

Lincoln County Leader

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The city of Toledo has operated a 911 emergency dispatch center out of its police department for many years, but the city is currently in negotiations to contract with Willamette Valley Communications Center in Salem to provide those services. (Photo by Steve Card)

Toledo to contract for 911 dispatch services

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

The city of Toledo is currently in negotiations with the Willamette

Valley Communications Center in Salem for the handling Toledo's 911 emergency calls in the future.

The city has had its

own 911 dispatch center for many years, but staffing shortages and limited funding have

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Three arrests result from child luring investigations

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

From late December to mid-January, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office deputies used decoy social media accounts for online child luring investigations.

During these investigations, deputies posed as an underage child on various online social media platforms and were contacted by adults wanting to meet for sexual encounters, according to LCSO Lt. Karl Vertner. The investigations have led to the arrest of three Lincoln County residents.

Ruben Martinez Jimenez, 28, of Newport, was arrested Jan. 15 and charged with the crimes of luring a minor and online sexual corruption of a child in the first degree.

"At the time of his arrest, Ruben was communicating with the decoy account and arrived at a predetermined location to meet with the underage child for a sexual encounter," Vertner said.

Jimenez was arrested and lodged at the Lincoln County Jail without incident.

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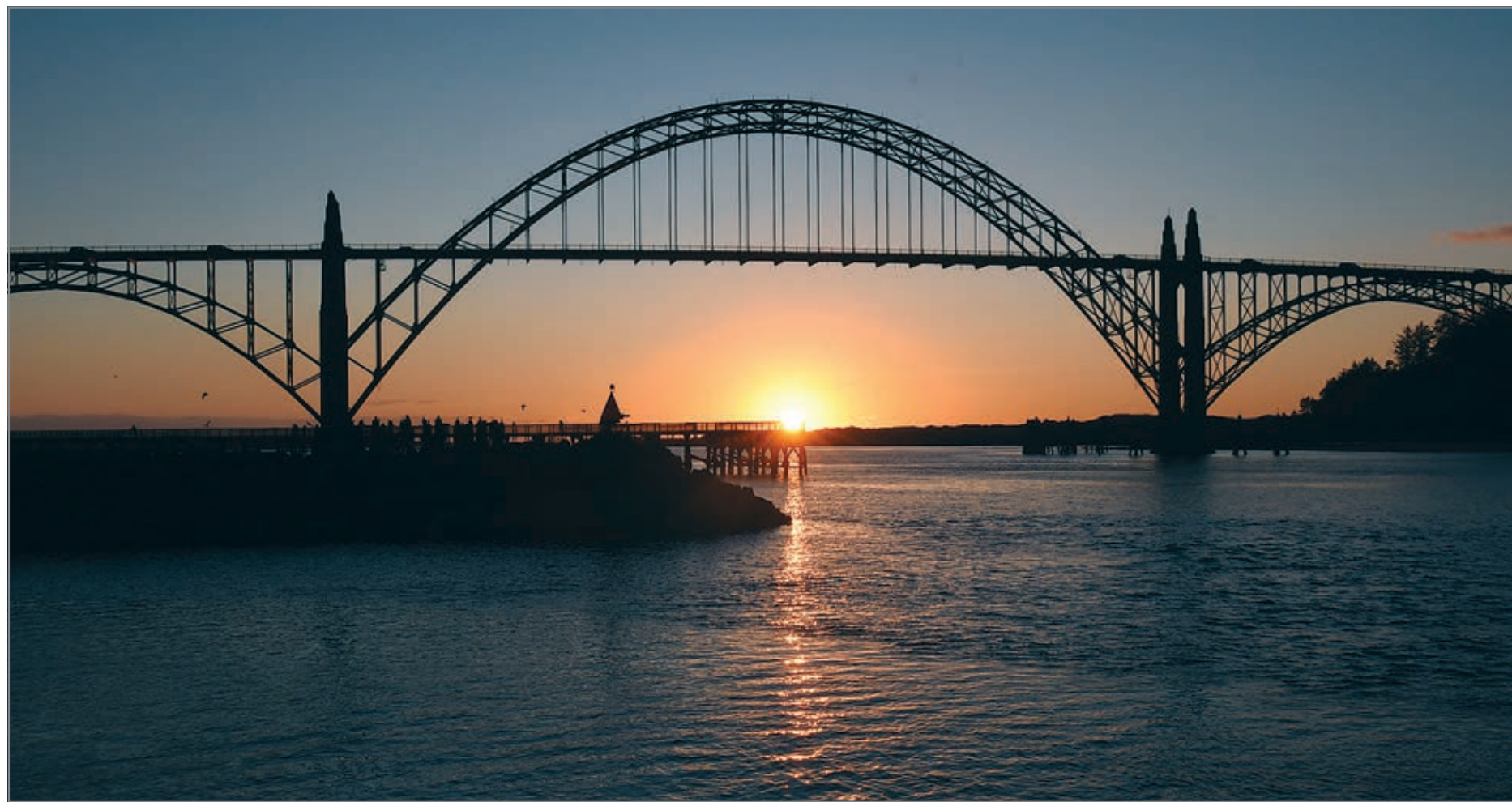
Kirk, of Siletz, 32, was arrested Jan. 16 and charged with the crimes of luring a minor and online sexual corruption of a child in the second degree.

"At the time of his arrest, James was communicating with the decoy account and made a plan with the underage child to meet for a sexual encounter. He was lodged at the Lincoln County Jail without further incident," Vertner said.

Adan Chavez-Pena, 43, of Newport, was arrested Jan. 21 and charged

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So long, sunshine



The sun is pictured dropping below the horizon underneath the main arch of Newport's Yaquina Bay Bridge on Friday, Jan. 24. The recent stretch of sunny weather has been a nice break from the traditional winter rains along the coast, but according to forecasters, things will be getting back to normal this week. As of press deadline, the outlook was showing a long stretch of rainy weather heading this way, beginning Thursday. (Photo by Steve Card)

Changes made to city of Newport volunteer committee structure

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

Some significant changes to the wide variety of volunteer committees serving the city of Newport were made by members of the Newport City Council at their meeting held on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

The city council held a public hearing before making the decision to approve the proposed changes, which have been under review for months.

In March of 2024, the city council authorized

the formation of a committee structure study work group to look at possible modifications, if any, to the committee structure. The purpose was to review the financial and non-financial impacts of the current structure for the city and stakeholders and possibly recommend structural and operational improvements.

This committee structure study work group held a series of meetings before issuing its findings in August 2024. In

this report, the committee stated, "The study determined that Newport has nearly three times as many committees as its peers of similar size and scope within the state of Oregon. Our review determined that many of the advisory bodies are working effectively, and are integral components of the governance structure at the city of Newport. We also discovered that in other cases, some of the advisory

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Returning sea otters to Oregon, Northern California coasts

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The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI) has been awarded a three-year, \$1.56 million grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to support tribal efforts to return sea otters to the Oregon and Northern California coasts.

The grant is through the America the Beautiful

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The sea otter has been listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act since 1977. (Courtesy photo)



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Sunday: High-44/Low-36 Showers
Monday: High-44/Low-38 Rain
Tuesday: High-44/Low-35 Rain

Past Weather

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Tides Tables

Table with columns: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY. Rows for high and low tide times.

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Oregon to see nearly \$30 million for wildlife and sport fish restoration

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Oregon will receive \$29,680,565 in federal funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to support wildlife and sport fish restoration projects around the state.

“These federal investments, matched with revenue from hunting and fishing licenses, are the foundation of ODFW’s capacity to care for Oregon’s diverse fish and wildlife,” according to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Debbie Colbert.

“Opportunities for win-win solutions that benefit working lands, wildlife, and communities are numerous — and we are grateful for the long-term support of hunters and anglers who have committed millions of dollars to this program for multiple generations,” Colbert said.

authorized by the Wildlife Restoration (Pittman-Robertson) Act of 1950, provides funds to fish and wildlife agencies for projects to restore, conserve, manage, and enhance wild birds and mammals and their habitat.

The Sport Fish Restoration Program, authorized by the Sport Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson) Act of 1950, provides funds to fish and wildlife agencies for fishery projects, boating access, and aquatic education.

Oregon’s allocations will be used as follows:

- \$21,783,103 for wildlife restoration. The program supports the operation and maintenance of 18 wildlife areas and seven regional habitat programs, which are designed to provide technical assistance and enhance wildlife habitats on public and private lands.
• \$7,897,462 for sport fish restoration. The funding supports important fisheries, monitoring, access, and education programs throughout Oregon.



Funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be used for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects around the state. (Photo courtesy of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife)

These funds are also used to keep a finger on the pulse of several of the iconic salmon/steelhead populations, including those in the Rogue, the Oregon coast, Deschutes, Willamette, and Umpqua.

Oregon senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden announced the federal funding Jan. 21.

“Our state’s lands and waters are integral to

the futures of countless fish and wildlife, as well as many Oregonians’ quality of life and livelihoods,” said Merkley. “These federal funds will be used to manage and protect Oregon’s wildlife areas around the state, and to help Oregonians access and enjoy the great outdoors through our outstanding recreation opportunities.”

“Fish and wildlife are part of what makes Oregon the best state in America for recreation,” said Wyden. “That doesn’t happen by osmosis — it happens thanks to significant federal investments like these that support our state’s natural advantages and the benefits they create for our economy and environment.”

Suspected drunk driver arrested after endangering beach visitors

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Usually suspected drunk drivers are found and arrested along Oregon’s roadways, but this time, one suspected drunk driver was arrested after reportedly endangering people on the beach at Lincoln City.

The Lincoln City Police Dispatch Center began receiving multiple calls from concerned parties Jan. 25, regarding a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed on the beach at D-River.

The driver departed southbound

at a high rate of speed prior to Lincoln City Police Department officers arrival, according to LCPD Sgt. Erik Anderson.

“At the time, numerous families were enjoying bonfires in the area, and witnesses reported it (the speeding vehicle) nearly hitting people. The driver was also driving ‘cookies’ along the beach. In addition to this area being closed to vehicle traffic, this was an obvious safety concern,” Anderson said.

LCPD officers were able to locate the occupied vehicle parked just south of the Canyon

Drive Beach access.

“When the officers approached the vehicle, the driver began driving erratically and a half-full bottle of vodka fell out of the open trunk onto the beach,” Anderson said. “The driver eventually stopped and officers detained him.”

The driver, identified as Artem A. Savenko, of Beaverton, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, and recklessly endangering another person (the multiple beachgoers who had been put in danger), according to Anderson.

Savenko’s vehicle was impounded, and he was transported to the Lincoln County Jail.

“We would like to emphasize that Lincoln City’s beaches are here for public enjoyment, however, when drivers put people in danger, our officers will investigate and enforce the law,” Anderson said. “Luckily nobody was hurt during this incident, but it is a reminder of the danger that intoxicated drivers pose to the public. Alcohol impairs portions of the brain associated with decision-making and judgment. Be safe and drive sober.”

Tribes, 34 organizations to receive \$23 million for home repairs

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The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has awarded \$23 million to repair and rehabilitate homes of low-income residents to eliminate risks to residents’ health. Awards were made to the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon and 34 local organizations.

The funds are from the Healthy Homes Grant Program (HHGP), established to improve health by rehabilitating living environments in Oregon. “Research has shown

there is an inextricable link between a person’s health and housing status, and that quality of housing is a social determinant of health,” Oregon Public Health Division Director Naomi Adeline-Biggs said. “With the Healthy Homes grants, Oregon is helping to prevent and reduce short- and long-term negative health outcomes by addressing the quality of housing as a public health issue.”

People living in poverty are more likely to live in substandard housing that is not healthy or safe and are at higher risk of losing

homes that are not well-maintained or repaired, according to a release from the OHA. Older and substandard housing is more likely to contain hazards such as peeling or deteriorated lead-based paint. Delaying maintenance can lead to leaking roofs or pipes, which can cause mold. Uninsulated homes can be drafty and uncomfortable for residents and result in higher energy bills, the release states.

Homes that are not well maintained or repaired can also lead to lead poisoning, asthma and other

respiratory diseases, cancer, unintended injuries, increased stress, poor school attendance for children and missed workdays for parents, the OHA said.

“Improved housing conditions for low-income families can prevent illness and reduce their health care costs, improve safety, conserve natural resources and reduce energy costs for occupants,” the release states.

The organizations — nonprofits, local housing authorities, community action agencies and local governments serving communities in all areas of the

state — are each receiving between \$199,980 to \$750,000 to use over a three-year period.

The grants are intended to help homeowners and landlords repair and rehabilitate homes inhabited by low-income residents, including renters, to improve their environmental health and safety.

The Oregon Legislature established the HHGP in 2021. It directs OHA to provide grants to local organizations serving low-income residents to repair and rehabilitate homes, including rental properties, throughout the state.

Lincoln County to receive a share of \$1.4M for homeless veteran housing

JEREMY C. RUARK Lincoln County Leader

Oregon will receive \$1,449,067 to help homeless veterans secure affordable housing through federal housing assistance.

The Housing Authority of Lincoln County will receive \$39,216 of the Oregon funds.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program combines HUD’s Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). VA provides these services for participating veterans at

VA medical centers community-based outreach clinics, through VA contractors, or through other VA-designated entities.

Oregon Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden announced the funding Jan. 21.

“Oregon’s service members deserve the full measure of our appreciation for serving and sacrificing for our nation, and that includes ensuring they have a safe, decent roof overhead after returning home,” Merkley said. “These federal housing vouchers will help homeless veterans across Oregon, helping us deliver on the promise of necessary resources and support for those men and women who wore the uniform.

Too many of these heroes struggle to find affordable housing in Oregon, and I’ll keep fighting to deliver critical resources to help ease the burden on veterans searching for a place to call home.”

“Veterans coming home to communities in Oregon deserve every possible opportunity to have a home of their own to live in that’s key to success in civilian life,” Wyden said. “I’m gratified these federal resources are heading to our state to help achieve those goals for homeless veterans, and I’ll continue battling for similar federal funds that ensure Oregonians who served our country aren’t left behind.”

The federal investment

from the HUD-VASH program will be distributed as follows:

- Housing Authority of Washington County: \$615,090
• Housing Authority of Clackamas County: \$321,675
• Housing Authority of the City of Salem: \$233,001
• Northwest Oregon Housing Authority: \$103,535
• Marion County Housing Authority: \$57,656
• Housing and Urban Renewal Agency of Polk County: \$39,660
• Central Oregon Regional Housing Authority: \$39,234
• Housing Authority of Lincoln County: \$39,216

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 3-9 and 'Sudoku answers' text below.

