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Using a rope for safety to navigate along the cliff, first responders reached the victim at the Roads End location. (Courtesy photo from NLR&R)

Rescues at Roads End, Tillamook Head

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

North Lincoln Fire & Rescue (NLF&R) was dispatched shortly before 7:45 a.m. on August 27 for a land-based rescue on the cliff above the beach in Roads End.

The person had been reported missing since the previous night, according to NLF&R Deputy Chief Cody Heidt.

911 callers were able to provide information that helped responders locate the person, who was found approximately 150-feet above the beach on a loose shale cliff.

"Because of the steep and unstable terrain, the

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OSP investigating of vandalism at multiple state parks

"As you can see the damage is extensive," OSP Communications Manager Lauren Wistis said. (Courtesy photo)

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon State Police investigators are investigating extensive vandalism that occurred at multiple Oregon State Parks in Lincoln County.

The vandalism occurred sometime between approximately 10 p.m. on August 21, 2026, and 7 a.m. on August 22, 2026, according to OSP.

"Multiple state park restroom facilities were targeted, with damage ranging from the removal of paper towel dispensers to the destruction and removal of fixtures and other items from inside the facilities. Fires were also intentionally started at several of the locations," OSP states in a release.

The affected locations may include:

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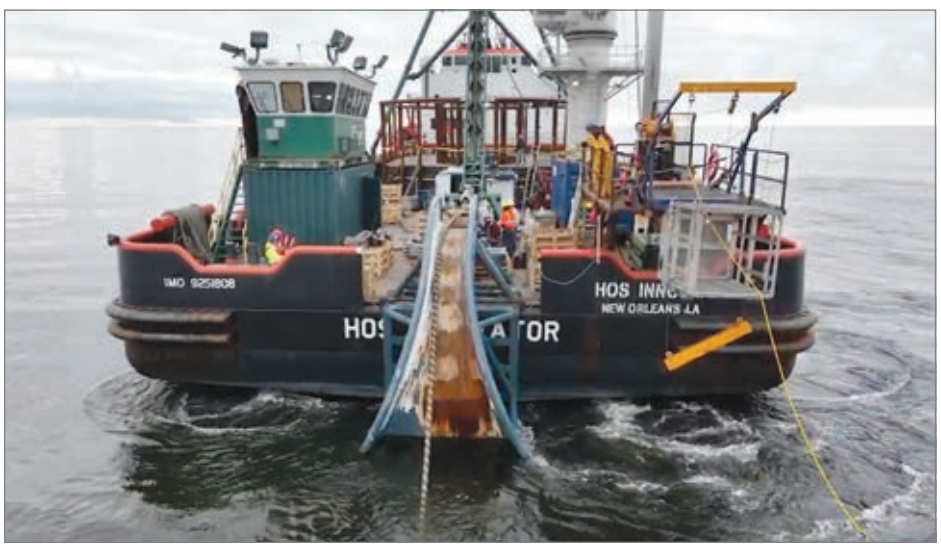
Ribbon-cutting ceremony held for wave energy project



Work aboard a vessel used in the wave energy project just off the Oregon Coast. (Courtesy photos from OSU)

The ocean waves site off the Oregon Coast at Seal Rock.

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

A ribbon-cutting and celebration has been held to mark the completion of Oregon State University's wave energy testing facility, PacWave South.

The Aug. 27 event also marks the commencement of operation of the facility, which is the first pre-permitted, grid-connected wave energy test site in the United States.

During the ceremony the following remarks were made by the attending dignitaries.

Oregon State University President Jayathi Murthy:

"PacWave represents the culmination of more than 15 years of vision, determination and collaboration. With a foundation of partnership engagement and use inspired discovery, PacWave represents the best of what Oregon State is all about: excellence in discovery, engagement and impact."

PacWave Director Dan Hellin:

"For over 15 years,

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The ribbon cutting for the wave energy project at Seal Rock.

Guitars not Guns makes a difference

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The Pacific Northwest chapter of the national nonprofit Guitars not Guns partnered with the Newport Recreation Center to hold the first beginner guitar program for youth in the community at no cost to interested youth.

Guitars not Guns is a voluntary music program that was established in 2000.

"Our program is targeted to foster kids and at-risk youth ages 8-18 using high teacher-to-student ratios. Each class consists of a maximum of 10 students with three adult instructors. Each program is 8 weeks long with a one-hour session each week.

In addition to learning how to master changing from one chord to another, children learn perseverance and discipline and build self-esteem. More importantly,

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Newport Mayor Jan Kaplan, left, addresses the youth at the guitar class graduation ceremonies. (Courtey photo)

Weather

Wednesday: High-59/Low-53
Rain/Wind
Thursday: High-59/Low-51
Rain
Friday: High-61/Low-50
AM Showers
Saturday: High-63/Low-52
Mostly Cloudy
Sunday: High-63/Low-53
Partly Cloudy
Monday: High-63/Low-53
Partly Cloudy
Tuesday: High-64/Low-54
Partly Cloudy

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
25-Aug	0.02	56.03 °F	65.76 °F
26-Aug	0	58.37 °F	69.27 °F
27-Aug	0	56.69 °F	70.16 °F
28-Aug	0	53.06 °F	67.48 °F
29-Aug	0.17	55.53 °F	68.38 °F
30-Aug	0	50.83 °F	69.36 °F
31-Aug	0	53.81 °F	69 °F

Total rainfall from Jan. 1........27.41"

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

High	4:30 a.m.	5.6
Low	9:54 a.m.	2.0
High	4:10 p.m.	7.5
Low	11:15 p.m.	0.1

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

High	5:37 a.m.	5.1
Low	10:37 a.m.	2.7
High	4:59 p.m.	7.4

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Low	12:23 a.m.	0.2
High	6:59 a.m.	4.8
Low	11:36 a.m.	3.3
High	6:00 p.m.	7.3

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Low	1:41 a.m.	0.1
High	8:35 a.m.	4.8
Low	1:00 p.m.	3.6
High	7:17 p.m.	7.2

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Low	2:55 a.m.	-0.2
High	9:56 a.m.	5.
Low	2:34 p.m.	3.6
High	8:39 p.m.	7.2

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Low	4:00 a.m.	-0.5
High	10:52 a.m.	5.7
Low	3:53 p.m.	3.1
High	9:52 p.m.	7.4

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Low	4:54 a.m.	-0.8
High	11:35 a.m.	6.2
Low	4:57 p.m.	2.3
High	10:53 p.m.	7.5

Sunrise/Sunset

Sept. 2	6:39 a.m.	7:53 p.m.
Sept. 3	6:41 a.m.	7:51 p.m.
Sept. 4	6:42 a.m.	7:49 p.m.
Sept. 5	6:43 a.m.	7:47 p.m.
Sept. 6	6:44 a.m.	7:45 p.m.
Sept. 7	6:45 a.m.	7:44 p.m.
Sept. 8	6:46 a.m.	7:42 p.m.
Sept. 9	6:48 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
Sept. 10	6:49 a.m.	7:38 p.m.

Lottery

Friday, August 28
Mega Millions
8 • 17 • 29 • 42 • 55 • PB-2

Saturday, August 29
Powerball
18 • 56 • 62 • 65 • 67 • PB-18 • x2

Saturday, August 29
Megabucks
11 • 20 • 27 • 35 • 44 • 47

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Highway 20 fatal traffic crash

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

A Toledo resident has died following a traffic crash along Highway 101 in Lincoln County.

Oregon State Police (OSP) responded to a vehicle versus pedestrian crash on Highway 20 near milepost 10 in Lincoln County, at approximately 11:35 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26.

The preliminary investigation indicated a beige 1996 Acura Integra, operated by 19-year-old Orion David Sliwka, of Salem, was traveling westbound on Highway 20 when it struck what was initially believed to be a deer. The vehicle continued westbound and eventually stopped at a business in Newport.

"While at the business, a second party spoke with Sliwka and a passenger of the Acura and learned they may have struck a person.

Highway 20 near milepost 10 in Lincoln County. (Courtesy photo)

The second party contacted 911 to report the incident." a release from OSP states. Toledo Police Department investigators later located a deceased pedestrian in a ditch at milepost 10 on Highway 20. The pedestrian was identified as 34-year-old Cordaro Ryan Stock, of Toledo.

Neither the operator of the Acura (Sliwka) nor his passenger were injured. Sliwka cooperated with investigating law enforcement, the release stated.

Highway 20 was impacted for approximately six hours during the on-scene investigation. The event was still under investigation as of Aug. 28.

Pacific West Ambulance, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, the Toledo Police Department, the Newport Police Department, and the Oregon Department of Transportation, assisted OSP with the crash investigation.

Buckle up safety campaign underway

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is urging drivers to buckle up ahead of a national Click It or Ticket seat belt safety campaign.

The national high-visibility seat belt enforcement effort, which coincides with going back to school and general safety enforcement efforts, August 24 through September 6.

The presumptive fine for not wearing a seatbelt in Oregon is $115, according to an online post.

The Tillamook Police Department (TPD) participated this year in the Memorial Day holiday enforcement which was May 18 to 31", 2026. These efforts were successful as well, according to the TPD.

"Seat belt use should be an automatic habit for drivers and passengers alike," TPD Chief Nick Troxel said. "It's not just a safe thing to do — it's the law. During the Click It or Ticket campaign, we'll be working with our fellow law enforcement officers across local and state lines to ensure the message gets out to drivers and passengers. Buckling up is the simplest thing a driver can do to limit injury or save a life during a crash. We see the results of not wearing a seat belt all the time. So often, it could have been prevented."

The presumptive fine for not wearing a seatbelt in Oregon is $115, according to an online post. (Metro Creative Connection)

The national seat belt daytime use rate in 2023 was 91.9%, which is good — but it can be better, according to Troxel.

"The other 8.1% still need to be reminded that seat belts save lives. Participating law enforcement agencies will be taking a no-excuses approach to seat belt law enforcement, writing citations day and night," he said.

One of the focuses of the Click It or Ticket seat belt high-visibility campaign is nighttime enforcement. NHTSA data shows a higher number of unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities happen at night. Also, seat belt use differs among females and males. Of the males killed in crashes in 2023, more than half (53%) were unrestrained. For females killed in crashes, 41 % were not buckled up, according to the TPD release.

"If the enforcement effort alerts people to the dangers of unrestrained driving, we'll consider our mission to be a success," TPD Officer Kurt Vanderhoff said. "We are asking friends and family to remind each other to buckle up when they drive, and to consider changing their habits if they don't. Help us spread this lifesaving message before one more friend or family member is killed as a result of this senseless inaction. Seat belts save lives, and everyone — front seat and back, child and adult — needs to remember to buckle up."

For more information about the Click It or Ticket seat belt high-visibility enforcement campaign, please visit NHTSA.gov/Clicklt.

SHERIFF'S TIP OF THE WEEK

Sheriff's Tip of the Week Back to School

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Many families find themselves getting ready for back to school. With many public and private schools throughout Lincoln County, motorists need to remember to slow down near neighborhoods and schools.

How do I know when the school zone speed limit is active?

A school speed zone is in effect each morning and afternoon when school is in session, when children are walking to and from school, and when there's a chance they may be present. The speed limit is 20 mph in a posted school zone between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on schooldays. If the school zone is equipped with a flashing yellow light(s), the speed limit is in effect when flashing.

Speed	Distance Required to Stop
20 MPH	64 feet
25 MPH	86 feet
30 MPH	112 feet
35 MPH	138 feet
40 MPH	170 feet

These speed limits help keep children safe. Many of our schools include students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. With varying ages, heights, and abilities, a parked car can obscure students' view of traffic and your view of them. Students may be distracted while stepping onto the roadway or forget to look before crossing the street. Driving at 20 mph will give you more time to react and avoid a collision. The following chart reveals the distance required to stop at specific speeds.

Traffic crashes are one of the deadliest hazards our children face. Let's do our part when we pass schools by slowing down, watching, and expecting the unexpected. Everyone needs to do their part to ensure the safety of our children.

For more information and tips visit www.lincolncountysheriff.net

'A lot of fire season left:' Kotek urges caution ahead of Labor Day

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Skyler Merritt, a Cal Fire helicopter manager, looks out from an Oregon Army National Guard CH-47 Chinook helicopter as it approaches the Hagen Fire near Pendleton, on July 29, 2026. Cal Fire personnel are working alongside Oregon National Guard aircrews to help coordinate helicopter operations supporting Oregon's wildfire response. (Maj. W. Chris Clyne / Oregon National Guard)

After spending her morning flying across the state to observe active wildfires near Mount Hood and northeast Oregon, Gov. Tina Kotek warned Oregonians to stay alert as the state still has more than a month until the end of the fire season.

"It's really horrifying to see the type of fire damage that's already occurred," Kotek said in a press conference Thursday afternoon, Aug. 27.

Oregon's wildfire peak typically lasts between July to September, but experts say dry winters and hot springs and summers are exacerbating conditions contributing to one of the most active wildfire seasons in state history.

More than 1,600 wildfires in Oregon this year have scorched roughly 2.5 million acres, a record since 2024. The fires have destroyed at least 36 homes and 80 other structures, according to the Oregon Department of Emergency Management's Oregon Fires Dashboard. At least one fire, the Big Grass Fire along the Oregon-Idaho border, has a perimeter of more than 600 miles.

Oregon has more than 9,000 personnel fighting those fires, the Oregon Journalism Project reported.

Kotek flew over the Grasshopper and Austin fires located south of Mount Hood, as well as the Cottonwood fire between Sherman and Gilliam counties. Additionally, Kotek flew to Pendleton to visit Oregon National Guard troops, who she thanked for assisting with the state's wildfire response since late July.

The National Guard is using six of its helicopters to put out wildfires in what are sometimes 30 flights a day. Troops have logged 350 flight hours and dropped 1,400 buckets carrying 1.5 million gallons of water since they were deployed to active wildfires in late July.

Oregon State Forester Kacey KC said the state has also relied heavily on the help of 52 firefighters from Australia and New Zealand who came to aid Oregon firefighters with the Grasshopper and Austin fires.

"Right now every geographical area across the U.S. is strained for resources, so normally the resources we rely on when we have a heavy fire season are not available," KC said.

Kotek praised the collaboration between international personnel, National Guard troops as well as state and federal firefighters. However, there's still a lot of fire season left, she said.

Kotek emphasized the need to remain cautious ahead of Labor Day, which she said is a particularly dangerous weekend for Oregon after Labor Day fires in 2020 burned more than 1 million acres, destroyed more than 5,000 homes and businesses and resulted in 11 deaths.

"If you're camping or doing anything on your property, please be fire safe," Kotek said. "Do not start a fire. We've got a lot of people out fighting fires across our state."

Human-caused fires account for 73% of all fires from 2000 to 2025, according to the Oregon Department of Forestry.

"People are pretty tired. We have people who have been doing this for 35, 45, 50, 60 days," Kotek said about the state's firefighters. "Hopefully they can get a little bit of rest so they can stay on for the rest of the fire season."

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Northwest late summer days marred by historic drought, exacerbating wildfires

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Firefighters on the Claremont Fire in Boise, Idaho on July 6, 2026. Drought across the Northwest has exacerbated wildfire conditions in the region. (Brenen Helgerson / National Interagency Fire Center)

The last weeks of summer find Oregon and much of the Northwest experiencing historic drought, exacerbating what has become one of the most active wildfire seasons in the state and region, according to state and federal climatologists and hydrologists.

Beyond fish and ecological impacts, drought across Oregon, Idaho and Washington is causing water supply shortages for public water and electric utilities, costing farmers tens of millions of dollars in lost crops and leaving vegetation and soils dry and susceptible to fires.

Wildfire and drought maps overlaid by Oregon's State Climatologist Larry O'Neill on Monday during an online drought and climate outlook meeting hosted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration show the summer's wildfires popping up over historically dry areas of the state and region.

