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Holiday festivities in Newport



After a countdown by those attending the annual tree lighting ceremony on the front lawn at Newport City Hall Friday evening, Dec. 6, the switch was flipped and the lights shined bright, complete with a glowing Dungeness crab tree topper. The Oregon Coast Chorus chapter of Sweet Adelines, a women's barbershop chorus, provided seasonal music, and refreshments were served inside afterward. (Photos by Steve Card)



Oregon's commercial Dungeness crab fishery opens Dec. 16. (Courtesy photo)

Commercial Dungeness crab season opens Dec. 16

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Lincoln County Leader

Oregon's commercial Dungeness crab fishery opens Dec. 16 from Cape Falcon (Oswald State Park) to the California border, according to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). "Pre-season testing in this

area shows crab meat fill meets criteria, and domoic acid is below the safety threshold," a media release from ODFW states.

Oregon will open the north coast in coordination with southern Washington to ensure consumers get a quality product

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The official opening of the new playground at Lincoln City's Schooner Creek Discovery Park at 4815 SE 51st will take place this Saturday at 10 a.m. (Courtesy photo)

FEMA mandate draws crowd at county commission meeting

An estimated crowd of 100 or more people turned out for a public hearing at the Dec. 4 meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. They were there to voice concerns about a mandate from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that affects properties located within regulated floodplain areas in the county.

Earlier this year, FEMA contacted all jurisdictions in the state of Oregon that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program to advise them that FEMA had settled litigation involving the Endangered Species Act and that jurisdictions would have to pick one of three pre-implementation compliance measures by December. Failing to enact regulations could result in the loss of

ability by property owners to take part in the National Flood Insurance Program.

At the Dec. 4 meeting,

Lincoln County Planning Director Onno Husing told

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Sterling Grant, a Lincoln County ranch owner, provided testimony to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners regarding new FEMA regulations in designated floodplains.

New Schooner Creek Discovery Park playground opening

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The newly constructed playground at Schooner Creek Discovery Park will officially open following a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. this Saturday, Dec 14, at the park, located at 4815 SE 51st in Lincoln City.

"The public is invited to gather at the park to celebrate the new inclusive and accessible playground, which includes features designed to make the playground enjoyable and safe for everyone of all ages," Lincoln City Parks & Recreation Department Director Jeanne Sprague said. "Having wheelchair accessibility with multi-generational

play components supports usage by those with disabilities and represents the inclusive playground theme: 'Where everybody finds their favorite spot.'"

LCP&R conducted extensive public outreach to help shape the design of the playground and the overall park. The playground is inspired by the Siletz Bay, featuring four climbing structures resembling the Four Brothers rock formations and a play hill that is inspired by the sand spit along the bay.

Inclusive equipment includes:

- Non-verbal communication boards.
- Accessible surfacing

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Table with 4 columns: Date, Rain, Low, High. Rows for Dec 3-9 and total rainfall from Jan 1.

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Tide table for Wednesday, Dec 11 with times and heights for low and high tide.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Tide table for Thursday, Dec 12 with times and heights for low and high tide.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Tide table for Friday, Dec 13 with times and heights for low and high tide.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Tide table for Saturday, Dec 14 with times and heights for low and high tide.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Tide table for Sunday, Dec 15 with times and heights for low and high tide.

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Tide table for Monday, Dec 16 with times and heights for low and high tide.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Tide table for Tuesday, Dec 17 with times and heights for low and high tide.

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Table with 2 columns: Date, Sunrise, Sunset. Rows for Dec 11-17.

Lottery

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Enhanced DUII enforcement planned in Lincoln City

JEREMY C. RUARK Lincoln County Leader

Every two minutes, someone is injured by a drunk driver, and every 51 minutes, someone is killed by a drunk driver, according to a December 2021 report from the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) will be conducting enhanced traffic enforcement during the up-coming Christmas and New Year's holiday season in an effort to save lives.

LCPD will use the first of the department's 2024-2025 DUII Enforcement Grant to fund the holiday operations as part of the National High Visibility Enforcement conducted by law enforcement agencies across the nation, which runs from Dec. 11 through Jan. 1.

The National High Visibility Enforcement events are designed to increase the number of patrol officers on the streets nationwide with an emphasis on seeking out drivers impaired by alcohol or drugs and removing them from the roadways.

"The holiday season is known for being merry and bright, but it is also



The Lincoln City Police Department's holiday enforcement effort is designed to curb drunken driving, decrease crashes, reduce injuries, and save lives. (Photo by Jeremy C. Ruark)

a time when increased numbers of impaired drivers may be on the roadways," LCPD Lt. Jeffrey Winn said. "Our goal is simple: to save lives and prevent injuries. Drunk driving is simply not worth the risk; if you drive drunk, you will be arrested."

PENALTIES FOR DUII IN OREGON

The average cost for a first-time DUII in Oregon is \$4,500, however, it can be as much as \$10,000 and even more if someone is injured or killed.

In the state of Oregon, driving under the

influence of intoxicants (DUII) is either a Class A misdemeanor or a Class C Felony. Misdemeanor DUII is punishable by a maximum sentence of one year in jail and a fine of \$6,250. Felony DUII is punishable by a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a fine of \$125,000.

In Oregon, DUII is a misdemeanor crime unless you have three or more prior DUII convictions in the past 10 years. If convicted of misdemeanor DUII, your Oregon driving privileges will be suspended for one year, three years, or

revoked for life, depending on your driving record. If convicted of felony DUII, your driving privileges will be revoked for life.

In addition to the charge of DUII, additional charges may be filed against the violating driver including reckless driving, recklessly endangering another person, criminal mischief, and other charges. Violations such as careless driving, violation of the basic rule, failure to obey a traffic control device, failure to drive within lane, and other violations are punishable by a fine

only and very rarely a license suspension. If someone is injured or killed by an impaired driver, that driver may also face manslaughter and assault charges. DUII convictions also impact insurance rates and can affect your ability to even obtain insurance. If convicted of a felony, that conviction stays on your record for life and can affect your ability to find employment.

ENFORCEMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

LCPD officers used the DUII Enforcement Grant funds through a previous grant allocation during the 2024 Labor Day weekend, resulting in one driver being arrested for DUII and several citations issued for various traffic violations.

"The members of the Lincoln City Police Department are committed to the safety of our citizens and visitors, and these grant funds are a valuable resource that assist us in improving the traffic safety in our community," Winn said.

The grant funds are made possible through Oregon Impact and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Oregon Telephone Assistance Programs

TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES ACCESS PROGRAM (TDAP) loans specialized telecommunications equipment to qualifying Oregon residents with a disability in hearing, vision, speech, mobility or cognition.

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SNAP recipients have extended time to seek benefit replacements

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People who live in certain Oregon counties — including Lincoln County — and lost food purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) due to the Nov. 19-20 severe weather event have an opportunity to request replacement benefits from the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS).

The deadline for qualifying households to request replacement food benefits is Dec. 18.

ODHS received federal approval to waive the usual 10-day replacement benefit request deadline to help support people impacted by the strong winds and heavy rainfall that caused power outages



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for more than 25,000 households.

Anyone who disposed of food bought with SNAP that was destroyed due to a disaster can request replacement benefits for the cost of the lost food. Requestors should be prepared to provide the total cost of the food lost and may have to provide proof of the event that destroyed the food if they don't reside in one of the approved counties.

Replacement SNAP benefits may be requested

by calling 800-699-9075, filling out a request form and emailing it to oregon.benefits@odhsoha.oregon.gov or visiting a local ODHS office.

Once approved, replacement benefits are added to the household's existing Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. The maximum replacement amount is the cost of the food lost, not to exceed the household's normal monthly SNAP benefit.

Learn more at benefits.oregon.gov.

Lincoln City to distribute \$300,000 to local nonprofits

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The city of Lincoln City is distributing a total of \$300,000 in checks to local nonprofit agencies.

The following recipients will receive funds:

- \$10,000 Angels Anonymous
- \$10,000 Business for Excellence in Youth
- \$10,000 Central Coast Humane Society Coast Cheer Athletics
- \$5,000 Central Coast Humane Society
- \$5,000 Coast Cheer Athletics
- \$32,000 Coastal Support Services
- \$15,000 Conexión Fénix
- \$15,000 Family Promise of Lincoln County
- \$14,000 Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County
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- Families for Children
- \$15,000 Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers
- \$5,000 Lincoln City Cultural Center
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- \$1,000 North Lincoln County CERT
- \$91,450 North Lincoln Hospital Foundation
- \$17,350 Northwest Coast Housing
- \$17,000 Oceana Family Literacy
- \$5,200 Oregon Coast Community College Foundation
- \$4,500 Oregon Cascades West Senior Services Foundation
- \$4,000 Oregon Meals on Wheels Program
- \$4,000 Oregon Cascades West Senior Companion Program
- \$10,000 Samaritan House
- \$3,500 Taft Tiger Boosters
- “The city of Lincoln

City receives funding requests from local nonprofits each year as part of its budget preparation process,” a media release from the city states. “Once the Lincoln City City Council has approved the budget, the city council reviewed the applications and selected which agencies to receive funds.”

“I am grateful that our city budget has allocated \$300,000 for grants to nonprofit agencies,” Lincoln City Mayor Susan Wahlke said. “These nonprofits provide services to our community beyond the scope of what our city can do. This year we have been able to award grants to many local nonprofits, which I hope will assist them in their missions.”

The presentation ceremony was scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, in the city council chambers in city hall.

Oregon Lottery transfers \$947 million back to the state

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The Oregon Lottery will return more than \$947 million to the state for the 2024 fiscal year — a \$48 million increase from the previous year.

BY THE NUMBERS

The Oregon Lottery generated \$940 million in profit and reduced reserves nearly \$8 million, enabling the higher return, according to a media release from Oregon Lottery officials.

Unclaimed prizes for the year totaled \$8 million and will also go back to the state. The funding directly benefits state parks and natural habitats, public schools, veteran services, outdoor school, and economic development, the release states.

The Oregon Lottery is self-funded through the sale of games, not tax dollars, and voters and the state legislature designate where the money goes.

“Oregonians help support the state programs they care about by playing our games,” Oregon Lottery Director Mike



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Wells said. “We continue to celebrate the wins of our players, the retailers who sell our games, and the public programs lifted up by these funds in our communities.”

WINNER HISTORY

Lucky lottery players earned payouts totaling nearly \$16 billion for the year. Including a record-breaking \$1.3 billion Powerball win in the spring, 13 players took home prizes worth \$1 million or more. Prizes big and small account for about 92 percent of the lottery dollars played, according to the state lottery officials.

Sales commissions on lottery games also support retailers, many of whom are small business owners. The 3,800 lottery retailers across Oregon collectively earned close to \$310 million in

commissions this year.

Since 2016, the Oregon Lottery has maintained the highest level of accreditation for responsible gambling from both the National Association of State and Provincial Lotteries/National Council on Problem Gambling and the World Lottery Association's (WLA) Responsible Gambling programs, the release states. Oregon is one of only eight lotteries in the U.S. to reach this level by the WLA.

Since the Oregon Lottery began selling tickets on April 25, 1985, it has earned nearly \$15.5 billion for economic development, public education, outdoor school, state parks, veteran services, and watershed enhancements.

For more information about the Oregon Lottery, visit www.oregonlottery.org.

Veterans clinic in Lincoln City relocating

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The VA Portland Health Care System's community-based outpatient clinic in Lincoln City is scheduled to relocate to a new location as soon as Jan. 3, 2025.

The new address for this facility is 1105 SE Jetty Ave., suite C, in Lincoln City. The clinic provides primary care and mental health services, but not emergency services.

The hours of operation for the clinic will remain the same; from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays. Patients can also use the existing phone number, 1-800-949-1004, option 2, to schedule an appointment, or follow the prompts to leave a message for the health care team.

The move was prompted by a need for a more appropriate layout and location to accommodate the primary care services the VA Portland provides to patients in Lincoln City, according to a media release from the clinic.

The old facility, located at 4422 NE Devils Lake Blvd., suite 2, in Lincoln City, was scheduled to close Dec. 2. Clinic officials said a letter was to be sent out to all enrollees in the Lincoln City area to inform them of the move. Information will also be provided to veterans via the VA Portland website

and Facebook page.

Veterans in the Lincoln City area who need to schedule appointments will be redirected to the Newport clinic during the transition period to avoid any impact to their care.



School board announces vacancy

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Lincoln County Leader

The Lincoln County School District Board of Directors declared Zone 1 vacant during a special session on Nov. 26.

The position opened following Megan Crawley's resignation in November. According to district officials, Crawley did not cite a reason in her resignation letter.

The board is now accepting applications from those interested in serving as an interim board member from the time of appointment through June 30, 2025. The board will hold a special session to interview candidates on Jan. 6, 2025, and then will vote on and swear in the interim board member at that same meeting.

Interested applicants must be residents of Zone 1 (Precincts 20 Delake; 21 Oceanlake; 22 Sunset West; 23 Sunset East; 24 Rose Lodge), a qualified voter in Lincoln County,

not an employee of the school district, and participate in the interview and selection process.

Applications can be found on the district's website at www.lincoln.k12.or.us/our-district/board and can be submitted in person or electronically to the LCSD board secretary, Eddie Symington (eddie.symington@lincoln.k12.or.us). All applications are due by 4 p.m. Dec. 16. Contact Symington with any questions.

The primary responsibilities of a school board member include:

- Establish a vision and strategic goals for the district's public schools;
- Hire and evaluate the superintendent;
- Approve budgets and set spending priorities;
- Approve textbooks and other curriculum materials;
- Approve contracts and major expenditures;
- Adopt the annual school calendar;
- Advocate for students

and speak up on behalf of public education;

- Monitor progress and ensure accountability;
- Attend board work sessions, meetings and retreats, and participate in professional development

Board members are volunteers and are not paid. The LCSD serves the communities of Yachats, Waldport, Eddyville, Newport, Siletz, Lincoln City and Toledo.

By the numbers as listed on the district's website:

- Eleven regular schools;
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- Three public charter schools;
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Three suspects arrested in child luring investigations

People urged to prepare for earthquakes and tsunamis

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Three Oregon men face criminal charges in the latest Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) child luring investigations.

During the month of November, LCPD officers conducted several counter-child-luring operations on social media and developed probable cause to arrest three separate adults.

LCPD Lt. Jeffrey Winn said the operations are used to investigate adults who inappropriately communicate with children.

"In each of these cases, officers posed as juveniles online and were contacted by the suspect who offered or agreed to meet with the fictitious juvenile for a sexual encounter,"

Winn said.

As of Dec. 6, all three cases had been brought before a Lincoln County Grand Jury, who agreed there was sufficient evidence to support the arrest and prosecution.