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Newport police officer receives Life Saving Award and medal

Newport Police Officer Abraham Felix was recognized during the Jan. 21 meeting of the Newport City Council for his actions that helped save the life of a man last month.

Felix was on patrol the night of Dec. 10 when shortly before 11 p.m., he responded to the Circle K station at 22 N Coast Highway to assist the Newport Fire Department on a 911 call of an unconscious male who was possibly suffering from a drug overdose. The 36-year-old male was reported to be unconscious and not breathing normally.

Felix was the first responder to arrive on the scene and immediately jumped into action. He confirmed the patient appeared to be in medical distress and administered a dose of Narcan. When he did not detect signs



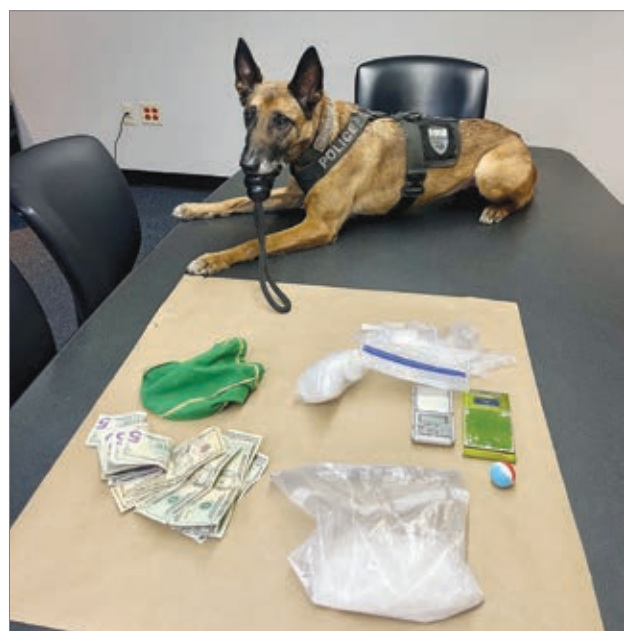
Newport Police Officer Abraham Felix, left, was given a Life Saving Award and medal by Chief Jason Malloy during the Jan. 21 meeting of the Newport City Council. (Courtesy photo)

of the patient's condition improving, Felix began performing chest compressions. A bystander

stepped in to help, and Felix retrieved an automated external defibrillator (AED) from his patrol

vehicle. He applied the AED to the man's chest and then continued giving chest compressions to the patient until medical personnel arrived on the scene and the patient was revived.

Felix's quick action directly assisted in the successful resuscitation efforts of the man so he could be stabilized and transported to the hospital for further medical care. Newport Police Chief Jason Malloy gave the Life Saving Award and medal to Felix during last week's city council meeting, saying the officer's actions had directly saved the life of another human being. "Officer Felix's diligence, perseverance, and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Newport Police Department," said Malloy.



K9 Zoe, the Newport Police Department's narcotics detection dog, alerted to drugs in a suspect's vehicle, resulting in the man's arrest on numerous narcotics-related charges. (Photo courtesy of the Newport Police Department)

Man arrested in drug sales investigation

Shortly before 9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23, officers with the Newport Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle as part of an ongoing narcotics investigation. Officers had received information that Norman Casas, 51, was transporting a large quantity of narcotics inside the vehicle. They had also received information that Casas was selling narcotics out of a motel room in the 700 block of Southwest Coast Highway in Newport.

During the traffic stop, K9 Zoe, the Newport Police Department's narcotics detection dog, alerted to the odor of drugs coming from the vehicle. Officers executed a search warrant on Casas' motel room and vehicle. The search uncovered a commercial quantity of methamphetamine (more

than one-half pound) inside of the vehicle. Officers additionally located drug use and sales paraphernalia, drug packaging materials, and digital scales.

Casas was arrested at the scene and lodged in the Lincoln County Jail on charges of unlawful manufacture of methamphetamine, unlawful delivery of meth, unlawful possession of meth, and unlawful possession of a schedule II controlled substance (fentanyl).

The incident remains under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Officer Mangum of the Newport Police Department at 541-574-3348. The Newport Police Tip Line is available at 541-574-5455, or Text-a-Tip at 541-270-1856 or tipline@newport-police.net.

Emergency preparedness grants announced

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has announced the continuation of the local matching grant program for emergency preparedness, disaster response and disaster recovery for qualifying entities.

The purpose of the program is to provide matching funds to qualifying local entities to purchase emergency supplies or equipment intended for disaster response or recovery efforts. All applicants must be in Lincoln County and can include entities such as cities, fire departments, schools, ports, tribes, water districts and other community service providers.

Lincoln County has made available individual grants up to \$2,500 per qualifying entity, up to a total of \$36,000. Grants will be awarded to approved projects on a first-come, first-served basis. These are one-to-one matching grants.

To be considered for a matching grant, qualifying entities must submit the application online at <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/884/7238/Emergency-Preparedness-Matching-Grant-Pr>

APPLICATION TIMELINE

This timeline may change depending on the number of applications received. Applications are

evaluated in the order of receipt. The grant application window opened Jan. 15, and Feb. 5 will be the first opportunity for approval by the board of commissioners. The grant application window closes at 5 p.m. on March 14, and grants will be distributed in May. Emergency management will process new applications weekly and submit them to the board of commissioners office for consideration until the grant closes.

For more information, contact the grant coordinator, County Assistant Emergency Manager Susan Trachsel, at strachsel@co.lincoln.or.us or 541-265-4199.

Oregon courts purge 47,000 past evictions from people's records

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The Oregon state courts system has sealed about 47,000 evictions from Oregonians' records, the Oregon Judicial Department said.

The department sealed the residential evictions from people's records by mid-December to comply with House Bill 2001, a 2023 law the Oregon Legislature passed. The law was passed to address housing evictions that show up on people's records and affect their ability to rent and access

housing. With the law, those 47,000 evictions do not show up in background checks and essentially disappear. In the past, those cases could have led to the denial of rental applications.

The law applies to cases where the court entered a judgment after Jan. 1, 2014. Evictions also have to meet other requirements and timelines. For example, if the court ordered the eviction but the tenant did not owe money, five years need to have passed. For cases with monetary awards, the

judgment needs to be paid off, expired or discharged in bankruptcy court.

The law requires courts to start removing records that meet the criteria by the end of 2024. As a result, judicial department staff manually reviewed about 160,000 evictions to determine eligibility. The state still has a backlog of about 50,000 cases to review, with the goal of sealing eligible cases by the end of 2025. New cases will be reviewed every year.

People can learn whether their past eviction was set aside and request a copy

of their set-aside order on the judicial department's eviction set-asides webpage. Tenants can glean more information about the eviction process and their rights at Oregon Law

Help, a free legal information website from the Oregon State Bar.

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Prison inmate from Lincoln County dies

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

An inmate from Lincoln County, incarcerated at the Snake River Correctional Institution in Ontario, has passed away.

Aubrey Skinner II died Jan. 25 at an area hospital, according to a release from the Oregon Department of Corrections. The State Medical Examiner will be determining the cause of death.

Skinner entered DOC custody March 26, 2024, from Lincoln County with an earliest release date of April 1, 2034. Skinner was 53 years old. Next of kin has been notified.

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Armed man spotted near Newport elementary school

At around 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24, law enforcement officers from the the Newport Police Department and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of Sam Case Elementary School in Newport on the report of a man who had a firearm and was acting threatening.

The man, later identified as Timothy Bottorff, 48, was located walking east on Northeast Eads Street near Northeast Seventh Street. He was immediately contacted by officers and found to be in the possession of an airsoft pistol that looked identical to a real firearm.

The investigation into

this incident revealed that Bottorff was yelling angrily, was making aggressive body movements, and had his replica handgun openly displayed as he approached the doors of Sam Case Elementary. Parents who were in the area to pick up their children reported the incident, and the school was immediately

placed in lockdown.

During the investigation, Bottorff attempted to flee police on foot. He was quickly taken to the ground and arrested. While running from officers, Bottorff attempted to throw away a bag of methamphetamine and a meth pipe.

Bottorff was arrested and lodged at the Lincoln

County Jail on charges of disorderly conduct in the second degree, menacing, unlawful possession of methamphetamine, tampering with evidence, escape in the third degree and resisting arrest.

The Newport Police Department expressed appreciation to sheriff's deputies for their assistance during this

incident.

The case remains under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact Officer Cullivan at 541-574-3348. The Newport Police Tip Line is available at 541-574-5455, or Text-a-Tip at 541-270-1856 or tipline@newportpolice.net.

Merkley to hold town hall in Lincoln County

Oregon's U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley will hold five town halls the first weekend in February, with in-person community conversations in Lincoln, Benton, and Linn counties this Saturday, Feb. 1, followed by conversations in Lane and Marion counties

on Sunday, Feb. 2.

Merkley's Lincoln County town hall will begin at noon in the commons at the Oregon Coast Community College Central County Campus, located at 400 SE College Way, Newport. Merkley will be joined at this town

hall by U.S. Rep. Val Hoyle.

"There is nothing like holding town halls directly in the communities where Oregonians live and work to get to the heart of the ideas, issues, and priorities that matter most to them.

That's why I hold a town hall for every Oregon county, every year," Merkley said. "I've had over 570 of these conversations since Oregonians first sent me to the Senate, and each one helps fuel my fight for working families,

shape policies and ideas for bills, and keeps me laser-focused on where to target federal resources to meet local needs."

Merkley also said these community conversations provide respectful, safe spaces for people to express their unique

points of view and open others up to new perspectives — essential to healing divisions and moving the state forward together. "I am thrilled to be hitting the road again to meet with Oregonians from all walks of life in their communities," he said.

Gala raises \$146,000 for treatment and recovery services

Community members gathered for an evening of celebration at the Pacific Communities Health District Foundation's Gala and Auction in December. Together, they raised \$146,000 to support programs at the new Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services center in Newport.

"We are immensely grateful that our community shows up time and again to improve access to care for patients and their families through this

annual event," said Karla Clem, executive director of the PCHD Foundation.

The PCHD Foundation expresses appreciation to the 140 guests who attended, and the many local and regional businesses for their support. Oregon Coast Bank and Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital Auxiliary were platinum-level sponsors for the event, and additional businesses sponsored at gold, silver and bronze levels, as well as through donations

of live auction items, desserts, gift cards and certificates.

"With the funds raised from the gala, we can ensure that we're setting up patients like Kimmy Palmer for ongoing success right out of the gate when the recovery center opens this summer," Clem said.

Palmer, who is now a Newport resident, received treatment through Samaritan's center in Lebanon and agreed to tell her story through a video that was shown at the

event. You can view the video, Reclaiming Life's Joy, online at samhealth.org/KimmyP.

The programs will help residential and outpatients with treatment services, including medication-assisted, group and individual therapies and peer supports. It will also provide education, such as pro-social skills and household budgeting, as well as provide basic necessities like clothing and hygiene items.

"All of the programs are

designed to help patients and their families reclaim their lives from substance use," Clem said.

Since 1983, generous philanthropists have joined the PCHD Foundation to improve access, inspire hope, build community and leave a legacy of generosity for health care locally. Its mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of local communities by raising funds to acquire new equipment, art, facilities, services and education for the Pacific Communities

Health District, in partnership with Samaritan Pacific Health Services.

"As a nonprofit health care provider, Samaritan Health Services does not turn anyone away for inability to pay or lack of insurance. Access to care for substance use disorder in Oregon is a dire situation. That is why community support means so much," Clem said.

To learn more or to support health care initiatives meaningful to you, visit samhealth.org/Giving.

OTTERS

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Challenge, a partnership between the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Defense, Native Americans in Philanthropy, and NFWF.

The competitive grant awards were made possible with funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, other federal conservation programs, and private sources. The project is entitled Bringing Xvlh-t'vsh Home: Indigenous-led Planning for Sea Otters' Return to the Oregon and Northern California Coast.

"I am pleased that after years of collaboration with the Elakha Alliance and others, we will now be able to take steps with other tribal nations and partner organizations to return this culturally

important species to their ancient home," Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley said. "This funding will enable us to build capacity and expertise to lead or participate in sea otter reintroduction and management and to elevate the role of coastal Indian tribes in marine stewardship."

The grant will support additional planning and technical capacity within CTSI as well as the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI); the Yurok Tribe; the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation (TDN); and other regional partners and collaborators. The tribes and partners will produce a plan for reintroducing sea otters to the Oregon and Northern California coasts.

The project will also focus on building support for sea otter reintroduction from coastal tribes, ocean stakeholders and

coastal communities in the region; completing key scientific studies; and conducting socioeconomic assessments of potential reintroduction sites in the region.

"Indian people of coastal Oregon and Northern California referred to sea otters by many different words," Pigsley said. "These many names reflect their presence and importance to our people. We now know that they enabled rich marine and estuarine ecosystems that provided food and materials our ancestors needed for life. This grant will help us to bring these relatives home."

Sea otters have long been recognized as a keystone species that promotes the biological productivity and ecological resilience of nearshore and estuarine ecosystems. Sea otters were once plentiful from Alaska south to Baja but have been

absent from Oregon for more than a century due to the maritime fur trade, according to Pigsley.

With kelp forests declining at an alarming rate due to ocean warming and over-predation by sea urchins, sea otter reintroduction is considered part of a long-term solution to restore and maintain healthy nearshore ecosystems in Oregon. In estuaries, sea otters protect eelgrass habitat by keeping populations of small crabs, including invasive green crabs, under control.

BACKGROUND

The sea otter has been listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act since 1977. They were nearly hunted to extinction for their fur throughout the 1700s and 1800s.

Southern sea otters consume more than 150 different species, including mussels, crabs and clams. The reintroduction of the otters could also result in restrictions or prohibitions on some fishing gear to protect the otters from becoming caught or hurt, according to the news release.

Scientists from the agency concluded in a feasibility study that the benefits of their reintroduction outweigh the potential negative impacts to fishing and shellfish harvesting. As a keystone species, their return would enhance the health of kelp and seagrass ecosystems and the fish that depend on them, potentially increasing some fish populations. Growing kelp and seagrass forests is also helpful for reducing ocean acidification and for trapping climate change causing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

In 2024, leaders of two federally recognized Oregon coastal Indian tribes called upon U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland to "take all appropriate actions" to direct the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to return sea otters to the Oregon coast within the next five years.