About 4% of Oregon's total land area — 2.4 million acres of mostly rangeland — has burned in the current fire season, most of which occurred within a one-month period. Overall, about 3.5 million acres have burned across the Northwest, including fires in and around Spokane that became some of the most destructive in Washington history.

"Drought didn't cause these ignitions, but they created the conditions with exceptionally dry vegetation and fuels that favor rapid fire growth and extreme impacts once those fires started," O'Neill said.

He and Catherine Fitzpatrick, a hydrologist at NOAA's Northwest River Forecast Center, detailed water levels and conditions in the Northwest's rivers, reservoirs and snowpack for a 90-day period, as well as the impacts of temperature anomalies.

Even with a potential deluge of precipitation this winter in what O'Neill expects to be a "very strong" or "super" El Niño weather pattern, water reservoirs in the region are so depleted that there's unlikely to be much carryover in water supplies into next year, the two warned.

"Across the Pacific Northwest we're substantially depleting our reservoir storage, and now we're getting into kind of the later part of August and September, and reservoirs are being emptied out," O'Neill said. "There's little hope for carryover into the next water year, and then as I mentioned earlier, we're seeing record low stream flows occurring in all three states."

Anomalous heat

Most of eastern Oregon and southern Idaho have experienced summer temperatures 2 to 4 degrees Fahrenheit above normal, following what was the warmest fall and winter on record for the entire region, where temperatures in Oregon and Idaho were 3 to 5 degrees Fahrenheit above normal.

Most of Oregon east of the Cascades has in the last 90 days experienced "extreme drought," a NOAA designation indicating major crop and pasture losses, and widespread water shortages or restrictions. About 4% of Oregon in and around Grant, Baker and Wheeler counties in the eastern part of the state are in what NOAA classifies as "exceptional drought," meaning it reached historic levels, among other indicators.

It's the second time since 2000 that Grant County has received the designation. Despite being surrounded by the Blue Mountains, the area saw the lowest snowpack on record this winter.

About 8% of Idaho is experiencing exceptional drought, particularly in Owyhee, Twin Falls and Cassia counties in southern Idaho. Cuts to irrigation water supply for Idaho farmers have cost them $20 million so far according to crop insurance indemnities that are being paid out, O'Neill said, but the total cost is likely to be far higher as many claims won't be processed until after the growing season ends.

In the Yakima Basin in Washington, water users are receiving about 58% of their allotment. That includes the Roza Irrigation district, which supports more than $1.5 billion in annual agricultural revenue for the state. In Clallam County on the Olympic Peninsula, some water system operators have floated trucking in water for users after stream flows declined, and many are requiring users to undertake mandatory water saving measures and to curb use.

In Oregon, the Water Resources Department cut senior water right holders' allotments for the first time, O'Neill said, and some irrigators in the Umpqua Basin in Southwest Oregon are forgoing irrigation. He added that any water carryover in larger reservoirs in 2027 is likely to be non-existent to very low across all of Central and Eastern Oregon.

Some impacts "still have yet to rear their ugly head," he added.

Drought-exacerbated wildfires

Due to a dry winter and hot spring and summer, many parts of the region experienced record levels of "evapotranspiration" from the landscape, a process whereby water evaporates from soils and vegetation and is lost to the atmosphere.

Soil moisture levels have plummeted in areas where Oregon is experiencing record acreage losses to wildfire. Most of that has been burned grasses in rangeland areas, including areas that have been burned multiple times over the last decade, according to Jessica Neujahr, a spokesperson for the Oregon Department of Forestry.

"We have been seeing fires burning in old burn scars for over a decade now. It is happening with more frequency especially in the rangeland areas, as it only takes a year or two for those areas to be ready to burn again," Neujahr said in an email.

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BEST of the BEST 2026

VOTED 2026 BEST OF LINCOLN COUNTY

BEST FOOD & DRINK

ATMOSPHERE
Side Door Café ... 1st
Allred Bites ... 2nd
Kyllo's ... 3rd

BAKED GOODS
My Petite Sweet ... 1st
Pacific Sourdough ... 2nd
Chubby Lil Mermaid ... 3rd
Depoe Bakery ... 3rd
Lincoln City Donuts and Coffee ... 3rd

BREAKFAST
Otis Café ... 1st
Wild Flower Grill ... 2nd
Hilltop Cafe & Bistro ... 3rd

BREW PUB
Beachcrest Brewery ... 1st
Pelican Brewery ... 1st
McMenamin's ... 2nd
Bier 1 ... 3rd

BURGERS
Burger 101 ... 1st
Old Oregon ... 2nd
Zellers ... 2nd
Timbers ... 3rd

CHINESE
Lee's Wok ... 1st
Yummy Bowl ... 2nd
Foon Hing Yuen ... 3rd

CLAM CHOWDER
Chowder Bowl ... 1st
Georgie's ... 2nd
Squatchsami ... 3rd

COFFEE
Human Bean ... 1st
Toledo Coffee Depot ... 1st
Left Coast Coffee ... 2nd
Pioneer Joe's ... 2nd
Starbucks ... 2nd
Dutch Bros ... 3rd
Pirates Coffee ... 3rd
Salt ... 3rd

DESSERT
Side Door Café ... 1st
Chalet Restaurant ... 2nd
Subzero Swirlz ... 3rd

DINNER
Side Door Café ... 1st
Kyllo'ss ... 2nd
Tidal Raves ... 3rd

FISH & CHIPS
Squatchsami ... 1st
Jay's Fish & Chips ... 2nd
Luna Sea Fish House ... 2nd
Chowder Bowl ... 3rd

FOOD CART
Gram's Indian Taco ... 1st
Rook & Larder ... 1st
Left Coast Burger ... 2nd
Momo on the Wheels ... 2nd
Fisherman's Daughter ... 3rd
Raised by Wolves ... 3rd

HAPPY HOUR
Local Ocean ... 1st
Pelican Brewery ... 2nd
Zeller's ... 2nd
Pier 101 ... 2nd
Kyllo'ss ... 3rd

ICE CREAM
Coldstone ... 1st
Subzero Swirlz ... 1st
Bj's Ice Cream ... 2nd
Local Scoop ... 3rd

LUNCH
Café Stephanie ... 1st
Chowder Bowl ... 2nd
Cocoa Mocha Joes ... 2nd
Hilltop Cafe & Bistro ... 2nd
Squatchsami ... 2nd
Bay View Thai ... 3rd
Cup of Sass ... 3rd
Georgie ... 3rd
Kyllo's's ... 3rd
Local Ocean ... 3rd
Momiji ... 3rd
Sea Gulp ... 3rd
Side Door Café ... 3rd
Zellers ... 3rd

MEXICAN
La Roca Newport & LC ... 1st
Mazatlan-Newport & LC ... 2nd
Melo's ... 3rd

PATIO DINING
Nana's ... 1st
Pelican Brewery ... 1st
McMenamins ... 2nd
Beachcrest Brewery ... 3rd
Bier One ... 3rd
Clearwater ... 3rd
Kyllo'ss ... 3rd
Zeller's ... 3rd

PIZZA
Cobblestone ... 1st
Abby's ... 2nd
Callucci's ... 3rd
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SANDWICHES
Sea Gulp ... 1st
Café Stephanie ... 2nd
Cobblestone ... 2nd
Hilltop Bistro ... 2nd
Panini Bakery ... 2nd
Subway ... 2nd

SEAFOOD
Kyllo'ss ... 1st
Local Ocean Seafoods ... 2nd
Tidal Raves ... 3rd

STEAK
Szabo's Steak and Seafood ... 1st
Georgie's ... 2nd
Pier 101 ... 3rd

SUSHI
Momiji ... 1st
Asiatico ... 2nd
Yatai ... 3rd

TASTING ROOM
Sea Horsey ... 1st

THAI
Thai Bay ... 1st
Lucky Thai Elephant ... 2nd
Anna Thai Basil ... 3rd
Bay View Thai ... 3rd

VEGAN/VEGETARIAN
Bay View Thai ... 1st

WATERFRONT DINING
Clearwater ... 1st
Kyllo'ss ... 2nd
Tidal Raves ... 3rd

BUSINESS-BEST LOCAL PLACE FOR

A FUN TIME
Scout NW Trading Company ... 1st
Artsea Craftsea ... 2nd
Newport Aquarium ... 2nd
Primaltones ... 2nd
Burger 101 ... 3rd
Mugglys ... 3rd
Zellers Bar and Grill ... 3rd

ACCOUNTANT
Brian Fitzsimmons ... 1st

ANNUAL EVENT
Toledo Summer Festival ... 1st
Seafood and Wine Festival ... 1st
Kite Festival ... 1st
Loyalty Days ... 2nd
Studio B ... 2nd

APPLIANCES
Roby's ... 1st

ART/GALLERY
Pacific Artists Co Op Gallery ... 1st
Crow's Nest ... 2nd
Lincoln City Cultural Center ... 2nd

AUTO BODY
Caliber ...
Coast Auto Body ...
Shipley Auto Body ...
Toledo Josh sibley ...

AUTO SERVICE
Pacific Tire & Brake ... 1st
PJM Auto ... 1st
Toledo Car Clinic ... 1st
Larry's Old Place ... 2nd
Ocean Tire & Auto ... 2nd

BOUTIQUE SHOPPING
Nude Boutique and Beauty ... 1st
Searenity Boutique ... 2nd
Scout NW Trading Co ... 3rd
The Wild Fern ... 3rd

CANNABIS DISPENSARY
Medication Station ... 1st
Mr. Nice Guy-Waldport&Depoe Bay ... 2nd
Pacific Wave ... 2nd
Green Dragon ... 3rd

CATERING
Café 235 Hawaiian Fusion ... 1st
Side Door Café ... 1st

CLOTHING
Goodwill ... 1st
Scout NW Trading Co ... 1st
Fred Meyer ... 2nd
Nude Boutique & Beauty ... 2nd
Old Navy ... 3rd

COMPUTER SALES & SERVICE
Desperate Hard Drives ... 1st
Quick's ... 2nd
TLC ... 3rd

CAR/TRUCK PURCHASE
Newport Chevy ... 1st
South Beach Toyota ... 1st
Sunwest ... 2nd
Power Auto/Dodge ... 2nd
GMC (Newport) ... 3rd

CULTURAL EXPERIENCE
Lincoln City Cultural Center ... 1st
Primaltones ... 2nd

CUSTOMER SERVICE
Fibre Federal Credit Union/TLC ... 1st
Nude Boutique and Beauty ... 2nd
Lincoln City Sporting Goods ... 3rd

DATE NIGHT
Tidal Raves ... 1st
Side Door Café ... 2nd
Primaltones ... 3rd

ENTERTAINMENT
Bijou Theatre ... 1st
Chinook Winds Casino ... 2nd
Artsea Craftsea ... 3rd
Axe Throwing at Scout NW Trading ... 3rd
Newport Cinemas ... 3rd
Zellers ... 3rd

ELECTRICIAN SERVICE/INSTALL
Aboveboard Electric & Plumbing ... 1st
Travis Electric LLC ... 1st
J and J Electric ... 2nd
The Light Works LLC ... 2nd

FAMILY ATTRACTION
Oregon Coast Aquarium ... 1st
Artsea Craftsea ... 2nd
Muggly's ... 2nd
Scout NW Trading Co ... 2nd

FAMILY NIGHT
Bijou Theater ... 1st
Artsea Craftsea ... 2nd
Muggly's ... 2nd
Primaltones ... 2nd

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION
Fibre Federal Credit Union/TLC ... 1st
Oregon State Credit Union ... 2nd
Columbia Bank ... 3rd
Oregon Coast Bank ... 3rd

FISHING & HUNTING EQUIPMENT/ SUPPLIES
Lincoln City Sporting Goods ... 1st
Englund Marine ... 2nd
Pinters Guide Service ... 3rd

FITNESS/WELL BEING
Point Break Fitness ... 1st
Ballast Gym ... 2nd
Sam Fit ... 3rd

FLORIST
Newport Florist ... 1st
Safeway ... 2nd
Toledo Florist ... 2nd

GARDENING SUPPLIES & PLANTS
Cozy Bee Nursery ... 1st
Bear Valley Nursery ... 2nd
Blake's Coastal Nursery ... 3rd

GENERAL CONTRACTING/ CONSTRUCTION
Bighorn Construction LLC ... 1st
BRIDAX LLC ... 1st
Green Coast Construction ... 2nd
Hernandez Construction ... 2nd
Tad Oliphant Construction ... 2nd

GIFTS
Lincoln City Gifts ... 1st
Scout Northwest Trading Co ... 2nd
Pacific Artist Co-op Gallery ... 3rd

GROCERIES & SUNDRIES
Fred Meyer ... 1st
Safeway ... 2nd
Grocery Outlet ... 3rd

HEALTH SPA/FITNESS
Point Break Fitness ... 1st
Spa at Salishan ... 1st
Nude Aesthetics ... 2nd
Sam Fit ... 2nd
Passion Flower Fitness & Dance ... 3rd

HEATING & AIR
Groth-Gates Heating & Sheet Metal ... 1st
Airrow Heating ... 2nd
Anderson Air ... 3rd
Schneidecker ... 3rd

HOME FURNISHINGS/DÉCOR
Eager Beaver Furniture & Mattress Waldport ... 1st
Roby's ... 1st
Ginger Roots ... 2nd
Artsea Craftsea ... 3rd

HOME IMPROVEMENT
Ace Hardware ... 1st
Bridax LLC ... 2nd
Big Horn Construction ... 3rd

JEWELRY
Diamonds by the Sea ... 1st
SJ Custom Jewelers ... 2nd
Fred Meyers ... 3rd

KIDS ACTIVITIES
Game on ...
Hatfield Marine Science Center, Newport ...
Oregon Coast Aquarium ...

LANDSCAPING & LAWN
Ground FX ... 1st
Seas the Day ... 2nd

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Primal Tones ... 1st
Bay Haven ... 2nd
Chinook Winds ... 2nd
Beachcrest Brewing ... 3rd
Lincoln City Cultural Center ... 3rd

MARINA
Newport ... 1st

MUSEUM
Lincoln City Historical Museum ... 1st
Maritime Museum ... 1st

MENTAL HEALTH THERAPY
Point Break Fitness ... 1st

ORGANIC / LOCALLY SOURCED
Trillium ... 1st
Oceana Natural Foods ... 2nd

OUTDOOR RECREATION
Lincoln City Sporting Goods ... 1st
The beach ... 2nd
Moonhine ... 3rd

OVERNIGHT CAMPING
Moonshine park ... 1st
Beverly Beach ... 2nd

HOTEL / MOTEL
Hallmark ... 1st
Best Western ... 2nd
Salishan ... 2nd
Allred ... 3rd

PARADE
Loyalty Days ... 1st
Gleneden Beach 4th of July ... 2nd
Toledo Summer Festival ... 2nd

PARK
Regatta Park ... 1st
Schooner Creek Discovery Park ... 2nd
Fogerty Creek State Park ... 3rd

PET/LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES
Feed Corral ... 1st
Toledo Feed & Seed ... 2nd
Mini Pet Mart ... 3rd

PLUMBING
Aboveboard Electric and Plumbing ... 1st
Rau plumbing ... 2nd
Atlantis Plumbing ... 3rd

REAL ESTATE OFFICE
Coldwell Banker Professional Group ... 1st
Martel Real Estate ... 2nd
Advantage Real Estate ... 3rd
Premier Property Group ... 3rd

ROOFING
Cato Roofing ... 1st
BRIDAX LLC ... 2nd
Top line roofing ... 3rd

RV PARK / CAMPGROUND
Moonshine Park-5 ... 1st
Beverly Beach-2 ... 2nd
Wapiti RV Park-2 ... 2nd

REPAIRMAN / HANDYMAN
Justice Kelso & Jeremy Kelso ... 1st

SENIOR LIVING
Oceanview Senior Living ... 1st

VETERINARIAN SERVICES
Grove Veterinary ... 1st
Oceanlake Veterinary Clinic, LC ... 2nd
Animal Medical Care of Newport ... 3rd

PEOPLE - BEST AT WHAT THEY DO...

