



Lincoln County Leader

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Lincoln County, Oregon

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Road crews were busy last week grinding up damaged asphalt and laying new pavement along a stretch of Highway 101 at Beverly Beach. (Photo by Steve Card)

Another patch on the road

ODOT once again smooths out Highway 101 at Beverly Beach

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

For years, the Oregon Department of Transportation has been battling ongoing road issues along Highway 101 in

the Beverly Beach area north of Newport.

The most recent patching project was underway last week when one lane of the highway was closed so that road crews could grind up and remove damaged asphalt and install a new layer.

“As people are aware, that stretch of highway has been

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Report shows benefits of Lincoln City's recycling efforts

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

North Lincoln Sanitary Service (NLSS) has released its 2023 Opportunity to Recycle Report.

The document is compiled on the city's behalf, showing how the company is continuing to promote waste reduction, educate the community, and launch waste reduction pilot programs.

The NLSS report shows 2,832 tons of mixed recycling had been diverted from the landfill from January to November 2023. The report states that 2,841 tons were diverted in 2022.

“We are proud to announce that our residential participation rate is at 82 percent and our commercial participation rate is at 38 percent,” North Lincoln Sanitary Service Sustainability Coordinator Lexi Howell said during the Feb. 26 Lincoln City City Council meeting. “One of our bigger changes this year is the acceptance of all batteries free of charge at our recycling center in the effort to keep lithium-ion batteries out of the waste stream due to fire hazard.”

MIXED COMPOST

NLSS launched a mixed compost program for all residential customers in March 2021. Since the program's start date, NLSS has collected 5,724 tons of mixed compostables from the curb.

“We collected 1,945 of those tons from January to November 2023,” Howell said. “The residential participation rate is at 74 percent, just 8 percent behind recycling”

To build on the success of the residential program, Howell said NLSS launched a Commercial Compost Pilot Program in October 2022 with Pelican Brewery and spent grains from the restaurant's brewing process.

“Because of their success, Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital (SNLH) was added in March 2023 and Salishan

See **RECYCLING**, page A9

Spots of color on the beach

Explore Lincoln City's 2024 Finders Keepers promotion is underway, offering a treasure hunt with specially designed glass floats as the prize. More than 3,000 glass treasures are hidden along Lincoln City's seven miles of sandy beaches, each made by local artisans. If you find a float, it's all yours. (Courtesy photos)

Finders Keepers 2024 offers hidden glass floats

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Even during the rainy, cloudy days, there are bright spots waiting for visitors to Lincoln City beaches.

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seven miles of sandy beaches, each made by local artisans. If you find a float, it's all yours.

The Lincoln County Leader reached out to Explore Lincoln City Event and Outreach Coordinator Stephanie Hull for insight into this years-long popular event.

Lincoln County Leader: When and why did Finders Keepers begin?

See **FLOATS**, page A8



Colorful glass floats are hidden along Lincoln City's beaches as part of a program called Finders Keepers. For spring break, March 16-April 14, 200 floats will be tucked away along the sand.

Preparing for impact of student enrollment decrease

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Declining enrollment is expected to lead to financial challenges for the Lincoln County School District (LCSD), according to the latest information available.

The current student population at 4,945, has been declining since the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the initial year of the pandemic, district enrollment declined about 400 students and until this year has remained relatively flat, according

to district officials, who added that they anticipate an enrollment decline of another 220 students for the 2024-25 school year.

The Lincoln County Leader reached out to LCSD Superintendent Majalisse Tolan, LCSD Director of Business Kim Cusick, and LCSD Human Resources Director Tiana DeVries for insight into the funding challenges.

Lincoln County Leader: What has led to

the student enrollment decline?

Tolan, Cusick, DeVries: The anticipated losses in total enrollment for 2024-25 are primarily due to graduating classes that are larger than the incoming kindergarten classes. Kindergarten enrollment was down 25 percent for 2023-24 as a result of the lower birth rates and slowed in-migration seen in a statewide trend.

Lincoln County Leader: Due to the enrollment decrease, what is the dollars and cents impact on the district's

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The student enrollment decline began during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Photo by Metro Creative Connection)



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Lincoln City to use \$500,000 grant for economic development

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The city of Lincoln City is preparing to use a \$500,000 federal grant to enhance community development.

The Lincoln City City Council has entered into a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Community Wide Assessment grant to further economic development efforts specific to brownfield properties.

The intent of this grant is to provide redevelopment assistance for underutilized properties or those that have barriers to redevelopment due to real or perceived brownfield (environmental contamination) concerns, according to city records.

The city staff and their contractor, Maul Foster Alongi, are administrating the grant, which ends in September 2026.

As part of the requirements of the grant, the city has formed a Brownfield Advisory Committee to provide input on grant related actions and support grant efforts. The committee represents the following agencies or professions:

- Economic



The city of Lincoln City has obtained a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. (Photo by Jeremy C. Ruark)

Development

- Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians
- Housing authority or other housing focused organization
- Realtor(s)
- Lenders(s)

The committee will meet approximately every four months through the duration of the grant.

Lincoln City Economic Development Project Manager Seth Lenaerts said the brownfield grant funds can be used for any property in Lincoln City. “Properties need to be qualifying to receive grant services,” he said. “There

will be an application this year, for interested property owner, and additional updates to city council about the program. Criteria will be developed in the coming months in order to help prioritize grant funds.”

The specific sites that would qualify for the brownfield grant funds are pending the outcome of the committee’s review process.

“The city council has increased economic development efforts by making available a toolbox similar to the Urban Renewal Agency, to assist business

and property owners, as well as support the housing needs in Lincoln City,” Lincoln City Economic Development and Urban Renewal Director Alison Robertson said. “Some of these tools now have defined program criteria, and others exist only as concepts.”

Robertson said one of the concept tools is to provide redevelopment assistance for properties considered to be underutilized or have barriers to redevelopment such as unknown conditions, or brownfield concerns.

“This is one component to furthering economic development and redevelopment efforts in and around Lincoln City,” Robertson said.

DEFINITION

A brownfield is defined as real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or further defines the term to include a site that, “contaminated by a controlled substance; contaminated by petroleum or a petroleum product excluded from the definition of hazardous substance; or mine-scarred land, according to then EPA.

WHAT THE FEDERAL PROGRAM PROVIDES

A brownfield is generally defined in federal and state law as real property where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by the actual, potential, or perceived presence of environmental contamination.

DEQ can help remove environmental barriers to redevelopment by providing technical assistance and other services to assist parties with investigating, cleaning up, and planning reuse of brownfields.

The EPA’s Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program provides funds to empower states, tribal nations, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfield sites.

EPA financial and technical assistance for brownfields activities protect human health and the environment, encourage sustainable reuse, promote partnerships, strengthen local economies, and create jobs. By providing funds and technical assistance to assess, cleanup, and plan for site reuse, EPA enables communities to overcome the environmental, legal, and fiscal

challenges associated with brownfield properties.

EPA’s investments in communities across the country help local leaders eliminate uncertainties, clean up contaminated properties, and transform brownfield sites into community assets.

Members of the Lincoln City Brownfield Advisory Committee are:

- Lori Arce-Torres, Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce;
- Tracy Bailey, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians;
- Korey Hazard, Taylor and Taylor Realty Company;
- Amy Libby Graham, Taylor and Taylor Realty Company;
- Karen Rockwell, Housing Authority of Lincoln County;
- Paul Schuytema, Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County;
- Chad Ulrich, Oregon State Credit Union;
- Tammy Viles, Washington Federal Bank.

For more information, contact Lincoln City Economic Development and Urban Renewal Director Alison Robertson, or Lincoln City Economic Development Project Manager Seth Lenaerts at 541-996-1095.

Marine reserves protection plan awaits Governor’s signature

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The Oregon Senate has passed House Bill 4132, which builds on the success of Oregon’s marine reserves program.

Based on the recommendations from Oregon State University’s 10-year review study, the bill calls on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to create a management plan for Oregon’s five marine reserves that will continue to protect the Oregon coast, a vital economic and cultural hub for the state, according to a release from the Oregon Senate and House Republicans’ offices.

Sen. Dick Anderson (R-Lincoln City), carried HB 4132 on the Senate floor.

“This bill builds on the findings of the Marine Reserves Program by communicating vital scientific research back to communities to ensure collaboration between coastal stakeholders – yielding informed policy decisions in the future,” Anderson said. “This is the Oregon way.”

The bill also directs ODFW to work with tribes, fisheries, and local communities to make sure that the scientific work being done on the reserves incorporates regional knowledge and is usable for the communities on the coast.

