



# Lincoln County Leader

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## Mother Nature puts on a show



The latest round of King Tides hit the coast over the weekend, and Saturday morning, Dec. 14, a number of people enjoyed the spectacle from the safety of the seawall at Newport's Nye Beach turnaround. Although the crashing waves didn't pose a danger to these spectators, some did get a bit wet with the occasional crashing wave sending spray into the air. The next King Tides will be Jan. 11-13. Anyone wanting to watch the show is advised to do so from a safe location. Visit oregonkingtides.net to learn more about King Tide science and safety. (Photo by Steve Card)

## President Ryslinge leaves OCCC

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Lincoln County Leader



Birgitte Ryslinge

Birgitte Ryslinge is embarking on another life journey. She became the president of Oregon Coast Community College in 2014 and is retiring this month.

Having started in community colleges in 1999, Ryslinge said ever since that time she has been a believer in the power of higher education.

"I take away particularly from that time the impact of changing lives in a rural

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## Newport city manager holds first community forum



Newport City Manager Nina Vetter held a community discussion at the Newport Public Library on Dec 10 to listen to comments and concerns from local residents. (Photo by Steve Card)

STEVE CARD  
Lincoln County Leader

Newport's new city manager, Nina Vetter, has a few months on the job now after taking over from the retiring Spencer Nebel last summer. One of Vetter's goals in her new position is to connect with community members to hear what concerns or questions they may have about city of Newport operations. To do that, she held the first in a series of community forums at the Newport Public Library

on Dec. 10.

"I started in July of this year, so I like to say I'm still learning," Vetter told those who gathered at the library for the hour-long session, which began at 5 p.m. "It's a journey when you join a new community and a new organization. You're constantly learning how things work, and I really appreciate venues like this where I mostly get to hear what questions you

have of us, what concerns you have and any thoughts that you have."

Vetter provided those in attendance with a bit about her background. "I have worked in government most of my career, mostly in cities, but I did spend a few years working for the federal government overseas."

She said she really enjoys working in

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Julie Sumpter, who was just 7 years old on the day her father, Gary LaVaughn Sumpter, was killed in the line of duty, shared some thoughts and memories during a ceremony on Dec. 10 at Toledo City Hall. The sign pictured in the background will be erected alongside Highway 229 in Sumpter's honor. (Photo by Steve Card)

## Memorial remembers fallen Toledo police officer

STEVE CARD  
Lincoln County Leader

It has been a long time coming, but Gary LaVaughn Sumpter, a Toledo police officer who was killed in the line of duty more than a half century ago, is being publicly honored for his sacrifice.

A ceremony was held at Toledo City Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 10, to remember Sumpter and to dedicate a new highway sign that will be

displayed in his memory.

During the ceremony, Toledo Police Chief Michael Pace told family members, law enforcement officers and community members, "It's been a long process to get where we're at now, over five years long."

Shortly after Pace became chief, he noticed while going through files that no one in the department had ever put Sumpter's name in for recognition, and he tracked down the family,

then reached out to Rep. David Gombert because legislative action is required in order to post a memorial sign along a state highway. A bill was introduced last year and ultimately passed.

"So we're here today to dedicate this Fallen Officer Memorial Sign to Gary LaVaughn Sumpter, who selflessly died in the line of duty while saving a fellow officer on March 15, 1969," Pace said.

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Monday: High-55/Low-47 Rain
Tuesday: High-52/Low-43 Showers

Past Weather

On the Coast
Rain Low High
December 10..0:00.....42.9.....52.0
December 11..0:39.....41.5.....51.9
December 12..0:00.....43.2.....55.3
December 13..0:30.....42.5.....52.2
December 14..0:20.....44.5.....53.7
December 15..0:49.....42.5.....49.8
December 16..0:23.....45.1.....51.9
Total rainfall from Jan. 1.....69.03"

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
High.....2:50 a.m.....7.63
Low.....7:42 a.m.....3.9
High.....1:29 p.m.....9.0
Low.....8:37 p.m.....-0.9

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
High.....3:37 a.m.....7.4
Low.....8:37 a.m.....3.9
High.....2:17 p.m.....8.3
Low.....9:20 p.m.....-0.2

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
High.....4:22 a.m.....7.4
Low.....9:38 a.m.....3.9
High.....3:08 p.m.....7.4
Low.....10:02 p.m.....0.4

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
High.....5:07 a.m.....7.4
Low.....10:46 a.m.....3.7
High.....4:06 p.m.....6.6
Low.....10:44 p.m.....1.1

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
High.....5:49 a.m.....7.6
Low.....11:57 a.m.....3.3
High.....5:16 p.m.....6.0
Low.....11:26 p.m.....1.9

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23
High.....6:28 a.m.....7.8
Low.....1:06 p.m.....2.8
High.....6:40 p.m.....5.5

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
Low.....12:10 a.m.....2.72
High.....7:05 a.m.....7.9
Low.....2:06 p.m.....2.1
High.....8:08 p.m.....5.4

Sunrise/Sunset

December 18.....7:48 a.m.....4:37 p.m.
December 19.....7:49 a.m.....4:38 p.m.
December 20.....7:49 a.m.....4:38 p.m.
December 21.....7:50 a.m.....4:39 p.m.
December 22.....7:50 a.m.....4:39 p.m.
December 23.....7:51 a.m.....4:40 p.m.
December 24.....7:51 a.m.....4:40 p.m.

Lottery

Friday, December 13
Mega Millions
36 • 43 • 52 • 58 • 65 • PB-16 • x3
Saturday, December 14
Powerball
12 • 17 • 23 • 52 • 67 • PB-1 • x2
Saturday, December 14
Megabucks
1 • 13 • 20 • 22 • 28 • 36

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County to benefit from Water Resources Development Act

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The U.S. House of Representatives on Dec. 10 passed the Water Resources Development Act of 2024. The act authorizes U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' construction projects, studies and other infrastructure activities for U.S. waterways and ports, according to a release from Oregon Fourth District Representative Val Hoyle.

The bipartisan legislation includes key priorities championed by Hoyle, the release states. "I'm proud of this bipartisan work to secure and strengthen America's

infrastructure by making key investments in our ports, harbors and inland waterways," Hoyle said. "As climate change and extreme weather continue to intensify, these investments will help keep our communities safe and support new development and jobs across the Fourth District. I'd like to thank Chairman Sam Graves and Ranking Member Rick Larsen for leading this bipartisan bill and working with me to secure key wins for our district."

According to the release, WRDA will:
• Increase authorization to \$100 million and makes Lincoln

County eligible to compete for Southwestern Oregon Environmental Infrastructure funding. Previous authorization only included Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, Linn, and Josephine counties.

• Ensure apprenticeship programs are used in corrosion prevention work. This will enhance the quality and effectiveness of corrosion prevention work through certified training programs and industry best practices.
• Increase the federal cost share to monitor aquatic invasive species from 50 percent to 65 percent to help state funding go further; will

support preventative efforts to address infestations of the invasive quagga mussel in the Columbia River Basin.

• Study vulnerabilities along the Willamette River in Lane County to identify maintenance needs to reduce flood risks.

The Corps of Engineers will be required to:

• Develop a plan for stabilizing a section of the Siuslaw River near Florence that began to fail in 2022, which could cause significant damage to federal, city and private property.
• Follow a congressionally directed timeline to

study the costs and benefits of ending hydropower generation at Willamette Valley Basin dams.

• Evaluate a no-hydropower alternative for dam operations in the Willamette Valley as part of their ongoing system operations environmental review.

• Report on the causes of turbidity that impacted drinking water in Linn and Lane counties during the court-ordered reservoir drawdowns in the Willamette Valley in 2023
• Study vulnerabilities along the Willamette River in Lane County to identify maintenance needs to reduce flood risks.

OSU to receive \$2.49 million for marine energy research

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon State University will receive a federal investment of nearly \$2.49 million to develop and test marine energy devices that are key in the climate crisis battle.

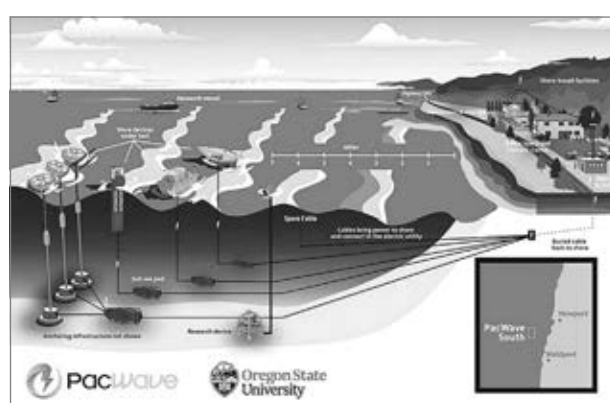
The federal investment through the U.S. Department of Energy will be used to identify new forms of marine energy, and to generate publicly available data and test platforms to increase efficiency of marine energy devices.

The financial resources from the U.S. Department of Energy Water Power Technologies Office, and the associated support from the Oregon delegation, are necessary to

continue building the next generation of offshore wave energy technologies and environmental monitoring capacity while working with communities and regional groups to ensure fairness in process and outcomes, according to OSU Pacific Marine Energy Center Director Dr. Bryson Robertson.

"With this funding, Oregon State University and the Pacific Marine Energy Center will be able to continue our long heritage of developing home-grown talent to develop technology solutions, create new companies, and fill good renewable energy jobs across the USA," Robertson said.

U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley,



This diagram outlines the Oregon State University's construction of a wave energy testing facility off the Oregon coast. (Courtesy graphic)

along with U.S. Representative Val Hoyle, announced the federal funding Dec. 9.

"There is huge potential to build an even stronger tool in the fight against the ongoing climate crisis with the development of

marine energy technology right here in our state with the world-class researchers at OSU," Wyden said. "While there is much more work to be done to fine-tune marine energy projects, I will continue to support research to develop renewable energy projects that generate jobs and climate gains alike."

"Oregon State University is at the forefront of harnessing the power of our oceans to drive clean energy innovation," said Merkley. "These federal investments will advance several projects at OSU for

groundbreaking research in marine energy technologies, helping to unlock the immense potential of our coastal resources. By turning the movement of waves into renewable energy, these projects will strengthen Oregon's role in fighting climate chaos."

"These funds will help Oregon State University researchers make progress on developing marine energy technology, which could be a key tool to address climate change," Hoyle said. "We need a wide variety of energy sources to make sure clean power remains affordable and reliable. OSU is leading the way by testing marine energy devices right here in Oregon's Fourth Congressional District."

Wyden, Merkley and Hoyle have long advocated developing marine energy technology through research at OSU to help combat the effects of climate change. In June, the lawmakers announced \$5.5 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to OSU for marine energy research.

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners: 10 a.m., commission meeting room, county courthouse, Newport. For info, go to www.co.lincoln.or.us.

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

Newport Parking Advisory Committee: 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

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



Work is continuing on the construction of the future Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS) adult residential and outpatient facility in north Newport. The 8,300-square-foot treatment center will have 16 inpatient beds to serve adults ages 18 and older who are experiencing substance use disorder. (Courtesy photos)

## Construction continues on treatment and recovery facility in Newport

(NEWS ARTICLE BY SAMARITAN HEALTH SERVICES)

Taking advantage of mild weather, work crews at the future Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS) adult residential and outpatient center in Newport are making good progress toward its July 7 go-live date.

“We’re pushing ahead, and the schedule is looking great,” said Jon Conner, director of Plant Engineering for Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital, who is overseeing work at the site. “The building is being wrapped and dried in, so interior work, such as installing drywall, can begin.”

Once remodeling of the existing building and new construction are completed, the 8,300-square-foot treatment center will have 16 inpatient beds to serve adults ages 18 and older who are experiencing substance use disorder. Residential treatment and intensive outpatient programs include group and individual therapy, medication-assisted treatment and peer-delivered services. Patients will be accepted from across Oregon, with priority given to residents of Lincoln County.

Shelli Alinari, Ph.D., is director of business development for the new center. Services offered to residents are designed to assist in recovery growth and life skills for continued success.

“Recovery growth is a defined, multistep process, and our professional staff is available to guide our residents along the way,” she said. “It begins by discussing the resident’s relationship with substances and behaviors and identifying patterns of use and consequences. It evolves from there to help residents cope with difficult thoughts and feelings, identify triggers, develop healthy coping skills, and so much more. Ultimately, the resident will be able to demonstrate rigorous honesty and accountability and be open and honest with themselves regarding substance use and the seriousness of their actions.”

Group sessions will be offered that focus on becoming mindful, taking personal inventories, processing trauma, feeling gratitude, and more, she said.

In addition, residents will learn useful life skills, such as time management, ethics, work-life balance, giving back, choosing a career,



The Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS) center is located along Northwest Biggs Street in north Newport. The facility is expected to open in July of next year.

personal finances and managing their resources, to name a few of the 30 life skills that are taught.