BARTENDER
Brooke Orendorff ... 1st

BOSS/MANAGER
Amanda Tillotson - Toledo Coffee depot ... 1st
Erin Mendez- TLC ... 2nd
Frankie Rilatos SubZero Swirlz ... 2nd
Rushel Beutler-Aethestics Injectables ... 3rd

COACH
Jeremey Kelso Lincoln City youth ... 1st
Eddie Townsend ... 2nd
Boone Marker - Oregon Coast Junior Volleyball ... 3rd
Jason King ... 3rd
Kyle Wolf ... 3rd
Tracey Taylor ... 3rd

ESTHETICIAN
Kimberly Melo-Kim's Beauty Bar ... 1st
Rushel Beutler-Aesthetices Injectables ... 1st

FINANCIAL ADVISOR
Scott Thompson-TLC ... 1st

FISHING GUIDE
Painters Guide Service-Kelly Painter ... 1st

FOOD SERVER
Jayme Thomas Cup of Sass ... 1st
Kylie Lynch, Clearwater ... 1st

HAIR STYLIST
Lainey Kessler - Elements Salon ... 1st
Chachi T with Liv and Laney ... 2nd
Lauren Huppert ... 3rd
Abbey Rose at Abelia ... 3rd
Abbey Rose at Abelia ... 3rd
Shelly Heim ... 3rd
Stephanie Butler at Jillians ... 3rd

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
Rushel Beutler ... 1st
Rebecca Sinnhuber, Passion Flower Fitness & Dance ... 2nd
Victoria Bassingthwaite ... 2nd

INSURANCE AGENT
Charlotte Lehto ... 1st
Kimberly Scott ... 1st
Miles Vickstrom Farmers ... 1st
Kimberly Duty, Farmers ... 2nd
Shawn isham ... 2nd

INSTRUCTOR
Mike Gibson Taichi, LC Senior Center ... 1st

MANICURIST
LUXY NAILS HANNAH MAYES ...
Makayla Groce- Makayla Nails ...
Mandi King at Cascade Head Cosmetics ...
Mariah Sullivan ...

COSMETICS
Katia Brown- KB Beauty ... 1st
Caitlyn Rundstrom - Cascade Head ...

MASSAGE THERAPIST
Kneading to unwind ... 1st
Betsy Brooks ...
Chelsea Kosbab ...
Erin Joy ...
Staci Tanksley at Elements Salon ...
Tiffany Murray, Massage Therapist ...

MORTGAGE AGENT
Stephanie Smith - TLC ... 1st
Jessica Steenkolk ... 2nd
Kamile Melton with Churchill Mortgage ... 3rd

NON-PROFIT
Family Promise of Lincoln County ... 1st
Angels Anonymous ...
Eagles ...
Neighbors for Kids, Depoe Bay ...

PHARMACIST
Emery Cross, Fred Meyer ... 1st
Rachel Smith with Walmart ... 2nd

POLICE/FIRE/EMT
Raydar Taylor ... 1st

REAL ESTATE AGENT
Hannah Katz - Coldwell Banker ... 1st
Kylie Lynch ... 2nd
Sonja Lovas ... 3rd

SPIRITUAL LEADER
Luke Frechette South Beach Church ... 1st
Pastor Michael Grogan Congregational Church Lincoln City ... 2nd

‘Every Child, Every Day, Future Ready’

MAJALISE TOLAN
Lincoln County Leader Guest Column

Dr. Majalise Tolan.

At the end of last school year, all I could think about was the start of 2026-2027.

For those of us here all summer when staff and students are gone, it is a lonely time filled with anticipation for the great things ready to come. With that being said, our Facility and Maintenance Department, Technology Department, and Custodial partners appreciate the time to complete necessary projects without distracting student learning and teaching.

The work our summer school students, teachers, custodial staff, technology staff, and facility staff did to accomplish so much in August was amazing! It is through their hard work, and the continued partnership of our entire community, that we are ready to open our doors once again.

This summer we have completed essential facility improvements like the resurfacing of parking lots, the ongoing construction of the CTE wings at Taft 7-12 and Toledo Junior Senior High, roof repairs, large-scale painting projects, installation of new instructional technology, playshed construction, refurbished playground surfaces, new tracks, and so much more. These enhancements demonstrate our commitment to providing safe and dry schools, while providing environments for our students and staff to learn, teach, and thrive.

As we look toward September, we have several important milestones to mark on your calendars:

- Back to School for Students: We are eager to welcome our students back to the classroom!

Grades 1–6 and all new students start on September 8th. Returning students in grades 7–12 start on September 8th or 9th, depending on their school and grade level.

- Kindergarten and Preschool: We will welcome our youngest learners on September 11th.

If you haven’t yet registered, now is the time! Registration information can be found on our website at https://www.lincoln.k12.or.us/page/enroll including the in-person registration support that is offered at each school.

Our vision, “Every Child, Every Day, Future Ready,” drives decision-making, from curriculum planning to the essential support services we provide. We know our impact is larger than just in the classroom and are committed to fostering a culture where every student and family feels seen, valued, and empowered to explore their potential. All of our schools are developing specific goals to support our improvement in connecting with families on a more personal and partnership level.

Education is a collective endeavor. It takes our teachers, support staff, parents, and community partners to create the supportive environment our students deserve. Whether through our partnerships with health and community organizations or the collaborative efforts in our internal departments daily, we are stronger when we work together.

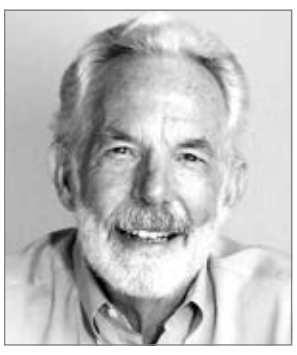
As we begin the 2026-2027 journey, I am confident that by working together, we will continue to transform our district and achieve great things for our students. I look forward to seeing the hallways filled with our youngest to our most ready to graduate learners, the rich classroom discussions, the outstanding teaching, and to once again working with families and community partners across Lincoln County School

District to support the next generation of leaders, creators, and citizens. Enjoy these final days of summer, and we will see you soon!

Dr. Majalise Tolan is Superintendent of the Lincoln County School District.

Help Shape the Next Session: Your Ideas, Your Feedback

DICK ANDERSON
Lincoln County Leader Guest Column



State Sen. Dick Anderson

Doubling Down on Housing for 2027

For years, housing has been at the top of my agenda, and I’ve been proud to lead on it. Oregon is in a housing crisis — it’s the single biggest cost pressure on the families and businesses I represent — and I’ve spent my time in the Senate working across the aisle to do something about it. I’ve reached across party lines and partnered in good faith with Democrats and with the Governor on housing, because this problem is too big and too urgent for politics as usual.

But I’ll be honest with you: for all the effort and all the bills, we still haven’t delivered the results Oregonians need. Homes still aren’t getting built fast enough, and prices keep climbing. Now is the time to double down and focus on what we actually know works — the fundamentals that move the needle: more land to build on, fewer regulations standing in the way, and infrastructure that lets our cities grow. Ahead of the 2027 session, my office has been drafting a slate of legislative concepts built around exactly those priorities. These are still draft ideas, and I want to hear from you before they’re finalized. Here’s a preview of where we’re headed.

Freeing up land and cutting red tape. Too much buildable land is locked up by a slow, litigation-prone system. I’m working on concepts to open supply and get government out of the way where it doesn’t belong:

- A one-stop Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) “land swap” process through DLCD, so cities can trade like-for-like property without endless process and lawsuits.
- Suspending SB 100 planning requirements for single-family homes for five years, keeping health and safety rules while dropping parking mandates and design review.
- A building code “sunset” that targets cutting 25% of outdated regulations by 2030, and ends anonymous drive-by code complaints.
- Directing every state agency to prioritize housing production, with the Housing Accountability and Production Office tracking and reporting progress.
- Unlocking infill on already-served land — letting homeowners on unincorporated lots with existing water/sewer split their lot and build, and creating a path for homes on golf-course and other underused parcels.
- A study of Oregon’s wetlands to understand how much developable land inside UGBs is being taken off the table so we can remedy and get cities building!

Lowering the cost to build. High and unpredictable fees kill the math on the very homes we need most. I’m pursuing concepts to bring those costs down:

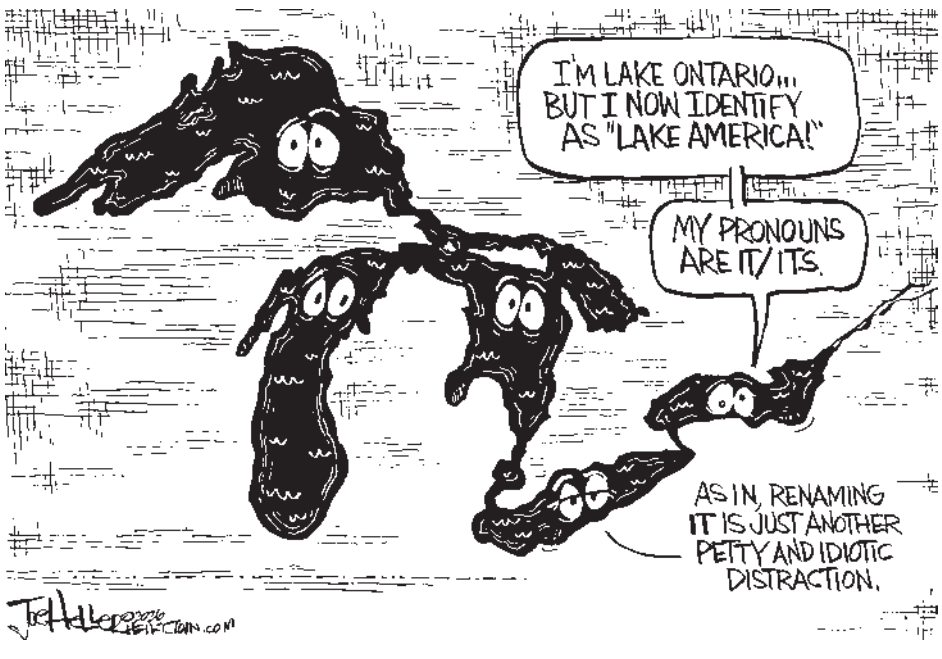
- Capping Parks and Recreation system development charges (SDCs) and barring them from funding community centers rather than open space.
- A “starter home” subdivision framework allowing smaller lots and homes with a hard cap on impact/SDC fees so affordable homes actually pencil out.
- Community Development Districts that let growth pay for its own infrastructure over 20 years instead of burdening existing taxpayers.
- Eliminating mandatory affordable-housing percentages on UGB expansions that are stalling projects, and converting LIFT funds from grants back to revolving loans.
- Redirecting state funding into the roads, water, and sewer systems cities need — the infrastructure that unleashes private home builders to build faster and brings down the actual purchase price of homes at every level.

Growing the workforce and modernizing the rules. More homes require more workers and smarter housing law. My draft concepts include allowing an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) by right on any residential lot statewide (up to 1,500 sq ft), creating a lower-barrier residential plumbing service-and-repair license to grow the trades, and moving prevailing-wage determinations for affordable projects to Oregon Housing and Community Services. I’m also working on commonsense landlord-tenant fixes — a clearer path to transition employer-provided housing when a job ends, and a new 10-day notice to protect on-site staff from threats and violence.

Taken together, these concepts reflect a straightforward philosophy: Oregon can build its way out of this crisis if we remove the barriers, control the costs, and expand the workforce. I’ll share more detail as these drafts move through Legislative Counsel, and as always, your feedback shapes the final product.

Send us your thoughts and ideas on how we unlock more home ownership in Oregon!

Senator Dick Anderson represents Oregon State Senate District 5. He may be reached at sen.dickanderson@oregonlegislature.gov



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Don’t dream it. Be it.”
Tim Curry as Dr. Frank-N-Furter, The Rocky Horror Picture Show

ONLINE POLL

PREVIOUS POLL

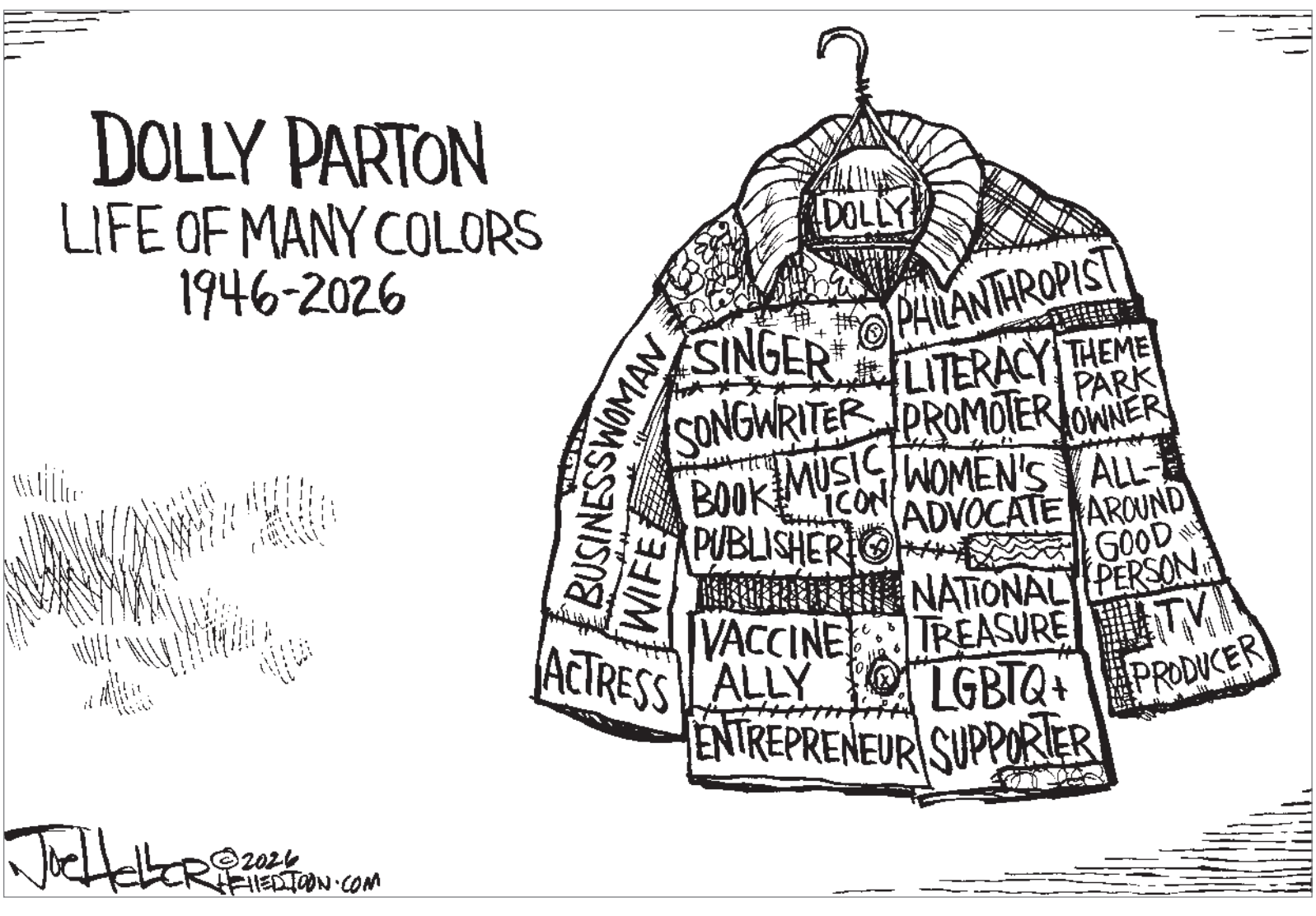
If the Oregon gubernatorial election were held today, who would you vote for?

