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SPECIAL REPORT

Human trafficking is a modern reality

Survivor shares story of abuse

RODNEY HARWOOD
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Not every lining is silver, not every ending happy. But where there is awareness, there is hope and where there is hope, there is the opportunity to change the world.

The idea that human trafficking doesn't happen in your community, doesn't happen in this day and age, doesn't happen in rural communities

or on the coast by the sea is as far from reality as winning the lottery by wishing it so.

Here in the United States, both U.S. residents and foreign nationals are being bought and sold like modern-day slaves.

Traffickers use violence, manipulation, false promises of well-paying jobs or romantic relationships to exploit victims. Christina Causey thought about it for a minute. She is one that can truthfully say she has walked a mile in the shoes of those who have been exploited.

"I think it's healing to tell my story," she said. "I've been there. I've been sexually abused, and maybe it helps someone else somehow."

Causey is a survivor, an overcomer, since birth. She was born to a 14-year-old sexually exploited child, whose own mother (Christina's grandmother) got her into "the life." Despite the odds of being a biracial child and abandoned to the system, the generational cycle of abuse and commercial sexual exploitation in her family ended with Christina.

"I got out by the skin of my teeth. Sometimes it takes six or seven times for someone to break the cycle. But you have to keep pushing, keep trying," the board member at the Portland non-profit group Bridging

the Gap said. "I was alone and suicidal at six or seven. I was exhibiting high-risk behaviors. I was so out of control. Sometimes I thought I was just born to suffer. But I got out only by the grace of God."

There were no role models in her life, just a mother and grandmother caught up in a downward cycle, she said. Counselors didn't understand. Overworked social workers did the best they could.

She was just an exposed little girl.

"My mother was actually in Foster Care when she got pregnant with me. When I was born, we both went into Foster Care together," said Causey, who is now 38. "Mom ran off and I eventually went through Foster Care alone until I was adopted."

"Foster Care was a pretty negative experience. Even when I was adopted, there was sexual abuse. I was never abducted, but I saw firsthand what (the sex industry) did to my family."

She is hope in its purest form - a role model and magnet for the girls and women she mentors through trauma recovery. She has quite literally walked in their shoes and come out the other side. She got married in 2011 and has six boys, ranging from 18 to 5-years-old.

"When you come through the system, you tend to grow up in an alternate reality. I was scared to death of hard drugs, but I started drinking excessively by the time I was 20," she said. "So, when I talk to people, I tell them it's about breaking cycles. There is so much media access anymore. I tell them not focus on the negative and what can't be done and to try and find something positive they can hold onto rather than falling into just another form of addiction."

Exploiting the most vulnerable

Human trafficking exploits the most vulnerable in society without regard to age, gender, race or religious background. Women are often used for sexual exploitation, while men are usually used for forced labor.

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Bag it

Understanding Oregon's new shopping bag law

NAOMI FAST
News Guard Guest Article

The Taft Elementary School fifth graders who testified at a 2017 Lincoln City council meeting about banning single-use plastic bags are by now thinking about their 2024 high school graduation.

One thing they can add to their college applications: plastic bag ban advocacy. "Please care about the earth and the ocean and all life on earth," one student wrote to the city council. "I'm just a fifth grader but I'm also a person just like you."

While those students may not have convinced the city to enact a plastic bag ban then, their voices may have helped land Oregon House Bill 2509, a 2019 bill that banned most of the state's retailers and restaurants from using plastic bags thinner than four mil thick. That bill went into effect in 2020, just as COVID struck.

So where are we now?

Retailers who primarily sell groceries will also have a kind of graduation in 2024. Next year, under HB 2509, also known as the Sustainable Shopping Initiative, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is tasked with collecting reports from grocery retailers showing accounting for the five-cent bag fee that the law imposed.

The reports must also assess customers' use of reusable bags. Then, in 2025, the DEQ's first re-

port on how it's all going is due to the legislature. The DEQ is now in the process of creating a team to handle the upcoming reports.

But unlike a high school graduation, the DEQ reporting requirement came as news to Andy Morgan, who owns Kenny's IGA in Taft, as well as to Lincoln City Mayor Susan Wahlke. They are not alone.

But as the post-COVID cloud of confusion settles, and as reports continue of animals being harmed by plastic, including a whale that reportedly died with hundreds of pounds of plastic in its stomach, shopping bags are back on people's minds.

After the DEQ started receiving more general inquiries, the agency created a webpage, "as a resource for local governments, businesses and the public to understand the basics of the new checkout bag requirements and where to turn for more detailed information."

The ultimate goal of HB 2509, as expressed Section 3 is, "To prohibit or limit the use of recycled paper checkout bags, reusable fabric checkout bags, reusable plastic checkout bags or single-use checkout bags," with the unstated goal being that customers do bring in their own bags to shop with.

But the 2020 race to switch from 0.5 mil

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Law enforcement officials seek means beyond jail to address drug epidemic

BEN BOTKIN
Oregon Capital Chronicle
News Guard Guest Article

Police officers lack the tools they need to help drug addicts enter treatment to help them kick the habit, Oregon law enforcement officials told a legislative panel on Monday.

Oregon police officials

from Portland to Hermiston spoke to Oregon lawmakers about the impact of drug addiction in their communities - and efforts to combat the wave of deadly fentanyl overdoses, open air drug use in public places and easy availability of fentanyl, which sells on streets for 80 cents to \$1 a pill.

Their feedback to law-

makers on the Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety Response will help guide that panel as it prepares for the 2024 session and seeks legislation to improve the state's response to the drug addiction and overdose crisis, much of it driven by fentanyl that has flooded

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Fast Fact

Police officers tell a legislative committee that drug addiction affects the whole state and that they need tools to get people into treatment.

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COAST MOMENT



A sunset on the Oregon Coast. See more Coast Moments at thenewsguard.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Nov. 16 Thanksgiving Luncheon
The Lincoln City Senior Center’s annual event from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lincoln City Community Center, 2150 NE Oar Place. Menu includes turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

Nov. 18 Cultural Plaza Activation Party and Ribbon Cutting
A free, family-friendly celebration for the Lincoln City Cultural Plaza, 540 NE Highway 101 in Lincoln City is planned. The Cultural Center will be activating each space around the Plaza with music, dance, food, public art project, dedications, ribbon cuttings, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine. Free lunch, hot drinks, cookies and prizes. For more information, call the Lincoln City Cultural Center at 541-994-9994.

Nov. 18 Free Thanksgiving Dinner
The Panther Creek Senior and Community Center will present its annual free Thanksgiving dinner from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. or when all the food is gone. Enjoy a traditional holiday dinner free with the donation of shelf-stable, non-expired food items for distribution to the needy at Christmas. The center is located at 655 Wayside Loop in the Panther Creek area of Otis. For more information, or directions, email pcsacc@

centurylink.net.
Nov. 18 Annual Turkey Shoot
The Big Timber Rifle and Pistol Club annual Turkey Shoot warm-up will start at 9 a.m. and the first event be at 10 a.m. The three events are pistol, open sight, and scoped rifle. This event will take place at 158 Wade Road in Siletz. This event is open to the public. The cost is \$5 per weapon with a two-weapon limit per event. All turkey and ham prizes have been donated by Newport Pawn Shop. For more information visit the events page at www.btrpc.com or contact Jim Patrick at 541-270-2767.

On Going
Music
Enjoy Singing? The Lincolnaires, an informal singing group, meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m.to 11 a.m. at the Senior Center and is looking for more voices. For more information, contact Karen Nichols 541-669-1147.

Vets Lunch
Veterans Free Homemade Soup and Sandwich offered twice monthly from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Lincoln City

B.P.O. Elks # 1886 located at 1350 S.E. Oar Avenue in Lincoln City.

Lincoln City Senior Center Events
Dementia Caregiver Support Group meets at 10 a.m. first and third Thursdays.
Tai Chi 8:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. No membership required. Donation to instructor suggested.
Folk Music Circle to begin meeting Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Weekly Walk on LCCC track. No charge or membership required. 10:30 a.m. Mondays.
Chair Yoga 11:30 a.m. Mondays. No membership required. Donation to instructor suggested.

Central Coast Word Surfers
Writing group 1 to 3 p.m. every second Saturday of the month. Free. Driftwood Public Library, 801 SE Highway 101 in Lincoln City

Lincoln County Genealogical Society
Regular meeting first Saturday of each month from 10-10:45 a.m. Programs begin at 11 am. We host a kaffeeklatsch before our meeting from 9:30 am -10 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Call 503-302-8892, or visit LCGSOregon.org.

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SHERIFF’S TIPS OF THE WEEK

Steps to avoid storm damage to your home

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Storms can be severe and leave a lasting impact on our communities, but there are ways to prepare your home to minimize the risk of damage when severe weather strikes. In some cases, taking these steps can mean the difference between costly home repairs and no storm damage to your home at all.

Stay Informed

The National Weather Service provides many updates including weather forecasts, current conditions, flood warnings, and more at, www.weather.gov/pqr/. In addition to local alerts, Lincoln Alerts can send automated messages and warnings directly from the National Weather Service (NWS) if you update your settings under “Alert Subscriptions”. Users can choose to receive NWS automated messages for high wind warnings, floods, winter weather, and more. Users can also choose the times they would like to receive messages or set “quiet hours” for these specific NWS Alert Subscriptions, see member.everbridge.net/892807736721689/login

Prepare Before Inclement Weather

Remove dead wood. Trimming your trees help prevent falling branches in heavy wind or other severe weather. For particularly tall trees, experts can do the trimming for you and can tell you when trees are at risk of being blown over in a storm so they can be removed.

Secure outdoor items. Loose items like grills, picnic tables, and lawn furniture

should be brought inside to avoid becoming projectiles in high winds.

Deal with drainage problems. Clean gutters from fallen leaves and other debris. Address other drainage problems around your home, including areas where water can drain onto the foundation and cause damage. Landscaping professionals can help you identify the problems and find solutions.

Sandbag before flooding occurs. Sandbags may be used to help redirect water away from structures. There are two sandbagging stations in Lincoln County, one at North Lincoln Fire and Rescue St. Clair Station in Lincoln City, and one at the Public Works parking lot in Newport. Find sandbagging and flooding resources on our website: www.co.lincoln.or.us/757/Hazards-Flooding-River-Levels

Inspect the roof periodically. If an inspection shows possible leaks, getting them fixed right away will help protect your home from damage. A brand-new roof should withstand most weather, but if your roof is more than 5-years-old, it should be checked for loose shingles, nails, and sheathing.