The initial projected cost of remodeling and construction was \$11.7 million, but that number is expected to be higher because of inflationary pressures. Fortunately, the community has stepped up to support the project, said Karla Clem, executive director of Pacific Communities Health District Foundation. “We have raised more than \$11,850,000 for the building fund, thanks to a broad support base that includes community members, businesses, private foundations, the Siletz and Grand Ronde tribal confederations, and local, state and federal governmental entities,” Clem said.

North Lincoln Hospital Foundation, headed by Leslie James, has been a co-partner in the fundraising effort for the treatment center that will serve all of Lincoln County. Additional funds will be needed to complete the project, Clem said. Anyone who would like to help can learn how at [samhealth.org/supportSTARScoast](http://samhealth.org/supportSTARScoast).

In an earlier news article, Lesley Ogden,

MD, CEO of the two Samaritan Health Services hospitals in Lincoln County, commented:

“Substance use disorder is a terrible and dangerous menace in our society that is killing and harming our loved ones. I cannot stress strongly enough how important this center will be to the lives of those people who choose a path toward recovery and can find hope and help here in Lincoln County.”

The building and property, which had previously been used as an adult foster care home, was purchased by the Pacific Communities Health District, and program services and staffing will be provided by Samaritan Health Services in accordance with the long-term operating agreement between Samaritan and the health district.

Clark/Kjos out of Portland is the architectural firm that designed plans for the remodeled interior and the new two-story addition. Gerding Builders, LLC, out of Corvallis is the general contractor.

For more information, including how to support the project, go online to [pchdistrict.org](http://pchdistrict.org) and to [samhealth.org/SupportSTARScoast](http://samhealth.org/SupportSTARScoast).



Work is underway to create a safer pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Highway 20 and Eads Street in Newport. The project will include flashing yellow beacons that can be activated by people who are trying to cross the highway. (Photo by Steve Card)

## Crosswalk improvements underway on Highway 20

STEVE CARD  
Lincoln County Leader

A project is underway at an intersection on Highway 20 in Newport that will enhance the safety for pedestrians crossing the road there.

The work began last month where Highway 20 intersects with Eads Street. That section of road is a particularly busy crossing for students attending nearby schools.

The project includes the installation of flashing beacons at this pedestrian crosswalk, similar to those located at various places along Highway 101 in Newport. One difference here, however, is that there won't be a pedestrian “island” in the middle of Highway 20 for people crossing at this location because the road isn't wide enough, according to Newport City Engineer Chris Beatty, but “the rapidly flashing beacons, it will be exactly the same,” he said.

Beatty said his office has heard from businesses in the area regarding the need for enhanced pedestrian safety. “They say they see wrecks and near misses with pedestrians all the time, so we're excited about it. It's definitely a safety improvement for us,” he said.

The project involves the Oregon Department of Transportation as well as the city of Newport because Highway 20

is a state road. “ODOT reviewed the plans, and we had to get a permit from them to do the work, and they'll do the final inspection of the pedestrian ramps,” Beatty said.

The contractor for the job

is Civil West Construction. Beatty said the work is weather dependent, but he estimates it will be finished by the middle of January. Sidewalks at that intersection are closed until the project is complete.

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# New water main installed



A new water main was installed last week along Northwest Biggs Street in north Newport. The project was necessary in order to supply water to the future Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS) adult residential and outpatient center currently under construction there. (Photo by Steve Card)

## FORUM

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municipal government. "It's all about service, right? What we do is provide critical services to the community, whether it's libraries and safe spaces, or it's the ability for water to come out of your faucet or firemen to show up. If there's a 911 call or emergency, we are there when people need us, and we make sure that you can have high quality of life. That's what cities do, and I'm real passionate about it."

Vetter said the city of Newport has more than 150 full-time employees. "They do phenomenal work every day to serve their city," she said. "I will tell you it's not always an easy job being in public service and working in cities. I'm so thankful we have such a dedicated city team."

Prior to hearing from audience members, Vetter gave a report on the status of a couple of major projects the city is working on. One of these is the Big Creek Dam, which will replace the two earthen dams built on the reservoir in the 1970s.

"The good news is the city has been working on this project for almost 10 years now ... we are almost done with our 30 percent design (but) we have a lot more work to

go," Vetter said. "Just because we've designed a new dam doesn't mean we have money for construction yet or that we know what the whole detailed timeline is going to look like, so there's so much more work to be done. But again, it's really critical that we get this replaced so that we can continue to provide reliable water to the community."

Vetter encourages people to stay informed about the status of the Big Creek Dam Project and said all of the latest updates can be found online at [SaveOurSupplyNewport.com](http://SaveOurSupplyNewport.com)

Another major endeavor that Vetter spoke about is the City Center Revitalization Project. "It is an urban renewal area, which means that we have an opportunity to invest in that area with the existing property tax dollars that are being generated in that area," she said.

The city of Newport is partnering with the state on the revitalization project. "This project is not just a city project, this is also a state project because as you know, Highway 101 and 20 are not city assets, those are state assets," she said.

The city recently completed phase one of its public input on the City Center Revitalization Project. "We had some in-person meetings, we

also had a survey and we'll be transitioning in the future to more public input," she said. "Please check out the website ([newportoregon.gov](http://newportoregon.gov)). There will be plenty of opportunity for you still to weigh in on what the future of City Center looks like."

People attending the community forum raised a number of concerns during the session. Vetter discussed details about each one and also committed to following up on some of the issues. Topics brought up included:

- Dealing with hazards (buildings, abandoned property);
- Properly maintaining city property;
- Traffic and pedestrian safety;

- Homeless issues and affordable housing;
- Street potholes and other infrastructure needs;
- Maintenance on the city's 11 miles of gravel roads, and Vetter said the city is working on a long-term plan for that.

Vetter plans on holding more of these community forums in the future. In a media release put out by the city prior to this first gathering at the library, she said, "As city manager, it is important for me to regularly meet with community members, offer an open forum to discuss city goals and programs, and address any questions on those topics."



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Sudoku answers

## DEATH NOTICES

### GREG HARRIS

Greg Harris, 74, died on Oct. 2, 2024.

He was born on June 10, 1949. He was a writer and chef. He is survived

by a son, Jason Harris, daughter, Gretchen Harris, and sister, Cheryl LeVesque.

Coos Bay Chapel handled funeral arrangements.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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WRITE: [lcleditor@countrymedia.net](mailto:lcleditor@countrymedia.net)

### WE SIMPLY NEED TO STAY ENGAGED

The main thing I took from Paul Haeder's piece last week ("I told you so") was the no-win outcome from the last national election. Whether one agrees with the rest of his opinions or not, the point he makes about the disengagement of the electorate writ large is worth noting. Haeder cites the statistic that in this November's national election almost 90 million eligible voters opted out of voting. In Oregon, a mail-only ballot state where voting could not be easier, fewer than 73 percent turned out in this election, according to the secretary of state. Why vote when the choices are effectively limited to the two major parties (Haeder's "Uni-party")? And why vote when those elected often fail to act in the service of the people they represent?

There are possible solutions worth exploring. One is ranked choice voting (RCV). Unfortunately, Oregon voters rejected this option in the last election, but I believe it is worth another shot. Apparently people thought RCV confusing. It is different, but then

change always involves adaptation. One advantage of RCV is the offer of greater real choice. Third party or unaffiliated candidates often have alternative ideas, but many voters feel their vote will be "wasted" if they vote for a non-mainstream candidate. RCV allows (but does not require) them to make a second choice and even a third. In addition, RCV would drastically reduce negative political advertising, as the candidates would hesitate to alienate voters from choosing them as a second choice alternative. (see [https://ballotpedia.org/Ranked-choice\\_voting\\_\(RCV\)\\_for\\_more\\_info](https://ballotpedia.org/Ranked-choice_voting_(RCV)_for_more_info).)

RCV is not the only reform needed to reengage a disenfranchised electorate. Reducing campaign "season" and getting money out of politics by limiting campaigns to taxpayer funding would reduce the graft inherent in politics today. People enticed to run for office would more likely be motivated by the call to public service than fulfilling a personal agenda, and could govern free from influence peddlers.

Democracy can work, and it has worked

through many difficult periods in U.S. history. These ideas are not the only possible reforms. We simply need to stay engaged, to advocate for the tools needed to allow the voice, the choice of the people to be enacted.

**Francis Hicks**  
Waldport

### WE NEED TO INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS

It should come as no surprise to any of us that Oregon is continuing to face critical workforce shortages in many key industries across our state. There are significant gaps in our workforce in high-tech, behavioral health, early childhood education, and so many other key industries that keep our economy afloat. We have an opportunity to invest in programs that will help grow our workforce, but the state of Oregon continues to miss that opportunity by failing to adequately invest in our public universities.

Just this month, Gov. Tina Kotek released her recommended budget for the 2025-27 biennium that falls \$14 million short of the minimum funding required to sustain current operations at our state's public universities. This budget will force universities to make difficult decisions that have significant impacts on students, including potential tuition hikes, service reductions, and a lack of investment in workforce needs.

I graduated from Portland State University, and I know firsthand how critical our public universities are to edu-

cating the next generation and ensuring that every student in Oregon has the resources and support they need to reach their full potential and enter the workforce.

Our public universities have made it clear that an additional \$275M is needed to ensure students have the resources they need to succeed in school, in the workforce, and beyond. I hope the legislature will consider making this critical investment in our students in the coming biennium.

**David Jamieson**  
Lincoln City

### WHAT A WORLD

"Leave me alone," I said as I started to enter a local grocery store.

A grizzled man had approached me. With my head down, face turned away, I scooted by.

I glanced out the window of the store and watched.

Pulling a wagon filled with his possessions, he walked into the rain.

I realized that with my meager savings, and if Social Security and Medicare are done away with by the incoming new administration, I would be pulling my own wagon.

What a world.  
**Mike O'Donnell**  
Waldport

### THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIVING

This year, Oregon ranked first nationally, per capita, in donations to the arts and in the top five states for arts participation. That engagement extends to other cultural pursuits such

as library and museum attendance, and visits to the many cultural venues and historic sites where our collective stories are created and told.

We in Oregon are known for our values and our commitment to what matters, including our arts, heritage and humanities. That's why we are also the only state to offer a Cultural Tax Credit to citizens who support cultural nonprofits.

When you make a donation to a cultural nonprofit you care about, then make a matching donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust by Dec. 31, you qualify for a 100 percent state tax credit for your gift to the Cultural Trust. You also direct a portion of your taxes to support the more than 1,650 cultural nonprofits that enrich our lives.

Those who claim the tax credit annually call it a "win-win" and a "no brainer." You double the impact of your giving at no cost to you to support future cultural projects.

Since 2001, participation in the tax credit has enabled the Cultural

Trust to award more than 10,000 grants totaling over \$40 million. Last year alone, the trust awarded a record \$3.85 million to 148 cultural organizations, including funds for local re-granting by our county and tribal cultural coalitions.

This year alone, the Cultural Trust awarded direct grants to the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology, the Oregon Coast Aquarium and the Central Coast Chorale, including block awards to cultural coalitions in every county for additional local grants.

By matching your cultural donations to the Cultural Trust, you maximize funding for Oregon's vibrant cultural network. You help foster innovation. You create equity and access where barriers exist. You fuel creative initiatives. In short, you make culture count!

**Niki Price**  
Immediate Past Chair  
Oregon Cultural Trust  
and Executive Director  
Lincoln City Cultural Center

## Which type of tree do you use to celebrate the holiday season?

- Fir tree
- Spruce tree
- Artificial tree
- No tree

Go to [www.newportnewstimes.com](http://www.newportnewstimes.com) to vote, and check results in the following week's paper.

## VIEWPOINT

# A 'thank you,' and a challenge to Claire

BY RICK BEASLEY

After almost a month of waiting for the closest race in Oregon to be called, the official results for Lincoln County Commissioner, Position 2 are in: challenger Rick Beasley, 13,027 (49.53 percent), versus five-time incumbent (now six) Claire Hall, 13,142 (49.97 percent).

I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who supported my campaign. Coming within 115 votes out of over 26,000 cast is a testament to the power of every single voice in our community.

To Claire Hall, I offer my congratulations on the results, as well as a challenge. It's a privilege to engage in the democratic process, and I respect the outcome as a reflection of our county's vibrant and passionate electorate.

Throughout this journey, I've had the honor of connecting with many of you who feel unheard or dissatisfied with the current direction of our county. Your concerns about transparency, accountability, and effective governance are valid and deserve attention. This race has shown that a significant portion of Lincoln County residents want a change — a call for leadership that listens and acts with the entire community in mind.

I encourage our county commissioners to consider this message from the voters. Leadership is about more than holding office; it's about hearing all voices, not just those that agree with you. It's about making decisions in the open, with integrity and respect for the public trust.

While I may not hold a seat at the commissioners' table, I remain committed to advocating for the issues

that matter most to you. The need for transparency, accountability, and progress in addressing our county's challenges doesn't end with this election. It continues on the city councils whose meetings are live-streamed to your home, on fire boards, the school board and other troubled public bodies that need to hear your voice and feel the power of the informed citizen.

Thank you for believing in me and for being part of this movement. Together, we have shown the strength of community, and that strength doesn't waver with the outcome of an election.