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians sent letters to Haaland. CTCLUSI Council Chair Bradley

Kneaper and CTSI Council Delores Pigsley cited in their letters the cultural ties between coastal Indian people and sea otters extending back thousands of years.

"Without sea otters, instead of productive kelp forests, our rocky seafloor is covered in 'urchin barrens,' biological deserts of purple sea urchins that have devoured these kelp forests and all that they provide to the ecosystem," Kneaper and Pigsley said in their letters. "We feel strongly that the time has come to bring Xulh-t'vsh back to Oregon and call on Secretary Haaland to direct the USFWS to prioritize returning sea otters to the Oregon coast, set a timeline, prepare a plan, and take other steps necessary to pursue this act of environmental and cultural reconciliation."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service held eight open houses along the Oregon coast in June 2023 to share a proposal for reintroducing southern sea otters — one of three subspecies of sea otter — to the Pacific Coast from San Francisco and up through northern Oregon.

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

Toledo City Council: 5 p.m., special meeting, council chambers, city hall.
Depoe Bay Harbor Commission: 6 p.m., city hall.

MONDAY, FEB. 3

Newport City Council: 4 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular session, council chambers, city hall. Or watch via livestream at newportoregon.gov/citygov/comm/cc.asp or on Charter Channel 190.

TUESDAY, FEB. 4

Lincoln City Planning Commission: 2 p.m., council chambers, city hall.
Depoe Bay City Council: 6 p.m., city hall.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners: 10 a.m., commission meeting room, county courthouse, Newport. For info, go to www.co.lincoln.or.us.
Toledo City Council: 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

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VIEWPOINT

Year of the Snake: *Renewal, Transformation, Rebirth*

BY PAUL HAEDER

Snakes are revered for their ability to shed their skin and renew themselves, symbolizing transformation and rebirth.

I can see over 200 celebrations for the Month of January. It seems that the USA is a Hallmark card infused society.

The Dragon (2024) is flashy and energetic, but the Snake is mysterious and subtle. The Snake brings a new influence that is more refined and elegant. The Year of the Snake starts on Jan. 29, 2025 and end on Feb. 16, 2026. Prosperity is the snake's characteristic.

Thinking about our youth, I can understand the importance of recent studies on happiness and unhappiness.

"The research sort of shocked us," Dartmouth University Professor David Blanchflower said in a lecture on his findings early in 2024. "All of a sudden ... we started to actually observe something going on, which was a rapid decline in the wellbeing of young people, particularly for young women, but the trends for young men were the same." Today, he explained, around one in nine young women in America report every day of their lives being a bad mental health day. The trend goes for 43 other countries.

Every day I run into all manner of people — ages, genders, backgrounds — who report their fears of the USA using them, the 80 percent, as a "dumping ground" or a "whipping post" for all the country's economic and sociological ills. We are talking about old women crying to me about their fear of losing social security. Or young people fearful of a deadened economic future with artificial intelligence and robotics crippling the labor market.

Social media, cellphones and the post-COVID era are not the determining factors for this shocking mental health crisis.

There continues to be stacked upon stacks of old/uncorrected history of this country being a settler colonial empire, one which for many young people is an empire of "chaos, lies and penury."

These happiness studies are deep and far-ranging. There are dozens of variables the studies consider — national economy, living standards, and local services are just a few of dozens of factors queried.

Young people, age 14 to 29, with downward happiness. We know people with disabilities, less education, broken families, and lost jobs are hit hard by the effects of aging. Many I talk with are not getting the social/emotional support they need. But our young people? Our future? Clinical depression?

There are no Martin Luther Kings around to inject hope and tenable happiness into our youth. And without dynamic, truthful and universally understanding leaders, there are no rudders from which young people can steer their lives.

"With patient and firm determination, we will press on until every valley of despair is exalted to new peaks of hope, until every mountain of pride and irrationality is made low by the leveling process of humility and compassion; until the rough places of

injustice are transformed into a smooth plane of equality of opportunity; and until the crooked places of prejudice are transformed by the straightening process of bright-eyed wisdom."

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

The third Monday in January, is it for MLK? It's dubbed as "National Day of Service," as well as Civil Rights Day (since 1999).

With the internet, young people can access the writings of Malcolm X, Cesar Chavez, Dorothy Day, the Berrigan Brothers, Rigoberta Menchú, Frederick Douglass, King, Wangar Maathai, or those living heroes like Francesca Albanese and David Swanson.

But I've found that young people, as well as ignorant adults, need much scaffolding of this information, in order to contextualize and critically analyze these sparsely exposed perspectives and histories.

Because of the power of the cellphone/smart phone to distract and manipulate, we are considered in a time of massive distraction and deep lack of awareness of the world around us. Thus, ignorance and lack of agency can hobble young people into believing what they think and might want to accomplish are of no importance in a society that valorizes the rich, powerful, hateful, aggressive and fascist.

This youth unhappiness is a major handicap for Western societies. The wonks and sociologists have no idea what is actually behind a global downturn in young people's happiness?

Awareness is a start, but also a deep societal ramping up of respecting families, communities, mom and pop/bricks and mortar stores, teachers, laborers, working class citizens, forests, rivers, skies, seas, wetlands, deserts and the like needs to take place. The real gauge of a society is how it treats its more vulnerable citizens, and how the young people are progressing.

"What's the point of getting involved ... of protesting ... of fighting back. You can't fight the federal government. You can't fight city hall."

I refer to the Chinese saying about America now — xin li ye luan — which means chaotic and primordial mind. It is also called short-termism, this American mindset.

Imagine a Biden or Trump saying this, inserting USA in place of China. "Of course, China is by no means perfect, and it is still faced with many challenges, yet I also believe that with China's extraordinary achievements over the past 75 years, we will be able to overcome these challenges and do even better in the years and decades to come."

— Professor Zhang Weiwei, Dean of the China Institute at Fudan University

Here we are now: Year of the Snake representing wisdom, knowledge, intelligence, intuition, and creativity. Can the West lift itself up from this chaotic and muddled mind?

"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant." — MLK

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HE SHOWED US WHO HE IS: WHY DIDN'T WE LISTEN?

Like the huckster he is, Trump is dangling baubles in front of his staunch supporters, hoping they will be distracted by the shiny object while he picks their pockets. I am specifically referring to renaming the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America. In the first place, the United States is not America. We are a country within America, which comprises North America, Central America, and South America. Secondly, according to maritime law, the Gulf is under the jurisdiction of Mexico and the U.S. He may change the name on official documents, but it doesn't mean the world will recognize the name change.

If the GOP is the party of states rights, why is he hell bent on going against the wishes of the voters of Alaska by changing the name from Denali back to Mt. McKinley.

We have real problems in this country and all the old/new president is offering is pabulum for the 99 percent and more tax breaks to the 1 percent (read oligarchy) who buy

his favor with flattery and \$\$\$\$\$\$ while they raise prices on the food we eat; the cars we drive; the rents we pay and continue to rape and pillage the earth that sustains us.

Why wasn't the indecency of mocking a disabled person, or verbally insulting Gold Star families, or attacking the memories of courageous POWs like John McCain enough? He told us and showed us who he is. Why didn't we listen?

Carol DeMuth
Toledo

WE NEED POLICIES THAT PROMOTE CLEAN ENERGY

Thank you for publishing the recent article on the projected drop in Oregon snowfall due to climate change (Oregon snowfall projected to drop 50 percent by 2100 among findings in latest state climate report).

Oregon is likely to experience a future of more drought, more rain and less snow. It's another reminder of a critical issue facing our planet. If other Oregonians feel as I do, that we need to find solutions to this issue,

I invite them to contact our senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden and the congressman from their district to advocate for protecting the Inflation Reduction Act from being rolled back in the Trump administration.

Through policies that promote clean energy, the IRA addresses rising temperatures and climate change and is supported in both red and blue states. For instance, in a survey done by Data for Progress in 2023, they found that 73 percent of national voters support

ramping up the production of American-made clean energy technologies, including 84 percent of Democrats, 68 percent of Independents and 67 percent of Republicans. The IRA offers opportunities for businesses to improve the energy efficiency of our country, which in turn helps us move away from fossil fuels, a major contributor to the climate crisis. It's a win we need to safeguard for our future generations.

John Heinen
Otis

OPINION PAGE POLICY

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

WRITE: lceditor@countrymedia.net

VIEWPOINT

Why a biased inquiry will not stop my bid for a seat on the county commission

BY RICK BEASLEY

The recently released report by Lincoln County of its findings of the purported conduct of Commissioner Casey Miller during the Sept. 18, 2024 board meeting raises serious questions about the scope and impartiality of the investigation, as well as the motivations of those behind it.

What began as an investigation into inflammatory allegations of misconduct by Commissioner Miller — bullying conduct, careless release of personnel details, and in some way befouling the county's reputation — curiously swelled to include unsubstantiated claims of a conspiratorial collaboration between Commissioner Miller and myself. Seriously? How does a provocative inquiry into so-called misbehavior by a county commissioner morph into a fishing expedition for suspected political conspirators?

The simple act of me showing up in the audience for a regular county commission meeting where I did not speak or

roll my eyes has digressed into "suspicions of political motivations," according to the author of the report, a \$440 per hour Portland attorney who cited the "highly-contested" race between myself and incumbent Claire Hall as the smoking gun: "Notably, Commissioner Miller stated that he could not recall, but did not deny, whether Rick Beasley thanked him for his statements following his report, as other witnesses recounted."

Key dynamics were overlooked in the report, however. During a break, I undertook the civil act of shaking Miller's hand and thanking him for his 16 years of service, the same courtesy I would have extended the remaining two commissioners but for their hasty exit through the back door. These facts are conveniently omitted from the report, which instead leans heavily on anonymous opinions to bolster an unbalanced narrative.

At no point did I have any discussions with Commissioner Miller that could reasonably be con-

strued as collaboration or conspiracy. While others may have been present in the board chamber, they were not a party to our conversation. Yet, the investigation includes speculative opinions from undisclosed witnesses about interactions they knew nothing about — an exaggeration that undermines the credibility of the report.

Moreover, despite being mentioned in the findings, I was never contacted or interviewed by the legal firm conducting the investigation.

The timing of this half-hearted inquiry coincides with the resignation of a commissioner and the urgent need to fill the vacant seat, obscuring the task with conspiracy theories and biased conclusions. Meanwhile, Commissioner Miller has faced relentless public scrutiny and attacks throughout this process. The political weaponizing of the county government via this unconvincing legal opinion has cast baseless connections between us and likely made it even more difficult for him to support my appoint-

ment without fear of further backlash. This is deeply unfair — not just to me, but to Casey Miller, now forced to weigh the best interests of Lincoln County against the very real threat of bonus vilification.

The appointment now rests with two people, one who has been disparaged and subjected to unwarranted pressure, and another who narrowly defeated me in the recent election. These undercurrents increase their obligation to rise above partisanship and represent all of Lincoln County, especially the 13,000-plus residents who voted for a new voice — a substantial portion of our community that deserves to be heard.

I will not be deterred. I remain ready to serve Lincoln County with transparency, fairness, and true leadership.

Rick Beasley is a resident of Depoe Bay and was a candidate in the Nov. 5, 2024 General Election for a seat on the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

CHANGES

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bodies appeared to have costs which outweighed the benefits.”

The study determined that the primary value of the Newport committee structure is the robust public engagement and transparency provided to the citizens, but these benefits come with costs for Newport community members and day-to-day city operations. The biggest costs associated are the amount of time that city staff incurs preparing

for meetings (often at night), noticing meetings, preparing minutes and responding to requests from the committees for information and performing various analyses.

“Staffing the seats on Newport’s many committees is a particularly burdensome process,” the report states. “During our review, we found that many of the committee seats were unfilled, despite multiple attempts to fill them.”

In concluding its report, the study group recommended that some city committees remain

unchanged, that others be modified, and that some be disbanded. An ordinance to make these changes to the structure was the subject of the city council’s public hearing on Jan. 21.

On of the major modifications recommended was a proposal to transfer oversight of the Newport Public Arts Committee from the city to the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts, which operates the Newport Performing Arts Center and the Newport Visual Arts Center. As part of that transfer, current city

funds budgeted for public arts will be transferred to OCCA, and also, \$15,000 will be provided by the city to OCCA each year to cover staff costs for managing the Public Arts Committee.

Other changes were recommended for the Airport Committee, the Parks and Recreation Committee, the Discover Newport Committee, the Vision 2040 Committee and the Parking Advisory Committee. The ordinance also calls for sunseting the Police Advisory Committee and elimination of the 60+

Advisory Committee, the Wayfinding Committee and the Audit Committee.

City Councilor CM Hall said during the discussion, “I recognize that a lot of this is a lot of community members who have been serving and volunteering a lot of hours over a lot of years. So I just want to express gratitude to people who put in a lot of volunteer service to help to guide and steer this community in different ways.”

Councilor Robert Emond asked, “Would it be possible to have a proclamation thanking all

of the community members who have served on these committees, in recognition of their hard work?”

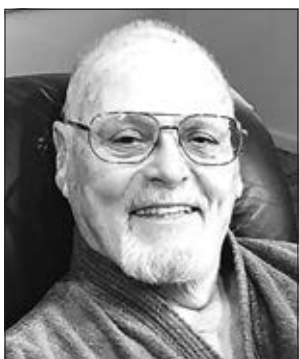
Mayor Jan Kaplan said, “I think that’s a wonderful suggestion. We can do that. A lot of people have done a lot of great work for the city and we need to recognize that.”

The city council unanimously passed the ordinance making the changes to the city committees as recommended, and they then passed a resolution officially sunseting the Police Advisory Committee.

Darroll L. Morehouse

March 5, 1938 - January 15, 2025

Darroll L. Morehouse, aka, “Lucky”, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his wife and children, January 15, 2025.



Darroll was born in Richmond, CA, March 5, 1938. Darroll graduated from Campbell High School. He served in the Navy for four years, spent five years with the Santa Clara Sheriff’s Department, and a 30-year career with the San Jose Fire Department. In 1984, Darroll married the love of his life, Paige Morehouse, and they cherished 40 years of happiness together. A sailor, fisherman, ham radio operator (KK6ZZ), and bagpipe player, Darroll also mastered fishing fly-making. Darroll was the son of

Lawrence and Marguerite Morehouse (nee Coombs).