Consider impact-rated windows. You may be able to protect your windows from damage by installing hurricane shutters, or just boarding up the windows. New windows are likely to be more airtight and impervious to leaks and damage than older windows. In areas where severe weather is frequent, such as coastal areas, consider windows that are specially made to withstand storm-level air pressure and impact.

For more information and tips visit www.lincolncounty-sheriff.net

One dead, one injured in traffic crash

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Oregon State Police (OSP) report a Rainier man has died in a traffic crash in Tillamook County. According to OSP, at approximately 7:08 a.m. Friday,

Nov. 3. troopers responded to a log truck versus passenger car crash on U.S. Highway 6, near milepost 12. The preliminary investigation reports a loaded Kenworth log truck, operated by Michael Julius Woodward, 67, of North Plains, was traveling eastbound when a westbound Toyota Prius, operated by Tyler James Street, 30, of Rainer, crossed the center line and struck the log truck head-on. Street was declared dead at the scene. Woodward suffered minor injuries.

The highway was impacted for about five hours during the on-scene investigation. The Tillamook County Sheriff’s Office, Tillamook Fire, and the Oregon Department of Transportation assisted OPS at the scene of the crash.

Animal kill prompts OSP investigation

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The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division is investigating the taking of a cow elk, left to waste, near the Benton and Lincoln County border.

On Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, troopers responded to the report of a cow elk that was found shot and partially left to waste on private property adjacent to Lobster Valley Road.

Approximately half of the meat was left to waste, according to troopers, who determined the elk had been shot earlier the same day. It is likely a vehicle (no description available) would have been stopped at the location on Lobster Valley Road. A description of the vehicle was not available.

OPS is requesting the public’s assistance in identifying the person or persons responsible for shooting and wasting the cow elk. Anyone

with information is encouraged to contact Oregon State Police Dispatch at 1-800-452-7888, *OSP (*677), or email TIP@osp.oregon.gov. Reference case number SP23-342672.

Report wildlife and habitat law violations

The Turn In Poachers (TIP) program is a collaboration between the Oregon State Police, Oregon Hunters Association, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Wildlife Coalition, Oregon Outfitter and Guides Association, and the Oregon State Marine Board.

The TIP program offers preference point rewards for information leading to an arrest or issuance of a citation for the unlawful take/possession or waste of the following fish and wildlife species. Cash rewards can also be awarded for habitat destruction, illegally obtaining a hunting or angling license or tag, lending or borrowing big game tags, spotlighting, or snagging. The TIP program also offers cash rewards for information leading to an arrest or issuance of a citation for the



Courtesy photo from OSP
The cow elk was found shot and partially left to waste on private property adjacent to Lobster Valley Road.

unlawful take/possession or waste of the following fish and wildlife species.

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How to report suspicious activity:

TIP Hotline: 1-800-452-7888 or *OSP (*677)
TIP email: TIP@osp.oregon.gov (Monitored M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
For more information visit the Turn-in-Poachers (TIP) webpage.

POLICE BLOTTER

The police blotter relates to the public record of incidents as reported by law enforcement agencies.

Lincoln City Police

Oct. 21
3:12 a.m.
Police took a subject in custody in the 100 block of NE Highway 101 for violation of a restraining order.
1:43 p.m.
Caller in the 100 block of NE 101 reports subject refusing to leave location and swearing at staff. Subject

booked at jail for Trespass 2 and Harassment charges.

10:40 p.m.
Security staff in the 1700 block of NW 44th Street reported they had possibly located the suspect from a sex offense case that had occurred on Oct. 8. Subject taken into custody and transported to jail on charges of Sex Abuse III, Public Intoxication and Harassment.

Oct. 22
No specific activity reports

Oct.23
1:07 a.m.
Security staff in the 1700 block of NW 44th Street reports male with firearm refusing to leave. Officers transported the subject to jail on Trespassing with Firearm charges.
2:42 a.m.
Vehicle on fire in the 300 block of SE Neptune Avenue. Fire extinguished. Believed to be arson.
1:03 p.m.
DUII arrest in the 2000 block of NE Highway 101. Subject cited and released. Vehicle towed.
2:57 p.m.
Caller in the 800 block of SW Highway 101 reported suspects took deli food items

and walkout out without paying.

Oct. 24
12:36 a.m.
Report of fentanyl overdose in the 1500 block of SE 3rd Street.
4:05 p.m.
Caller in the 2000 block of NE 22nd reported fraudulent use of credit card and theft.
8:38 p.m.
Report of a traffic crash between a motorcycled and car at NW 39th and NW Highway 101. One person transported to Samaritan north Lincoln Hospital.

Oct. 25
6:40 a.m.
Subjects in the 2100 block of NE Highway 101 reported harassment and another subject threw a bottle of urine at them prior to officer arriving.
11:22 a.m.
Caller reported finding a laptop in the 3900 block of NE Highway 101.
2:38 p.m.
Caller in the 4200 block of SE Highway 101 reported shots fired in the area.
4:19 p.m.
Caller in the 1500 block of SE East Devils Lake Road reported unknown male

suspect contacting store by phone multiple times after phone number was blocked yelling at employees.

Oregon State Police

Nov. 3
4:13 p.m.
A two-vehicle non-injury traffic crash at Highway 101 and Willow Street in Depoe Bay occurred when the driver of a black Ford Mustang turned northbound onto Highway 101 from a parking lot failing to yield right of way to a black Nissan Versa, resulting in a rear end collision. The Mustang was driven from the scene and the owner of the Versa coordinated for a tow. The driver of the Mustang was issued a citation for failing to yield before entering a highway.
11:36 p.m.
A two-vehicle crash occurred on Highway 30 milepost 3 after a silver Ford Edge attempted to pass a blue Dodge Durango. The Durango was slowing and attempting to turn left off the highway, causing a collision. No injuries were sustained, but medics were called to check on two children inside the Ford Edge. Both vehicles were towed by Rowley’s Towing.

Nov. 6
9:43 a.m.
A non-injury traffic crash occurred on Highway 101 at milepost 130 after the driver of a 2003 Ford F250 was driving south when lost control while negotiating a curve. The driver did not sustain injuries and arranged for the recovery of the vehicle. The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office and ODOT assisted.



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Oregonians urged to protect infants from RSV

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State health officials urge Oregonians to practice everyday preventive measures to protect infants from respiratory syncytial virus, amid a national shortage of the new RSV immunization called nirsevimab.

One of three new RSV immunizations released at the start of the 2023–2024 respiratory virus season, nirsevimab – known commercially as Beyfortus, made by Sanofi – is a monoclonal antibody injection that has been in limited supply since it became available this fall.

“There has been greater-than-expected demand for this new immunization against RSV,” OHA Health Officer and State Epidemiologist Dean Sidelinger said.

Sidelinger said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has told the

state that the supply shortage is not due to any manufacturing issues, but instead due to an underestimation of the demand for nirsevimab following its release.

“While we know this shortage may be disappointing for parents who are taking steps to protect their babies from RSV, we do have other tools available to help protect infants through the fall and winter,” Sidelinger said.

Until national supplies for nirsevimab increase, health officials recommend people in Oregon take other steps to reduce risk of RSV transmission to infants, who are most at risk for severe illness, including hospitalization and death. Pregnant people who get a vaccination for RSV when they are 32 to 36 weeks pregnant will pass protection on to their baby so their child will not need to receive nirsevimab after they are born.

“Up to 3% of Oregon in-

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Dean Sidelinger,
OHA Health Officer and State Epidemiologist

fants are hospitalized each year with RSV,” OHA Medical Director for Respiratory Viral Pathogens Melissa Sutton said. “As the holiday season approaches and we gather with family and friends, RSV is expected to increase in our communities. Now is the time to plan how you will protect newborns and other young children you might be around as you gather with friends and family members.”

That means using the same preventive measures that protected people during

the pandemic—staying home and limiting contact with others when sick, wearing a mask, covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands, cleaning frequently touched surfaces—and encouraging pregnant people and certain people 60 and older to get a new adult RSV vaccine.

“We know it’s protective to wear a mask around a newborn, especially for family members meeting that baby for the first time,” Sutton said. “Masks are very effective at reducing transmission

risk and keeping that child safe.”

The CDC shared interim guidance in late October with states that includes recommending vaccine providers prioritize their remaining doses of nirsevimab for:

Infants younger than 6 months.

American Indian and Alaska Native infants younger than 8 months and those 8 months to 19 months old living in remote regions.

Infants younger than 8 months with underlying medical conditions.

The CDC also recommends vaccine providers suspend nirsevimab use in children 8 months to 19 months old if they qualify for palivizumab, a preventive antibody available since 1998 for use only in medically complex infants or those born prematurely.

The federal agency also stated that clinicians should

offer the new adult RSV vaccine Abrysvo (made by Pfizer) to pregnant patients, letting them know that nirsevimab may not be available for their infants after giving birth. Either nirsevimab for infants or maternal vaccination are recommended, but not both, because both provide protection to the infant.

Abrysvo is available to pregnant people at 32 to 36 weeks’ gestation during September through January, and for people 60 and older. A second vaccine, Arexvy, is available for those 60 and older. OHA officials say the supply of these new vaccines in Oregon is stable, although shortages of any new product are not uncommon as demand may be difficult to predict.

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Mpox cases on the rise, vaccinations recommended

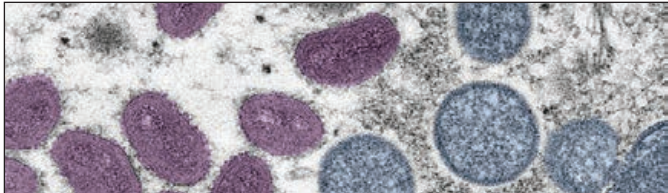
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Following an increase in cases the number of mpox cases in recent months, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has issued an advisory reminding people about the availability of a safe and effective vaccine against the virus.