“Oregon’s marine reserves are so important to the long-term health and stability of our beautiful coast. This bill is going to help this program stay flexible and adaptive, which is especially important as our coastal communities navigate the uncertainties of climate change,” Senate Energy and Environment Committee Chair Senator Janeen Sollman (D-Hillsboro) said.

Both Senate Democrats and Republicans agree that protecting Oregon’s vital natural resources is a key priority for the 2024 session, according to the release.

HB 4132 was forwarded to the governor’s desk for final approval.

\$13 million for coast housing investments

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The Oregon Legislature’s Emergency Housing Stability and Production Package will stimulate housing development across Oregon, including the Oregon coast.

The Oregon House of Representatives has passed the Emergency Housing Stability and Production Package. Key housing infrastructure investments proposed by State Rep. David Gomberg (D-Otis) were included in the legislation.

The legislation delivers over \$13 million in funding to Oregon coastal communities.

“This housing crisis isn’t just a Portland problem,” Gomberg said. “We need new housing in all corners of this state, and infrastructure investments like these are going to help small communities like mine tackle the big projects they’ll need to

start building.”

Coastal housing investments in the package include:

- \$640,000 to the city of Toledo for water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure improvements, as well as a traffic study and road improvements along Sturdevant Road to support a new apartment complex.
- \$900,000 to Tillamook Family Counseling Center, Inc. for Tillamook transitional recovery housing purchase.
- \$274,057 to the city of Tillamook for improvements for Jones-Knudson Apartments.
- \$1,900,000 to the city of Florence for water, sewer and wastewater infrastructure for four blocks of city-owned property to be developed.
- \$3,000,000 to the city of Lincoln City for a booster pump station for Spring Lake housing development.
- \$2,709,000 to the city of Manzanita for water and stormwater infrastructure

for residential housing development.

- \$900,000 to the city of North Bend for stormwater and sewer collection system upgrades for Gloria Dei site development and water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure improvements for Maple Leaf development.
- \$3,000,000 to the city of Siletz for wastewater treatment plant upgrades.

“Cities like mine need these kinds of investments to meaningfully contribute to closing the gap in our state’s housing production shortfall,” Siletz Mayor Will Worman said. “Simply put, funding for critical infrastructure projects like our wastewater treatment facilities allows us to not only unlock new lands for housing development, but to do so without unduly burdening existing ratepayers.”

The Emergency Housing Stability and Production Package was forwarded to Gov. Tina Kotek’s office for final approval.

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Firefighters get critical hands-on training

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More than 200 career and volunteer firefighters from nearly 100 fire agencies throughout Oregon attended the 19th annual Winter Fire School at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem on Feb. 24 and Feb. 25.

The two-day event was hosted by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) and included nine classes offered by the National Fire Academy, DPSST, and the City of Dallas Fire & EMS Department. Attendees included firefighters from city and tribal fire departments, fire districts, and wildland firefighters.

Classroom training sessions covered a wide range of topics including leadership, incident command, health and safety programs, tactical decision making, fire prevention education, and community risk reduction.

The event also included hands-on training sessions on vehicle extrication, flammable gas and liquid emergencies, extinguishing vehicle fires, forcible entry, firefighter safety and survival, pumper operator simulations, and heavy vehicle operation.

“DPSST is proud to put on the annual Winter Fire School, which is the fire program’s biggest event of the year,” DPSST’s interim Fire Program Manager Kayla Ballrot said. “Oregon’s firefighters will apply the knowledge gained from the weekend’s event, from hands-on classes to leadership training, to make their communities safer places to live. We received great student and instructor feedback and are already looking forward to next year.”

Winter Fire School is offered free of charge and is held over a weekend to accommodate the schedules of volunteers who comprise most of the Oregon fire service.

Two arrested for theft at outlet mall

On the afternoon of Saturday, March 2, the Lincoln City Police Department received a call from a person regarding suspicious activity at the Lincoln City Outlets. The caller noticed several occupants of a minivan making multiple trips into stores at the outlet mall with empty retail bags and returning with full bags over a short period of time, as well as changing their own clothing between trips. Officers recognized this as being consistent with several recently reported instances of organized retail theft with matching descriptions of the suspects involved.

Multiple officers with the Lincoln City Police Department responded and began investigating. Inside the minivan, officers located 45-year-old Joel Duarte Pena, and 46-year-old Juan Carlos Espejo, both of Los Angeles, and began speaking with the men, one of whom provided a false name. After being advised of his rights, Duarte Pena attempted to flee the scene, running back into the outlet mall with an officer in pursuit. An off-duty Hood River Sheriff’s Deputy assisted the officer with taking Duarte Pena into custody, and both he and Espejo were transported to, and lodged at the Lincoln County Jail on numerous charges. Two suspects remain at large but are not believed to be in the area.

The Lincoln City Police Department obtained a warrant to seize and search the minivan and recovered approximately \$6,000 in stolen merchandise. The investigation is ongoing, and more charges are expected.

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1 Board of Directors: 4 p.m., Bob Everest Station, 2525 NW Highway 101, Lincoln City.
Lincoln City Public Arts Committee: 4 p.m., city hall.
Depoe Bay Planning Commission: 6 p.m., city hall.
Toledo Planning Commission: 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.
THURSDAY, MARCH 14
Discover Newport Committee: 2 p.m., council chambers, city hall.
Seal Rock Water District Board of Directors: 4 p.m., water district office, 1037 NW Grebe St., Seal Rock.
Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District Board: 6 p.m., 914 SW Coast Highway, Newport.
Seal Rock Fire District Board: 6:30 p.m., 10349 Rande St., Seal Rock.
MONDAY, MARCH 18
Newport City Council: 4 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular session, council chambers, city hall.
TUESDAY, MARCH 19
Yachats Planning Commission: 2 p.m.,

Yachats Commons.
Lincoln City Planning Commission: 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.
Depoe Bay City Council, 6 p.m., city hall.
Siletz Valley Fire District Board of Directors: 7 p.m., main fire station, 149 W Buford Ave., Siletz.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners: 10 a.m., commission meeting room, county courthouse, Newport. For info, go to www.co.lincoln.or.us.
Yachats City Council: 1 p.m., Yachats Commons.
Toledo City Council: 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.
Oregon Coast Community College Board of Education: 6 p.m., North County Center, 3788 SE High School Drive, Lincoln City.

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

County hires new emergency management team member

The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office has selected Susan Trachsel as its new county assistant emergency manager.

Trachsel was raised in Toledo and has served the Lincoln County communities for the last 22 years. She holds a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and secondary education and began her career as a high school teacher. She transitioned to social services in 2004 and spent more than 11 years with Oregon Department of Human Services self-sufficiency programs in Newport as a caseworker, manager and policy analyst. In 2015, she joined Lincoln County Health & Human Services as an executive assistant, communications specialist and project manager.

Trachsel was the public information officer for Lincoln County during the COVID-19 pandemic. She led the communications strategy, call center and joint information center with the help of many county staff, community partners and volunteers. Trachsel also responded to the Echo Mt. Complex Fires, helping to provide updates to the community through Lincoln Alerts, the county website, and social media. She looks forward to continuing to serve Lincoln County communities and assisting them for preparing, responding to, and recovering from emergencies.

A strong focus of this position is to liaison with the community partners, promote advocacy relationships with those that serve vulnerable populations, to encourage the promotion of preparedness efforts, and the development of response plans.

Lt. Adam Shanks, administrative lieutenant, said, “We were very pleased to have Susan as our assistant emergency manager. Her long history in Lincoln County, including her direct work experience assisting our emergency management office during active emergencies, will provide for a smooth transition to the sheriff’s office.”

Samantha Buckley, county emergency manager, said, “Susan’s addition to our emergency management team will further enhance our ability to support communities in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. Her enthusiasm and commitment to building strong relationships with health partners will greatly benefit Lincoln County as we continue to strengthen our community resilience.”