He is survived by his wife Paige, children Stacy (Dean) Harris, Drake (Melissa) Morehouse, and Monica Blodgett, grandchildren Dillon Castello, Dalton Harris, Colton Harris, Alex (Tim) Herman, Kyrsta Morehouse, and Andrew Blodgett, and great-grandchildren Kaiden Costello-Duer and Townes Herman. He is also survived by his siblings Diane (Richard) Rogers, Sharon Fincher, and Mike (Marilyn) Morehouse, along with nieces and nephews. Donations in Darroll’s memory can be made to the Cancer Society and Alzheimer’s Association.

DEATH NOTICES

DONALD “DON” JAMES MCCONNELL

Donald “Don” James McConnell, 73, of Lincoln City, Oregon, passed away on Dec. 31, 2024. He was 73 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Vanita, their two daughters and five grandchildren.

A celebration of life was held on Jan. 23 at

The Chapel by The Sea in Lincoln City.

RONALD WAYNE JONES

Ronald Wayne Jones, 77, of Otis, Oregon, died at his home on Jan. 11, 2025.

He was born July 27, 1947. He was a loving friend, brother, husband, father, grandfather and

great-grandfather.

TED CROSN

Ted Crosno, 95, of Toledo, Oregon, passed away on Jan. 18, 2025.

He was born in April 1929.

A burial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Toledo Cemetery. It will be followed by a gathering at the Toledo Elks Lodge 123 SE Alder St.

JAMES AND MIRANDA MCNEAL

James “Jim” Wade McNeal and Miranda “Mandy” Eva Ann (Rady) McNeal were residents of Lincoln City and had recently moved to Otis. Jim, 59, lost a long battle with cancer on Dec. 22, 2024, and Mandy, 45, passed away shortly after.

No funeral services are planned.

James (Jim) Wade McNeal Miranda (Mandy) Eva Ann McNeal (Rady)



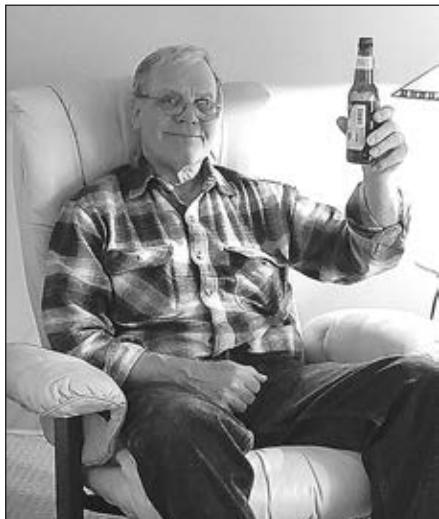
Jim and Mandy were residents of Lincoln City and had recently moved to Otis. Jim 59, lost the long battle with cancer on December 22, 2024 and his wife, Mandy 45, passed away shortly after.

There are no funeral arrangements.

Gerald (Jerry) Wedekind

1/19/1944 - 6/5/2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our dad, Jerry (Sparky) Wedekind at the age of 80. He passed peacefully in his sleep on June 5, 2024 following a slow decline with Dementia/Alzheimers. Thankfully dad remained on the happy side of this sad disease. Jerry was born in Seattle, WA on 1/19/1944 a place he affectionately referred to as Snoose Junction. His father (Bob) was a master home builder and it was alongside his father, two beautiful sisters, and beautiful mother, Jean Wedekind where Jerry mastered his construction skills.



Jerry attended Bothell High School and played a few different sports, but loved football. The football field is where Pam (Pamela) June Snyder may have first laid eyes on the handsome devil. Pam was a song leader as well as valedictorian of her class. They married on 6/11/1965 starting a beautiful journey together in the Pacific Northwest. During his school years, Jerry developed some very close buddies, specifically Dennis Snook, Bill Turner, Bill Howard and Rusty Burck. They continued to share life’s journeys after graduating high school in 1962. Sadly, both Bill’s recently lost their battles with cancer. This group of great guys were amazing friends, fathers, husbands and humans.

Jeffrey Scott Wedekind was born in 1966 and was the apple of everyone’s eye. Two and a half years later in 1968, Heidi Lyn Wedekind came along and wrapped her daddy around her little finger. After a few years in the Seattle area, Jerry built the family home on the Oregon Coast at Ten Mile, where he and Pam joined the family business, Sea Perch, Inc. He worked alongside his mother and father-in-law (Harold & Elaine Snyder) and Pam with the wholesale shell business, RV park and then the Sea Rose Shell Museum which he built for Pammie in the late 1980’s. This was a time filled with so much joy for Jerry and his family, making many lifelong friends at Ten Mile.

During their time at Ten Mile Jerry (and Pam) were “surrogate parents” to all of Jeff and Heidi’s friends, as well as a few stray adults. Their house was a place of acceptance, joy, laughter, a safe space, good food, Pammie’s beautiful voice, belonging and some darn good parties. Jerry loved his cars and spent a few years rebuilding corvettes as well as owning the infamous 55 Pink Chevy. Heidi and Jeff also enjoyed driving Jerry’s cars, with or without permission. Jerry knew no strangers and made friends along every journey in his life, and he will always be remembered for

his easy demeanor and the ability to make a friend anywhere, anytime. Jerry lived large, loved a good story, a good joke and a fast car.

After the heartbreaking loss of his beloved wife to cancer in 2009, Jerry remained in Waldport for a few years enjoying time with his dog, his friends, hunting trips with the Waldport Boys (Jerry’s Kids) and drinking beer at the Salty Dawg. He found solace after Pam’s passing being in Alaska with his children and extended family, which became a cherished family tradition. Jerry did love to fish, but he also worked on construction projects and whatever else was needed at the lodge. His OCD for cleanliness kept the boats, vehicles and lodge grounds looking pristine.

Jerry is survived by his older sister Carole (Wedekind) Knutsen, younger sister Jan (Wedekind) and Sean Kelly; sister-in-law Debbie Petricek; devoted children Jeff and Nadra (Angerman) Wedekind and Heidi (Wedekind) and Alan Bengaard; his grandchildren, Shea Wedekind, Josie Welk, Darcy (Bengaard) and Glen Trowbridge, Paul Bengaard and McKinley Angermen; two great-grandchildren, Elly and Eli Trowbridge, and many nephews, nieces, cousins and extended family.

A Celebration of Life was held for Jerry on January 18th (the day before he would have turned 81) at the Adobe Resort in Yachats, where friends and family will gather to share and honor his wonderful life and legacy. In lieu of flowers the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, a cause close to our hearts. Jerry will be profoundly missed by all who knew and loved him. His life and stories will go down in history as one of the best. RIP Dad, Jerry, Sparky, Big Jer, Papa Bull...

Dorothy Ann Peterson

Another angel has gone home on January 18, 2025. Dorothy Ann Peterson was born in Sweet Home, Oregon on January 1st, 1939. She loved art and painting. She had a stamp collection and loved to play bingo. She worked for many years in the motels in Newport, Oregon. Her and her husband David Peterson contributed to Lincoln County for years. They had a business called DC Peterson Enterprises from 1959 to present. She leaves behind two sons, Willard Peterson and his daughter Shawna Shurts and Willam Peterson and his son



Brady. Also, a stepson, John Mosher. One brother TJ and one daughter-in-law Sherree Brown. She was a wonderful woman and will be missed by many. Her celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Dotty Rozann Shivers Brittain

July 8, 1939 - December 4, 2024

Dotty Rozann Shivers Brittain passed away peacefully during the night of December 4, 2024 in Eugene, Oregon, after a long struggle with Alzheimer’s.

She was born in Teneha, Texas on July 8, 1939. Her family moved to nearby Marshall, Texas where she attended high school, graduating in 1957. She attended the University of Texas - Austin and completed a degree in education in 1961.

Upon graduation, she began working as an elementary school teacher in the Houston area.

She met her husband, Edward “Ned” Brittain, on a blind date. They were married December 22, 1963 in Marshall during a snow storm (very rare for that area). They were married for over sixty years.

Ned was drafted by the Air Force and stationed in Riverside, California. There they welcomed their first son. In order to complete his professional training, they moved back to Houston, where their second son was born. They then moved to Oregon, first to Eugene and later to



Pleasant Hill, where they lived for almost 30 years. There they raised their two sons and many Dobermans.

After her children were older, she completed a Master’s in Education and worked as a librarian and a teacher in Pleasant Hill and Springfield. Later they retired to Waldport until declining health forced their return to Eugene.

Rozann’s passion was gardening. She worked at a local nursery and was a member and later president of the Eugene Garden club. She became a Master Gardener and helped found the local chapter of the Hardy Plant Society. She tried her hand at other endeavors. She and a neighbor owned a bookstore in Pleasant Hill that was felled by the recession of 1980. She was a docent at the University of Oregon Art Museum and later at the Newport Aquarium.

Rozann is survived by her husband, two sons, a daughter-in-law and a grandson. With her passing, we lose a proud Texan, an infectious laugh and a kind heart.

A memorial service for Rozann will be held at the Cascade Manor in Eugene.

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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 (2000)

BARGE LOSES LOGS OFF DEPOE BAY IN SUNDAY STORM

An estimated 9,000 to 16,000 logs are somewhere in the Pacific Ocean off the Oregon coast, but a bigger disaster was avoided, thanks to swift actions by a tug-boat crew, according to Chief Rick Thomas of the U.S. Coast Guard office in Portland.

"It could have been another New Carissa," he said.

A Canadian tugboat and barge hauling a large load of logs from Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, to Coos Bay broke its tow and dumped 300 to 400 bundles of logs. The tugboat crew was able to recover the barge.

BLUE HEATHER REMOVAL EXPECTED TODAY

Work began again Tuesday morning on removing the capsized fishing vessel Blue Heather from the jaws of Yaquina Bay.

Cleanup at the wreck site had been put on hold because of rough seas until a barge could arrive and lift the boat.

MORNING ICE LEADS TO 11 CRASHES

Eleven motor vehicle accidents caused by icy conditions were reported in Newport, Seal Rock, Depoe Bay and Waldport Thursday morning. One of those crashes damaged a "Welcome to Newport" sign on the north side of the city.

During a one-hour period, the Oregon State Police responded to five accidents.

SUSPECT BLEEDS AFTER BREAK IN AT ESTABLISHMENT

A woman in her 30s is suspected of breaking into the Oregon Coast Aquarium Store in Depoe Bay late Thursday night or early Friday morning.

The opening of the store was delayed until 3 p.m. Friday due to cleanup up after the break-in.

"There was so much blood everywhere. It took a long time to get that and the glass cleaned up," said Terry Newport, supervisor at the store.

50 YEARS AGO (1975)

WATERLINE WORK UNDERWAY

Work has begun to lay the Toledo-Seal Rock waterline across Poole Slough. This section of the line is being laid first because conditions of the Army Corps

of Engineers permit require that work in the slough be done before February 15 or not until next September.

Cascade Ditching Company, contractor for the project, has also begun to lay the line from the Toledo end.

PAY LESS DELAYS CENTER START

Construction of the Pay Less shopping center in north Newport has been delayed about six months due to a last-minute change in negotiations with a potential supermarket tenant, Pay Less officials have announced.

The supermarket with which they had earlier been negotiating withdrew, and they are now negotiating with another firm.

SCHOOL BOARD WONDERS WHAT TO DO WITH CENTRAL

The Lincoln County School Board January 28 wrestled with the problem of what to do with the sixth grade students at Central School if the building is closed at the end of the school year as recommended by the Newport Local School Committee.

One factor agreed on by nearly everyone at Tuesday's meeting was that the existing situation of having only one grade at the school should not continue.

CITY TO DECIDE FATE OF BEACH LOGGING

Tuesday the Lincoln City Council will decide the fate of logging its beaches after conducting a public hearing.

Starting at 7:30 p.m. in Taft Grade School, the council will open a hearing dealing with removal of logs from the Taft beach for the second time in two months.

Logging the beaches has been a long-standing issue in the area, however, the first official application for log removal had not been made until a few months ago.

75 YEARS AGO (1950)

NEWPORT NEWS SOLD TO TRIO

The Newport News fell into strange hands again this week when it was sold to Richard Lyman, John Lyman, and Ray Moe.

The paper was purchased lock, stock and barrel from the former owners of the Newport Publishing Company.

PHONE GROWTH NOTED IN AREA

Evidence that the coast country is now coming of age is the announcement by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company that the plant and maintenance department of the company for this area has been divorced from the Corvallis's office and will be handled in Newport.

Phone service in this area was about 230 phones in 1940, as compared to nearly 1,300 now in the city.

LOCAL OYSTERS NOW ON MART FOR FIRST TIME

First oysters from the commercial beds of Yaquina Bay were sampled this week by local residents when the

Yaquina Cove Oyster Company began harvesting of the crop.

The Yaquina Bay Fish Company also has a large bed planted, but officials of this latter company feel that their oysters are not yet ready for harvesting.

ELK CITY GRANGE HALL EIGHT FEET FROM FOUNDATION

Elk City residents had a surprise Saturday morning when they woke to see the grange hall eight feet from its foundation.

During the severe windstorm Friday night, the building was moved intact with only the displacement of furniture and the old foundation to show for the shift of position. No other damage was done.

100 YEARS AGO (1925)

ALL AVAILABLE SPACE BEING USED TO HOUSE CITY SCHOOL CHILDREN

In 1921, our school enrollment was hardly large enough, nor did it show signs of growing fast enough to merit any great changes in the teaching staff or any increase in school quarters.

Today, just four years hence from that period of quietude, we are crowded to the doors of our buildings and using every available room, and some of those rooms would hardly be called available for school room purposes.

The number of pupils in the Toledo schools today is three times the number in 1921. The teaching staff and quarters, of course, have not increased in proportion.

NEW CITY FATHERS TAKE STEPS TO SUBMIT NEW SEWER PLAN

The new city administration of the city of Toledo are one and all in favor of an adequate sewer system being installed here as soon as possible.

They started the ball rolling at their first business meeting held in the council chambers last Monday evening.

DANIEL ISSUES WARNING TO AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS

Traffic Officer Jess Daniel has sent word to this office that he will arrest all persons driving cars with 1924 license plates attached after Saturday, January 24.