Seventeen mpox cases were reported to OHA and local public health authorities between July 20 and Oct. 31. The number of cases prompted state health officials to distribute a statewide advisory to health care providers this past week, recommending they consider mpox when evaluating patients with mpox symptoms regardless of the patient’s reported risk, vaccination status or level of community transmission.

The advisory also states that testing patients with rashes, lesions or symptoms compatible with mpox should be considered part of comprehensive sexual health care.

Tim Menza, M.D., Ph.D., senior health adviser for OHA’s mpox response, said Oregon saw one to three mpox cases per month before mid-summer. While the



Courtesy photo

Monkeypox spreads primarily through close skin-to-skin contact.

recent increase in cases since July 20 is still lower than the 10 to 15 cases reported each week at the height of the 2022 outbreak, these cases show that mpox is still spreading in Oregon.

“We never declared the 2022 outbreak over because we were concerned about increases like the one we are seeing now,” Menza said. “And it gives us an opportunity to remind folks in the community that vaccination against mpox remains a valuable tool for reducing the risk of mpox infection.”

The JYNNEOS mpox vaccine is free and readily available to anyone in Oregon who wants to be vaccinated, regardless of insurance status. It is also highly effective: According to a study published in May in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Morbidity and

on or near the penis, testicles, labia, vagina or anus. It may also be on other areas like the hands, feet, chest, face or mouth.

People who suspect they have mpox should contact their health care provider to let them know before going in to be seen. The provider

may recommend testing for mpox. Those who don’t have a health care provider can call 2-1-1 for help finding a clinic or health care provider.

OBITUARY

Kathleen Anne MacLellan

Jan. 26, 1948 - Oct. 26, 2023

Kathleen Anne MacLellan died most unexpectedly on Oct. 26, 2023 at the age of 75. She came into this world on Jan. 26, 1948 in Salt Lake



City, Utah. He was born to Bruce and Helen MacLellan. She was the oldest of three children in the MacLellan family.

When Kate was six the family moved to Los Gatos, California. She graduated from Presentation High School in San Jose, California in 1966. She then attended Marylhurst University in Lake Oswego, Oregon.

The summer after her freshman year, she met Jim McConnell. They married in 1968 and moved to Hawaii. Their union produced Kate’s only child, Brian Scott Kualii

McConnell in 1972. They later divorced and Kate moved back to California.

In the early ’80s, Kate and her son moved to Oregon. She lived for a couple of years in McMinnville then moved to Lincoln City where she lived her next 39 years. She spent most of those working years employed by the City. She worked in City Hall, briefly for the LC Fire Department, before settling in the Community Center.

She was well known and well-loved by so many people. One of those lucky people was Doug MacKay. He and Kate were married in 2012. He unfortunately preceded her in death in 2020.

Kate was very artistic and a talented craft person. She quilted, she crocheted, and she glazed beautiful tiles. She was a photographer and a baker. Kate always wanted to

help- wherever and whenever needed. She donated her time, her cooking skills (countless meals) and her heart- especially where her children were concerned. Kate loved her family and cherished every moment spent with them.

Kate is survived by her son Brian McConnell; grandchildren, Andrew, Jaidyn, and Daen; sister Laura Herring (Ron); and her half-brother Philip Piele (Sandra) in Eugene, Oregon.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Sat., Nov. 18, 2023 at the Lincoln City Community Center.

Funeral Arrangements: Nov. 18th, 11:00am, Lincoln City Community Center, Lincoln City Photo Options: Attaching photo via this form Photo 1: true First-name: Macy & Son Last-name: Funeral Home Phone: (503) 472-6151



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VIEWPOINT

Voter registration is up but not for major parties

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The midway point between the midterm election of 2022 and the presidential election of 2024 makes for a useful benchmark for examining the hardest political numbers, outside of actual elections, Oregon has to offer: Its voter registration statistics.

They tell a story of rise and fall, but not between Democrats and Republicans: Rather, between those willing to identify with a party and those who are not.

Overall, Oregon voter registration over the last five years has been growing steadily, in line with the population and maybe beyond that – from October 2018 to now it grew 8.4% – to just under three million people statewide or 2,999,871 to be exact. Picking numbers from monthly reports in October or September of each year avoids upticks in the parties from people who only temporarily switch to vote in a contested primary, and comes before the point when general election ballots are sent out.

Even then, the growth has not been even, and some categories of voters showed sharp declines.

Part of the political story of 2024 will be told in how that roller coaster is shaped next.

All of Oregon’s counties except the smallest, Wheeler, grew their voter registrations over the last five years, but some much more than others. The three fastest were Crook, Jefferson and Morrow, not among the top suspects for developing big electorates. Because of their small sizes, they don’t change the picture drastically. Oregon’s largest county, Multnomah, was one of the slowest growers. Registration declined some years, but is now up 5.1%.

Much more striking has been the roller coaster of party registration in the last few years.

Democratic Party registration this month stands at 998,380, which is almost 15,000 lower than in 2022, which was 13,000 lower than in 2021, which was a stunning 30,000 lower than in 2020. That’s not a happy trend line for the party. But there are some mitigating factors.

One of those happened just before those years: During the year leading up to the 2020 election, Democratic registration grew by a whopping 82,277. Considering that

increase and the more gradual erosion in the years since, the party’s registration level today is about where it was in 2019 if you account for population increase.

The second mitigator is Republican registration, where the picture, though also mixed, looks rougher. This month, 721,530 Republicans are registered in the state – fewer than three-fourths the number of Democrats. That, too, is a decline from the 2020 numbers, when 764,216 Republicans were registered. (Both parties seem to have gone all out to register party members in that presidential year, then lost many afterward.) Since 2020, Republicans lost registrants two of the last three years, with the largest share of losses coming in 2021.

So if lots of people have left the two big parties since 2020, but overall voter registration has remained generally stable, where did they go?

Some went to the Independent Party of Oregon, which has gained about 6,000 members since 2020. But by far the largest number went to the nonaffiliated voter category: It picked up about 14,000 registrants in that time. While the parties gained members in the year prior to 2020, those in the unaffiliated category diminished by 9,184 voters.

There’s some recent history backing the idea that Oregon voter registration is like an accordion, with the parties puffing up when presidential election year comes around, then losing a significant chunk of their members in between.

The numbers reflect the trend of people becoming disenchanted with major parties in a non-presidential election year while turning towards them when the office of president is on the ballot.

It also shows that as steadily Democratic as Oregon can seem on a surface level – and generally has been when voters weigh in with their ballots – that the blue majority rides rising and falling tides.

Watch the registration numbers month by month and see whether Democrats start picking up in the year ahead, leading up to the 2024 presidential election.

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THIS THING CALLED LIFE

Being scared is normal - you’re fine

Michelle Pierson Young
News Guard Guest Column

The '20s thus far have seemed a bit bumpy in many ways.

We keep adjusting to a new normal that doesn’t feel that normal and historically speaking, isn’t that new. There have always been plagues, wars and political shenanigans. We’re just better at getting the word out now.

While I regularly search for reason in the news of the day, it can be a bit overwhelming to have the exposure we have to world circumstances without necessarily having background to understand who the players are, let alone what their dif-

ferent motivations might be.

In a world which sometimes seems quite intent on presenting to us today’s version of “What Fresh Hell?,” it’s important we take stock of what’s actually happening to us in the moment. Presented with today’s newest revelation, we are regularly being called into panic and blame. We are scared and we’d like to know who’s caused this.

Being human has caused this. We are complicated (and to my way of thinking, fairly odd) beings. We are scared because we focus on things we can’t control. We’re scared for a lot of reasons. And sometimes they’re good reasons. But if we’re not using our scared, then it’s no good to us.

We can take in the information of the day and begin to process what’s to be done and what we might like to do about it. Once that’s done,

we’ve left to other’s what is theirs and we’ve decided what we’d like to do on our own behalf, then there’s nothing to be done but do it. We can, logically, leave it alone.

But it’s not always that simple. We’ve been on alert so long we sometimes can’t turn it off so easily.

I am sitting under an umbrella eating churros in the Sarasota sun as I write. My server and I got to talking and she began telling me about her young adult children. As they grow into this world that’s been so topsy turvy, it was my pleasure to hear her talk about teaching them life lessons while providing support. As they push back, as we all seem to when we’re growing, she stands her ground, teaching them the ropes of life as adults, she assures them when she is unwilling to relent to their calls

to be saved, “You’re fine.”

As ‘we come to a close, however it played out for you, I bet life has been somewhat unrelenting. You’ve not had all your dreams come true, wars still rage on and life continues to be complicated. I like to think it is the Universe assuring us we are growing, and though things will not unfold exactly as we sometimes allow ourselves to hope, we keep breathing, we keep figuring it out.

When life feels a bit much for me, I like to take a few deep breaths, and if you happen to be close during one of those moments, you might hear me whisper to myself in a soothing and ancient tone, “You’re fine.”

And it is so.

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FINANCIAL FREEDOM

Break free from superstition in investing

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News Guard Guest Column

If you’ve ever heard that walking under a ladder is considered bad luck or that Friday the 13th is considered unlucky, you are already aware of superstitions.

Superstitions can be a fun and interesting way to learn about different cultures and beliefs. The idea that specific thoughts or actions can influence future events in a way that cannot be explained by natural or scientific laws and principles is found in cultures worldwide. These quirky ideas can add a bit of excitement and mystery to life, but be cautious where superstition and investing meet!

While superstition and investing may seem like two

unrelated things, many investors believe in superstitions and let them influence their investment decisions. For instance, some investors believe in their gut feeling and let it guide their investment decisions. They may buy a stock because they have a good feeling about it, even if the fundamentals of the company are not strong. Others may have past experiences that dictate their actions — an investor that had a personal experience with the stock market and had positive returns is more likely to stay invested versus somebody who associates the stock market with negative returns.

While there is no scientific evidence to support any of these superstitions, many investors still believe in them. Some investors believe that superstitions can help them to make better investment decisions, while others simply enjoy the sense of tradition and community that comes with

following them.

Financial experts generally agree that it is not a good idea to let superstition influence your investment decisions. Investing should be based on sound financial analysis and research, not on superstition.

Superstitions can lead to investors making irrational decisions that can cost them money. For example, an investor who believes that a certain number is lucky may be more likely to invest in a stock with that number in the ticker symbol, even if the stock is overpriced or has poor fundamentals.

