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# Lincoln County Leader

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Lincoln County, Oregon

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## Details of county commissioner investigation have been released

STEVE CARD  
Lincoln County Leader

On Friday, Jan. 17, Lincoln County issued a press release regarding an investigation into statements made, and actions taken by County Commissioner Casey Miller.

"An independent report found Commissioner Casey Miller released confidential information regarding staff and did harm to Lincoln County's



Casey Miller

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## Local firefighters join battle against raging wildfires in California

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Lincoln County Leader

At least 27 people had died in the devastating Southern California wildfires as of late last week, and the death toll is likely to rise, according to officials. Thousands of people have been forced from their homes, and complete neighborhoods have been destroyed by the fast-moving wind-driven fires.

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Unpredictable fire behavior and high winds have challenged firefighters attempting to stop the wildfires.  
(Photos courtesy of the Oregon State Fire Marshal)

## Lantern removed from lighthouse

*Renovation work  
will continue  
until summer*

STEVE CARD  
Lincoln County Leader

Anyone who happened to be in the area of the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse in Newport late Wednesday morning, Jan. 15, may have witnessed a very unusual sight. A large crane lifted the lantern off of the lighthouse building and loaded it onto a flatbed truck to haul it off.

This was as part of a \$1.6 million project to completely restore the exterior of the lighthouse, being done by the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation (OPRD), which manages the lighthouse property. Other elements of the project will include repairing the roof framing and chimneys; the brick foundation; the siding, doors and windows; and installing a new roof. The lighthouse is closed to the public during the restoration work, which is expected to take until June at the earliest.

The removal of the lighthouse lantern last week wasn't accomplished as easily as had been anticipated. In fact, it took about 24 hours longer than expected. A crew from Ness



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Grand jury  
indicts man  
for murder

STEVE CARD  
Lincoln County Leader

A Lincoln County Grand Jury has indicted a Toledo man for murder in the January 2022 death of Ryan Staggs.

That indictment was handed down by the grand jury on Jan. 14 against Murphy Calvin Henry II, 54, who had been arrested by police for murder on Jan. 9.

In addition to one count of murder in the second degree, Henry faces charges of assault in the first degree, burglary in the first degree, abuse of a corpse in the second degree, tampering with physical evidence, and solicitation to commit murder in the second degree.

Henry was scheduled to be arraigned on the grand jury indictment in Lincoln County Circuit Court at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 21, before Judge Sheryl Bachart. That hearing was held after this week's Lincoln County Leader press deadline and will be reported on in a future story.

Another person has been arrested in connection with this case — Jack David Baird, 60, of Newport. Baird was jailed on Dec. 27, 2024, after police served a search

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## Will we see another severe ice storm again this winter?

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Lincoln County Leader

While the weather in Lincoln County this January is challenging, locals are hopeful they won't see a repeat of the severe ice storm that caused power outages, downed trees, kept many in their homes, and caused travel delays in the region during January 2024.

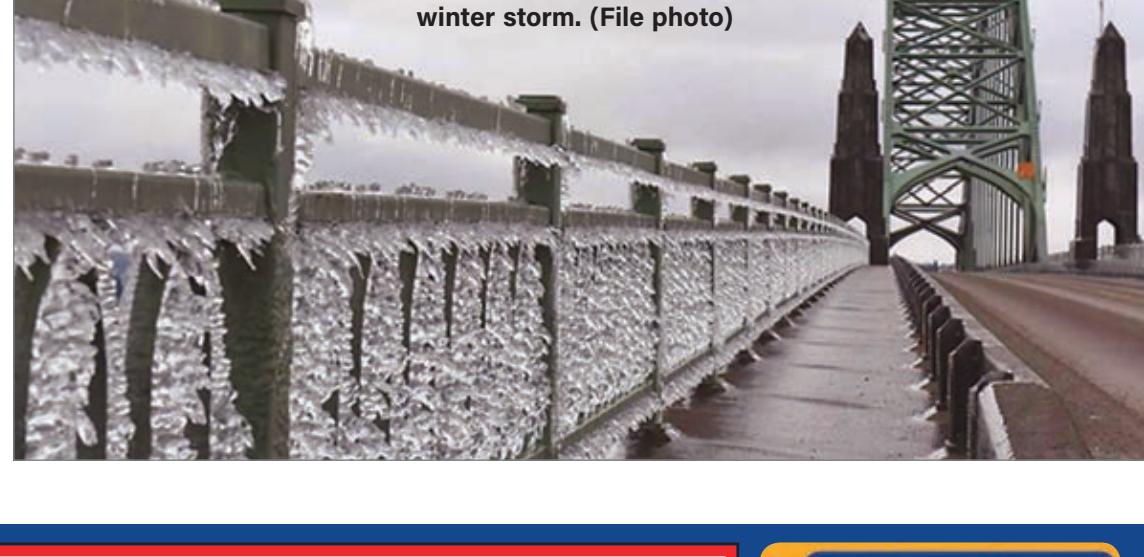
THE 2024 ICE STORM

The National Weather Service (NWS) issued its

annual Climate Report Jan. 1 of this year, detailing the 2024 winter storm.

"A strong cold offshore flow allowed cold air to push into the area," the report states. "A very strong arctic front moved across the area Jan. 12 and 13, with temperatures plummeting 20-25 degrees below normal. Strong easterly winds occurred

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Icicles could be seen on the railing of the Yaquina Bay Bridge in Newport during the January 2024 winter storm. (File photo)

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## Weather

**Wednesday:** High-53/Low-34  
Partly Cloudy  
**Thursday:** High-52/Low-39  
Partly Cloudy  
**Friday:** High-49/Low-33  
Cloudy  
**Saturday:** High-49/Low-33  
Sunny  
**Sunday:** High-49/Low-34  
Sunny  
**Monday:** High-51/Low-35  
Sunny  
**Tuesday:** High-50/Low-36  
Partly Cloudy

## Past Weather

## On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
January 14	0.00	37.5	55.9
January 15	0.00	40.5	59.8
January 16	0.00	36.5	51.1
January 17	0.00	33.8	51.9
January 18	0.00	35.0	51.3
January 19	0.00	33.8	51.7
January 20	0.00	37.6	50.3
Total rainfall from Jan. 1			5.59"

## Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

High.....	5:43 a.m.	8.1
Low.....	1:09 p.m.	1.9
High.....	7:40 p.m.	5.2
Low.....	11:35 p.m.	4.0

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

High.....	6:29 a.m.	8.2
Low.....	2:12 p.m.	1.4
High.....	9:17 p.m.	5.5

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Low.....	12:42 a.m.	4.6
High.....	7:21 a.m.	8.3
Low.....	3:07 p.m.	0.9
High.....	10:21 p.m.	5.9

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Low.....	1:58 a.m.	4.7
High.....	8:16 a.m.	8.5
Low.....	3:55 p.m.	0.3
High.....	11:04 p.m.	6.3

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Low.....	3:04 a.m.	4.7
High.....	9:08 a.m.	8.8
Low.....	4:37 p.m.	0.2
High.....	11:39 p.m.	6.6

## MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Low.....	3:58 a.m.	4.4
High.....	9:57 a.m.	9.2
Low.....	5:17 p.m.	0.7

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

High.....	12:11 a.m.	7.0
Low.....	4:46 a.m.	4.0
High.....	10:44 a.m.	9.5
Low.....	5:54 p.m.	-1.1

## Sunrise/Sunset

January 22 ..... 7:50 a.m. .... 4:39 p.m.  
January 23 ..... 7:51 a.m. .... 4:40 p.m.  
January 24 ..... 7:51 a.m. .... 4:40 p.m.  
January 25 ..... 7:52 a.m. .... 4:41 p.m.  
January 26 ..... 7:52 a.m. .... 4:41 p.m.  
January 27 ..... 7:52 a.m. .... 4:42 p.m.  
January 28 ..... 7:53 a.m. .... 4:43 p.m.  
January 29 ..... 7:53 a.m. .... 4:44 p.m.  
January 30 ..... 7:53 a.m. .... 4:44 p.m.

## Lottery

## Friday, January 17

Mega Millions  
8 • 10 • 37 • 54 • 69 • PB-22 • x3

## Saturday, January 18

Powerball  
14 • 31 • 35 • 64 • 69 • PB-23 • x2

## Saturday, January 18

Megabucks  
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# Governor announces legislative priorities

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader



Tina Kotek

Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek's priorities for the new legislative session focus on staying the course in addressing homelessness and housing supply, mental health and addiction care, and improving outcomes for Oregon K-12 students, according to a release from Kotek's office.

Kotek said she supports investments aligned with her recommended budget and looks forward to continued engagement with legislators on additional topics, such as a comprehensive transportation package, stable funding for the Oregon Health Plan, child welfare outcomes, addressing the public defense crisis, and wildfire suppression and community resilience funding.

"This legislative session carries a clear charge for all of us: to tackle problems with purpose and embrace opportunities for change together," Kotek said. "As we talk today about big ideas, we can't forget why we're here: Oregonians who don't know where they'll sleep tonight. The person

in our lives who wants mental health care and can't get it. Children who are brimming with promise and who rely on us to get their education right. Hard working Oregonians who are wondering how they're going to make ends meet. We're here because we have the opportunity to make their lives better, now and in the future."

## BUILDING ON PROGRESS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SUPPLY

Kotek said her housing and homelessness agenda this session will build on her successful track record of getting people off the streets and increasing housing production.

The governor's

priorities include legislation that supports increased production of "middle housing" options, stronger pathways to home ownership, and the establishment of a tribal housing grant program. She said she will also support setting up statewide shelter program standards and establishing a program that funds water, wastewater, stormwater, and transportation infrastructure needed for new housing production.

## STRENGTHENING MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION CARE

Kotek said her vision is to make mental health and addiction care accessible no matter where you live and what you can afford, adding that her behavioral health agenda will close gaps in the current system and expand access to the types of care that Oregonians need.

"To meet the growing need, Oregon needs a vibrant workforce," Kotek states in the release.

"Organizations are not operating at full capacity because they do not have an adequate workforce to meet current demand, particularly for individuals

with the highest level of acuity."

Kotek said she is prioritizing investments in Oregon's workforce and increasing capacity, concurrently, and has directed her team to develop a new model of permanent supportive housing that can more effectively serve people with serious mental health needs who can live independently with enhanced on-site services.

## IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR OREGON STUDENTS

The governor said her education agenda will better resource Oregon schools and hold them accountable for the outcomes that students and families deserve.

To create as much fiscal certainty for school districts as possible, Kotek said she worked last year to increase the current service level for the State School Fund by \$600 million, leading to a historic total investment of \$11.36 billion in the governor's recommended budget.

Kotek said her proposal will codify an updated process for calculating the State School Fund to provide more accurate and predictable funding

for K-12 public education across Oregon. Increased investment must come with better outcomes for Oregon students, according to the release. The focal point of the governor's 2025 education agenda is deeper accountability for districts, schools, and the state.

## STAYING THE COURSE

This session, the Oregon Legislature will pass budgets for the next two years. The governor said she supports the recommended budget she released in December that builds on the progress from her first two years in office.

## ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

Other legislative priorities include stable funding for wildfire mitigation and suppression, and a transportation package that fully funds the operations and maintenance of Oregon's transportation system.

Kotek said she also will support legislation that advances Oregon's climate resilience, improves state government operations, and reduces consumer costs.

# Parsons selected as new school board member

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

The Lincoln County School District Board of Directors has unanimously appointed Mitch Parsons to fill the Zone 1 board position.

Parsons was sworn in at the Jan. 14, school board meeting following a 4-0 vote.

A 13-year Lincoln City resident, Parsons brings extensive community service experience to

the role, including six years as a member of the Lincoln City City Council, where he currently serves as council president. He also serves on the Housing Authority of Lincoln County's board of directors and has been involved with numerous local nonprofits, according to a release from the LCSD.

"My motivation for joining the school board comes from my commitment to public service



**Lincoln County School Board Chair Peter Vince, left, swears in Mitch Parsons as the newest member of the school board. (Courtesy photo)**

and desire to enhance education in our community," Parsons said.

