: Neal Morphis - City Clerk city-clerk@yachatsmail.org PREQUALIFICATION: Prequalification Bidders will not be required, unless the City determines that it is necessary to evaluate the Bid(s). Bidder will then, upon request, submit Forms (in accordance with ORS 279C-430 State Statutes) to be received by City not more than 5 days after

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10-11-32-DC, Tax Lot 800) and 2228 NW Nye Street (Tax Map 10-11-32-DC, Tax Lot 801). The amendment to the City of Newport's Comprehensive Plan Map changes the designations from Low Density Residential to Commercial. The amendment to the Zoning Map changes the zoning from R-1/"Low Density Single Family Residential" to C-1/"Retail and Service Commercial". For the proposed minor amendment to the Comprehensive Plan/Map Amendments (page 419 of the Comprehensive Plan) the applicable criteria are identified as follows: (1) A change in one or more goal or policy; and (2) a demonstrated need to accommodate unpermitted population trends, housing needs, employment needs or changes in community attitudes; and (3) the orderly and economic provision of key public facilities; and (4) the ability to serve the subject property(s) with city services without an undue burden on the general population; and (5) the compatibility of the proposed change with the surrounding neighborhood and the community. For the proposed amendment to the Zoning Map of the City of Newport, the applicable criteria identified in the Newport Zoning Ordinance (NZO) 14.36.010 are as follows: (1) The change furthers a public necessity; and (2) The change promotes the general welfare. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the request above or other criteria, including criteria within the Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances, which the person believes to apply to the decision. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the city and the parties an opportunity to respond to that issue precludes an appeal, including to the Land Use Board of Appeals, based on that issue. Testimony may be submitted in written or oral form. Oral testimony and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. The hearing may include a report by staff, testimony from the applicant and proponents, testimony from opponents, rebuttal by the applicant and questions and deliberation by the City Council. Written testimony sent to the Community Development Department (Planning) Department, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365, must be received by 2:00 p.m. the day of the hearing to be included as part of the hearing and must be personally presented during testimony at the public hearing. Material related to the proposed amendment may be reviewed or a copy purchased at the Newport Community Development Department (Planning) Department (address above). Please note that this is a legislative public hearing process and changes to the proposed amendment may be recommended and made through the public hearing process and the changes may also be inspected at no cost or copies may be purchased for reasonable cost at this address. Contact Derrick Tokos, AICP, Newport Community Development Director, (541) 574-0626, email address: d.tokos@newportoregon.gov (mailing address above). D25

LCL24-3231 INVITATION TO BID/NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids for the construction of the New Yachats Library will be received from interested Contractors by: Submittal Recipient: Neal Morphis, Clerk Submittal Location: Yachats City Hall, PO Box 345 / 560 W. Hwy. 101, Yachats Oregon Submittal Deadline: 1:30 pm prevailing local time, on Thursday, 9 January, 2025. Immediately thereafter, (1:40pm) the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the undersigned or designated representative. Additional information is included in compliance with ORS 279C.370, OAR 125-249-0360, and with requirements specified in Section 00-20-00. Bidders shall submit List of 1st-tier Subcontractors at: Submittal Recipient & Location: Same as stipulated above Submittal Deadline: Within 2 hours following Bid Submittal Deadline (not later than 3:30 pm) As soon as conveniently possible thereafter, the Subcontractors Lists will be reviewed and considered as stipulated in Section 00-20-00. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: In general, the Project comprises the Demolition of the existing approximate 2,048 sq.ft., single story, wood frame existing Library structure. All salvage to Owner has been removed. Any items deemed as salvage becomes property of the Contractor. Construction of the new single story building totaling approximately 3448 sq. ft. of floor area, and built of standard wood frame construction as illustrated on the Further information is included in Section 01-11-00 Summary of Work The Project is located: 560 West 7th Street, Yachats, Oregon 97498. TYPE OF BID: One proposal for the entire Project, including General, Mechanical, and Electrical Work is required. BIDDING DOCUMENTS: Prime Bidders, Subbidders, and Vendors may obtain Bid Documents, and any Addenda as specified in Instructions to Bidders Section 00-20-00 Drawings and Specifications, including Bidding and Agreement Documents may be obtained or examined at the following location: Yachats City Hall, 501 Hwy 101, Yachats, Oregon, Attn: Neal Morphis - City Clerk city-clerk@yachatsmail.org PREQUALIFICATION: Prequalification Bidders will not be required, unless the City determines that it is necessary to evaluate the Bid(s). Bidder will then, upon request, submit Forms (in accordance with ORS 279C-430 State Statutes) to be received by City not more than 5 days after