Otis resident 34-year-old Nicolas Mckenna was arrested in Lincoln City on Nov. 12. His charges include luring a minor and online sexual corruption of a child in the first degree. His bail was set at \$1,000,000.

Toledo resident 41-year-old Joseph Thomas was arrested in Toledo on Nov. 16. His charges include luring a minor and online sexual corruption of a child in the second degree. His bail was set at \$250,000.

Dallas resident 58-year-old Danny Hicks was

arrested in Dallas on Nov. 29. His charges include three counts of luring a minor, two counts of online sexual corruption of a child in the second degree, and purchasing sex with a minor. His bail was set at \$1,000,000.

"LCPD wants to encourage parents to monitor their children's social media activity and discuss with them the possible dangers of communicating with strangers online," Winn said. "These investigations are conducted in an effort to reduce criminal activity and to further enhance the safety of our community."

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Toledo Police Department, and Dallas Police Department, assisted LCPD during the investigations.

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM), the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) are reminding Oregonians and visitors of the importance of earthquake and tsunami preparedness following recent events.

On Thursday, Dec. 5, at 10:44 a.m., a magnitude 7.0 earthquake occurred offshore 56 miles east of Petrolia, California. The National Tsunami Warning Center in Palmer, Alaska, issued a tsunami warning at 10:49 a.m. The tsunami warning extended north to the Douglas/Lane County border in Oregon and south to Davenport, California. The warning was canceled at 11:54 a.m., and no tsunami waves were observed along the Oregon coast.

The earthquake occurred in the Mendocino Triple Junction, which is a seismically active region where three tectonic plate boundaries intersect. The fault system where the earthquake originated is in the Mendocino Fracture Zone, which is the boundary between the Pacific and Juan de Fuca oceanic plates. More information about the earthquake and regional tectonic setting can be found at the USGS event page at earthquake.usgs.gov

Also on Dec. 5, Oregon State Parks closed beach access points, and evacuation notices were issued for portions of the Oregon coast due to the tsunami



The earthquake on Dec. 5 offshore from northern California is a good reminder for people to be prepared. (Courtesy photo)

warning. With the cancellation of the warning, beach access points are set to reopen at 3 p.m. Although the immediate threat has passed, these events underscore the importance of being prepared for future emergencies. Taking steps now to ensure readiness can make all the difference during natural disasters.

HOW TO STAY SAFE AND PREPARE

- Know your evacuation routes: Whether you're at home, work, or visiting the coast, familiarize yourself with local tsunami evacuation routes. Maps are often posted in coastal areas or can be found online using the DOGAMI/NANOOS Tsunami Evacuation Zones portal (nvs.nanoos.org/TsunamiEvac).

- Sign up for emergency alerts: Stay informed by subscribing to alerts at ORAlert.gov for emergency notifications tied to your zip code — including earthquake and tsunami alerts. And turn on the Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) on your phone, so you will receive alerts based on where your phone is

located (important if you are visiting the coast).

- Create a go kit: Prepare a portable emergency kit with essentials such as food, water, medications, and personal documents.

- Review your emergency plan: Ensure everyone in your household knows what to do during an earthquake or tsunami, including where to meet and how to communicate if separated.

You can learn more about emergency planning with the free Be2WeeksReady Toolkit.

DOGAMI encourages coastal residents and visitors to use this event as a reminder to stay informed about tsunami hazards and to practice evacuation drills regularly. DOGAMI provides additional information about tsunami preparedness at the Oregon Tsunami Clearinghouse. OPRD recommends exploring Oregon's beautiful coast safely by always being prepared for emergencies.

For more information about earthquake and tsunami preparedness, visit Tsunami Safety at www.weather.gov/safety/tsunami.

Child luring investigation nets arrest by deputies

People urged to prepare for earthquakes and tsunamis

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From November to early December, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office used decoy social media accounts for online child luring investigations.

During the investigation, deputies posed as underage children on various online social media platforms and were contacted by an adult male who was offering to meet for sexual encounters, according to Lincoln

County Sheriff's Office Detective Sergeant Jason Spano.

"On Dec. 2, 58-year-old Danny Hicks, of Dallas, Oregon, was arrested and charged with the crimes of luring a minor, online sexual corruption of a child in the second degree, encouraging sexual abuse of animals, and attempted using a child in display of sexually explicit conduct," Spano said. "At the time of his arrest, Hicks was already lodged at the Lincoln County Jail with similar

charges stemming from a similar investigation conducted by the Lincoln City Police Department."

Spano said the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office is encouraging parents to monitor their children's social media activity and discuss with them the possible dangers of communicating with strangers online.

"These investigations are conducted in an effort to reduce criminal activity and to further enhance the safety of our community," he said.

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The U.S. Coast Guard plays a vital role in keeping fishermen safe off the central Oregon coast, especially in the rough seas that frequently accompany the soon-to-open Dungeness crab season. The U.S. Life Saving Service, a forerunner of the Coast Guard, established a station at South Beach about two miles south of Yaquina Bay. It operated there until 1906. Above, a crew is pictured launching a boat from the South Beach station. (Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Historical Society, oregoncoasthistory.org and www.facebook.com/pacificmaritimewpportor)

LAW ENFORCEMENT TIP OF THE WEEK

Protecting pets in winter weather

Winter weather can mean fun in the snow, but it is also a time we should pay close attention to the safety of our pets. Here are some safety tips to follow as the weather gets colder:



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1) Monitor your pet's food intake. Pets that live outdoors should be fed a bit more in the winter because they need the extra calories to stay warm. Indoor pets typically receive less exercise during cold weather and may require fewer calories.

2) Oregon law requires all companion animals be provided shelter from the elements. They should have fresh water put out a couple of times a day. Consider a special bowl that prevents the water from freezing.

3) In severe weather, allow outdoor pets in your house or garage.

4) If your pet goes outdoors, be aware of the temperature. Pets can get frostbite very easily on the ears, tail, and paws.

5) When walking your dog in freezing conditions, check their paws to make sure ice is not building up between toes and that salt

or gravel is not irritating the skin.

6) If your dog is a swimmer, keep them on a leash around open water or unstable ice. Hypothermia can set in quickly, and your dog may be unable to get out of the water.

7) Before you start your car, ensure no cats are napping in the warm place your car provides by honking the horn or banging on the hood.

8) If you are decorating for the holidays, keep ornaments out of the reach of your pets. Remember that poinsettias, holly, mistletoe, and other plants can be toxic if ingested.

9) Ingesting antifreeze can be fatal for dogs and cats. It has a sweet taste, and even a small amount can cause severe kidney damage or death. You can use a pet-safe antifreeze: look for brands containing propylene glycol instead of ethylene glycol. If you spill antifreeze, soak it up immediately. Clay cat litter works well to absorb spills — discard the litter once the antifreeze has been absorbed.

For more information and tips, visit our website at www.lincolncountysheriff.net and "Like" us on Facebook at [Lincoln County Sheriff's Office - Oregon](https://www.facebook.com/LincolnCountySheriffsOffice).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

AN APPALLING PUBLIC MEETING

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, and moreover, the Department of Planning and Development, should be chastised for the appalling public meeting they attempted on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 10 a.m.

This public meeting was held at the

county courthouse, room 108. The accommodations for this high-interest and important meeting were pathetic. According to the county, they mailed out 6,000 letters to county residents regarding private property that might be impacted by new federal (FEMA) laws regarding flood insurance and the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

There were 40 chairs in the room; the attendance approached 100. The overflow had to stand in the halls and tried to hear the speakers or see the graphics.

This public hearing should not have been an add-on to a regular county commission meeting. It should be a

stand-alone public meeting to address these vital issues. The county needs a Mulligan and should do this again in a much more professional manner, and do it soon.

I left with more questions than answers. This is not the way to treat the public you serve.

Mike Todd
Waldport

VIEWPOINT

'I told you so' morphs into 'Watch your back, and your child's, too'

BY PAUL HAEDER

Dang, I hate to tell so many friends, colleagues, volunteers, students and neighbors "I told you so," but here we are: the sadly bumbling Biden and Jill getting fancy duds ready for the Jan. 20 inauguration of, well, another sadly bumbling but now dangerous twice-risen POTUS. You know, that fascist and that neo-Nazi, Trump; even called those aspersions by Marco Rubio and RFK, Jr., two more bumlbers in his cabinet.

And here we are, out with the old and in with the really old, as December is a month packed full of awareness dates.

Before heading on with those interestingly parallel and synchronous days, I have to make it clear that for more than 55 years of my life I have always made it a point that if we can't talk about the issues, the impending negatives heaped upon us, the 80 Percenters by what I have called (Republicans and Democrats) the Uni-Party, then we shall continue to receive what we failed to sow

And sowing is really the point of Bill of Rights Day (Dec. 15) — the right to question all government agencies, which includes questioning those controlling the government. While the constitution supposedly outlines the basic framework of a representative government, a bill of rights deals with individual liberties and freedoms. Without it, the federal government would have vastly more power than it already does, and the rights of the individual would be in constant jeopardy.

So read up on what Trump and Company envisage for me the teacher, the writer, the activist, the volunteer and, me, the radical dissenter. His goal is dictatorial power in the executive branch, the opposite of a revolutionary new American government.

Here, then, as a follow up, we have plethora of International Days — for Migrants, Human Rights, Human Solidarity, Trans Youth, Animal Rights, Persons with Disabilities, Volunteer, and Ending Violence Against Sex Workers.

Freedoms and democracies are tied to how informed and robustly communicative and fully critically thinking a society is. Yep, those that failed to vote for either Harris or Trump outnumber the votes cast for either of the presidential candidates. Drum roll ... close to 90 million Americans who were eligible to vote did not.

I doubt that the monikers Genocide Joe and Holocaust Harris gave Trump that many additional votes, since Trump is full-bore Zionist and backer of scorched earth and human splaying seen through Israeli policy, which his friend Bibi Netanyahu carries out hourly. Did those 90 million just see the futility voting for either one in this Uni-Party system?

The irony and sadness aren't lost on December being International Genocide Prevention Day, certainly a failed day on many levels with this ethnic cleansing, removal and bombardment of Palestinians now going on over a year.

"Never again" has

turned into a statement of, "Well, if Israel says it's time to call people human cockroaches/animals/rats, and decides to murder them with U.S. weapons, then again is acceptable." "Never again" was a slogan associated with the lessons of the Holocaust. The slogan was used by liberated prisoners at Buchenwald concentration camp to denounce fascism/genocide. Ironically, if you look at Never Again Action's work, we see another verboten under a Trump LLC regime: It's a Jewish-led mobilization against the persecution, detention, and deportation of immigrants in the United States.

Forget about discussing these facts in the new Handmaid's Tale K12 school system coming to a town near you: conflict, insecurity, and the effects of climate change have heavily contributed to the forced movement of people — both within their home countries or across borders. Over 59 million were internally displaced by the end of 2021.

That's the diametrically opposed belief of Trump LLC and Company, which wants to engage in mass deportations on Jan. 20. Screw the reality that because of lack of safe and regular migration pathways, tens of millions continue to take dangerous journeys each year, and in 10 years, those that we can count, more than 50,000 migrants have lost their lives on migratory routes across the world.

Forget about discussing this in a high school class once the draconian measures of the dumb downing and brainwashing start taking effect.

Now, we have the Nobel Prize Day, which over the years has become a sham. That sham has precipitated the "alternative Nobel Prize" — The Right Livelihood awards are given out in December.

An international jury, invited by the five regular Right Livelihood Award board members, decides the awards in such fields as environmental protection, human rights, sustainable development, health, education, and peace. It was started in 1980 by German-Swedish philanthropist Jakob von Uexküll.

Oh, the ironies, the duplicities and the devotion of the American mind, culture, society, economy.

Do we even have the head space to discuss animal rights or trans youth rights? Alas, even those sex workers, do they have a right to rights?

Finally, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities is a huge coverall for all sorts of disabilities — physical, developmental, intellectual, psychological and neurological. I've written before how those living with DD/ID have to watch how much money they save, and they will lose Medicaid if two marry. Forget about the SNAP benefits and subsidized housing. All of this now is on the cutting board.

With that, your holiday season is best spent with family and friends talking, not just eating. That's the greatest gift you can give — truth.

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

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State approves new recycling rules

Effort intended to reduce packaging pollution, make producers pay for waste

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Starting next summer, Oregonians across the state will begin to receive a standardized list of what can and cannot be recycled statewide, and owners and managers of apartment complexes and multi-unit housing will need to prepare to provide recycling for residents.

These are among new rules around recycling finalized recently by Oregon's Environmental Quality Commission following four years of negotiation and planning. The Plastic Pollution and Modernization Act will go into effect July 1, 2025, making it easier for Oregonians to recycle. It will establish new packaging fees for companies selling products in Oregon, based on the weight and recyclability of the material.

Hard-to-recycle

materials, such as plastics, will command higher fees from companies than products that are easily recycled, ideally incentivizing producers to choose lighter, more sustainable materials. This follows regulations in Oregon in recent years that require manufacturers to pick up some of the end-of-life costs of paint, mattresses and electronics, or to invest in programs to recycle such products.

"Part of the goal is to move companies into more recyclable materials. There is a cost to packaging that needs to be internalized," said Sen. Michael Dembrow, who championed the Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act in the legislature in 2021.

The rules also give authority to collect and invest some new packaging fees to the Circular Action Alliance, or CCA, a nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. Local

governments and the alliance will be in charge of reinvesting fees in projects that improve Oregon's recycling infrastructure. The alliance was formed in 2022 by 20 multinational corporations in the food, beverage, retail and consumer goods industries, including Amazon, CocaCola and Nestle. It oversees similar recycling programs that are rolling out as a result of new policies in California, Colorado, Maine and Maryland.

Under Oregon's new rules, environmental officials will release a standardized list of items that can be recycled across the state beginning next summer. Owners and managers of multi-family buildings, such as duplexes and apartment buildings, will also need to eventually provide recycling services for residents.

Two other bills passed in Oregon in 2023 will require manufacturers to



Oregon is working on modernizing its recycling system so residents can trust the items they're recycling are actually recyclable. (Photo by Julia Shumway/Oregon Capital Chronicle)

label products to indicate whether and where they can be recycled in Oregon and ban the use of Styrofoam containers for takeout food. The latter, Senate Bill 543, will go into effect in January. Rules under Senate Bill 123, the Smart Labeling Bill, must be finalized by 2027.

No nation on Earth produces more plastic waste

than the U.S., according to a 2022 report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The average person in the U.S. in 1980 produced about 60 pounds of plastic waste per year. Today, each person in the U.S. produces more than 200 pounds of plastic waste each year, according to the EPA. Up to 2 million metric

tons of that waste escapes into the environment each year, and much of it ends up in waterways and oceans, eventually becoming microplastics.