"I look forward to collaborating with families, teachers, and community members while contributing my governance experience to make informed decisions about school priorities and helping prepare students for

success."

LCSD Board Chair Peter Vince said he was pleased to administer the oath of office for Parsons.

"Mitch is extremely qualified to contribute to the deliberations of the school board as he has extensive experience in elected office and will help the board determine

whether to pursue a bond at the May election," Vince said, adding that the proposed bond would fund construction of three auditoriums at Waldport, Toledo, and Newport High Schools, improve CTE teaching spaces, remodel classrooms, and provide infrastructure repairs and security enhancements.

Zone 1 includes the north area precincts of Delake, Oceanlake, Sunset West, Sunset East, and Rose Lodge. The Zone 1 board position will be on the May 2025 ballot for a new, four-year term.

Parsons and his wife have three children, one a graduate from Taft 7-12 where their youngest is also a freshman. Parsons fills the position left vacant by Megan Cawley's November 2024 resignation.

# Angler swept to death at Otter Rock



**A U.S. Coast Guard crew member from Depoe Bay recounts the recovery of a fisherman struck by a sneaker wave near the Rocky Creek Bridge north of Depoe Bay. (Photo by Rick Beasley)**

Trooper David Wertz of the Oregon State Police reported that Su had been fishing on the north side of the Rocky Creek Bridge at about 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Rescuers aboard a 47-foot motor lifeboat continued attempts to resuscitate Hong B. Su, 45, of Happy Valley, even after docking at Coast Guard Station Depoe Bay. Paramedics declared his death soon after transferring him to a waiting ambulance.

The body of a fisherman who was swept from rocks near the bridge on Otter Crest Loop was recovered and returned to shore by a five-person U.S. Coast Guard crew at about 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

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# 12th annual Land-Sea Symposium is Jan. 31

The Cape Perpetua Collaborative is proud to announce the 12th annual Land-Sea Symposium, an event bringing together scientists, conservationists, community members, and decision-makers to explore the connections between Oregon's land and sea ecosystems.

The symposium will take place on Jan. 31 at the Yachats Commons, beginning at 5 p.m. This is a free event and all ages are welcome, however, space is limited and registration is

required. To reserve your spot visit <https://www.capecperpetuacollaborative.org/> and click "get tickets" under events. Donations are accepted at time of registration and at the event.

Food and drinks are provided. All food at the symposium is made possible by a generous donation from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund.

Attendees will hear from leading experts about the unique biodiversity of the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve

and adjacent Siuslaw National Forest, the impacts of climate change, and collaborative efforts to protect Oregon's treasured coastal resources.

This year's symposium promises engaging presentations and beautiful art about The Connections of Cape Perpetua from keynote speakers:

- Dr. Rick Colwell, professor emeritus, Oregon State University

- Dr. Sarah Klain, human dimensions lead, ODFW Marine Reserves Program

- Jim King, director, Central Coast Food Web
- Jamie Kish, Cape Perpetua Collaborative program associate and Tidepool Ambassador lead

- Roy Lowe, Wildlife Photographer, retired manager of National Wildlife Refuges

Talks will be on a range of topics, including fisheries, social science, the night sky, tidepools, and birds.

A raffle featuring coastal gifts will take place at intermission. For more information, visit [www.capecperpetuacollaborative.org/](http://www.capecperpetuacollaborative.org/)

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**About the Cape Perpetua Collaborative**

The Cape Perpetua Collaborative unites over 30 organizations, including tribal nations, government agencies, and NGOs, to promote conservation and community engagement along Oregon's central coast. Through education, volunteer programs, and citizen science, CPC works to foster stewardship of the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve and surrounding areas.

## Newport hospital flooring repair temporarily impacts surgical services

**(INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SAMARITAN HEALTH SERVICES)**

The ongoing flooring replacement project at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport moved into the surgery department last week. As a result, some elective surgeries and procedures are being delayed to March.

"To ensure a safe and high-quality environment, we needed to seal off half of the surgery department while flooring is replaced, then we will seal off the

other side to complete the work," said Jon Conner, director of plant services. "We ask for understanding as contractors make the repairs as quickly as possible."

The hospital has four operating rooms and 14 pre-op admitting rooms. Half of them at a time will be unavailable during this phase of the flooring project. The work in the surgery department is expected to be completed by Monday, March 3.

An elective surgery is one that is planned in

advance and is not for an urgent or life-threatening condition. Examples include total joint replacement, colonoscopy and cataract surgery. If patients have questions about the scheduling of their surgeries, they may contact Surgical Services Manager Donna Huey at 541-574-4715 or by email at [donnah@samhealth.org](mailto:donnah@samhealth.org).

Work to remove and replace flooring throughout the hospital began in June 2024 and is expected to be completed

in August of this year. To minimize disruption to patients and staff, work is being done in phases and in small sections at a time. Additionally, flooring contractors are working with the hospital's Infection Control and Risk Assessment staff to ensure patients and employees are safe and that patient care continues safely.

### REASON FOR FLOORING REPAIRS

Soon after the new hospital building opened in January 2019, it became apparent that there were widespread flooring problems. Through mediation between Samaritan and the contractors, a financial settlement was reached to cover the cost of repairs.

In an earlier press

release, hospital CEO Lesley Ogden, MD, said, "I want to emphasize this point: the cost of finding the root cause of the failure and the necessary remedial work will not come from the taxpayers of the Pacific Communities Health District who so generously voted to fund this important facility for their community."

### MEETINGS

#### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

**Lincoln County Board of Commissioners:** 10 a.m., commission meeting room, county courthouse, Newport. For info, go to [www.co.lincoln.or.us](http://www.co.lincoln.or.us).

**Yachats City Council:** 1 p.m., Yachats Commons.

**Toledo City Council:** 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

#### THURSDAY, JAN. 23

**Lincoln City Sustainability Committee:** 3 p.m., Public Works Conference Room, city hall.

#### MONDAY, JAN. 27

**Waldport Planning Commission:** 2 p.m., city hall.

**Lincoln City Urban Renewal Agency:**

5 p.m., council chamber, city hall.

**Siletz City Council:** 5:30 p.m., city hall.

**Lincoln City City Council:** 6 p.m., council chamber, city hall.

**Newport Planning Commission:** 6 p.m. work session, 7 p.m. regular session, council chambers, city hall.

#### TUESDAY, JAN. 28

**Lincoln County School District Board of Directors:** 5 p.m., work session, Teaching & Learning Center, 1212 NE Fogarty St., Newport.

#### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

**Depoe Bay Harbor Commission:** 6 p.m., city hall.

## Newport plans to flush water mains

Newport will begin a citywide water main flushing program on Monday, Jan. 27, and lasting into early summer, with the aim of strengthening the city's high water quality.

According to a press release issued by the city, flushing will take place Monday through Thursday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. It is advised to reduce water usage when the flushing is taking place in your area as you may see a reduction in water quality and low water pressure. This is a new program by the city's public works department that is expected to take place annually.

The city will provide advance weekly updates on the areas and neighborhoods in Newport that will have this service completed.

This program will remove debris, sediment, and minerals that have naturally built up in city water mains, helping to maintain Newport's high water quality and improve the flow of water for the community. Due to this, community members may experience water discoloration and decreased water pressure while the flushing is taking place in

their area.

Flushing a water main on a single street may take up to one hour. High-pressure water is sent through the mains and discharged through fire hydrants onto local roads or other surface areas. No additives or chemicals are used for this process, and it does not pose any risks to wildlife or the ecosystem.

If your water appears dirty after the designated

flushing period, it is recommended to take the following steps and precautions:

- Run a cold water tap for a few minutes up to 15 minutes or until the water runs clear.

- If you inadvertently drew discolored water into your home and the staining of clothes or fixtures does occur, rust removal products are available at most home products stores.

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# New member appointed to college board

The Oregon Coast Community College Board of Education met on Wednesday, Jan. 15, and appointed a new board member to fill a vacancy.

The board interviewed two candidates for the Zone 2 seat, representing Lincoln City, left vacant by the December resignation of Alison Nelson Robertson after 12 years of service. Following a live Q&A with candidates Philip R. Mills and Patrick Alexander, the board voted unanimously to appoint Alexander.

A longtime Lincoln City leader, Alexander's record of civic engagement includes:

- Two-time "Man of the Year" in Lincoln City;
- Former Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce board member;

- Past chair of the Lincoln City Warming Shelter and Community Days Committee.

Alexander also served as co-chair of the "Friends of OCCC" Political Action Committee, which spearheaded efforts to pass the college's Trades Education Bond by a 2-to-1 margin in May 2024. His first board meeting as an official member will be in February.

Also at the Jan. 15 meeting, it was announced that recordings of all board of education meetings will now be archived on the college's website, allowing residents to view them at any time. Meetings will continue to be broadcast live via Zoom, a practice established during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The timing of this

change — spurred by action from the Oregon Legislature in its most recent session — is ideal for Oregon Coast Community College, as we're eager to harness new ways to engage the public at every step as we develop plans and eventually break ground and begin construction of Lincoln County's new trades education facility," said OCCC's new president, Marshall Mease Roache, who took over that position on Jan. 1. "OCCC is proud to have been one of the first Oregon community colleges to offer accessible live broadcasts of each of our board meetings since the spring of 2020, live via Zoom. Now, we're pleased to offer the added benefit of easy access to

recorded meetings moving forward."

The board's next meeting will be a joint session with the Lincoln County School District Board of Directors. It will take place at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb.

25, at the Central County Campus, 400 SE College Way, Newport.

Oregon Coast Community College serves Lincoln County at four locations — in Newport, Toledo, Waldport, and

Lincoln City. The college offers two-year transfer and associate degrees and a range of career-focused certificate programs.

For more information, visit [www.oregoncoast.edu](http://www.oregoncoast.edu).

## School board meetings offer Spanish translation

The Lincoln County School District is pleased to announce that Spanish-speaking community members can now fully participate in LCSD monthly school board meetings through live translation services. This new initiative reflects the district's commitment to ensuring all families have equal access to important district discussions and decisions.

Starting in January,

Spanish-speaking attendees can use provided headsets to listen to real-time Spanish translation of the entire meeting. A professional translator will interpret all

discussions, presentations, and public comments as they happen.

Additionally, the translator will be available after each meeting to assist Spanish-speaking community members with any questions they may have about the meeting content or board decisions.

To access this service:

- Attend the board meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held throughout the district at a different school each month.

Visit the website at [lincoln.k12.or.us/our-district/board/schedule](http://lincoln.k12.or.us/our-district/board/schedule) for the locations and agendas.

- Take an earphone from the table at the entrance when you arrive at the meeting.

- Return the headset before leaving.
- Connect with the translator after the meeting for any follow-up questions.

LCSD encourages Spanish-speaking families and community members to attend board meetings and take advantage of this new service — your voice and participation are important.

For more information about board meetings or translation services, contact the district office at 541-265-9211.

## FIRES

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### OREGON STRIKE TEAMS

The Oregon State Fire Marshal mobilized several strike teams Jan. 8 to California to help in the wildfire battle. The strike teams were sent from Clackamas, Clatsop, Central Oregon, Lane, Lincoln, Linn/Polk, two from Marion, Multnomah, Rogue Valley, Washington, and Yamhill counties.

The 21 strike teams from Oregon sent to California to battle the wildfires came from every corner of the state.

"Their response has been incredible. Our firefighters are doing structure protection, patrolling, and mopping up hotspots, and they remain in good spirits," a post on the Oregon Fire Marshal's Facebook page said.

South Lane County Fire & Rescue (SLCF&R) Division Chief Joe Raade said the rugged terrain and weather behavior has heightened the danger.

"There is unpredictable fire behavior occurring in the area of Southern California with the high winds, the humidities and the red flag weather," he said. "When you have 100 mile an hour winds that they are getting, it is almost impossible to keep up with. The unfamiliar terrain. Those are all concerns."

Firefighters have been using water drops by helicopter and retardant drops by planes to slow the wildfires.