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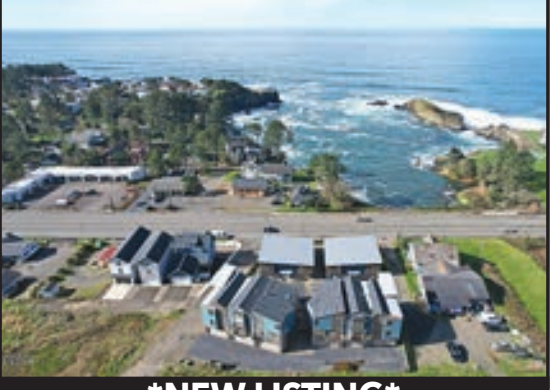
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Wednesday: High-49/Low-36
Mostly Cloudy
Thursday: High-57/Low-41
Partly Cloudy
Friday: High-64/Low-46
Partly Cloudy
Saturday: High-63/Low-44
Partly Cloudy
Sunday: High-59/Low-44
Partly Cloudy
Monday: High-58/Low-45
Partly Cloudy
Tuesday: High-54/Low-43 AM
Cloudy/PM Sunny

Past Weather

On the Coast			
	Rain	Low	High
March 5.....	0.01	33.6	48.9
March 6.....	0.00	32.9	49.5
March 7.....	0.00	34.2	51.3
March 8.....	0.00	40.3	58.7
March 9.....	0.28	45.7	53.1
March 10.....	1.29	41.2	54.1
March 11.....	0.03	44.2	48.0
Total rainfall from Jan. 128.48"			

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration			
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13			
High.....	2:55 a.m.....	8.6	
Low.....	9:30 a.m.....	-0.5	
High.....	3:42 p.m.....	6.7	
Low.....	9:18 p.m.....	1.5	
THURSDAY, MARCH 14			
High.....	3:32 a.m.....	8.5	
Low.....	10:21 a.m.....	-0.4	
High.....	4:41 p.m.....	6.1	
Low.....	9:56 p.m.....	2.4	
FRIDAY, MARCH 15			
High.....	4:12 a.m.....	8.2	
Low.....	11:17 a.m.....	0.0	
High.....	5:46 p.m.....	5.5	
Low.....	10:39 p.m.....	3.2	
SATURDAY, MARCH 16			
High.....	4:58 a.m.....	7.7	
Low.....	12:22 p.m.....	0.4	
High.....	7:08 p.m.....	5.1	
Low.....	11:35 p.m.....	3.9	
SUNDAY, MARCH 17			
High.....	5:55 a.m.....	7.2	
Low.....	1:38 p.m.....	0.7	
High.....	8:54 p.m.....	5.1	
MONDAY, MARCH 18			
Low.....	1:03 a.m.....	4.4	
High.....	7:10 a.m.....	6.7	
Low.....	2:55 p.m.....	0.8	
High.....	10:21 p.m.....	5.4	
TUESDAY, MARCH 19			
Low.....	2:49 a.m.....	4.3	
High.....	8:35 a.m.....	6.5	
Low.....	4:01 p.m.....	0.6	
High.....	11:11 p.m.....	5.8	

Sunrise/Sunset

March 13.....	7:32 a.m.....	7:19 p.m.
March 14.....	7:30 a.m.....	7:21 p.m.
March 15.....	7:28 a.m.....	7:22 p.m.
March 16.....	7:27 a.m.....	7:23 p.m.
March 17.....	7:25 a.m.....	7:24 p.m.
March 18.....	7:23 a.m.....	7:26 p.m.
March 19.....	7:21 a.m.....	7:27 p.m.
March 20.....	7:19 a.m.....	7:28 p.m.

Lottery

Friday, March 8
Mega Millions
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Saturday, March 9
Powerball
30 • 36 • 49 • 52 • 63 • PB-16 • x5
Saturday, March 9
Megabucks
6 • 14 • 19 • 41 • 45 • 48

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Each year, yard debris and mixed compostables are collected locally and hauled to an organics processor in the Willamette Valley, where it is ground up and made into rich garden compost. Diverting this waste saves tons of landfill space and produces a quality product for farmers and gardeners to enrich their soils. Local waste haulers are celebrating Earth Day by trucking back some of this rich finished product for their customers to use in their gardens.

Remember, compost is a soil amendment. Sprinkle about 1/2-inch compost around garden beds, or spread compost up to 2 inches deep if you turn the compost deep into the soil. Never put plants directly into compost.

Cool Fact
The mixed compostables and yard debris collected at the curb is usually finished compost in just 70 days!



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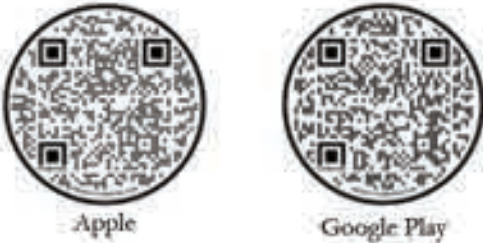


Event at Public Transfer Station
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Toledo event at Corporate Office
on Industrial Parkway
from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Waldport event at Transfer Station
from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm



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Event at Public Transfer Station
from 9:00 am - 11:00 am



A Cooperative Program of the Lincoln County Solid Waste District,
the cities of Depoe Bay, Lincoln City, Newport, Siletz, Toledo, Waldport, and Yachats;
Dahl Disposal Service; North Lincoln Sanitary Service, Thompson's Sanitary Service, and Lincoln County.

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Oregon needs to listen to its patients

BY LORREN SANDT

For the Oregon Capital Chronicle

More than half of Oregonians are living with at least one chronic health condition. One in four adults has a disability, and around 20,000 people receive a cancer diagnosis each year.

Right now, our state is making critical drug pricing decisions that could make it harder for these patients to access the care they need. And it's doing so without even giving them a seat at the table.

Oregon is one of eight states that have opted to create a new regulatory body to assess whether medications are priced fairly for patients. Our Prescription Drug Affordability Board has the authority to analyze the costs and benefits of certain drugs. If the board decides a medication isn't worth the cost, it can impose a cap on how much the state will pay.

In theory, the board is supposed to make prescription drugs cheaper – a goal all Oregonians can rally behind. But so far, its six appointees are operating with little connection to affected populations, shunting patients and clinicians aside.

Despite calls for increased transparency from Oregon patients and the disability community, the board seems determined to operate without robust patient engagement. That's especially concerning because there is so little statutory specificity with regard to its operation and determinations.

For example, there is currently no requirement that the board refrain from using flawed methods for pricing drugs, and if the board's members decided that a drug didn't offer enough clinical benefit to patients to justify its cost, its decisions could end up limiting the treatment options available to help vulnerable patients, including those living with rare diseases or conditions like ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, a fatal illness with few federally approved treatments and no known cure.

At the federal level, lawmakers and regulators have raised concerns about flawed metrics, such as one that takes account of the quality of life a patient faces, saying they can discriminate against people with disabilities and prevent doctors from providing the best possible care.

The disability community deserves much of the credit for exposing the discriminatory nature of that metric and similar measures of cost-effectiveness that discount the value of

a treatment for people with disabilities. But since Oregon's board doesn't have a single representative from the patient or disability community among its ranks, its members could easily default to using these unfeeling, inhumane analyses in their decision-making process.

As someone who has spent my career fighting for patients, I am deeply saddened by this situation. No amount of formal training or education can make up for neglecting the perspective of someone living with a chronic illness or navigating the world with a disability.

It's disappointing that both state law and the board's discretionary authority have failed to prioritize sincere engagement with the patient community and clinicians. The human side of the issue is harder to ignore when present in the room.

In Colorado, by contrast, the state's Prescription Drug Affordability Board has held meetings with patients and health care providers for each of the drugs under review. Colorado also formed an advisory council of patient advocates and other stakeholders to work alongside the board to give voice to vulnerable populations directly affected by its decisions.

Every Oregonian deserves unrestricted access to treatments and medicines that can help them live a full life. Physicians should have the resources they need to develop the best treatment plans for their patients – without having to navigate additional complexities created by state pricing schemes.

Listening to the viewpoints of the patient and disability community would provide a much-needed reality check on board decisions. The result would be better patient outcomes, a healthier landscape for medical innovation and improved relations between providers and state regulators.

The board just needs to open the door.

Lorren Sandt is the executive director of Oregon City-based Caring Ambassadors Program, which supports patients with hepatitis C, lung cancer and other chronic diseases.

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Parked cars and buses are pictured in the lot of the Lincoln County Schools' repair shop in Toledo in August of 1947. (Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Historical Society, oregoncoasthistory.org and www.facebook.com/pacificmaritimewarrior)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OUR HOSPITAL IS EXCEPTIONAL

I recently retired after working for 34 years at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital giving anesthesia. When I came here in

1989, the old hospital was brand new. I want to express my thanks to the administrators — Michael Frazier, David Bigalow, Leslie Ogden and Jane Russell — for their tireless efforts of getting property and

having our new facility built.

It took a great effort by many. When I first came here, I thought the nicest building in town was the jail, but now it is the hospital. The care given by our doc-

tors, nurses and staff is excellent. What we have here for a small town is exceptional.