the request. RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS: As stipulated in ORS 279B.110, Responsible Bidders shall: Have adequate resources, Have satisfactory performance records, Have satisfactory integrity record, Be legally qualified to contract with Owner, Have promptly supplied requested responsibility information. NON-RESIDENT BIDDERS: In accordance with ORS 279A-120, preference to Oregon residents will be given when awarding this contract by adding to a non-resident's bid the same percentage, if any, given to the Bidder by the Bidder's home State. Accordingly, Bidders will be required to indicate on the Bid Form whether or not the Bidder is an Oregon resident. CONTRACTOR'S REGISTRATION: Bids will not be considered, unless the Bidder is registered with the Construction Contractors Board in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: This Project will be governed by all required Equal Employment Opportunity requirements. Bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, medical condition, or disability in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this invitation. ASBESTOS ABATEMENT: Asbestos Abatement Work will not be required on this project. Copy of the Environmental Remediation Report is provided in the Bidding / Construction Documents, see Section 01-11-15 WAGE RATES: No Bid will be received or considered unless the Bid contains a statement assuring the Bidder's compliance with ORS 279C-800 through ORS 279C-870, State Statutes, which relate to payment of prevailing rates of wage. BID SECURITY: Bidders shall submit with their Bid Proposal a Bid Bond, Certified Check, irrevocable Line of Credit issued by an Insured Institution as defined by ORS 706.008, or Bank Cashier's Check equal to 10% of the Base Bid including Additive Alternates, if any, which bind Bidder to enter into a Contract and to furnish Performance & Payment Bonds, as required, within 10 working days after notification to acceptance of Proposal. Checks, if any, shall be made payable to Owner. DRUG TESTING: In accordance with ORS 279C-505(2) and with requirements specified in Section 00-50-10, the Contractor and the Contractor's Subcontractors will be required to certify that they have and will maintain a Drug Testing Program for their Employees. OWNER'S RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE: In event that all Bids exceed the Owner's cost estimate, and in accordance with ORS 279C-340, the Owner may negotiate with the lowest responsive responsible Bidder prior to awarding the Contract, in order to solicit value engineering and other options to attempt to bring the Contract within the Owner's cost estimate. OWNER'S RIGHT TO HOLD BIDS: Prior to awarding the Contract, the Owner reserves the right to hold the Bids for 45 days following the Bid opening date for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating Subbidders' qualifications. OWNER'S RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS: The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any or all Bids when it is in the Owner's best interest to do so. BY INVITATION OF: City of Yachats By: Neal Morphis - Clerk BY ORDER OF: City of Yachats City Manager HTTPS://WWW.YACHAT-SOREGON.ORG/BIDS. ASPX?BIDID=22

LCL24-3233 THE FOLLOWING UNIT WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Starting 1/7/2025 at 9:00am, Ending 1/14/2025 at 9:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Auction to be pursuant to Auction Rules and Procedures for Truax Holdings. Rules are available at the facility. All bidding will take place ONLINE at bid13.com Unit# B297 Kiah Totenkopf, Unit# H707 Jeff Baccaro, Unit#LB55 Rick Smith, Unit# LB68 Shannon Ortleb. D18 D25

LCL24-3223 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the ESTATE OF EMIL GUSTAFSON, Lincoln County Circuit Court Case Number 24PB05226. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365 or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date first published: December 18, 2024. Chavannah Jensen and Lillian Gustafson Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Emil Gustafson, Gary Lynn Lovejoy, Attorney at Law, Attorney for Personal Representatives, PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365. D18 D25 J1

LCL24-3222 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS.