"That allows the firefighters to lay lines around the blaze a lot faster than just having hand crews," he said. "They can lay down hundreds of yards."

### RED CROSS SENDS IN VOLUNTEERS

As the wildfires ripped through the Los Angeles region earlier this month, the American Red Cross sent workers from Oregon and southwest Washington to Los Angeles to help support the victims by providing shelter, food, reunification, health and mental health support, and emergency supplies.

"We have over 400 volunteers supporting this relief operation," Red Cross Cascades Regional Communications Director Rebecca Marshall said.

The Red Cross Cascades Region (Oregon and southwest Washington) has deployed 18 people, staffing seven shelters with approximately 8009 people as of Jan. 15.

"The shelters serve as

a place to come in and get food, get basic health needs met and emotional support, too," Marshall said. "They are a place where people can come in and charge cellphones and laptops if their power is cut off. They are also information hubs. We

work with fire departments, emergency managers, forecasters and other partners to help those who have been evacuated get the most updated information."

As the wildfires in Southern California continue to burn and impact air quality, the number of Red Cross blood drive cancellations has grown, impacting hundreds of lifesaving blood donations, according to Marshall.

Marshall said when it is safe to do so, people are encouraged to schedule a blood donation appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

"The devastation from these wildfires is unbelievably sad," Marshall said. "Our hearts go out to everyone who has lost their homes and communities. We will continue to coordinate with local officials and community partners to make sure people have the help they need during this challenging time and we will remain there as long as needed."

### HOW TO HELP

Marshall said the best way to support the Red Cross work right now is by making a financial contribution. Go to [RedCross.org](http://RedCross.org) or call 800-733-2767. If you want to donate items, you are asked to go to [211la.org](http://211la.org)



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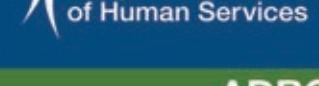
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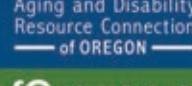
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## VIEWPOINT

### A few more missteps

BY JEFF BERTULEIT

It appears the Newport City Council feels there are too many dedicated citizens who are willing to give back to the city their expertise and advice. Somebody pointed out that other cities have fewer volunteer committees. Apparently Newport, as a multi-faceted, diverse, and tourist-related city, needs to be the same as other cities with fewer volunteers. No need to assist staff with follow-through and relate what the citizens want. Instead, have fewer insights and keep the general public's eyes away from what does or does not happen within the city.

Unfortunately, the city council formed a group of people that seemed to have marching orders to reduce half of the committees we currently have. Sure, things can be combined or reformed, but it looks like the picked group, perhaps well meaning, lacked enough information to have competent recommendations. In fact, I don't think they talked to any committee members. However, the process went on — a cover-up survey and secret results were conducted, and the predetermined desire was the result.

Now with that background, a committee that has been around for about 40 years is to be dissolved. It is the Airport Committee, a type of committee that nearly every city with an airport deems necessary. One that actually requires expertise in aviation-related matters, Fixed Based Operations that require business

knowledge, FAA rules and regulations, commerce knowledge, actual pilot and airport use knowledge, and the perseverance to go after grants, build infrastructure, plan for emergencies, look for ways to reduce expenditures, and promote the necessary benefits that a properly run airport can accomplish.

Sadly, over unanimous objections of the dedicated members and the expertise of the Airport Committee, the council and staff favor an unvetted idea of asking for "a non-public committee" to form and give advice.

Unfortunately, the city council in their quest to prematurely make official the demise of the committee, took it upon themselves to award a long-term lease in the city-owned main hangar building. That item would normally have gone to the committee for a recommendation, but it did not. The result of that action halts the ability to have an actual Fixed Based Operator that is willing to come in and run a proper operation of flight instructions, mechanical help, charter flights, and save the city over \$100,000 a year in city costs.

This is where a matter of competence becomes important and necessary. This is why most all cities and state offices have advisory committees, especially for airports. This is why people are not advised to be their own doctor or lawyer. Perhaps it would be wise to follow examples of other well-run cities.

Jeff Bertuleit is a resident of Newport.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### TO COMMISSIONERS CLAIRE HALL AND CASEY MILLER

I am writing to express my concern regarding the upcoming appointment to fill the vacancy on the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. This appointment carries significant weight, not only in its immediate impact, but also in shaping the course of our county's leadership for years to come.

In the past, there has been a pattern of appointing individuals who subsequently run for election, often with the advantage of incumbency. While this approach may seem practical, it diminishes the opportunity for voters to participate in an open and fair electoral process. Such practices risk undermining public trust in the transparency and fairness of our local government.

I urge you to consider appointing an individual who is highly qualified, committed to serving the county during this interim period, and who will not run for election in the next race. This approach would ensure that the upcoming election is open to all potential candidates on an equal footing, allowing voters to make a fully informed choice.

By selecting a caretaker commissioner who pledges not to run, you would demonstrate a commitment to fostering a fair and democratic

process while prioritizing the best interests of the community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. I trust you will make a decision that reflects the values of transparency and equity that Lincoln County deserves.

Theresa Wisner

Siletz

### WE'VE REACHED THE FIND OUT PART OF THE PROGRAM

If Project 2025 is enacted, we can expect the already cavernous wealth divide to widen. The tax rate for income above the Social Security wage base will decrease by 7 percent. The corporate rate will decrease 3 percent. The exemption for estate taxes would rise to \$12.9 million. The rate for income under the poverty level will increase by 3 percent.

Services will be decreased. VA hospitals will be closed. Public education for children with disabilities will end. Student loans will be privatized.

Section 8 housing will be limited and means tested. All efforts to address climate change will be dismantled. FEMA

flood insurance will be privatized. The National Weather Service will become a commercial service. Environmental protection policies will be curtailed or ended.

More rights will be

lost. Women will be prohibited from traveling over state lines for reproductive care. Life

defined at the moment of conception nationwide. Undocumented children can be kept in tent camps. Same sex parents won't be able to adopt. The Head Start program will be eliminated. Free meals for K-12 students eliminated.

This list barely scratches the breadth and depth of the document. It also ignores the statements made by Comborer Caligula, whose statements regarding proposed legislation go far beyond. Also unmentioned is the threatened mass deportation, which will lead to closed businesses and inflation.

Good luck, everyone.

Mike LaBare

Yachats

### WE DESPERATELY NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Our people are suffering as the utter lack of affordable housing grows worse every day. We are in critical need for more transitional housing.

Shalom House is a project in need of a donated house. We have access to a 501(c)3 so that the donor can benefit in terms of taxation. We have looked at a house in Gleneden Beach but found the house to have serious problems. If there is

someone, an elder, who has no children, we need their help right now.

In 1992, my colleagues and I co-founded Arcata House, Inc. We were successful. Here in Lincoln County, we have worked 12 years and have nothing to show for our effort. Please donate a house so that we can get people off the street. We can help those who want to change their lives for the better.

The need is huge. Please help our cause. David Peltier P.O. Box 2002 Waldport, OR 97394; 458-277-8810 or 541-270-6963. Thank you.

David Peltier

Waldport

### APPOINT RICK BEASLEY TO COUNTY COMMISSION

To fill the vacancy on the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners created by the resignation of Kaety Jacobson, we suggest that Rick Beasley be appointed.

He is a tireless worker and has been involved in Lincoln County leadership for years. He received tremendous support in his campaign for election against a popular incumbent. He can "hit the ground running." Rick Beasley can fill the position with competence and grace.

Greg and Joan Stanton

Newport

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Sheriff Adam Shanks

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**LIGHTHOUSE**

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& Campbell Crane and Rigging of Portland was on site first thing Tuesday morning, Jan. 14, getting everything ready for the removal. Other contractors were also present, as well as a number of people from OPRD.

After a couple of hours were spent preparing for removal of the lantern, everything seemed ready to go. But as more and more upward pressure was applied by the crane, the lantern didn't budge. Further examination revealed some metal rods that appeared to be holding it in place, and those were cut. Still, the lantern didn't move, and finally at around 1 p.m. last Tuesday, they shut things down with plans to reassess and try again the next day.

The second attempt made on Wednesday, Jan. 15, was successful, with liftoff occurring at around 11:30 a.m. It turns out the lantern structure weighed a bit more than anticipated. It was originally estimated to be around 7,500 pounds, but once it

was in the air, its weight was measured at 10,500 pounds. The equipment being used in the attempt the previous day was not able to safely lift that much weight.

Now that it has been removed, the lantern will make its way to shop operated by Allen Architectural Metals, located in Alabama. This company has done many major restoration projects for historic buildings, including several in New York City and even the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

The head of that restoration company, John Allen, was in Newport last week to observe the removal of the lighthouse lantern.

"We're going to be doing an historic treatment program," Allen said. This involves analyzing the historic material by disassembling it as much as possible, then sandblasting and analyzing each piece and deciding whether to replace it with a new cast iron casting or restore it. "Then most importantly, reassemble with stainless fasteners," he said. "We've found that it's not the cast iron that fails, it's all the support system and

fasteners. They rust out before the cast iron."

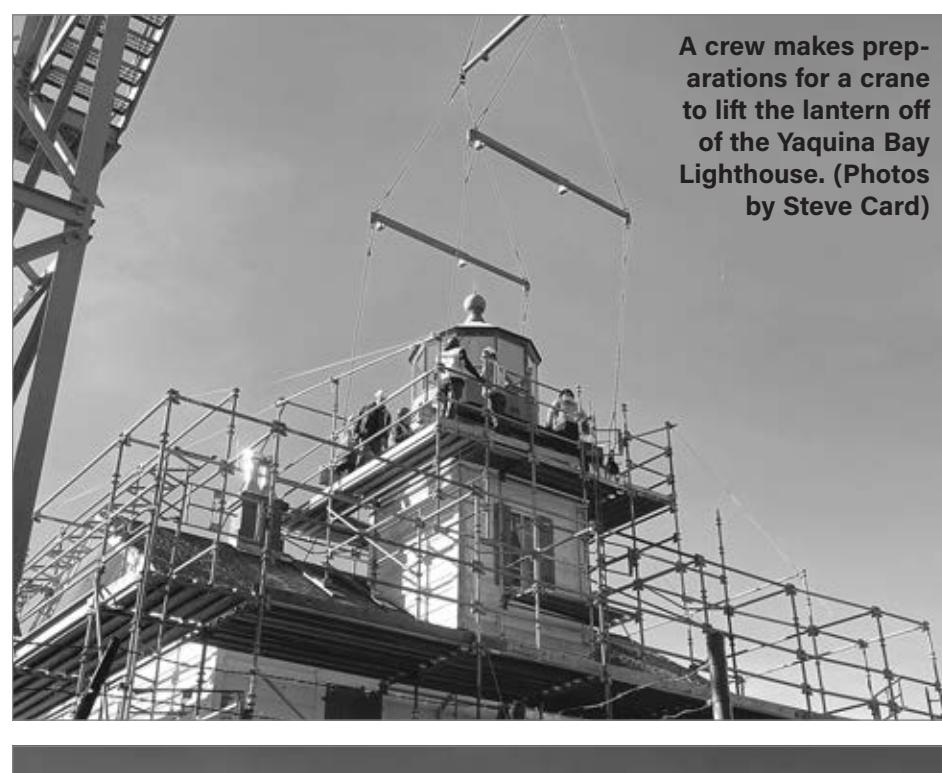
Allen estimated that restoration of the lantern could take up to seven months, "but we'll know once we get it to the ground."

Also present at the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse during the lantern removal was Brian McBeth, historic architecture project manager for OPRD. He explained some of the details of the project.

"It's primarily a cast iron assembly," McBeth said of the lantern. "To repair cast iron is really delicate. Cast iron itself is not like steel of today that has flex and can bend. It cracks, it's very brittle, so there's numerous pieces in here that are lost or damaged and broken." He also said there's some decay, holes through the catwalk, and the handrails are pretty corroded.

"So there's just numerous heavy maintenance type things that need to happen," continued McBeth. "And by far the least expensive option, believe it or not, is to send it back to their shop (in Alabama)."