Thanks to all of you who have given such great care!

Brent Bunker
Newport



LAW ENFORCEMENT TIP OF THE WEEK

Spring Break Safety

For many schools, Spring Break is just around the corner. Spring Break usually means time with friends and family, a rest from school, and travel. Regardless of how your household is spending Spring Break, there are some ways you can make your holiday safer while still having fun.

You already know the basics — stay hydrated, wear sunscreen, and avoid alcohol and other substances. If you do lawfully partake, be responsible and consume in moderation. If you are traveling, remember to prepare ahead and make plans to keep yourself and your companions safe. The following are some tips for overall Spring Break safety.

PLAN AHEAD

Share your plans with loved ones including:

- Any arrival or departure dates.
- Locations and contact information for where you are staying.
- Who you are traveling or staying with.
- Update your car or travel emergency supplies before heading out.
- Secure important documents like your passport and other ID.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Practice outdoor safety:

- Wear sunscreen and eye protection.
- Seek shade and cooler temperatures in hot climates.
- Avoid cooling off in cold bodies of water. Drowning and/or hypothermia are more likely to occur when outdoor temperatures are warm and the water is cold.
- Wear life jackets and avoid alcohol or other

substances while boating, swimming, or during other water activities.

Practice social responsibility:

- Be considerate of others. Try talking out conflicts respectfully if issues arise.
- Don't drink or use substances and drive.
- Remember the rules of consent. If someone does not want to drink, have sex, or participate in another activity, be respectful and don't pressure them to do so.
- Use the buddy system. Travel with people you trust and do not leave someone behind or with strangers.

Don't forget your pets:

- If travelling with your furry, feathery, or scaly companion, don't forget to bring emergency supplies for them.
- Keep their collars with your updated contact information and their license information on



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them. This can help you reunite with your pets sooner.

- Be mindful of temperatures during activities or if you must leave them unattended.

• Have a backup pet sitter or emergency contact in case something happens before you can get back home to them.

Spring Break can mean lasting memories with your friends. Unfortunately, it can also mean tragedy and increased accidents. As the weather continues to get nicer and there are more opportunities to be outdoors, remember to put safety first to protect yourself and those around you.

For more information and tips visit our website at www.lincolncountysheriff.net and "Like" us on Facebook at Lincoln County Sheriff's Office – Oregon.

Wyden to hold Town Hall in Lincoln City

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden announced last week he will continue his 2024 town hall schedule with four in-person town halls in Polk, Lincoln, Tillamook, and Clatsop counties in March. These town halls were postponed due to unscheduled Senate votes in February.

Wyden will be at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101, at noon on Saturday, March 16.

Including his seven town halls in January, Wyden has held a total of 1,072 town halls throughout Oregon in fulfillment of his pledge to hold at least one town hall each year in each of Oregon’s 36 counties.

“I promised to hold open-to-all town halls in each county of Oregon every year. These town halls are essential for folks across Oregon to share their ideas and concerns with me directly,” Wyden said. “I am excited to hear directly from Oregonians about the issues that are affecting them and how I can help.”

Newport seeks proposals for child care

The Newport Parks and Recreation Department is offering an opportunity for a qualified and experienced, licensed child care, business entity, or non-profit organization to lease the Newport Recreation Center’s Child Center.

The goal of the child care facility within the recreation center is to create a year-round, welcoming, multi-use environment that provides high-quality, affordable, all-day care options for child care. The city is looking for a long-term relationship with a child care service provider who cares for and educates youth of parents/guardians who live in or around Newport. The city wishes to privatize existing child care services, allowing the city the chance to enhance other recreation programs and offerings.

More information can be found online at www.newportoregon.gov/business/rfpbids.asp.

For questions or more information, contact Mike Cavanaugh at 541-574-5453 or m.cavanaugh@newportoregon.gov



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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)

COAST BIDS ‘BON VOYAGE’ TO UNWELCOME GUEST

The freighter New Carissa, adrift and pushed to Waldport last week by strong winds, was pulled by tug off its sandbar perch early Monday. It floated westward as rain fell.

Good riddance, most people said, though there was a report of one person who wanted the creature to linger on as a tourist attraction, and that it was, for six days.

BEACH CLEANUP STARTS

Shortly after the New Carissa arrived on a Waldport-area beach last week, so did out-of-town contractors to clean up the mess.

Within hours of the ship’s arrival March 3, crews were out on beaches. At the height of danger Thursday, about 185 cleanup crew members walked the beaches north and south of the grounded vessel.

TAFT EIGHTH GRADERS ALLEGEDLY SET FIRE IN SCHOOL TRASH CAN

Two Taft middle school eighth graders are being disciplined and referred to county juvenile authorities after they allegedly set fire to a trash can in the bathroom at the school Monday, officials say.

Paper towels and a plastic liner burned in a metal can, said Principal John Baird, adding, “There was a lot of smoke.”

The fire occurred just before school let out for the day. Someone pulled the fire alarm about 30 seconds before the 3:12 p.m. dismissal bell would have sounded.

CODE ENFORCER CONDEMNS BILLOWS HOTEL IN LINCOLN CITY

The old Billows hotel is a reminder of earlier days on the north county coast.

She stands three stories high with worn wooden siding and a dormer cap. A broken sign still promotes fireplace rooms and other amenities.

But today, only ghosts and vagrants wander through the rooms, and the building has been declared dangerous by Lincoln City’s new code enforcement technician, Rudy Blum.

50 YEARS AGO (1974)

CHIP CARS DERAILED

Four chip cars were derailed from a Southern Pacific freight train in Toledo last Thursday night. The chip cars, weighing 112 tons each, left the track across from Guy Roberts Lumber Co. The train was on its way to the Southern Pacific Depot in Toledo.

No injuries were reported in the mishap.

PORT NEARS ‘CONTROL’ OVER DOGS

Port of Newport commissioners are close to adoption of a consolidated port ordinance register, which, among other things, will give the harbormaster teeth, so to speak, to control dogs on port docks.

The lack of control over dogs on the docks has been a continuous problem for the port commissioners.

Under the new regulations, dog owners who don’t clean up after their pooches, or keep them under leash, can be cited. Port staff members will carry a book of tickets and will be able to site violators.

WALDPORT MAN FINDS HEAD UNDER HOUSE

Jim Richie, of Waldport, crawled out from under his house Monday with a human skull clutched firmly in his hands.

Richie discovered the skull while repairing the foundation of his 86-year-old home in the Old Town section of Waldport. “At first I thought it was a rock,” said Richie.

Richie turned the skull, together with more than two dozen other assorted bones, over to sheriff’s deputies.

OLD TOWN TAVERN WATCHES WALDPORT

The Old Town Tavern has survived a world war, Prohibition, a depression and two fires in its 41 years of sometimes quiet, sometimes boisterous existence.

From its vantage point on Mill Street in the Old Town section of Waldport, the gray, unpainted building has watched the city grow from a new, quiet, bayside community to an old, quiet, bayside community.

75 YEARS AGO (1949)

FIRE SWEEPS NYE BEACH DISTRICT

An early morning fire destroyed four Nye Beach buildings in Newport Tuesday, including Walt’s Agate and Novelty store and the historic old Liberty Theater.

Damage from the blaze, which wiped out the entire row of old wooden buildings between the Nye Beach Market and the Nat, with the exception of Crane’s Donut Shop, was tentatively set at \$60,000.

ROAD SLIDES INTO GULLY

Two hundred feet of the old Coast Highway between Beverly Beach and Carmel Beach slid into a gully, apparently a result of the recent long stretch of bad weather, and closed the road.

The section of highway, at least 30 feet deep, slid about 250 feet along the bottom of the gully.

County road officials were unable to explain the cause of the slide.

IT’S REALLY FUN TO RAISE BEARS

If you can stand the growling and the unearthly wailing when they’re fed, it’s fun to raise bear cubs.

So say Mr. and Mrs. Walt Johnston, who are rearing a pair of six-week-old bruins to add to their zoo at the Alligator service station at South Beach.

The Johnstons expect to put the bears outside when they are grown, to add to the nine monkeys already in the zoo.

INCORPORATION VOTE APPROVED BY COURT

A special election for the purpose of voting upon the



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proposal to incorporate Cutler City, Taft, Nelscott, and DeLake into one city has been called for April 23 by the county court, attorney Floyd Stager said today.

A petition requesting that such an election be held, bearing the names of nearly 300 voters from the area involved, was turned over to the county court last week.