The nonprofit Environment Oregon tested 30 rivers and lakes around the state in 2021 and found detectable levels of microplastics in all of them.

Despite efforts to improve plastic recycling, no more than 9 percent of plastic waste generated in the U.S. each year gets recycled, according to EPA.

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Newport hospital water resiliency project gets financial boost

When a massive earthquake hits the Pacific Northwest, Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital will be better prepared to continue providing medical care, thanks to a collaborative water resiliency project now underway.

To help fund the work, the Pacific Communities Health District applied for a hazard mitigation

grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Last month, the health district received notice of approval. An initial award of nearly \$950,000 will be used to fund the first phase of the project, which includes planning, engineering and other pre-construction activity.

The water resiliency project includes

construction of a 373,000-gallon, earthquake-resistant water tank to provide potable water to the hospital for at least four weeks in case the city's water supply fails. The tank will be located on the east side of the hospital. Pipelines will connect it to new and existing city pipelines. When the stored water is not needed for

emergency purposes at the hospital, it will be part of Newport's municipal water supply, benefiting all citizens.

"We have been working on this project for more than three years, so it was extremely gratifying to receive the initial grant payment," said Aimee Thompson, president of the Pacific Communities Health District Board of Directors. "I am grateful for the professional assistance we received from many others so we can proceed with this important work."

The health district has been working with Samaritan Health Services, which operates the hospital; the city of Newport; Dig Deep Research, an expert water grants company based in Aurora, Colorado; and WSC, a water engineering and strategic communications firm with offices in California and Portland.

About the project

Jon Conner is director of Plant Engineering for Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital and is acting as the onsite water resiliency project manager. He explained that once the tank is built, it will be given to the city of Newport to maintain and use, through an inter-governmental agreement between the health district and the city.

"Potable water will flow in and out of the tank through city waterlines. When heavy seismic activity is detected, a seismic valve on the tank outlet will automatically close, holding water in the tank for dedicated use by the hospital," Conner said. "The water will be perfectly fine to use for all hospital and medical purposes. With careful conservation, it should provide adequate supply for at least four weeks."

Many emergency water supply options were evaluated, such as

transportation of water to the hospital or desalination of bay water. The onsite water storage tank option was determined to be the most feasible in the event of a catastrophic earthquake and most cost effective over its lifecycle.

Once the decision was made to proceed with a water storage tank, several locations were considered, with pros and cons to each, before deciding on using the southeast corner of the hospital's back parking lot. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2025 or early 2026 and could take between 12 to 18 months to complete.

The North Lincoln Health District and Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital in Lincoln City are in the initial research and planning stages of their own water resiliency project, to ensure that this hospital also has a four-week water supply to serve patients in case of disaster.

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Habitat for Humanity hosts home dedication ceremony

Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County is thrilled to announce a home dedication for the Tunstall family, celebrating Krista's inspiring journey to homeownership.

Community members are invited to attend the dedication ceremony at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13, in the Garden Estates neighborhood of Lincoln City, marking a transformative milestone for the Tunstall family just in time for the holiday season. The celebration will include a key presentation and festive Christmas decorations to usher in the season of joy.

Krista and her family have faced significant challenges, from homelessness, housing insecurity and unsuitable living conditions to the tragic loss of their eldest daughter, Victoria, in a car accident at just 17 years old. Despite these hardships, Krista persevered,

applying for Habitat's homeownership program on the very last day of submissions — a decision that has changed their lives forever.

"Krista's journey from recovery to reconnection is nothing short of inspiring," said Nicole Clarke, Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County board member. "Homeownership is not just about a house; it's about stability, hope, and a brighter future. The Tunstall family will now have a safe, affordable place to call home—a true gift for the holidays."

In their new home, Krista's children will no longer worry about substandard living conditions, and the family will find comfort in the supportive Habitat community, with another Habitat family living next door. The Ambriz Sanchez family purchased their Habitat home earlier this

year with an affordable mortgage. This tri-generational household looks forward to welcoming their new neighbors as all of them celebrate the holiday season in their new homes.

About Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County:

Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County is dedicated to building strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable housing. Since its founding, the organization has empowered families and individuals to achieve the dream of homeownership, fostering vibrant and resilient communities.

Habitat for Humanity provides long-term, permanently affordable homeownership opportunities for families and individuals, creating true community connections. For more information, visit habitatlincoln.org.

Repairs underway at OCCC's Waldport center

Oregon Coast Community College's South County Center at 3120 Crestline Drive in Waldport is undergoing repairs following a water leak discovered on the evening of Sunday, Nov. 24. The leak, stemming from the water intake to the building's hot water heater, caused damage to some drywall and carpeted areas before

being addressed by local responders. A college employee, visiting the facility at 3120 Crestline Drive to retrieve a laptop that Sunday evening, discovered the leak within an hour of its start. Engle & Sons, a Seal Rock-based company, arrived that evening to remove most of the water. By the next morning, Disaster Master

crews had set up dehumidifiers and blowers to mitigate further damage. Two feet of drywall from the bottom of the affected walls were removed in preparation for repairs, which include replacing and repainting the damaged sections. The South County Center houses the office of the college's GED coordinator, offices

for the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County, and hosts community education courses and meetings for local organizations such as South Lincoln County Resources. While the college is optimistic about reopening the building by Feb. 1, classes originally scheduled at the South County Center for the

winter term have been moved to the Central County Campus in Newport as a precaution. Upcoming events, including the South Lincoln County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in April, are expected to proceed as planned. "We are incredibly grateful for the quick actions of our staff and

local response teams," said OCCC President Birgitte Ryslinge. "The college remains committed to restoring this important facility as soon as possible while prioritizing safety and operational readiness." For updates on the South County Center and other college developments, visit www.oregon-coast.edu.

Communities urged to support children, youth

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

One in seven children will experience some form of abuse in their lifetime, according to national statistics.

"Abuse affects children across all geographic, social, cultural, and economic boundaries," according to a release from Oregon Child Abuse Solutions (OCAS). "Every child in Oregon deserves to feel safe, valued, and full of hope."

Unfortunately for many, OCAS officials said the trauma of abuse — whether at home, in school, or within their community — shatters this sense of security. OCAS officials said they are at the forefront of ensuring every child has

access to timely, high quality, and healing-centered care through a well-coordinated response to abuse.

To address this critical issue, Oregon's Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) network is designed to provide critical leadership and services in communities across Oregon. These centers offer safe, professional, and welcoming spaces where children can disclose their experiences and receive trauma-informed services designed to help them heal and thrive.

NETWORK OF CHILD ADVOCATES

With a presence in all 36 counties, OCAS supports Oregon's 24 CACs by providing essential resources, training, and

partnerships. According to the release, these centers collaborate with their local multidisciplinary teams (MDTs), which include law enforcement, child welfare professionals, prosecutors, medical providers, mental health experts, and others. Children's Advocacy Centers ensure children and families have access to the following critical services:

- Medical evaluations
- Forensic interviews
- Trauma-focused therapy
- Family advocacy
- Prevention education

As an accredited chapter of the National Children's Alliance, OCAS ensures Oregon's response to child abuse reflects the latest research, training, and best practices. This

collaboration enables CACs to provide equitable care across urban, rural, and frontier communities while respecting local expertise and maintaining statewide standards of excellence.

REPORT ABUSE

"Ending child abuse requires a united effort," the release states.

"Parents, caregivers, educators, and all adults who interact with children play a crucial role in recognizing and reporting signs of abuse. OCAS, in partnership with local CACs, offers training and educational resources to empower individuals to protect vulnerable

children."

"Every adult in Oregon has a responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of our children," Oregon Child Abuse Solutions Executive Director Shelly Smith said. "Together, we can create a future where every child feels safe, valued, and full of hope."

If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, take immediate action:

- Call 911 if someone is in immediate danger.
- Report child abuse or neglect in Oregon by calling 855-503-SAFE (7233).
- Contact local law enforcement using the non-emergency line unless

the situation is life-threatening, then call 911.

TAKE ACTION

Preventing child abuse starts with awareness and education. Learn the signs, attend a training, and speak up. To locate a children's advocacy center near you or explore available training opportunities, visit oregoncas.org/centers/find-a-center For information about child sexual abuse prevention resources, visit Protect Our Children.

"By working together, we can strengthen Oregon's response to child abuse and help every child feel safe, valued, and full of hope," Smith said.

CRAB
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and crab is not wasted. Dec. 31 is the earliest this area could open.

The commercial fleet can begin the presoak period — setting baited crab pots in the water — on Dec. 13 from Cape Falcon to the California border. The presoak time gives permit holders a chance to get their gear out in an equitable, organized, and safe manner, and all can begin harvesting crab Dec. 16 in this area.

Pre-season testing in Long Beach, Washington, shows crab meat fill is significantly lower than required for commercial harvest. Weekly season opening updates will continue to be posted until the decision is made to open the north coast.

According to ODFW,

Oregon's commercial Dungeness crab fishery is sustainable due primarily to the "3 S's" management system:

- Season: while targeted to open Dec. 1, the season can be delayed or partially opened so consumers get a safe, high-quality product and crab are not wasted.
- Sex: female crabs cannot be taken and are released unharmed to ensure future harvest and a healthy population.
- Size: only mature male crabs at least 6¼ inches across the back of the shell can be harvested. Smaller male crabs are released.

Commercial crabbing in bays will open back up Dec. 16 from Cape Falcon to the California border in conjunction with the commercial ocean fishery. The commercial bay crab season closes at 11:59 p.m. Dec. 31.

Connie Louise Hurn -Sorensen

6/30/37 11/24/24



Our beloved Connie Louise Hurn -Sorensen left us on 11/24/24.

She will be greatly missed by Family and friends. She was wonderful Mother, Grandmother, sister and friend. She touched many lives and will be missed by all she touched. She was a inspiration, loving and caring. A celebration of life will be held on 12/15/24 from 10 am to 1pm at 1206 SE 48th St., Lincoln City, Oregon

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Beverly (Castle) Mohr

12/8/1943 - 11/14/2024

Beverly was born December 8, 1943 in Toledo, OR to Vernon and Erma Castle. She grew up in Siletz, OR where she graduated high school in 1962. She married Jim Powe, also a graduate of Siletz, the following year. They had three children, Brad, Delyn and Bill, Bev worked at Siletz City Hall then took a job in the billing department at Toledo Hospital where she worked until she retired.



Bev was preceded in death by her parents and her stepson Scott Mohr. She is survived by her husband, Phil, her three children, Brad (Julie) Powe of Chehalis, WA, Bill (Tina) Powe of Cove, AR, and a daughter, Delyn Andersen of Winlock, WA. She is also survived by her siblings, Leroy (Gail) Castle, Patty (Ted) Wheeling, and Valerie Fisher, her

close cousin John (Becky) Skank, her stepdaughters, Debbie and Natalie, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There will be no service at this time. However, there will be a graveside at Eureka Cemetery in Newport, OR in the spring. Announcement to follow as time grows near. In lieu of flowers and such, the family asks that memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association. act.alz.org-donate (800) 272-3900, 5285 Meadows Rd., Lake Oswego, OR 97035.

Neva June Seems Stewart

February 24, 1935 - November 18, 2024

Neva was born in Lebanon Kansas, February 24, 1935, to Milo and Ruby Seems. She spent her first 5 years in Kansas on the family farm. In February 1941 she moved with her family to the Bend area, later they moved to Lebanon, Oregon. Neva graduated from Lebanon High School in 1953. In 1954 she moved to Salem and worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs until 1956. Neva married Nelson (Gene) Stewart on August 22, 1956, in Oakland CA. Two daughters, Tandra Lynn and Trena LeAnn were born to this union.



early retirement years (1998-2012) Neva spent 6 months in Oregon and 6 months in Southern California. Neva enjoyed being involved with her grandchildren and their sports. She also volunteered at elementary schools in both Oregon and California.

Neva passed on November 18 at the age of 89 from natural causes associated with Dementia. Survivors include her husband, Gene Stewart, daughters, Tandi Smallwood and Trena Becker. Grandkids, Stefani DasGupta (Saubhik), Danielle Smallwood, Brock Becker (Brooke) and Cole Becker. Great grandkids Cobi Smallwood, Faith Smallwood, Markus DasGupta, Sofi DasGupta, Brynlee Becker and Brielle Becker. Sister, Iva Moynihan (Larry); Sister-in-law Marcia Bond, along with many nieces and nephews. Neva was preceded in death by her parents Ruby and Milo Seems and brothers Harold and Greg.

There will be no funeral, rather a family memorial service to be held at a later date.

Neva and her family lived in Corvallis and then Newport. In the early 70's they spent two years in Rhode Island. They moved back to Newport in 1974. Neva became a member of the Presbyterian Church of Newport in 1967 where she was active for many years. Neva worked at various banks and retired as Business Manager of Newport News Publishing Co in December 1997. During her

Larry Crisler

11-15-1934 - 10-16-2024

On October 16, 2024 this world lost a good one. Larry Lee Crisler 89, of Newport, OR passed away one month shy of his 90th birthday. Larry was born in Barron County, Wisconsin to Harold F. Crisler and Mildred A. (Durkee) Crisler. After graduating from Barron HS in Barron, WI, Larry enlisted in the Army and was loaned out to the French in North



Newport in 1965 where he eventually became Public Works Director until his retirement in 1993. Larry was a volunteer fireman and held the rank of captain for many years. He was a member of the Newport Elks lodge and one of the founding members of the Elks Camper Club. He was also active with the Newport Boosters club.

Africa as a heavy equipment operator where he was tasked with demolishing air fields and rebuilding housing until the French were asked to leave. At that point he decided not to re-enlist re-entered civilian life. He spent the next winter working for Caterpillar, Inc. in Minneapolis, MN. Part of his duties were to service heavy equipment in the open pit mines of northern Minnesota. After a cold winter of that work he had enough and wrote to the head honcho of Georgia Pacific lumber mill in Toledo and was offered a job sight unseen under the condition he could be there by the first of the next month. With this opportunity ahead of him, and being an all around smart guy he made his own offer to our mother, Marguerite (Peggy) A. (Zollver) Crisler in 1957 to move west and be his bride. She accepted and they spent 31 glorious years together before her death in 1988. Larry went to work for the City of

Larry enjoyed spending time with family and his friend Joyce Rivers. His many hobbies included hunting, fishing, camping, traveling, walks on the bayfront and listening to country western music. He is survived by daughters Nancy (Paul) Youngs and Cynthia Lee, grandchildren Chelsea (Curtis) Lee Baldwin, Cory (Ashley) Lee, Stefan (Tara) Youngs, Caitlin (Matt) Lee Finnell, Sean (Laura) Youngs, Samuel Youngs, along with great granddaughter Mia Marie Lee. Also surviving siblings Dale (Carole) Crisler of Rice Lake WI, Richard (Kathy) Crisler of Spokane WA, Alan (Patti) Crisler of Bend OR and Carol (Roger) Podhola of Rhinelander WI.