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Super Crossword

JANUARY 1 FUN

ACROSS

1 Drag race vehicle

8 Schuss, e.g.

11 Stinging flier

15 Contributed

19 Halloween mask feature

20 Hoodwink

21 Falco of TV

22 Leave off

23 Tendency toward chaos

24 Fido's noise

25 * Star of the 1950s TV series "China Smith"

27 BLT seller

28 Naval forces

30 — Field (Mr. Met's home)

31 * Getting tired

34 Baby bird

38 Evergreen with red arils

39 Actress Polo

40 Stephen of "V for Vendetta"

42 Young moray, e.g.

43 Cowl wearer

45 * Hope when the situation is desperate

51 Mosque official

54 Scrooge portrayer

Alastair

55 Minerals in thin sheets

56 * "Vanity Fair" novelist

61 "One World" musician

John

65 Holders of frozen cubes

66 Girl in the fam

67 "Insecure" actress

69 — Hawkins dance

70 Astonishment

73 E'en if

75 Actor Bridges

76 Fathers

79 Auditing gp.

81 Was disgusting to

84 Deep desires

85 * Period

superseded by auto-

89 Ragtime pianist Blake

90 Aficionado

91 Large cut

92 * Three-part novel by Gertrude Stein

98 Green-light

102 Removal of restrictions,

for short

103 RV refuge org.

104 Six-legged marchers

107 Suffix with Carol

108 How Alaska is populated

111 * Town crier's cry

116 Cab cost

117 "It takes two" dances

118 Agents, in brief

119 * "The Price Is Right" host

123 Happy dance

124 Net, as earnings

127 Ames' state

128 Saturate

129 Bullfight yell

130 Dissimilar

131 Legal equal

132 Brontë's Jane

133 Despite this

134 What the last four letters of eight key answers in this puzzle might be considered, cryptically

DOWN

1 Honorarium

2 Writer Rand

3 Lay in place

4 Tossed

5 "Relax!"

6 Of Swiss mountains

7 Playa del —

8 Climb up

9 Divided

Asian land

10 Get by logic

11 Joins closely

12 Org. for cavity fixers

13 Thereafter

14 Counterparts of manis

15 Cousin of a chimpanzee

16 Poehler of "Baby Mama"

17 Fight (for)

18 Zeta follower

26 Pronouns

28 "Just my opinion," in a text

29 Supermodel

Banks

31 Fitness locale

32 Early auto

33 Award for U2

34 All-time low

35 Creeping vine

36 Once called

37 Fido's threat

41 Intertwine

44 Tartan skirt wearers

46 Suffix with owl or wolf

47 Vardalos of Hollywood

48 Sierra, Yukon and Acadia

49 Trendy berry

50 Shells out

52 Boggy areas

53 Motorists' gp.

56 Very thin, as clouds

57 "It matters to me"

58 Escorted from outside

59 Org. with bag screeners

60 The whole — and caboodle

61 Fox-sighting cry

62 Jagged, as a leaf's edge

63 "When I Need You" singer Leo

64 Hopper of old gossip

68 Fake coins

71 Not fooled by

72 Previous to

74 Globe

77 Ergo

78 Japanese noodle type

80 In no danger

82 Playwright O'Neill

83 Links letters

86 Dangerous

87 Vetoing vote

88 Genetic stuff

89 Spider's hatching pouch

92 NFL goals

93 With it, in old slang

94 Lyricist

Gershwin

95 Battle with

spongy balls

96 "So funny!"

97 Light beams

99 Access Alley

100 Even a single

101 "— -haw!"