TOLEDO EXPERIENCES WONDERFUL GROWTH IN PAST TWO YEARS

Toledo, "The Spruce City," one of Oregon's fastest growing towns and the capital of one of the state's most undeveloped counties, Lincoln, has made an almost phenomenal growth during the past few years.

From a population of approximately 700 people three years ago, the city now boasts of what is thought to be a conservative estimate of 2,250.

DISPATCH

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made it difficult to keep the center operational.

"We have reached critical staffing levels at our dispatch center. This is something that we have struggled to maintain for years," Toledo City Manager Pro-Tem Amanda Carey told members of the Toledo City Council during a meeting in December. "We have a small community, we have limited resources ... and we've really struggled to staff our department. This is nothing new. This is an issue facing the industry nationwide."

With the current level of staffing in the dispatch center, "it's not feasible to maintain service to our community 24/7," Carey said. "That is a critical service that we take very seriously, and we need to make sure that our community is covered."

Carey said they are in the process of transitioning the dispatch center to another agency, and they have been receiving help from Oregon Emergency

Management to make this change. "Within the last six months, OEM has helped to consolidate much larger agencies than ours," she said.

"Coos County Sheriff's Office could not operate their 911 center any longer; they had to consolidate with Coos Bay Police Department."

At the December city council meeting, Carey said the Toledo Police Department is working with Willamette Valley Communications Center to take over dispatch services. "Toledo is the smallest dispatch center. I'm very impressed, honestly, with our staff and our ability to operate for as long as we have. I think we've done a fantastic job, and while we do realize that there are some losses to the community, like the personal touch ... there are going to be a lot of benefits as well."

One of these benefits is that WVCC is already covering all of the area surrounding Toledo. "They have everything in place," Carey said. "We do believe this will be the best transition for the city of Toledo's dispatch. They currently have Newport, they have the sheriff's office, they're just expanding what they already know."

Another benefit of consolidation with WVCC, said Carey, includes interagency communication. "Our law enforcement will be on the same channels as the other agencies. Toledo PD can see all of the surrounding law enforcement calls. Currently we don't have the ability to do that."

"The emergency response plan is going to be greatly improved," she added. "They won't have to put people on hold before responding. WVCC also offers many upgrades in technology that we aren't able to provide our citizens, and they have an advisory board made up of representatives from each agency. This is very important because all local agencies have a voice in the operation."

At the December meeting, Carey told council members that negotiations with WVCC would be proceeding. And then at the city council meeting on Jan. 15, she provided another update regarding something that put a more urgent spin on the negotiation process.

"Last week we had one of our dispatchers go out on an emergency medical leave," Carey said. "It was unforeseen. Our staff needs to take care of themselves when

these medical situations arise, but unfortunately, that put us in a very difficult position. We were down to the bare bones as it was, but now we are forced to put a Band-Aid on it to get us through the transition to WVCC."

There were only three remaining staff members at the Toledo Dispatch Center, and this brought it down to two, an impossible number for providing 24/7 service. Carey said they reached out to other emergency dispatch centers in the state to see about getting some temporary help. "We did get some responses," she said. "Astoria has four dispatchers that are available to help cover on weekends, and WVCC has personnel as well."

Carey asked the council to authorize using these temporary, on-call dispatchers. "So we're going to be working on getting people to help fill those gaps in our staffing," she said. "This will be temporary to help fill those gaps in coverage to help get us through the transition to WVCC."

And as part of making that transition, they are moving forward as quickly as they can, Carey said. "We had to, on the fly, have them start putting things in place on an emergency

basis to help us get through," she said. "We were in a position of potentially having shifts with no coverage — we were desperate. So I did go ahead and sign the agreements so WVCC could start putting technical things in place to start sending things over as quickly as possible."

Carey said WVCC has been very helpful during this time. "Normally these type of transitions take seven or eight months, and they're doing this one on an extremely expedited basis for our city, so we're very appreciative for all the help and support we're getting from them."

"So we've got some things coming at us fast. We have managed to put what we need in place to make sure we're still providing this critical service for our community," added Carey.

The city council unanimously approved a motion allowing the city manager to hire on-call, casual dispatchers to sustain telecommunicator services in Toledo until they are consolidated. The council also voted to ratify the city manager's signature on the user agreement with WVCC that she needed to sign when the staffing emergency arose.

ARRESTS

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with the crimes of luring a minor and online sexual corruption of a child in the first degree. At the time of his arrest, Chavez-Pena was in communication with the decoy account and arrived near the predetermined location to meet with the underage child for a sexual encounter, according to Vertner.

"Adan provided deputies with fictitious identification at the time of arrest," Vertner said. "Adan's true identity was determined by further investigation and fingerprints. Adan had multiple warrants out of Lincoln County issued from 2007 and 2008."

Chavez-Pena was charged with the additional crimes of giving false information, identity theft, and two probation violation warrants.

"The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office continues to encourage parents to monitor their children's social media activity and to discuss the possible dangers of communicating with strangers online," Vertner said. "These investigations are conducted in an effort to reduce criminal activity and to further enhance the safety of our community."

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Grant funds benefit commercial fishermen

Northwest Oregon Works' maritime program coordinator Len Tumbarello recently awarded Newport Fishermen's Wives \$44,925 to ensure commercial fishing operations remain active without financial barriers to employment and preserving the livelihood of those in the maritime sector.

The Newport Fishermen's Wives will use the funds to procure safety equipment to distribute to the Lincoln County fishing fleet. The results of this initiative will help boost regional employment, retain skilled crew members, and encourage new entrants. The funding distributed helped new and existing fishermen to operate efficiently during the winter crab season.

This funding was made possible by Oregon House Bill 3410, which was passed in June of 2023. This bill established a maritime sector program with funding provided to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to support strategic investments in workforce development programs and activities in Oregon's maritime sector, which employs 20,000 people statewide. Northwest Oregon Works took the lead on this initiative and hired Tumbarello, its first-ever maritime program coordinator, in May of 2024.

This coordinator position and associated grant funding ends in June of this year. Therefore, Northwest Oregon Works and Tumbarello are eager to receive additional funding requests from maritime industry entities in the Columbia, Clatsop, Lincoln, Tillamook and Benton counties that they serve. Maritime organizations in these counties that



Northwest Oregon Works recently awarded Newport Fishermen's Wives \$44,925 to purchase lifejackets for local commercial fishermen. Pictured are: Janine Hecht, left, retail associate with Newport Englund Marine; Cari Brandberg, treasurer of Newport Fishermen's Wives; Len Tumbarello, Northwest Oregon Works maritime program coordinator; Amelia Vaughan, commercial fishing safety research program coordinator with Oregon State University; and Dean Fleck, general manager of Newport Englund Marine. (Courtesy photo)

have a project requiring funding can visit Northwest Oregon Works website at www.northwestoregonworks.org and complete the Maritime Inquiry Form located on the homepage.

According to the Newport Fishermen's Wives, funds received from Northwest Oregon Works primarily help with their lifejacket giveaway program, a

collaboration between Oregon State University's FLIPP for Lifejackets Program, Newport Fishermen's Wives, Englund Marine, and Kent Safety Products.

In addition to the grant from Northwest Oregon Works, they received a \$6,750 grant from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, and Kent Safety Products provided \$20,899 in discounts off the

retail price of the lifejackets.

"The success of this program has inspired fishing support groups in Charleston and Astoria to implement a similar program," the Newport Fishermen's Wives said in a statement. "Many fishers told us that they wouldn't have a lifejacket without this program because they couldn't afford it. They were also excited that it would be part of their

own personal safety gear that could travel with them if they changed boats and from port to port."

The Fishermen's Wives group said this project wouldn't be nearly as successful without the support of Englund Marine and employee Janine Hecht, who handled much of the logistics, "and whose enthusiasm for getting lifejackets in the hands of fishermen is contagious."

Pacific Crest Bus Lines re-launches Lincoln City to Salem route

Pacific Crest Bus Lines has announced the re-launch of Route 60x, a coastal connector route designed to make travel between Lincoln City and Salem more accessible, reliable, and enjoyable.

With convenient transfer points, affordable fares, and comprehensive schedules, Route 60x aims to bridge communities along the coast and the Willamette Valley, enhancing regional connectivity and supporting both residents and visitors.

Route 60x connects Lincoln City to Salem with stops along the way that include:

- Chinook Winds (Lincoln

City)

- Rose Lodge
- Grand Ronde Community Center
- Spirit Mountain Casino
- Rickreall Park & Ride
- Salem Transit Mall
- Salem Amtrak

These stops provide accessibility to key locations and easy transfer options to other transit services, enhancing convenience for passengers across the region.

DEPARTURE TIMES AND SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Eastbound to Salem:

- **Morning departure:** 6:20 a.m. from Lincoln City,

arriving at Salem Transit Mall by 7:50 a.m.

- **Midday departure:** 11:50 a.m., with arrival in Salem at 1:20 p.m.

- **Evening departure:** 5:30 p.m., arriving in Salem by 7:12 p.m.

Westbound to Lincoln City:

- **Morning departure:** 8:30 a.m. from Salem Transit Mall, arriving at Lincoln City by 10 a.m.

- **Afternoon departure:** 2:10 p.m., with arrival in Lincoln City at 3:40 p.m..

- **Evening departure:** 7:32 p.m., arriving back in Lincoln City by 9:02 p.m.

This balanced schedule accommodates morning, mid-day, and evening travelers, allowing flexibility for those commuting for work, errands, or leisurely visits along the route.

FARES AND TICKET OPTIONS

Pacific Crest Bus Lines has designed fare options for both frequent and casual riders. Standard fares are divided by zones, making travel affordable for any trip length:

- 1 Zone: \$1.50
- 2 Zones: \$3
- 3 Zones: \$6

Additionally, reduced fares

are available for seniors, persons with disabilities, and children, ensuring the route is accessible for everyone in the community.

For those traveling throughout the Northwest, the NWCONNECTOR Visitor Pass allows for unlimited travel across NWConnector routes, including Route 60x, with options for three-day (\$25) or seven-day (\$30) passes, which include round trips to destinations like Portland or Salem.

Stay up to date on all schedules, service alerts, and promotions by visiting Pacific Crest Bus Lines online at pacific-crestbuslines.net

FINANCIAL FREEDOM

Four travel tips for new retirees

Retirement opens a new chapter of life with new adventures and exciting places to explore. In 2024, AARP estimated that two-thirds of Americans aged 50-plus planned to travel, with 37 percent taking at least one international trip.

That said, travel considerations evolve significantly throughout our lives and are influenced by age, mobility, and income. As we age, prioritizing safety, comfort, and accessibility can become paramount in the planning process. Here are four tips to help you plan a safe and enjoyable trip:

1. CHOOSE YOUR DESTINATION WISELY

Weather can significantly impact your travel experience. Consider destinations with moderate climates to avoid extreme heat or cold. Remember to research seasonal

variations at your chosen location.

Thoroughly research the safety and security of your chosen destination. Consider crime rates and political stability to help ensure a safe travel experience. Check websites like www.Travel.State.Gov that offer a list of international travel advisories, vaccination requirements, and country details.

2. PRIORITIZE YOUR HEALTH AND ACCESSIBILITY

Discuss any pre-existing medical conditions with your physician and obtain necessary travel vaccinations and medications. Consider purchasing comprehensive travel insurance that covers medical emergencies, trip cancellations, and lost luggage. Pack light and bring comfortable, supportive shoes. Include essential medications for the length of your trip and any necessary mobility aids. Pack lotion to protect yourself



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from the sun's harmful rays, and increase your water intake.

Additionally, think about prioritizing accessibility. When traveling outside the U.S., destinations may have cobble, uneven streets and hotels lacking elevators and

air conditioning. Consider your accessibility when booking by searching for ground floor accommodations, elevators, air conditioning, and ramps. Choose locations that provide convenient transportation options such as taxis, ride share services, and public transit.

3. TRAVEL MINDFULLY

Be mindful of your surroundings, especially in crowded areas. Utilize cross-body bags to keep your belongings close and deter pickpocketing. Reading reviews from other travelers, particularly those from fellow retirees, can provide valuable insights. You'll also want to avoid over-scheduling your itinerary to prevent

burnout. Incorporate ample time for relaxation throughout the day and to mentally absorb your surroundings.

4. SPEND YOUR MONEY WISELY

Pick a destination that aligns with your finances. Prices can vary significantly between cities and even within the same country. Create a realistic travel financial plan and stick to it. Pocket-friendly travel is possible when you identify economical accommodation options, utilize free activities, and seek out cost-friendly dining experiences. Look for free parks, walking tours, historical sites, hiking trails, and museums for affordable adventures.

If you feel overwhelmed by the planning process, consider enlisting the help of a travel professional. They can assist with itinerary planning and booking while providing valuable local insights, which can be well worth the cost.

By following these four tips, you can plan safe, enjoyable, and memorable trips, making

the most of your retirement experience. You worked for it, now go enjoy it!

Not retired yet? To help plan the retirement of your dreams, speak to a financial advisor, and start planning today.

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Spotlight on the Teachers Concert: The Joy of Music



Jessie Treon, well known for her performances over many years with the Spotlight on the Teachers Concerts, will be back this Sunday at the Newport Performing Arts Center.



Charmaine Leclair, left, and Ramona Goddard will be among the performers presenting the Spotlight on the Teachers Benefit Concert — The Joy of Music — this Sunday at the Newport Performing Arts Center. (Courtesy photos)



Jim Erickson, who has about 15 years of experience in local theater, will be a newcomer at this Sunday's Spotlight on the Teachers Concert, The Joy of Music.

The Spotlight on the Teachers Concert: The Joy of Music will be presented by the Lincoln County District of the Oregon Music Teachers Association on Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. at the Newport Performing Arts Center.

"The Spotlight on the Teachers concert series has been a part of the Oregon coast calendar for over 25 years, and this year we have made a major shift to only one concert

a year," said Jessie Treon, one of the originators of the Spotlight concerts. "In the past, we had two concerts a year, one being Broadway, Movies, & Fun in February, and the other, Classics You Love, in the fall. Now, our annual concert in February is The Joy of Music."

This new concert will include music in any style — classical, popular, jazz, show tunes

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Seven Capes Bird Alliance is looking for volunteers to help out with its bird walks and educational outreach programs. (Courtesy photo)

Seven Capes Bird Alliance needs volunteers

Seven Capes Bird Alliance will host an introduction to volunteer opportunities on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 1 p.m. in a meeting room at Driftwood Public Library in the Lincoln City City Hall building at 801 SE Highway 101, #201.