To Claire, I would issue a thoughtful challenge after meeting hundreds of voters in Lincoln County who wouldn't know a county commissioner from a cockroach despite the categorical impacts on our communities as a result of county decisions, inaction or ineptitude. It's time to change the makeup

of the county commission, from three members to five, with representatives from designated geographic areas. While they wouldn't make six figures like the current trio, a five-member commission would almost certainly better serve the interests of citizens living beyond the boundaries of Newport, the county seat where all three commissioners currently reside. Claire could get this ball rolling, and to her eternal credit, I hope she does.

The future of Lincoln County depends on all of us, and I encourage my supporters to stay engaged, stay informed, and continue making your voices heard. Together, we can make a difference. Thank you.

*Rick Beasley was candidate for the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners in the Nov. 5 General Election. He lives in Depoe Bay.*

**OFFICER**

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“Officer Sumpter was 31 years old and at the time of his death was survived by his wife, Marcia, and his children, Julie and Michael.”

Sumpter was a reserve policeman in Toledo and the only officer on duty on March 15, 1969, when a call came in about a driver speeding toward Newport from a party in Corvallis, according to Newport News-Times archives. The driver, 17-year-old Michael Meester, drove past an Oregon State Police trooper and a Newport police officer at a high-rate of speed and then eventually turned around and headed back east on Highway 20. Sumpter had been called to assist and was parked at Toledo’s west junction when the

suspect came by and then turned onto Highway 229 and headed north. The pursuit continued through Siletz and on to around milepost 15. By that time, there was a bit of distance between the suspect’s car and the pursuing officers, and Meester stopped his car perpendicular on the highway around a blind curve and pulled a hunting rifle from his car as he jumped out. He opened fire on the OSP trooper, who was able to get out and run to the rear of his patrol car for cover.

Sumpter arrived on scene during the shooting, got out of his car, took a defensive stance behind his driver side door. Meester fired at Sumpter and the bullet went through the car door, killing him. The suspect then got back in his car, drove through a police barricade, and parked his car just shy of the 101

intersection. As responding officers approached Meester’s car, he pointed the rifle at himself and took his own life.

Julie Sumpter was just 7 years old on the day her father was killed. She spoke during last week’s ceremony at Toledo City Hall. “Most officers perform their duties believing that they will be fine. That day my dad was not fine. After that day, my family was not fine,” she said. “The fallout of such a tragedy has such a large ripple effect to both the community and our family. I thank everybody that’s had a hand in this. On behalf of my family, we’re grateful and appreciate being involved in this honor.”

Toledo Mayor Rod Cross also spoke during the dedication ceremony. “First of all, I want to apologize not only to the family of Officer Gary

Sumpter, but also to our entire Toledo Police Department, past and present, for the egregious amount of time this dedication took to happen,” he said. “Toledo Police Department Chief Michael Pace has been tireless in his efforts to have Officer Sumpter recognized since his appointment as chief a little over five years ago. It has been my honor to help in these endeavors as they come

to fruition here today.

“Officer Sumpter epitomizes the duty, honor and noble sacrifice we admire and strive for in our law enforcement community,” continued Cross. “They are the ones willing to stand as a shield for us between chaos and order, anarchy and civility, and most of all, destruction and life. Officer Sumpter stepped up on that day, March 15, 1969, to protect a fellow officer and our

communities from a dangerous offender. Finally today, Dec. 10, 2024, 55 years later, we officially recognize and honor his and his family’s sacrifice for all of us. May today help to bring a hero to light and a family some closure.”

The memorial sign dedicated last week to remember Gary Sumpter will be erected alongside Highway 229 in the near future, Pace said.

**OCCC**

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community, like Lincoln County,” Ryslinge said, “where people’s options are often limited and their circumstances can be challenging, so a community college, like Oregon Coast, can really do some phenomenal things. You just see it every day, up close, so it is the impact. The pride. The joy of doing that work in such a wonderful place with so much support from the community.”

During her time as OCCC president, Ryslinge said more than 1,000 students have completed an associate degree or certification. That doesn’t include the many that have come through the college’s Small Business Development Center, which she said is important to the community — a life-changing experience for all.

“How lucky to be able to do work that not only supports yourself and your family, but it is good work. It is impactful. It makes a difference,” she said.

**OCCC’S FUTURE**

Looking ahead, Ryslinge said OCCC is well positioned for future challenges.

“With passage of the bond, the building of the new Trades Education Center and the revitalization of the current facility, the opportunities are there to do even more to

meet the workforce need of Lincoln County,” she said. “We have made amazing strides in health care education and other areas. There’s more to be done, and those facilities are going to allow us to do that.”

According to Ryslinge, the bond represents a \$40 million community investment.

“That supports that kind of dynamic workforce development with living wage jobs to enable people to stay on the coast with their families, and also to support the local business industry that needs that workforce,” she said. “So, that is really a critical piece of the opportunities.”

Ryslinge added that the community college is also “a place for civic discussion, learning, and a place where people can come with all sorts of different viewpoints where they are united in their pursuit of education and their dream of improving their family’s situation, which makes for a stronger community.”

Ryslinge recognized her team as the main force behind the college’s accomplishments.

“The people at the college who we have hired are just amazing,” she said. “We are a small organization, and the people are the organization, so everything that has been accomplished has been through those folks.”

Ryslinge also recognized the partnership with the Lincoln County

School District.

“Really, we are making the model across the state of such a partnership,” she said. “The OCCC and the LCSD board conduct a joint annual meeting and a memorandum of understanding with joint budgeting and funding. I am not aware of anywhere else in Oregon that that is done, so we are really staying aligned with our mission of keeping students at the center. I am so proud of what we have done and how we have broadened the impact.”

**NEXT JOURNEY**

Ryslinge said she will now be a “master of her own time.”

“First and foremost, I have this wonderful husband who has his own career in the silicon forest in Hillsboro, and we have had this bi-county relationship for many years, so I am really looking forward to ending up the day at the same place, and I have young adult children that I will be able to spend time with,” she said.

Ryslinge also plans to take an overseas trip with friends. She will continue in a limited capacity as a consultant for the college and for a nonprofit, “under my own calendar,” she said.

The Oregon Coast Community College Board of Education has appointed Marshall Mease Roache as the next president of OCCC. He will officially take office on Jan. 1, 2025.

**Jeanette Mobley**

August 27, 1943 - November 29, 2024

In the early morning hours of November 29, 2024, surrounded by family, Jeanette Gail Mobley of Salem, OR, gained her wings. After many years of ruthless fighting, she finally lost her long battle with kidney failure.

Jeanette was born August 27th, 1943, in North Platte, NE, to parents Wm. Leslie Davis & Ardis Nellie Davis (Modrell). She graduated high school in Harold, SD, amongst a class of 12 students.

On July 4th, 1963, Jeanette married the love of her life, Donald Roger Mobley, in Newport, OR. This is where they would later settle down and raise a family, before later moving to Siletz, OR, in the early 1980s. Jeanette and Don celebrated 40 amazing years together before he tragically passed away in a log truck accident on December 11, 2003.

As much as Jeanette loved being a homemaker and mother, she always made time to volunteer within her community. She was a member of New Life Center Church in Newport, OR, and then Logsdon Mennonite Church in Logsdon, OR. Some of her other volunteer work would include;



Bluebirds, being “Class Mom,” the Toledo Summer Swim Team, Senior Sisters, and working at the Toledo Thrift Store, to name a few.

Anyone who knew Jeanette could attest to her crazy love of cats and cookbooks! Some of her other interests would include cooking, puzzle games, dragonflies, knitting, crocheting, rock collecting, and diamond art. In

April of 2018, Jeanette made the move to Salem, OR, where she would live out the rest of her days.

Jeanette was survived by her daughter, Andrea (Jeff) Schamp, and son, Wm. Eric (Beth) Mobley, as well as her grandchildren: Alexandra, Ryan, Gerrit and Matthew. She was preceded in death by her husband, Don; brother, Wally; and daughter, Stacia. A small graveside service will be held at Riverside VFW Cemetery in Siletz, OR, on January 18, 2025, at 1 pm. Memorial donations can be made to Serenity Hospice of Salem. (3501 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Suite 140, Salem, OR 97302) Thank you to all family and friends for your continued love and support! We will love you forever, Jeanette. Until we meet again.

**Quentin Delbert Isham Jr**

4/30/1944 - 9/27/2024

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Dell Isham on September 27th, 2024. Dell was born in San Rafael, California on April 30th, 1944, to his parents Kick and Leah



Isham. He lived in Oregon most of his life, being successful in a wide variety of different avenues in his life.

As a child growing up in Eugene, Oregon, he was an outstanding student athlete, being one of the top high school wrestlers and football players in the state. He went to play college football at Boise State and Weber State. After receiving a four-year degree in History, he further advanced his education by getting a master’s degree in history from Colorado State University.

After college, Dell served his country in the Vietnam War, serving as an Intelligence Officer receiving a Bronze Star for his service to the Nation.

When his military service was completed, he became a high school history teacher at Siuslaw High School in Florence, Oregon, also serving as a high school wrestling and football coach at this time as well.

During this time, he continued his public service being an elected State Senator in 1977 for the area covering much of the



Central Oregon Coast. In 1982, he was elected Majority Leader of the Oregon State Senate and continued to serve as a State Senator until 1985. In 1986, he went on to become Mayor of Lincoln City, Oregon and then became the first Director of the Devils Lake Water Improvement District.

He then went on to be a successful lobbyist representing clients until he was hired by the South Carolina Sierra Club in 1997, holding this position until his retirement in 2007.

Dell was also a successful writer, having written two published works of history and eight books of fiction.

Dell leaves behind a loving family, including his wife Cheryl, two brothers, two sisters in law, three children, and four grandchildren.

Dell was proud of his service in the military and cared deeply about disabled veterans. In his memory, please consider giving a donation to the Wounded Warriors Project by contacting them at 855-448-3997 and making a donation.

**Jeffery Dean Liswig**

June 18th, 1942 - December 1, 2024

Jeffery Dean Liswig, “JD” age 82, passed away peacefully on December 1, 2024 at his home. He was born June 18, 1942, in Astoria, Oregon to Elmer and Jean Liswig. JD graduated from James Madison High School, in Portland, Oregon in June of 1960. Soon after he enlisted into the United States Air Force as a jet engine mechanic. After his 4-year enlistment, he went to work for Lockheed Martin in Glendale, Arizona working on F-104 Starfighter jets. In 1977, he moved back to Oregon and worked odd jobs until there was an opening with the Oregon Air National Guard as a full time jet airplane mechanic. This is where he would finish out his career. JD loved the Oregon coast, especially Lincoln City, where he spent his childhood years on the family’s homestead on Schooner Creek. He raised

three children as a single parent, became a certified scuba diver, rode dirt bikes, loved music, patriotism, Finnish heritage, cooking, baking and a good whiskey. JD passed at the place he loved and adored as a child and an adult. He is survived by his sons, Kyle and Jerrod Liswig, his daughter, Chrystal Liswig, daughter-in-law, Leslie Liswig; grandchildren, Jessica and Tanisha Fulmer, Brandy Banner, Kellan, Dylan and Ashlan Liswig, Joey and Melanie Liswig, great-grandchildren, Kalani Fulmer, Gabriel and Sakarri R. Thomas, Luna Banner, Shadow and Dawson Liswig, Nevaeh Wagner.

Graveside services will take place on December 20th, 2024 at 2:00 PM at the Taft Pioneer Cemetery.

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**Barbara Ann Frederic**

1/22/1946 - 8/15/2024

Born in San Diego, CA on January 22, 1949 and moved to Newport, OR when she was 15 years old, where she graduated from Newport High School. Soon after she married and had four children; John, Brad, Stephanie and Josie. She started out being a phone dispatcher at Pacific Northwest Bell, then moved on to be secretary to Judge C. Littlehales, then became the owner of Bay Haven Tavern.



Barbara was always a very giving and loving person, she never met a stranger, nor did anyone ever go hungry. If she saw someone in need, she bought them a car, food, clothes, a few houses over the years, and gave a person work or found them work. She was very loved by so many people, she gave love until the moment she passed.

After some time, she moved to Toledo, OR opened a restaurant named Louie’s (named after her beloved dog which was considered her 5th child). She also was co-owner of the F/V White Swan II and F/V Sea Breeze II. During this time she was able to earn enough money to purchase a professional city block in Toledo where she opened her last restaurant, The Bay Bistro. After 24 years, she sold the building and moved onto Radio sales for Boss Radio. During the sale of Boss Radio, she worked for KSHL and The Wave. She finally retired with Otter Rock Radio.

Barbara is preceded in death by her sons, John Schriener and Brad Schriener. She is survived by her daughters, Stephanie Schriener and Josie Emery; her sisters, Sandy Murry, Jackie Sutton and Nancy Tyler Hess. Along with her grandchildren; Victoria, Naomi, Arianna (great grandchildren: Talliah, KéAri), Astrid, Roy, Desiree (great grandchild: Aiyanna), Mayci, LaMyah and Mitchell.