105 Regal seat

106 Playground fixture

109 Wipe clean

110 "Bad, Bad — Brown"

112 Delight in

113 Nimble

114 Big name in thesauruses

115 In a fitting manner

117 Small kid

119 Chip toppler

120 Fish spawn

121 She-sheep

122 Mug handle

124 Bit of word wit

125 Rap sheet abbr.

126 Boomer's kid

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Public Notices

person designated has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with supporting vouchers, within ninety (90) days after the date of this publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at: Karen J. Mpitsofs, 708 NE Beach Dr., Newport, OR 97365. If they may be barred by the statute of limitations, they may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court. The personal representative or the attorney for the estate is hereby notified. Date first published: December 11, 2024, /s/ Karen J. Mpitsofs, Personal Representative. Pridgeon & McCrum, LLC, Attorneys at Law, 1515 W Olive St., Newport, OR 97365, 541-266-1717, fax 541-266-1717, fax 541-266-1717.

**LCL24-3214 IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE STATE OF
OREGON FOR THE
COUNTY OF LINCOLN**

Probate Department In
of the State of Oregon
County of Lincoln
Deceased
24LPB10385 NOTICE TO
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Notice is hereby given to
all persons having an interest in the estate of
ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate of
All persons having an interest in the estate are hereby required to present the same to the probator vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at: Dylan Anderson, 425 SW 67th St., Newport, OR 97365.
Any person who is barred from the estate whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date first published: 01/20/2025.
Dylan Anderson, Personal Representative, Priddy & McCrum, LLC, Attorneys at Law, 515 W. Olive St., Newport, OR 97365, 541-265-2217, 541-265-2699 D11
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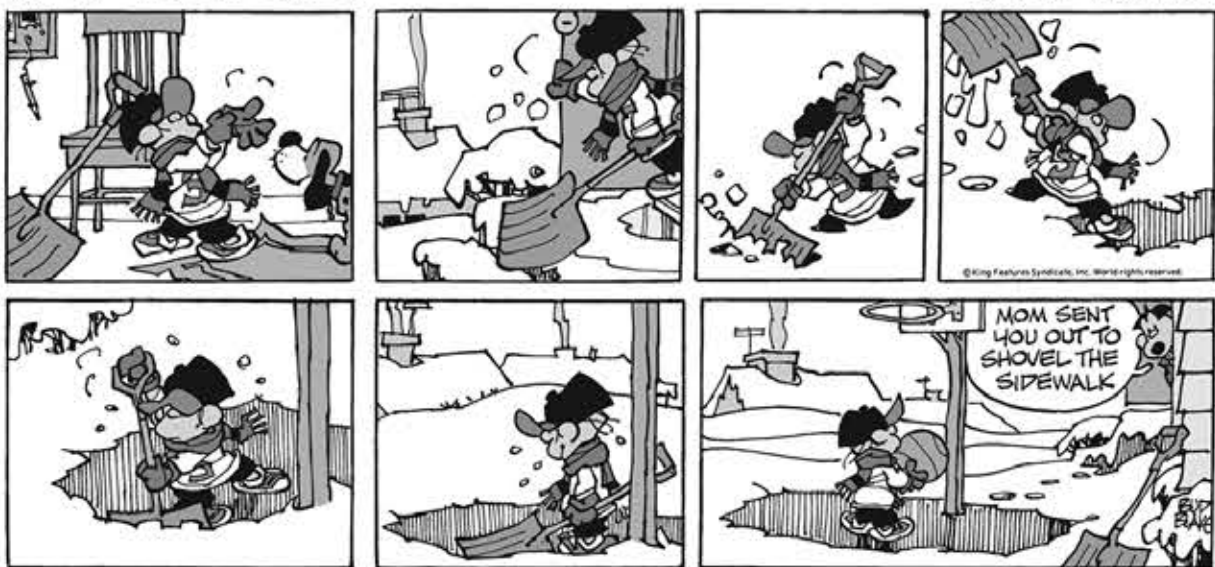
Out on a Limb



The Spats



TIGER



OLIVE



HOCUS-FOCUS



Just Like Cats & Dogs



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: R equals T

ZVOMRAN BUYUQUVM UM
CGUZG SDVSHD JHCJNQ
BAJSD RGDYQDHYDQ UM HVMF
QVORG JQUJM FJAXDMRQ:
J QJAU QRJRD.