Seven Capes programs are growing in popularity, and they

need help to keep them staffed. Participating as a volunteer is a way to:

- Learn more about birds and wildlife
- Meet new people
- Learn a new skill
- Exercise skills you already have
- Get involved

This event will include volunteer training and presentations about bird walks, classroom education for children and adults, and senior citizen outreach. If you can attend or have questions, contact Nora Sherwood at noras@

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Celtic Music Series features Bidy on the Bench

The next installment of the Celtic Music Series at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101, takes place at 2 p.m. this Sunday, Feb. 2.

Performing will be a home-grown folk quartet, Bidy on the Bench, known for its ballads, pub classics, rebel songs, harmonized shanties and traditional tunes. The band released its debut album, "Make the Rafter Roar," in spring of 2020. Kevin, Casey, Maeve, and Trevor offer a rich, traditional sound with guitar, tin whistle, mandolin, Uilleann pipes, fiddle, viola and vocals.

The Celtic Music Series features one concert per month through May. Reserved ticket prices range from \$32-\$35, with discounts for seniors, students, and youth under the age of 18.

Single show tickets are on sale now at the cultural center,



Celtic music by the group Bidy on the Bench will be performed beginning at 2 p.m. this Sunday, Feb. 2, at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, located at 540 NE Highway 101. (Courtesy photo)

open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, by calling 541-994-9994, or through the Arts People ticket link: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=lccc>.

All seats in this year's series are theater style, limited to 150. Band members often gather for merchandise and autographs in the back, not far

from the counter where center volunteers sell Northwest beers and wines, along with sodas and freshly baked cookies. Parking is free. During intermission, patrons are welcome to wander the outdoor plaza's new public art installations, or the rotating exhibits in the center's indoor art galleries.



"The Chapel," by Veta Bakhtina, will be showing in the Crow's Nest Gallery in Toledo during First Weekend Art this Saturday and Sunday. (Courtesy photo)

First Weekend Art in Toledo

As the days begin to lengthen and the promise of spring is right around the corner, the town of Toledo begins to thaw into the new season. With the budding iconic cherry trees that line the streets, the striking views of the riverfront community are inspirational.

Every month, the town of Toledo takes a weekend to celebrate its arts community and invite the public to join in. First Weekend Art is a monthly opportunity for the public to connect with their local artisans and see what's new. February's

First Weekend will be held this Saturday and Sunday at all participating locations.

The Yaquina River Museum of Art will be opening its new exhibit — The Founders Celebration. Commemorating 23 years of establishment, the Yaquina River Museum of Art will be showing works of the late founder Michael Gibbons in the Schoolhouse Exhibit Space. Included in the exhibit are uncommonly seen paintings by the artist, including works

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'Timber & Tides' webinar series wraps up Feb. 5



The final installment in the "Timber & Tides" webinar series will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Matthew Betts will present "Managing Forests for Bird Conservation." (Courtesy photo)

Seven Capes Bird Alliance, alongside Mid-Willamette Bird Alliance, Coast Range Association, Sierra Club Oregon Chapter, and Wild Salmon Center, is excited to announce the third webinar in a series on the vital connections between coastal forests and marine ecosystems. This series, "Timber & Tides," explores these interwoven environments and why their conservation is critical now more than ever.

The final webinar of the series, "Managing Forests for Bird Conservation," with Matthew Betts, will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5. The webinar is free, but pre-registration is required. Register at www.sevencapes.org/timberandtides — all webinars will be recorded and made available at this website as well.

Betts will present research on bird populations in forested landscapes. He will discuss how intensive forest



Matthew Betts

management influences bird abundance in the Oregon Coast Range. He will share findings from a long-term ecological research project focusing on how old-growth forests impact microclimate and bird population trends. Betts will conclude with research on tropical hummingbird species, examining how landscape fragmentation

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Tex Brooklyn Experiment in Yachats this Sunday

The Tex Brooklyn Experiment will be performed on the stage of The Drift Inn this Sunday, Feb. 2, starting at 6 p.m.

The Tex Brooklyn Experiment is a musical project of songwriter Robert Rubin, who performs on piano and accordion, accompanied by Bill Stiffler on bass and Morgen Silverhorn on clarinet. They all sing.

Conceived as a vehicle for the original songs of Rubin, TBX now performs a wide variety of music, including blues, rock, jazz, country, zydeco, standards, reggae and requests. Original tunes range from "Chicken Minuet" to "Loose But Not Sleazy," plus compositions from Rubin's musical "Without" a play, where the dialog and plot are left to the audience's imagination. In addition to his own lyrics, Rubin has put music to the words of Shakespeare, Lewis Carroll, A.A. Milne, Scott



The Tex Brooklyn Experiment, featuring Morgen Silverhorn, left, Bill Stiffler and Robert Rubin, performs this Sunday at the Drift Inn in Yachats, beginning at 6 p.m. (Courtesy photo)

and Angela Rosin, and Andrew Rodman.

There is no cover charge. The Drift

Inn is located at 124 Highway 101 in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

Paper flower workshop offered Feb. 9

The next free "Arts for All" workshop offered by the Coastal Arts Guild will focus on making paper flowers. It will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Newport Visual Arts Center, located at 777 NW Beach Drive.

People will be making paper flowers just in time for Valentine's Day. There are lots of possibilities beyond a standard bouquet of red roses, although you can do that, too. Paper will be provided, but feel free to bring your own, with colors, patterns, or text that you like (no thicker than construction paper).

For more information, call 541-574-3364.



The Coastal Arts Guild offers a free paper flower workshop at the Newport Visual Arts Center on Saturday, Feb. 9. (Courtesy photo)

Triple adventure in Lincoln City

The Newport 60+ Activity Center's Adventure Van will be headed to Lincoln City on Saturday, Feb. 8, to explore three prominent attractions in that area — The Pines, Lincoln City Glass Center, and the North Lincoln City Historical Museum. The fee for this trip is \$15 — 60+ Activity Center members receive a \$5 discount.

The adventure begins at The Pines, a local favorite where there is something for every taste bud, from Asian to Greek to farm-to-table cuisine. Indoor and outdoor seating is available.

The next stop will be at the famous Lincoln City Glass Center, where adventurers will be able to get a birds-eye view of glassblowers creating beautiful artisan wares. This space features three glass galleries, offering a variety of shopping options.

The final stop will be at the North Lincoln City Historical Museum. Downstairs, the museum displays fossils, early artifacts, Native American baskets and beadwork, and other elements of Lincoln City history leading up to the township development in the 1920s. Upstairs, the gallery celebrates the age of the automobile and early tourism, as the Salmon River and Oregon Coast highways came through in the 1920s, and on to 1965, when Lincoln City was incorporated. Experience the history of each town and make your way down the Twenty Miracle Miles, with displays on roadside attractions and early tourism promotions like the Redhead Roundup.

In the windows of the museum are Japanese glass fishing floats, donated from the collection of Jim Watson. This display includes many unusual examples

produced in Japan for the fishing industry. They made their way to the Oregon coast at the whim of wave and wind. This art form is still celebrated today through the city's popular Finders Keepers program, which will release 100 glass floats along the beaches of Lincoln City. Weather permitting, participants on this trip will join in the search.

The 60+ Adventure Van will depart at 10:30 a.m. and return around 5 p.m. To register for this trip, go online at www.newportoregon.gov/sc and click on "Browse the catalog and register." In the catalog, you may view a listing of other trips, events, and classes.

For additional information, call the office at 541-265-9617, or stop by at 20 SE Second St., Newport. Find them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/NewportSeniorActivityCenter.

Valentine's Day vow renewal in Yachats

The annual Valentine's Day Celebration of Renewal and Commitment, benefiting Yachats' Little Log Church Museum, will be held Friday, Feb. 14, at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church, located at 360 West Seventh St.

The annual group renewal of vows originated in 1996 at the historic Little Log Church Museum and has been held at the Yachats Presbyterian Church for the last few years while the museum is undergoing major repairs and restoration. This year there will be

two seatings — one at noon and the other at 5:30 p.m. Both married and unmarried committed couples are invited to attend.

The ceremony will be facilitated by Mary Crook, an independent, non-denominational minister who has presided over the event since its beginning. Over the years, couples have come from throughout Oregon and several other states to renew their vows.

"For some, it is a first-time experience. For others, it has become an annual tradition," Crook said. Music will be provided by local

favorite David Cowden, who plays keyboard and guitar. The theme this year will be "Hearts that Love." Couples who participate will be given a special certificate as a memento of the occasion.

All proceeds derived from this event will benefit the Little Log Church Museum and will be allocated to its restoration project. The Friends of the Little Log Church Museum suggests a donation of \$20 per couple. Seating is limited, therefore reservations are required. To reserve a space for this memorable occasion, call Crook at 541-547-4547.

Dates announced for annual Oregon Coast Jazz Party

Mark your calendar. Oregon Coast Council for the Arts (OCCA) is pleased to announce that the Oregon Coast Jazz Party — now in its 21st year — will return to Newport Performing Arts Center Oct. 3-5.

OCCA Executive Director Jason Holland confirmed that music director Ken Peplowski will be returning. "The

audiences just love what Ken brings to the party," said Holland. "His phenomenal energy on stage is matched only by his outstanding ability to assemble world-class musical talent."

Party organizers have already begun making preparations for this popular event, which draws crowds from across the Pacific Northwest and

beyond. As always, performances will take place at Newport Performing Arts Center's state-of-the-art Alice Silverman Theatre, which features the unparalleled sound quality of the venue's Meyer Constellation acoustic system.

A full lineup of artists for this year's Jazz Party is expected to be announced in April. Tickets will go on sale at that time, with all proceeds benefiting Oregon Coast Council for the Arts. For more information, visit coastarts.org/jazz.



The Toledo Railroad Museum at 100 NW A St. has been reopened to the public now that the new access ramp is complete. The museum is operated by the Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society. (Courtesy photo)

Railroad museum reopened after construction project

The Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society (YPRHS) in Toledo has

completed a construction project on the main access ramp that improves both safety and access at its Toledo Railroad Museum. Funding from Travel Oregon and Oregon Coast Bank has allowed for this main access ramp to be adjusted to ADA slope standards and be retreaded with non-slip, long-lasting grating.

The railroad museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and offers free admission to all visitors. Kid friendly exhibits allow for exploration through immersion and imagination — enter into one of the two cabs of the locomotives and see through an engineer's eyes.

YPRHS is excited to begin its accessibility and

inclusivity mission with the completion of this ramp project and is grateful to the funders for making it possible. The aim is to continue making more aspects of the museum enjoyable for visitors of all mobility levels and helping it continue to function as an attraction in Toledo.

YPRHS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit railroad museum located at 100 NW A St. The museum is housed within restored antique railcars, a 1907 caboose, a 1923 railway post office, a 1951 diesel switcher, and a 1922 Baldwin steam locomotive. Explore independently or request a free tour from an on-site docent. Peruse the artifact collections or take a turn on the diesel train simulator game.

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

Support these Local Nonprofit Community Organizations!

Samaritan House envisions a community where all families can live together in safe, affordable, and sustainable housing; and all generations are able to thrive.

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501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

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painted and sketched during Gibbons' time in England. Gibbons stayed for almost a year in the Cotswolds, creating art and working with many artist groups in the area. Without a car in rural Winchcombe, Gibbons used footpaths throughout the countryside.

"Along the Pilgrim's Way" is an original oil that will be on display during the exhibition that captures the artist's time in the English countryside along the footpaths. Gibbons is internationally recognized for his plein air landscapes known for capturing the beauty of the world around him, including the dramatic regions of the Pacific Northwest.

Throughout First Weekend, the museum will be showing a film from Gibbons' feature on OPB's Oregon Art Beat, and offering complimentary cake and champagne to gallery-goers. All complimentary refreshments are donated

by Friends of the Museum.

The Yaquina River Museum of Art, located at 151 NE Alder St., will be open from noon to 4 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information, go to www.yaquinrivermuseumofart.com or call 541-336-1907.

Across the street at Michael Gibbons' Signature Gallery, "Grace's Garden," an oil shown in a custom gold wood museum-style frame, is a bright verdant piece to inspire the winter-weary as spring rounds the corner. The original oil, painted in 1996, is a testament to the regional flora that define gardens and woodlands by prominently displaying the beauty of the Oregon coast's rhododendrons.

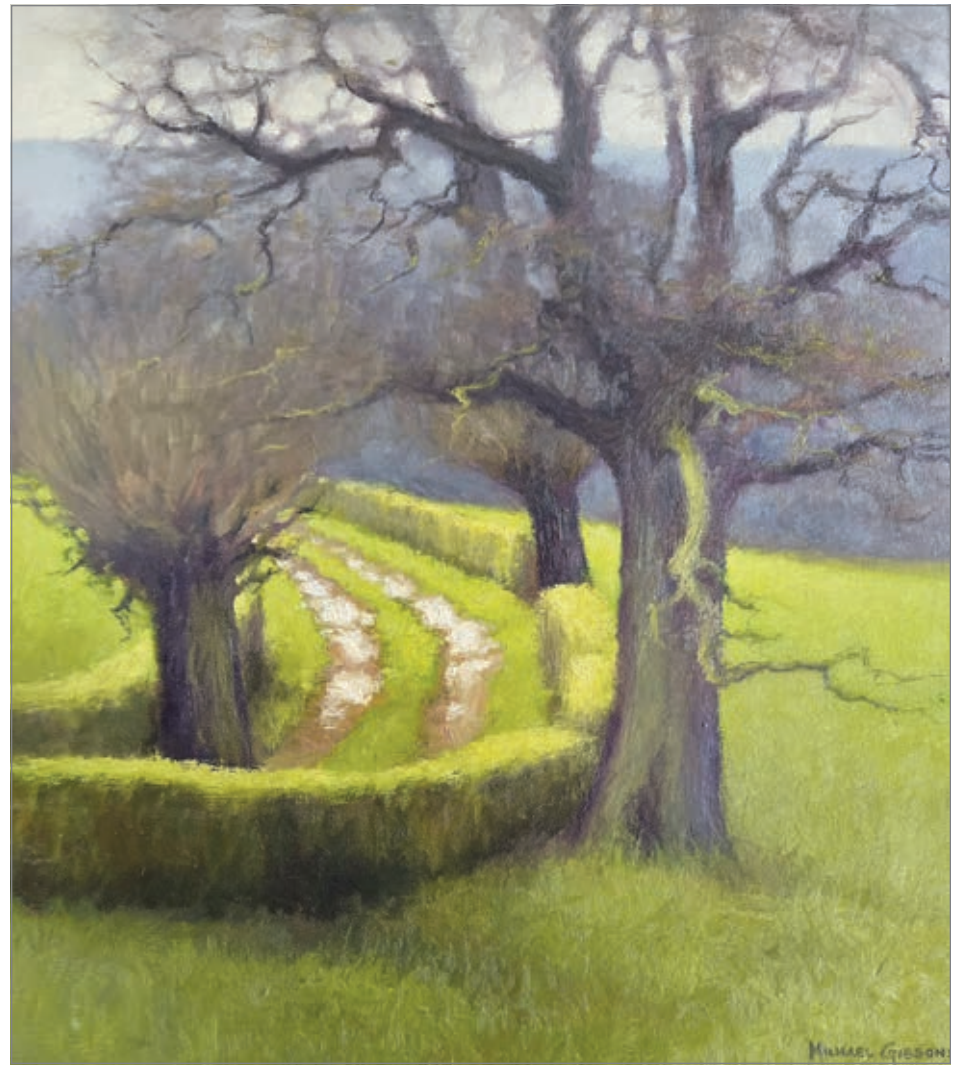
See this work and more originals at Michael Gibbons' Signature Gallery located at 140 NE Alder St., open from noon to 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit michaelgibbonsart.net or call 541-336-2797.