While some historic lighthouses have a fresnel



A crew makes preparations for a crane to lift the lantern off of the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse. (Photos by Steve Card)

**LaVonne Carver**

January 25, 1933 - January 13, 2025

LaVonne Marie (McCool) Carver was born in Portland, Oregon on 01/25/1933 to Claude Louis Elmer McCool and Bertha (Roberts) McCool. LaVonne was the youngest of three siblings.

She attended Vernonia High School, but dropped out before graduating to help support her family following her father's heart attack.

LaVonne participated in sports while in school and was the captain of the Vernonia HS girls' basketball team at one point. She loved horses and could be found riding from an early age. Her passion for horses eventually led her to meeting her future husband, David R. Carver, of Westport, Oregon while they were participating at the Vernonia Fair and Rodeo.

They married in February of 1951 while David was serving in the US Air Force during the Korean War. Together they had raised five children during their 73+ years of marriage. By the time David completed his stint with the US Air Force and returned from Korea they had two boys - Ronald born in (1952) Portland and Lloyd born (1953) at Mather Field Air Force Base, California.

In 1956 they moved to Gold Beach, Oregon as David had been hired as a Game Warden with the Oregon State Police working the Rogue River area. While at Gold Beach, Colleen and Robert were added to the family. In 1963 they transferred to the Tillamook State Police Office and Quent (5th and final child) was born. It was a busy household with LaVonne saddled with the majority of the full-time child rearing as David worked long and varied hours with the State Police. LaVonne volunteered in her kid's class rooms, served as the "Team Mom" & "Den Mother" as all five of her kids were involved in numerous sports, cub scouts, blue birds...you name it. LaVonne even managed to get her GED in her spare time at Tillamook.

The eldest son, Ronald, graduated from Tillamook High School in Spring of 1970. Summer of that same year David was promoted to Sergeant of the Fish & Wildlife Division of the Oregon State Police Office in Newport (which included Lincoln City & the Florence Regions).

David and LaVonne's lives didn't slow down a bit with David's new work responsibilities and their kid's sports commitments increasing as they were now in Junior High and High School. LaVonne also took part-time jobs in the commercial fish retail



industry on the Newport Bay Front as well working at Mark's Market Basket. Once Lloyd, Colleen, Robert, and Quent had all graduated from Newport High School (by the mid-80s) LaVonne and David's lives started to slow down a bit and resemble retirement mode.

They bought a small farm near Eddyville, Oregon (east of Newport) and started raising, training, and running Thoroughbred Race Horses. They had some fair success through the years as one of their horses (Mark In The Sea) won a total 10 races. Their health issues (mainly David's strokes, heart attack) led them to selling the horses, and the little farm.

LaVonne's interest, passion had turned to the casinos after David physically wasn't able to continue in the horse business. They moved to Dallas, Oregon and enjoyed visiting the numerous Oregon Casinos and occasionally traveling to Reno.

LaVonne's health also began to deteriorate along with David's as she had fallen and broken hip, etc. Unable to drive or care for themselves any longer - they were eventually moved into Brookdale's Senior Living Assisted Care Facility in McMinnville where son, Lloyd (& Judy) lived.

LaVonne Marie Carver (91) passed away peacefully on the morning of January 13, 2025 of natural causes while still residing at Brookdale Senior Living in McMinnville, Oregon. David Carver (94) had passed away a few months ahead of LaVonne on July 23, 2024 while they shared room at the Brookdale Assisted Living Facility.

LaVonne's half-brother, Linwood McCool was killed in France during WWII. Her older brother, Jerry, of Madras, Oregon had passed away in 2009.

Dave & LaVonne are survived by their five children: Ronald Carver (Dixie) of Knappa, Oregon; Lloyd (Judy) of Sherwood, Oregon; Colleen Jack of Seal Rock, Oregon; Robert Carver of Welling, Oklahoma; Quent Carver of Albany, Oregon. David's sister, Jeanie (Carver) Moore, of Gresham, Oregon. They are also survived by 7 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

LaVonne had previously requested not to have an official Celebration of Life/ Memorial Service and will be buried next to her husband, David, at the Westport, Oregon, Cemetery (family internment).

In lieu of flowers...Donations in LaVonne's name may be sent to Traditions Hospice (#SMP), 2290 Commercial St. SE, Suite 108, Salem, Oregon (97302)

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**STORMS**

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with gusts 40 to 60 miles an hour."

Thousands of Lincoln County customers lost electrical power after the ice storm caused outages, downed numerous trees and slickened roadways throughout the area. The intensity of the ice storm led to an emergency declaration of disaster

Jan. 14, 2024, by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. The declaration allowed for federal assistance.

**WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2025**

NWS Meteorologist Jon Liu said it is unlikely Lincoln County will see a repeat of such harsh weather this month.

"We have an extended period of high pressure, which tends to create generally calmer conditions," he said. "We are expected to remain dry with little chance of precipitation."

Temperatures are expected to be in the upper 40s and low 50s

during the day, dipping to the upper 30s and low 40s overnight with rain showers and clearing periods through this week.

As to what's ahead for the rest of January and into February, Liu said,

"You can't rule out the possibility of a storm."

There is still a good chunk of winter left."

**ON THE ROADS**

The Oregon Department of Transportation has a projected revenue shortfall of more than \$354 million in 2025-2027.

That would mean reducing services such as deicing roads by more than

\$101 million.

"We expect this winter

to be about the same as last winter in terms of staff, equipment and supplies," ODOT spokesman

said of the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse. He did say OPRD has considered putting some type of light in there just for looks.

"We've talked ... do we

put something up that basically just shows in

the city and isn't an aid

to navigation? Something decorative? But we've got so many other priorities. My goal from this is longevity. I don't ever want to have to work on the exterior of this building again."

when winter weather is predicted.

"We'll also respond to localized variations in road conditions as we watch weather conditions develop," he said.

House encourages

drivers to always check

the agency's online

TripCheck.com for

the latest road travel

information.

"When traveling in

winter, plan more time

for your trip so you can

slow down for ice or

snow," he said. "If your

route goes through snow

zones, you are required to

carry chains. If conditions require chains to travel

through a snow zone,

you'll need to put them

on your vehicle even if

you have snow tires and/

or four-wheel-drive. And

remember to never pass

a snow plow on the right

— it's illegal and very

dangerous."

House also encourages

motorists to bring food,

water, blankets, medica-

tions and check their

vehicle's lights, oil and

fuel levels before taking

winter trips and to be

prepared for delays. "And

if conditions are bad

enough, postpone your

trip for another day and/or

consider another route," he said.

**RESOURCES**

Lincoln County Emergency Management encourages residents to sign up for Lincoln Alerts, the county's emergency notification system.

"This system enables the agencies within Lincoln County to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, including severe weather, distant

tsunamis, unexpected road

closure, missing persons,

and evacuations of build-

ings or neighborhoods due to a hazardous mate-

rial event or a possible

wildfire situation," the county's website states.

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# This week in HISTORY

LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER STAFF

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

## 25 YEARS AGO (2000)

### LINCOLN CITY, STATE CONTINUE FLAP OVER FLAGS

Now you see them, now you don't. Today you'll see them again, and tomorrow, maybe you won't. So goes the saga of the controversial crossing flags at North 17th Street and U.S. Highway 101 in Lincoln City. City officials claim the flags are an effective and cheap temporary safety measure until a traffic light can be installed at the busy intersection. But the Oregon Department of Transportation, on advice from the Federal Highway Administration, has declared the flags illegal because they do not conform to the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

### HILLSIDE BEGINNING TO SLIDE AT NEWPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Recent movement of a hillside just east of Newport Middle School has gotten the attention of school district officials.

The hillside, which is on school district property, separates the school from the nearby Candletree subdivision

A crack that is as much as a foot wide at one point has opened up along about a 100-foot stretch of that bank. It is unknown how deep the crack is.

### HEAVY SNOW DOWNS TREES, SHUTS HIGHWAY 20

Inclement weather has once again forced the closure of Highway 20, but this time it was snow, rather than landslides, that was the culprit.

Heavy, wet snow falling Wednesday afternoon piled up on the branches of trees along the highway, eventually accumulating enough weight to bring the trees crashing down.

### COUNTY MOVES AHEAD WITH JUSTICE CENTER

Ideas for a community justice center in Lincoln County have been on the minds of Local Public Safety Coordinating Council members for the past two years.

For about a year, members of the council have groomed the concept and developed a plan for creating a center that would provide a transition between jail and the community.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1975)

### CLERK TELLS JURY 'GET DRUNKS OFF ROAD' MISTRIAL DECLARED

A mistrial was declared in district court Tuesday after

a district court clerk walked into the jury room and told the assembled jurors that something should be done about getting drunk drivers off the road.

The jurors happened to be hearing the case of a Newport man who was charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Testimony in the case had been completed, and the jurors were on their lunch break, awaiting final arguments in the case.

### FOREST SERVICE STILL UNCERTAIN OVER CONTROL OF CASCADE HEAD

The role of the Hebo Ranger District office in the new Cascade Head Scenic Research area is still uncertain, as is the impact of the new 8,900-acre reserve on the north Lincoln County area.

Designation of an authority to control this new area must still be determined by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. The reason for the uncertainty is the fact this area is the first for the entire United States and has no precedence.

### EMPLOYMENT OFFICE MOVES, FACES HIGH RATE FOR JOBLESS

The Oregon Employment Division will move its Lincoln County office from Toledo to Newport on Monday.

The new office will be located in the state office complex at 119 NE Fourth St. Besides the new setting, the office will also have a new manager.

### HUNTER PROGRAM HEARING SET

County commissioners have scheduled a meeting for Jan. 23 to discuss the predator control program.

Some farmers have complained that their livestock are being killed because the current government hunter has been injured and has been unable to function. They would like the county to establish its own predator program.

Another group of ranchers, led by Don Kessi and former County Commissioner Mike Miller, would like to retain the government hunter program.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1950)

### BEACHCOMBERS' EFFORTS REWARDED

A great number of Japanese floats have been picked up by residents in the Taft area this past week. One of the biggest was found by Fred Hogue, measuring 46 1/2 inches in circumference.

On the beach between Delake and Wecoma, Iver Andresen, of Delake, found a float measuring 32 inches in circumference and of a dark color, it was reported.

### COUNCIL DISCUSSES NEW CURFEW LAW

An ordinance establishing a curfew for minors was read at the Oceanlake City Council meeting Wednesday night. The proposed curfew, which affects all those under 18 years of age, would be from 11 p.m. in winter and midnight in summer until 5 a.m.

### CITY HALL STOPS DRIVERLESS TRUCK

A driverless pickup truck rolled away Monday afternoon from the curb in front of Newton's Tavern and wended its way through half a block of Coast Highway traffic before crossing an intersection and smashing into the corner of Newport City Hall.

The owner, Bob Lanpheir, of Delake, was in a nearby grocery store. Puzzled to find his truck missing, he glanced down the street and was astonished to see the vehicle half a block away, nestled against the sturdy corner of city hall.

### SAFE STOLEN IN NEWPORT

A 500-pound safe, stolen Sunday from West Coast Laundry in Newport, was found unopened by police Monday.

The safe, although badly battered, still contained the weekend receipts when it was recovered on the Yaquina Road three miles east of Newport.

Thieves apparently entered the laundry building by breaking a window, loaded the heavy safe onto a laundry truck that was parked inside, and drove to the isolated spot, where they abandoned both the truck and the safe.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1925)

### APPEAL FOR NEW BANK AT NEWPORT IS FROWNS UPON

A dispatch sent from Newport to Portland last week stated that Newport business people were becoming alarmed over the lack of banking facilities, and that the proposition of certain Corvallis businessmen who are anxious to back the establishment of a new bank in Newport is being frowned upon by the state banking department.

### ROOSEVELT HIGHWAY BRINGS PROSPERITY TO PEOPLE OF NORTH

The entire north end of the county is pleased with the service they are getting out of the Roosevelt Highway this winter.

This road has provided their first all-year outlet to the rest of the state, and it is meaning a great many dollars to them already.