Please join us in celebrating his life on Saturday December 28, 2024 between 2-4 pm at the American Legion Hall in Newport, OR. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Samaritan Evergreen Hospice, Newport.

OBITUARY POLICY

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FEMA

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county commissioners, “On Nov. 13, our department mailed out approximately 6,000 letters to residents in Lincoln County, and the reason we did that was that if our mapping system showed that even a tiny piece of your property was in a floodplain, then we were obligated under Oregon law to provide you notice that this process was taking place so you would have a chance to weigh in.”

Husing said this whole thing started about 10 years ago because FEMA was sued by conservation groups who believed FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program was incentivizing development within floodplains. “This is an Endangered Species Act issue with salmon, ultimately that is what this is all about,” Husing said. “FEMA was sued and was told they need to make adjustments to the National Flood Insurance Program to make sure that salmon, and a bunch of other species, can remain viable.”

Husing said this is an evolving process. “I only got a letter on July 15 from FEMA saying, ‘Hey get ready we’re coming your way.’ We only got a draft model ordinance from FEMA on Aug. 15, and then they proceeded to tell us that ‘Hey, guess what, good news, there’s a second draft coming your way.’”

Because of the way FEMA has handled this issue, Husing said, “I’m frustrated too. This is no way to treat your partners, right? We carry out the program at the local

level in collaboration with FEMA.”

And the tight time frame doesn’t allow for much input. “People have said to me on the phone all the time, ‘How in the heck can we provide input on this if you’ve already got to make decisions,’” Husing said. “All of that is a demonstration that this process is flawed. The good news is no one is taking action today.”

Husing added, “The bottom line is the federal government keeps telling us through this program that’s voluntary, ‘Well you don’t have to do any of this,’ but at the same time, if we don’t participate in the National Floodplain Insurance Program, look at the implications of that. No resident would be able to purchase a flood insurance policy, which means good luck going to a bank and trying to get funding to buy a house in these areas. Existing flood insurance policies will not be renewed. Banks will then turn around and tell people, ‘Well we can’t under federal law if you’re in a flood zone and you’re borrowing money from a bank, you have to have flood insurance.’ That doesn’t sound too voluntary to me.”

The county commissioners heard from a large number of people who attended the public hearing.

Donald Wisener lives along Slick Rock Creek. “I’ve been a resident of Rose Lodge for the last 38 years. My property insurance, in the last two years, has gone from \$1,200 to \$2,400. I’m 70 years old, I’m on limited income, and I’ll tell you what, I’m getting taxed out of everything. I’ve worked my butt off to get where I’m

at right now.”

Sterling Grant said, “We’ve got a lot of areas in the county that are along streams. We got a ranch in the county and a number of our fields ended up in the floodplain.” He said his family has been on that property for 150 years, “and I’ve never seen the water that high, so I have a little challenge with the boundaries that they’ve set.”

Grant added, “They talk about the Endangered Species Act in this ... which irritates me a lot of times. As a rancher we care about the soil, we care about longevity of our property. I think FEMA has not used good judgment in a lot of their wording. I fully agree with using common sense with where you build buildings and not have them down in areas that could be flooded. I know there’s a lot of things like that that need to be dealt with. I would just like to see more common sense.”

Sara Johnson is a homeowner along the Salmon River in the Rose Lodge area. “I want to be very clear that I don’t think we know the ramifications of what is being decided here,” she said. “I think that it has been mentioned that it may not affect a lot of people, but it will affect my children and my grandchildren, and probably yours, too. This is a much deeper question on many different fronts than just whether or not I’m going to be able to use the property that I own.

“I am absolutely in favor of all the regulations that are currently in place,” added Johnson. “I don’t think we should be developing into areas that are protected, and I think we should protect our

green areas. I absolutely support the fisheries and all the use that we have currently. But to say no from another jurisdiction, just to tell us what we need to do as citizens without asking us, and then putting the strong arm behind it of, ‘If you don’t do this, we’ll do that,’ I think it’s something that’s offensive.”

Jim Lehman, who lives on Immonen Road, said, “If FEMA comes in and says, ‘We’re going to cancel your flood insurance,’ what’s the bank going to do? They’re gonna want their money aren’t they? Who’s going to pay my mortgage if I cannot have flood insurance? I’m on a limited income. They’re going to come in, and they’re going to wipe out my whole retirement just to pay off the mortgage. I’m not used to living under a bridge in a culvert or under the highway. They’re going to have to come in with rifles and guns to take me off my place because I cannot afford to live there if my insurance is going to be

canceled.”

Commissioner Kaety Jacobson, who was taking part in last week’s meeting remotely, said, “I’m hoping we might at least have a consensus to send a letter to our federal delegation, as well as our governor, to say that based on the public comments we received today, more time is absolutely needed. I think we all already knew that going into this, but I’m just hoping we can have a consensus to try to get that (letter) out.”

Commissioner Claire Hall agreed. “As far as I’m concerned, we absolutely have to do this. I think we already have a broad picture of the horrible consequences that this could have. I just want to say thank you for being here. Thank you for not shooting the messengers, but thank you for telling your stories and making this concrete and very real.”

There was a consensus among commissioners to draft that letter as soon as possible.

County Counsel Kristin

Yuille said, “My recommendation would be to leave the hearing open to Dec. 18, and that would be the second reading of the ordinance.”

In closing, Hall said, “I want to thank everybody who turned out today. You were really heard. I think we’re going to do whatever we can to make a lot of noise about this and hopefully with elected officials at all levels. I don’t know what the resolution will be, but the alternative is not acceptable. This is government run amok at its worst.”

Hall also said she dislikes that people are trying to frame this as an issue of conservationists against landowners. “When you’re talking about property that’s been in your family 50 years, 100 years or even more, I know you’re going to be a wise steward of that land because you want to hand it down to future generations. And as far as I’m concerned, our local folks in agriculture and tree farming are some of the best conservationists that we have.”



This climbing structure is one of many features available at the new Schooner Creek Discovery Park in Lincoln City. (Courtesy photo)

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throughout the playground with contrasting surface colors for people with low vision.

- Plantings that create enclosures at edges of the playground.
- Benches that have companion seats for people in wheelchairs.
- On the play hill, an accessible path to the top, and accessible slide with dignity landing.
- On the climber, a transfer station at the base with accessible belt climbers to access higher levels.
- Swing types include a rope nest and other inclusive swings with varying challenges.
- Cozy spots, logs, wood domes, offering quiet spaces to take a break.
- Musical instruments that are accessible and engaging to the senses.

“This inclusive and accessible playground embodies Lincoln City’s vision of welcoming all, making certain that everyone has access to outdoor recreational opportunities,” Lincoln City Mayor Susan Wahlke said. “I am very excited about the completion of this first phase of development at

our new Schooner Creek Discovery Park. Since this new playground incorporates multigenerational play amenities to support use by those with disabilities and mobility needs, I look forward to many hours of fun here with my grandson.”

“Ensuring everyone has a welcoming and inclusive space to play is absolutely vital,” State Rep. David Gomberg said. “I’m so glad I had the opportunity to work with Lincoln City to deliver the city’s first inclusive and accessible playground. Schooner Creek Discovery Park reflects our shared commitment to equity, giving every child and family a chance to play, connect, and thrive regardless of ability.”

BACKGROUND

Schooner Creek Discovery Park is a 6.71-acre community park, whose completion was listed as the number one goal of the 2016 Lincoln City Parks System Plan.

“The park will also host many first public sites in Lincoln City and the coast, such as the first inclusive and accessible playground, first permanent outdoor pickleball courts, first covered multi-sports court, and the first

public turfed multi-sport field,” Sprague said. “The park will also contain a special event stage and lawn, picnic shelters, open space trail, and much more.”

The playground opening signifies completion of phase one of the park. Phase two construction (stage, promenade and lawn) is to be completed in 2025, and phase three (multi-sport courts and fields) is set for completion in 2026.

The development and construction of this park is occurring via partnership with Lincoln City City Council, the Lincoln City Parks & Recreation Board, the Friends of Lincoln City Parks and Recreation 501c3, and the Design/Build team led by LC Parks & Recreation, LC Public Works, K&E Excavating, DOWL, and Understory Landscape Architecture.

Community members and others are invited to join the rain-or-shine celebration, enjoy free treats and prizes, and try out all the new playground equipment. The first 100 youth to attend the ribbon-cutting will receive two free passes to the Lincoln City Community Center, according to Sprague.

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This Week in HISTORY

LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER STAFF

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

25 YEARS AGO (1999)

DARKEY CREEK MAY GET NAME CHANGE

A recent vote by the Oregon Geographic Names Board could change the name of Darkey Creek, located about 4 miles east of Waldport.

Named for an early African-American homesteader, Louis A. Southworth, the creek first caused public consternation when Jessica Doyle, an employee of the U.S. Forest Service, petitioned to have the name, which she called "an injustice perpetuated," changed to Southworth Creek.

NEW SHERIFF'S OFFICE BOAT AIDS IN THANKSGIVING FLOOD RESCUE

During the Thanksgiving flood, a new piece of equipment became invaluable in rescuing Lincoln County residents along the Siletz River.

The boat, purchased by the county following the December 1998 flooding, was used by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office marine division to evacuate people living along the river on Thanksgiving.

"The flood rescue boat was purchased last winter by the commissioners for this purpose," said Deputy Brian Cameron.

HOSPITAL BOARD DECIDES TO AFFILIATE WITH SAMARITAN

After months of hearing proposals, community comments, and evaluating other options for North Lincoln Health District, the board of directors voted unanimously in favor of affiliating with Samaritan Health Services, a Corvallis-based health care organization, at their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

BLUE HEATHER SINKS INSIDE JETTY; ONE DEAD, ONE MISSING

Five days into the crabbing season, a fishing boat accident has claimed the life of at least one local fisherman.

The Blue Heather, a 68-foot fishing vessel owned by Jim Seavers of Newport, sunk just inside the north jetty of Yaquina Bay after crashing against it at about 10:15 p.m. Wednesday.

William D. "Billy T." Thomas, 45, of Eddyville, the boat's skipper, was pronounced dead at Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport after being retrieved from the water.

Crewmember Abram L. Riegel, 21, of Newport was missing as of press time Thursday.

50 YEARS AGO (1974)

STATE RATES CITY CELL AS SUBSTANDARD JAIL

Lincoln City was one of 42 city jails throughout the state that was listed as substandard according to

guidelines included in a 1973 statute.

Inspection of the facility was done recently by representatives of the Oregon Local Correction Services. The checkup came within five months after the date all the minimum standards established by the Oregon Legislature went into effect.

Local law enforcement officers have a year from the date of the bill's passage to meet the standards.

PIZZA PARLOR REPORTS THEFT

George F. Heidgerken, owner of Uncle's Pizza Parlor, Lincoln City, reported to the police Nov. 26 that his business was broken into during the early morning hours.

Taken were eight cases of beer, two kegs of beer, 11 taps and an unknown amount of wine, cash and change. Total loss was estimated at \$727.40.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES PEOPLE GIVEN WARNING

Newport City Attorney William Noel has issued a warning to all door-to-door sales persons that he will "vigorously prosecute" them if they are conducting business without purchasing a city business.

A charge of conducting business without a license against Patricia Miller, an Avon sales lady, was dismissed in municipal court this week because of "unjustifiable delays" in bringing the matter to trial, Noel said.

SOUTH BEACH AREA SEEKS ANNEXATION TO NEWPORT

The Newport City Council has accepted a petition to annex an area in South Beach occupied by Sportsman's Trailer Park, Yaquina Industries, Toby Murray's wrecking yard, state wayside property west of the highway, and other smaller parcels.

The petition represents the first privately owned land on the south side of the bay to seek annexation to the city. During the past year, the Port of Newport property on the south side was annexed, and the installation of city, water and sewer lines across the bay is nearly completed.

75 YEARS AGO (1949)

CAR GOES OVER BANK

Carl Bakman, Yachats, was taken to Lincoln Hospital in Toledo Tuesday night after his auto plunged off the Coast Highway near the Newport Airport and went 26 feet down a bank.

The machine snapped off a power pole as it went off the road.

Knocked unconscious in the wreck, Bakman later regained consciousness and managed to crawl up the bank to the road. Then he passed out again before a passing motorist discovered him.

State police, who investigated, found a partially eaten lunch in the driver seat and theorized Bakman may have lost control of the car while eating.

DEPOE HARBOR TO BE CLOSED

Depoe Bay will be closed to boat traffic this summer during the harbor improvement job. Work will get

underway by Feb. 15.

This was told to about 50 Depoe Bay citizens and members of the Port of Newport Commission, who gathered at the Spouting Horn Inn yesterday to hear an explanation of the project.

POSSESSION OF BEER BRINGS BOYS' ARREST

Three Newport high school boys were arraigned Tuesday in Justice Court on a charge of the illegal possession of beer.

Although only one of the youths was a member of the basketball team, the incident resulted indirectly in the dismissal of three other members of the varsity squad, as well as the youth arrested.

FISHERMEN CHARGE COAST GUARD LAXITY

Twenty-six commercial fishermen charged today that the Coast Guard failed to provide adequate protection for boats crossing the still rough bar Monday after being caught outside by the Sunday afternoon sudden storm.

The angry fishermen set down their complaints in a letter and sent it to the commander of the 13th Coast Guard District, Rear Admiral J. E. Stika, at Seattle.

100 YEARS AGO (1924)

BIG STILL CAPTURED ON SALMON RIVER BY DEPUTY SHERIFFS

G. G. Gore and son Nelson, living on the Salmon River in the extreme north end of the county, were arrested last Wednesday afternoon near their home by Deputy Sheriffs Jess Daniel, J. F. Roy and L. McBride while the pair were operating a still for the manufacturer of moonshine liquor, the still being of 25 gallon capacity and the largest ever captured in this county.

The still, 20 gallons of finished liquor and 200 gallons of corn mash were confiscated by the officers.

DR. W. M. BERRY KILLED IN ACCIDENT AT SOUTH BEACH

Dr. Walter M. Berry of Newport was killed, and L. E. Wing, also of Newport, was slightly injured last Monday at 4 p.m. when the car they were riding in plunged from the elevated road at South Beach after they had been ferried across the bay.

Mr. Berry was crushed beneath the car, while Mr. Wing escaped practically uninjured.

SHALL WE HAVE SEWERS?