On Main Street, Crow's

Nest Gallery & Studio will feature the works of many artists. The gallery-space, run by assemblage artist Janet Runger, always features new and exciting works for viewers to see. Veta Bakhtina's prolific portfolio of works enchants viewers into her world of storied paintings. "The Chapel," a fine gouache work of a scene in the Balkans, is demonstrative of her ability to capture the world in vivid color with her trademark elements of folk art.

Also at Crow's Nest Gallery, Val Bolen will be featuring suncatching glass and ceramic works; Alice Haga, fused glass; Sylvia Hosie, award-winning photography; Paula Teplitz, sculptural jellyfish mobiles; Jeff Gibford, digitally manipulated photographs; Tish Epperson, watercolors; and Susan Jones, woven fiber jellyfish.

Crow's Nest Gallery & Studio is located at 305 N Main Street and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



"Along the Pilgrim's Way," by the late Michael Gibbons, will be on display in a new exhibit, The Founders Celebration, showing at the Yaquina River Museum of Art in Toledo. (Courtesy photo)

WEBINAR

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affects their populations.

Betts completed his Ph.D. in environmental management at the University of New Brunswick and conducted postdoctoral research at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, where his research focused on population and molecular ecology. He is currently professor and Ruth Spaniol Chair of Natural Resources Conservation in the College of Forestry at Oregon State University. He has taught classes on forest biodiversity and management for 16 years.

Betts's research focuses on plant and animal responses to forest management activities at local, regional, and global scales. He is lead investigator for the Oregon Intensive Forest Management project, lead scientist for the HJ Andrews Long-term Ecological Research Program, and director and founder of the OSU Forest Biodiversity Research Network. The author of more than 140 peer-reviewed publications, his work has been profiled in the New York Times, Washington Post, National Public Radio, CBC, National Geographic, and Scientific American.

VOLUNTEER

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sevencapes.org.

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

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

CONCERT

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or rock and roll, whatever gives each performer enough joy to perform it. "Our performers have always chosen their own pieces, giving the program a new twist at every show," Treon said.

The concert is a benefit for the Lincoln County Oregon Music Teachers Association Scholarship Fund, which is used to support students who have trouble paying for lessons, books, or festival fees. The fund has also contributed to other local music programs such as the NSO Youth Symphony and music programs within other programs, such as Neighbors for Kids.

Over the years, Spotlight concerts have always had an element of surprise. Members and guests return year after year, but nothing is ever quite the same, and variety is the name of the game. Members who are seasoned veterans this year include Ramona Goddard, Ginger Hodge, Donna Olson, Jessie Treon and Rita Warton.

Concert guests include well-known faces and

new ones. Returning to the stage are pianists Carol Wolfe and Milo Graamans, cellist Charmaine Leclair, and singer Gidget Manucci. Manucci will bring newcomer Jim Erickson to the Spotlight stage, who has about 15 years of experience in local theater. A new vocal group, Sea Star Sisters, brings Alesha Orton back to Spotlight with Marie Read and Valarie Ondricka. John Warton, trombonist, has not been in Spotlight for several years, but many regular attendees will remember his contributions from the past.

"By opening to all styles of music, we have ended up with composers from Bach to Rachmaninoff to Freddie Mercury," said Rita Warton, district treasurer. "It will be dynamic, interesting, and, as always, a fun afternoon. Join us for a joyful program and support music on the Oregon coast."

For more information about the concert or the scholarship fund, call Treon at 541-961-0959 or go online at omta-lincolncounty.org or Lincoln County Oregon Music Teacher's Association on Facebook.

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Calendar of EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

TRIVIA NIGHT

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

AXON AT THE DRIFT INN

Alan Chamberlain performs folk, blues, gospel, western and jazz 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.

THURSDAY, JAN. 30

'DIAL M FOR MURDER'

Theatre West, 3536 SE Highway 101, Lincoln City, presents "Dial M for Murder." Set in London in 1952, this classic thriller centers around a former tennis player who is plotting to have his unfaithful wife murdered so he can inherit her money. 7 p.m. Tickets, \$15-\$20, available at theatrewest.com or by calling 541-994-5663.

FRIDAY, JAN. 31

LIVE MUSIC AT THE DRIFT INN

Chuck Tourtillott performs classic rock, blues, folk and country 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.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 1

NEWPORT SPIN IN

The Yaquina Fiber Arts Guild presents the Newport Spin In, a gathering of spinners and fiber artists from near and far, with a selection of 20 vendors. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Newport Middle School, 825 NE Seventh St. Admission \$5.

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LIVE MUSIC AT BEACHCREST

Sonny Hess and Ellen White perform from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Beachcrest Brewing, located at the Salishan Marketplace, 7755 N Highway 101, Gleneden Beach.

FIRST WEEKEND ART CELEBRATION

On the first weekend of every month, Toledo celebrates its vibrant arts community in a citywide event at local galleries and studios. Noon to 4 p.m. at various locations. For info, visit www.yaquinarivermuseumofart.org

MET OPERA: LIVE IN HD

Metropolitan Opera's Live in HD series at the Newport Performing Arts Center presents Giuseppe Verdi's masterpiece, "Aida," at 9:30 a.m. For more information, visit www.coastarts.org/events/met-aida or call 541-265-2787.

SUNDAY, FEB. 2

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SHIRT SALE

The Gleneden Beach Community Club, 110 Azalea St., will hold a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Adults, \$10; ages 6-12, \$6; ages 5 and under, free. There will also be a shirt sale in multiple styles. Info: glenedenbeach.org

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'THE JOY OF MUSIC'

The Spotlight on the Teachers Benefit Concert – "The Joy of Music" – presented by the Lincoln County District of the Oregon Music Teachers Association, 2 p.m., Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive St. Info: 541-961-0959 or omta-lincolncounty.org

CELTIC MUSIC SERIES CONTINUES

Biddy on the Bench performs in the next installment of Celtic Music Series. 2 p.m., Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101. Tickets available at www.lincolncity-culturalcenter.org or by calling 541-994-9994.

ARGENTINE TANGO

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

BROOKLYN EXPERIMENT PERFORMS

The Tex Brooklyn Experiment, featuring Robert Rubin, Bill Stiffler and Morgen Silverhorn, performs at The Drift Inn, 124 Highway 101, Yachats. 6 p.m. No cover charge. Info: 541-547-4477.

SUNDAY JAZZ JAM

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

MONDAY, FEB. 3

JOHN & SPARK DUO AT THE DRIFT INN

The John & Spark Duo performs 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, FEB. 4

BRINGETTO JAZZ DUO AT THE DRIFT INN

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

'TIMBER & TIDES' WEBINAR SERIES

"Managing Forests for Bird Conservation," with Matthew Betts, is the final installment of the "Timber & Tides" webinar series from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The webinar is free, but pre-registration is required at www.sevencapes.org/timberandtides

LIVE MUSIC AT THE DRIFT INN

The Harlan Rivers Band performs 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.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Newport Parks and Recreation's Winter Lecture Series at the rec center (225 SE Avery St.) presents "Secrets of Tidepools," with Parks and Rec Program Specialist Jenni Remillard. 6 p.m. Info: www.facebook.com/newportparksandrec/events

YACHTS BIG BAND

Join the Yachats Big Band from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Yachats Commons, 441 Highway 101 N. The band plays dances featuring big band classics on the first Thursday of every month. Admission is \$5 for adults, free for children under 12.

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

TEEN FRIDAY AT NEWPORT REC CENTER

Take part in Roller Pride during Teen Friday at the Newport Recreation Center, 225 SE Avery St. In collaboration with Project Bravery, this event offers an inclusive space for teens to enjoy roller skating while celebrating diversity and community. Info: 541-265-7783.

MINI KISS AT THE PAC

The world-famous cover band, Mini Kiss, performs live at the Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive St. 7:30 p.m. Info and tickets: coastarts.org/events/mini-kiss

SUNDAY, FEB. 9

PAPER FLOWER WORKSHOP

The next free "Arts for All" workshop offered by the Coastal Arts Guild will focus on making paper flowers. It will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Newport Visual Arts Center, located at 777 NW Beach Drive. Paper will be provided, or bring your own. Info: 541-574-3364.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Q equals R

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WORD LADDERS

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What year was the first Barbie doll released?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the island in the "Jurassic Park" film?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are baby rabbits called?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is the home of Mount Rushmore?
- INVENTIONS: When were emojis invented?
- TELEVISION: In the TV series "The Walking Dead," what was the character Rick Grimes' profession previously?
- CHEMISTRY: Which element is also known as quicksilver?
- SCIENCE: What is the name for the pivot on which a lever turns?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to the ancient city of Petra?
- MUSIC: Which of Taylor Swift's songs was first to appear on the Billboard Hot 100?

Answers

- 1959.
- Isla Nublar.
- Kits.
- South Dakota.
- 1999.
- Sheriff's deputy.
- Mercury.
- Fulcrum.
- Jordan.
- "Tim McGraw."

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As homework, I'm supposed to read this book by writer Dahl in one day. Time to hit the Road!

answer

CryptoQuip

Answer
 SLAKE, SLATE, PLATE,
 PLANE, PLANK, PRANK

WORD LADDER

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Today's Word
 1. Dream 2. Rustle;
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The City of Newport is seeking a qualified contractor to construct a **NEW T-HANGAR DEVELOPMENT**. The project will construct a new prefabricated t-hangar (approximately 51' x 210') building at the Newport Municipal Airport (ONP). The project will include a limited amount of site improvements that are anticipated to include utility connections, paved connections to the T-Hangar, and drainage improvements. Engineer's Esti-

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any 2025. Immediately thereafter, the Bids will be publicly opened and read at the above stated location. Electronic copies of the Contract Documents and Addendums are posted on the Precision Approach Engineering's website at https://www.preappinc.com/Bid Documents; the QuestCDN Project Number is: 9510193 on the "Browse Projects" page. Drawings and specification files are posted on the Precision Approach Engineering's website, with the drawings viewable free of charge. Electronic copies of the Contract Document and Addendums may be downloaded for a fee of \$22.00. Addendums to the bid package will be issued through the online QuestCDN plan holders list; therefore, all prime bidders shall be responsible for downloading the bid documents from QuestCDN in order to be included on the Plan Holders List. It is imperative that those who download the solicitation documents check the https://www.preappinc.com /Bid Documents regularly for addenda, clarifications, and other notifications that may be pertinent, as well as the Supplier List of Interested Parties. NOTE: OFFERORS WHO OBTAIN CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND DRAWINGS FROM PLAN CENTERS OR OTHER MEANS WILL NOT APPEAR ON THE REGISTERED PLAN HOLDERS LIST SHOWN ON QUESTCDN AND WILL NOT RECEIVE NOTI-

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FICATIONS. A copy of the Documents may be purchased from Precision Approach Engineering, Inc., 5125 SW Hout Street, Corvallis, Oregon 97333, by phoning 541-754-0043. The Drawings bound in the Document are photographically reduced to 50 percent of the original size. The cost of reproduction and handling, plus postage for mailing (if mailing is requested) is \$75.00 per set. No refunds will be made. Drawings and Specifications may be examined at the City of Newport Public Works Department, 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport, OR 97365, or at the Engineer's office, Precision Approach Engineering, Inc., 5125 SW Hout Street, Corvallis, OR 97333; 541/754-0043. All Bid Documents shall be submitted in hard copy. Electronic or e-mailed submissions shall be rejected. This contract is for a public works project subject to Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870) and the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141, et seq). The Bidder must agree that the requirements and conditions of employment be observed and minimum wage rates, as established by the U.S. Secretary of Labor, or the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, including any appropriate amendments. The contractor shall pay the state or federal prevailing wage rate, whichever is higher, and adheres to the most stringent requirements under this contract. No

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bid for a construction contract shall be received or considered by City of Newport unless the Bidder is registered with the Construction Contractors Board as required by ORS Chapter 701 or licensed by the State Landscape Contractors Board as required by ORS 671.530. Bidders shall be prequalified in accordance with the requirements set forth by the City of Newport, ORS 279C.430, and City Rule 137-049-0220(1)(a), 5 days prior to the opening of bids. Bidders who are not currently prequalified by the Owner to perform the type and size of work contemplated herein shall submit a complete executed Contractor's Prequalification Application to the Owner 5 working days prior to bid opening. Prequalification Application forms may be obtained at the Oregon Department of Transportation, Construction Contract Section, 455 Airport Rd SE, Bldg K, Salem, OR 97301-5348, phone (503) 986-2710; and can also be accessed on the web at: http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/CS/CONSTRUCTION/Pages/Prequalification.aspx The City of Newport will not receive or consider a bid for this contract unless bidder is registered and in good standing with the Construction Contractor's Board as specified in City Rule 137-049-0230. An optional pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 a.m. on February 13, 2025 via teleconference call. No in-person attendance option is available for this pre-bid.