### WARREN'S BARBERSHOP ENTERED BY ROBBERS, MANY ARTICLES TAKEN

J. E. Warren, proprietor of a barbershop in the "Flat Iron" building, is calling some unknown thief all the pet names he can think of these days. And well he has a right to. Last Friday night or Saturday morning during the wee hours, some person or persons entered Mr. Warren's shop and took some eight large bottles of hair tonic and face lotion, three good razors, an electric hair clipper, a hand clipper, and in fact, practically everything he had in the shop. This makes three times in the past year that Mr. Warren has been robbed.

## MILLER

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reputation by creating a toxic workplace environment," the release states. "In the interest of transparency and clarity in a matter of public controversy, Lincoln County is releasing that report."

During the Oct. 2, 2024 regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, Miller himself made public the fact that he was under investigation following statements he made during the previous commission meeting.

An official complaint was filed shortly after Miller gave a lengthy report on Sept. 18, where he raised a number of issues, saying, "I believe that I and the community deserve answers to these questions." Topics

included the evaluation of the county administrator and whether public meeting laws had been violated by the other two commissioners.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, Lincoln County administration released a copy of impact statements compiled from witnesses during the course of this independent investigation into Miller's actions. No names were attached to those witness statements. Some of the comments made were:

• "The office has been really impacted by this. The team we had on Sept. 17 is not the team we have now. It's like 'trauma,' and I don't use that term lightly."

• "I think for some it is irreparable; maybe for a lot, it's irreparable."

• "For Casey (Miller) to act the way he did to county employees, I've

never been fearful of my position, but I felt unsafe. I have relationships with commissioners. I've felt really confident in where I stand in Lincoln County, but after the meeting, I walked away thinking I'm nobody."

• "He blew up the office. He blew us apart. Before this event, everybody came to work with joy. He really hurt people in that attack."

• "I can only describe it as traumatic for some people, and it had a ripple effect through the workplace. A lot of employees watched that video because they heard about it. It reinforced the trauma of it in a way."

In Friday's press release from the county, Commission Chair Claire Hall called the report disappointing, but not unexpected.

• "Commissioner Miller's

actions harmed public trust in the important work of our elected officials and staff," Hall said. "I hope Commissioner Miller will take accountability and allow us to move forward from this unfortunate situation."

Miller

issued a statement to the Lincoln County Leader this past weekend, saying, "The county's investigation has absolved me of engaging in bullying or disrespectful conduct. I have never been accused of such things, and it's been stressful to endure this kind of labeling for five months after 16 years of dedication and service. It's a big relief to have an official determination that I have not bullied or harassed my team."

Miller

did apologize to those he works with "for any discomfort and distress they have

experienced from my public meeting comments. It was not my intent, nor will it ever be my intent to willfully harm or make people feel unsafe."

Miller

said it is important for people to note that while the investigation against him is an analysis of his behaviors and actions as they are applicable to the county's personnel rules, "this investigation does not address my continued concerns of public records and meeting laws and others that are still ongoing for me. Please consider that my Sept. 18 meeting comments and my continued effort to ensure that the board of commissioners

functions as a 'cohesive governing body' is still my priority and one that our employees and community believe is of

value."

Miller did, however, take offense to the wording in the county's press release saying he had created a "toxic workplace environment." He said that particular statement

## MURDER

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warrant at his home. Law enforcement officials were led to believe that after Staggs was killed, he was buried in Baird's backyard. Although

to the scent of human remains in soil removed from Baird's backyard, no human remains were found during the December search.

The investigation continued, and on Jan. 8, law enforcement personnel were able to locate a shallow gravesite in rural

Lincoln County containing human remains believed to be those of Ryan Staggs. The remains were sent to the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office for positive identification. It is believed that Staggs had, in fact, originally been buried in Baird's backyard, but that the body was later moved to avoid discovery.

Baird was indicted by the grand jury on counts of abuse of a corpse in the second degree and tampering with physical evidence. In addition, he faces two counts of burglary in the first degree.

Baird was also scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday

afternoon before Judge Bachart.



# Career Technology Expo to be held Feb. 7

Career and Technical Education (CTE) is an ever-growing part of educational curriculums across the country, and Oregon is one of the leaders in CTE innovation and initiatives. On Friday, Feb. 7, Oregon Coast Community College and the Lincoln County School District will showcase the opportunities available through their own CTE programs.

The 2025 iteration of the CTE Expo takes place in the shadow of the site of the planned Oregon Coast Advanced Technology & Trades building, which will be constructed on the Newport campus of Oregon Coast Community College after having been enthusiastically approved by voters in a May 2024 election.

Community members are invited to experience the CTE Expo, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 7 at the OCCC Central County Campus, located at 400 SE College Way in Newport. A variety of experiences will be available, including student demonstrations, presentations about the various programs, samples from LCSD culinary programs, and information about the career and technical education opportunities in Lincoln County.

Students from throughout the Lincoln County School District will share their career tech programs, including welding, culinary arts, natural resources and forestry, drafting, manufacturing, wood



**Oregon Coast Community College and the Lincoln County School District will present a Career Technology Expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 7 at the OCCC Central County Campus, located at 400 SE College Way in Newport. (Courtesy photo)**

working, engineering, visual design and communication, digital design and media, and early childhood education.

Featured Oregon Coast Community College programs will include Early Childhood Education, Welding, the Pre-Apprenticeship for the Construction Trades (PACT) Program, Nursing, Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant,

Aquarium Science, Business, Computer Science, and more. The college will also have on-the-spot admissions for interested students.

“These programs are working to make our future workforce,” said Becky York, OCCC Career Connected Learning Systems Navigator. “We, as educational institutions, want to make sure that

what is being created and taught is what our local industries need. We are striving to provide a qualified and educated workforce.”

Local industry partners from the community will also be present, and may include the U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Coast Aquarium, Samaritan Health Services, WorkSource Oregon, Central Lincoln

PUD, Lincoln City Parks & Recreation, Lincoln County Public Health, Georgia-Pacific, Chinook Winds Casino Resort, local trade unions, and others.

If you would like to promote or educate the students and the community about your career technology business and employment opportunities, contact York at becky.york@oregoncoast.edu.

## Aquarium Science and Nursing programs welcoming applications

Oregon Coast Community College is now accepting applications for its Aquarium Science and Nursing programs.

Aspiring marine science professionals have until March 14 to apply for this unique educational opportunity, while future nurses face a March 31 application deadline.

### AQUARIUM SCIENCE

Offered exclusively at OCCC, the Aquarium Science Program is one of only a few of its kind in the nation. It prepares students for rewarding careers in marine animal husbandry, life support system design, and aquatics management. Available as a one-year certificate or a two-year associate degree, the program equips students with practical, hands-on skills sought by leading employers in the field.

“What makes this program stand out is its real-world applicability,” said Larry Boles, program director. “Our graduates

are not only highly skilled but are also making a meaningful impact in marine science institutions across the globe.”

A distinctive feature of the Aquarium Science Program is its appeal to students with advanced educational backgrounds. Many certificate-program enrollees already hold bachelor’s degrees in disciplines such as marine biology or zoology, adding to the diversity and depth of the learning environment.

Program highlights:

- Specialized curriculum: Courses emphasize animal care, aquatic system design, and operational management.

- Hands-on training: Students gain practical experience in cutting-edge labs and facilities.

- Successful alumni network: Graduates have gone on to work at prestigious zoos, aquariums, and marine facilities around the world.

Prospective students are encouraged to visit [oregoncoast.edu/aquarium-science-program](http://oregoncoast.edu/aquarium-science-program) for detailed application

instructions, program prerequisites, and information on financial aid. Take the first step toward a vibrant career in marine science — apply now and join the growing community of professionals shaping the future of aquatic animal care.

### NURSING

Lincoln County needs quality health care workers, and OCCC is answering the call. The Nursing & Allied Health department has opened its Nursing Program applications for Fall 2025 and is seeking students to apply for these competitive limited entry programs

Applications are now open for the two-year Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing — the OCCC Nursing Class of 2027 — and the one-year LPN-to-RN program.

The nursing program has formed strong partnerships and employment opportunities with Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital, Samaritan Pacific Communities

Hospital, Lincoln County Jail, Lincoln County Health and Human Services, Lincoln County Mental Health, Samaritan Evergreen Hospice, Signature Home Health, and the Siletz Clinic.

The Nursing and Allied Health department is committed to increasing the health care pipeline for students who wish to work in the field by forming a strong health care infrastructure that has the capacity to care for all Lincoln County residents and visitors. Nursing is an excellent career choice that is fulfilling, well paying, and in demand. It provides stability and the opportunity to care for others while giving back to the community.

“Nurses are consistently recognized as being the backbone of the health care system, providing frontline care, emotional support, education, and advocacy for patients,” said Dr. Crystal Bowman, dean of Nursing and Allied Health at OCCC. “As health care continues

to evolve — driven by technological advancements, shifting patient demographics, and new models of care — the role of nurses becomes even more essential. To respond to the need for nurses in our community, and in the state of Oregon, we are focused on increasing enrollment and look forward to accepting full cohorts of nursing students in the Fall of 2025.”

### ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Not every student has visions of caring for patients — whether they be people or fish. Fortunately, those are just a couple of the careers OCCC students are preparing for every day. If marketing or accounting or finance is where you want to be, OCCC’s business program can get you there. Then there’s the college’s early childhood education certificate program, and its growing welding programs. Or if you intend to become a teacher in Lincoln County’s schools, the

Teach at the Beach program, in partnership with Western Oregon University and Oregon State University, is the way to go.

Many students choose OCCC to earn a two-year transfer degree at OCCC when they’re not sure what their major will ultimately be; you’ll find OCCC grads all over, including studying computer science at OSU, and anthropology at the University of Oregon, to name just a couple schools where you’ll find

2024 graduates starting their winter term this month as juniors, with less than two years until they complete their four-year degrees.

Learn more and discover the full range of degree and certificate programs available at Oregon Coast Community College at [oregoncoast.edu](http://oregoncoast.edu). Follow OCCC on TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook, @occsharks. You can also join the OCCC Community on LinkedIn. Or, call the college at 541-867-8501.

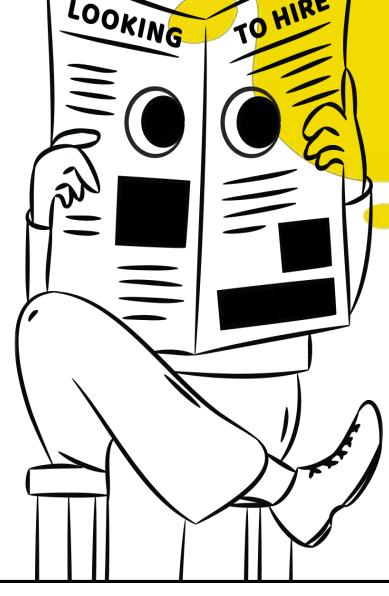
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# Oregon Legacy series at Driftwood Library

The Friends of Driftwood Public Library will present the literary series Oregon Legacy to the Lincoln County community at Driftwood Library at 3 p.m. on each of the four Sunday afternoons in February.

The series opens on Feb. 2 with a visit from Emma Pattee, a climate journalist and fiction writer. She has written about climate change for The Atlantic, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Guardian, and more. In 2021, she coined the term "Climate Shadow" to describe an individual's potential impact on climate change.

Pattee's fiction has appeared in Bellevue Literary Review, Idaho Review, New Orleans Review, Carve Magazine, Citron Review, and Alaska Quarterly Review. Her debut novel, "Tilt," will be published in March. She lives in Portland.

On Feb. 9, Dan Shryock will visit Lincoln City. Shryock is a career journalist and Salem-based author and travel



Emma Pattee



John Larison



Dan Shryock



Josephine Woolington

writer focusing on cycle tourism. After graduating from Indiana University's School of Journalism, he served as a reporter and editor for newspapers in Indiana, California and Oregon.

While working for the Times-Advocate in Escondido, California, Shryock teamed with colleagues who together became Pulitzer Prize finalists (Explanatory Journalism) in 1990. He later served as editor of the Gazette-Times in

Corvallis, and as both managing editor and digital media director of the News-Register in McMinnville.