If anyone would like to help with the burial costs, donations can be made at Oregon State Credit Union, under Barbara Frederic c/o Stephanie Schriener.

**OBITUARY POLICY**

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# This Week in HISTORY

**LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER STAFF**

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

## 25 YEARS AGO (1999)

### RETURN TO YAQUINA BAY BECOMES NIGHTMARE

It only took three minutes for tragedy to strike last week at the north jetty of Yaquina Bay. In three minutes, the crew of the fishing vessel Blue Heather went from safely entering the bay to abandoning the vessel — trying to climb the rocks of the north jetty or jumping into the cold waters at the “jaws.” In the final minutes of the trip to their home port of Newport, the crew of the Blue Heather encountered a series of “bumps” as they hit the rocks of the north jetty.

### LINCOLN CITY TO FIGHT STATE RULING ON TRAFFIC FLAGS

Lincoln City’s feathers were ruffled in a big way this week when Oregon Department of Transportation officials decreed the city’s experimental pedestrian visibility aids — or “PVAs” — must be removed from the intersection of U.S. Highway 101 and North 17th Street.

The city and ODOT have been bantering over the bright orange flags since they were installed last summer. ODOT contends crossing flags are traffic control devices subject to Federal Highway Administration rules. Lincoln City officials say the PVAs are simply effective.

### MAJOR SLIDE SEVERS COUNTY

A chunk of U.S. Highway 101 on the north side of Cape Foulweather slipped an estimated 100 feet downhill, taking a van traveling the roadway with it. The vehicle behind the unidentified motorist was driven by Lincoln County Sheriff’s Lt. Ed Stallard, who watched as the outside southbound lane of the road fell away. The man in the first vehicle was reportedly uninjured and was able to climb back up to the road’s surface.

### RUMORS OF VIOLENCE RAISE CONCERNS AT TOLEDO HIGH SCHOOL

Alleged threats at Toledo High School kept students from entering the halls of the school Wednesday, and what started as a rumor led to widespread concern among parents of the students. “Rumors were running rampant,” Toledo High School Principal Roger Stewart said. “I don’t feel at any time that our kids here were in any danger. Most of what was

said was unsubstantiated rumor, (and) really, when you got right down to it, there wasn’t much to it. There was a lot more smoke than anything else.”

## 50 YEARS AGO (1974)

### RURAL FOLKS WANT TO DUMP OWN GARBAGE

Some residents in rural areas told the county commissioners December 10 that they can adequately dispose of their own garbage and shouldn’t have to be included in a proposed solid waste disposal district.

The hearing was called Tuesday to consider boundaries for the district, which would include the entire county. Most of the residents opposing the district at Tuesday’s hearing were from the Beaver Creek area.

### SCHOOLS PLAN TO REHABILITATE YOUNG BURGLARS

The county school district is seeking \$27,500 in federal funds to start a pilot program to rehabilitate juvenile burglars in Lincoln County.

The program would be directed by Dr. John Baker, district career education specialist. Baker said the program would provide “tutoring, counseling, educational credit and help in obtaining work permits” for the juvenile burglars.

### BAY CROSSING WORK COMPLETE

Extension of the city of Newport’s water and sewer lines across Yaquina Bay was completed December 6, and the lines tested out “bottle tight,” A. H. Powers, Seattle contractor for the project, reports.

The lines will serve initially the port-owned property occupied by the Marine Science Center, Oregon Fish Commission, and Oregon Aqua-Foods, and later will serve other areas which annex to the city on the south side of the bay.

### STAG FILM LOSS REPORTED TO SHERIFF

Two hundred allegedly pornographic “stag” films, as well as movie-making equipment, a diamond ring, a coin collection, toolboxes and checks were taken from a home in Harlan, according to a report made to the sheriff’s office December 10. Value of the loss was more than \$5,500.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1949)

### SCHOOL CHILDREN ‘GIVEN THE NEEDLE’

Announcement has been made by the Lincoln County Health Department that 828 school children in Lincoln County have received diphtheria toxoid and 623 small-pox vaccinations as a result of the annual immunization program.

This is the largest number in the county yet to receive such treatment, which was done with assistance of local physicians and volunteer helpers, without direct cost.

### NELSCOTT SEA LION LURES HUNDREDS

Hundreds of persons flocked to the Nelscott Beach Saturday afternoon to get a firsthand look at an injured sea lion that had washed up on the beach and was being pounded on the rocks.

The creature, which measured almost 7 feet long, was discovered in its distress, and an attempt was made to contact the Coast Guard or state police concerning the legality of killing a sea lion when it is injured.

After numerous inquiries, the animal was shot by a Nelscott resident, but not before it had created a good deal of interest.

### COAST GUARD TRANSFERRING SLATED TODAY

If weather permits, there will be a ceremony at 11 this morning transferring the six old Coast Guard buildings to the new owner, the Newport American Legion post.

Coast Guard personnel took possession of the new station on Naterlin Boulevard yesterday and began transferring stores. Communications are expected to be moved tomorrow.

### TWO SHIPS DUE HERE NEXT WEEK

The Hawaiian Logger is due Monday to load 1 1/2 million feet of C. D. Johnson company lumber, and the Miramar is due Wednesday to pick up 2 1/2 million feet, according to Francis Nelson, manager the local office of Independent Stevedore company.

Both vessels will load from the Johnson dolphins in Yaquina Bay.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1924)

### DOCTORS INSTALL CHLORINE MACHINE

Doctors Hellwarth and Kauffman have purchased one of the new Gilchrist chlorine (gas) ejectors for treatment of acute and chronic colds, bronchitis, influenza, whooping cough, and all afflictions of the respiratory tract.

The use of chlorine gas in treatment of respiratory diseases was begun during the war.

### BRIDGE CREW COMPLETES PROJECT

The dream of 40 years came true to at least one pioneer of this section last Tuesday noon when Thomas Butler, aged resident of the south side, had the honor to drive the last spike, which completed the county bridge across the Yaquina River to the south side. The completion of the project was not the occasion of any great ceremony, but to those few residents of the north side who watched the hardy old pioneer as he swung his hammer to sink the last spike into the structure, it seemed like the dawning of a new day.

### SCHOOL YOUNGSTERS RAISE \$89.45 FOR PAYMENT ON PIANO

Last Thursday evening, the primary grades of the Toledo School presented a program at the school gym for the purpose of raising funds to pay for a piano recently purchased for the school. The big room was packed by an appreciative audience, and the various numbers on the program were rendered without a hitch.

### COUNTY AGENT VISITS AREAS TO THE SOUTH

Last week, County Agent J. R. Beck visited in the Bay View, Waldport and Yachats communities of the south end of the county. Due to the conditions of the beach and roads, Beck made a good deal of this trip on foot or by stage.

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## Albertsons sues Kroger after Oregon, Washington judges take action to block \$24.6 billion merger

**JULIA SHUMWAY**  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, the day after a federal judge in Oregon and a state judge in Washington blocked a merger between two supermarket giants, Albertsons canceled the \$24.6 billion merger agreement and sued Kroger.

The grocery chain, which owns 24 Albertsons locations and 97 Safeway stores in Oregon, sued Kroger in the Delaware Court of Chancery, alleging the larger grocer didn't do enough to secure regulatory approval for its 2022 agreement to buy Albertsons.

The Federal Trade Commission, joined by seven states including Oregon and the District of Columbia, sued to block the merger in U.S. District Court in Oregon earlier this year, and a federal judge in Portland temporarily halted the merger Dec. 10. A state judge in Washington state also blocked the merger from proceeding there. Both judges agreed with federal regulators and state attorneys general that the merger would lead to reduced competition and harm both customers and grocery workers — customers with higher prices and lower-quality goods and workers with lower pay.

The complaint Albertsons filed in the Delaware court



The Kroger Co. corporate headquarters is located in Cincinnati, Ohio. (Photo by Scott Olson/Getty Images)

isn't yet public, but the company said in a press release that Kroger "willfully breached" the merger agreement by ignoring feedback from regulators, refusing to divest assets needed for antitrust approval or find stronger buyers for divested assets and failing to cooperate with Albertsons.

Kroger owns 51 Fred Meyer stores in Oregon, as well as four QFC locations in Portland. Before the merger fell apart, Kroger and Albertsons had agreed to sell 579 stores across the country, including dozens in Oregon, in an attempt to mollify regulators concerned about a monopoly.

Tom Moriarty, Albertsons' general counsel and chief policy officer, said in a statement that the merger would have helped consumers but that Kroger acted in its own financial self-interest instead.

"Kroger's self-serving conduct, taken at the expense of Albertsons and the agreed transaction, has harmed Albertsons' shareholders, associates and consumers," Moriarty said. "We are disappointed that the opportunity to realize the significant benefits of the merger has been lost on account of Kroger's willfully deficient approach to securing regulatory clearance."

Albertsons is seeking an immediate \$600 million termination fee and billions more to reimburse the company for the loss of the money Kroger agreed to pay and decreases in shareholder value, the statement said.

Kroger called Albertsons' claims "baseless" and said that Albertsons actually repeatedly breached their agreement and interfered through the merger process.

"This is clearly an attempt to deflect responsibility following Kroger's written notification of Albertsons' multiple breaches of the agreement, and to seek payment of the merger's break

fee, to which they are not entitled," the statement said. "Kroger looks forward to responding to these baseless claims in court. We went to extraordinary lengths to uphold the merger agreement throughout the entirety of the regulatory process, and the facts will make that abundantly clear."

Oregon leaders including Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden welcomed news of the merger's failure.

"This is great news for grocery shoppers in Oregon who would have faced higher prices at Kroger and Albertsons if this ill-conceived consolidation had gone through," Wyden said. "I'm glad the court has shelved this monster deal because in addition to raising grocery prices for shoppers already tiptoeing on an economic tightrope, it would have made it that much harder for Oregonians to find a pharmacy and for workers at both supermarket chains to seek fairer wages and better working conditions."

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## The holiday hustle at Newport Post Pack & Ship

**STEVE CARD**  
Lincoln County Leader

Gretchen and Paul Cooper are entering their second holiday season as the owners of Newport Post Pack & Ship, and things are pretty busy with it being the peak of the shipping season.

"Yesterday UPS had 98 pickups, FedEx had 44 or something like that, and that's everyday," Gretchen said.

Newport Post Pack & Ship is located at 146 SE First St. in Newport. The business is a one stop shop for FedEx Express and FedEx Ground, UPS Air and UPS Ground, and USPS Ground and Priority. They also offer notary services, passport photos, shredding, copy/scan/fax services, packing supplies, specialty packing services, mailbox rentals and virtual mailbox services.

The Coopers moved to

Newport in 2021 after living in Central Oregon. "And while it's not a thriving metropolis by any stretch, there are these little mailbox stores everywhere," Gretchen said. But she said after they moved to the coast, Paul needed to fax a document, "and resources were limited here locally. There's just not a lot of options."

Gretchen also learned of the need for these types of services while working at the Newport Walgreens store for two years. Walgreens partners with FedEx for shipping, but if someone didn't have a return label or wanted to ship using a service other than FedEx, she couldn't help them. "I told my husband, 'I have to send people away every day,' and he said 'Well we can do that,' and so we did. We signed a lease here in May (of 2023) and opened in July."

Newport Post Pack & Ship



Paul and Gretchen Cooper are the owners of Newport Post Pack & Ship, located at 146 SE First St. (Photo by Steve Card)

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### FINANCIAL FREEDOM

#### How Social Security, retirement, and taxes are changing

As we transition into 2025, a number of financial changes may impact individuals and households. From adjustments in Social Security benefits and retirement savings to evolving tax landscapes, it's essential to stay informed. Let's delve into the key financial shifts that will shape the year ahead.

##### SOCIAL SECURITY, RETIREMENT, AND OTHER SAVINGS CHANGES

• **Social Security:** A 2.5 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) will increase benefits for Social Security recipients.

• **401(k) Contribution Limits:** The 401(k) contribution limit will increase to \$23,500. For individuals ages 50 and over, the catch-up

contribution limit remains at \$7,500. New in 2025, a catch-up contribution range has been added for employees ages 60-63. That catch-up limit will be \$11,250 instead of \$7,500.

• **401(k) Employees and Employers Combined Limits:** The adjusted cap for those under 50 years of age will be \$70,000; for employees over 50, the cap will be \$77,500; and those between 60 and 63 can max out at \$81,250. Additionally, the maximum income that can count for retirement contributions increases to \$350,000.

• **SEP IRA Limits:** Business owners' contributions to a SEP IRA will have an increased maximum of \$70,000.

• **Health Saving Accounts (HSA) Limits:** HSA contribution limits will increase to \$4,300 for singles and \$8,550 for family plans.



Julia Carlson

• **Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) Limits:** FSA contributions increase to \$3,300.

• **ROTH IRA Income Limits:** For single taxpayers, the maximum income allowed for a ROTH IRA contribution will be \$165,000. If you make between \$150,000 and \$165,000, your contribution will be limited.

##### FEDERAL TAX LAW CHANGES

• **Standard Deduction:** The standard deduction will be \$15,000 for single taxpayers and \$30,000 for couples filing jointly.