46.8%.....Tin Kotek
44.9%.....Christine Drazan
8.2%.....Other

NEW POLL

Are you ready for the change from summer to fall?

- Yes, bring on the Fall Colors
- No, I am still working on my tan



Lincoln County jobless rate up, Tillamook County rate declines

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln Coun Ty Leader

Lincoln County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.8% in July, down from 5.9% in June. It was down from 6.2% the year before.

The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in July, and the national rate was 4.1%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 150 in July to 18,290 jobs (-0.8%).

Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 150 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's total nonfarm employment was unchanged, with a gain of 320 jobs in the private sector and a loss of 320 jobs in total government employment. Leisure and hospitality added 230 jobs (+4.5%). Local education lost 320 jobs (-30.2%).

July's total nonfarm employment numbers were down 450 jobs over the year (-2.3%). The largest gain occurred in private education and health services which rose by 120 jobs over the year in July (+5.3%).

Retail trade lost 180 jobs (-6.4%). Local government lost 140 jobs (-4.4%).

Tillamook County

Tillamook County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.2% in July, unchanged from June. It was 5.4% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in July, and the national rate was 4.1%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 120 in July to 9,700 jobs. Seasonallybadjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. Employment was expected to be unchanged, and the county added 120 jobs, with a gain of 160 jobs in the private sector and a loss of 40 jobs in total government employment. Leisure and hospitality added 100 jobs (+6.3%). Local government, including education, lost 40 jobs (-2.4%).

July's total nonfarm employment was up from the previous year by 80 jobs (+0.8%). Manufacturing added 100 jobs (+5.6%). Leisure and hospitality lost 50 jobs (-2.9%). Local government added 50 jobs over the year (+3.2%).

Mail elections to continue as planned despite court setback

JULIA SHUMWAY
Oregon Capital Chronicle

All Oregon voters will receive ballots by mail and should plan to return them by mail or an official dropbox despite a legal setback for states suing to block the Trump administration's efforts to restrict mail voting, Secretary of State Tobias Read said Tuesday.

Read, a Democrat elected in 2024, directed county clerks and other local election officials to continue following all Oregon election laws and established deadlines for issuing ballots. Election officials must mail ballots to military and overseas voters by Sept. 19 and to all other voters beginning Oct. 14.

"The purpose of this directive is to provide certainty to local elections officials and to voters alike: Our elections will go forward as they normally do," Read said at a press conference at the state Capitol Tuesday afternoon.

President Donald Trump, who has partially blamed mail voting for the 2020 election loss he has refused for years to accept, issued a March executive order instructing the U.S. Postal Service to collect voters' names and addresses from state elections officials and only send ballots to voters on those lists. His order also instructed the U.S. Justice Department to investigate and prosecute state officials who violate the order.

States, not the federal government, are responsible for administering elections.

Oregon, 22 other states and Washington, D.C., promptly sued to block the order and won an injunction blocking it from taking effect.

But the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in an unsigned emergency

Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read speaks to reporters in the state capitol in Salem on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026. (Julia Shumway / Oregon Capital Chronicle)

docket opinion Monday, Aug. 24, that the states essentially sued too early and that a federal judge in Massachusetts was wrong to block the order because states had not established that it harmed them. The high court's ruling did not weigh whether the order and the administration's efforts to implement it would ultimately be found unconstitutional.

Read also directed local election officials to document when they drop ballots off with the postal service and any challenges they experience, including postal workers refusing to accept ballots, delaying delivery or giving contradictory instructions.

Read visited county elections offices in all 36 counties in 2025 and said he talked to clerks about the possibility of policy changes or natural disasters disrupting Oregon's mail voting system.

"It's been more than a quarter century since we conducted in-person elections, so that transition would be expensive and difficult," he said. "It's also worth remembering that this election is effectively underway."

The U.S. Postal Service issued a final rule Friday for how it plans to implement Trump's order, but it hasn't yet been published to the federal register. It includes a provision that it will not be in effect for this year's midterm elections if an injunction is still in place, but U.S. District Judge Indira Talwani's injunction barred the federal government from changing states' mail-in voting rules prior to the Nov. 3 elections.

Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield has pledged to immediately sue over any changes that affect Oregonians' ability to vote.

https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/08/25/oregon-secretary-of-state-mail-elections-to-continue-as-planned-despite-court-setback/

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[2]Relationship is defined as opening and using a consumer or business checking account with 1st Security Bank.
At maturity, 1-Year CD certificate will auto renew at the prevailing rate.

ENERGY

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we've talked about what PacWave will be. We can now stop talking about PacWave in the future tense. PacWave is built, PacWave is grid connected and PacWave is operational. Now the really fun part begins, which is actually putting this facility to work."

U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici:

"We know that Oregon is at the forefront of marine energy thanks to the leadership of Oregon State University, the Pacific Marine Energy Center, PacWave and so many of you in this room today and beyond who have been pioneers."

U.S Rep Val Hoyle:

"This is a step toward an affordable, reliable and secure energy future. I am so proud that we here at Oregon State and right here on the Oregon Coast are doing it and doing it better than anyone else."

Following the ribbon-cutting, attendees were able to tour PacWave's Utility Connection and Monitoring Facility and learn more about PacWave-related activities currently underway.

BACKGROUND:

PacWave, which includes the grid-connected south site as well as a shallower North site that is not grid-connected, is supported primarily by the U.S. Department of Energy. The facility is critically needed to accelerate development and innovation across the marine energy industry, from addressing regulatory issues to device testing and commercialization.

There is no other U.S. facility where developers can test grid-connected marine energy devices at this scale while evaluating their performance and environmental effects in an open-ocean setting.

Wave energy has the potential to provide clean, reliable electricity to help meet the world's rising energy demands. OSU has led a more than 10-year effort to establish PacWave, building support and partnerships with federal, state, local and fishing industry leaders to advance the initiative. PacWave is also supporting research to better understand how wave energy technologies interact with the ocean environment and marine life.

Read previous coverage about the wave energy project online at the Lincoln County Leader's website and find additional background at, https://news.oregonstate.edu/news/cable-installation-set-begin-osu-led-wave-energy-testing-facility-oregon-coast.

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Sudoku answers

RESCUE

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Lincoln County Technical Rescue Team was requested in case a rope rescue was needed. North Lincoln Fire & Rescue, Newport Fire Department, and Siletz Fire District responded as part of the Technical Rescue Team. Depoe Bay Fire responded with a drone to help crews identify the best way to reach the person. Pacific West Ambulance also responded to provide medical support," Heidt said.

Crews were able to reach the person from the beach without the need for a rope rescue and assisted the victim safely down from the cliff. The person was not injured.

Lincoln City Police Department assisted at the scene and helped reunite the person with their family.

The name and age of the victim were not immediately available.

Heidt said the rescue was successful due to the multi-agency partnership response.

"North Lincoln Fire & Rescue would like to thank the 911 callers who provided information that helped crews locate the person, as well as the Lincoln City Police Department dispatchers for their assistance," he said. "We also appreciate the response and support from Newport Fire Department, Siletz Fire District, Depoe Bay Fire, Pacific West Ambulance, and Lincoln City Police Department."

Heidt also urges residents and visitors to the Oregon Coast to be aware of the cliff dangers.

"Stay on the marker and designated established trails," he said. "Don't try and go down the cliff off the trails. There is very loose rock and sand, which can cause people to panic, and they become stuck and don't want to move up or down. That not only puts them in danger, but it also puts the first responders in danger."

Tillamook Head rescue

Seaside Fire & Rescue responded to a report of a subject stranded along the rugged west coastline of Tillamook Head.

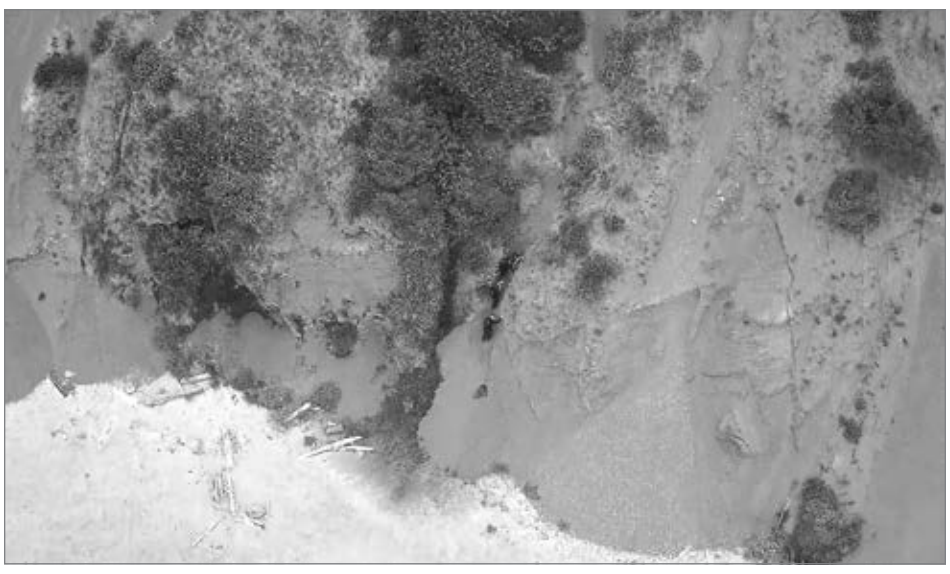
Responding crews coordinated with the U.S. Coast Guard and staged at the Surfers Parking Lot in the Cove, Friday morning, Aug. 21.

Cannon Beach Police Department arrived shortly after and launched a drone in an attempt to locate the subject, according to a release. Due to poor weather conditions, the drone was unable to reach the area indicated by the subject's GPS coordinates.

The U.S. Coast Guard launched both a motor lifeboat and helicopter while Seaside firefighters began hiking toward the provided GPS location. Cannon Beach Fire District was requested to assist with additional personnel for the search.

After approximately an hour and a half of hiking through rocky, uneven terrain, crews were able to establish voice contact with the subject and locate them shortly afterward. The subject was uninjured but fatigued, the release states.

Although the Coast Guard helicopter was overhead, weather conditions and the subject's location prevented crews from safely conducting a hoist. Firefighters began escorting the subject back out on foot.



This drone photo shows the cliff danger facing the first responders during the rescue. (Courtesy photo from NLF&R)

After another three hours navigating the rocky, uneven terrain, crews and the subject safely reached the surfers parking Lot. The subject was evaluated and did not require medical treatment.

The name of the victim and where the subject is from was not immediately available.

Coastal Hiking Safety

Tillamook Head and other areas along the Oregon Coast can present serious hazards, especially when hiking near the shoreline, according to the first responders. Before heading out:

- Check tide tables and weather conditions before your hike.
- Be aware of incoming tides, sneaker waves, and heavy surf that can quickly cut off your route back.
- Avoid climbing or traveling on wet, unstable cliffs and rocks.
- Stay on established trails whenever possible.
- Carry a charged phone and consider bringing a portable battery.
- Tell someone where you're going and when you expect to return.
- Give yourself plenty of daylight and never rely on the beach as an exit route without knowing the tides.

Conditions along the Oregon Coast can change quickly. Plan ahead, know your route, and always give the ocean plenty of space, the release states.

GUITARS

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the kids learn to enjoy the interaction and have fun in a group setting.

Those kids who complete the full 8-week program have earned the right to keep the guitar and are invited to return for a second 8-week session of more advanced instruction. They've earned it," the Guitars not Guns website states.

Guitars, gig bags to carry and protect the instruments, and curriculum, were donated to the group. Described as "a dedicated Guitars not Guns volunteer," non-paid community guitar player Noah Stout joined Shay and Kyle of the Newport Recreation Center to introduce the participating youth to beginner chords, strumming, and the skills of working together as a music group.

Northwest Chapter Director Volunteer and Guitars not Guns National Board Member Richard Salazar distributed certificates of completion to students during the guitar class graduation ceremony at the Newport Recreation Center Aug. 24. The students were told that the guitars loaned to them initially were "theirs to keep-they had earned them" by applying themselves and committed the time to learn the new skillset.

Salazar encouraged students to "use the fretboard on their guitars to walk them through life and bring the joy of music to themselves and others."

Student Tiffany Powell called the 8-week journey, a fun experience.

"I love music and I want to sing too. This class has helped me learn the guitar which I really wanted to try. I also made new friends. It was a fun class." she said.

Student Wesley Bleich said the guitar class has given him new insight into his abilities.

"This class has been fun and has made me realize I can learn how to play the music I enjoy," he said.

During the graduation ceremonies, students performed three songs for Newport Mayor Jan Kaplan and for the students' family and friends attending the event.

Community supporter Dominos of Newport provided pizza for the group celebration.

"Our program appreciates local support where businesses see value in being a part of programs organized to support youth and families," Salazar said. "I got a really good response and appreciation from parents who I talked with, including the mayor, who encouraged the students and congratulated them. I believe the class, and the graduation, made for an impactful moment for these teens."

The guitar students pose for a photo during the Newport graduation event. (Courtesy photo)

Donations of instruments and or interest in volunteering for future classes can be directed to richard.salazar@guitarsnotgus.org 831-212-2614. Cash donations can be directed to www.guitarsnotguns.org (for Oregon Chapter memo) through donation portal/ tax receipt is available.

"Guitars Not Guns has created programs like this in communities nationwide, driven entirely by volunteers dedicated to giving back through music," Salazar said. "Our mission is simple but powerful: to empower young people through music, mentorship, and opportunity—helping them build confidence, discover their potential, and choose positive paths forward."

The damage ranges from the removal of paper towel dispensers to the destruction and removal of fixtures and other items from inside the facilities. (Courtesy photo)

PARKS

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- Agate Beach State Wayside
- Otter Rock State Park
- Gleneden Beach State Park
- Fogarty Creek State Park

"We do not currently have a cost estimate or time estimate for repairs," OSP Communications Manager Lauren Wistis said. "Portable toilets are available at all locations."

OSP is seeking information from anyone who may have witnessed suspicious activity in or around these locations during the time-frame of the incidents.

Investigators are also asking anyone with video footage from roads leading to or adjacent to the affected state parks to review their recordings for potentially relevant activity.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact OSP Dispatch at 800-442-0776 or by dialing *OSP (*677) from a mobile phone. Reference case number SP26-274452.

Nannette Bengel

May 8, 1956-June 17, 2026

Nannette Lyn Bengel, whose passion for taking care of seniors and their families brought her to the Oregon Coast, died at her Newport apartment in June. She was 70.

Nannette Wilber was born in Portland on May 8, 1956. Raised in a low-income family that moved often, she started working as a child with her older siblings — doing yard work, picking produce, selling goods door-to-door. By 15, she was waitressing — a self-reliant, Beatles-smitten girl living independently and making friends easily.

She met her future husband, a drummer-singer from New Jersey named Frederick Bengel, when they worked together at an Albany cab company.

In her mid-20s, Nannette found her calling — elder care — after taking a job at a Corvallis nursing home. Her mother joined her there, and the two later ran an adult foster care home in Albany. Nannette eventually ran a care home herself.

At 40, she went to work for Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments' Senior & Disability Services.

She and Frederick had long hoped to move to the coast once their boys, Erick and Alex, left for college. When a position opened up at the Toledo office, Nannette seized it, along with an ocean-view apartment at Nye Beach.

From Toledo, she case-managed Oregon Project Independence, which offers support, from housekeeping to personal care, to vulnerable adults who want to continue living at home. She also worked as an options counselor, visiting people's homes to discuss services, such as Meals on Wheels and Lifeline medical alert devices, that can help them stay safe and independent longer.

But Nannette's favorite role was coordinator of a support program that helped caregivers afford much-needed respite from their 24/7 responsibilities.

Working with partners, she founded two caregiver support groups — one in Newport, another in Lincoln City — and taught six-week caregiver classes, including a class for those whose loved ones had dementia. Anyone who took Nannette's classes could always expect to be fed.