Shryock now enjoys producing freelance magazine and website content featuring cycle tourism and general travel. His writing has appeared on travel websites and in publications including the magazines Bend, Via, Cycle California!, and Northwest Travel & Life. He has ridden back roads in Italy, New Zealand, Canada,

California, and the Pacific Northwest in search of unique bicycle adventures.

Shryock recently launched a digital publication on Substack titled "Why We Ride." His book, "Cycling Across Oregon: Stories, Surprises & Revelations Along the State's Scenic Bikeways," follows a group of friends as they set out to explore the state's 17 official scenic bikeways in a single year. This is a study of rural Oregon — the people, the

places, and the discoveries that make cycling a unique travel experience.

Oregon Legacy continues on Feb. 16 with a return visit from writer John Larison, who was born in 1979 in Philomath. The son of National Geographic filmmakers, he spent much of his childhood on-assignment (you can get a sense of John's childhood by reading the memoir, "On Assignment,"

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## Sonia Graham awarded city of Newport's Elton Pier Award

Sonia Graham was posthumously awarded the Elton Pier Award by the city of Newport at the city's recent employee appreciation dinner. Graham, who passed away in October, was the supervisor for the Newport 60+ Activity Center and played a key role in establishing the center's presence as a significant community resource, including activities and programming to encourage active participation and inclusivity. The award was accepted by her husband, Jim Graham.

The Elton Pier Award is named in honor of a long-time city employee and volunteer firefighter. The award is given annually to an individual exhibiting many of the qualities exhibited by Elton Pier, including dependability, hard

work, resourcefulness, compassion, motivation of others and a commitment to public service through volunteerism and city employment. A committee then reviews nominations made by city employees to determine the recipient.

"Sonia's commitment to every community member in Newport, and her continuous work to assist and benefit others in all ways possible is the true embodiment of the Elton Pier Award," said Newport City Manager Nina Vetter. "Everyone at the city is honored to have all worked with her and learned from her, and it is our goal to continue positive impacts throughout the city in her spirit, especially at the 60+ Center."

Through her work at

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## Metropolitan Opera's 'Aida' on screen at the PAC

The Metropolitan Opera presents a new production of Giuseppe Verde's masterpiece, "Aida," and Oregon coast audiences can see it at the Newport Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 9:30 a.m. Oregon Coast Council for the Arts invites one and all to experience this live-recorded special event in ultra-HD on the big screen in the Alice Silverman Theatre.

One of the most performed operas in history, noted for its soaring arias, rousing choruses, and displays of grand pageantry, "Aida" represents the epitome of grand opera. The Met's new production of this stalwart classic includes a massive cast and all the spectacular scenery and elaborate costumes opera-goers will be expecting.

In the early 20th century, a group of



Metropolitan Opera presents "Aida" on screen in high definition at the Newport Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 9:30 a.m. (Courtesy photo)

archaeologists unearth an Egyptian tomb unseen for millennia. One finds an ancient dagger with a royal insignia. As they take in the architecture and hieroglyphs, they visualize the reign of the pharaohs. Ancient Egypt provides an epic backdrop for what is, essentially, an intimate love story. Few operas have matched "Aida"

in its exploration of the conflict between private emotion and public duty, and perhaps no other has remained so unanimously appreciated by audiences and critics alike.

Angel Blue makes her Met role debut as the Ethiopian princess torn between love and country, one of opera's defining roles. Hailed as a "sumptuously voiced

soprano" by The New York Times, Blue returns to the Live in HD series following celebrated cinema turns in the Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" (2020), Terence Blanchard's "Fire Shut Up in My Bones" (2021), and Puccini's "La Rondine" (2024). Star tenor Piotr Beczała is the soldier Radamès, and mezzo-soprano Judit Kutasi, following her 2024 debut in Verdi's "La Forza del Destino," takes on the role of Aida's Egyptian rival, Amneris — completing opera's greatest love triangle. The all-star cast also features baritone Quinn Kelsey as Amonasro and bass Dmitry Belosselskiy as Ramfis.

Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts Tony Award-winning director Michael

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Shown (from left) are: Waldport Middle/High School music instructor Tim Chase; Music Is Instrumental (MII) board director Mark Sanders; MII board member Christine Tell; and Taft 7-12 band/choir director Amie Brecheisen, celebrating the \$24,000 gifts to Lincoln County School District music programs. (Courtesy photo)

## Lincoln County School District music programs gifted \$24,000

Music is Instrumental (MII), a local nonprofit dedicated to supporting music education, has given substantial gifts totaling \$24,000 to Lincoln County School District (LCSD) music programs.

Taft 7-12, Waldport, and Toledo Jr/Sr High Schools each received

\$6,000, while Newport High School and Newport Middle School were gifted \$3,000 each.

Founded in November 2018 by then-principals Majalise Tolan and Nick Lupo, along with Christine Tell, Chuck Feist and Mark Sanders, MII has endeavored to ensure music and music

education is a fundamental part of Lincoln County schools' curriculum. The organization was established on four pillars designed to support music classes with new instruments, repairs, and supplies, while ensuring music education

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## Yachats Lions' Crab Feed is Jan. 25

For more than 30 years, the Yachats Lions Club has held an annual Crab Feed event, and the annual trek to Yachats to eat Dungeness crab is a tradition for families and groups from throughout Oregon, Washington, and beyond.

The Yachats Lions will be serving crab meals with the option to buy extra crabs. The meal will consist of one whole local Dungeness crab, coleslaw, baked beans, and homemade bread.

This year, the Crab Feed, set for this Saturday, Jan. 25, will feature three seating options: one at 4 p.m. the Lions Hall, one at 12:30 p.m. in the Yachats Commons, and the last at 4 p.m. in the commons.

The second seating at the commons will be for groups of six or more with reserved tables.

Crab meal tickets are available online at [yachatslionsclub.org](http://yachatslionsclub.org).



Participants can select the seating and order as many meals as they like.

They will also have the option of buying extra crabs with the purchase of crab meals.

"We are very pleased to be offering the event as we have done for so many years," Kevin Yorks, Lions Club Crab Feed coordinator, said

in a news release. "We get great support from the community and local businesses in Yachats, Waldport, and Newport. South Beach Fish Market

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## Free tax help offered at Toledo Library

The Oregon Department of Revenue will provide tax preparation assistance for low-income taxpayers at 18 libraries across Oregon in February, March and April. Department staff and volunteers will help taxpayers electronically file both federal and state income taxes for free using a combination of IRS Direct File and Direct File Oregon.

In Lincoln County, one of these one-day tax help clinics will take place at the Toledo Public Library, located at 173 NW Seventh St. It will be held on March 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Participating libraries will provide Wi-Fi and public use computers to

help aid in this project. Computers may be limited, so people should bring their own if they can.

What you need to bring:

- Social security card or individual tax identification number for everyone on your tax return;
- Government picture ID for taxpayer and spouse if filing jointly (driver's license or passport);
- Forms W-2 (wages from a job);
- Forms 1099-G, 1099-R, 1099-INT (other income);
- Form SSA-1099 (Social Security benefits);
- Canceled check or bank routing and account numbers for direct

deposit;

- Last year's tax return.

Use the IRS's Eligibility Checker at [directfile.irs.gov](http://directfile.irs.gov) to see if you qualify to use IRS Direct File. Set up an IRS online account and an account with Oregon's Revenue Online before you come to the event to make sure you're ready to go.

Note: Libraries are public spaces, so taxpayers should take care to guard their personal and confidential tax information while preparing their tax returns. Other tax preparation resources can be found on the Department of Revenue's "Get free help filing your taxes" webpage at <https://tinyurl.com/56dredp5>

## Free networking opportunity offered for small farmers

Oregon State University Extension Service's Small Farms Program welcomes the farmers in Lincoln County to participate in a free networking event for farmers and resource providers on Jan. 31, which will include technical support providers and representatives from local marketing channels. The facilitated networking activity will be followed by an optional potluck. Attendees can bring a side or dessert for the potluck if desired.

The event will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the OSU Extension Office at 1211 SE Bay Blvd. in Newport. To register, go online at [tinyurl.com/Neighbors2025](http://tinyurl.com/Neighbors2025). Registrations will be accepted through the day of the event. For more information, go online at <https://tinyurl.com/357wswrr>

Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made by Jan. 27 to Evie Smith

at 541-283-5119 or [evie.smith@oregonstate.edu](mailto:evie.smith@oregonstate.edu).

### About OSU Extension

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## Altrusa plans 'coffee meet-up'

Altrusa of Yaquina Bay is planning a "coffee meet-up" from 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Rise Café, located in the Gladys Valley Marine Studies Building on the

Hatfield Marine Science Center complex in South Beach.

The group will be chatting about projects the club is working on. Come and find out what Altrusa has to

offer. This is a group of dedicated men and women with a goal of helping women and children in Lincoln County. For more information, call 541-574-2955 or 541-961-7786.

## Community art show planned in Newport

The Yaquina Art Association is inviting 40 artists to bring their work for display in a spotlight show from Feb. 1-17 at the nonprofit YAA Gallery, located on Newport's Nye Beach turnaround at 789 NW Beach Drive.

Any artist who is not already showing in a gallery can bring two items that can hang or

two three-dimensional items to be displayed on pedestals. Entries can be brought to the YAA Gallery on Thursday, Jan. 30, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a limit of 20 artists in each category.

For an entry form or more information, email [yaagallery@yahoo.com](mailto:yaagallery@yahoo.com) or drop by the gallery.

The Yaquina Art

Association Gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Interested in becoming a member of the Yaquina Art Association? The group offers free classes, too. Visit the gallery to learn more. YAA has served more than 135 local artists over the past 76 years. Go to [www.yaquinaart.org](http://www.yaquinaart.org) for additional information.

## Turn to gardening books for comfort and inspiration

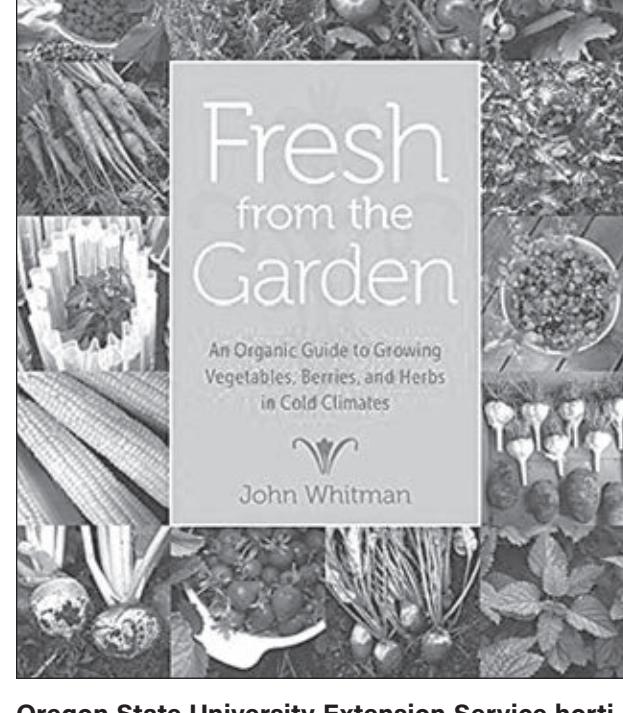
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If you can't garden, why not read about it? Books bring us comfort when the gloomy weather of winter is upon us. Even gardeners who love winter enjoy a good read.

Add a fire and a cup of tea and relax with one of these books

recommended by Oregon State University Extension Service horticulturists. There is something for every reader.