• **Gift Tax Exclusion:** The maximum amount you can gift to an individual before it counts toward your taxes will be \$19,000.

• **Lifetime Estate Tax Credit:** The new federal lifetime estate tax exemption will be \$13,990,000.

##### WHAT ISN'T CHANGING

• **IRA Contributions:** The annual contribution limit to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) remains unchanged at \$7,000, along with the same \$1,000 catch-up limit for those over 49.

• **Tax Brackets & Rates:** Tax brackets remain unchanged for 2025, and rates experienced a minor inflation adjustment.

It's essential to stay informed

about the upcoming 2025 financial changes and to consult with a qualified financial advisor and tax professional when appropriate. By actively monitoring these developments and seeking professional advice, you can make well-informed decisions that align with your long-term financial goals. Remember, proactive financial planning is helpful for achieving financial stability and confidence.

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## A playground for all at Taft Elementary

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

A state-of-the-art playground featuring accessible equipment designed to ensure all students can participate in outdoor play and physical activity is now open at Taft Elementary School in Lincoln City.

The playground includes a comprehensive play structure with three slides, an adaptive obstacle course with climbing wall, a “spider web” climbing net, and specialized equipment for students with mobility needs.

“Notable inclusive features include a disc swing, double seesaw bouncer, and soon-to-be-installed musical instruments and basketball shooters,” a release from the Lincoln County School District (LCSD) states. “The design intentionally incorporates elements that support students of all abilities.”

“A new playground had been high on the priority list for Taft Elementary for years,” Superintendent Majalise Tolan said. “Providing students with a safe, accessible, and fun outdoor experience is important.”

The new playground showcases LCSD’s dual commitment to inclusive student spaces and responsible fiscal management, demonstrating how skilled internal teams can create lasting value for the LCSD school communities, according to Tolan.

Taft Elementary Principal Becca Bostwick emphasized the collaborative nature of the project.

“Thank you to our school board and Dr. Tolan for recognizing the need for a new playground as the previous



The Taft Tiger mascot (above) shows off Taft Elementary School’s new playground, which is designed to be enjoyed by students of all abilities. The Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce (right) celebrated the opening of Taft Elementary School’s new inclusive playground with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday, Dec. 9. Students from the school spoke during the event. (Courtesy photos)



See **PLAYGROUND**, page B3

## Lincoln City accepts Newport’s holiday food drive challenge

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

Lincoln City officials said they have gladly accepted the holiday food drive challenge competition against Newport.

“On behalf of the city of Lincoln City, I am happy to accept the challenge from the city of Newport to raise donations to benefit Lincoln City Food Pantry and the Lincoln County Animal



A friendly competition between Lincoln City and Newport is designed to bring in non-perishable food items for the needy and for animals at the Lincoln County Animal Shelter. (Metro Creative Connection)

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## Celebrate the Winter Solstice in Yachats

The annual Yachats Winter Solstice Celebration will be held at the Yachats Commons this Saturday, Dec. 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. — or until the bonfire goes out.

Enjoy the bonfire, food, music, dancing, friends and fun. Free treats will be provided. Celebrations of the Winter Solstice are happy acknowledgements to the increasing daylight hours.

A delicious assortment of cookies will again be provided by the Yachats Ladies Club. A variety of chilis — including vegan

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A celebration of the Winter Solstice will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Yachats Commons, located at 441 Highway 101 N. (Courtesy photo)

## Free Christmas dinner at Newport Elks Lodge



There will once again be a festive atmosphere at the Newport Elks Lodge on Christmas Day (Dec. 25), when the lodge, located at 45 John Moore Drive, partners with NewportNaz Church to put on a free turkey dinner from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Courtesy photo)

A free, community Christmas Day dinner, a long-standing tradition in Newport, will return on Dec. 25 at the Newport Elks Lodge, located at 45 John Moore Drive.

For many years, the Newport Elks Lodge and NewportNaz Church have partnered to put on this holiday event for anyone who wants a full turkey dinner on Christmas Day. Organizers stress that the free dinner is open to all — young or old, rich or poor, one or many. All are welcome,

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A high school orchestra performs at Newport Middle School during last year’s Oregon Coast Youth Symphony Festival. (Courtesy photo)

## Oregon Coast Youth Symphony Festival announces 2025 season

The Oregon Coast Youth Festival Association is one of Oregon’s and the country’s most unique and successful high school

classical music programs. Established in 2016, the festival board presents three major events each year: 1) a four-day April Festival

for six high school orchestras, 2) a free Chamber Music Concert Series with high school

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SWAFFORD ON WINE

Drinking wine can be educational

Drinking wine is not only pleasing to the senses of sight, smell and taste, but it can also be educational. I'm reporting on an Oregon Pinot noir that was new to me: Six Stones, 2021 Rogue Valley Pinot noir. Though not outstanding, it presented pleasant red fruit flavors (raspberry, strawberry), enough acidity and hints of oak and forest vegetation on the palate and nose.

But the name of the wine brings a lesson in history and language. Six Stones Cellar sources their grapes from the Rogue Valley, which is the location of the Siskyou Mountain Range. I had always believed the name "Siskyou" was another Native American name, but no. Early French trappers forded a local river by hopping on six stones

(six caillieux) the pronunciation of which to English-speaking ears became, "Sis-ki-you."

A classic wine for drinking or gift giving in this holiday season is Port, or Porto. The name derives from Portugal's city Oporto, a port on the Douro River through which all true Portuguese Port has been shipped out into the world ever since it was "invented" there in the north of the country over 300 years ago. Many of the leading Port houses, or shippers as they are known, have British names, i.e. Graham, Sandeman, Taylor, etc., since it was the English who founded, promoted, and consumed this wine that they added grape brandies to in order to stabilize the barrels as they made the voyage to



Joseph Swafford

England. Over the years, more brandy was added until the lovely sweet (c:a 10 percent sugar), high-alcohol (c:a 20 percent) dessert wine evolved. It probably became the most sexist drink on Earth as Port and cigars were only brought out by gentlemen when the ladies left the room. But that no longer applies: the ladies don't leave the room anymore.

The best Ports are vintage-dated and are rare and expensive. There are other styles of Port that vary in quality and price that are still worth exploring. The simplest and least expensive is Ruby Port. Locally you can find Vintage Ports such as my personal favorite, Quinta do Noval, at The Wine Cellar in Nye Beach for over \$60 a bottle. This shop and McKay's Market

can also supply you with other bottles such as a half bottle of Warre' Warrior for \$11.99 and Fonseca Ports ranging in price from \$16.49 to about \$20. Fred Meyer has a Dow's Ruby for \$14.99. And at McKay's there are still vestiges of the late Jim Vickers great Vintage Port collection from his J C Market before it became McKay's.

Recently, with a glass of port in my hand, I found myself gazing at the flames dancing in my living room wood stove. This was the perfect formula for banishing the early winter chill and letting memory take me safely back in time and distance from the ravages of war and societal unrest that attack our sanity every day today. At the holiday seasonal concert of our marvelous Newport Symphony Orchestra the other night, a few bars of the carol, "O Holy Night,"

rose up out of a medley and took me back to my high school, where a teen-aged Joseph was sitting in a physical education class. Yes, that was a long trip.

We were a rowdy bunch of boys in a classroom in the basement of the gym where we begrudgingly awaited a health, hygiene and sex education lecture that was required. Our teacher was a popular coach — we even had a secret cheer for him: "Meatballs and spaghetti!, Coach Reno Continetti!" So when he walked in that day and announced there would be no academics since it was almost Christmas break — "Today we're going to sing Christmas Carols" — we almost gave the cheer.

Then one of the rowdies shouted, "Hey! Get Patrick to do a solo!" Others joined in the clamor for the shy Patrick to stand up so they could make fun of him again as they so often did. Coach C held

up his hand said, "All right, guys, knock it off! It's OK, Patrick, if you don't want to do this..." But Patrick signaled that it was OK and slowly got to his feet.

The room grew quieter. Then when Patrick opened his mouth and brought forth the first phrases of "O Holy Night" in a soaring, bell-clear, boy-soprano voice, every one of us in that room froze. With rising power in his voice, he hit the high notes and held them — "O Night Devine." With the last note, silence hung in the air for a beat. Then the applause was deafening.

Yeah, Patrick nailed it. And that macho gang of wise guys gained a lesson: To be different is not always negative. Patrick also gained something, too. Respect.

Holiday Cheers!

Joseph Swafford jcswoff56@gmail.com

More Than A Star: a Christmas Eve celebration

More Than A Star, a Christmas Eve celebration at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, begins at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 24. Admission is free, and hot cider and baked goods will be provided. The cultural center is located at 540 NE Highway 101.

This production is a gift to the community, co-sponsored by the Driftwood Fellowship and the Lincoln City SDA Church. People are encouraged to come early for the best seats — the

house is usually full. Donations are welcome and will go to the cultural center for auditorium development. People are also asked to bring a canned food donation for the local Coastal Support Services.

More Than A Star represents bridge building in a fractious age. The Driftwood Fellowship (formerly First Baptist Church of Lincoln City) reached out to the pastor and some of the musicians at the Lincoln City SDA Church about

uniting to resurrect the Christmas Eve programs that had been so abruptly ended by COVID in 2020.

"We had such a warm welcome," Pastor Val Kendall from Driftwood said. "We were welcomed, and our idea was welcomed as well."

Lincoln City SDA Church Pastor Bill Mayne and music leaders Albert and Myra Thompson were immediately onboard and it was a go. Lincoln City Christian School joined the celebration as well.

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whether someone can't afford a dinner, doesn't want to eat alone or simply doesn't want to go to all the fuss of preparing a big meal.

Help from people in

the community is always needed to make this event a success. Volunteers are needed starting at 9:30 a.m. preparing the meals going out, throughout the day, and cleaning up afterward until about 4 p.m. To volunteer, call NewportNaz Church at 541-265-6684.

This free dinner takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Christmas Day at the Elks Lodge. Meals can also be delivered to the homebound — for people living in Newport and South Beach — by calling the church at 541-265-6684 no later than Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

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— will be available, plus fresh popcorn. Beverages will be provided by View the Future.

Morgen Silverhorn and friends will entertain and lead an acoustic instrument jam session. Please bring your acoustic instrument,

and dress warmly.

In the Northern Hemisphere, as we head closer to the Winter Solstice, the days are becoming shorter and shorter. Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year. This year, winter officially begins at 1:19 a.m., then the days become longer leading up to the Summer Solstice and the longest

day of the year.

All are invited to join in celebrating the 2024 Winter Solstice in Yachats — a tribute to the sun, offering rebirth and new beginnings, a time for transformation, positive overcoming negative, good luck and renewed creativity. This event is sponsored by Polly Plumb Productions, a local nonprofit (Pollyplumb.org).

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**PLAYGROUND**

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structure was over 20 years old," Bostwick said. "Our Taft staff and students had the vision for what a playground should be and helped with designing, from the structures to the color selection."

The total project cost of

\$282,431 for equipment and materials has been funded primarily through American Rescue Plan ESSER III funds (\$271,505) with additional support from LCSD Maintenance and General Funds (\$10,926). However, the district's innovative approach to construction led to substantial savings of over \$150,000 in labor and installation costs, according to LCSD

Facilities Director Rich Belloni.

"Having certified playground safety inspectors and installers on our staff, like Tim Kaufman and Riley Hiner, showcases our commitment to building internal capacity," Belloni said.

The team spent approximately one month installing the playground, with crews ranging from two to six staff members at various stages.

The Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce celebrated the opening of Taft Elementary School's new inclusive playground with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday, Dec. 9.

Students Tori and Payten shared their appreciation for LCSD's facilities and maintenance crew during the ceremony.

"You and your team members

have worked tirelessly," the students said. "The attention to details and commitment to quality and the teamwork that went into construction has not gone unnoticed. You've created a safe space for children to explore and grow mentally and emotionally."

Taft Elementary School is located at 4040 SE High School Drive in Lincoln City.

**FOOD**

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Shelter," Lincoln City Mayor Susan Wahlke said. "This is a challenge where everyone wins because we will be helping provide food for people in our community and animals at the shelter. I am always amazed at the

generosity of the people of Lincoln City when asked to help others."

Lincoln City is collecting donations for the Lincoln City Food Pantry at Coast Vineyard and at the Lincoln County Animal Shelter.

"We put the collections bins out Monday morning, Dec. 9, and have already received

"This is a challenge where everyone wins because we will be helping provide food for people in our community and animals at the shelter."

— Susan Wahlke, Lincoln City Mayor

donations in the bins," Lincoln City representative Kevin Mattias said.

The food drive runs until Dec. 31. All community members are

encouraged to pitch in to help the community throughout the holiday season.

"Lincoln City also has four drop off locations

for those in the community who would like to see us eclipse Newport in the amount of food that is collected," Mattias said.

The drop off locations are Lincoln City City Hall and Driftwood Library, located at 801 SW Highway 101, at the Lincoln City Community Center, located at 2150

NE Oar Place, and at the Lincoln City Police Station, located at 1503 SE East Devils Lake Road.