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from BLAME to TRACE in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

BLAME

TRACE

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: What is the name of the snowman in the animated movie “Frozen”?
2. GEOGRAPHY: How many U.S. states does the Mississippi River run through or along?
3. ADVERTISING: Which product uses a cartoon character whose first and middle names are Horatio Magellan?
4. MUSIC: In the song “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” how many “geese a-laying” are given to the narrator’s true love?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nuts are in a Snickers candy bar?
6. BIOLOGY: What is epimorphic regeneration?
7. TELEVISION: Who starred in the 1980s exercise video series “Sweatin’ to the Oldies”?
8. ANATOMY: How much of the human brain is made up of fat?
9. MEASUREMENTS: How many cups are in a pint?
10. LITERATURE: Which famous author often uses Castle Rock as a setting in his novels?

Answers

1. Olaf.
2. 10 states.
3. Cap’n Crunch cereal.
4. Six.
5. Peanuts.
6. Regeneration of a specific part of an organism, like when a lizard can regrow a tail.
7. Richard Simmons.
8. 60%.
9. Two.
10. Stephen King.

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South Asian garments:
draped themselves in long
which people always
Country division in
answer
CryptoQuip

BLAME, BLADE, GLADE,
GRADE, TRADE, TRACE
Answer

WORD LADDER

SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word
1. Ration 2. Smart;
3. Rotate; 4. Spite
solution

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!

Share
ORIENT
Astute
MRATS
Pivot
TOATER
Grudge
PESTI

TODAY'S WORD



"I won't get a wink of sleep until we find those two _____."

Cubs basketball take the court

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The holidays are here, and though many students are out of school for the winter break, the Newport High School Cubs boys basketball team will be spending part of the week competing in the three-day SCTC Holiday Classic Tournament at Stayton High School from Dec. 26-28.

The Cubs will go into the tournament looking to get more experience before they jump two-footed into the busiest portion of the season in January. It's been a good start to the season for Newport, as they've started 4-2 through their first six non-league games.

The four wins have come against Tillamook, Elmira, Seaside, and North Bend. In their wins, Newport has won in dominant fashion, beating each of those sides by at least 20 points. The two losses this year have come against Stayton and Westside Christian. Those were closer games, with the Cubs narrowly losing to Westside Christian 58-63 on Dec. 20 and dropping the game against Stayton 45-54 on Dec. 14.

Despite a couple of Ls in the loss column this year, the Cubs are ranked #7 of the 31 teams in OSAA's 4A rankings. Newport will be battling it out in the 4A-3 Oregon West Conference this year in what looks to be a highly competitive league this year. The conference includes #1-ranked Cascade, #5-ranked Stayton, #15-ranked North Marion,



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#19-ranked Sweet Home, and #23-ranked Philomath.

The Cubs will play each of their conference rivals once at home and away in a heated race for who will earn berths to the state playoffs. Newport's most recent game came against the Westside Christian Eagles on Dec. 20, and though they did lose, it was a close game against a top-quality team.

Though the Eagles are a 3A team, they are currently ranked #1 in that classification and are currently undefeated through six games. The tournament in Stayton will be just one more chance to test their mettle against some tough opponents they wouldn't usually play.

GIRLS GET FIRST WIN

The Newport girls basketball team got its first win of

the season against Westside Christian, and left little doubt, beating the Eagles 43-20 on Dec. 20. Unlike the boys squad, the holiday break will offer a pause from games, and the girls will be back in action on Jan. 7.

That time will be critical for the Cubs to get reps together in practice in the build-up to a stretch that sees them play

eight games before the end of January. The first game after the break will be against Cottage Grove, who have put together an impressive start to the season, winning five and losing two.

Hopefully, the win against Westside Christian will be a galvanizing moment for a team that currently sits at #25 in OSAA's 4A rankings.