Superstitions can also lead to investors missing out on investment opportunities. For example, an investor who believes that Mondays are a bad day to buy stocks may miss out on buying a stock that is undervalued on Mondays.

Superstition can spice up your life, but if you are considering investing, it is im-

portant to do your research and make decisions based on sound financial analysis. Good luck!

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ELECTION 2023

Voters pass transient-lodging tax increase, other measures

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Registered Lincoln County voters supported two of the three measures on the Nov. 7 Special Election ballot after an initial release of results at 8 p.m. Tuesday by the office of Amy Southwell, Lincoln County clerk.

Measure 21-220, will increase the Lincoln County transient-lodging tax from 10 to 12 percent, received 8,170 “yes” votes for 68.14 percent of the 11,990 votes counted.

That’s compared to 3,820 “no” votes, or 31.86 percent.

The county’s transient-lodging tax was established in 2016 and uses visitor accommodation money for tourism promotion, economic development, support for Newport’s Oregon Coast Aquarium and Lincoln County Commons (fairgrounds) Facilities Improvement Fund. The 2 percent rate increase will support improvements and operations for Lincoln County Parks.

Voters in Yachats who

sought to renew the Yachats Rural Fire Protection District’s fire, rescue and emergency management services local-option tax of \$0.61 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, outvoted naysayers by a 702-274 count. The measure will renew the current local-option tax, set to expire in tax year 2023-24, for another five years.

Toledo voters chimed in against backing the city’s request to issue \$3.65 million in general obligation bonds in order to finance replacement

of the Ammon Road tank water reservoir and related improvements and equipment updates, and improving, constructing and equipping the public safety building. Measure 21-221 was being defeated by a margin of 329 votes (58.13 percent) to 237 votes (41.87 percent).

In the lone race for office on the ballot that saw a candidate officially file to run, Marci Baker, a café owner/operator and member of the Lincoln City Planning Commission, received 98.6 per-

cent of the 531 votes counted for contest for city council member from Ward II. All 257 votes for city council member for Ward I went to write-in candidates as no one filed with the county to run.

A second report of results was scheduled for release at 5 p.m. Wednesday, followed by a third report at 5 p.m. Thursday. More results are scheduled for release Tuesday, Nov. 14, prior to the Tuesday, Nov. 28, final release of unofficial results, and the Friday, Dec. 1, final report of official results.

Ballots that were mailed and postmarked on or before election day can still be counted should they arrive up to seven days after the election.

The Clerk’s Office reported that as of Tuesday evening it counted 12,015 ballots, an estimated 90 percent of votes cast for the Nov. 7 Special Election, for a 30.69 percent rate of voter turnout.

Follow this story and get results at newsguard.com and in the Wednesday print edition of The News Guard.

Election offices are underfunded, understaffed heading into 2024

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Local election offices throughout Oregon are understaffed and underfunded headed into the 2024 presidential election cycle, according to a “grim” report presented to state lawmakers Tuesday.

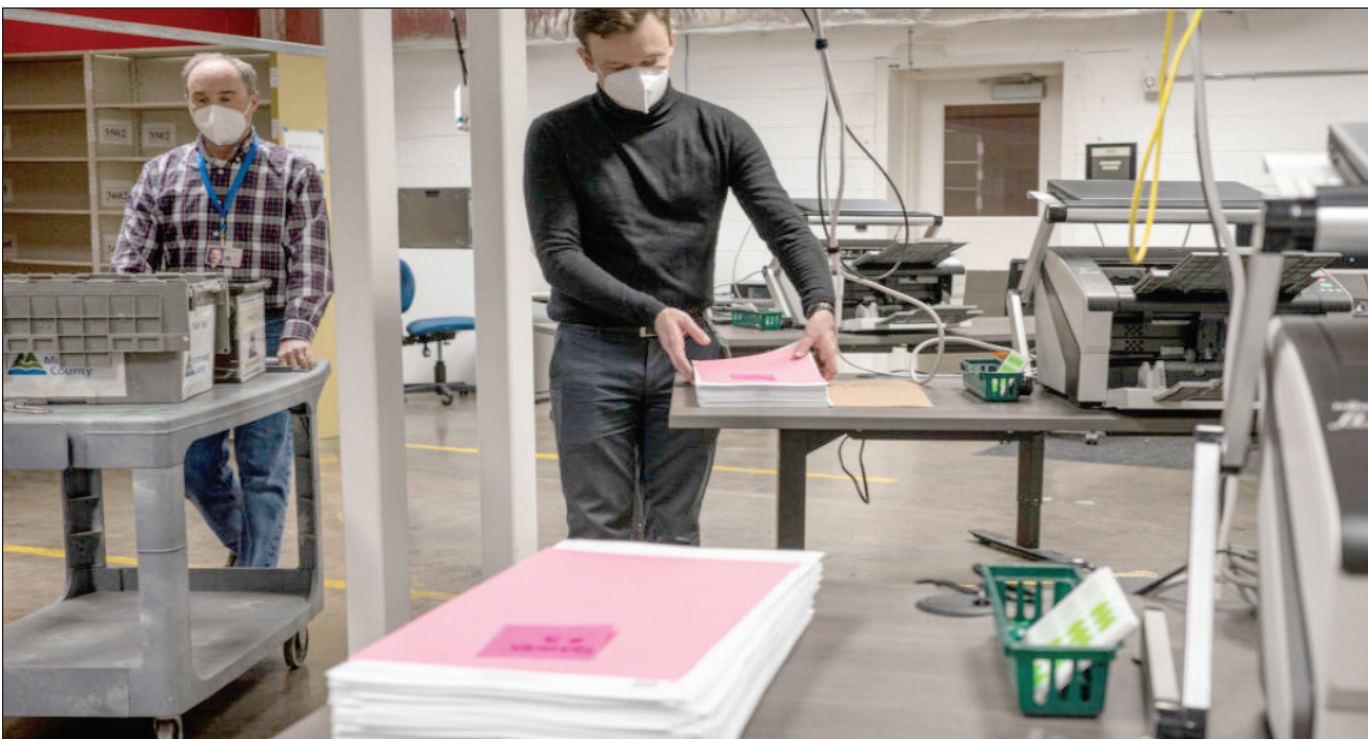
The report from Reed College’s Elections & Voting Information Center was based on months of interviews with county clerks and other elections staff from 34 of Oregon’s 36 counties, who oversee elections with as few as 1,000 voters or as many as half a million.

Secretary of State Laverne Griffin-Valade told members of the House Rules Committee that the report backed up the hundreds of anecdotes from local officials in Oregon and nationwide about increased stress on election offices. In Oregon alone, top election officials in 12 counties have left their jobs in the last few years, many citing fallout from the 2020 election and threats and harassment from a vocal minority who denied election results.

“This report is a grim look at what our county clerks face,” Griffin-Valade said. “It is also a testament to their professionalism and ingenuity.”

The Oregon-centric report follows a series of national surveys the center conducted in partnership with the Democracy Fund, a nonpartisan foundation in Washington, D.C. The November 2022 survey found that one in four local election officials, and two-thirds of those in large cities, faced violent threats after the 2020 election.

“The cloud over all of this is the political environment to some degree or the perceptions,” said Paul Manson, a Portland State University po-



Election office employees put away sample ballots during the conclusion of a during a ballot-counting test at the Multnomah County Elections Office in Portland on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022.

litical science professor and the center’s research director. “(In) one out of five of our interviews, we had to pause because it was just too emotional.”

One of the clerks interviewed no longer feels comfortable telling strangers what their job is because they’re scared of the reaction, Manson said. Concerns about threats and harassment also make it harder to recruit employees.

Job postings, description and compensation don’t match the current job requirements for county election workers, Manson said. They’re usually classified as clerical jobs, but election workers now have to do more outreach and public engagement, spending time debunking misinformation and talking to adversarial voters. One Oregon official interviewed for the study noted they would make more working at the In-N-Out Burger

across the street than in the elections office.

Those increased needs come as counties, which bear the brunt of election costs, face tight budgets. In most counties, clerks split their time between running elections and recording documents such as deeds and mortgages.

Many counties rely on fees from recording documents to pay for elections. When higher mortgage interest rates drove home sales down, counties made less money. Most election offices in small or medium-sized counties have staffing at or below their levels from five to 10 years ago, despite Oregon having nearly 800,000 more voters now than it did in 2013.

Even Multnomah County, which has the largest election division in the state, lags similarly situated counties in other states. Multnomah County has 12 full-time elec-

tion workers, half as many as Denver County in Colorado though it has about 30,000 more registered voters than Denver County. Like Oregon, Colorado is a vote-by-mail state.

Small eastern Oregon counties with fewer than 5,000 voters typically have a single election employee, while the majority of Oregon counties with between 5,000 and 100,000 voters average two employees. Those medi-

um-sized counties also struggle to afford some tools, such as ballot-sorting machines and computerized signature verification, that could make processing elections easier.

Harney County Clerk Dag Robinson told lawmakers the eastern Oregon county with about 5,700 registered voters is trying to come up with millions of dollars for a new correctional facility. The county doesn’t have money to spare for his request for a part-time

election worker.

More funding from the state, federal and local governments would help counties cover the costs of elections, he said.

“It’s just not a level playing field for what our resources are, and we strive to ensure that each voter in Oregon is treated exactly the same,” Robinson said. “We want to make sure that everyone has the same opportunity, the same ability, and without a stable funding stream there’s a risk that we don’t have that.”

Paul Gronke, director of the Elections & Voting Information Center, said there are opportunities for the state to provide resources. For instance, Illinois used a portion of its federal election grant money to make sure each local election office had the cybersecurity and technical training it needed.

“It’s really an equity concern to get all these offices to a point where they can deliver all their services,” Gronke said.

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Gomberg files for reelection

STAFF REPORT
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State Representative David Gomberg (D) has filed for re-election in House District 10.

The district stretches from Lincoln City to Junction City and from Philomath to Florence, encompassing all of Lincoln County and portions of Lane and Benton.

In a statement announcing his reelection effort, Gomberg said he is deeply concerned about the state of politics today.