"Lincoln City is excited to be a part of this friendly competition with our neighbors to the south of us. Knowing that everyone wins, we wish Newport good luck," Mattias said.

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# Solstice celebration at Driftwood Library

The Driftwood Public Library extends an invitation to everyone in the community to join in its annual free Winter Solstice celebration on Saturday evening, Dec. 21. The celebration will be held in the Distad Reading Room at the north end of the library, starting at 6:30 p.m., and is expected to last about an hour and a half. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Winter Solstice is the official first day of winter and also the longest night of the year. Cultures have been celebrating Winter Solstice for centuries as a way of acknowledging the end of lengthening nights and shortening days. After the solstice, the sun will start setting later in the evening, and the days will grow gradually longer over

the next six months, finally culminating in Summer Solstice in late June. The holiday is often seen as a time for hope, reflection and renewal.

The celebration at Driftwood is an inclusive one: they hope to offer a program in which anyone can stop, take a breath, relax and reflect in the company of their community. This is an open mic event. All types of performance are welcome. Musicians, writers, dancers and readers from the local area are requested to join to honor the start of the winter season itself in an attempt to provide a small sanctuary from the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping and preparation. Likewise, the readings and music will ideally reflect

on various aspects of winter and solstice and what these mean to different interpreters.

Cookies, cocoa, punch, and tea will be provided during the celebration.

This event is sponsored by The Friends of Driftwood Public Library, Pioneer Joe Coffee Company, and Depoe Bakery.

Driftwood Public Library is located on the second floor of the Lincoln City City Hall building at 801 SW Highway 101. Any questions about this or any other library event can be directed to Ken Hobson at 541-996-1242 or via email at khobson@lincolncity.org. The library's website can be found at www.driftwood-lib.org

# Caregiver Support Group holds monthly meetings

The next free meeting of the Lincoln County Caregiver Support Group will take place this Thursday, Dec. 19, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Samaritan Center for Health Education, located at 740 SW 9th St. in Newport. People can also attend the meeting remotely online.

The Lincoln County Caregiver Support Group is a free, in-person and virtual support group for unpaid family caregivers who want a safe place to discuss the stresses, challenges, and rewards of

providing care for adults with disorders such as Alzheimer's, stroke, brain injury, and other chronic debilitating health conditions — while allowing seniors and people with disabilities to maintain their independence and fulfill their desire to remain living at home.

The focus is on helping the caregiver transition from "giving" care to "managing" care, allowing them to better protect their own health and wellbeing. Plus, there is practical information available on how

to navigate the health system and the many resources of further care available in the area.

Overseeing the support group is NESS (North End Senior Solutions). Caregiver Support meets in person and online via TEAMS on the third Thursday of each month. Participants should live in the Lincoln County area.

For more information, call Samaritan Center for Health Education at 541-574-4954 or contact NESS at 541-921-0937 or Info@northenders.org

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students and university students, and 3) a Composers' Symposium Series for high school student composers.

More than 850 students from 22 high school orchestras have participated in the annual four-day April Festival since it was established in 2016. Over 500 community members each year have enjoyed the free concerts that are part of the annual April Festival.

Participating in the April 24-27, 2025 festival will be high school orchestras from Pendleton, Klamath Union, Grants Pass, South Eugene, Caldera (Bend-La Pine), McNary (Salem-Keizer) and the Newport Youth Symphony of the Oregon Coast. During the festival, free concerts are held both Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26, in the gymnasium at Newport Middle School.

The 2025 special guest collegiate orchestra, Drake University from Des Moines, Iowa, will perform Friday night, April 25, along with performances by three of the high school ensembles. University cello professor Ashley Sidon will be featured, as will the Drake University Cello Choir.

The festival's finale Saturday night includes a performance by the combined ensemble of all six high school orchestras — nearly 150 students — under the direction of the two festival clinicians.

The festival's lead clinician is Adam Flatt, music director of the

Newport Symphony Orchestra, the Colorado Ballet and the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) Symphony. The April Festival guest clinician is Mark Laycock, professor of music at Wichita State University, where he holds the Ann Walenta Faculty of Distinction Endowed Professorship.

"What a gift for young orchestra musicians to have some days away from home to devote entirely to music and to each other," Flatt said. "The high school programs receive a great boost from this intense work, making strides in both music-making and in team-building, and bring home treasured memories of a musical weekend at the coast."

The annual free Chamber Music Concert Series (four events) features high school quartets, professional, and university student quartets playing side by side. These concerts provide an opportunity for talented high school and university students to perform in front of a live audience in a real concert hall — outside their hometown. Launched in the winter of 2018-19, more than 150 high school students have performed in the free Sunday afternoon Chamber Concert Series. Performances will be at 2 p.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church in Newport.

The first of the four free chamber concert performances will be on Sunday, Jan. 12, featuring music students from Corvallis High Schools (LaFontaine Quartet) followed by a quartet of classical music students

(Castor String Quartet) from Oregon State University.

Feb. 9 will be featuring the South Eugene High School piano trio and University of Portland String Quintet.

March 16 will have Forest Grove High School Quartet performing along with University of Oregon graduate students (Sequana String Quartet).

The final concert of the 2025 season is April 13 and will feature a special performance with members of the Newport Youth Symphony of the Oregon Coast, along with Newport Symphony Orchestra members.

The festival's Composers' Symposium Series is a unique opportunity for middle and high school students to submit an original composition, receive instruction from professional composers, and have it performed.

Initiated in September 2019, approximately 50 students have participated in the once-a-month Composers' Symposium Series (Zoom and in-person). The aim of the Composers' Symposium Series is to provide educational opportunities for talented high school music students by serving as a resource for networking, professional development, and collaboration. There are virtually no similar opportunities in Oregon and only a handful of opportunities for instruction in music composition in Oregon high schools.

Additional information, including a video of recent performances, can be found at the organization's website: youthsymphonyfestival.org

# Calendar of EVENTS

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

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

## SOLSTICE CELEBRATION AT DRIFTWOOD LIBRARY

The Driftwood Public Library, 801 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City, offers a free Winter Solstice celebration, beginning at 6 p.m. This is an open mic event. All types of performance are welcome. Info: 541-996-1242 or khobson@lincolncity.org

## THURSDAY, DEC. 19

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

**'THE CHRISTMAS SHOW'**  
Red Octopus Theatre Company's annual holiday tradition — "The Christmas Show" — is on stage at the Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive St. 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.coastarts.org/Christmas

## KARL SMILEY AT THE DRIFT INN

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

## SUNDAY, DEC. 22

**'THE CHRISTMAS SHOW'**  
Red Octopus Theatre Company's annual holiday tradition — "The Christmas Show" — is on stage at the Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive St. 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.coastarts.org/Christmas

## BIG BAND DANCE

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

**'HOLIDAY HOMECOMING' CONCERT**  
Coastal Voices, a 53-voice community chorus, presents "Holiday Homecoming," featuring an eclectic program of seasonal music. 3 p.m. Depoe Bay Community Hall, 220 SE Bay St. Admission: \$20; \$10 for 55 and older; free for 17 and under. Info: coastal-voices.org

## FRIDAY, DEC. 20

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

**LIVE MUSIC AT THE DRIFT INN**  
Johny Hunt performs from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

## IAN SMITH AT THE DRIFT INN

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

## MONDAY, DEC. 23

**DAVID ROGERS AT THE DRIFT INN**  
David Rogers performs a variety of music, including original compositions, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

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## TUESDAY, DEC. 24

**MORE THAN A STAR: A CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION**  
A Christmas Eve celebration at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101, beginning at 5 p.m. Admission is free, and hot cider and baked goods will be provided.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 21

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

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25

**FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
Newport Elks Lodge and NewportNaz Church invite anyone to enjoy a free Christmas Day dinner from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 45 John Moore Drive. For delivery in the Newport and South Beach areas, call 541-265-6684 no later than Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

## CELEBRATE THE WINTER SOLSTICE IN YACHATS

The annual Yachats Winter Solstice Celebration will be held at the Yachats Commons from 4 to 7 p.m. — or until the bonfire goes out. Enjoy the bonfire, food, music, dancing, friends and fun. Free treats will be provided. Celebrations of the Winter Solstice are happy acknowledgements to the increasing daylight hours.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 26

**LIVE MUSIC AT THE DRIFT INN**  
Lavinia Ross performs on acoustic 6 and 12-string guitar from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

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## FRIDAY, DEC. 27

**SHY SHY AND GARY**  
Shy Shy and Gary perform from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

## LIVE MUSIC AT THE DRIFT INN

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

## TUESDAY, DEC. 31

**TEX BROOKLYN EXPERIMENT PERFORMS**  
The Tex Brooklyn Experiment, featuring Robert Rubin and friends, performs at The Drift Inn, 124 Highway 101, Yachats. 6 p.m. No cover charge. Info: 541-547-4477.

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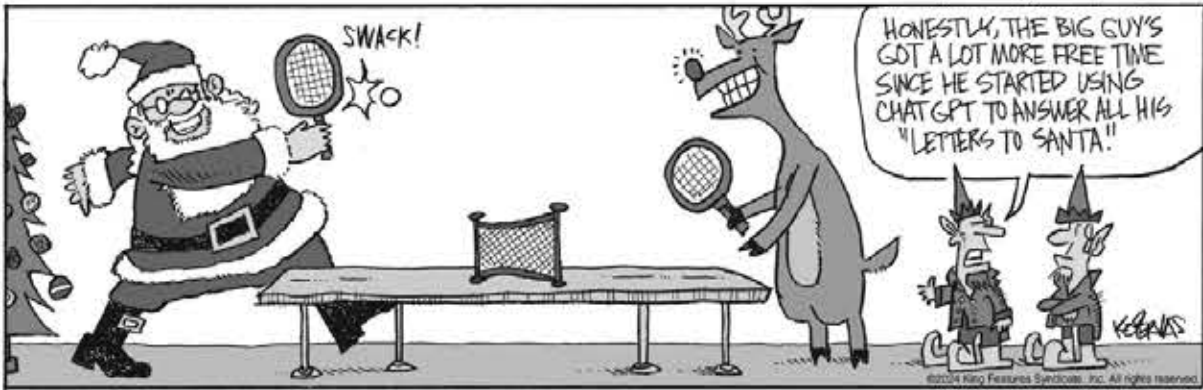
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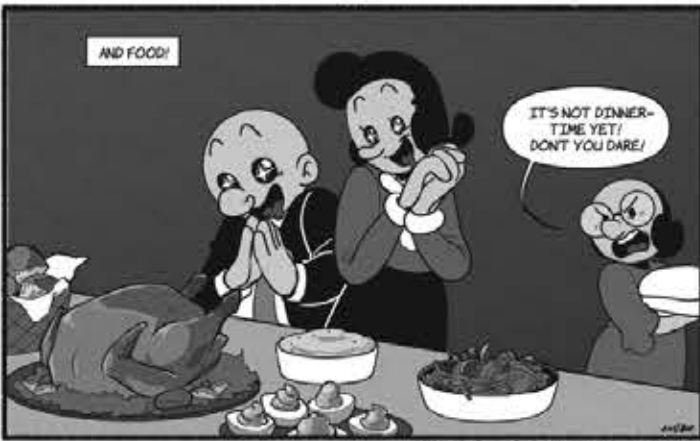
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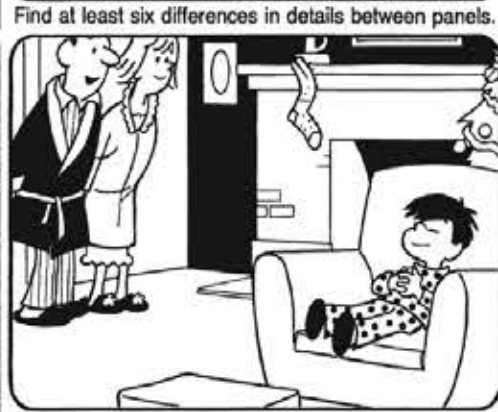
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by Dave T. Phipps



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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.

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# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the northernmost capital city in the world?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state is the driest?
- MOVIES:** In the movie "It's a Wonderful Life," what is the name of the angel who saves George Bailey?
- LITERATURE:** Which American novelist also wrote under the pen name Edgar Box?
- SCIENCE:** What is the process called in which plants lose water through their leaves?
- HISTORY:** What was the name of the international group that was supposed to keep the peace after World War I?
- TELEVISION:** Which TV sitcom featured a holiday episode titled "Abed's Uncontrollable Christmas"?
- ASTRONOMY:** What is it called when a group of stars forms a pattern?
- MUSIC:** What is the top-selling holiday song of all time?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** How many years are in a millennium?

### Answers

- Reykjavik, Iceland.
- Nevada, with an average of 10 inches of rain a year.
- Clarence Odbody.
- Gore Vidal.
- Transpiration.
- The League of Nations.
- "Community."
- Constellation.
- "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby.
- 1,000.

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"I'll say one thing about my diet — my husband is \_\_\_\_\_."