Every year, she organized Caregiver Appreciation Day, where caregivers would receive massages, chocolates, roses and other donated items. Nannette often said, "I love to give free gifts to those who freely give."

At her 2018 retirement party, where she danced to Frederick's classic rock band, Nannette's co-workers made sure her gifts included flowers of her favorite color, yellow.

Nannette wanted the people in her life to feel loved and remembered.

She taught herself to sew in order to make her sons' Halloween costumes by hand.

She kept notes on people's birthdays and anniversaries, the food they could and couldn't eat, their interests, hobbies and favorite colors. Year-round, Nannette's friends and family received cards, gifts and care packages, thoughtfully wrapped and adorned with stickers.

For people living on the street, Nannette made blessing bags: plastic baggies with snacks, bottled water, sanitary products and cash. Handing them out her car window, she would look the person in the eye, smile and let them know they were seen.

In March 2025, Frederick died of kidney failure.

About a year later, Nannette learned she had lymphoma. Rather than treat the illness, she opted for hospice care.

In the late afternoon of Wednesday, June 17, 2026, Nannette chose death with dignity. She was sitting in her living room chair and had a view of the sun sinking over the Pacific. Erick and Alex were with her.

A few weeks later, a group of Nannette's friends gathered at Nye Beach, released yellow flowers into the ocean and sang The Beatles' "Hey Jude."

Nannette was preceded in death by her parents, Alonzo Millard Wilber and Delores Arline Reimann; her older brother, Robert Raymond Wilber; and her husband, Frederick Charles Bengel. She is survived by her older sister, Jancene Lee Shields; her younger brother, Paul Howard Hamilton; her sons, Erick Charles Bengel and Alex James Bengel; and her grandson — Alex's son — Marlowe Trent Elterman-Bengel.

Anyone looking to honor Nannette's memory is encouraged to donate to their local Meals on Wheels.

Blue Economy Task Force established to advance sustainable economic growth

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader.

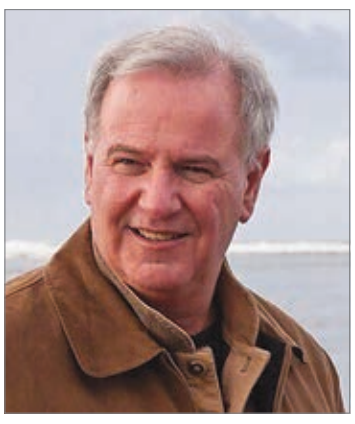
Oregon's new Blue Economy Task Force is beginning work to identify opportunities to strengthen Oregon's coastal economy while protecting the health and resilience of the state's coastal ecosystems.

The task force was established by Senate Bill 1525 during the 2026 legislative session,

In addition to two legislative members, 16 community members have been appointed to the task force. The first meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. September 2.

The task force is charged with taking a comprehensive look at Oregon's blue economy — including existing economic development strategies, programs, infrastructure, workforce initiatives, research, investment and regulatory pathways — and identifying opportunities to support sustainable growth.

"Oregon has an extraordinary opportunity to build



State Rep. David Gomberg

a stronger coastal economy while remaining committed to the long-term health of our ocean and coastal ecosystems," Blue Economy Task Force Chair and State Rep. David Gomberg said. "We're discussing topics like Oregon seafood and coastal habitat, things that Oregonians from all over the state — and the world — appreciate. The goal is to identify practical strategies that can create wide-reaching economic opportunity, strengthen coastal communities, and support sustainable innovation."

"Successful blue economy development requires collaboration across industries, communities, government, Tribes, research institutions and environmental interests," the task force vice chair and State Sen. David Brock Smith said. "The strength of this effort will come from bringing those perspectives together and focusing on solutions that can work for Oregon's coastal communities."

The task force must submit its report, including any recommendations for legislation, to the Oregon Legislative Assembly and to the Ocean Policy Advisory Council by September 15, 2027.

About the Blue Economy Task Force

The Blue Economy Task Force was established by the Oregon Legislature through Senate Bill 1525 (2026). Its mission is to assess Oregon's blue economy and develop recommendations for sustainable economic growth that supports coastal communities while preserving and protecting Oregon's coastal ecosystems.

Senate Committee on Energy and Environment Staff Summary

Establishes the Blue Economy Task Force, consisting of no fewer than 13 members appointed by the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives. Requires the task force to include one senator and
one representative, one of whom must be a member of the coastal caucus, along with representatives from the following:

- Public or private research institutions
- Businesses innovating in blue economy sectors
- Commercial and noncommercial fisheries businesses
- Recreational activities
- Tourism industry
- Environmental organizations
- Equity investors in blue economy businesses
- Coastal labor
- Sea Grant College of Oregon State University
- Federally recognized Indian Tribes located on the Oregon Coast

Requires the chair of the Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) or their designee to serve on the task force.

Requires the task force's report to include the following:

- Synthesis of relevant studies, market analyses, and federal and state programs
- Identification of existing state and local initiatives to determine where existing efforts could be expanded into a unified strategic plan
- Review of other states' or countries' efforts to identify best practices
- Prioritized recommendations
- An implementation roadmap

Requires the task force to submit a report to the legislature's interim committees related to the environment and to OPAC no later than September 15, 2027. Directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office to provide staff support and contract for necessary services. Repeals the task force on December 31, 2027

Oregon economic growth catching up with nation

ALEC BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, economic growth in Oregon has underperformed the nation's.

Now, the gap between the two is closing and the state's economic output is growing at about the same pace as the national economy, according to Oregon's chief economist, Carl Riccadonna, and senior economist, Michael Kennedy.

The two presented the data, part of the state's latest revenue forecast, to reporters Tuesday evening ahead of a Wednesday meeting with the House and Senate revenue committees.

Overall state revenue for the current biennium is up $55 million from the previous forecast in May, , and expected to be up $538 million for the 2027-29 biennium. Combined, the state could start next year with nearly $600 million more dollars in its coffers, Kennedy said.

That's largely from an unexpected increase in personal income taxes, which is buffering what is expected to be an unexpected decline in corporate income taxes. The higher income taxes indicate more people are working, more people are earning higher wages, or both. Oregon's relatively stagnant employment rate indicates it has more to do with wage growth than job growth, though Riccadonna said the employment gap should be starting to close as well.

The revenue boost is good news to lawmakers who will meet for six months beginning in January to negotiate state spending priorities, though two more revenue forecasts to come before the session could change the picture.

Riccadonna described Oregon's economy at present as "relatively steady."

"The long and short of it is that the economy kind of continues to chug along at a fairly decent pace," he said.

It's a departure from the last forecast in May, when the economists expected a steep drop in state income tax revenue from sluggish job growth, wage stagnation and higher inflationary pressures — especially due to rising gas prices from President Donald Trump's war on Iran.

Thresholds for gas prices that would have tipped the U.S. economy into a recession have not been reached, Riccadonna said, but he added that "energy prices are still very much a headwind for the economy, but not a headwind in the way that is actually leading us to worry about a growth stall."

Despite inflation running between 3% and 4% throughout the year — that's about double the 2% inflation rate most economic policy makers target — consumer spending is up in the U.S. and in Oregon. But so is what Riccadonna called "dissaving," which is individuals saving less than they would otherwise to cover spending and wracking up debt to maintain spending levels.

Impacts of tariffs, inflation, GOP yax and spending law

The Supreme Court ruling striking down Trump's tariffs in February stabilized some of the unpredictability in the economy

Imports in Oregon in 2026 outpaced exports for the first time in years following Trump tariffs. (Courtesy from the port of Portland)

during the first half of the year, but recent attempts by Trump to reinstate many of those have caused uncertainty, they said. When tariff rates were effectively dropped, imports surged, adding to economic growth.

Tariff refunds following the Supreme Court decision also acted as an effective tax refund for businesses, which helped to stabilize the economy and offset some of the worst headwinds from rising energy prices throughout this year, Riccadonna said.

Riccadonna said overall corporate income taxes show "unusual developments" in large part because of the tax and spending law congressional Republicans passed in the summer of 2025 that was made retroactive to the beginning of 2025. That shifted how corporations paid their taxes, applied refunds forward and interacted unpredictably with the tariff refunds corporations received.

Kennedy expects corporate income tax revenue to come in $92 million less than expected during the next biennium, and explained that the state's so-called "corporate kicker" rebate that has during the last decade consistently sent millions of higher-than-expected business tax revenue to Oregon's schools is "no longer kicking."

Recession odds remain relatively unchanged, Riccadonna said, at about 18% likelihood. He said he does not expect that will fall in part because risks remain high that inflated valuations for artificial intelligence and technology investments could cause the stock market to fall.

The other recession risk is persistent inflation. Wages are up but are being diluted by rising prices on everyday goods.

That means at some point the Federal Reserve will need to get aggressive about raising interest rates to cool the economy or investors themselves will push interest rates up via demanding inflation premiums on their investments. Both would drive down sales of vehicles, houses, and any big purchases that require borrowing, which could slow the economy.

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Oregon Recycling Modernization Act upheld as constitutional

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The United States District Court for the District of Oregon has ruled that Oregon's Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act is constitutional, allowing the state to continue implementing the landmark recycling law.

In its decision, the court determined that the Recycling Modernization Act does not violate either the dormant Commerce Clause or the Due Process Clause. The decision follows a five-day trial held in July 2026, during which the court heard arguments and received evidence from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors.

The Recycling Modernization Act requires producers of packaging materials to pay fees that help cover the costs those materials impose on Oregon's recycling system and support investments to modernize and expand recycling opportunities for Oregonians.

The fees are collected by a nonprofit producer responsibility organization responsible for implementing the law under DEQ oversight. The law is designed to strengthen Oregon's recycling system by improving recycling services, investing in the infrastructure needed to sort and process recyclable materials, and giving producers a greater role in managing the products and packaging they place on the market.

"Oregon has long been a national leader in waste prevention and recycling, and we're pleased that the court has recognized the state's authority to move forward with a modern recycling system that works for Oregonians," DEQ Administrator of Land Quality Programs Jen Parrott said. "The goals behind this law remain important: improving recycling services, strengthening the infrastructure that sorts and processes recyclable materials, and ensuring producers play a greater role in the costs associated with the products and packaging they place on the market.

"We look forward to continuing implementation of the law, working with our partners to ensure Oregon's recycling system is accessible, effective and sustainable for the long term."

The Recycling Modernization Act

The Recycling Modernization Act represents an important shift toward shared responsibility, bringing producers, local governments, recycling facilities and communities together to strengthen the system and improve recycling outcomes.

The key facets of the program are universal lists of accepted recyclable materials, reduced burden on consumers and the environment for updating recycling systems, and improved data collection to demonstrate that what people put in the recycling bin is actually recycled.

As one of several extended producer responsibility programs in Oregon, the Recycling Modernization Act provides a path to strengthen our recycling system, reduce environmental impacts and build a more sustainable future for Oregon.

Coast Moment

Overlooking Siletz Bay during a quiet Sunday morning at Lincoln City. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

Newport Public Library Foundation extended September 2-for-1 Book Sale set

The Newport Public Library Foundation invites the community to attend its September 2-for-1 Book Sale at the Newport Public Library from Thursday, September 3 through Thursday, September 10.

The extended sale schedule provides community members with additional time to browse and take advantage of the Foundation's special pricing.

All items are buy one, get one free, providing exceptional value across a wide selection of materials. Sale pricing includes hardcover books for $2.00, paperback books and DVDs for $1.00, and CDs at 4 for $1.00, or $0.25 each.

The sale offers an affordable opportunity for readers, movie lovers, and music enthusiasts to discover new treasures while supporting the Newport Public Library. Proceeds directly benefit Library programs, services, and resources that enrich the Newport community.

The Newport Public Library Foundation plays a vital role in enhancing Library offerings and expanding opportunities for learning, creativity, and connection. Community members are encouraged to stop by, browse the collection, and support the Library through this fundraising effort.

For more information, visit www.newportlibrary.org or contact the Newport Public Library at 541-265-2153.

Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, OR (pictured) has an integrated tsunami vertical evacuation structure built into the building. (Courtesy photo from Oregon State University)

State releases new guidance to support vertical evacuation structures

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) has released the publication of Oregon Tsunami Vertical Evacuation Structure (VES Guidance, a new resource designed to help coastal communities reduce loss of life during a locally-generated tsunami.

"Oregon's coastal communities face some of the most urgent tsunami risks in the nation, and this guidance provides several considerations for tsunami safety that can inform locally driven solutions," OEM Director Erin McMahon, said. "By combining the latest hazard science with practical planning, design and engagement tools, the Vertical Evacuation Structure Guidance outlines the advantages and disadvantages of options taking into consideration community, geography, and cost to further assist communities in implementing these lifesaving projects. This resource reflects strong collaboration across state, federal and local partners, and we appreciate the expertise and dedication that made it possible."

Ground shaking during a major Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) earthquake may last three minutes or longer. In as little as ten minutes after the earthquake shaking begins, a tsunami will begin to inundate coastal communities across Oregon, Washington, Northern California and British Columbia. For some

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OCCC nursing student earns Ford Opportunity Scholars scholarship

OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) nursing student Darby Davis has been selected as a 2026 Ford Opportunity Scholar, an award that will support her as she enters her second year in OCCC's Nursing program this fall.

Davis is no stranger to OCCC or to health care. Before entering the College's Nursing program, she completed OCCC's Medical Assisting program and went on to work as a Certified Medical Assistant for Lincoln County. In 2024, she was also one of two OCCC students selected for the

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Darby and Kennedy Davis, at The Ford Family Foundation awards celebration. (Courtesy photo)

Sheriff's Office employee honored

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Warrants and Transport Specialist Sally Edwards has been honored by receiving her 5-year longevity pin.

Before joining the Sheriff's Office in 2021, Sally was a teacher working with kids with special needs and autism, an educator and outreach coordinator with the Oregon Coast Aquarium and worked closely with our team during the 2020 COVID response as a volunteer coordinator.

"When she's representing our office at the National Association of Extradition Officials Conference and Oregon Transport Association Conference, she enjoys networking with other transport specialists throughout the country," a LCSO social media post stated. "Thank you for your service to the LCSO team and our communities, Sally!"

Lincoln County Sheriff Adam Shanks poses for a photo with Warrants and Transport Specialist Sally Edwards. (Courtesy photo)

One, Two, Three: Laugh

ROBERT KOEHLER
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column

Robert Koehler

Hey, I've been 80 for almost two weeks now. Where's the Jell-O? Where's the yeast? Where's the pitchfork?

And I know by now you're asking: What the hell is he talking about?

Bear with me. I'm talking about being funny. This is not what I expected to be writing about today, and nothing feels the least bit funny to me about the world I'm living in – or about the stumbling leg pain and imbalance the aging process has bequeathed me, not to mention . . . huh? What did you say? Oh yeah, I can barely hear.

All of which, you would think, adds up to the need to be deeply serious. And that was the spirit in which I started working on this column. And nothing came of it. I felt far too lost to be serious, that is, to speak with certainty about global politics and the state of the world. . What I felt instead was desperation mixed with ego and self-pity. Mostly the latter.

And then I went down to eat, here at my retirement community. At one point, one of the wonderful young servers asked me: "What else can I get you?"

I answered, without a moment's thought: "How about some peace on Earth?"

And my heart lightened. So did hers. The world relaxed around us. And I thought about a column I wrote 25 years ago. It's called (for some reason) "Yeast and Jell-O." I think it's time to serve it up again:

YEAST AND JELL-O

Nothing particularly funny about a pitchfork, unless it's skewering … oh, a pair of bikini underwear, maybe. A bratwurst?

Indulge me here. This is a joke in progress. What do you think? What object would be most likely to pry a guffaw out of that scowling, granite-faced farmer in Grant Wood's famous (and famously parodied) painting, "American Gothic"? A roll of toilet paper? How about a pineapple upside down cake?