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The Zoom information to join this meeting is: Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82565858599?pwd=PTZpU0oRbVYxZjZlbnR1bDZlUjFMa1 Meeting ID: 828 5658 8599; Passcode: 081412. Dial-In Number: (253) 215-8782; Meeting ID: 828 5658 8599; Passcode: 081412. For information concerning the proposed work, contact Geoff Vaughn, Precision Approach Engineering, Inc., phone 541 231 6645. For an appointment to visit the site of the proposed work, contact Lance Vanderbeck, Airport Director, City of Newport, phone 541-867-7422. Dated this 29th day of January 2025. CITY OF NEWPORT, Lance Vanderbeck, Airport Director.

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/ 4-Z-24, a request for annexation, and zone designation submitted by South Beach Church (Tim Gross, Civil West Engineering, representative). The request is to (1) annex approximately 2.65 acres of real property (consisting of property currently identified as Tax Lot 00300 of Assessor's Tax Map 11-11-20-AB and adjoining SE 40th Street right-of-way) into the Newport city limits; (2) amend the City of Newport Zoning Map to an I-1/"Light Industrial" zoning designation for the property consistent with the existing Newport Comprehensive Plan designation of Industrial; and (3) withdraw said territory from the Newport Rural Fire Protection District, the Seal Rock Water District, and the Lincoln County Library District. The applicable criteria for annexations (as per Newport Municipal Code (NMC) Section 14.37.040) are that the required consents have been filed with the city; the territory to be annexed is within the acknowledged urban growth boundary (UGB); and the territory to be annexed is contiguous to the existing city limits. The criteria for Zone Map Amendments (as per NMC Section 14.36.010) are that the proposed zoning is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Map, furthers a public necessity, and promotes the general welfare. OAR 660-012-0060, the proposed zoning map change will not significantly affect existing or planned transportation facilities. Testimony and

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evidence must be directed toward the criteria described above or other criteria in the Newport Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances that a person believes applies 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 to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on that issue. Testimony may be submitted in written or oral form. Oral and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. Letters to the Community Development (Planning) Department, City Hall, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365, must be received by 2:00 p.m. the day of the hearing or must be submitted to the City Council in person during the hearing. The hearing will include a report by staff testimony (both oral and written) from the applicant, those in favor or opposed to the application, and questions and deliberation by the City Council. The staff report may be reviewed or purchased for reasonable cost at the Newport Community Development (Planning) Department (address above) seven days prior to the hearing. The application materials, applicable criteria, and other file materials are available for inspection at no cost. Copies may be purchased for a reasonable cost at this address: Contact Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director, (541) 574-0626; d.tokos@newportoregon.gov (address above). J22 J29

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default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed prior to the five days before the date last set for the sale. In construing this, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed; the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the trustee's deed has been recorded by Prime Recon LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason including if the trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, or the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to report by staff testimony inspections while there is a default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the referenced property. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Producers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS The property in which you are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for 04/29/2025 (date). The date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the lender that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property. After the sale, the new owner is required to provide you with contact information and notice that the sale took place. The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as a residential dwelling under a legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you if you own this property or if you are not a bona fide residential tenant. If the foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have the right to require you to move out. Before the new owner can require you to move, the new owner must provide you with written notice that specifies the date by which you must move out. If you do not leave before the move-out date, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing. PROTECTION FROM EVICTION IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE. IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE, OR AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT. If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more than 30 days left. You must be provided with at least 30 days' written notice after the foreclosure sale before you can be required to move. A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement: Is the result of an arm's-length transaction; Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY BETWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLOSURE SALE: IF YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR UNTIL A COURT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. YOU CAN KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE. SECURITY DEPOSIT YOU may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord, if you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure or the business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY AFTER

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THE FORECLOSURE SALE The new owner that buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that the sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise: You do not owe rent; The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf; and You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you. The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 30 or 60 days. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice. OREGON STATE BAR, 16037 S.W. Upper Ferry Road, Tigard, Oregon 97224, Phone (503) 620-0222, Toll-free 1-800-452-8260 Website: http://www.oregonlawhelp.org NOTICE TO VETERANS If the recipient of this notice is a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be available from a county veteran's affairs officer or community action agency. Contact information for a service officer appointed for the county in which you live and contact information for a community action agency that serves the area where you live may be obtained by calling a 2-1-1 information service. The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act requires that we state the following: this is an attempt to collect, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings: This shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt. This letter is intended to extract the note holders' rights against the real property only. Dated: 12/24/2024 Prime Recon LLC By: Devin Ormonde, Assistant Vice President Prime Recon LLC 27368 Via Industria, Ste 201 Temecula, CA 92590 Phone: (951) 721-4142 A Trustee: (888) 721-4142 A F N 4 8 3 1 4 9 0 01/08/2025, 01/15/2025, 01/22/2025, 01/29/2025

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LCL25-0006 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

TS No.: 178884 APN: R61099 Reference is made to that certain deed made by John O'Connell as Grantor in Western Title and Escrow Company, as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as designated nominee for Evergreen Monaysource Mortgage Company as Beneficiary, dated 09/12/2022, recorded 09/12/2022, in the official records of Lincoln County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2022-08773 in Book xx, Page xx covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to wit: LOT 12, BLOCK J, SHELL OYON IN THE CITY OF DEPOE BAY, COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF OREGON. Commonly known as: 945 SW Pine Ave, Depoe Bay, OR 97341 The current beneficiary is Evergreen Monaysource Mortgage Company DBA Evergreen Home Loans pursuant to assignment of deed of trust recorded on 03/27/2024 as Inst No. 2024-01969 in the records of Lincoln, Oregon. The beneficiary has elected and directed successor trustee to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.775(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to: Make the monthly payments commencing with the payment due on 06/01/2024 and continuing each month until this trust deed is reinstated or goes to trustee's sale; plus a late charge on each installment not paid within fifteen days following the payment due date; trustee's fees and other costs and expenses associated with this foreclosure and any further breach of any term or condition contained in subject note and deed of trust.1. By the reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: Principal balance of: \$415280.26; 2. Interest through 12/23/2024 in the amount of: \$17,707.11 3. Escrow Advances in the amount of: \$ 1,878.27 4. Other fees in the amount of: \$40.00 5. Accumulated Late Charges in the Amount of: \$812.04 6. Recoverable Balance in the amount of: \$2,129.50 7. Together with the interest thereon at the rate 6.625% per annum, plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Wherefore, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on 04/29/2025 at the hour of 1:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the front entrance of the Courtroom 225 West Olive Street, Newport, 97365, County of Lincoln, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured (and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee). Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes; has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other

LCL25-0007 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN ASSOCIATION OF UNIT OWNERS OF THE RESORT AT WHALE POINTE MERGED CONDOMINIUMS, Plaintiff v. ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN TRUSTEES OF THE ROSE MARIE LATHROP TRUST DATED JUNE 27, 1995, MELECIO A. ESTOCAPIO, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEES OF THE CALMETTES FAMILY TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 20, 2004, TODD MARTIN, STEVE REGAN, Defendants. Case No.: 24CV49088 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: A case has been filed against you for the foreclosure of a lien arising from overdue assessments on your respective interest in The Resort at Whale Pointe Merged Condominiums. You are hereby required to appear and defend the Complaint filed against you in the above-entitled case within thirty (30) days from the date of publication; January 8, 2025. NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff's attorney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the plaintiff. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at http://www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling (503) 684-3763 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll-free elsewhere in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. Christopher B. Conley (OR Bar # 180708), Eck, Conley & Ritchie, LLP, 100 South 21st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901. Email: ir@ecrlegal.com Phone: (479) 242-5906 Fax: (501) 770-7077. Attorney for Plaintiff. J8 J15 J22 J29

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Newport High School's Cheer Team are National Champions!



The Cubs were crowned national champions at the School Cheer Nationals, which was hosted at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas on Jan. 25. They also won Level Champions, having the highest score of all level 3 NT teams. Congratulations! (Photo Courtesy photo from Jamz Cheer & Dance Facebook)

Newport boys win streak ends

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Newport High School's boys basketball team has been playing well this season, but they recently had a tough break when the Cubs' four-game winning streak was snapped at home in a 50-57 loss to Cascade on Jan. 24.

Despite the loss, losing to Cascade by seven points is nothing to be upset about. As of writing on Jan. 27, Cascade is the #2 team in OSAA's 4A rankings. The Cubs have been impressive themselves, earning a 10-5 record and a #9 spot in OSAA's rankings. Looking across the league, the Oregon West Conference looks to be one of the toughest in the state, with two other teams ranked in OSAA's top 10 at the time of press.

Going into Newport's Jan. 28 game against Stayton, Stayton and North Marion were ranked seventh and eighth, respectively. The

result of Newport's Jan. 28 game against Stayton is unknown at the time of press.

Heading into the game against Cascade, the Cubs were riding high off of a four-game winning streak that saw them beat Estacada, Mollala, and Gladstone in non-league games and then taking care of business in the league opener with a 49-42 win against top-10 side North Marion on Jan. 21.

The Cascade game was tight throughout the first half, with the Cubs coming out with the first bucket in front of an enthusiastic Newport crowd. Cascade took a 15-11 lead into the second quarter. It was quickly cut to 15-14 on the quarter's first possession by a strong and-one finish at the hoop from Cubs junior Easton Herrmann.

Though Cascade pulled away in the early part of the quarter, going up 14-22 with 5:32 on the clock, the Cubs battled back. Newport

cut the lead to 26-28 by the end of the half with sharp shooting from Ethan Bruns, Rory Barber, and Herrmann.

Cascade did come out strong in the second half, going on a 9-0 run. Bruns hit a shot in the key to end the run and bring the Cubs back within double figures, 37-28. After getting a stop, Barber hit an and-one layup on the next possession to bring the Cubs back within six. The Cubs would again come close to level with the Eagles when Barber hit a three to bring the score to 38-40 with under two minutes in the third quarter.

The Eagles again answered with a quick 4-0 run to secure a 44-38 lead heading into the final quarter. The momentum continued into the fourth, with Cascade going up 50-41. But the Cubs refused to go away; from the 4:30 mark in the quarter, Newport ripped off a 7-0 run. This run culminated with a smooth jump shot from Herrmann to bring

the score to 48-50.

Unfortunately, things took a rough turn when junior Aaidyn Bokuro took a hard fall with 2:00 left in the quarter, and he needed to be substituted. He walked off the court under his own power and returned to the game after a brief period on the sideline. There was 1:46 left in the game, and the score stood at 49-53.

Things wouldn't get any closer for the Cubs, as the Eagles ended up closing out the game as they did in the third quarter with a 4-0 run. The final score ended 57-50, but there were memorable performances from Herrmann and Barber, who scored double figures for the game.

The Cubs also showed resolve, battling repeatedly throughout the game to stay within striking distance of one of the top teams in the state. Newport will have a better idea of where they stand in the league after the game against Stayton on Jan. 28.

Tigers coming together to compete

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Taft High School's girls basketball team is making exciting leaps this year, and the backbone of the Tigers' 12-4 record is the bond that the team has forged together this season.

According to Head Coach Jake Tolan, the Tigers have already taken "significant strides" this year, but the team has its sights set on more lofty heights.

"First, we're focused on making it to the final tournament site in Coos Bay, which is always a special experience. Another goal is to win 18 games, which would set a new record for the most wins in a season for our program. Finally, we want to compete at the highest level in every single game we play, regardless of the opponent," Tolan said. "If we stay focused and keep working hard, I believe these goals are well within reach."

What's been the key to the Tigers' success this season? Tolan pointed to the "incredible" teamwork, hard work, and togetherness. The sense of collective unity has been a focus for the coaching staff, and Tolan said it's something the team has bought into.

"We've emphasized the importance of trusting each other and playing as a unit, knowing that success comes when everyone is working together," Tolan said. "At the same time, we've worked hard to develop a mental and physical toughness that allows us to handle adversity and compete at a high level."

Something else that Tolan and his staff want to build in the group of girls is self-belief. Tolan said he wants the team to believe in themselves and their abilities, and that mentality has given the Tigers claws this year.

"That confidence has been a big factor in our success so far this season," Tolan said.

Competing at a high level has led the Tigers to some satisfying wins this season, and importantly for Tolan, more wins in close games. Taft won against Sisters and Valley Catholic in one-point games at the Sisters Tournament on Jan. 1 and Jan. 2. The Tigers also beat Oregon Episcopal 48-45 on Dec. 12.

Those three wins signified Taft's ability to gut out close wins, one of the major areas of improvement from last season. Finding ways to battle adversity and pressure in the big moments of tight games is an essential skill for any team, especially one with dreams of going deep in the playoffs.

"One of the biggest

areas of improvement has been our ability to win close games. Last season, we struggled to execute under pressure in those moments, but this year, the team has shown poise and confidence when the game is on the line," Tolan said. "That execution has been a big difference-maker for us."

While the depth of the team has been critical to the squad's success, the program's captains have each taken it upon themselves to be leaders in the locker room and out on the court. Senior captain Sienna Lillebo has been a powerhouse on the court this year, racking up 14.5 points per game to go with nine rebounds. Junior captain Laney Lee stands out on both ends of the court, scoring 13.9 points per game while also pilfering four steals a game as well. It isn't just the older Tigers who have been balling out, though. The third captain, sophomore captain Olivia Davis, has been tearing down rebounds at an alarming rate, bringing down 10 rebounds a game as the team's leading rebounder.

While there have been many highs for Taft this year, Tolan said the most prominent challenge the team faces this year is "figuring out how to compete and execute with confidence against other top teams in the state." At the time of writing, the Tigers have lost four games this season: twice against Amity and once against Banks and Jefferson. The result of Taft's Jan. 27 game against Scio is not known at the time of press.

Tolan noted that each of Taft's four losses have come against teams that are ranked in the top 10. Though the Tigers are also ranked in the top ten in the state at #9, they have a tough time hanging with the other big cats, losing by more than 20 against Amity and Jefferson. In Tolan's estimation, competing with those other big programs is "the last component this team needs to figure out in becoming a great team."

Though there are still some things the Tigers need to solve to compete in the playoffs this season, there is little doubt that the first half of the season has been a success. The main ingredient? The team's coming together.

"These girls have fully embraced playing for each other, not just themselves, and it shows on and off the court. They've worked tirelessly to improve every day, and the bond they share creates a trust that allows us to perform under pressure," Tolan said. "It's been a true team effort, and that's what has made this season a success so far."

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