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### LCL24-3227 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

CASE NO.: 24PB10285 In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lincoln County in the Matter of the Estate of BEATRICE F. BOHANON, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rosemarie A. Jeffery has been appointed as Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned attorney for the Personal Representative at the office of Michael A. Schmidt, Schmidt & Yee, P.C., 18525 SW Vincent, Aloha, Oregon 97078, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Date First Published: December 18, 2024. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:

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Rosemarie A. Jeffery, 23795 SW Scholls Ferry Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97123. ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Michael A. Schmidt (OSB #783659), SCHMIDT & YEE, P.C., 18525 SW Vincent, Aloha, Oregon 97078, 503-642-7641, D18

### LCL24-3228 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

for the County of Lincoln. In the Matter of the Estate of ALFRETTA M. COOPER, Deceased, Case No. 24PB06821. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at Dustin G. Anderson, Schulz Anderson LLC, 2451 Willamette Street, Eugene, Oregon 97405, within four months after the date of first publication, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Dustin G. Anderson, Schulz Anderson LLC, 2451 Willamette Street, Eugene, Oregon 97405. Dated and first published on December 18, 2024. /s/ Dustin G. Anderson, Personal Representative. D18

### LCL24-3231 INVITATION TO BID NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids for the construction of the New Yachats Library will be received from interested Contractors by: Submittal Recipient: Neal Morphis, Clerk Submittal

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Location: Yachats City Hall, PO Box 345 / 501 Hwy 101. Yachats Oregon Submittal Deadline: 1:30 pm prevailing local time, on Thursday, 9 January, 2025. Immediately thereafter, (1:40pm) the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the undersigned or designated representative. Additionally, in compliance with ORS 279C.370, OAR 125-249-0360, and with requirements specified in Section 00-20-00, Bidders shall submit List of 1st-tier Subcontractors at: Submittal Recipient & Location: Same as stipulated above Submittal Deadline: Within 2 hours following Bid Submittal Deadline (not later than 3:30 pm) As soon as conveniently possible thereafter, the Subcontractors Lists will be reviewed and considered as stipulated in Section 00-20-00. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: In general, the Project comprises the Demolition of the existing approximate 2,048 sq.ft., single story, wood frame existing Library structure. All salvage to Owner has been removed. Any items deemed as salvage becomes property of the Contractor. Construction of the new single story building totaling approximately 3448 sq. ft. of floor area, and built of standard wood frame construction as illustrated on the Further information is included in Section 01-11-00 Summary of Work The Project is located: 560 West 7th Street, Yachats, Oregon 97498. TYPE OF BID: One proposal for the entire Project, including General, Mechanical, and Electrical Work is required. BIDDING DOCUMENTS: Prime Bidders, Subbidders, and Vendors may obtain Bid Documents, and any Addenda as specified in

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Instructions to Bidders Section 00-20-00 Drawings and Specifications, including Bidding and Agreement Documents may be obtained or examined at the following location: Yachats City Hall, 501 Hwy 101, Yachats, Oregon, Attn: Neal Morphis - City Clerk cityclerk@yachatsmail.org PREQUALIFICATION: Prequalification of Bidders will not be required, unless the City determines that it is necessary to evaluate the Bid(s). Bidder will then, upon request, submit Forms (in accordance with ORS 279C-430 State Statutes) to be received by City not more than 5 days after the request. RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS: As stipulated in ORS 279B.110, Responsible Bidders shall: Have adequate resources: Have satisfactory performance records, Have satisfactory integrity record, Be legally qualified to contract with Owner, Have promptly supplied requested responsibility information. NON-RESIDENT BIDDERS: In accordance with ORS 279A-120, preference to Oregon residents will be given when awarding this Contract by adding to a non-resident's bid the same percentage, if any, given to the Bidder by the Bidder's home State. Accordingly, Bidders will be required to indicate on the Bid Form whether or not the Bidder is an Oregon resident. CONTRACTOR'S REGISTRATION: Bids will not be considered, unless the Bidder is registered with the Construction Contractors Board in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: This Project will be governed by all required Equal Employment Opportunity requirements. Bidders

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will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, medical condition, or disability in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this invitation. ASBESTOS ABATEMENT: Asbestos Abatement Work will not be required on this Project. Copy of the Environmental Remediation Report is provided in the Bidding / Construction Documents, see Section 01-11-15 WAGE RATES: No Bid will be received or considered unless the Bid contains a statement assuring the Bidder's compliance with ORS 279C-800 through ORS 279C-870, State Statutes, which relate to payment of prevailing rates of wage. BID SECURITY: Bidders shall submit with their Bid Proposal a Bid Bond, Certified Check, irrevocable Line of Credit issued by an Insured Institution as defined by ORS 706.008, or Bank Cashier's Check equal to 10% of the Base Bid including Additive Alternates, if any; which bind Bidder to enter into a Contract and to furnish Performance & Payment Bonds, as required, within 10 working days after notification to acceptance of Proposal. Checks, if any, shall be made payable to Owner. DRUG TESTING: In accordance with ORS 279C-505(2) and with requirements specified in Section 00-50-10, the Contractor and the Contractor's Subcontractors will be required to certify that they have and will maintain a Drug Testing Program for their Employees. OWNER'S RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE: In event that all Bids exceed the Owner's cost estimate, and in accordance with ORS

## Newport Rocks — We Need Socks, Hats and Gloves

Martek Real Estate is collecting socks, hats and gloves during this holiday season for those who are in need. Please help us by dropping off these items to the Martek office between now and December 18th.

**MARTEK** Real Estate  
541-265-8785

567 N COAST HWY  
NEWPORT, OR 97365

## ADVANTAGE Real Estate

541-265-2200  
205 E. Olive Street  
Newport, OR 97365

**NEW LISTING**

**Cute & Cozy 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath with a 416sf Finished Attic.** This home is in the heart of Toledo and has a fenced yard. Many improvements in the last 2-5 years including a new 50 year roof, windows, floors, pellet stove, and a hot water heater. Perfect for new buyers and/or an investment property.  
24-2558 ..... \$300,000

**NEW LISTING**

**Cozy, Well-maintained home** on private double lot. Updated kitchen features SS appliances, just two years old. Vaulted living room w/electric fireplace opens to a new Trex deck overlooking a creek. Fenced yard ensures privacy, and the neighborhood offers exclusive beach access. This home is move-in ready!  
24-2540 ..... \$299,000

**NEW LISTING**

**Ocean Front in Newport!** This affordable fractional condo gives you 5 weeks a year on the beach and is close to all of Newport's amenities including shopping, restaurants, entertainment and the aquarium! This unit is updated, well taken care of and includes a carport.  
24-2542 ..... \$29,500

**NEW LISTING**

**This Shared Ownership** provides 4 weeks of stay per year, on a rotating schedule. One bedroom 2 bath unit features an ocean view and great location, easy access from the owner parking. The Inn also offers golf cart concierge service for convenience. Low HOA fees, great amenities, and private beach access.  
24-2530 ..... \$9,500

**Freddy Saxton**  
Broker Owner,  
ePRO, CRS, GRI, C2EX

**K. Scarlett Kier**  
Broker, CRS,  
GRI, C2EX

**Tim Myrick**  
Broker, ABR,  
CRS, GRI

**Bonnie Saxton**  
Broker Owner,  
CRB, CRS, GRI

**Tammy Gagne**  
Broker,  
ABR, CRIS

**Barbara Le Pine**  
Broker, AHWD,  
C2EX

**Randy Olsen**  
Broker

**Arjen Sundman**  
Broker

**Audra Powell**  
Broker, GRI, CRS,  
PSA, C2EX

**Joan Davies**  
Broker

**Marilyn Grove**  
Broker, AHWD,  
C2EX, ABR

**Russell Taylor**  
Broker

**Wendy Becker**  
Broker, ABR

**Nick Dyer**  
Broker, CLE

**Shelly Heim**  
Broker

**Jessica Hawkes**  
Broker

**Elise Jordan**  
Broker

**Chris Garrett**  
Broker

**Brittney Johnson**  
Broker

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279C-340, the Owner may negotiate with the lowest responsive Bidder prior to awarding the Contract, in order to solicit value engineering and other options to attempt to bring the Contract within the Owner's cost estimate. OWNER'S RIGHT TO HOLD BIDS: Prior to awarding the Contract, the Owner reserves the right to hold the Bids for 45 days following the Bid opening date for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating Subidders' qualifications. OWNER'S RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS: The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any or all Bids when it is in the Owner's best interest to do so. BY INVITATION OF: City of Yachats By: Neal Morphis, Clerk By ORDER OF: City of Yachats City Manager HTTPS://WWW.YACHATSOREGON.ORG/BIDS.ASPX?BIDID=22

LCL24-3232

NOTICE is given that in the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon for the County of Lincoln, In the Matter of the Estate of Irma Cornelia Jaden, Case No. 24PB1709, Bianca I Hardly has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at 4660 NW Pacific Ct., Lincoln city, Oregon 97367, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative, Margaret E Dailey, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 552, Newport, Oregon 97365, (503) 265-8805. D18

LCL24-3233

The following unit will be sold at Public Auction Starting 1/7/2025 at 9:00am. Ending 1/14/2025 at 9:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Auction to be pursuant to Auction Rules and Procedures for Trux Holdings. Rules are available at the facility office. All bidding will take place ONLINE at bid13.com Unit# B297 Kiah Totenkopf, Unit# H707 Jeff Baccaro, Unit#LB55 Rick Smith, Unit#LB68 Shannon Ortleb. D18 D25

LCL24-3234 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of KELLY P. McCARTER, Deceased. Case No.: 24PB08718 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County

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of Lincoln, has appointed GLORIA P. MORAN as Personal Representative of the Estate of Kelly P. McCarter, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them, with vouchers to the Personal Representative, c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St., Dallas, OR 97338, within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published December 18, 2024. Gloria P. Moran, Personal Representative, c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St., Dallas, OR 97338, Telephone: (503) 623-2427, Email: stan@stanbutterfield.com D18

LCL24-3113 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

T.S. Number: 2024-00018-OR Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by SAMUEL HAWKINS AND JACK-LYN HAWKINS, HUSBAND AND WIFE as grantor, to Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, a California corporation c/o Fidelity National Title Company of Oregon as trustee, in favor of Strong Home Mortgage, LLC, AS LENDER MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., MERS is a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for Lender and Lenders successors and assigns, as beneficiary, dated 06/30/2021, recorded on 06/30/2021, in the Records of Lincoln County, Oregon, in book --- at page --- and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception No. 2021-08437, covering the following described real property situated in the above entitled court and state: APN: R378265 08-11-21-AD-14000-00 Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 12, SEAGROVE, in Lincoln County, Oregon. Commonly Known As: 60 SEAGROVE PLACE, LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367. Both the beneficiary and the trustee are recorded on the deed and the trustee Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a Notice of Default 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: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE AS OF 09/18/2024: \$66,509.51 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF AS OF 09/18/2024: \$548,967.19

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Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said default being the following: Installment of Principal and Interest plus impounds and/or advances which became due on 10/01/2022 plus late charges, and all subsequent installments of principal, interest, balloon payments, plus impounds and/or advances and late charges that become payable. Therefore, notice hereby is given that Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Services the undersigned trustee will on 2/4/2025 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, At the South Entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365 as established by ORS187.110, in the 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 grantor 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 ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five (5) days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, and in addition to paying the sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee's and attorney fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. In construing this notice the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes

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the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale has been issued by the Trustee. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the Trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligation. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representation or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential properties 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 properties should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. Premium Title Agency, Inc. DBA PTS Foreclosure Ser-

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vices, 7730 Market Center Ave Suite 100 E Phone, TX 79912 Trustee Info Number: (866) 960-8299. NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS The property in which you are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for 02/04/2025. The date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the lender that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property. After the sale, the new owner is required to provide you with contact information and notice that the sale took place. The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as a residential dwelling under legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you in you own this property if you are not a bona fide residential tenant. If the foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have the right to require you to move out. Before the new owner can require you to move, the new owner must provide you with written notice that specifies the date by which you must move out. If you do not leave before this move-out date, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing. PROTECTION FROM EVICTION IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THE PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR: • 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE. IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE OR • AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE. IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT. If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you have fixed term lease with more than 30 days left. You must be provided with at least 30 days written notice after the foreclosure sale before you can be required to move. A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement is the result of an arm's-length transaction; • Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; • Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY BETWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLOSURE SALE: RENT - YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR UNTIL A COURT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE. SECURITY DEPOSIT You may apply for security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise: • You do not owe rent; • The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the

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property on your behalf; and • You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you. The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 30 or 60 days. You should speak to a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice. Oregon State Bar (503) 684-3763; (800) 452-7636. Legal assistance: http://oregonlawhelp.org/

LCL24-3225 CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON LINCOLN COUNTY

Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES WILLIAM DEWEESE, Deceased. CASE NO. 24PB10337 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is hereby given that Susan E. Snell has been appointed personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at: Martin, Elliott & Snell, P.O. Box 575, Tualatin, Oregon 97062, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, dated this 18th day of December, 2024. Personal Representative/Attorney: Susan E. Snell, OSB #53356, Martin, Elliott & Snell, P.C., P.O. Box 575, Tualatin, Oregon 97062. D18