Well, keep working on it. Something has to make him laugh or he's done for, this poster boy of dour.

His was the face that came to mind as I began pondering the nature of humor recently, thanks to my niece, who asked me, "How'd you get to be such a funny guy, Uncle Bob?" This is not an answer to her question, but here's a fun fact: Children laugh 300 times a day, while adults cut loose a spare, grim 15. It's true; I read it somewhere. Can't remember where, but it's gospel to me now. I use it to justify my life. I'm one of those people who can't stop turning everything into a joke.

Whatever the minimum daily requirement of titters turns out to be — and I'm sure 15 isn't nearly enough — I help supply it. If laughter is the spiritual equivalent of Fleischmann's yeast, I'm one of the agents who makes the bread rise.

But all I was trying to do was find my way into the conversation. I was so out of it when I was an adolescent — so clueless about the straight-ahead certainties of that age, so unable to contribute to discussions about cool hair, stick shifts or the facts of life, much less to swagger about such matters — I spent a lot of time watching other people talk. As I prowled the periphery, free of the conversation's centrifugal logic, I'd notice stuff the participants missed.

Odd pieces would sometimes fly out of the chatter like foul balls — a word, a phrase, an implication. When I ran to retrieve it, I'd find other subject matter nearby: someone's crabby grandmother, last week's homework, a dirty joke. It would have nothing to do with the conversation, but I'd bring it along and divert the others' attention. They'd look at me with surprise, their own thoughts momentarily shattered. The shattering noise was laughter.

So that was my answer to Carmen's question: Laughter stopped the action and got a lonely kid some eye contact. Now during every discussion I'm in, part of me wanders into no man's land, looking for inappropriate, chuckle-wrenching contributions — cans of spam, political sound bites, anything to stick on the pitchfork of seriousness.

To test my thesis, I decided to follow myself around for a few days and keep track of the levity. This is live: My sister is telling me about losing her credit card, then remembering she used it at Kinko's. She calls the place; amazingly, it's there. "When you pick it up," I hear myself say, "be wary if, when you say 'Thanks,' the clerk says, 'No, thank YOU!'" She laughs. Life goes on.

I'm proofreading a column of news briefs. I read that the number 1 city in per capita Jell-O consumption is Des Moines, followed by Salt Lake City. This pitches me into a fit of giggles; I have no idea why. Maybe because Jell-O is such an earnest food, laced with shredded carrots, topped with sliced bananas. It's a staple of church socials and moms everywhere, but it also wiggles. It has no food value. I work in a hushed setting, among copy editors. It's all I can do not to disrupt their concentration with the news.

I can't help myself. Life is too full of frowning guys gripping pitchforks.

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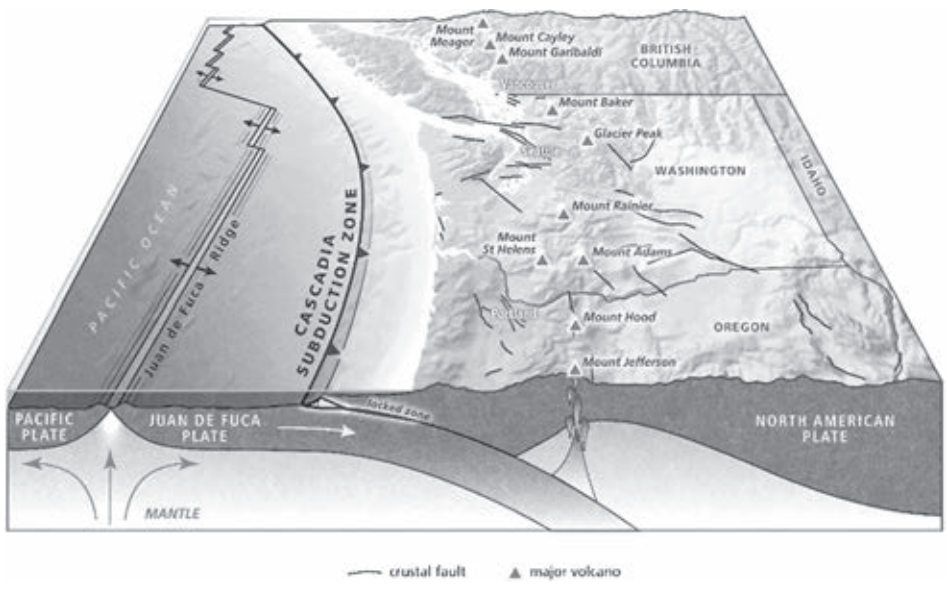

Conceptual map of the Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) along the Pacific Northwest (PNW) coasts of Oregon and Washington. (Courtesy from Oregon State University)

Shoalwater Bay Tribe Tsunami Tower – Tokeland, Washington. (Courtesy from the Washington Military Department)

EVACUATION

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communities, even evacuating toward natural high ground as soon as the shaking stops may not be enough—the distance is simply too great.

Strategically placed vertical evacuation structures can shorten the distance to high ground, saving hundreds and potentially even thousands of lives. These engineered facilities—towers, berms, specially designed buildings, or other elevated platforms—provide refuge above anticipated tsunami flooding and can offer critical protection when seconds matter.

The newly released guidance integrates hazard science, evacuation modeling, planning and design considerations, community engagement strategies, funding opportunities, and regulatory requirements to support informed local decision-making. It outlines how to assess need, explore options, and move projects from concept through design and implementation.

Key components of the guidance include:

- Cascadia and tsunami hazard explanation
- Current evacuation timelines, delays and challenges
- Vertical evacuation options such as buildings, towers and berms
- Case studies from existing and emerging VES projects
- Planning and implementation frameworks
- Community engagement tools and approaches
- Funding and financing strategies
- Technical and interdisciplinary expertise needed for VES development
- Regulatory requirements, including tsunami design provisions and Oregon's Tsunami Hazard Overlay Zone
- Mapping resources and interactive GIS tools

Residents and visitors in Oregon coastal communities will have less than 20 minutes from the time ground shaking starts after a Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) earthquake to evacuate from tsunami-hazard zones—often not enough time to reach natural high ground in many areas. For these communities, survival depends not on whether people evacuate, but where evacuation is possible at all.

The CSZ is a 600-mile megathrust fault located 30 to 60 miles offshore the Oregon coast, where the Juan de Fuca plate subducts beneath the North American plate. A CSZ megathrust earthquake is expected to impact the western side of northern California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia—home to nearly 24 million people. Following the quake, tsunami waves—ranging in height from several tens of feet to over 100 feet—could reach the coast in as little as 10 to 20 minutes after the shaking starts, leaving little time for evacuation.

This state executive summary states that the report outlines the science, risks, and life-saving countermeasures associated with such an event, with a primary focus on the role of Vertical Evacuation Structures (VES) in tsunami-prone areas of Oregon coastal communities. VES are engineered facilities designed to provide safe refuge above anticipated tsunami inundation levels when natural high ground is too far or inaccessible within the short evacuation window.

Tsunamis are not single waves but arrive as multiple surges, often lasting 10–12 hours, but can last longer. Due to their destructive forces and the mobilized debris, survival rates for individuals caught by the tsunami are typically less than 1%. Timely evacuation is critical.

Residents and visitors located within the tsunami inundation zone may not survive if they delay evacuating, are located far from high ground, or experience injuries during the earthquake that prevent timely evacuation.

Evacuation modeling undertaken by the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries demonstrates that even with no departure delays, the distance that residents and visitors in some coastal communities must travel to reach high ground may be too far to reach before the first tsunami surge arrives. For these communities, high ground must be brought closer to the population centers — a strategy achieved through the implementation of vertical evacuation structures (VES). Furthermore, it is important to recognize that some communities may require multiple VES to effectively serve a community and reduce the potential for large loss of life.

Development of this guidance was a collaborative effort led by the Oregon Department of Emergency Management and the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, with support from NOAA's National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program and FEMA's Emergency Management Performance Grant program.

OEM extends its sincere appreciation to the project leads, coordinators, and partner agencies whose expertise, review, and contributions informed this document. Their collective effort and commitment were essential to shaping the recommendations and resources now available to Oregon communities.

See the full report here

https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Documents/Tsunami_Vertical_Evacuation_Structure_Guidance_2026.pdf

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SUDOKU 数独

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

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

Support these Local Nonprofit Community Organizations!

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Plant cold-hardy vegetables now for a spring harvest

KYM POKORNY
Lincoln County Leader Guest Column

Gardeners who aren't ready to hang up their gloves just yet can still plant cold-hardy vegetables for harvest next spring. But don't wait too long.

"Winter gardening is a risky business," said Jim Myers, BaggettFrazier Endowed Chair of Vegetable Breeding and Genetics in the Department of Horticulture at Oregon State University. "It may work one year with a mild winter but not another when the weather is more severe. If you plant some cold-hardy vegetables from mid-August to early October — depending on the crop — there's a good likelihood you'll produce something in the spring. Farming is a gamble — some years more than others."

Cold-hardy and semi-hardy vegetables

Cold weather doesn't kill hardy vegetables; it simply slows their growth. For every rise of 18 degrees, growth rate doubles, but only within an air temperature range of 40 to 98 degrees, Myers said.

Vegetables that can withstand heavy frost (below 28°F) include spinach, onions, garlic, leeks, rhubarb, rutabaga, broccoli, kohlrabi, kale, cabbage, collards, Brussels sprouts, corn salad, arugula, fava beans, radish, mustard greens, Austrian winter pea and turnip.

Courtesy photo from Ann Murphy

Semi-hardy crops tolerate light frost (28–32°F), including beets, carrots, parsnip, lettuce, chard, garden pea (before flowering), Chinese cabbage, endive, radicchio, cauliflower, parsley and celery.

For root crops like beets, carrots and parsnips, the tops may die back, but the roots survive. For crops that form heads, such as radicchio, outer leaves may die but can be peeled away to reveal undamaged centers.

Vegetables containing anthocyanin — the red or purple pigment — tend to resist rots caused by winter rains. These include purple-sprouting broccoli, Rosalind broccoli and purple kale.

Protecting crops through winter

If you live in an area with prolonged snow cover, snow acts as an insulating mulch that warms the soil, Myers said. In most of Oregon, however, heavy rains are a greater challenge than low temperatures.

To protect plants, Myers recommends:

- Covering vegetables with high or low tunnels made from hoops and clear plastic.
- Using row covers or cloches.
- Mulching with yard debris, cardboard or newspaper to warm the soil.

With good planning and a little luck, gardeners could be harvesting fava beans, kale or broccoli by March.

Learn more

For more details on extending the gardening season, see these OSU Extension resources:

- Winter Vegetable Production on Small Farms and Gardens West of the Cascades
- How to build your own raised bed cloche

Kym Pokorny writes for the Oregon State University Extension Service.

In the Garden is a frequent Lincoln County Leader feature providing expert gardening tips.

College to celebrate 'First-Ever' East County Center

OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) will celebrate the opening of its first-ever East County Center with a public ribbon cutting celebration from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at the former Arcadia School building in Toledo.

The public is invited to join OCCC staff, faculty and community partners for the celebration. OCCC staff will be serving burgers and hot dogs while they last.

For most of its 40-year history, OCCC has served the Oregon coast through locations in Waldport (South County), Newport (Central County) and Lincoln City (North County). The new East County Center marks the College's first permanent presence in Toledo, made possible through an exceptional partnership with the Lincoln County School District and Superintendent Dr. Majalise Tolan.

"We are so pleased that OCCC reached out to use the Arcadia building to support post-secondary education in Toledo," Tolan said. "Our ability to partner with Oregon Coast Community College allows both institutions to pool resources to provide even more opportunities for a strong Pre-K-to-college experience in Lincoln County."

The Arcadia School building saw its last regular instructional use during the COVID-19 pandemic, when Lincoln County School District teachers used the facility to stream online class content and hybrid opportunities to students primarily learning from home. Its transformation into a community college center gives the building new life serving East County students and residents.

As visitors will see on Sept. 11, OCCC is still actively working on furnishings and outfitting classroom spaces with equipment ahead of the coming term. Classes are already scheduled to begin this fall, including Math for Welders and an introductory lineup of Community Education offerings.

The East County Center celebration will be held at the former Arcadia School building in Toledo. (Courtesy photo)

Future offerings at the East County Center will be shaped by community interest and may include basic skills courses such as GED preparation and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), traditional credit courses in subjects like Writing, Mathematics and History for degree- and certificate-seeking students, and additional Community Education and Small Business Development Center workshops, classes and events.

"Dr. Tolan's creative solution to finding the highest and best use of District resources exemplifies the kind of partnership that strengthens our entire community," OCCC President Dr. Marshall Mease Roache saikd. "Turning this building into an East County home for higher education means more of our neighbors in Toledo, Siletz, and Eddyville will have a college location closer to home — and that's exactly the kind of collaboration that moves our region forward."

Event Details

What: East County Center Ribbon Cutting Celebration

When: Friday, Sept. 11, noon to 1 p.m.

Where: OCCC East County Center, former Arcadia School, 1811 NE Arcadia Dr., Toledo

Details: Free burgers and hot dogs served while they last

About OCCC

Oregon Coast Community College serves Lincoln County at four locations—in Newport, Toledo, Waldport and Lincoln City. The College offers two-year transfer and associate degrees as well as a range of career-focused certificate programs. In Fall 2026, OCCC will launch two new transfer degrees in Natural Resources and Psychology.

The College is also constructing the $30 million Oregon Coast Advanced Technology & Trades (OCATT) Center on its Central County Campus in Newport. A recent economic impact study found that, from the student perspective, every $1 invested in an OCCC education generates $4.90 in higher future earnings, representing a 21.2% annual rate of return.

Learn more at oregoncoast.edu.

OCCC

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All-Oregon Academic Team, which recognizes community college students for academic achievement, leadership and service.

Now, as she continues toward becoming a registered nurse, Davis is one of 90 students selected as new Ford Opportunity Scholars for the 2026-27 academic year.

Davis said she had seen the Ford Family Foundation scholarship opportunities promoted through Oregon Coast Community College.

"But, at the time I did not realize there was an opportunity that applied to someone in my situation. I was actually helping my daughter, who was graduating from high school, complete her scholarship applications when I realized that the Ford Opportunity Scholarship could apply to me too. I remember telling her what a long shot I thought it was, so we were incredibly surprised and grateful when she was selected, and then about two weeks later, I found out that I had been selected as well.

"Receiving this scholarship means so much to me," she continued. "As an adult learner pursuing nursing, it gives me the opportunity to continue my education while working toward becoming a registered nurse and continuing to serve my community here on the Oregon Coast. I am incredibly grateful to The Ford Family Foundation for investing in students and families like ours, and I am honored to represent Oregon Coast Community College as a Ford Scholar."

Excellence runs in the family

Kennedy — the daughter Darby was helping with her own scholarship application when she discovered the Ford Opportunity Scholarship — secured a Ford scholarship of her own.. She was a student at Newport High School last year, and graduated with a number of college credits earned through Oregon Coast Community College.

But, the family tree has even deeper roots at OCCC. As Darby enters her second year of OCCC's two-year nursing program, she does so alongside another daughter, Kieran Davis. Meanwhile, her oldest, Kiara Davis, Darby said, "is dual-enrolled at OSU and OCCC and is going to pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy next year."

The Ford Opportunity Scholars Program is one of four scholarship programs offered by The Ford Family Foundation. The program was established to support college students who face the additional responsibilities of being single parents and was expanded in 2021 to include parents of any age and adults over age 25 pursuing an associate or bachelor's degree.

Ford Opportunity Scholars receive a renewable financial award of up to $40,000 per year. In addition to financial assistance, Scholars receive academic guidance, leadership development, personal and professional support, and access to the Ford Family alumni network.

Davis' selection comes as The Ford Family Foundation welcomes 259 scholarship recipients from across Oregon and Siskiyou County, California, for the 2026-27 academic year. The Foundation selected 90 Ford Opportunity Scholars this year.