One week from next Saturday, the people of Toledo will vote upon a bond measure for the purpose of installing a sewer system.

While everything seems favorable that the bond issue will go over with a big majority, nevertheless, there has been some question raised as to whether the city should vote a general bond issue for the system.

The proposed system will take care of a population of up to 7,000 people when completely installed. Its installation will increase the actual value of every piece of property in town by more than double its cost.

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a range of shelter types and services and other related services.

7) Address Energy Affordability Challenges from Rising Utility Costs — The LOC will support actions to maintain

affordable, reliable, and resilient energy resources and invest in programs and new technology that support energy efficiency, renewable energy, battery storage, and resilient communities. These efforts will help address members' concerns about increased costs associated with energy usage.

8) Operator-In-Training Apprenticeships — The LOC will advocate for funding apprenticeship training programs and expanding bilingual training opportunities to promote the workforce development of qualified wastewater and drinking water operators.
9) ORS 195.530

Johnson v. Grants Pass — The LOC will advocate public policy that allows cities to respond to the unique needs of their community's housed and unhoused members. This advocacy will include adjustments to ORS 195.530 to provide cities with the necessary tools to address unsafe camping

conditions, safeguard public spaces, and protect the health, safety, and wellness of all community

members. For more information about these priorities, visit www.orcities.org

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to participate in arbitration or mediation, small claims court can be a helpful option for resolving smaller disputes without costly legal representation. Just be sure to check your state's monetary limits to ensure your case qualifies. Filing fees are often low, but you might want to consult a lawyer if you're dealing with a bigger claim. While hiring legal

help can raise the cost, getting advice early can help you better understand what you're getting into and prepare for the process.

BRING IN OTHER AUTHORITIES

Depending on your situation, you might need to get other authorities involved. There are industry-specific groups, like the Department of Transportation or the Building Industry Association, that could help apply some pressure.

If things get more serious — like potential criminal behavior — you might need to involve local law enforcement. And if fraud is on the table, reporting it to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and your local Attorney General's (AG) office is another good move. These steps can push the business to act and give you more ways to resolve the issue.

FINAL THOUGHTS

When it comes to dealing with disputes,

knowledge and patience are your best tools. Knowing what steps to take, keeping good records, and staying proactive can turn a frustrating experience into something more manageable.

For more information, visit BBB's Dispute Resolution Services (www.bbb.org/all/bbb-dispute-handling-and-resolution) to explore how mediation, arbitration, and complaint resolution services can help you reach a fair outcome with a business.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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.

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Sale of Abbey Street Pier Building moves forward

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

An agreement for the sale of the Abbey Street Pier Building on the Newport Bayfront was approved by the Newport City Council at its Dec. 2 meeting. The city is selling just the commercial building at 669 SW Bay Blvd. and will retain ownership of the recreational pier at that location.

The individual interested in purchasing the building is Arthur N. Hoppe, who is represented by Anne Kiblinger, of Emerald Coast Realty. The city is represented by Freddy Saxton, of Advantage Real Estate. The city council at its meeting approved Hoppe's offer of \$615,000 — the building was appraised at \$600,000.

It was in June of 2023 that the city council determined the Abbey Street Pier Building was no longer needed for public use and that it would be in the public interest to sell it. Later that year, the city had a prospective buyer, but that deal fell through, and the building was put back on the market.

In October of this year, Saxton forwarded Hoppe's cash offer to purchase the property, and with the council's consent, city staff prepared a draft purchase and sale agreement. Newport's municipal code requires that the city council hold a public hearing before approving the sale, and that was done at the council's Dec. 2 meeting.

Newport Community



The Newport City Council approved an agreement to sell the Abbey Street Pier building on the Bayfront for \$615,000. The sale does not include the public pier next to the building. (Photo by Steve Card)

Development Director Derrick Tokos outlined the next steps. "Once the sale and purchase agreement is approved, then the sale would proceed," he said. "There are also a couple different easement documents that will have to be put in place, one of which will provide for public access to the recreational pier. And then the other is a joint use easement for the fire suppression system, which is housed in the

commercial building." Tokos said the buyer is comfortable with those terms, and the sale agreement was reviewed by the city attorney. "One of the things that we're doing parallel with this, the council had authorized us to go ahead and have the pilings that support the building and the pier assessed," Tokos said. "That's going to be done by a contract engineering firm, and the results of that

inspection will be shared with the buyer."

Tokos told the council that details will need to be worked out regarding an in-water lease between the city of Newport and the Oregon Department of State Lands. "That is a step that will need to be taken care. Because we're selling the commercial building independent of the recreational pier, it was important that we have clear legal

descriptions of the boundary of each of those in-water lease areas," he said.

A motion to approve the purchase and sale agreement for the building and authorize the city manager to sign the agreement was unanimously approved by the city council.

An attempt to contact the purchaser of the property to ask about potential future uses of the building was unsuccessful as of press time.

What to do if you think you've been ripped off by a business

CAMERON NAKASHIMA
Better Business Bureau

What do you do when a business doesn't live up to its promises? Maybe you paid for something you never received, or a product or service didn't exactly meet your expectations. If this sounds familiar, you're not alone — and you don't have to just accept it.

There are simple steps you can take to get back what you're

owed without adding more stress to your life. Let's walk through some simple actions you can take to resolve the issue and set things right.

TALK TO THE BUSINESS FIRST

Start by reaching out to the business directly. And when you connect with them, remember to stay calm and communicate clearly. Most legitimate businesses don't want you feeling frustrated because of

your experience with them, and many times simply describing your bad experience to a manager via a level-headed conversation can move you towards a reasonable resolution.

Remember to have everything ready, including receipts, contracts, emails, and anything else that backs up your side of the story. A detailed timeline of what happened can be super helpful, too. When you're organized and have the

facts straight, businesses are more willing to get on board with you to solve the problem.

However, if the business ignores you or refuses to make things right, there are other steps you can take toward resolution.

GET BBB INVOLVED

Filing a complaint with the Better Business Bureau is easy and free and boosts your chances of getting things

resolved. Businesses pay attention when the BBB gets involved, especially if keeping a good rating matters to them. Most of the time, this step is enough to settle things, but if not, BBB can help you take it further to get a fair outcome.

CONSIDER MEDIATION OR ARBITRATION

If the issue isn't getting resolved, you might want to try mediation or arbitration. These

options are quicker, less formal, and often far less expensive than going to court — some mediation cases are wrapped up in just a few weeks. But keep in mind that both sides have to agree to take part. If the business refuses, you may need to consider legal action.

TAKE LEGAL ACTION (IF YOU HAVE TO)

If the business refuses

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Homelessness solutions one of LOC legislative priorities

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Homelessness and housing challenges continue to be issues throughout cities across Oregon, and they are part of the nine priorities adopted by the League of Oregon Cities' (LOC) Board of Directors for the 2025 and 2026 Oregon legislative sessions. The priorities were identified through a committee process during the spring of this year, and a vote by the LOC's 241 member cities during the summer.

The following nine issues received the most votes and were adopted by the LOC Board:

1) Community Infrastructure and Housing Development Funding — The LOC will advocate for a comprehensive infrastructure package that supports increased water, sewer, stormwater, and road investments from the state. Without continual infrastructure investments, communities cannot build needed housing; these two priorities are inherently linked. To this end, the LOC will advocate for continued state investments to support the development and preservation

of a range of needed housing types and affordability.

2) 2025 Transportation Package — The LOC will support a robust, long-term, multimodal transportation package focused on stabilizing funding for operations and maintenance

for local governments and ODOT; continued investment in transit and bike/ped programs, safety, and congestion management; and completion of projects from HB 2017. This objective includes support for a transition from a

gas tax to a road user fee and improved community safety and livability.

3) Recreational Immunity — The LOC will introduce legislation to protect cities and other landowners who open their property for recreational

purposes from tort liability claims.

4) Behavioral Health Enhancements — The LOC will support legislation to expand access to behavioral health treatment beds and allow courts greater ability to direct persons unable to care for themselves into treatment through the civil commitment process.

5) Lodging Tax Flexibility — The LOC will advocate for legislation that increases the flexibility to use locally administered and collected lodging tax revenue to support tourism-impacted services. These services include public safety, community infrastructure, and housing-related investments.

6) Shelter Funding and Homeless Response — The LOC will support a comprehensive homeless response package to fund the needs of homeless shelters, homeless response efforts statewide, and capital projects. Funding will include baseline operational support to continue and strengthen coordinated regional homeless response and include



Cottage Grove Police check on people during the Aug. 22 transition day deadline at a homeless camp in that city. (Photo by Jeremy C. Ruark)

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‘The Christmas Show’ returns Dec. 20-22



“The Christmas Show,” an annual holiday performance by the Red Octopus Theatre Company, will be on stage at the Newport Performing Arts Center on Dec. 20, 21 and 22. Pictured during a previous year’s show are CJ McCarty and Pete Theodore. (Photo by Chris Graamans)

Red Octopus Theatre Company’s annual holiday tradition — “The Christmas Show” — has been completely reimagined for 2024. This year’s event features a new sketch-comedy-style show written and directed by Darcy Lawrence and starring more than 30 local actors. The show runs Dec. 20, 21 and 22 at Newport Performing Arts Center.

Lawrence, a staple in the local theater community, previously wrote “It’s a Wonderful Carol, Actually,” which debuted at the PAC two

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Wreaths Across America, an event honoring veterans who served in the U.S. armed forces, will take place at 10 a.m. this Saturday, Dec. 14, at Eureka Cemetery, located at 1101 NE Yaquina Heights Drive in Newport. (Courtesy photo)

Eureka Cemetery celebrates Wreaths Across America

Eureka Cemetery will host a ceremony in Newport this Saturday, Dec. 14, for Wreaths Across America, a commemoration that is part of a national effort at

cemeteries across the nation to remember, honor and teach about those veterans who served in the U.S. armed forces to protect and defend this country and

who gave their lives in these efforts.

The event begins at 10 a.m. at the cemetery, located at 1101 NE

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Grand (re)opening of PAC this Saturday

The Oregon Coast Council for the Arts invites community members to the Newport Performing Arts Center this Saturday, Dec. 14, at noon to celebrate the grand (re)opening of the building’s backstage spaces — and the long-awaited conclusion of their \$2.2 million Capital Campaign.

When OCCA’s “Entertain the Future!” campaign to expand and refurbish the PAC began in 2014, no one imagined it would still be underway a decade later. But because of some unexpected obstacles (most notably a pandemic and the rising cost of materials), the plan had to be creatively modified — and the timeline extended — along the way.

The first six phases of the campaign saw the expansion and renovation of the lobby and women’s restroom, new lighting and sound equipment, signage, and more. The seventh and final phase, which is now finishing up, includes upgrades to the David Ogden Stiers Studio Theatre and modifies backstage spaces to allow room for more performers — doubling the number of dressing rooms, adding an

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After more than 10 years, the “Entertain the Future!” campaign to expand and refurbish the Newport Performing Arts Center is nearly complete. A celebration to mark the occasion will take place this Saturday, Dec. 14, beginning at noon. (Courtesy photo)

Join the Christmas Bird Count

Add your sightings to a 125-year tradition

This month, Seven Capes Bird Alliance is participating in National Audubon Society’s Christmas Bird Count. For 125 years, bird enthusiasts nationwide have participated in the world’s longest-running wildlife census to provide information that helps scientists protect birds and the places they need.

Anyone who enjoys bird watching in this rich coastal habitat is encouraged to join in. All experience levels are welcome. People can either join a team of field counters or, if they live within one of the count circles, they can count from their backyard. Either way, people need to preregister.

Field counters should dress for Oregon coastal weather with mud boots or sturdy shoes. Bring your own optical equipment, lunch or snack,

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People are invited to join Seven Capes Bird Alliance in the National Audubon Society’s Christmas Bird Count. Information can be found online at sevencapes.org/christmas-bird-count (Photo by Ruth Shelly)



An “end-of-season” North County Mushroom Show, presented by the Lincoln County Mycological Society, will be held this Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Glenden Beach Community Center, located at 110 Azalea St. (Courtesy photo)

Make ‘shroom’ for one more fun(gi) show

Join the Lincoln County Mycological Society (LCMS) this Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Glenden Beach Community Center for a special one-day 50th

anniversary and “end-of-season” North County Mushroom Show.

Free and open to the public, the show runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and features freshly foraged

and identified mushroom specimens, display tables, craft and learning booths, local forays, and more. The community

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It's a barbershop holiday party

It is party time for the Oregon Coastal Aires and the Oregon Coast Chorus. People are invited to their free concert to benefit Stone Soup Suppers and the Newport Food Pantry.

It will take place this Saturday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. at Newport Presbyterian Church, 227 NE 12th St. The two barbershop choruses are blending their Christmas songs under the direction of Jim Hoover and Mary Mamer. At the end of the singing party, join the choruses for hot chocolate and cookies and more singing.

Stone Soup will receive all the cash donations from the concert. There are volunteer teams from five Newport churches who provide meals to the homeless and anyone who is hungry every Monday, from 5 to 6 p.m., at St. Stephen's Episcopal church in Newport. They have been averaging 130 meals per



Mary Mamer, director of Oregon Coast Sweet Adelines, and Jim Hoover, director of Coastal Aires, will be bringing holiday cheer to the community with their choruses this Saturday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. at the Newport Presbyterian Church. Admission is free — donations of food and money will go to the Newport Food pantry and Stone Soup Suppers. (Courtesy photo)

day, which are offered both as sit down or take-out. Their mission is to serve a plentiful hot meal to anyone who doesn't have food when they need it.

The concert party is free. Help the hungry by

bringing food or money to support the volunteer groups feeding people in Newport. For more information, both choruses can be found on Facebook, or for Coastal Aires, 541-961-3566 or Oregoncoastchorus.org.

Newport challenges Lincoln City to food drive competition

All donations benefit Food Share of Lincoln County and Lincoln County Animal Shelter

The city of Newport has issued a friendly challenge to Lincoln City with a holiday food and pet food drive to benefit Food Share of Lincoln County and the Lincoln County Animal Shelter. The competition began on Monday, Dec. 9, and will run through the end of the month. All community members are encouraged to join in to help assist the community throughout the holiday season.

Those wishing to help Newport outpace Lincoln City are encouraged to drop off their donations at any of the following Newport locations: City Hall, Recreation Center, 60+ Activity Center, Newport Public Library, Fire Station, and the Public Works shop.

"Our Newport team members have truly embraced the holiday spirit by finding ways to give back and benefit the community, and I am proud that we are supporting Food Share of Lincoln County and Lincoln County Animal Shelter. These organizations provide vital resources for so many in the coastal region, especially around the holidays and in the winter months," Newport City Manager Nina Vetter said. "This year we thought it would be fun to get all of our departments involved and issue a friendly challenge up the coast. The only difference with this type of competition is no matter what happens, everyone wins."