100 YEARS AGO (1924)

LOCAL AUTHOR SELLS THREE SHORT STORIES TO SATURDAY EVENING POST

Victor Shawe, superintendent of the public schools of Toledo, and who is also coming into the limelight as an author, has again scored with his pen.

He was the recipient last Monday of a letter from the publishers of the Saturday Evening Post, which contained a check larger than the amount of his entire year’s salary as a school principal. The check was in payment for three short stories, which Mr. Shawe wrote during his leisure hours last summer.

LOCAL PUPIL SCORES TYPEWRITER RECORD

Miss Rowena Van Cleve, local high school student, won considerable distinction for herself here last Friday when she established what is thought to be the world’s record for a high school novice in typewriting.

Miss Van Cleve set a new record of 51 words per minute for 15 minutes during a test under the direction of Underwood typewriter experts who were here for the purpose.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE BUSIEST PLACE IN LINCOLN COUNTY

The past few days have been busy ones for deputy sheriffs in their attempt to stop law violations in the county.

The most important was the arrest by Deputy Sheriff Daniels of a Newport man in possession of a still and mash, as well as the arrest of a bad check artist from Salem who is alleged to have written several checks in favor of Toledo merchants without funds in the bank.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

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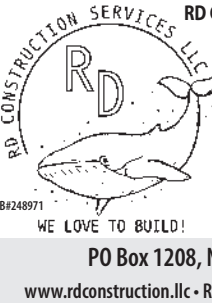
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To make sure both the environment and treasure hunters are safe, glass floats on Lincoln City’s beaches are never hidden below the high tide line or up embankments. (Courtesy photos)



An estimated 61,249 glass floats have been dropped on Lincoln City beaches since the beginning of Finders Keepers nearly 25 years ago.

FLOATS

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Stephanie Hull: In 1997, a local artist first thought of glass floats as an intriguing way to launch the new millennium given the history of glass fishing floats being found on our shores. Lincoln City sponsored the project and hosted its inaugural 2000 season. It was such a hit Lincoln City decided to continue the program in the off season. On our 20th anniversary, Explore Lincoln City decided to make the program permanently year-round.

Lincoln County

Leader: Over the years, how many glass floats have been placed along the Lincoln City beach?

Hull: An estimated 61,249 glass floats have been dropped since the beginning of Finders Keepers, nearly 25 years ago.

Lincoln County Leader: What is the estimate of the number of folks finding the glass floats over the years?

Hull: Over the 2023 season, we had a 48 percent registration rate on 3,000 floats dropped, which is great. We estimate that all floats are found, just not all are registered.

Lincoln County

Leader: What do you believe is the draw, the attraction, to the glass floats?

Hull: Who doesn’t love a treasure hunt? There is something really special when people are able to connect with nature and art at the same time. Finding a glass float gives people the opportunity to have a piece of Lincoln City to come home with them and remind them of memories from their trip here.

Lincoln County Leader: How is the city marketing this promotion, the outreach range, what states, what countries and why those areas?

Hull: Explore Lincoln City markets Finders Keepers through paid promotions on social media platforms, print materials and out-of-home materials such as billboards and transit wraps. We also create collector posters and postcards and distribute them throughout Lincoln City. Some visitors request posters annually from as far away as Canada. While digital outreach primarily covers the Portland Metro Area and the Willamette Valley, printed publications cover a majority of the Pacific Northwest. Explore Lincoln City targets populated areas that are close enough to consider Lincoln City convenient

while being far enough to maximize a multi-day trip to the coastline.

Lincoln County

Leader: How much is budgeted for such a city promotion, and what does that funding cover?

Hull: The current Finders Keepers budget this fiscal year is \$85,740. This funding includes paying the artists for glass float production, creating artist biographies, certificates of authenticity, supplies, collector posters and postcards. We do have a separate advertising budget that allows for creation of new campaign art and placement of ads.

Lincoln County

Leader: What does Explore Lincoln City estimate the annual dollars and cents value of Finders Keepers to be?

Hull: Finders Keepers is arguably Lincoln City’s most popular promotion, contributing significantly to bringing in the \$12 million in transient lodging tax collected annually in Lincoln City, and the \$600 million in direct spending to Lincoln County that tourism draws.

Lincoln County

Leader: Give us the range of artists that have participated in this city promotion. Are they all locals?

Hull: When the program first started, the range of artists came from throughout the Pacific Northwest region. Local artists have always been a part of Finders Keepers. In more recent years, the majority of studios are in Oregon, with a few artists from Washington sprinkled in. For the 2024 season, we have six studios blowing glass on the coast: four from Lincoln City, one from Newport, and one from Astoria. We also have three shops blowing floats from Eugene, Medford and Grants Pass.

Lincoln County

Leader: How many volunteers make up the Float Fairies and how often do

they place the glass floats on the beach?

Hull: At this time, we have over 30 Float Fairies in the program. Floats are “dropped” on the beach every day during daylight hours. The only time floats are not dropped is when there are King Tides, or if the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department has closed beach access due to unsafe conditions.

HELPFUL HINTS TO FINDING A FLOAT

We never hide floats below the high tide line or up embankments. We want to make sure that both the environment and treasure hunters are safe. Never turn your back on the ocean or walk on driftwood, as sneaker waves can come at any time.

You know that feeling you get when you are trying to find your car keys and you are frantically looking for them? Sometimes they are right in front of you and you look right past them. We always say to make sure to take a breath, enjoy the beautiful beaches and you just might find a float on your path!

AT THE MUSEUM

Jim Watson was one of

the world’s leading collectors of Japanese glass fishing floats. He traveled throughout the world meeting fishermen, artisans, and collectors, seeking out the most unique pieces he could find. He taught many people about the history and beauty of these unparalleled working objects.

North Lincoln County Historical Museum (NLCHM) has had one of the largest collections of Japanese glass fishing floats on the Oregon coast, largely due to Watson’s contributions throughout the years. With the aim of continuing his mission, the James L. Watson Fishing Float Foundation donated the last remaining pieces from Watson’s personal collection to NLCHM in 2023. This exhibit shows a selection of his rarest pieces, which have not been seen for over 20 years.

This new exhibit, in honor of Jim Watson’s legacy, is available to see in the main hall at NLCHM, 4907 SW Highway 101 in Lincoln City, through 2024.

For more information about the collection, call 541-996-6614.

FINDERS KEEPERS 2024 SCHEDULE

- **March 16-April 14 Spring break:** 200 floats
- **April 20-22, Earth Day:** 50 Earth Day floats
- **May 10-12 Mother’s Day:** 50 floats
- **May 25-27 Memorial Day:** 50 Red/White/Blue floats
- **June 14-16 Father’s Day:** 50 floats
- **June 21-22 Casino Anniversary:** 29 floats
- **June 22-23 Summer Kite:** 10 floats
- **Aug 31-Sept 2 College Ball:** 20 Green/Yellow and 20 Orange/Black floats
- **Sept. 7-8 Fall Kite:** 10 floats
- **Sept. TBD Celebration of Honor:** 50 Red/White/Blue floats
- **Oct 31-Nov 2 Halloween:** 50 floats*
- **Nov 28-Dec 1 Harvest Drop:** 50 floats*
- **Dec. 14-15 Holiday:** 50 floats*

*Dates subject to change due to King Tides and unsafe weather conditions.

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Helen Sophia Eliassen “GiGi”

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It is with sadness that we inform the community of the death of Helen S. Eliassen on Friday the 24th of November 2023. But it is also with joy in our hearts that Helen had a long and full life.

She was born January 4, 1932, in Newport, Oregon to Jessie and Anton Wisniewski. The family has lived in Lincoln Beach and Depoe Bay since 1890’s. Fishing and the family farm provided for most of their needs. They shared their bounty with many who happened to pass through during those difficult times of the depression.

She grew up in a large extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Helen was a good student and a popular cheerleader at Taft High School. She spied her future husband while she was working as a dishwasher at the old bus depot in Depoe Bay, then again, as a cheerleader, as Ed Eliassen was a star athlete from Newport High.

However, a war in Korea and three years of nursing school at Providence in Portland intervened. They were married on July 18, 1953, in Lincoln City. Two sons, David (1954), and Donn (1955), created a brief pause in her career as a surgery nurse at Pacific Communities Hospital.

In 1969, Helen obtained special training



in cardiac care and went on to become the head cardiac nurse for the same hospital. After helping so many people with her kind, heartfelt professionalism, she retired in 1994. Helen and Ed spent the next eight years traveling the world and enjoying family at their home in Depoe Bay. Ed died suddenly in 2002 from surgery complications.