OCCC Nursing faculty member Willow Skye was not surprised at Davis' award. "Darby is a mature, dedicated student who has approached nursing school with quiet determination and consistency," she said. "She brings a calm, positive presence to the classroom and conducts herself with professionalism and respect. Nursing school requires resilience, and Darby has demonstrated that she possesses it. I am very pleased to see her recognized through this scholarship and believe she will carry that same dedication into her nursing career."

Oregon Coast Community College offers an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing designed to prepare graduates to become registered nurses. Beginning in Fall 2026, the College joins a consortium of Oregon community colleges in offering a brand-new Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, and the cohort is full for the inaugural program. Applications for the nursing program open every January.

About The Ford Family Foundation: The Ford Family Foundation believes in the power of rural communities. It is a private, nonprofit foundation proudly headquartered in Roseburg, Oregon, serving rural Oregon and Siskiyou County, California. Its investments through grants, scholarships and community building create the conditions so that children have the family, educational and community supports they need to succeed in life.

Oregon Coast Community College serves Lincoln County at four locations—in Newport, Toledo, Waldport and Lincoln City. The College offers two-year transfer and associate degrees as well

Pancake Breakfast and Wake 'n Bakery Sale

The community is invited to join the breakfast and sale Sunday, September 6, from 8-11a.m.

The event will be conducted at the Gleneden Beach Community Hall, 110 Azalea Street in Gleneden Beach.

On the menu: Pancakes, eggs, sausage or ham, OJ and hot beverages. $10 for adults, $6 for kids. Available from Wake 'n Bakery: Sourdough bread, Roasted Garlic & Rosemary Sourdough, Salted Caramel Cruffins, Lemon Bars and Brioche Cinnamon Rolls.

For more information, visit glenedenbeach.org.

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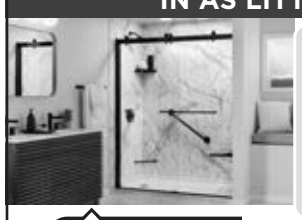
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Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

7		1	18
6	8		14
		5	10
15	21	6	

Solution

7	10	1
6	8	0
2	3	5

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

SEP 5

1836: Sam Houston is elected as the first president of the Republic of Texas.

1882: The first United States Labor Day parade is held in New York City.

1980: The Gotthard Road Tunnel opens in Switzerland as the world's longest highway tunnel.

Animal FACT:

Many dog owners need to apply for this, which provides a record of ownership.

Answer: Pet license

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

EPGTNTI HET GDO

Answer: Petting the dog

NEW WORD

PANTING

breathing with short, quick breaths

How they say that in...

English: Wag
Spanish: Menear
Italian: Scodinzolare
French: Remuer
German: Wedeln

Did You KNOW?

Millions of dogs enter shelters every year. Even though many are adopted, some shelters face tight space and a lack of supplies and volunteers.

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Dog with toy in mouth

FALL EVENINGS WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

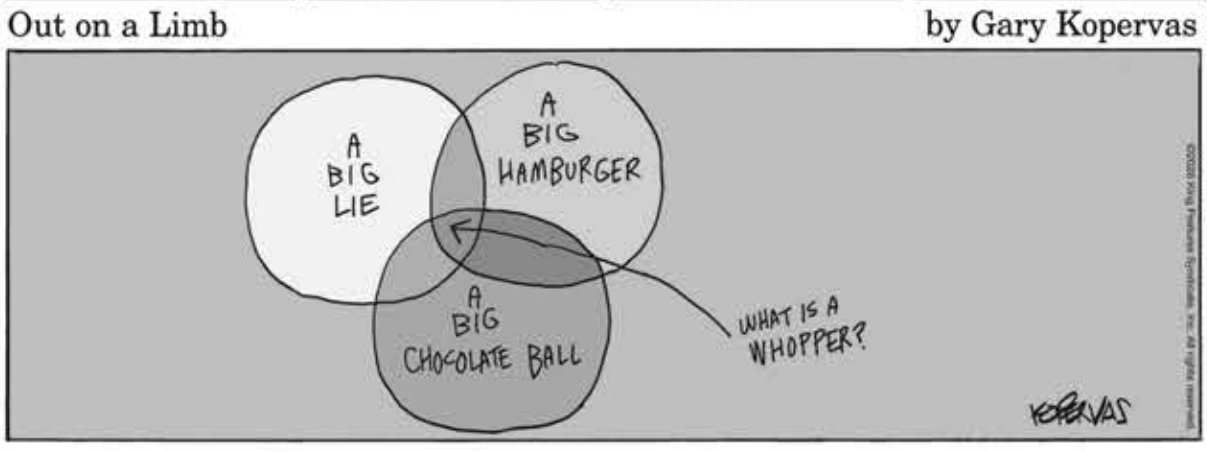
ACORN
AMBER
AUTUMN
BONFIRE
BREEZE
CHILLY
CIDER
CINNAMON
COZY
CRISP
EQUINOX
FLANNEL
FOLIAGE
FROSTY
GOLDEN
HARVEST
HAYRIDE
LEAVES
NUTMEG
PUMPKIN
SCARLET
SWEATER
TWILIGHT
VIBRANT

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

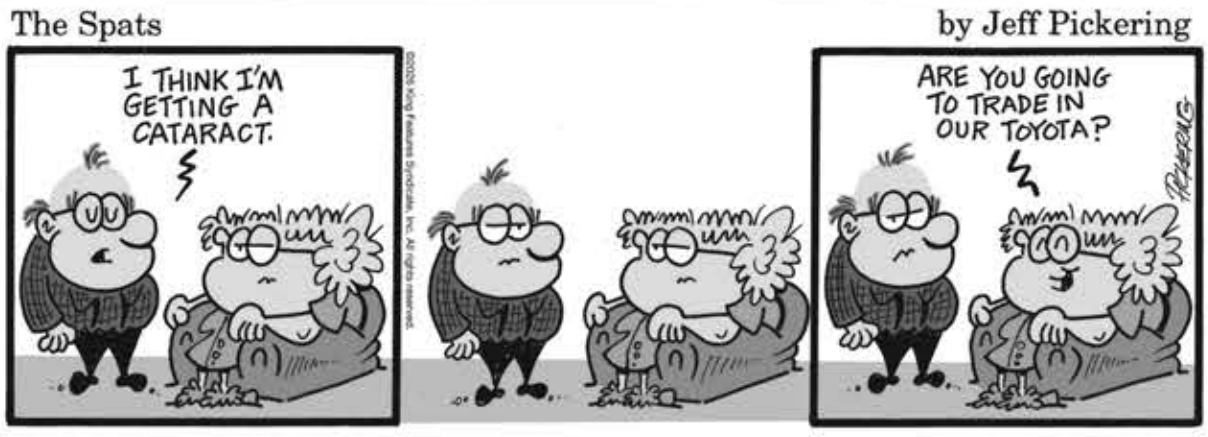
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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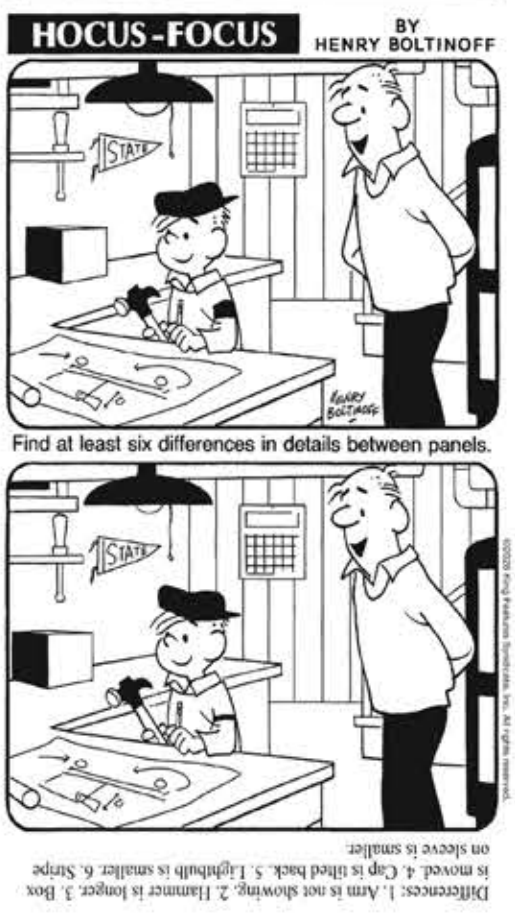

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is not showing. 2. Hammer is longer. 3. Box is moved. 4. Cap is tilted back. 5. Lightbulb is smaller. 6. Stripe on sleeve is smaller.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **N** equals **P**

YJK NKYWYWAS BRM NVKMKSYKL

BWYJ YJK MYVASEKMY

NVAYKMYAVM RY YJK YAN.

WY'M WS LWMMKSYWSE AVLKV

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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!

Restore
PRARIE ___ ___ ☐ ___ ☐ ___

Virtue
REMIT ☐ ☐ ___ ___ ___

Rancor
RUGGED ___ ☐ ☐ ___ ___ ___

Tether
SHALE ___ ___ ___ ☐ ___

TODAY'S WORD

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

"No, they're not playing cops and robbers — they're playing baseball players and _____."

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

OZH VQGDO DOHX OW MHO

UZCO KWJ UCSO QD OW MHO

GQP WV UZCO KWJ PWS'O.

— XCJEW IWHEZW

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: When did Labor Day become a federal holiday?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which animal can hop from side to side but can't walk forward or backward?
3. MOVIES: What is the only international (non-English) movie to date that has won the Best Picture Oscar?
4. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin word "alibi" mean in English?
5. FOOD & DRINK: Which country is known for the soup called pho?
6. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest bay in the world?
7. MUSIC: What 1996 song by Los del Rio became an international dance phenomenon?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the only president to be elected unanimously by the Electoral College?
9. SCIENCE: How many times does the average human blink per minute?
10. TELEVISION: What is SpongeBob's pet named in the animated series "SpongeBob SquarePants"?

Trivia answers

1. 1894.
2. Kangaroo.
3. "Parasite," 2019.
4. "Elsewhere."
5. Vietnam.
6. Bay of Bengal.
7. "Macarena."
8. George Washington.
9. 15 to 20 times.
10. Gary.

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CryptoQuip answer

The petition was presented with the strongest protestors at the top. It's in dissenting order.

SCRAMBLERS *Solution*

1. Repair; 2. Merit 3. Grudge; 4. Leash

Today's Word

UMPIRES

CryptoQuote answer

The first step to get what you want is to get rid of what you don't.
— Paulo Coelho

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LCL26-413 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PORT OF NEWPORT
claims a lien in the amount claimed below, pursuant to ORS87.152, for the reasonable and agreed charges for labor and materials, storage or services provided at the request of the owner or lawful possessor of the following described personal property: Personal property: Nomad; Official number: OR486MG; Reputed owner: Travis Collier F/V Nomad; Last known address: PO Box 131, Philomath, OR 97370; Security interest holder: Clint Henry Young, 1609 Talbot Rd SE, Jefferson, OR 97352; Amount of claim of lien: $9,002.30 (which includes storage of property and accrued late charges until sale date, and costs of lien foreclosure). The Port of Newport has retained the property for at least 60 days from the date when the charges for services provided were due. Notice is hereby given that unless the lien is paid prior to the date set forth for sale below, said property will be sold to the highest bidder. The successful bidder must pay 10% of the bid price in cash or certified check immediately upon being declared the successful bidder. The balance of the bid price is to be paid in cash or certified check within 24 business hours of offering the successful bid. The lien claimant may bid part or all of the lien amount claimed, plus storage and foreclosure sale expenses, which will be an offset against the lien amount. Minimum bid is: $5,538.32. BIDS ACCEPTED UNTIL: Wednesday, October 7, 2026, Email bids to: mbrown@portofnewport.com OR drop bid off at: Port of Newport, 600 S.E. Bay Blvd., Newport, OR 97365. Bid forms can be found online at www.portofnewport.com or at the address listed above. The sale of the property will be "as is, where is" and there are no representations by the lien claimant as to the condition of the property or its title. Any person wishing to inspect the property prior to the sale may do so during normal business hours, by contacting the Harbormaster at 541-270-5557. 9/2/26 9/9/26

LCL26-414 NOTICE OF PROPOSED WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE
The City Council of the City of Lincoln City, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, will consider changes to utility rates on Monday September 14th at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers, Third Floor, Lincoln Square, 801 SW Highway 101. Citizens are invited to comment on proposed rate changes. 9/2/26

LCL26-415 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 819
Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 9/15/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by ROWLEY'S TOWING 4822 S COAST HWY S. BEACH, OR 2014 CHEV CRZ 4D VIN = 1G1PB5SG1E7176725 Amount due on lien $5330.00 Reputed owner(s) WADE R WILLIAMS&JODANA M CREEKMORE 9/2/26 9/9/26

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Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 9/15/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by ROWLEY'S TOWING 4822 S COAST HWY S. BEACH, OR 1969 CHEV CAM VIN = 124379L509596 Amount due on lien $5340.00 Reputed owner(s) > MARTIN & JAMIE MORRIS CASCADE FOREST PRODUCTS CREDIT UNIO 9/2/26 9/9/26

LCL26-406 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 144814-OR LOAN NO.: ********1000
Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by JEREMY LOUIS BECKNER AND JENNIFER LEE BECKNER, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY, as Grantor, to OLD REPUBLIC NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 12/17/2021, recorded 12/28/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-16148, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Lincoln County, Oregon: LOT 21, NEWPORT UPLANDS, IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT, COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF OREGON. APN: R508441 / 10-11-20-BD-01000-00 Commonly known as: 235 NE 71ST PL NEWPORT, OR 97365-9595 The current beneficiary is: SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 6/1/2025 - 8/1/2026 Total: $40,132.76 Late Charges: $0.00 Beneficiary Advances: $2,636.48 Total Required to Reinstate: $42,769.24 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: $488,067.82 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of $464,993.93 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.75 % per annum, from 5/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225, San Diego, CA 92108, will on 12/17/2026, at the hour of 10:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE OLIVE STREET ENTRANCE TO THE LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 225 W OLIVE STREET, NEWPORT, OR 97365, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, 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 ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trust-

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ee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than 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 the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 8/5/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee 8/26/26 9/2/26 9/9/26 9/16/26

LCL26-407 TS NO. OR07000003-26-1 APN R273190 II 07-10-03-A0-00700-00 TO NO 260004939-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, TAMMIE WEISGRAM AND STUART MCWILLIAMS, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to WESTERN TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for LPMC, LLC DBA LANDMARK PROFESSIONAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of March 23, 2022 and recorded on March 25, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022-03184 and the beneficial interest was assigned to LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC and recorded January 10, 2025 as Instrument Number 2025-00181 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R273190 || 07-10-03-A0-00700-00 PARCEL 1, PARTITION PLAT 21-1996, RECORDED APRIL 10, 1996, PARTITION PLAT RECORDS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 215 N DEER DR, OTIS, OR 97368 Both the Beneficiary, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, 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. 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): 5 Monthly Payment(s) from 09/01/2025 to 01/30/2026 at $2,554.66 6 Monthly Payment(s) from 02/01/2026 to 07/25/2026 at $2,564.26 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at $217.68 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 $326,178.12 together with interest thereon at the rate of 4.62500% per annum from August 1, 2025 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 December 8, 2026 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, 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 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. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Dated: 7/16/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0492128 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 08/26/2026, 09/02/2026, 09/09/2026, 09/16/2026

LCL26-408 SELF-STORAGE PUBLIC SALE

On Tuesday 9/15/26 ending 12:05pm auction will be held online at StorageTreasures.com by Safe & Sound Storage 833 NE 3rd St Newport OR 97365 for units Jordan Jay D15, Gabrielle Stevenson E5 8/26/26 9/2/26