- "Home Orchard: Growing Your Own Deciduous Fruit and Nut Trees," Ingels, Geisel and Norton: "A great resource for home orchardists. Very detailed, science-based information with lots of photographs and



Oregon State University Extension Service horticulturists have recommended a number of books on gardening — there is something for every reader. (Courtesy photo)

illustrations to support the text. The chapters on training and pruning, and budding and grafting are worth the price alone. Written for California growers, but can be adapted towards other climates/soils." — *Erica Chernoh, OSU Extension horticulturist, Lane County.*

• "The Bees in Your Backyard," Joseph S. Wilson and Olivia Messinger Carril: "This is a great resource for anyone interested in backyard ecology. The book is very accessible to the amateur and budding entomologist and

is literally packed with color photos. For each group of bees, the authors provide the typical size, the geographic range and the time of year the bee is usually found. There is also a whole chapter on how to promote bees in your backyard with tips on providing nesting areas and plants that feed the bees. I also recommend "Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses," by Robin Wall Kimmerer. I'm only half way through but am delighted. The author has a way of weaving scientific knowledge with personal stories and

indigenous history. Like "Braiding Sweetgrass," it's a beautiful read." — *Brooke Edmunds, OSU Extension horticulturist, Linn and Benton counties.*

- "Xeriscape Plant Guide: 100 Water-wise Plants for Gardens and Landscapes," Denver Water: What I love about this book is that it was written for landscape designers and includes photos of the individual plants in each of the

four seasons. Each plant profile also includes a beautiful botanical drawing in color and the information for each plant is extensive, including companion plants, water use, cultivars, best features and the disadvantages of each plant." — *Amy Jo Detweiler, OSU Extension horticulturist, Deschutes County.*

- "Fresh from the Garden: An Organic Guide to Growing Vegetables, Berries and Herbs in Cold Climates," John Whitman: "For eastern Oregon vegetable gardeners, this book is indispensable. It includes season extension and cultivar suggestions. This book is comprehensive yet easy to read, contains tons of great charts, tables, and photos, the best book I have encountered so far for short-season vegetable gardeners. Worth every penny." — *Nicole Sanchez, OSU Extension horticulturist, Klamath County.*

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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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• "Planting the Natural Garden," Pete Oudolf and

**LIBRARY**

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published in 2021 by his father, James Larison). He attended the University of Oregon and studied philosophy and literature, then stayed to earn a Master's of Education.

While learning to write fiction, Larison worked as a fly-fishing and whitewater guide in the Pacific Northwest. In 2007, he earned an MFA at Oregon State University. His first book was a how-to text on fly-fishing, "The Complete Steelheader" (2008). He went on to publish two fishing-related novels: "Northwest of Normal" (2009) and "Holding Lies" (2011). His 2018

novel, "Whiskey When We're Dry," was a Los Angeles Times and Seattle Times bestseller, an Indie Next Pick in hardcover and paperback, a finalist for the Ken Kesey Award and the Gold Crown Award (UK), and winner of the Will Rodgers Medallion. It was named a Best Book by O Magazine, Goodreads, Entertainment Weekly, Outside Magazine, Powell's, The Times (United Kingdom), the BBC, and others. It was featured on NPR's All Things Considered.

His newest novel, "The Ancients," was released in October 2024. It has been selected a Buzz Book by Publishers Marketplace and an Indie Next Pick by independent booksellers

across the country.

The series finishes on Feb. 23 with a visit from Josephine Woolington, who was born and raised in Portland. She has earned two bachelor's degrees from the University of Oregon, in journalism and political science, and received the school's highest award for excellence in journalism. She has worked at several local newspapers in Oregon, where she wrote about everything from cops to hydropower. She's a member of the Indigenous Journalists Association and the Society of Environmental Journalists, and her work has been supported by the Institute for Journalism & Natural Resources.

In addition to

journalism, Woolington is a musician and music instructor. She teaches at a nonprofit music school in north Portland that makes music lessons affordable to kids and adults. She has toured nationally and internationally with different local artists, and she writes, records, and performs her own music as Josephine Antoinette.

Her curiosity about all living things guides her creative endeavors and inspires her to understand how landscapes — and those who live in them — change over time. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she started researching and writing her first book, "Where We Call Home," a natural and cultural history essay

collection about Pacific Northwest plants and animals that was published in November. The book won a 2024 Oregon Book Award. When not writing or playing music, she's most likely looking at birds, trees, rocks, and clouds and wondering. She lives in Portland.

Thirty-one years ago, Driftwood Public Library completed a move into its current facility at Lincoln Square in Lincoln City. To celebrate the library's new home and to thank the community for all of its support during the transition, The Friends of Driftwood Public Library created a gift for the community. With little resources beyond the income from their occasional book sales,

the Friends underwrote the first literary series ever presented in Lincoln County: Oregon Legacy. Each year they have renewed that sponsorship.

All Oregon Legacy presentations are free due to the support of The Friends, as well as Shearwater Inn, Pelican Shores Inn, and Looking Glass Inn who donate lodging for the visiting authors. Each presentation begins at 3 p.m.

The library is located on the second floor of the city hall building at 801 SW Highway 101 in Lincoln City. For further information about the Oregon Legacy series, contact Ken Hobson at khobson@lincolncity.org. Visit Driftwood's website at www.driftwoodlib.org.

**GIFT**

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is accessible to all students regardless of demographic background.

It was decided that music would be mandatory for all sixth grade classes, helping to establish a grassroots interest in music and music education at all levels, according to a release from the LCSD.

"Since the inception of MII, between 900 and 1,400 students have been reached annually with music and music education in our Lincoln County K-12 schools. I believe that is quite a testament to the importance of music, structure and camaraderie with today's youth," said Mark Sanders, director of the MII board. "The board

and advisory board are ecstatic to report that we have raised over \$500,000 since 2019, with every penny supporting music and music education programs in LCSD schools."

The organization raises funds through various initiatives, including their annual "Mad Hatter" themed FunRaiser at the Pines Dine in Taft, featuring silent and live auctions. They also conduct an annual appeal letter campaign each November.

MII responds to specific needs identified by teachers and principals throughout the year, from instrument repair, replacement, risers, music stands and essential supplies such as reeds and oils. While the organization doesn't fund travel or uniforms, they remain open to reviewing and approving most

needs-based requests, according to the release.

Waldport Middle/High School music instructor Tim Chase expressed gratitude for MII's generous donation.

"Their willingness to champion music programs and share the funds they gather from their

donors never ceases to amaze me," Chase said. "Because of their gift, the Waldport music program will be able to upgrade some of our instruments, keep what we own in good repair, and purchase new sheet music, as well as bring in specialists to work with our high

school ensembles before representing Waldport at festivals."

The impact of MII's support extends well beyond instruments and equipment, according to Sanders.

"It is proven that music education increases attendance, reading skills, math

skills, sense of belonging, self-esteem, and relationships with other students and family members," Sanders said. "Seeing students perform for their siblings, parents, and grandparents at a concert is an overwhelming experience that brings our community together."

**CRAB**

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cooks and cleans the best tasting local crab you have ever eaten."

All proceeds from the annual Crab Feed fundraiser and the Yachats Lions Thrift Store make giving back to the community possible. Lions Club community service projects include scholarships to graduating seniors, food pantries, school programs, Yachats Youth & Family Services,

South Lincoln Resources, Yachats Fire Department, and eyeglasses and exams for children and adults.

With the motto "We serve," the Yachats Lions Club celebrates 74 years of service to Yachats and South Lincoln County.

Lions Club International is the world's largest service club organization with a network of 1.3 million people in more than 200 countries and geographical locations. The Lions serve where they live, as well as globally, and have fun doing it.

**OPERA**

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Mayer's brilliant new staging, which brings audiences inside the towering pyramids and gilded tombs of ancient Egypt with intricate projections and dazzling animations.

This presentation is part of the Met's award-winning "Live in HD" series, which brings world-class opera to screens across the globe with better-than-front-row angles and glorious sound. The production, sung in Italian with English subtitles,

was recorded live on the Metropolitan Opera stage in New York. Run time is approximately 3 hours and 25 minutes, with one intermission to include exclusive behind-the-scenes content and cast interviews led by host Rhiannon Giddens.

Tickets range from \$12-\$28 when purchased at the Newport Performing Arts Center box office (777 W Olive St.) or by phone. Online ticketing is also available (additional fee applies). To learn more, call 541-265-2782 or visit coastarts.org/events/met-aida

**AWARD**

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the 60+ Center, membership and programming flourished. Graham grew Newport's free Thanksgiving meal tradition, which served over 200 community members annually, and introduced events such as monthly birthday lunches to combat the epidemic of loneliness in senior and veteran communities.

Beyond the 60+ Center,

Graham also was a caring community figure who earned numerous awards and recognitions due to the impact she had on countless people through her other work. She was a co-founder of the CoastBusters Walk for Breast Cancer that benefits breast cancer patients and programs in Lincoln County and coastal cities in Lane County. She was also proudly involved in, and was a previous president of Rotary Club of Newport.

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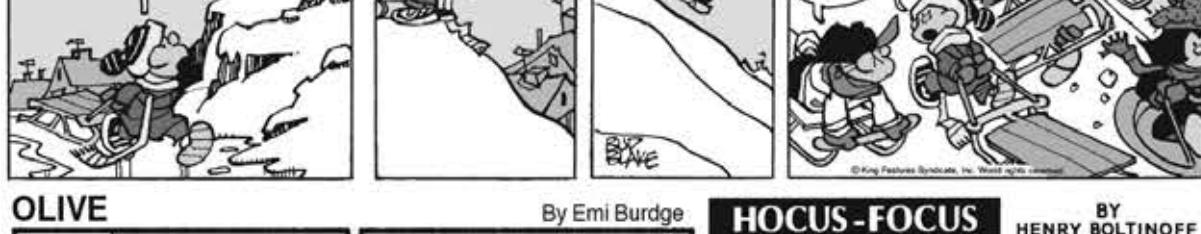
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Differences: 1. Desk leg is missing. 2. Book is missing. 3. Doodl is added on desk. 4. Blackboard is wider. 5. Bow is missing.

Answers

**WORD LADDERS**

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

**TRADE**


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**DRAIN**

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# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Who created the retro TV series "Stranger Things"?

2. U.S. STATES: Which state is the home of Yellowstone National Park?

3. ASTRONOMY: Which is the only planet in our solar system to rotate on its side?

4. MOVIES: What is the given name of the large bird in the animated movie "Up"?

5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which three zodiac signs are considered earth signs?

6. LITERATURE: What is the name of Hagrid's half-brother in the "Harry Potter" book series?

7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital city of Australia?

8. FOOD &amp; DRINK: What type of nut is used in the chocolate spread Nutella?

9. SPORTS: What kind of sports match is divided into 7-minute periods called chukkas?

10. ADVERTISEMENTS: What type of horses often are used in Budweiser beer ads?

**Answers**

1. The Duffer Brothers.

2. Wyoming.

3. Uranus.

4. Kevin.

5. Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn.

6. Grapw.

7. Canberra.

8. Hazelnut.

9. Polo.

10. Clydesdale.

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**Just Like Cats & Dogs**

by Dave T. Phipps

**CryptoQuip**

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

Clue: H equals S

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Coastal Paradise just north of Yachats! Along the breathtaking shoreline, this oceanfront gem exudes old-world charm w/modern updates. 3BD/2BA, & ample space! Updated kitchen w/new countertops & plenty of cabinet & workspace. Experience the ultimate beachfront life w/private steps directly to shore. Extra parking +double garage.