Several years later she met Pete Wanger. They became best friends, confidants, and travel companions. Helen and Pete traveled the world and had many adventures over the next 15 years.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Anton and Jessie Wisniewski, husband Ed and son Donn. She is survived by her brother Tony (Lois) Wisniewski, son David (Diane), his sons Jason and Ari Langer, and Donn’s sons Walker and Ace Eliassen. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews and cousins who loved her dearly. Sorry, Colton for the loss of your great grandmother ‘GiGi’.

Thanks and appreciation are due to the staff of Lakeview Senior Living and Samaritan Health Services Hospice for excellent and attentive care during her final months.

A gathering of remembrance will be held at the Depoe Bay Community Hall, 220 S.E. Bay Street, Sunday March 24th at 2:00 p.m.

REPAIRS

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a known problem for many years,” said Mindy McCartt, public information officer for ODOT’s Region 2, which includes Lincoln County. “Over the past few months, increased rainfall led to ground shifting beneath U.S. 101, particularly in the Beverly Beach area. Despite ongoing efforts by work crews to address the issue, the road’s condition has been changing faster than repairs can be made.”

As a temporary solution, ODOT applied gravel to the affected section of the road to make it more stable. “We also reduced the speed limit from 55 mph to 35 mph,” said McCartt. “Since the ground was still moving, we needed to wait for drier conditions before we continued to repair the road.”

Last week’s break in the rain provided that opportunity, and work crews were busy preparing the surface and applying new asphalt. “This is in no way a more permanent fix. That is a much larger conversation,” McCartt said. “We have examined several erosion control measures at this location and are trying to obtain funding for improvements along Highway 101.”

According to ODOT’s website, there are 25 landslides or rockfall areas on Highway 101 between Lincoln City and Newport — the largest and most active slides often get names. There are four named slides within a few miles of Beverly Beach State Park between milepost 133 and 136. They are:

- Johnson Creek Landslide, from milepost 133.05 to 133.27. This area consists of a large-scale deep-seated translational landslide moving.
- Milepost 133.56 Sunken Grade: This unnamed landslide is a broad sunken grade between milepost 133.53 to 133.58 and has been active since the early 1970s.
- Carmel Knoll Landslide: This area from milepost 135.25 to 135.41 consists of a large-scale deep-seated landslide.
- Moolack Creek Landslide: This area from milepost 135.71 to 136.18 consists of a large-scale and complex landslide.

The ground under Highway 101 around Beverly Beach State Park is particularly prone to movement around these four large, significant landslide areas, which are at high risk for land sliding and sea-cliff collapse from coastal erosion. The



One lane of Highway 101 near Beverly Beach State Park was closed last week while work was underway to once again smooth out that section of roadway. (Photo by Steve Card)

area has ancient geologic faults, layers of weak marine sediment, high groundwater and active ocean wave erosion, according to the ODOT website.

Constant wave action, accelerated by storms, causes continual erosion under sea cliffs, leading to continual collapses and landslides. One vulnerable section from milepost 133.94 to 134.28 averages about six inches of loss per year, with some locations exceeding 1 foot per year. Research by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers has shown that

the erosion under sea cliffs, also called attrition, occurs periodically, and is strongly correlated to the severity of storms.

According to ODOT, there is no viable alternative route for Highway 101. An inland route requires a long diversion away from the coast, major new structures through the inland terrain, cutting deeply into forest areas protected from development, reducing access to the Beverly Beach area to residents and travelers, and requiring a major investment of limited transportation funds.

ODOT has examined several erosion control measures at this location and is trying to obtain funding for improvements along this stretch of the highway.

Until fairly recently (September 2022), ODOT has been restricted in the types of erosion control improvements along these areas of Highway 101 due to Statewide Planning Goal 18, which limited the kinds of shoring ODOT could do along certain areas of beachfront. Through a multi-year/multi-agency effort, this rule was revised to allow for

agencies such as ODOT to look for more permanent types of improvements along the highway. The Ocean-fronting Public Road Protection Rulemaking creates a path for public roads and highways along the oceanfront to seek a local land use goal exception to use structural shoreline armoring to mitigate coastal erosion.

More information about these landslides and unstoppable slopes that impact Oregon highways the most can be found online at www.oregon.gov/odot/pages/landslides.aspx

STUDENTS

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share of state school support funding? How much will be lost?

Tolan, Cusick, DeVries: Under the stop-loss provision in the State School Fund, we are paid on current year average enrollment or the next year’s average enrollment, whichever is higher. At this point, we do not expect decreased state funding for 2024-25 but will lose funding in 2025-26 should enrollment continue to decline or remain flat.

Additionally, we will receive our last state wildfire grant funds in July of 2025. This compensates us for the enrollment loss of about 100 students due to the destruction of housing in the Otis area during the September 2020 Echo Mountain wildfire. These funding challenges will need to be addressed in the 2025-26 school year.

Lincoln County Leader: What budget adjustment options are you

reviewing to make up the loss of state funding?

Tolan, Cusick, DeVries: We are clear that layoffs and reducing school days are quick and often cost-effective solutions, but they are not best for our staff, students, or community.

For 2024-25, we will be adjusting staffing levels to the right size for anticipated enrollment at each grade level. Rather than laying off employees, some teachers will teach a different grade level and some vacant positions will not be filled. When staff members resign or retire, our aim is to reassign staff using transfers and or adjust assignments within the building to absorb positions.

Lincoln County Leader: What would be your retaining education service priorities under the proposed budget?

Tolan, Cusick, DeVries: We will continue to build a well-rounded education model and do not see our education service priorities being impacted at this time.

Lincoln County Leader: How would you describe the district’s financial situation under the enrollment decline?

Tolan: Whenever you have a decline in enrollment, adjustments must be made. It is important we manage our resources wisely to keep our education priorities in place.

Lincoln County Leader: What is the budget committee’s public schedule to review your budget proposal, and when is the final budget expected to be adopted?

Tolan, Cusick, DeVries: The district plans to release the 2024-25 proposed budget document to the budget committee and the public via our website on May 9. The initial budget committee meeting is scheduled for May 16. If additional meetings are needed they are tentatively scheduled for May 21 and 23. The public is invited to these meetings and time will be provided for public comment.

Once the budget is approved by the budget

committee, a public hearing is currently scheduled to be held immediately before the June 11 regular board meeting. Once the hearing has concluded, the board will vote to adopt, or amend and adopt the budget as part of their regular meeting agenda. All dates are subject to change and will be posted

in the Lincoln Leader and on the district website at least five days prior to the meeting.

Lincoln County Leader: What is the current district general fund budget?

Tolan, Cusick, DeVries: Details on the current general fund budget of \$84,903,565 can

be found in the 2023-24 Adopted Budget document on the district’s website at www.lincoln.k12.or.us under Budget and Finances.

Follow developments online at the Lincoln County Leader website and in the Wednesday print editions of The Leader.

RECYCLING

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Resort was added in December 2023,” Howell said. “All programs have been successful with the help of the on-site staff and their complete buy-in to divert as much waste from the landfill as possible.”

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

According to Howell, NLSS strives to reach customers through outreach and education efforts.

“We provide educational information through our printed or emailed monthly bills, our reader board on Highway 101, Instagram, Facebook, the North Lincoln Sanitary Service App, and our new News & Events page on our website,” Howell said. “Councilor Casper sends out information from R-SWAC to the Lincoln City e-newsletter on our

behalf, as well.”

The company members attend community events, including Touch-A-Truck, National Night Out, and Get Ready Lincoln City and hosts events in partnership with the Lincoln County Solid Waste District, including the City-Wide Clean-Up Day, Earth Day Compost Giveaway, Old Tire Roundup, and Household Hazardous Waste Event. NLSS also provided recycling and compost presentations to the Lincoln City Community Gardens, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, and Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital.

FOCUS POINTS OF OUTREACH

NLSS provides notice to all customers of their opportunity to recycle, the benefits, and how-to of waste prevention, reuse, recycling, and composting. NLSS also details materials collected, collection schedules, material

preparation instructions, and why recycling is important.

“Our North Lincoln Sanitary Service App has had 25,963 users and has helped our customers by allowing them to set reminders for pickups, use the Waste Wizard to find out how to dispose of items, scheduling a bulky item or appliance pickup, and allowed them to access their calendar for service days,” Howell noted. “In 2023, there were 3,406 searches on the Waste Wizard, 112,812 pickup schedule views, 21,625 first-time visitors, and 2,156 addresses with reminders. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with Lincoln City regarding waste reduction and education.”