“The extreme views of a few are getting in the way of cooperation, compromise, and the commonsense solutions that our communities really need,” Gomberg said. “I understand that people are hurting and that we face many challenges – rising prices, housing and childcare, climate and wildfires, healthcare, mental health and crime. If we want to solve these problems, we have to work together. Our enemy is not the other party, it is division and extremism. I am grateful every day that you have honored me with the responsibility of



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Rep. Dave Gomberg

representing you in our state capitol. And I work every day to make that job meaningful, to be a voice for our part of Oregon, and to produce real results.”

Gomberg serves as the vice-chair of the budget-writing Ways and Means Committee and said that over the past five years, he has steered more than \$100 million to the district for ports, water and sewer systems, parks, cultural plazas, welcome centers, rebuilding fire-damaged roads, rodeo stands, the fishing fleet, maritime industries, and community colleges.

“I have stood up to Portland and stood up for rural and coastal Oregon,” he said. “I’m proud to have had a role in fixing Highway 20, in building a world class marine

science center, of acquiring funding for rural housing and homelessness, finding money to replace our most vulnerable dam, supporting wildfire survivors, and even in creating a special license plate to celebrate our Oregon Coast.”

“Representative Gomberg is one of the most effective and respected members of the House,” Oregon House Speaker Dan Rayfield. “He has worked across party lines to support rural infrastructure, rural economic development, and rural housing. He has really delivered for his district. The voters of House District 10 should be proud of their Representative and return him to Salem for another term.”

Gomberg first took office Jan. 14, 2013, as an Oregon State Representative.



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Hospital Auxiliary Holiday Sale features sweets, quilts

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The annual Holiday Sale, hosted by Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital Auxiliary Tuesday, Nov. 14, will feature See’s Candies, homemade quilts and more, with a por-

tion of proceeds going toward hospital projects.

The public is welcome to stop by Building 8 on the hospital campus between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. to check out the merchandise. This is located east of Samaritan Lincoln

City Medical Center, 2870 NE West Devils Lake Rd. Watch for directional signs.

For more information, contact Kathy Smith, volunteer services coordinator, at 541-557-7132.

Director

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footsteps of three middle-aged white men who’ve overseen the Oregon Health Authority within just over a year. She said in an online news conference she’s well-matched for the challenge.

“This is a state and a team that embraces my values for equity, for evidence-based policy, for innovation and relentless improvement. I’ve had my eye on Oregon for quite a while, and I could not be more excited to make the state my home,” Hathi said.

Hathi, who describes herself as a physician and public servant, acknowledged she might hit some resistance because of her age, which she said has come up before.

“I harbor no illusions about

the path ahead. I know it will be hard and long and full of challenges, but I’m committed to that journey,” she said. “I know, at the same time, that there is no age requirement for getting the job done. My job is to keep and fulfill the promises that the state has made, that the governor has made to the people of Oregon.”

She has served in a number of high-profile positions in recent years – sometimes simultaneously, sometimes in rapid succession – after earning a master’s in business administration and a medical degree from Stanford University. She advised the U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on health care policy, cared for patients at Massachusetts General Hospital, including during the pandemic, served

on the faculties of Harvard and Johns Hopkins universities and was a senior adviser to the White House on public health.

In July, she became deputy commissioner for public health services in New Jersey, about a month after Gov. Tina Kotek’s office posted the job opening. Kotek hired a Tigard firm to lead a nationwide search after her first hire, James Schroeder, a physician’s assistant and Medicaid specialist, unexpectedly quit after two months. Hathi indicated that Oregon officials approached her about the job.

The role will mark a widening of responsibilities. In New Jersey, she said she has managed a \$2 billion budget and staff of 1,000, five times fewer than at the health author-

ity. She indicated her months in New Jersey and previously at the White House have given her experience in navigating bureaucracy, which in Oregon often means addressing problems by setting up task forces that commission studies and lead to meetings with advocates, lawmakers and community members.

“I similarly had to wrangle a lot of difficult perspectives and bridge silos, entrenched silos to push the work forward,” she said. “That is that grit and commitment that I will bring to this role.”

She said she hopes to stay for two gubernatorial terms. The previous long-term director, Patrick Allen, resigned in January to allow Kotek to appoint her own health care leader.

Top priorities

Hathi said she intends to hold the agency accountable while focusing on Kotek’s health care priorities. They include expanding Medicaid services to include housing and food at a time when the agency is reviewing the eligibility of its 1.4 million members. With the end of pandemic-related benefits, the federal government is requiring all states to review members’ income and other eligibility requirements. Oregon has one of the highest retention rates nationwide in this “great unwinding,” according to KFF health news, though there have been some glitches, including booting hundreds of eligible low-income individuals and children off Medicaid.

The authority also aims to eliminate health inequities by 2030. The state needs more health care workers, especially in behavioral health and addiction services, and hospital services in areas have shrunk, are shrinking or consolidating. But perhaps the biggest problem is the state’s behavioral health system, which has been underfunded for years. Oregon has consistently ranked in nationwide analyses, including by Mental Health America, as having the highest incidence of mental illness and among the fewest options for treatment.

“Paramount to that goal will be ensuring that we are investing adequately and responsibly, not only in treatment services, but in the wraparound navigation, social services, housing that we know underpin the success of our behavioral health programs and that in many ways precipitate poor behavioral health outcomes,” Hathi said.

In 2021, the Legislature invested \$1.3 billion in expanding residential facilities and recruiting and retaining behavioral health professionals. Earlier this year, the Legislature allocated about \$80 million in residential treatment and addiction services, community health and for services related to the Oregon State Hospital, which mainly treats people accused of crimes who cannot aid in their defense without health care. The director is responsible for ensuring that that money is used well and reaches those who need it, something that’s not always happened in the past.

State Sen. Elizabeth Steiner, D-Portland and a primary care doctor, welcomed Hathi’s appointment.

“Dr. Hathi’s impressive experience on the frontlines and in public health policy will be essential as OHA takes on implementing the next generation of health care policy and programs,” Steiner said.

In her role, Hathi will work with the state’s 15 regionally based coordinated care organizations, which serve as Medicaid insurers. The spokesperson of one of the largest, CareOregon, welcomed her appointment.

“Having a new leader in place will help our team and countless others – from public health to health systems

– continue to build out Oregon’s vision for a system of health that puts people first. We’re excited to hear that Dr. Hathi is aligned in this vision. We’re eager to continue this partnership and welcome the OHA director to her role,” Becca Thomsen, CareOregon spokesperson.

‘Fixing what is broken’

Oregon’s approach to Medicaid and other innovations is partly why Hathi said she was attracted to the state. She indicated that she will bring to the job a new perspective. She grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area with parents of Indian descent.

“My parents, both born and raised in Africa, arrived in this country with little more than a passport and burgeoning dreams – my dad, as a political refugee from Uganda and my mom as the youngest of eight in Tanzania, and as the fruit of their journeys, their quest to attain the American dream,” Hathi said.

She said she embraces their desire for a better life.

“Since my youngest years, I have been obsessed with fixing what is broken, finding, understanding, reforming those structures and institutions that entrench social inequities and compress the human potential,” she said. “This is a state and a team that embraces my values for equity, for evidence-based policy, for innovation and relentless improvement. I’ve had my eye on Oregon for quite a while, and I could not be more excited to make the state my home.”

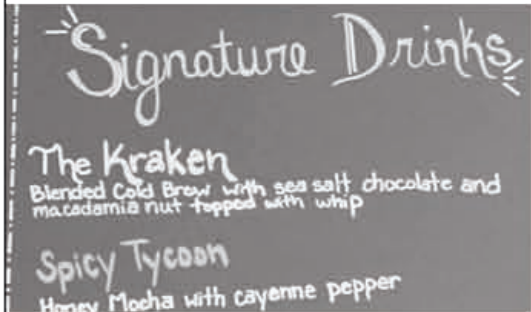
A year ago, she married Sheel Tyle, founder and CEO of a global venture capital firm, Amplo, according to his LinkedIn profile. Tyle is also a first generation American, with parents from India and is a Stanford and Harvard graduate with White House ties. Tyle was a member of former President Barack Obama’s delegation during his 2016 trip to Cuba.

Hathi said she expects to spend her first weeks or even months meeting with doctors, nurses, social workers, peer specialists and community-based organizations to ask them what the agency should be doing that it’s not doing and what needs to be expanded to improve health care in the state.

“While I may not have grown up here, that doesn’t mean that I don’t share a fierce desire for our families to be healthy and successful and safe,” Hathi said. “I want to serve my community and all Oregonians who rely on state programs with rigor, with urgency and with care. I want to accelerate and to center our quest for health equity. I want to wrest as much value out of every taxpayer dollar that we spend.”

She starts Jan. 16 and will earn an annual salary of nearly \$222,000.

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By definition, The Kraken is a legendary sea monster of enormous size that first appeared in the cold waters off the coast of Norway. But The Kraken that has recently become so wildly popular in Tillamook County is a blended cold brew with sea salt chocolate and macadamia nuts topped with whipped cream, a drink that is now the number one seller at Cold Water & Coffee in Pacific City’s Shops at the Village. Suffice it to say: you haven’t lived until you’ve tasted The Kraken.

It’s not just the signature brews at Cold Water & Coffee that are excellent, it seems that everything served by owner Lauren Olson is of top quality, which makes sense. Lauren first became a barista at the age of 16. While working for others for almost two decades, Lauren was continually planning for the day that she would open a coffee shop of her own.

It was about six years ago that Lauren, her husband TJ, and their two children were able to follow their dream, moving from Spokane to Pacific City, where they had long vacationed. TJ, an avid surfer, works in his family business, manufacturing custom parts for the aerospace industry. On weekends he helps out at Cold Water & Coffee. It was TJ who built the shop’s custom live edge three-inch redwood countertops (see photo above). Operating their own business allows Lauren and TJ to homeschool their children.

Although a major portion of the beverages are served hot, the name Cold Water & Coffee is a tribute to Pacific City’s heritage of cold water surfing and cold water fishing. “We’re a cold water culture coffee house,” explains Lauren. “We serve what we love, the way we love it.”

With a clientele split down the middle between visitors and locals, some of whom stop in at least once each day, Cold Water & Coffee’s house blend is from a small roaster in Newberg. “Lots of customers tell us we have the best coffee on the coast,” remarks Lauren. Also popular are lattes, mochas, chai, steamers, full-froth protein shakes and Italian sodas. Real fruit smoothies are another specialty, including the signature Power Greens Smoothie, which combines mango, spinach, matcha, chai seeds and Laird superfood powder.