Photos courtesy from Lon French

Taft Tigers 2-1 in league play

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Both basketball teams at Taft High School have played three league games thus far this season, starting strong and boasting 2-1 records. Each is ranked inside the OSAA's top 12 teams in 3A.

The boys and girls teams will both be hosting Nestucca at home Dec. 27 in non-league games, but let's take a look at how both teams did in the first sample of league games this year and what it may tell us about how they'll stack up against the rest of the competition.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

After that first 18-51 league loss to Amity on Dec. 16, the Tigers have bounced right back. Taft beat league opponents Scio 55-44 on Dec. 18 and followed that up with another big win against Sheridan 58-43 on Dec. 20. Those wins put Taft's overall record for the year at an impressive 5-1, with four out of five of those wins being by

double digits.

The Tigers have formed an identity as a tenacious defensive team that can quickly turn steals into points. Taft also brings much energy on the glass and put up impressive rebounding numbers in their two wins against Sheridan and Scio.

The game against the Loggers on Dec. 18 saw the Tigers dominate on the boards, pulling down 43 rebounds while only giving up 22. Taft also made a habit of jamming up the passing lanes and challenging opposing ball handlers, coming away from the game with 19 steals. The game against Scio also saw the Tigers battle back from adversity. Taft gave up a big run and the lead to the Loggers in the third quarter and was forced to respond.

A Sienna Lillebo layup restored a 35-34 lead for the Tigers with 51 seconds in the third. Another Lillebo layup on an offensive rebound with three seconds in the third quarter gave the Tigers a three-point

lead going into the fourth. In the final period, Taft harnessed the momentum and doubled up Scio in the quarter 18-9, winning 55-44. The game against Sheridan followed a similar recipe: Taft hammering the opposition in the rebounding department 47-25 and pilfering possessions, racking up 13 steals.

The impressive 5-1 start has landed the Tigers the #4 ranking in OSAA's 3A rankings. In the 3A-3 PacWest Conference, only Taft and Amity are ranked in the top 10, with Amity holding the #1 spot. The league portion of the schedule will return Jan. 7, but the Tigers will still have chances to improve ahead of the restart. Taft will compete in the Sisters Tournament hosted by Sisters High School on Jan. 2-4.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The boys followed up their opening victory against Amity with a heartbreaking loss to Scio 47-50. Taft entered the fourth quarter with a narrow 38-41 lead, but the eight

minutes that followed were a back-and-forth battle. After trading baskets to start the quarter, Zack Hankins hit a floater in the key to give the Tigers a 47-45 lead with 4:30 seconds on the clock. Unfortunately, it would be the final time Taft would score in the game.

Turnovers became an issue for the Tigers late, and though they played steadfast defense to keep Scio from running away with it, they couldn't get a basket to put them over the line. Ultimately, the game came down to free throws. Scio drew a foul on a rebound with 17.9 on the clock after Taft missed a three-pointer. The Loggers were in the bonus and the opportunity to shoot free throws. The Scio player stepped up and missed both. The Loggers pounced on the offensive rebound and again were fouled, leading to two more free throws. This time, the shooter was perfect, giving the Loggers a 49-47 lead.

With 7.5 left in the game, Taft took a timeout to draw up a play. Unable to get a

shot, another timeout was needed with just about two seconds on the clock. The Tigers wouldn't get a shot up, as the referee appeared to call that the Taft player who caught the inbounds pass was out of bounds. during the play. Scio went back to the free throw line, going 1/2, but Taft was forced to heave a prayer at the buzzer from the half-court, which only caught the backboard.

Despite a brutal end to the game, Taft's offense got back on the right track against Sheridan, who they took down 76-33. That has been a small indication of the Tigers' season so far. Taft is 4-3 overall and 2-1 in league play, but they have yet to win or lose consecutive games.

It's been a seesaw season for the Tigers, but they will be happy with the 2-1 league start and their place as the #11 team in OSAA's 3A rankings. Like the girls team, the boys will be back in action on Dec. 27 against Nestucca before competing in the Sisters Tournament to start January.