North Lincoln Sanitary Service is located at 1726 SE Highway 101 in Lincoln City. The office may be reached at 541-994-5555.

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Samaritan Foundations

End of an era



Eleanor's Undertow in Lincoln City is now officially closed. Ellie the mermaid has left the pink building — she swam away Thursday, Feb. 29, with her surfing buddies from ZuhG Life. Owners Vickie and Tom Brosy (Eleanor's daughter and son-in-law) expressed thanks to all of the loyal customers over the past 44 years "Where the Bay Meets the Surf on SW 51st." (Courtesy photo)

County employment decreased in January

Seasonally adjusted non-farm payroll employment in Lincoln County decreased by 50 in January to 18,970 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes.

A loss of 280 jobs was expected for the month, but the county's total nonfarm employment decreased by 330. The private sector lost 280 jobs. Leisure and hospitality lost 160 jobs. Manufacturing declined by 50 jobs. Government employment decreased by 50.

January's total nonfarm employment numbers show a gain of 460 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 2.6 percent. Professional and business services was up 120 jobs over the year to January and private education and health services was up by 60 jobs. Accommodation and food services shed 60 jobs over the year. Local government, including tribal and education, added 200 jobs over the past year.

Lincoln County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in January, essentially unchanged from 4.1 percent in December. It was 5.9 percent the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in January, and the national rate was 3.7 percent.

College to host Career Tech Expo March 22

School district partners on busy event

Career and Technical Education (CTE) continues to be an ever-growing part of educational curricula across the country, and Oregon stands as one of the leaders in CTE innovation and initiatives. On Friday, March 22, Oregon Coast Community College and the Lincoln County School District are partnering to showcase CTE programs in Lincoln County.

Community members are invited to experience the CTE Showcase from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the OCCC Central County Campus, located at 400 SE College Way in Newport. A variety of experiences will be available, including student demonstrations, presentations about various local CTE programs, edible samples from school culinary programs, and information about the many and varied career and technical

education opportunities in Lincoln County.

The Lincoln County School District will feature its career tech programs, including welding, culinary arts, natural resources and forestry, drafting, manufacturing, wood working, engineering, visual design and communication, digital design and media, and early childhood education.

Oregon Coast Community College will be highlighting programs including early childhood education, Aquarium Science, business, computer science, welding and more.

"These programs together are working to forge our future workforce," said Matt Batchelor, OCCC Career Connected Learning Systems navigator. "We, as educational institutions, want to make sure that what is being created and taught is what our local industries need. We are striving to provide a qualified and educated workforce."

Local industry partners from the community will also be present, including Samaritan Health Services, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Lincoln County Parks, Chinook Winds Casino Resort,



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Oregon Coast Aquarium, the U.S. Forest Service, and others.

If you would like to promote or educate the students and the community about your firm's career and business opportunities, contact Matt Batchelor at matt.batchelor@oregoncoast.edu.

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

FINANCIAL FREEDOM

Beyond April 15: navigating tax deadlines and IRA contributions

While April 15 is a crucial tax deadline, there's more to know about optimizing your contributions and navigating filing requirements throughout the year. Here's a breakdown of key deadlines and essential information to help you stay on top of your finances.

TAX FILING DEADLINES

- April 15, 2024: This is the standard deadline

to file your federal income tax return for the 2023 tax year. If you haven't started preparing your return, now's the time to gather your documents and consider using tax preparation software or consulting a tax professional for guidance.

- Oct. 15, 2024: Don't fret if you need more time. You can request a six-month extension by filing Form 4868. This extends your filing deadline to Oct. 15, 2024.



Julia Carlson

However, remember, this extension is only for filing, not paying any taxes you owe. Penalties and interest will still accrue on unpaid balances after the original deadline.

IRA CONTRIBUTION DEADLINES

- April 15, 2024: This might surprise some, but you can still contribute to your Roth or Traditional IRA account for the 2023 tax year until this date. This is a great way to boost your retirement savings. The contribution limit for 2023 was \$6,500 (\$7,500 if you are 50 or older).
- Act Now For 2024:

As of Jan. 1, 2024, you could already be contributing to your IRA for the 2024 tax year. The deadline for 2024 contributions is April 15, 2025, but you can start early to take advantage of potential market growth. The contribution limit for 2024 is \$7,000 (\$8,000 for those 50 or older).

MAXIMIZING YOUR SAVINGS

This four-month overlap period between the 2023 and 2024 IRA contribution deadlines presents a strategic opportunity. You can contribute towards both the current and previous year's limits, potentially maximizing your retirement

savings within a shorter timeframe.

Remember, these deadlines are general guidelines. It's crucial to stay updated on the latest tax laws and regulations by visiting the IRS website (<https://www.irs.gov/>) or seeking professional advice. By staying informed and proactive, you can successfully navigate tax season and contribute effectively to your future financial security.

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\$32 Million for Oregon wildlife, sport fish restoration Investments

STAFF REPORT
Country Media, Inc.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has approved \$32,018,744 for Oregon to support Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) projects around the state, including Oregon Coast projects.

The federal funding is intended to support projects that connect people with nature, and conserve fish, wildlife, and their habitats, according to Oregon Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden.

“Our state’s lands and waters are integral to the futures of countless fish and wildlife, as well as many Oregonians’ quality of life and livelihoods,” Merkley said. “With the help of these investments from U.S. Fish and Wildlife, on-the-ground local conservation programs will be created and

supported to ensure our land and water ecosystems are protected and thrive for generations to come.”

“Our love of the outdoors is part of our Oregonian DNA,” Wyden said. “Caring for these lands and the wildlife that help make Oregon a dream destination is vital for our quality of life and for the health of small businesses in every nook and cranny of our state.”

The Wildlife Restoration Program—authorized by the Wildlife Restoration (Pittman-Robertson) Act of 1950—provides funds to fish and wildlife agencies for projects to restore, conserve, manage and enhance wild birds and mammals and their habitat.

The Sport Fish Restoration Program—authorized by the Sport Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson) Act of

1950—provides funds to fish and wildlife agencies for fishery projects, boating access, and aquatic education. Both programs were reauthorized through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Merkley and Wyden supported.

Oregon’s allocations \$23,596,409 for Wildlife Restoration to support over 45 grants within Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife’s (ODFW) Wildlife Division, as well as two grants related to Hunter Education and Shooting Range Enhancements administered under the Information and Education Division. The program supports the operation and maintenance of 18 wildlife areas and 7 regional habitat programs which are designed to provide technical assistance and



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enhance wildlife habitats on public and private lands.

\$8,422,335 for Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) to support boating access projects that differ annually in addition

to 17 different base SFR projects within ODFW’s Fish Division. Sport Fish Restoration funding supports important fisheries, monitoring, access, and education programs throughout Oregon. SFR

funding is also used to keep a finger on the pulse of several of our iconic salmon/steelhead populations, including those in the Rogue, the Oregon Coast, Deschutes, Willamette, and Umpqua.

Toledo, Newport teams shine in classroom

Toledo’s girls basketball team was one of the top squads in Class 2A in the classroom. The Boomers tied for second in the Academic All-State program with a team grade-point average of 3.82.

Newport’s state champion boys swim team also was one of the best in the classroom, ranking fourth for Class 4A-3A-2A-1A (second among 4A schools) with a 3.85 GPA.

The Cubs’ girls squad, which also was

state champions, finished in a tie for sixth (second among 4A schools with a 3.76 average.

Newport was third in wrestling for Class 4A with a 3.40 GPA.

Other Lincoln County teams that had at least a 3.0 GPA:

Newport: Boys Basketball 3.37, Girls Basketball 3.49, Girls Wrestling 3.38, Cheerleading 3.40.

Taft: Girls Basketball 3.50.

The Newport Swim Team continues to impress

The Newport Swim Team had an impressive showing at the 2024 WL Construction CAT Spring Invite in Corvallis! With every team member contributing to the score, multiple top 10 finishes, and a wealth of personal best times, it’s clear that

the team’s hard work and dedication are paying off. The standout performances across various age groups, from breaking team records to winning multiple events and earning numerous personal bests, showcase the depth of talent within the team. Their

8th place finish in a competitive field, especially against teams with significantly more swimmers, is commendable. Congratulations to the Newport Swim Team for their achievements and for representing their community with such strong performances!