A breakfast burrito is served from 7 a.m. each day, as well as freshly baked bagels and cinnamon rolls, which tend to sell out quickly. For lunch, the Turkey Pesto Sandwich with mozzarella and arugula is outstanding.

Lauren likes the fact that when she visits her bank, they treat her the same way that she treats her customers. “Everyone at Oregon Coast Bank is so friendly – they know us and our children by name,” she points out. “We’ve had our personal accounts there since we moved here and naturally that’s where we opened our business accounts. If we ever decide to open more Cold Water & Coffee locations, we know that Oregon Coast Bank will help make it happen.”



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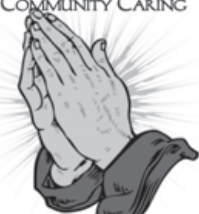
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You must “appear” in this case or the other side will win automatically. To “appear” you must file with the court a legal paper called a “motion” or “answer.” The “motion” or “answer” (or “reply”) must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff's attorney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the plaintiff. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll- free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. If you are a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be available from a county veterans' service officer or community action agency. Contact information for a local county veterans' service officer and community action agency may be obtained by calling the 2-1-1 information service. Additionally, contact information for a service officer appointed under ORS 408.410 for the county in which you live and contact information for a community action agency that serves your area can be found by visiting the following link: https://www.oregon.gov/odva/-services/pages/countyservices.aspx and selecting your county. You can also access a list of Veterans Services for all Oregon counties by visiting the following link: https://www.oregon.gov/odva/-Services/Pages/All-Services-Statewide.aspx. The relief sought in the Complaint is the foreclosure of the property located at 431 NE Alder St, Yachats, OR 97498. Date of First Publication: 11/14/2023 McCarthy & Holthus, LLP _ John Thomas OSB No. 024691 _ Grace Chu OSB No. 220848 _ Michael Scott OSB No. 973947 920 SW 3rd Ave, 1st Floor Portland, OR 97204 Phone: (971) 201-3200 Fax: (971) 201-3202 gchu@mccarthyholthus.com Of Attorneys for Plaintiff IDSPub #0189298 11/14/2023 11/21/2023 11/28/2023 12/5/2023	NG23-574 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN In the Matter of the Estate of: HEATHER LYNN LAWN, Deceased. Case No. 23PB08433 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ROGER RAYMOND LINDER has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Personal Representative, ROGER RAYMOND LINDER, at the address below, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative. ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: c/o Attorney Joshua D. Zantello, OSB #121562, Zantello Law Group, 2941 NW Highway 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367. DATED and first published on November 14, 2023. Joshua D. Zantello., Attorney for Personal Representative. NG23-575 INVITATION TO BIDS CITY OF LINCOLN CITY NE 21st Street Sidewalk (Hwy 101 to Surf) Bids Due: 2:00 PM, November 30, 2023 WORK - The general nature of work, described in detail in this Contract and in the basis of payment, includes furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials necessary for the construction of the project. Primary items of work include: construct 15,102 sf of sidewalk, 2,981 feet of curb, 914 feet of 12- inch storm, 9 catch basins, 4 MHs, 609 Tons of asphalt and miscellaneous items. BID SUBMITTAL - Sealed bid proposals will be received by Public Works Department, PO Box 50, 801 SW Hwy 101 - City Hall, Lincoln City, OR 97367 until 2:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (PST) on the 30th day of November, 2023. Late bids will not be accepted. Within two working hours of the bid closing time, bidders must submit the First-Tier Subcontractor Disclosure Form. Submittal of bid proposals shall be in a sealed envelope with identification plainly marked on the outside including project name, bid date, and time, “Bid Proposal, Bid Bond and Certificate of Residency” and bidder's name. Bid proposals shall be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter. Each bid proposal must be submitted on the forms prescribed by the City and accompanied by a Proposal Guaranty (certified check, cashier's check, or bid	bond) in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the total amount bid. The ten percent Proposal Guaranty shall be forfeited to the City if the bidder fails to enter into a contract with the City of Lincoln City within fifteen (15) days after the date of the Notice of Award. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond equal to one hundred percent of the amount bid for faithful performance of the Contract. BID DOCUMENTS - Bid documents shall be obtained by sending an email to Kevin Mattias (kmattias@lincolncity.org). The official Planholder's list will be kept by the City and any addenda will issued by the City. PRE-BID MEETING - There will not be a pre-bid meeting or site visit conducted by the City. Bidders 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 bid proposal. QUESTIONS - All questions or requests for clarification shall be directed in writing to the Terry Chamberlin, Project Engineer, via email: tchamberlin@lincolncity.org, or by regular mail to Lincoln City, PO Box 50, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367. All written questions must be received by the Project Engineer by 5 PM PST on November 21, 2023, 9 calendar days prior to the Bid Due date. The Project Engineer 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 Bid Due date. Any verbal response(s) obtained from any source by bidders will be considered informational and shall not be relied upon by bidders. OTHER BID INFORMATION - Bidders must possess a current set of the Oregon Standard Specifications for Construction and the Oregon Standard Drawings (English), published jointly by ODOT and Oregon APWA. For ordering information contact Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) at: 355 Capitol St., NE Room 28, Salem, OR 97301-3871 - (503) 986-3720 - Fax: (503) 986-3224 Website: www.odot.state.or.us/contractorplans E-mail: contractorplans@odot.state.or.us. 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 bid that does not comply with all prescribed public bidding procedures and requirements, including the requirement to demonstrate the bidder's responsibility under ORS 279C.375 (3)(b) and that City may reject for good cause all bids after finding that doing so is in the public interest.

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NG23-576 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to a certain trust deed ("Trust Deed") made, executed and delivered by Wendie Mary Rose Reyes, as grantor, to Western Title and Escrow, as trustee, in favor of Point of View Investments LLC 42.424% Undivided Interest, Paulette Postell 42.424% Undivided Interest, Randy and Jennifer Witherspoon 15.152% Undivided Interest, as beneficiary, dated March 4, 2020, and recorded on March 6, 2020, as Recording No. 2020-02454, in the mortgage records of Lincoln County, Oregon. The beneficial interest held by Jennifer Witherspoon has been assigned to Randy Witherspoon who now holds a 15.152% undivided interest as beneficiary under the trust deed. The Trust Deed covers the following described real property ("Property") situated in said county and state, to-wit: Lot 4, Block 3, SHORE PINE HILLS, 1ST ADDITION, in the City of Newport, County of Lincoln and State of Oregon, according to the official plat thereof recorded August 31, 1981 in Plat Book 13, page 43, Plat Records. There are defaults by the grantor or other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Trust Deed, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of default of such provision; the defaults for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: Arrearage in the sum of \$43,670.50 as of August 22, 2023, plus additional payments, property expenditures, taxes, liens, assessments, insurance, late fees, attorney's and trustee's fees and costs, and interest due at the time of reinstatement or sale. By reason of said defaults, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: Payoff in the sum of \$43,670.50 as of August 22, 2023, plus taxes, liens, assessments, property expenditures, insurance, accruing interest, late fees, attorney's and trustee's fees and costs incurred by beneficiary or its assigns. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on January 23, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, at the following place: Main Entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the above-described Property, which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by grantor of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the grantor or grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Trust Deed, to satisfy the 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 ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of

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the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sum or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by said ORS 86.778. In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. The NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is incorporated herein by reference. [Exhibit A, NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, is not published pursuant to ORS 86.774(2)(b).] THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. DATED: August 22, 2023. /s/ Eleanor A. DuBay, Eleanor A. DuBay, OSB #073755 Authorized By: Tomasi Bragar DuBay PC, Successor Trustee, 121 SW Morrison, Suite 1850, Portland, OR 97204, Phone: 503-894-9900; fax: 971-544-7236.

NG23-558 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-23-961646- SW Reference is made to that certain deed made by, BRIAN RUTH AND NICOLE R. RUTH as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Beneficiary, dated 11/8/2006, recorded 11/13/2006, in official records of LINCOLN County, Oregon in book/reel/volume No. and/or as fee/file/ instrument/microfilm/reception number 200617194 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to Banc of America Funding Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-2, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: R87415 10-11-08-AB-02300-00 LOTS 11 AND 12, BLOCK 2, BEVERLY BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF OREGON. Commonly known as: 11528 NORTH-EAST AVERY STREET, NEWPORT, OR 97365 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by

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the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$37,971.30 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$582,388.13 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 5/1/2022, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 2/12/2024 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, At the south entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Newport, OR 97365 County of LINCOLN, 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.

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Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest BRIAN RUTH 11528 NORTH-EAST AVERY STREET NEWPORT, OR 97365 Original Borrower NICOLE RUTH 11528 NORTH-EAST AVERY STREET NEWPORT, OR 97365 For Sale Information Call: 855 238-5118 or Login to: <https://www.xome.com> In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should

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be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-23-961646-SW Dated: 10/4/2023 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925- 0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925- 0241 IDSPub #0188763 11/7/2023 11/14/2023 11/21/2023 11/28/2023

NG23-556 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-23-962422-BF Reference is made to that certain deed made by, KAYLA EDWARDS as Grantor to WERSTERN TITLE AND ESCROW, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS BENEFICIARY AS NOMINEE FOR CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE LLC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 1/15/2021, recorded 1/19/2021, in official records of LINCOLN County, Oregon in book/reel/volume No. and/or as fee/file/ instrument/microfilm/reception number 2021-00615 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: 10-10-09-AB-05300-00 R431812 LOT 15, BLOCK 3, SILETZ TOWNSITE, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 334 Se Swan Ave, Siletz, OR 97380-2078 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing

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an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$9,288.26 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$249,593.66 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 3/1/2023, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 2/14/2024 at the hour of 10:00AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, At the south entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse, located at 225 W Olive Street, Newport, OR 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 the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown

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utes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor’s failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Monthly Payment(s): 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 04/01/2023 to 09/30/2023 at \$8,263.80 Monthly Late Charge(s): By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$172,929.38 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.75000% per annum from March 1, 2023 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee’s fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on February 20, 2024 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Public Entrance, Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed

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and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee’s or attorney’s fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee’s disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee’s sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee’s sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word “Grantor” includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words “Trustee” and “Beneficiary” includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 10/12/2023 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949- 252-8300 Order Number 96638, Pub Dates: 10/24/2023, 10/31/2023, 11/7/2023, 11/14/2023, THE NEWS GUARD

Help

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Oregon streets.