LCL24-3224 FORECLOSURE SALE

At the Storage Place/ South Beach Mini Storage, 4822 S Coast Hwy South Beach OR 97366. Starting at 10:30am on 12/20/24 for unit #60 rented by Mike Wixted. D18

LCL24-3223 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the ESTATE OF EMIL GUSTAFSON, Lincoln County Circuit Court Case Number 24PB05226. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365 or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date first published: December 18, 2024. Cheryl Ann Jensen and Lillian Gustafson Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Emil Gustafson, Attorney at Law, 515 W Olive St., Newport, OR 97365, fax 541-265-2699 D11 D18 D25

LCL24-3222 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the ESTATE OF JUANITA L. BLACKWOOD, Lincoln County Circuit Court Case Number 24PB09789 All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365 or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this

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estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date first published: December 18, 2024. Craig M. Worcester Personal Representative of the Estate of Juanita L. Blackwood, Attorney at Law, Attorney for Personal Representatives, PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365. D18 D25 J1

LCL24-3230 SALE OF ABANDONED MANUFACTURED HOME

One (1) 1973 KRKWD (unknown model), manufactured dwelling, Home ID number 162611, Serial number 182864, X-Plat# No 77888, has been abandoned by Jessica Hilliker. Said property is located at Bayview Mobile Home Park, 955 NE Mill Street, Space A03, Waldport, OR 97394. Said dwelling shall be sold by private bidding, with sealed bids and "as is." Bids to be delivered to: Sterling Properties Real Estate Services, LLC, 5200 SW Meadows Road, Suite 150, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035, no later than midnight on the 27th day of December, 2024. Minimum bid shall be \$4,184.82, which shall include taxes, all of which is to be paid by purchaser. Please contact Erik Hess for more information and/or questions at 360-546-3341. D18 D25

LCL24-3215 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of Rodney Earl Golden, Deceased. No. 24PB10376 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is hereby given to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at: Karen J. Mpitsois, 708 NE Beach Dr., Newport, OR 97365 or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date first published: December 11, 2024. /s/ Karen J. Mpitsois, Personal Representative. Pridgeon & McCrum, LLC, Attorneys at Law, 515 W Olive St., Newport, OR 97365, 541-265-2217, fax 541-265-2699 D11 D18 D25

LCL24-3214 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of Jillane L. Anderson, Deceased. No. 24PB10385 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is hereby given to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365 or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date first published: December 18, 2024. Dylan Anderson, Personal Representative. Pridgeon & McCrum, LLC, Attorneys at Law, 515 W Olive St., Newport, OR 97365, 541-265-2217, fax 541-265-2699 D11 D18 D25

LCL24-3217 PUBLIC AUCTION AT ANCHOR STORAGE

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

LCL24-3198

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

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

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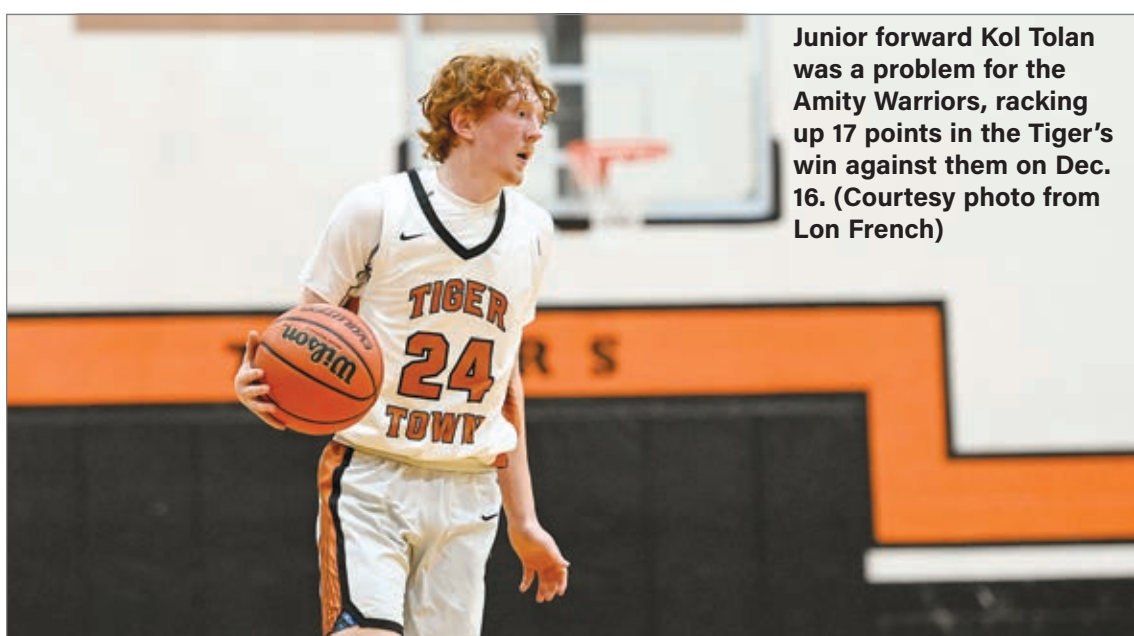
FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN LLAGG COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND BENEFICIARIES OF NOVA E. JONES; STATE OF OREGON, OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2520 S CRESTLINE DRIVE, WALDPFORT, OR 97394, Defendants. CASE NO.: 24CV48737 SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND BENEFICIARIES OF NOVA E. JONES and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2520 S CRESTLINE DRIVE, WALDPFORT, OR 97394. The Defendant(s) above named is/are hereby directed and required to appear in, and defend against, this legal action within 30 days after the first date of publication of summons, which is the 27th day of November, 2024, and to file with the court an affidavit of service of the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff LLAGG COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff, ZBS LAW, LLP, at their office below stated; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. This is a Complaint for Judicial Foreclosure of a Deed of Trust. You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff's attorney, or if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the plaintiff. If you have any questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling (503) 684-3763 in the Portland metropolitan area, or a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be available from a county veterans' service officer or community action agency. Contact information for a local county veterans' service officer agency may be obtained by calling a 2-1-1 information service. DATED: November 15, 2024 ZBS LAW, LLP. By: /s/ Dirk Schouten, Dirk Schouten, OSB# 115153, Amber L. Labrecque, OSB No. 09593, dschouten@zbslaw.com, alabrecque@zbslaw.com, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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Junior forward Kol Tolan was a problem for the Amity Warriors, racking up 17 points in the Tiger's win against them on Dec. 16. (Courtesy photo from Lon French)

## Taft basketball kicks off league play

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Both Taft basketball programs began their league seasons against Amity High School on Dec. 16, and though the girls team wasn't able to get a win, the boys squad did net its first W of the campaign.

For the girls, it was a tough go-round, and they ultimately lost 18-51. Though the final score did feature a wide margin, the Tigers fought hard and kept it close in the early going. At the end of the first quarter, Sienna Lillebo scored a nice step-through to put the Tigers down 11-7.

In the second, an inbounds play opened up a scoring opportunity for Olivia Davis, who converted the basket to bring the score to 11-16 midway through the second quarter, but the Warriors began to pull away. Fast break points were challenging for the Tigers to stop, with Amity getting out in transition on missed shots and turnovers. Amity ramped up the pressure on Taft and pushed the lead to 13-29 going into the half.

In the third quarter, Amity turned up the heat on the Tigers in the half-court. Bringing a full-court press and double teams against Taft from the moment they inbounded the ball. The Warriors were ruthless, converting the turnovers and stops into points in the paint. Off the back of tenacious defense and strong finishing at the hoop, Amity held Taft

scoreless in the third quarter and scored 13 points themselves to put them up 42-13 going into the fourth.

The scoreless run was put to an end when Jayde Reyes-Cornejo drained three free throws at the start of the fourth quarter to bring the score to 16-46. The amity zone continued to cause problems for the Tigers issues in the half court, and ultimately, the game finished 18-51. Though it was a tough night for Taft, the team never quit and continued to hustle for rebounds and loose balls until the very end.

### TIGERS WIN

The boys basketball team for Taft grabbed their first league win of the season with a 67-44 win against the Amity High School Warriors.

Taft boys varsity basketball opened up the scoring with a beautiful floater from Kai Bayer after a smooth passage of play. It was the first basket of four for the Tigers in the first quarter. Bayer finished the game with 10 points and was one of three Tigers to finish in double figures scoring. Trenton Battle was the lead scorer for the Tigers in the first, finishing with four points and eight in the game.

The Tigers were up 8-3 until Amity hit a three-pointer to double their score with 2 seconds left in the first. Amity took the lead to start the second quarter with a three, going up 9-8, but the Warriors wouldn't hold the lead long. Jackson Nightingale hit an up-and-under

layup to put the Tigers up 10-8.

The middle of the second quarter went back and forth, with neither team grabbing control. With 1:30 left in the quarter and the score tied at 18s, player Battle grabbed a rebound and put it back to give Taft a 20-18 lead. Nightingale and Battle would each score one more time before the quarter ended to put the Tigers up 24-18.

In the third quarter, the Tigers continued the positive momentum they ended the first half with. Taft tightened the screws on the Warriors and took a 36-22 lead with a fast break layup from Kol Tolan with 2:20 to go. Tolan was a monster in transition and in the paint for Taft, and he finished with 17 points and was the team's leading scorer.

Amity didn't give up, though, clawing back to 38-30 going into the fourth quarter. If the Tigers let anything slip at the end of the third, they made sure to make up for it to start the fourth.

Taft went on a 13-3 run capped by a JJ McCormick pickpocket into a fast break layup for Zack Hankins to go up 51-33. From that point, Taft put the game to bed, with one of the highlights being Cooper O'Laughlin hitting a midrange jump shot that got the bench off their feet cheering. The game ended 67-44, and the Tigers came away with their first league win.

The Tigers will be back in action in an away league game against Scio on Dec. 18.

## Newport swimmers show out again

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qualifying times.

### JAY EIBNER, 11

While the high school swim teams are just dipping their toes into the new season, the Newport Swim Team (NST) continued its success at the Forest Grove Christmas Invite meet over the weekend.

Competing in Forest Grove Dec. 13 - 15, Newport sent eight swimmers and was among more than ten Oregon swim clubs that sent athletes to the meet. With a large field and competitors ranging in age from 7-18, Newport's swimmers performed well, with many posting personal records and coach John Wray saying that the team "made their presence felt."

Though no team scores were kept, and no team was crowned winner in the meet, Newport's swimmers still distinguished themselves with some strong performances. Let's look at how each of NST's swimmers did in their events over the weekend.

### REIGN BERRY, 7

Berry swam five events in the 8 & Under Girls division and recorded five personal best times in each. Her best showing was an 11th-place finish in the 25 Freestyle and a 12th-place in the 25 Backstroke.

### BRADLEY PETERSON, 8

Peterson competed in two events and recorded a personal record in one of them. Peterson was "swimming with the big boys," according to Wray, competing in the 12 & Under division. He held his own and placed 37th in the 100 Freestyle.

### ZOEY CHAPPELL, 11

Chappell swam what Wray described as an "outstanding meet." Chappell raced in six events and recorded six personal best times. Not only beating her own times, Chappell also won 2 events in the 11-12 Girls division, along with three 2nd place finishes and a 3rd. Chappell's speed in the lanes led to her recording three Oregon Championship meet

qualifying times. Competing in the 11-12 Boys division, Eibner swam seven races and earned four personal best times. One of NST's most consistent swimmers, Eibner placed no lower than 5th in any of his races and came away as the winner in the 200 Breaststroke. To top it off, Eibner recorded an Oregon Championship Qualifying time in the 100 Backstroke.

### DYLAN GIBSON, 13

Gibson was someone who Wray said excelled at the Forest Grove invite. Though he did not win any of his events, he showed tremendous improvement, racing in seven events and walking away with seven personal bests. In the 13-14 Boys division, Gibson's best showing was a 13th-place finish in the 200 Individual Medley and 14th in the 100 Butterfly.

### JAHAN EIBNER, 15

The elder Eibner walked away with a first-place finish, winning the 400 Individual Medley in the 15 & Over Boy division. Eibner also performed well in the 200 Breaststroke, taking 2nd in the race. Out of three total races, Eibner recorded two personal best times at the meet.

### MARIAM KIMBERLY, 15

Kimberly had a full weekend of swimming, as she swam Dec. 14 with the Newport High School Cubs at the Newport Invitational. On the second day of the meet, Kimberly jumped into action and swam three events. She recorded one personal record and placed 18th in the 15 & Over Girls division in both the 100 Butterfly and 200 Breaststroke.

### SLATE SKEENKOLK, 16

Newport's oldest competitor, Skeenkolk, exhibited some excellent growth in his performances, recording five personal bests in the 15 and Over Boys division. Skeenkolk placed 8th in the 200 Breaststroke and 12th in the 200 Individual Medley.

## Taft and Newport wrestling highlights



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