LCL26-409 LINCOLN CITY STORAGE

3796 SE Hwy 101 Lincoln City, Or. 97367 541-996-3555 The following unit will be sold at Public Auction Starting 9/15/2026 at 9:00am Ending 9/22/2026 at 9:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Auction to be pursuant to Auction Rules and Procedures for Truax Holdings. Rules are available at the facility office. All bidding will take place ONLINE at bid13.com Unit# D526 Steven Kendzior 8/26/26 9/2/26

LCL26-400 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE LOAN NO: 344517 T.S. NO.: 26-21031

Reference is made to that certain deed made by, ROBERT E. KELLY AND ALICE JO KELLY as Grantor to LINCOLN COUNTY TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of SECURITY BANK, as Beneficiary, dated 10/2/1992, recorded 10/5/1992, in official records of Lincoln County, Oregon as Instrument No. 6086195 (indicated which), covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: APN: R318636 | 07-11-02-AD-04600-00 LOT 7 AND 8, BLOCK E, WABUSNA HEIGHTS FIRST ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY, COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF OREGON. Property Commonly known as: 4143 NE "C" Avenue, Neotsu, Oregon 97364 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 86.735(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's: The installment of principal and interest and escrow amounts, if applicable, which became due on 12/1/2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest and escrow amounts through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premium, 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 the preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or payoff. By this reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of $32,553.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 % per annum from 11/1/2025 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Ghidotti Berger, LLP, the undersigned trustee will on 12/30/2026 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, at At the front entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive, Newport, OR 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 86.753 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. 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" include their respective successors in interest, if any. The Trustee has authorized the undersigned attorney to sign this instrument on behalf of the Trustee. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representation 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. For Sale Information Call: (949) 776-4697 website: https://prestigepostandpub.com For further information, please contact: Ghidotti Berger, LLP 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Phone: 949-427-2010 Dated: 8/3/2026 Ghidotti Berger, LLP Signature By: Daniel Ross OSB #112979 PPP #26-008483 8/19/26 8/26/26 9/2/26 9/9/26

Super Crossword

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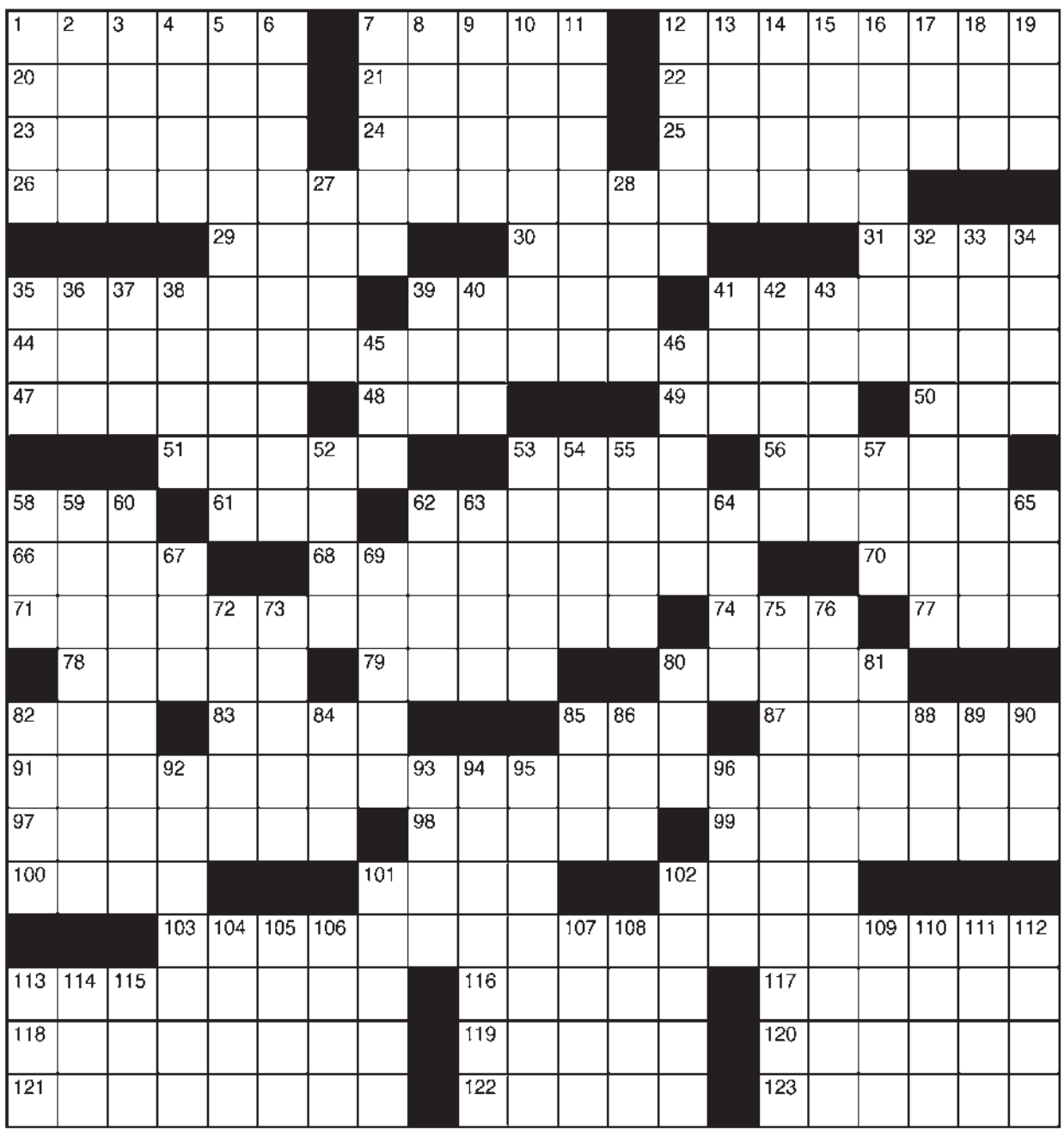
ACROSS

1 More serious, as a matter
7 It's hidden by head hair
12 Quivered
20 Sure to succeed, as a proposition
21 Marisa of "Cyrus"
22 César Ritz or Conrad Hilton
23 Immediately
24 Of the hipbone
25 With great happiness
26 Start of a riddle
29 Breathe hard and fast
30 Seat of Kansas' Allen County
31 Whale like Shamu
35 Bouncer's age-verifying duty
39 — Park (site of Edison's lab)
41 Shock absorbers, of sorts
44 Riddle, part 2
47 Overly affected
48 Two, in Spain
49 Certain blood type, in brief
50 Quantity: Abbr.
51 Egyptian sun god
53 Fiber-yielding plant
56 Charlotte — (rich dessert)
58 Erwin of old films
61 Web portal since '95
62 Riddle, part 3
66 Mailed, e.g.
68 Pen name
70 Tiny, informally
71 Riddle, part 4
74 Really binges, briefly
77 Atlanta-to-Tampa dir.
78 Dog's tether
79 Edict
80 Expend all of
82 Lay (down)
83 84-Down of Bart Simpson
85 "Indubitably!"
87 Dazzling effects
91 End of the riddle
97 Signs up
98 Fishing line attachments
99 Private school
100 Personal manner
101 Chimney stuff
102 Skewed view
103 Riddle's answer
113 Egyptian carrier until 2021
116 Makes level
117 Disappear without —
118 Least narrow
119 Fix, as a bow
120 Papal crowns
121 Cutting parts of some cutting tools
122 Sulky states
123 Accompany for security

DOWN

1 Chew like a rat
2 Horror film director Eli
3 Emollient plant juice
4 Gold-winning skier Lindsey
5 Locked place where people solve puzzles to find the key
6 People staging old battles, say
7 Clown's leg lengthener
8 E. — (bacterium)
9 Lady friend, in France
10 On a slant
11 Small flute
12 Iota preceder
13 Do deep massage therapy on
14 And the like: Abbr.
15 Portion (out)
16 Ignored, informally
17 Pan topper
18 Sinuous fish
19 Parched
27 Egyptian sacred cross
28 Truckloads
32 Goes over, as old issues
33 Sevastopol natives, e.g.
34 Deputy: Abbr.
35 Hairy TV cousin
36 Whoop-de- —
37 Co. VIP
38 Owns, to Shakespeare
39 L-P link
40 Mag VIPs
41 Big Mac base
42 Wombs
43 Fill with steam
45 Mag revenue sources
46 Cry to a baby who makes a boo-boo
52 Potentially offensive, in brief
53 Attacked aggressively
54 Business coll. subject
55 Repair
57 Neighbor of Nor. and Fin.
58 Dir. 45 degrees from 77-Across
59 "Madam Secretary" star
60 Perturb
62 Rig on a road
63 Panther
64 Med. insurers
65 "Ready Player One" co-star Sheridan
67 "J to — L-O!" (Lopez album)
69 Until now
72 Dots on ocean maps
73 Switch gears
75 Become less intense
76 In the current state
80 Land with a 50-star flag
81 Said "guilty" or "not guilty"
82 Apple discard
84 Bro's sibling
85 Hearty laugh
86 Three in "maximum"
88 "Botch- —" (1952 hit)
89 Pro — (for now)
90 Pigs' hangout
92 Makes an allusion to
93 Sneaker, e.g.
94 Horn honkers
95 A baker may wear a mitt to handle one
96 Longtime depilatory brand
101 Singer Patti or Sam
102 Greyhound transports
104 Deputy
105 Body part with a cap
106 Brooklyn Bridge's river
107 Legendary snow beast
108 Doing the task
109 — II (Gillette razor)
110 Starchy tropical root
111 Plug-in auto
112 Repose
113 Sit-up targets
114 Lyricist Gershwin
115 Seating tier



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Coach Jeff Sweet and 2025 4A Player of the Year Aaidyn Bokuro hosted several basketball camps for Lincoln County youth this summer. (Courtesy photos from Jeff Sweet)

Youth basketball camps offer kids a safe space

WILL LOHRE
Lincoln County Leader

"That's the beautiful thing about basketball and any sport. I'm not going to say it takes away reality, but it, it does for that moment," - Jeff Sweet

It was a summer of hoops for some of Lincoln County's youth, and the kids got to take the court with the 2025 A4 Player of the Year and learn from the 2024 Jr. NBA Community Coach of the Year through several youth camps.

Jeff Sweet has been involved in basketball, both playing and coaching, for most of his life, and this summer he teamed up with recent Newport graduate Aaidyn Bokuro to run basketball camps for area youth. The three camps they hosted in June and July turned out "amazing," and because they were free, there was no barrier to participation.

Two of the camps focused on middle schoolers entering high school, and upperclassmen taking on the responsibility of being more senior members of their programs.

"We really dove into that leadership role of them taking that and then obviously building and keeping confidence throughout the season because we know how sports can go: you can lose confidence, you can gain confidence," Sweet said. "It's a winding road, but trying to find a level head of confidence throughout those."

For the younger age groups, confidence was still a focus, but more at the fundamental level. Sweet and Bokuro wanted to teach that believing in yourself is important to succeed, but with the older campers, they built on those basic principles.

Sweet wants kids to not just play with confidence or emotion, but know how to channel it into their performance on the court.

"When we hit that middle school/high school age, it was more like, how can you channel it, right? We know about confidence now, but when your head is down, or you're angry, or emotions are riding, how can you utilize that as a strength," Sweet said.

He calls that "the fire," and Sweet said the focus is not letting players' emotions be a barrier. It's all about how players can use that energy positively when they play.

"I've had so many great players that have this fire in them, and some of their coaches always say, 'Oh, he's so hard because he gets angry.' But how can you use that as a strength? Light a fire in your butt to play defense: use it for that. Be vocal to your teammates. Let them know we can come back: we got this," Sweet said. So it's really just channeling that fire when we hit the high school/middle school age."

During the camps they hosted on July 23 and 24, more than 60 kids county-wide participated. On the first day, 42 youth in grades 3-6 attended, and during the high school session on the 24th, 22 attended. Earlier in the summer, Sweet and Bokuro hosted camps that gave tribal youth an outlet through basketball.

Sweet and Bokuro are both members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. As such, they want to give back to the communities that raised them by giving tribal youth a healthy way to express themselves through basketball.

"Our tribal youth really see Aaidyn as a tribal member, going to college and doing his thing, and then me within the coaching atmosphere, being able to go outside the lines of OSAA roles and be able to coach my own way," Sweet said. "So, those are more geared toward individuals, when those players reach out and train them in groups, more so the tribal members that we have on our reservation."

During those earlier sessions, 12-14 youth attended the camps, giving youth who have "the battles outside of basketball" a safe space to play.

The opportunity is rooted in Sweet's own experience growing up.

"I'm very open with my story and my upbringing. So they know it when they attend youth conferences; they've even had me speak in schools, and I'm really open with my story," Sweet said. "I explain how when stuff was going on at home that I shouldn't be around, I would leave my house, whether it's 12 a.m., 2 a.m., and go to the park. And just hearing the basketball dribble, hearing the chain net swish when you make it; just forgetting everything else that's going on around you. And that's all you're focusing on."

When kids come to camp, they know the story, but camp gives them a chance to experience that kind of escapism and meditation themselves.

"Then when they come to the camps, I explain to them that these are those safe spaces. You can be open here, you can be expressive, you can be yourself. Whether you're quiet, whether you're talkative, whether you're emotional: be true to you because it's not judged in this space," Sweet said. That's the type of atmosphere that we create at our camps and within the gym."

Sweet and Bokuro's relationship has spanned years. Sweet coached Bokuro as a youth in second grade, and now a decade later, Bokuro is a friend and close to family.

Bokuro will be attending the University of Redlands in the fall to play basketball, and with his free time this summer, he reached out to Sweet to see if they could coach together. Partnering up, both brought important components to the camps.

"For him, being able to see how I handwrite every single workout, getting to see the depths of that. And then his experience of what we trained on since second grade to now, what did he actually use in games," Sweet said.

Sweet and Bokuro worked together to tailor the camps to the players' needs, informed by Sweet's coaching experience and Bokuro's time as one of the county and state's best players.

Bokuro's journey to finding his voice and passing along his knowledge to the next generation of Lincoln County hoopers was inspiring to see.

"Him being able to become that vocal leader in front of my eyes was awesome. When he's talking to these kids, and seeing their faces light up like, 'This college athlete is down here and he gave me two hours of his day, personally.' So, me being able to see that and know Aaidyn's journey is amazing," Sweet said. "It truly filled my heart, and it's honestly one of the best experiences I've been a part of: being able to coach alongside him. He truly grew to be my best friend now."

Over the course of the series of summer camps, the highlight for Sweet didn't have to do with anything on the court. The most powerful moments came when campers approached Sweet and Bokuro with personal matters and trusted him with insights into their own experiences. Being able to lend advice and support to players who need it was something that went beyond the court.

Another aspect that left an impression on Sweet was seeing members of the Lincoln County Legends basketball program helping coach the youth camps. Despite being only 15 years old, multiple current Legends came and helped coach the youngest age groups, taking on leadership roles despite their youth.

With the success of this year's camps, Sweet and Bokuro are already cooking up potential future programs they can offer together. They recently held a ribbon-cutting for a new recreational facility that will soon open to the public, and Sweet and Bokuro hope to run camps when he returns during school breaks. With Bokuro soon to compete for the University of Redlands, there may even be some opportunities to have other college athletes come and offer their expertise.

"We've definitely talked about how this is going to continue, how we're going to build it, and if he's able to get some teammates to come down to be a part of it too," Sweet said.

Keeping the connection strong, Sweet is also already planning two trips for the Lincoln County Legends to go watch Bokuro play college ball for the Bulldogs.

The camps this summer are a great foundation for the future. While learning techniques and fundamentals is a goodbenefit of attending the camps, some of the best value comes from understanding the self-expression and release that comes with sport.

"That's the beautiful thing about basketball and any sport. I'm not going to say it takes away reality, but it, it does for that moment," Sweet said. "It puts you in a place where you don't have to worry about anything else other than the sound of the ball and the sound of the net."

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