Lawmakers are weighing potential changes to Measure 110, which decriminalized possession of small amounts of hard drugs and put a share of cannabis revenue into addiction treatment and programs involving harm reduction that’s geared toward keeping people alive and peer services, which are based on trained people who’ve battled addiction. However, the committee’s scope is about the state’s drug addiction crisis as a whole – not simply changing Measure 110.

Under Measure 110, police officers who find users with small quantities of drugs can do little other than give them a \$100 citation that can be waived if they opt for an assessment to enter a treatment program. But those citations are not criminal, meaning they’re often ignored and officers cannot arrest people.

“If someone is using drugs in public, we don’t have an abatement tool,” Sgt. Aaron Schmautz of the Portland Police Bureau told lawmakers.

Like other officers who spoke, he stressed the police want tools to get people into treatment – not simply to lock them up. Those tools could include peers and addiction treatment specialists, he said.

“The cry that I hear in downtown Portland over and over is here is this person that is using fentanyl in front of my child,” he said.

But the drug addiction crisis extends well beyond Portland into rural communities like Hermiston. Jason Edmiston, that city’s chief of police, said the eastern Oregon city’s police and paramedics have administered naloxone, which reverses opioid overdoses, 57 times so far this year.

“It is safe to say that there isn’t a community in Oregon that isn’t significantly impacted by our drug addiction and fentanyl overdose crisis,” said Edmiston, who also spoke on behalf of the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police.

Oregon police chiefs and the League of Oregon Cities, Oregon District Attorneys Association and Oregon State Sheriffs’ Association have asked lawmakers to consider a slate of changes, including the elimination of the \$100 citations for drug possession and making them a misdemeanor, which carries more weight and can compel people in addition to enter treatment. They also want lawmakers to create more ways for people with drug addiction to enter treatment, such as sobering centers and stabilization facilities to help them manage initial withdrawal symptoms, along with allocating more money for specialty court programs.

Lincoln County Sheriff Curtis Landers said that the misdemeanor charge and an

arrest can be a tool that “forces the issue” so people enter programs after arrest. People are concerned, even in rural communities, and see homeless people addicted to drugs camp in parks, he said. Even the presence of one person using drugs is enough to make people worry that their safe communities and parks are in peril, he said.

Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber, D-Beaverton and the committee’s co-chair, said afterwards that the response from law enforcement offered a consistent message: They want to reach people – and they want the means to do it.

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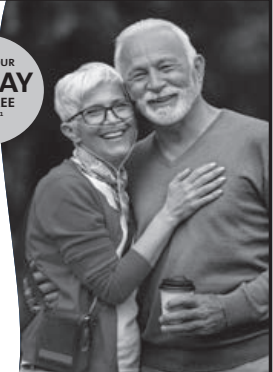
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

I GUESS HAL THE TURKEY IS WORRIED ABOUT THANKSGIVING.

I PERSONALLY DON'T SEE WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL.

US CHICKENS DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT DAY AT ALL.

NO, JUST EVERY OTHER DAY BEFORE AND AFTER THAT.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I SLEPT LIKE A LOG LAST NIGHT.

THAT EXPLAINS WHY OUR BED WAS FULL OF SAWDUST.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

READY, TIGER?

OKAY, ONCE MORE. THIS TIME WITH MY EYES OPEN.

OLIVE

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

MAE! WE'RE ALL CHECKED IN AT THE HOTEL! HOW'S OLIVE HOLDING UP?

SHE'S BEEN DOING GREAT! JUST, Y'KNOW...

KEEPING HERSELF BUSY.

HOCUS-FOCUS

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

WHOA, SHE DID SOMETHING VERY RIGHT OR HE DID SOMETHING VERY WRONG.

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: L equals Y

Z KJWZPL-WLWY PZGVTWP

QZJMWY CD AN TXE EAXJJ-

ZQZMW VNQ ZGY DPNVJZXOWY

“XA'E DZEACPW KWYAXOW.”

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Achieve

AREIGN

Flood

GUELED

Class

ASECT

Bistro

RIDEN

TODAY'S WORD

TRAVEL AGENCY

“I want some place where I can just sit around, relax and get _____.”

Super Crossword

WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS

ACROSS

1 Golf tourney

7 "Nonsense!"

12 Wordplay bits

16 Junip

19 Tiny country in Europe

20 Similar

21 Woodwind instrument

22 Spring mo.

23 Prima ballerina who received the Kennedy Center Honors in 1989

26 Winning sign

27 Sinuous

28 2003 Tony winner for "Movin' Out" choreography

30 Vamp player in "Singin' in the Rain"

36 Choose

37 Writer Jaffe

38 Vast period

39 Doggy doc

40 Part of TNT

42 The Wedding Singer director Frank

44 Magical land of C.S. Lewis

46 Noted performer in a Greek tunic and bare feet

50 "Honest" prez

51 Southwestern grassy plain

54 Feature of "Christmas"

55 Raises

56 San — Zoo

58 Soda holders

60 Inflict on

61 "Su-u-u-re"

62 1947 Tony winner for "Brigadoon" choreography

66 Suture

67 Throng

68 Zodiac cat

69 "Water" star Michael

71 Greek vowel

73 Imitated

76 Camera type, in brief

79 "Top Hat" co-star

85 Fishing aids

86 Take to heart

88 "Horror!"

89 Rival of U.S. Grant

90 Rink surface

91 Laundromat driers, e.g.

94 Radio booth notification

96 Golf standard of G.S. Lewis

97 Royal Ballet legions awarded the 1977 Shakespeare Prize

100 City due west of Chicago

102 Historical records

103 Birthday topic

104 Ascot, e.g.

106 — Spumante

107 Sauce brand

108 Doctrine

111 Prima ballerina famous for her "Dying Swan"

114 Courtesan whom King Ludwig I made Countess of Landsfeld

117 Bush replacer

118 Yale alum

119 "The Twelve Days of Christmas" gift (and what this puzzle features)

126 Mtn. statistic

127 Yemen locale

128 Cocooned stages

129 Many a web surfer

130 Mind-related, in combinations

131 Smell bad

132 Deficient

133 "— F!" (Marines' motto)

DOWN

1 Thurman of Hollywood

2 Fa follower

3 Undivided

4 — Romana (peace)

5 Digital money

6 Unrelated to maritime armed forces

7 Sit down, slangily

8 Makes laugh loudly

9 Shrouded

10 Nickname lead-in

11 Proceeded

12 Coral colony member

13 Curved

14 — fastening bar

15 Marine fish of the western Atlantic

16 West Indies' largest city

17 Outerwear for some high-culture shows

18 Get ready

24 Have the gall

25 — Jima

29 Tooting thing

30 Trudeau's country

31 "About this large," informally

32 Original Mouseketeer — Tracey

33 Channel for Wolf Blitzer

34 Parts of city grids: Abbr.

35 Noted times

41 Tyrant Amin

42 Structure for storing music

43 Some ctrs. of learning

45 "You win"

46 Charged, as particles

47 From long ago

48 Autos from long ago

49 Kitty chip

52 Maverick

53 "Rambo" war zone, in brief

57 Neuters, as a stallion

58 Smelling junk

61 GIF or JPEG

63 Throw a few back in a bar

64 52, to Livia

65 Kin of -ess

70 Goad

72 Baseball executive Joe

73 Junglian inner personality

74 Sticky, nutty treats

75 Endlessness

77 Onetime teen idol

78 Nevada city

80 Suffix with Caesar

81 Nutrition amt.

82 Texas city

83 1990s "caught on tape" series

84 Belgrade site

87 Dress in

91 In a pillared structure

92 Educ. org.

93 Onetime rival of Alan

95 Diagrams for brainstorming

98 Infatuated

99 Deep longing

101 — Kan

102 Nutrition amt.

103 Texas city

104 Typewriter formatting aid

105 Apple tablet

108 Kind of navel

109 T bone, e.g.

110 Brooks of film

112 A lack of musical skill

113 Actress

114 Jump

115 French river

116 Electric jolts

120 "OB-viously!"

121 NYSE event

122 — laude

123 Enabler of web access

124 Once named

125 Mutt's noise

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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WORD LADDERS

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

SEATS

SNOWY

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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Regain 2. Deluge; 3. Caster; 4. Diner; 5. Quilt pro quo; 6. Satifish; 7. China; 8. Eight minutes; 9. Rhode Island; 10. Canker sore.

Answers

1. Gale; 2. Four; California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas; 3. The Holy Grail; 4. "Desperate Housewives"; 5. Quilt pro quo; 6. Satifish; 7. China; 8. Eight minutes; 9. Rhode Island; 10. Canker sore.

WORD LADDER

Answer

SEATS, SLATS, SLOTS, SLOWS, SMONS, SNOW

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

2 5 1 4 3 8 9 6 7
3 6 8 7 9 5 4 1 2
4 9 1 2 6 5 3 8
7 4 9 1 2 6 5 3 8
1 7 4 9 8 3 6 2 5
8 2 7 5 1 9 3 4 6
5 6 9 3 7 4 2 8 1
6 8 5 2 4 7 1 9 3
9 3 2 6 5 1 8 7 4

CryptoQuip

A bleary-eyed rancher waked up to his still-wake cow and proclaimed "It's pasture bedtime."

Answers

Super Crossword

Trafficking

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“They use their vulnerabilities against them,” said Lizzie Martinez, Trafficking Intervention Task Force coordinator of Lincoln County. “They prey on dreams.” Abduction not in the form of snatch and grab off the streets where victims end up being shipped overseas to live out their lives in a Saudi palace.

Chat rooms, social media, targeted hash tags and emails are the tools of the trade, luring the young and impressionable into what often leads to prostitution or migrant workers, domestic, restaurant, or factory workers with little or no pay.

Starting point

The starting point, said Martinez, who is the Trafficking Intervention Task Force Coordinator at the Children’s Advocacy Center of Lincoln County, goes back to identifying “What is human trafficking?”