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to Auction Rules and Procedures of Lincoln Storage 4809 S Coast Hwy South Beach, OR 97366 541-867-6550. Rules are available upon inquiry. Unit 257 Elizabeth Madden, Unit 581 Dusty & Jordan Loftus, Unit 543 Erin Sellett, J22 J29

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the general welfare. OAR 660-012-0060, the proposed zoning map change will not significantly affect existing or planned transportation facilities. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the criteria described above or other criteria in the Newport Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances that a person believes applies to the decision. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the city and the parties an opportunity to respond to that issue precludes an appeal (including to the Land Use Board of Appeals), based on that issue. Testimony may be submitted in written or oral form. Oral and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. Letters to the Community Development (Planning) Department, City Hall, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365, must be received by 2:00 p.m. the day of the hearing or must be submitted to the City Council in person during the hearing. The hearing will include a report by staff, testimony (both oral and written) from the applicant, those in favor or opposed to the application, and questions and deliberation by the City Council. The staff report may be reviewed or purchased for reasonable cost at the Newport Community Development (Planning) Department (address above) seven days prior to the hearing. The application materials, applicable criteria, and other file materials are available for inspection at no cost or copies may be purchased for reasonable cost at this address. Contact: Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director, (541) 574-0626; d.tokos@newportoregon.gov (address above). J22 J29

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**PROPOSALS FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER METER/RADIO (AMI)**

Proposals Due: 2:00 PM, February 13, 2025 The City of Lincoln City is requesting proposals to install 1,952 water meter/radio as part of an Advance Metering Infrastructure (AMI). PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL Sealed proposals must be received by office of City Manager Department, PO Box 50-801 SW Hwy 101, City Hall, 3rd Floor, Lincoln City, OR 97367 until 2:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (PST) on the 13th day of February, 2025. Late proposal will not be accepted. Submittal of proposals shall be in a sealed envelope with identification plainly marked on the outside including project name, bid date, and time, "Proposal, Certificate of Residency" and Proposer's name. PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS - Proposal documents shall be obtained by emailing only, Jason Yoshihaga at jyoshihaga@lincolncity.org. The official Plan holders list will be kept by the City and any addenda will issued by the City. PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING - There will not be a pre-proposal meeting or site visit conducted by the City. Proposers are required to conduct a field review of the project area on their own to acquaint themselves with pertinent conditions prior to preparing and submitting their proposal. QUESTIONS - All questions or requests for clarification shall be directed in writing to the Terry Chamberlin, Project Manager, via email: tchamberlin@lincolncity.org, or by regular mail to Lincoln City, PO Box 50, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367. The Project Manager will determine appropriate responses, if any, and if necessary an Addendum will be issued to all plan holders of

record at least 5 calendar days prior to the Proposal Due date. Any verbal response(s) obtained from any source by proposers will be considered informational and shall not be relied upon by proposers. The Contractor must comply with the provisions required by ORS 279C.800 to ORS 279C.870 (PREVAILING WAGE RATE). City may cancel this procurement or reject any proposal and City may reject for good cause all proposals after finding that doing so is in the public interest. J22

**25-0015 SELF-STORAGE PUBLIC SALE**

On Tuesday 1/28/25 ending at 12:05pm an auction will be held online at StorageTreasures.com by Safe & Sound Storage 833 NE 3rd Street Newport, OR 97365 for units C11-Lance, Dolph E16-Cassandra Smith. J15 J22

**LCL25-0006 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

TS No.: 178884 APN: R61099. Reference is made to that certain deed made by John O'Connell as Grantor to Western Title and Escrow Company, as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as designated nominee for Evergreen Moneysource Mortgage Company as Beneficiary, dated 09/12/2022, recorded 09/13/2022, in the official records of Lincoln County, Oregon as Instrument No.: 2022-08773 in Book xx, Page xx covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to wit: LOT 12, BLOCK 1, SHELL COVE, IN THE CITY OF DEPOE BAY, COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF OREGON. Commonly known as: 945 SW Pine Ave, Depoe Bay, OR 97341. The current beneficiary is Evergreen Moneysource Mortgage

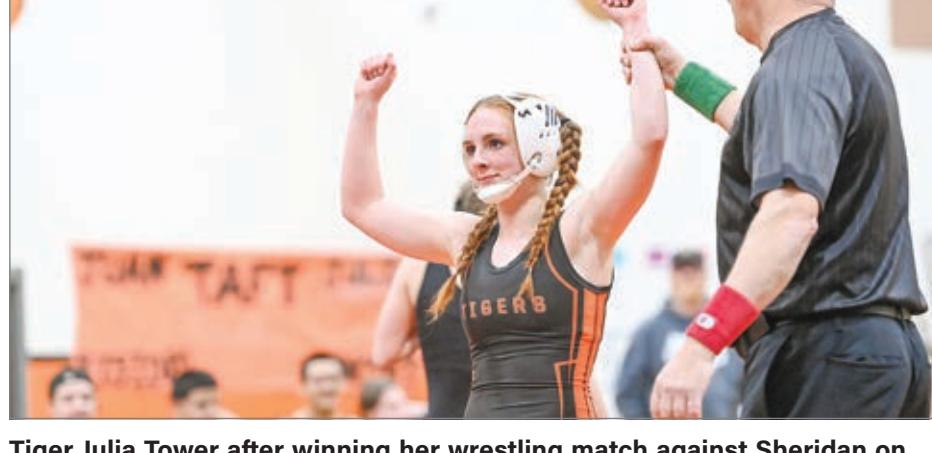
Company DBA Evergreen Home Loans pursuant to assignment of deed of trust recorded on 03/27/2024 as Inst No. 2024-01969 in the records of Lincoln, Oregon. The beneficiary has elected and directed successor trustee to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes, the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to make the monthly payments commencing with the payment due on 06/01/2024 and continuing each month until this trust deed is reinstated or goes to trustee's sale; plus a late charge on each installment not paid within fifteen days following the payment due date; trustee's fees and other costs and expenses associated with this foreclosure and any further breach of any term or condition contained in subject note and deed of trust. 1. By the reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: Principal balance of: \$415,280.26; 2. Interest through 12/23/2024 in the amount of \$17,707.11 3. Escrow Advances in the amount of: \$ 1,878.27 4. Other fees in the amount of: \$40.00 5. Accumulated Late Charges in the amount of: \$812.04 6. Recoverable Balance in the amount of: \$2,129.50 7. Together with the interest thereon at the rate 6.625% per annum until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. The principal sum of \$415,280.26 together with the interest thereon

at the rate 6.625% per annum from 05/01/2024 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on 04/29/2025 at the hour of 1:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.10, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the front entrance of the Court-house, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, 97365, County of Lincoln, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured (and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee). Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes; has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of said trust deed, to the extent of the amount paid, plus all accrued late charges thereon, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. The trustee will have the right to demand payment of the amount paid by the beneficiary to the trustee, plus all accrued late charges thereon, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. The trustee will have the right to demand payment of the amount paid by the beneficiary to the trustee, plus all accrued late charges thereon, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. 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# Taft wrestling against Sheridan



Taft's Elijah Morris during his winning bout in the Tigers' meet against Sheridan. (Courtesy photos from Lon French)



Tiger Julia Tower after winning her wrestling match against Sheridan on Jan. 15



Members of the Tigers girls team and others cheer on one of their teammates against Sheridan

# Taft tops Newport in 1st "Battle on the Beach," Newport wins in Tillamook

**WILL LOHRE**  
Country Media, Inc.

Newport High School and Taft High School kicked off what will hopefully be an annual tradition out on the coast, as the two schools sent their swim teams to compete in the 1st Annual Battle on the Beach between the two programs.

The event was held on Jan. 16 at the Newport Aquatic Center, and though the Cubs put on some top individual performances, it was ultimately the Tigers' day in the pool thanks to the program's impressive depth. Taft ended up

coming away with the Battle on the Beach trophy, scoring 253 points to beat Newport's 203.

#### BATTLE ON THE BEACH COMBINED TEAM SCORES:

1. Taft - 253
2. Newport - 203

At the Battle of the Beach, there were six relays contested. The Cubs swimmers won five of the six relays and picked up 12 individual victories from 16 races for good measure. The Newport swimmers who won their races were Peter Thompson, Ben Hurty (who won two), Connor Brown, Jahan Eibner, Clyde Bretz, Ivan Farais, Gwynn Postlewait

(who won two), Ruby Perucci, Allison Pettett, and Gigi Howard.

After the meet, previous longtime Newport swim coach John Wray credited the consistency of the Tigers, saying that Taft's depth proved "too much for the Cubs to overcome." Despite that, the entire Newport squad got in on the action, scoring relay and/or individual team points in the meet.

Other remaining Cub swimmers who took part in the meet included Will Postlewait, Chloe Postma, Giselle Sanchez-Munoz, Mariam Kimberly, Eleyna and Alyssa Greenwald, Brynn

Hillebrand, Liberty Truehit, Sam Smith, Jonathan Lee, and Ian Ruiz Ramirez.

#### CHEESE RELAYS SUCCESS

It wouldn't be long before Newport and Taft were competing against each other again in the pool. Only two days later, on Jan. 18, Taft and Newport traveled to Tillamook for the 2025 Cheese Relays.

Hosted by Tillamook High School at the Tillamook YMCA, Newport emerged as the big winner in both boy's and girls' team scores. The field also featured swim teams from Tillamook, Astoria,

Seaside, and Estacada.

Throughout the meet, 12 relays were contested for each gender. The relays combined strokes and different distances, with each school allowed one relay per event. Racing in a multitude of individual combinations, the Cub boys squad took part in 12 relays and won nine. The Newport girls team was also the pick of the bunch, walking away as the winners of seven of their 12 relays.

#### COMPLETE TEAM SCORES FROM THE 2025 CHEESE RELAYS:

**Boys Team Scores -**  
Newport - 142  
Taft - 108  
Astoria - 102  
Tillamook - 84  
Seaside - 60  
Estacada - 18

**Girls Team Scores -**  
Newport - 136  
Taft - 112  
Tillamook - 92

Astoria - 84  
Seaside - 54  
Estacada - 32

#### Boys Team Scores -

Newport - 142  
Taft - 108  
Astoria - 102  
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Newport High School will be back in action at the Scappoose Invitational on Jan. 30, and the meet will be hosted at Eisenschmidt Pool in St. Helens. Taft High School will also be at the Scappoose Invitational but will have another meet before then, as they will attend the Blanchet Invitational in January. 25.

# Newport swimmers shine in Lebanon

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It isn't just the Cubs who are in the pool competing for the Newport community. The Newport Swim Team (NST) was also in action recently and sent eleven swimmers to compete in the Lebanon Invitational, which was held Jan. 11-12.

"Eleven local athletes represented the Newport community in stellar fashion," swim coach John Wray said.

Over the two days, NST members contested 53 races, and in those races, 41 featured

top-five finishes from a Newport swimmer. There were no team scores kept at the meet, though there were five other programs in attendance. Despite the large field, some of Newport's swimmers rose to the top, and the program was happy to see seven individual first-place finishes from the NST ranks. Jay Eibner and Iker Leo won two events each, and Grayson Ware, Kenlie Ware, and Slate Skeenolk each took home a first-place blue ribbon as well.

The full list of individuals and their results from the meet can be found below:

#### GRAYSON WARE, 6

Ware competed in five races at the Lebanon Invitational and did well, finishing with four personal bests and a first-place finish. Of his five races, four were top-five finishes.

#### COLLIN CONRAD, 8

Conrad raced in two events and posted personal records in both.

#### KENLIE WARE, 9

Ware swam well in the meet, as she registered six PRs in each of her six races. On top of that, each of her times placed her in the top five of all six contests, including her first-place finish.

#### ALLISON WARE, 11

Ware also competed in six races, and though she set six personal records in each, she also recorded a state championship qualifying time in the 100 Backstroke.

#### ZOEY CHAPPELL, 11

Chappell turned in performances of consistent quality, as she set personal best times in five of her six races while never finishing lower than 3rd.

#### JAY EIBNER, 11

Eibner recorded two personal records in his two first-place finishes, both of which were state championship qualifying

times, posting impressive performances in the 50 and 100 Backstroke.

#### IKER LEO, 12

Leo took on three races at the invitational and won two. All three of his finishes were personal bests, and he also achieved a state championship qualifying time in the 50 Free.

#### ASHLYN CONRAD, 13

Conrad set PRs in all three of her races, continuing to improve on times she has posted throughout the season.

#### DYLAN GIBSON, 13

Gibson swam five races in Lebanon, posting personal records in

three of them, but also showed up as one of the toughest competitors, as he recorded three second-place finishes.

#### MARIAM KIMBERLY, 15

Like many of her teammates, Kimberly showcased her improvement, and she established PRs in five of her six races.

#### SLATE SKEENKOLK, 17

In addition to his first-place finish, Skeenolk came away from the meet with three personal bests and four top-five finishes from his six races.

Stay tuned for future updates on the NST's exploits in the pool!