Food Share of Lincoln County distributes over 1 million pounds of food each year through seven pantries located around the county. They also provide assistance in the form of food and other donated items to local partner agencies, allowing

those agencies to use their funds to support more communities.

Lincoln County Animal Shelter is the only animal shelter in the county. Among its numerous services, it aims to provide an enriching environment to the animals in their care, pet adoption services, and pet retention programs to help pets stay with their families. Many of the animals in their care are dogs found running at large and animals recovered by law enforcement.

Since 2021, many of Newport's city departments have held internal food drive competitions, which have produced nearly three and a half tons of food donations, and over 660 pounds of pet food donations.

Donation and competition updates will be provided throughout December on the City of Newport's official social media channels — @NewportOre on Facebook and @CityOfNewportOR on Instagram.

Samaritan Evergreen Hospice to screen 'New Rules for End of Life Care'

Samaritan Evergreen Hospice invites people with an interest in end-of-life care to attend a film screening and discussion on Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 11 a.m. to noon at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital's Building 8 conference room.

Barbara Karnes, RN, recognized that caring for someone as they approach the end of their life is not the same as caring for someone who

is going to get better. She created the multi-award-winning educational film, "New Rules for End of Life Care," to provide guidance on caring for a loved one who is at the end of their life, whether they are at home or in a nursing home or hospital.

Everyone is invited to attend the screening to gain valuable information that will help them better understand the dying process and the stages of death. The film is 30

minutes in length and will be followed by a 30-minute discussion led by staff from Samaritan Evergreen Hospice.

Building 8 is located east of Samaritan Lincoln City Medical Center, 2870 NE West Devils Lake Road, and parking is available in the center's north parking lot.

To reserve a seat for the film screening, send an email to Kelly Sautel at ksautel@samhealth.org.

Newport Recreation Center launches membership drive

The Newport Recreation & Aquatic Center is kicking off the new year with its annual membership drive starting Dec. 15 and running through Jan. 15, 2025.

This limited-time promotion offers new and renewing members an opportunity to join the center at a 20 percent discount off the regular price of an annual pass, plus

receive additional perks such as a free swag bag and entry into a raffle to win prizes.

The Newport Recreation & Aquatic Center has something for everyone, whether you're looking to improve your fitness, recreate, or take part in community events. With a variety of amenities including strength and cardio equipment, a track, swimming pools, and more, now is the perfect time to join and start the year off right.

Membership drive benefits include:

- 20 percent off the regular price of an annual membership
- Free swag bag
- Entry into a raffle for a chance to win prizes
- Access to all of the

center's amenities, including two free wellness workshops per year

"Our recreation and aquatic center is more than just a place to work out," said Mike Cavanaugh, Newport parks and recreation director. "It's a community resource where individuals and families are able to practice a healthier, more active lifestyle physically and mentally. The 2024 membership drive is the perfect opportunity for people to join our community and make their wellness a priority."

To begin or renew a membership at the discounted rate between Dec. 15 and Jan. 15, visit the center in person at 225 SE Avery St. in Newport, or call 541-265-7783.

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The annual Victorian Christmas Open Houses at Heceta Head Lightstation south of Yachats take place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 14, 15, 21 and 22. (Courtesy photo)

Christmas open houses at Heceta Head Lightstation

Heceta Head Lightstation is celebrating 28 years of the annual Victorian Christmas Open Houses on Dec. 14, 15, 21 and 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. each day.

The Queen Anne-style Keeper's House is decorated inside and out with festive Victorian holiday decorations through Jan. 2. Each evening of the open houses, local performers will share holiday favorites in the historic Keeper's House. Santa will be visiting to welcome children of all ages. Cookies and warm drinks will be available. Guests are encouraged to take a nighttime walk to the lighthouse, so bring a flashlight. This is a great opportunity to watch the lighthouse beams rotate overhead — truly a magical experience.

Entry to the Keeper's House is free, but

donations to KHHL are accepted. Parking is available at the Heceta Head Lighthouse State Scenic Viewpoint, just below the Keeper's House, for \$5 per vehicle. A free shuttle will take visitors from the park right to the front door. Or bring warm, rain-proof clothing and a flashlight so you can enjoy the beautiful walk up from the beach to the festivities.

People can support the historic Keepers' Home by entering the holiday raffle (online or in person) and win a free night's stay at the bed & breakfast, as well as great prizes from local artists and businesses. The Heceta Lighthouse Gift Shop will be open and filled with special lighthouse gifts for your Christmas shopping.

For more information, visit www.hecetalighthouse.com or contact the

Heceta Lighthouse B&B at 866-547-3696 or email keepers@hecetalighthouse.com.

The Heceta Head Lightstation is located alongside Highway 101 about 14 miles south of Yachats.

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Aquarium offers discounted admission for qualifying visitors

The Oregon Coast Aquarium now offers discounted admission for qualifying Oregonians enrolled in specific benefits programs.

Visitors enrolled in eligible programs can purchase up to four half-price tickets when they present photo ID and documentation showing they are registered participants in one or more of the following:

- Oregon Trail Card
- Oregon Health Plan (OHP)
- WIC - eWIC Card
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

"This discount is another effort towards inclusivity and accessibility. We remain committed to sharing our unique and engaging experience for all," said Aquarium President/CEO Carrie Lewis.

These discounted tickets can only be purchased in person at the aquarium and cannot be combined with other offers or promotions. To learn more about the aquarium's active discounts, visit aquarium.org/discounts.

About Oregon Coast Aquarium

Since opening in 1992, the Oregon Coast Aquarium has been a premier attraction on Oregon's central coast and an enduring advocate for the health of the ocean. For more than three decades, this 501(c)3 nonprofit organization has supported marine wildlife and fostered environmental stewardship through its education programs, community partnerships, and rehabilitation efforts. Accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, the aquarium is consistently ranked as one of the top 10 aquariums in the U.S., providing visitors with opportunities to connect with 15,000 animals spanning 300 different species. The aquarium is located at 2820 SE Ferry Slip Road, Newport. For more information, go online at aquarium.org or call 541-867-3474. Follow the aquarium on Facebook or Instagram for the latest updates.

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Celebrating centennial year



America Legion Post 116 in Newport hit a milestone this year — 100 years since the post was founded in October 1924. The post is celebrating the centennial anniversary of its charter with the new pin pictured above. The American Legion is open to all veterans with an honorable discharge and also to all active duty personnel. Dues may vary by post. The Newport post is located at 434 W Olive St. (Courtesy photo)



The final phase of improvements to the Newport Performing Arts Center included upgrades to the David Ogden Stiers Studio Theatre and modifications to backstage spaces. (Courtesy photo)

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additional greenroom, and creating an 850-square-foot rehearsal space. Attendees will have an opportunity to tour these new spaces during the Dec. 14 event.

“We are excited to see the project come to fruition,” said Mark McConnell, who helped launch the campaign more than 10 years ago, speaking on behalf of himself and his wife, Cindy. “The PAC is near and dear to our hearts. The legacy it has, and will create, is priceless to all [who] have attended and walked the stage.”

The backstage renovations were designed and planned by Integrus, (a

collaboration of YGH and Integrus Architecture), and construction was carried out by Richard’s Remodeling. The project was accomplished in partnership and with the help of the city of Newport. In addition to the room renovations, a much needed new HVAC system has been installed, and the building’s fire sensor system received a \$90,000 upgrade.

“We’re so grateful for the city’s involvement in this important work,” said Jason Holland, executive director of Oregon Coast Council for the Arts. “We’re fortunate to have local leaders who recognize the importance and incredible value of the arts.”

The reopening event begins at noon on

Saturday and will run approximately two hours. Remarks, backstage tours, entertainment, and light bites will be included. Admission is free. To learn more, visit www.coastarts.org/events/reopening

“We’re excited to celebrate the completion of this incredible community achievement,” said Holland. “The initiative began so long ago that many have never known the PAC at a time that it wasn’t in the throes of the Capital Campaign. We’re thrilled to bring to fruition a vision that began more than 10 years ago, and we’re hopeful that these refurbishments will indeed entertain the future in our community for many years to come.”

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WREATHS

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Yaquina Heights Drive. It is open to all, and attendees are invited to participate in laying a wreath on a veteran's gravesite and saying the veteran's name aloud so that his or her memory is kept alive.

The ceremony will open with Newport Girl Scouts leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief Warrant Officer Beth Slade, commander of U.S. Coast Guard Station Yaquina Bay in Newport, will be the guest speaker. The ceremony will close with retired Navy Chief Steve Schaljo of Vancouver, Washington playing Taps. During the placing of the wreaths, volunteers will lay more than 250 wreaths — more

than twice those donated last year — at the graves of veterans whose final resting place is in this historic cemetery.

Wreaths Across America is a national movement of dedicated volunteers and community groups including the Oregon Coast Veterans Association and Eureka Cemetery & Mausoleum Association, who unite to remember the nation's fallen soldiers. This is the second year the Newport cemetery, which has served the Lincoln County community since 1879, will participate in this national program.

WAA began as a simple gesture of thanks and has grown into a national movement. It is a nonprofit organization founded to expand the annual ceremony

at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992.

The evergreen wreaths were purchased for a donation of \$17 each and will remain during the several weeks of the holiday season this December. Additional information is available online at WreathsAcrossAmerica/OREUM.

Eureka Cemetery, which was incorporated in 1889, is the oldest cemetery in Lincoln County and is known as a pioneer cemetery. Many founders of Newport and Lincoln County have been laid to rest at Eureka, which offers benches and picnic tables as places of contemplation. It is a maintained as a nonprofit organization governed by a volunteer board of



On Saturday, more than 250 wreaths will be placed at the graves of veterans whose final resting place is in the historic Eureka Cemetery in Newport. (Courtesy photo)

directors, which meets monthly. Questions about the cemetery may be

directed to Sue DeBelloy, secretary, or Debby Miller, manager, by

calling 541-265-7282 or emailing ecao@outlook.com.

BIRDS

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and plenty of water. If that sounds too strenuous, or you don't have the full day to spend, check out the maps to see if you live within a count circle to participate as a backyard/feeder counter — Seven Capes Bird Alliance will

send a checklist. Teams are organizing in the coastal region for the following days:

- Dec. 14 — Tillamook Bay: contact Allison Anholt at Allison.anholt@gmail.com to register.
- Dec. 19 — Lincoln City: contact SCBA at info@sevencapes.org to register.
- Dec. 28 — Yaquina

Bay: contact kaifruh2@gmail.com by Dec. 23 for form and questions.

Begun in 1900 as an alternative to traditional Christmas Day bird hunts, hundreds of Christmas Bird Counts are now conducted throughout the Western Hemisphere. The CBC continues to contribute valuable scientific data to the longest

existing record of bird population trends. This year, data will be sent to the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University where over the years, CBC records have been used to study changes in bird populations and wintering ranges. In 2023, a record high number of participants recorded more than

2,300 bird species across North and South America, and Pacific and Caribbean islands.

The Christmas Bird Count is free, fun, and makes a difference. See sevencapes.org/christmas-bird-count for maps of the count circles and registration information.

About Seven Capes Bird Alliance

Seven Capes Bird Alliance (sevencapes.org) was founded as Audubon Society of Lincoln City in 2005. A nonprofit membership organization and chapter of the National Audubon Society, SCBA is active in education and advocacy for protection of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats in Lincoln and Tillamook counties.



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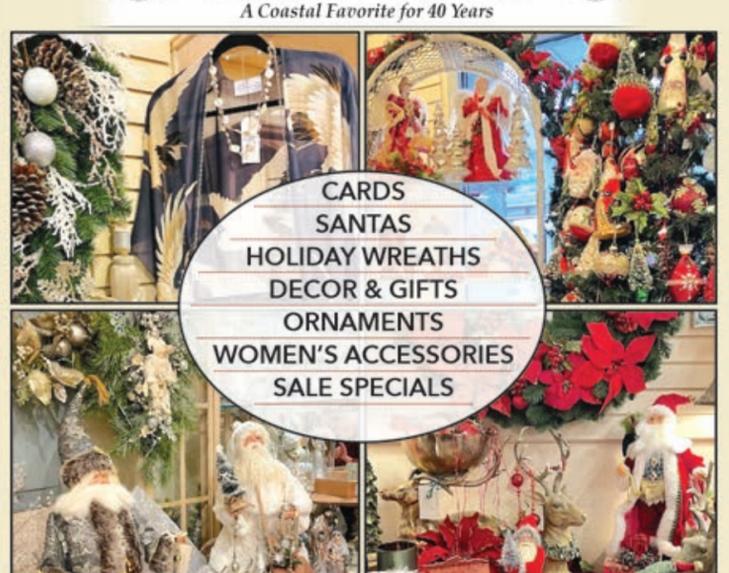
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SHROOM

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center is located at 110 Azalea St. in Gleneden Beach.

The centerpiece of the event will be the table displays of fresh-picked fungal specimens from local forests, yards, fields, parks, etc. Arranged by various “genus” (the term for groups of related mushrooms), each specimen will be labeled with its common and scientific names, as well as its edibility (or not).

Throughout the day, knowledgeable and experienced members of the LCMS will be on hand, ready to answer questions about local fungi or help ID something that you may have found in your yard. They can also share

fungi foraging or cooking tips with you.

In addition to LCMS, members from the Cascade Mycological Society and the North American Truffle Society will be helping out with displays on how to identify mushrooms, microscope displays on soil fungi, a children’s “fungi craft” table, and tables for mushroom ID book sales, LCMS membership and T-shirts, and vendors of mushroom goods, wares, and crafts.

This mushroom show harkens back to the beginnings of the Lincoln County Mycological Society, formed 50 years ago by Freda Holloran (now 91 years old). The very first LCMS mushroom show in the area was held in Depoe Bay in 1974.



The North County Mushroom Show features freshly foraged and identified mushroom specimens, display tables, craft and learning booths, local forays, and more. (Courtesy photos)

LCMS members will also lead three forays during the day, limited to 12 people each. They

are free, but people must pre-register. To sign-up for the forays, email kimmarie1986@gmail.com or



Members of the Lincoln County Mycological Society will be available at Sunday’s show to help people identify various types of mushrooms they have found.

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For general information on the event, email LCMycosociety@gmail.

com or see the website at LCMycosociety.org or go to Facebook at LCMycosociety.

SHOW

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years ago. That play has since been picked up by a production company in Las Vegas and will be performed at Vegas Theatre Company this month. Lawrence directed the world premiere production in Newport in 2022, along with other PAC hits such as “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” “Lend Me a Tenor,” “The Full Monty,” and “The Taming of the Shrew.”