By definition, human trafficking is a violation of human rights, involving force, coercion, or fraud to exploit a person into slave labor or sexual exploitation.

“I wouldn’t say it’s always the case, but domestic trafficking is so prevalent. A lot of times the focus is on international trafficking, but it’s happening right here in our community,” said Martinez. “The reason we have the task force in Oregon is because our population is so widely mixed.

“It’s not just an inner-city issue, it happens in rural

communities. It’s not always about the sex trade, trafficking happens in response to forced labor into the agriculture industry or charter fishing. It’s basically the exploitation of people against their will by leveraging their vulnerabilities.”

According to Oregon National Trafficking Hotline statistics, the human trafficking hotline has received 4,103 signals since its inception in 2007. It is estimated that 199,000 incidents occur in the United States every year.

Valuable tool

Education is one of the most valuable tools in the fight. Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church in Lincoln City sponsored educational seminars on Oct. 19-20 for members of the congregation and another for the hotel service community to help employees understand the dynamics of sex trafficking.

Retired Portland police officer Mike Gallagher was on the job nearly 30 years, serving the last 11 years in the Sex Trafficking Unit. He founded Bridging The Gap in January 2014.

Having seen the devastation caused when an individual is forced into a life of sexual exploitation, he has worked to establish relationships with victim-advocate groups, the district attorney’s office, churches, hotels, and other community partners to systemically confront sex trafficking.

The job now includes conducting vital training to help educate the public.

The topics of his Lincoln

City discussion included:

Dynamics of sex trafficking

Signs someone is being trafficked

Steps to take if you believe someone is being trafficked

How to prevent trafficking at your location

Additional training resources for hotel and restaurant staff

“Anybody can go down this path,” Gallagher said. “Traffickers find out what they want and they exploit that. Girls come from Christian homes, they’re Hispanic, Asian, Anglo. They come from homes where they are well off, from inner cities. It’s a multi-billion dollar industry, so it’s not just one demographic.

“One of the signs is showing up with things they can’t really afford with no explanation where it came from. Traffickers have a way of finding out what they want and using that against them.”

Some of the physical indicators might include bruising or burns; dental issues; substance abuse, unexplainable injuries or unaddressed medical issues.

Behavior indicators, Gallagher said, include confusing or conflicting stories; fear of appointments taking longer than expected; inability to focus or concentrate or protecting the person who hurt them, minimizing the abuse.

“When I was putting together my presentation I typed in escort services for Lincoln City. I think there were 15 ads on the Oregon Coast,” Gallagher said. “That’s why I like to do training in small com-

munities so people understand this is happening everywhere.

“Traffickers work on social media. You can literally post online through hash tags. They don’t come into town to recruit. The bigger cities, they might target area. They might see someone at the strip mall that looks vulnerable. But it’s mostly through social media.”

Senior Director of Operations for VIP Hospitality Group Diana Steinman said the training session at Surfland Hotel was extremely informative for her staff, which ranged anywhere from managers to front desk employees to house-keeping staff.

“From our perspective, it is really important to educate our employees to the dangers in sex trafficking. But most importantly, it is identifying potential trafficking,” she said. “It’s really important to train our employees the different methods of identifying situations and what to look for and what to do if they suspect something is wrong.

“The biggest thing people in our area need to understand is that trafficking is not just happening in big cities. It can happen anywhere, so Mike’s presentation was very informative in helping us keep our properties safe.”

If you suspect human trafficking, or are a victim of human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline, at 1-888-3737-888, or text, BEFREE (233733).

Read a series pf previous special reports about human trafficking at thenewsguard.com and follow developments in the Tuesday print editions of The News Guard.

Bags

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single-use plastic bags to 4 mil reusable bags at checkouts had a false start when COVID-19 jumped the gun. Oregon retailers entered an unofficial bag ban grace period until April 2020, when Governor Brown formally issued a temporary suspension of enforcement, citing the COVID-19 crisis and a related paper bag supply shortage.

Then, in January of 2021, the Association of Oregon Counties and League of Oregon Cities issued a joint letter of updated bag guidance to clarify “consumer confusion and retail inconsistencies.”

That letter called for “immediate enforcement” of the requirement to charge customers the five-cent fee for checkout bags, but with temporary enforcement discretion on allowable bags for circumstances out of retailers’ control. The letter also encouraged consumers to bring reusable bags, and said that, “retailers should accept” those bags, with the word ‘should’ underlined.

The bottom line is, customers should have been charged a five-cent fee for checkout bags since at least January of 2021, and should not be restricted or discouraged from shopping with reusable bags.

With the expiration of plastic bag ban grace periods around the state, stores that continue to provide plastic bags less thick than 4 mil may be charged with a violation. Not complying with the provisions of HB 2509 is a Class D violation subject to a maximum fine of \$250, with each day of violation considered as a new offense.

Customers experiencing resistance to use of their own reusable shopping bags may contact their local jurisdiction to make a complaint.

According to the DEQ Materials Management division’s webpage on single-use plastic bags, local jurisdictions are the authorized enforcers of the state’s bag rules, even if that city does not have a plastic bag ban of its own.

Class D violations are enforced by law enforcement officers, who may issue a citation to a retailer or restaurant. While non-grocery retailers and restaurants do not have to submit reports to DEQ, they are included in the bag rules overall.

Why is Oregon doing this

Oregon adopted the single-use plastic bag ban largely to reduce costly plastic pollution and waste, but also for safety. Consumers’ op-

tions for recycling plastic bags have dwindled because the bags become entangled in recycling equipment, which endangers workers.

One of Lincoln County’s three haulers, Dahl Disposal, points residents to a video on their website that illustrates the mess caused by bags at local transfer stations. In Lincoln City, North Lincoln Sanitary does not accept plastic bags for recycling at the curb or their recycling drop off, only as garbage.

To address the tidal wave of plastic bags in landfills, nature and household closets, the Association of Oregon Recyclers signed a 2019 Surfrider Foundation letter in support of HB 2509. The Northwest Grocery Association also supported the bill with a letter of testimony, which stated, “It is a gentle reminder to the consumer to remember their reusable bags without being punitive.”

Customers may shop at retail establishments using their own bags by walking to shop with a backpack, or bringing reusable bags in from their car. Anyone who does not bring in their own bag should expect to pay five cents at the register for a reusable plastic bag that is 4 mil or thicker, or a paper bag with 40% or more post-consumer recycled content.

Local retail response

Lincoln City’s larger grocery retailers’ response to HB 2509 is varied. Grocery Outlet, which has moved to the former IGA North store location at 2429 NW Highway 101, limits their plastic pollution by not using plastic bags at all.

The Safeway at 4101 NW Logan Road does provide plastic bags, but also hosts one of the only plastic recycling options in Lincoln City.

The pair of entryway recycling bins are in partnership with a company called Trex, which turns plastic bags into composite decks. All single-use plastic bags can be placed in the bins, and even Safeway’s 4 mil plastic bags are accepted. But customers may want to reuse the Safeway bags first. Denise, a Safeway customer service representative, pointed out that Safeway’s bags are heavy duty, and she said that when it comes to protecting wildlife, Safeway’s bags are “the good ones.”

McKay’s, part of the chain that acquired Newport’s JC Market, had temporarily switched from single-use bags to blue semi-reusable plastic bags that are 2.25 mil



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During the May 22, 2017 Lincoln City Council meeting, fifth grade students from Taft Elementary School asked that the city ban plastic bags.

thick. But as of November, they’ve resumed using the thinnest single-use plastic bags. For the month of October, McKay’s shoppers were also restricted from wearing shopping backpacks inside the store, a policy that the corporate office recently discontinued in Lincoln City. McKay’s is located next door to city hall.

Kenny’s IGA in Taft, near the North Lincoln County Historical Museum, is a Lincoln City fixture. While the store doesn’t provide plastic recycling now, the community may recall the store used to.

Owner Andy Morgan said they stopped using plastic bags at checkout in 2008, and stopped offering plastic recycling in 2017. They were mostly hauling it to transfer stations, he said, with some exceptions.

“Someone used to come in and collect the bags to knit into other items, including reusable bags, which you could find at farmers’ markets,” he said. “They lobby for us, and they give us the good news and the bad,” he said, adding that he believes the government is over-regulating, but that he complies with rules and wants to do what is right for the community. Part of that is ordering paper bags without handles, which are not strong enough for people to carry heavy groceries.

“People would grab the handles with \$100 of wine in the bag,” he said, “then ask if we’d replace the wine when it broke.”

Bags without handles are cheaper, but they’re a savings for everyone in unbroken wine bottles.

“One size does not fit all,” Morgan said, about the regulations. He added that the five-cent bag fee does inspire people to bring in reusable bags, including shopping backpacks used by people who walk to shop. Kenny’s welcomes the reusable bags. “We love it when people bring in their reusable Safeway bags!” Morgan said.

When asked how the city is helping the community adjust to the evolution of plas-

tic bag rules, Wahlke said, “I think the 5-cent fee helps customers remember to bring their own bags next time.” But she added, “public education and community feedback to retailers is what works best.”

Some Oregon cities that had existing single-use bag bans still maintain plastic bag ban FAQ pages, answering questions like, “What is a ‘mil’” and, “When are retailers required to stop providing single-use plastic carryout bags?” The City of Bend’s webpage encourages personal shopping bags with a slogan: “Bring your bag, Bend!”

Lincoln City also uses its website to inform the public.

“We have posted information about the Styrofoam ban on our website and in our monthly council newsletters,” Wahlke said, about a 2020 city ordinance written ahead of this year’s statewide ban on Styrofoam.

That ordinance was signed by then Mayor Dick Anderson.

Lincoln City was one of a handful of Oregon cities to act before the state did on food service products made of foamed polystyrene, which leaches toxins. But to help restaurants though COVID-19, the city ordinance and enforcement was delayed to give businesses time to use up existing foam container stock.

Though continued use of Styrofoam containers and plastic bags thinner than 4 mil is now subject to citation in Lincoln City, Mayor Wahlke said enforcement has been hard.

Cities can adopt provisions requiring a higher per-bag fee than the state requires, if other enforcement like citing retailers and daily fines are not effective.

Customers using a voucher issued under the Women, Infants and Children Program established under ORS 413.500 may always be given a store checkout bag at no cost.

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