Red Octopus Theatre Company (Red O) initially created the Christmas Show to offer an annual holiday theater tradition in Newport,

except instead of presenting the same show every year, they thought they’d mix it up to keep things fresh. Some years, it was a series of short plays; others, it was a full-length play. The idea came from a good place, and many audience members expressed joy in knowing there would always be something new to see, but others became attached to certain plays and were disappointed when those plays didn’t return.

So, Red O went back to the drawing board. Could they present something that was both new and the same each year? The surprising answer is yes. The Christmas Show has been reimagined as a

family friendly, sketch-comedy-style production. (Think Saturday Night Live, but holiday-themed and free of politics and decidedly adult humor.) The show will begin each year with a cold open, followed by an opening number, then a series of comedy sketches and guests. The audience’s favorite sketches will return the following year, intermixed with fresh, new sketches. So, each year, there will be something familiar and something new — the best of both worlds.

What won’t change are the things Red O’s audiences have come to love best and count on: an appearance by Santa Claus, snow inside

the theater, hot cocoa, and the real star of the night — homemade Christmas cookies. The cookies — thousands of them — have been made by hand each year and donated by local baker, writer, and theater patron Kate Boyes. Any leftover cookies are given to local charities. Speaking of which, another aspect of the show that will continue is the food drive. Red Octopus offers a \$5 discount on admission with a donation of two food items for Food Share of Lincoln County.

For 2024, the show features Brett Belleque, Barbara Berge, Karlia Bertness, Holly Brown, Doug Chadwick, Aria Dennett, Stacy

Fischer, Lucy Furuheim, Scott Ganyo, Frannie Germeshausen, Alex Herd, Gary Herd, Jami Ivory, Jack Johnson, Fred Kunde, Jason Kutchma, Cody Larsen, Leslie Linn-Brown, Nola Longueira, Peighton Manfred, CJ McCarty, Kate Miller, Jessica Moll, Christian Schiedler, Richie Scott, Caity Showalter, Russell Sweet, Kevin Swehla, Pete Theodore, Megan Walters, William Derik Webster, and Anna Zimmerman.

“My vision for The Christmas Show is great holiday-themed sketch comedy that is free of political humor and adult themes,” said Lawrence. “I believe clean is not

anathema to funny, and anyone who can’t write comedy without politics and profanity isn’t really trying. In my sketches, Santa will always be real, and the comedy will never be crude or divisive. I want everyone to be able to enjoy this holiday tradition together.”

This annual holiday tradition begins at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20 and 21, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Newport Performing Arts Center box office (777 W Olive St., Newport), by phone (541-265-2787), or online (ticketing fee applies). For more information, visit www.coastarts.org/Christmas

Calendar of EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

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.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

SEA OF LIGHTS AT AQUARIUM

Visit the Sea of Lights at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, 2820 SE Ferry Slip Road, Newport, from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission: free for aquarium members, \$10 for non-members. This family-friendly event allows visitors to view aquarium galleries and exhibits in a new light, and includes Santa photo opportunities. Info: aquarium.org or 541-867-3474.

PACIFIC COAST SINGERS

The Pacific Coast Singers Winter Celebration takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Lincoln City, 2435 NW Oar Place. Free. A 30-voice choir, smaller ensembles, a bell choir and more.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

ALL NATIONS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

All Nations Lutheran Church, 358 NE 12th St., Newport, presents its annual Christmas bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be delicious cookies, baskets filled with wonderful items, crafts, quilts and many gift items made by the church ladies.

WINTER MAKERS MARKET AND TOY DRIVE

Shop for Christmas gifts while supporting local vendors at the Winter Makers Market. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Garden at Newledo, 88 Fruitvale Road, Newport. Also refreshments and a toy drive to benefit Lincoln County children. Info: harvest4hope24@gmail.com

NEWPORT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (RE)OPENING

The Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive St., will hold a (re)opening ceremony from noon to 2 p.m. to show off its recently completed improvements. Free.

PLAY WITH PRINTMAKING

Play with printmaking and make a holiday card at the Newport Visual Arts Center, 777 NW Beach Drive, room 205. Coastal Arts Guild volunteers will be hosting this free, drop-in holiday card-making workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. Info: 541-574-3364.

PACIFIC WIND ENSEMBLE

The Pacific Wind Ensemble presents its annual seasonal celebration concert from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Yachats Commons, 441 N Coast Hwy 101. Free (donations accepted).

BARBERSHOP HOLIDAY PARTY

The Oregon Coastal Aires and the Oregon Coast Chorus present a Barbershop Holiday Party at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 227 NE 12th St. Free, but donations are encouraged to benefit Stone Soup Suppers and the Newport Food Pantry.

‘HOLIDAY HOMECOMING’ CONCERT

Coastal Voices, a 53-voice community chorus, presents “Holiday Homecoming,” featuring an eclectic program of seasonal music. 3 p.m. Chapel By The Sea, 2125 SE Lee Ave., Lincoln City. Admission: \$20; \$10 for 55 and older; free for 17 and under. Info: coastal-voices.org

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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.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

DROP-IN FIGURE DRAWING

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

‘HOLIDAY HOMECOMING’ CONCERT

Coastal Voices, a 53-voice community chorus, presents “Holiday Homecoming,” featuring an eclectic program of seasonal music. 3 p.m. Yachats Community Presbyterian Church, 360 W Seventh St. Admission: \$20; \$10 for 55 and older; free for 17 and under. Info: coastal-voices.org

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.

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

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

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.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

TEA AND TALK AT VAC

Join the Coastal Arts Guild for Tea & Talk at 2 p.m. at the Newport Visual Arts Center, 777 NW Beach Drive. This month will be the holiday party on the theme of Show & Tell – bring artwork you have in progress to share. Art supply exchange: If you have any art materials you’d like to pass along to another creative spirit, bring them along. For more information, call 541-574-3364.

KARL SMILEY AT THE DRIFT INN

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



BIG BAND DANCE

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

SEA OF LIGHTS AT AQUARIUM

Visit the Sea of Lights at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, 2820 SE Ferry Slip Road, Newport, from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission: free for aquarium members, \$10 for non-members. This family-friendly event allows visitors to view aquarium galleries and exhibits in a new light, and includes Santa photo opportunities. Info: aquarium.org or 541-867-3474.

IAN SMITH AT THE DRIFT INN

Ian Smith performs classics beginning at 6 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

‘THE CHRISTMAS SHOW’

Red Octopus Theatre Company’s annual holiday tradition – “The Christmas Show” – is on stage at the Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive St. 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.coastarts.org/Christmas

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

COASTAL VOICES HOLIDAY SING-ALONG

Coastal Voices presents a holiday sing-along at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101. Crafts start at 2 p.m., and the sing-along starts at 3 p.m. Free (donations accepted). Info: 541-994-9994.

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LIVE MUSIC AT THE DRIFT INN

Caveman Dave 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.

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SUNDAY, DEC. 22

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Johny Hunt 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.

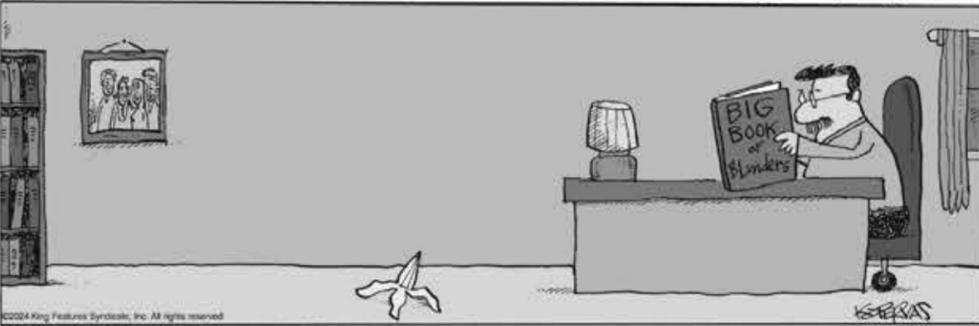
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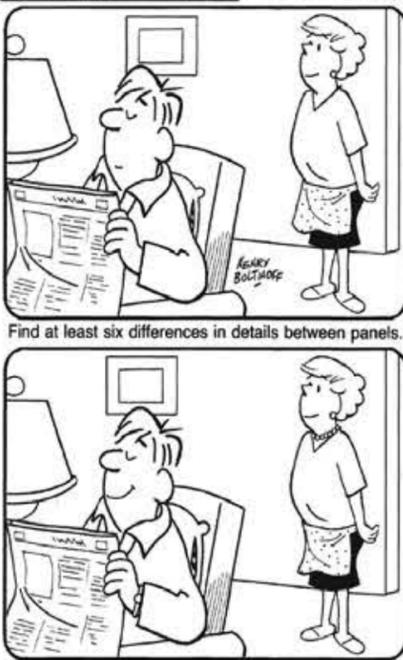
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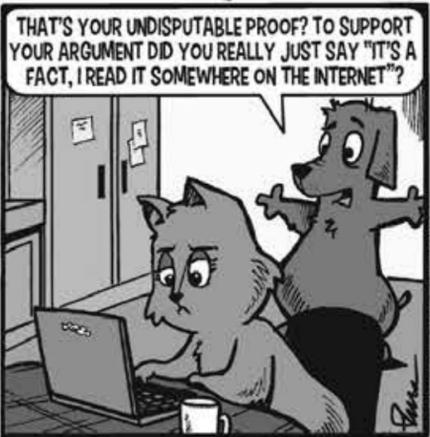


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Pillow is larger; 2. Picture on wall is moved; 3. Mouth is different; 4. Necktie is added; 5. Apron is different; 6. Watch is added.

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: X equals O

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WORD LADDERS

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

FAILS

KINDS

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: Which Victor Hugo novel was made into an animated Disney movie?
- MUSIC: In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," what was the gift on the eighth day?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Kalahari Desert located?
- HISTORY: Who was the first African-American justice on the U.S. Supreme Court?
- BIOLOGY: What is the process called in which a nonreproductive cell divides in two?
- MOVIES: In the movie "Elf," what is the name of Santa's sleigh?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest mammal on Earth?
- U.S. STATES: Where did the first organized celebration of Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) take place in the U.S.?
- ASTRONOMY: Which planet is the smallest in our solar system?
- TELEVISION: Which 1980s-1990s TV family sitcom had a holiday episode titled "A Very Tanner Christmas"?

Answers

- "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."
- Eight maids a-milking.
- Southern Africa.
- Thurgood Marshall.
- Mitosis.
- The Kringle 3000.
- The blue whale.
- Mobile, Alabama.
- Mercury.
- "Full House."

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- Switch: W A S P
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- Smooth: M Y C A R E
- Prance: V O R T A C

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"While you were gone, the house seemed _____ except for the sink!"

Moist certainly!
 turkey to be succulent?
 whether or not I like my
 Was somebody wondering
 answer
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 FAILS, FALLS, FILLS,
 Answer

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 3. Creamy; 4. Cavor!
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LCL24-3215 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of Rodney Earl

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Golden, Deceased. No. 24PB10387 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is hereby given to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at: Karen J. Mpitso, 708 NE Beach Dr., Newport, OR 97365 or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date first published: December 11, 2024. /s/ Karen J. Mpitso, Per-

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LCL24-3214 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of Jillane L. Anderson, Deceased. No. 24PB10385 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is hereby given to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at: Dylan Anderson, 425 SW 6th St., Newport, OR 97365 or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date first published: December 11, 2024. /s/ Dylan Anderson, Personal Representative, Pridgeon & McCrum, LLC, Attorneys at Law, 515 W Olive St., Newport, OR 97365, 541-265-2217, fax 541-265-2699 D11 D18 D25

LCL24-3218 Estate of Sharon Lynn Ross, deceased. Notice to Interested Persons (Case No.24PB09388) In the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon for the County of Lincoln, Probate Department. Notice is hereby given that Ronald Michael Ross has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned personal representative in

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care of the undersigned attorney at: 6500 S Macadam Ave., Ste. 300, Portland, OR 97239. 3565 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published December 11, 2024. Ronald Michael Ross, Personal Representative, Shannon Conley, OSB #133327, Law Offices of Nay & Friedenber LLC, Attorney for Personal Representative, Portland, OR 97239-3565. D11

LCL24-3217 PUBLIC AUCTION AT ANCHOR STORAGE 1673 SE East Devils Lake Rd, Lincoln City, OR 97367. Contact number is 541-921-9878. The following unit(s) will be sold at Public Auction on Monday, December 30th Beginning at 9:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Unit #C51 Eric Leturno, Unit #C12 Joe Deboard. D11 D18

LCL24-3216 A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Lincoln PUD will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday December 18, 2024 at 2129 N. Coast Hwy. Newport, Oregon. An Executive Session will also be held in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(f) and (h) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection and to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. To review the meeting agenda, please go to clcpud.org. Customers interested in attending the meeting virtually can email info@clcpud.org to make a request. D11

LCL24-3219 PUBLIC NOTICE The Pacific Communities

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Health District Board of Directors will hold a Virtual and special meeting on Tuesday, December 17, at 4:00 p.m. by Microsoft Teams or in person at the Samaritan Pacific Community Hospital located at 930 SW Abbey Street, Newport, OR, in Conference Room 1 & 2 on the second floor. Persons interested in joining the Virtual meeting must have the Microsoft Teams Meeting Application downloaded on personal computer or cell phone. To request a Teams Meeting invite please email cmacnab@samhealthn.org or call 541-574-4674. To join by phone (audio only) option, directly call 1-971-254-1254, followed by Conference ID: 680 498 12#. Agenda: Call to Order, Additions or Change to Agenda, Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2024. Invitation for Citizen Comments, Audit Report, Financial Reports, Report from Legal Counsel, Construction/Facilities/Water Resiliency Update, Hospital Update, Board Items, Adjourn. Catherine Macnab, Recorder, PACIFIC COMMUNITIES HEALTH DISTRICT. For additional information contact 541-574-4940 or www.pchdistrict.org D11

LCL24-3220 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN In the Matter of the Estate of NANCY ELLEN BURKE, Deceased. Case No. 24PB09480 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative by and through their attorney at PO Box 1987, Newport, OR 97365, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be

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affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative, Traci P. McDowell. Dated and first published on December 11, 2024. /s/ Traci P. McDowell, OSB #184063, Attorney for Personal Representative. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Christopher Burke, 603 6th Ave, Salt Lake City, UT 84109, (801)550-8868. LAWYER FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Traci P. McDowell, OSB #184063, PO Box 1987, Newport, OR 97365, (541) 272-5500, traci@yaquinalaw.com D11

LCL24-3221 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS James Michael Meyer has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Kevin Gerard Meyer, deceased, by the Circuit Court, State of Oregon, Lincoln County, Case No. 24PB10315. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, within four months after the publication of this notice, to the undersigned, or the claim may be barred. Additional information may be obtained from the records of the court, the undersigned, or the lawyer for the undersigned. DATED and published December 11, 2024. James Michael Meyer, c/o Suzanne McVicker, ETALW LLC, 1001 SW Disk Drive, Suite 250, Bend, OR 97702, TEL: (541) 480-0665 D11

LCL24-3213 SELF STORAGE PUBLIC SALE Safe-Lock Storage 3639 SE Ash St South Beach, Oregon 97366 Saturday, 12/21/2024 @ 10:00am C06 - Rich Rouske, S32 - Bethani Norton, T23 - Richard Prozinski. Sale Subject to Cancellation. Safe-Lock Storage reserves the Right to refuse any and all bids. D4 D11

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OF A PUBLIC HEARING The following request will be reviewed at a public hearing by the City of Toledo City Council on December 18, 2024. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm and will be held in the Council Chambers at Toledo City Hall, 206 N. Main Street, Toledo, Oregon. Any comments you wish to make will be appreciated. Contact Planner Justin Peterson at (541) 336-2247 ext. 2130 for further information. In-Person and Virtual Meeting: The meeting will be held at Toledo City Hall with an option for attendance through the Zoom video meeting platform. Call (541) 336-2247 ext. 2130 or e-mail planning@cityof-toledo.org to receive the meeting login information or visit www.cityof-toledo.org/meetings for the meeting details. City File No. ZOA-2-24 is a proposed amendment to address the FEMA mandate and apply new regulations on all development within the Special Flood Hazard Areas. The Toledo City Council will consider a proposed ordinance to establish new regulations for development. Criteria for ordinance consideration: City of Toledo Charter (Ordinance Adoption), Oregon Statewide Planning Goals, Oregon Administrative Rules, and Oregon Revised Statutes. Toledo Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Toledo Municipal Code Chapter 15 (Flood Hazard Protection), Toledo Municipal Code Chapter 17 (Zoning) and Chapter 19 (Land Use Procedures). The proposed ordinance is available for review at Toledo City Hall, 206 N. Main St, Toledo, OR, or viewed online at www.cityoftoledo.org/planning Oregon law requires that testimony and evidence presented be directed toward the relevant criteria in the Toledo Zoning Ordinance, Comprehensive Plan, or other City plans or policies which a person believes pertains to the request, and which will be used in making the decision. The appli-

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cation, all documents and evidence submitted by or for the applicant, and the applicable criteria and standards can be reviewed at City Hall at no cost and copies can be provided at reasonable cost. The staff report and recommendation to the City Council will be available for review at no cost seven days before the scheduled hearings and copies can be provided on request at a reasonable cost. You may present your testimony at the public hearing or provide written comments to the Planning Department prior to the public hearing date. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter at the hearing, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision-maker an opportunity to respond to the issue, means that an appeal based on that issue cannot be filed with the State Land Use Board of Appeals. D4 D11

LCL24-3211 Notice is hereby given that the Port of Newport claims a lien in the amount claimed below, pursuant to ORS 87.152, for the reasonable and agreed charges for labor and materials, storage or services provided at the request of the owner or lawful possessor of the following described personal property: Personal property: 650668; Official number: 650668; Reputed owner: Breakwater Fisheries, Kevin Veitch F/V Venus; Last known address: PO Box 295, Newport, OR 97365; Security interest holder: None; Amount of claim of lien: \$ 8,741.28 (which includes storage of property and accrued late charges until sale date, and costs of lien foreclosure). The Port of Newport has retained the property for at least 60 days from the date when the charges for services provided were due. Notice is hereby given that unless the lien is paid prior to the date set forth for sale below, said property will be sold to the highest bidder. The successful bidder must pay 10% of the bid price in cash or certified check immediately upon being declared the successful bidder. The balance of the bid price is to be paid in cash or certified check within 24 business hours of offering the successful bid. The lien claimant may bid part or all of the lien amount claimed, plus storage and foreclosure sale expenses, which will be an offset against the lien amount. Minimum bid of \$4,684.92. Bids accepted until: December 30, 2024. Email bids to: mrowen@portofnewport.com OR drop bid off at: Port of Newport, 600 S.E. Bay Blvd., Newport, OR 97365. Bid forms can be found online at www.portofnewport.com or at the address listed above. The sale of the property will be "as is, where is" and there are no representations by the lien claimant as to the condition of the property or its title. Any person wishing to inspect the property prior to the sale may do so during normal business hours, by contacting the Harbormaster at 541-270-5557. D4 D11

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uary 2nd , 2025 at 2:00 PM, a public sale will be held at Ideal Storage - 5441 W. Hwy 20, Toledo, OR 97391: Steven Murphy - T067 . Minimum bid \$50.00 Cash only. D4 D11

LCL24-3199 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN LLAGC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND BENEFICIARIES OF NOVA E. JONES; STATE OF OREGON; OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2520 S CRESTLINE DRIVE, WALDPOR, OR 97394, Defendants. CASE NO.: 24CV48737 SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND BENEFICIARIES OF NOVA E. JONES and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2520 S CRESTLINE DRIVE, WALDPOR, OR 97394 TO THE DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT(S) ABOVE NAMED: You are hereby directed and required to appear in, and defend against, this legal action within 30 days after the first date of publication of summons, which is the 27th day of November, 2024, and defend the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff LLAGC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff, ZBS LAW, LLP, at their office below stated, and in the case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. This is a Complaint for Judicial Foreclosure of Deed of Trust. You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal paper called 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 any 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 www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling (503) 684-3763 in the Portland metropolitan area. If you are a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be available from a county veterans' service officer or community action agency. Contact information for a local county veterans service officer and community action agency may be obtained by calling a 2-1-1 information service. DATED: November 15, 2024 ZBS LAW, LLP By: /s/ Dirk Schouten, Dirk Schouten, OSB# 115153, Amber L. Labrecque, OBS No.

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LCL24-3198 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PAYETTE ROCK-ET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC., Plaintiff, v. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF GLENN A. KENDALL; LAVETA JEAN GALVEZ; SHERYLE ANN COFFELT; NANCY STRAIN; LAEL LADONNE FOWLER; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF LAVETA JEAN GALVEZ; AND DOES 2 THROUGH 20 et al., Defendants. Case No. CV38-24-0535 SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION ON COMPLAINT FOR JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF TO: DEFENDANTS THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF GLENN A. KENDALL; LAVETA JEAN GALVEZ; SHERYLE ANN COFFELT; NANCY STRAIN; LAEL LADONNE FOWLER; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF LAVETA JEAN GALVEZ; AND DOES 2 THROUGH 20, inclusive, including all parties with an interest in and/or residing in real property commonly known as 1522 RIVER ST., PAYETTE, ID 83661: You have been sued by Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc., the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for the County of Payette, Idaho, Case No. CV38-24-0535. The nature of the claim against you is an action for declaratory relief and judicial foreclosure of the real property currently known as 1522 RIVER ST., PAYETTE ID 83661 and legally described as LOT 11 IN BLOCK 4 OF ISLAND VIEW ESTATES 1, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THERE-OF, FILED IN BOOK 5 OF PLATS AT PAGE(S) 55, RECORDS OF PAYETTE COUNTY, IDAHO. Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case Number and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 1130 3rd Ave. N., Ste. 104, Payette, ID 83661, (208) 642-6000, and serve a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney, SYDNEY K. LEAVITT, at ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 3597 E. Monarch Sky Ln., Ste. 240, Meridian, ID 83646. A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish for legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. Dated 11/15/2024 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT By: Marla McCall, DEPUTY, CASPER J. RANKIN (SBN 9107), SYDNEY K. LEAVITT (SBN 8933), ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 3597 E. MONARCH SKY LN., STE. 240, MERIDIAN, ID 83646, Telephone: (208) 908-0709, Facsimile: (858) 726-6254, E mail: sleavitt@aldridgepitem.com

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Tigers take to the court

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Taft Tiger basketball has tipped off, and both the boys and the girls teams have plenty to be happy with through the first week of the season, with each squad already notching a couple of wins in the early days of December.

Both teams opened their seasons battling it out against the Siuslaw Vikings in their non-league away season openers on Dec. 4. Let's take a look at how the teams have looked as they get into the rhythm of the new season.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Tigers were rearing to go by the looks of the scoreline to their game against Siuslaw. Taft overpowered the Vikings in every statistical category en route to a 69-12 win. Senior captain Sienna Lillebo was a menace on the court for the Tigers, creating havoc in the

passing lanes and attacking the basket in transition.

The Tigers were ruthless in the first half, with the lead stretching all the way to 46-4 following a coast-to-coast layup by Lillebo. Turning steals into fastbreak points was a steady theme throughout the victory, and Taft came away with 27 steals in the game.

Another impressive facet of the team's play in their opening win was their hustle and physicality in rebounding the ball. The Tigers outrebounded the Vikings 50-21, paving the way for second-chance points on offense and closing out possessions on defense.

The Tigers continued their strong play into their second game against Neah-Kah-Nie. Playing at home, Taft came away with a 57-31 win. The Tigers took a 17-8 lead going into the second quarter thanks to a nice Laney Lee basket courtesy of a Lillebo assist.

It would only get farther out

of reach for Neah-Kah-Nie as the Tigers more than doubled their lead in the second quarter, entering halftime up 35-15.

The Tigers kept their foot on the gas, ultimately earning their 26-point margin of victory. The girls team will play one more non-league game away against Oregon Episcopal on Dec. 14 before taking on the first league game of the season against Amity on Dec. 16.

For a Taft team that was knocked out in the first round of the playoffs last year, the first two games have given just a taste of the fight they will bring to this season.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The boys basketball team is amid its own preseason schedule, sitting at 2-1 through their first three games. The Tigers took care of business in their opening game against Siuslaw, winning 66-40. The defensive intensity was the calling card for Taft as they harried the

Vikings' ball carriers and took Siuslaw out of their offensive rhythm.

Senior Jackson Nightingale made one of the plays of the night in the first quarter, sky-ing for a block alongside fellow senior Trenton Battle to delete a Siuslaw layup attempt. The lead reached the twenties in the third quarter, and the Tigers never let go of the rope, maintaining a controlling margin for the remainder of the game.

The Tigers were tenacious on defense, stealing the ball of the opposing team 22 times and holding the Vikings to 39% shooting from the floor.

The lone blemish on the team's record came in an endowment game against Catlin Gabel on Dec. 6. The Tigers came out of the game on the wrong side of a 43-64 scoreline. One of the key stretches of the game came at the start of the second half. With the Tigers down just

eight, 20-28, early in the third quarter, Catlin Gabel turned up the heat. With less than a minute left in the third, the game had transformed, with Taft sitting at 24 points and Catlin Gabel sitting comfortably ahead at 51.

Despite the tough loss, Taft rebounded in their next game against Neah-Kah-Nie on Dec. 9. The Tigers beat the Pirates 59-34, returning the team to winning ways. The game was close in the first half, with the Tigers leading 23-20 going into the third. Midway through the quarter, Kai Bayer hit a three to ignite the crowd and put Taft up 28-23. Taft ended the quarter up 41-28 on a 16-5 run. The fourth quarter was no less dominant, with the Tigers closing out the game on an 18-6 run in the period.

The boys will also play Oregon Episcopal on Dec. 14 to see if they can end the preseason with a 75% win percentage.

Photos courtesy of Lon French



Newport Swim Team off the blocks at the Annual Nygaard Invitational meet

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Newport High School's varsity swim teams were back in the pool, opening the 2024-2025 season in style, with the boys and girls teams each winning at the Annual Nygaard Invitational swim meet in Astoria on Dec. 8.

The win at the meet was just a continuation of Newport's dominance in the water dating back to last year when both programs were crowned District Champions and continued to win the 2024 4A/3A/2A/1A Swimming State Championships.

Along with Newport, the meet in Astoria included other teams in 4A/3A/2A/1A Special District 3, including

St. Helens, Scappoose, Astoria, Taft, Valley Catholic, and Seaside/Warrenton. Newport took home the bragging rights at the meet in both boys and girls divisions, powered by the standout performances of each program's upperclassmen, according to coach John Wray.

THE FINAL STANDINGS IN IN THE BOYS DIVISION WERE:

1. Newport High School - 310
2. Taft High School - 244
3. Scappoose High School - 214

The boys team featured a number of impressive individual displays, with Ben Hurty and Jahan Eibner each tallying two first-place finishes in two of their individual events.

Also atop the podium was Will Postlewait, who added a 1st place finish and 2nd place finish during his events. Connor Brown swam well, earning two second-place finishes, and Ivan Farias was another Newport swimmer who finished second individually.

Other swimmers finishing on the podium for the boys were Clyde Bretz, with two 4th place showings, and Sam Smith, who had a 4th and a 5th place. Other Newport Swimmers who took part in the meet included Peter Thompson and Jonathan Lee.

As a team, the Cubs shone, winning two of the three team relays. Newport High School won the 200 Medley and 400 Free Relay. For a team that holds itself

to high standards, the Nygaard Invitational was an excellent start to the season.

THE FINAL STANDINGS IN IN THE GIRLS DIVISION WERE:

1. Newport High School - 245
2. Astoria High School - 227
3. Taft High School - 209

Though it was a closer margin of victory for the girls team, the Cubs will be no less thrilled with their victory, featuring a host of impressive individual performances. No one shined brighter than sophomore Gwynn Postlewait, who finished the meet with two first-place finishes. Postlewait is one to keep an eye on, as she was also one of the best swimmers in the

state as a freshman last year.

Additional strong swimmers were sophomore Hana Parker and freshman Gigi Howard, who each finished with a first and second-place run to their names. Wray made sure to note that Howard was the only freshman in attendance for Newport's girls, but she certainly made an impact for her first high school meet. Sophomore Ruby Perucci was another Cub to earn a top-two finish in one of her events, adding a second-place finish to the Newport team score.

Rounding out the list of Newport swimmers who were some of the top finishers in their events were Allison Pettett, who had both a 3rd & 4th place, Brynn

Hillebrand, who earned a 3rd place, and Eleyyna Greenwald, who also finished with a third place. Other Newport High School swimmers who took part in the meet included Giselle Sanchez-Munoz, Liberty Truehitt, Alysia Greenwald, Mariam Kimberly, and Chloe Postma.

To top it all off, the Cubs also were the winners in the 400 Free Relay at the event. For a team looking to replicate some of the success it had the previous season, Newport looks to be off to the perfect start.

Newport's swim teams return to action at home on Dec. 14 when the Cubs host the Newport Invite at the Newport Aquatic Center.