Making youth sports safer for athletes

Participating in youth sports can be a great way for children to develop various interpersonal skills and stay active. Routine physical activity is part of a healthy lifestyle, which can help reduce the rates of obesity and overweight among modern youths. However, participation in sporting activities is not without risk. It falls on coaches, leagues and parents to make youth sports as safe as possible for these young athletes.

According to Stanford

Medicine Children’s Health, more than 3.5 million children ages 14 and younger get hurt each year while playing sports or participating in recreational activities. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports high school athletes account for an estimated two million injuries, half a million doctor visits and 30,000 hospitalizations each year. A 2011 study of Canadian youth published in Science Direct found that 66

percent of injuries among young people between the ages of 12 and 19 were sports-related. In the face of such data, parents may be left wondering what can be done to reduce injuries.

CROSS TRAIN FOR OVERUSE INJURY PREVENTION

The Canadian Strength & Conditioning Association says overtraining may be one contributor to these injuries. Overuse injuries involve repetitive strain placed

on bones, tendons and ligaments, which differ from acute injuries that occur during a traumatic event. A 2009 study from the American College of Sports Medicine found the number of anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) reconstructions performed on children between the ages of three and 20 in New York increased by 100 percent between 1990 and 2009. The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia says ACL tears in children are not typically common



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compared to all injuries they suffer. However, they are more prevalent among youths who participate in organized sports that involve a lot of running, jumping, twisting, and pivoting. Children need to take breaks from sports to allow their bodies to recover and to incorporate variety into their activities through cross training to avoid repetitive strain on one area of the body. In addition, muscles that have had the chance to warm up are less vulnerable to overuse injuries.

USE PROPER TECHNIQUE

It is essential that young athletes be schooled in the proper techniques when engaging in physical activity. Coaches should make sure that athletes are employing the proper techniques before sending them into games.

GET THE PROPER EQUIPMENT

Protective equipment, such as helmets, pads, shoes, and more, are vital for injury prevention and should never be overlooked.

LISTEN TO YOUR BODY

Young athletes should not be advised to play through pain. Doing so can exacerbate any injuries and lead to more damage that may sideline an athlete for a long time, says Johns Hopkins Medicine. Less focus on being the best at all costs from coaches and parents may remove the pressure to play no matter what.

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The Lincoln County Leader seeks freelance sports



correspondents to cover Lincoln County Sports. Candidates with journalism training or previous writing and photography skills are encouraged to apply.

Apply with resume to Publisher Frank Perea at fperea@countrymedia.net.

Calendar of EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

OPEN HOUSE AT SYLVIA BEACH
The Sylvia Beach Hotel, 267 NW Cliff St., Newport, celebrates its 37th anniversary with an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. Informal guided tour at 1:30 p.m. Meet the founders and enjoy light refreshments.

MEET THE ARTIST IN NEWPORT
Realty ONE Group At the Beach will hold a Meet the Artist event featuring woodworking artist Dave Adolf from 4 to 6 p.m. at 316 NW Coast St., Newport. Join in for refreshments and the opportunity to appreciate the work of this month's featured artist.

CENTRAL COAST FLY FISHERS MEET
The regular monthly meeting of the Central Coast Fly Fishers will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the OSU Extension Office, 1211 Bay Blvd. in Newport. The group will do a skills session with presentations from club members on reel and line maintenance, fly fishing gear for different fishing environments in Oregon, knots, and more.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

IAN SMITH AT THE DRIFT INN
Ian Smith performs classics 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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

WINTER BEACH CLEANUP
Surfrider Foundation Beach Cleanup at the beach of your choice. Volunteers can use their own supplies or pick up bags and gloves at ZuhG Life Surf Shop (Lincoln City) Newport Surf Shop, Ossies Surf Shop, South Beach Surf Shop (Newport) and Pura Vida Surf Shop (Otter Rock). Info: beachcleanups@newport.or.surfrider.org

METROPOLITAN OPERA LIVE IN HD
The Metropolitan Opera presents Cherubini's "La Forza del Destino" live in HD on the big screen at the Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive St. 10 a.m. For tickets and more info, go to coastarts.org/events

VOLTA ARTISAN MARKET
The Volta Artisan Market is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the grounds of Volta Gallery at 4830 SE Highway 101 in Lincoln City. Find a variety of artist-created treasures.

WILD HOG IN THE WOODS
Enjoy a mix of music by Wild Hog in the Woods from 6 to 8 p.m. at Beachcrest Brewing Company at Salishan, 7755 N Highway 101, 541-234-4013.

FREE GLAZE DEMONSTRATION
Watch a free glaze demonstration by clay artist Sam Jacobson, 1 to 2 p.m., Newport Visual Arts Center, 777 NW Beach Drive. Info: coastarts.org/events

AUTHOR OFFERS WRITING TIPS FOR MEMOIRS
Willamette Writers Coast Chapter gathers from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Newport Public Library, 35 NW Nye St. Christopher Luna will present a workshop on writing a memoir. Info: newportoregon.gov/dept/lib

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

VOLTA ARTISAN MARKET
The Volta Artisan Market is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of Volta Gallery at 4830 SE Highway 101 in Lincoln City. Find a variety of artist-created treasures.

FREE CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT
Portland State University String Quartet and the Celeste String Quartet of Eugene will present a free chamber concert at 2 p.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church, located at 2315 N Coast Highway in Newport.

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

FOULWEATHER STRINGBAND AT BEACHCREST
The Foulweather Stringband plays Americana, folk and Celtic music from 4 to 6 p.m. at Beachcrest Brewing, located at the Salishan Marketplace, 7755 N Highway 101, Gleneden Beach.

Monday, March 18
John & Spark Duo at the Drift Inn
The John & Spark Duo 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, MARCH 19

SPRING CELEBRATION
Lincoln City Parks & Rec is hosting a Spring Celebration from 5 to 7 p.m. at the community center, 2150 NE Oar Place. Free. Learn about planting from experts, share your plant starts, decorate your own pot and take home a new plant or flower.
Beachcombing on the Oregon Coast
Learn about the rocks, agates and other materials found on coastal beaches. Speaker is Laura Jokie, owner of Rock Your World Gems in Lincoln City. 6 p.m. at Gleneden Beach Community Hall, 110 Azalea St. Free.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

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.

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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's event features artist Rose James, Pushpin People's Choice award winner and Paper Arts Festival teacher. She will talk about her artwork and upcoming "Easy-Breezy Junk Journal" class. For more information, call 541-574-3364.

'A NIGHT IN THE THEATRE'
Theatre West, 3536 SE Highway 101, Lincoln City, presents "A Night in the Theatre." 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20 (adults), \$18 seniors (60 and over), and \$12 (under 12). For reservations, call 541-994-5663. Info: theatrewest.com

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The Kitchen Wild

Captain Tyler Turner and Rockfish Picatta

By KATIE WILEY

Dockside Charters in Depoe Bay is a favorite destination among tourists and locals who are in search of a truly coastal fishing, crabbing or whale watching experience — an experience that’s available to absolutely everyone, including those with disabilities.

Captain Tyler Turner, owner of Dockside Charters, understands the importance of making his boat a safe and welcoming space for absolutely everyone, especially those with mobility difficulties. That’s because Turner himself is not only a boat captain, he is the only known boat captain in the United States who is a paraplegic.

Turner grew up in Depoe Bay, fishing aboard his dad’s fishing vessel, the Tacklebuster. He eventually became a deckhand on that same boat as a teenager and young adult before going off to college. As most young men, Turner wasn’t quite sure what he wanted to do with his life, but being a boat captain like his dad was certainly something he had always dreamed of until the afternoon of June 27, 2008, at the age of 20, when his life was flipped upside down in a matter of seconds.

Turner had just returned home from college and had hopped on his motorcycle to drive the short distance to the post office to change his mail over to his new address when a truck pulled out into oncoming traffic, hitting Turner and sending his bike flying eight feet forward and landing on top of him, fracturing his sternum. Paramedics arrived at the scene and rushed Turner to the nearest hospital, where he was immediately taken by Life Flight to Emanuel Hospital in Portland. Turner would spend the next 14 days there, three of which were in the ICU. After that he was sent to the Rehab Institute of Oregon at Good Samaritan in downtown Portland and would spend over a month there before being released home.

Three months after the wreck, Turner began working with trainers at Adapt Training in Beaverton, oftentimes making the trip three days a week from Depoe Bay to train at their facility, which has a large emphasis on training for individuals with neurological injuries.

“My dad was instrumental in where I am today, and my mom has been the glue behind us all,” Turner said about the love and unwavering support his parents had throughout his healing process. During one of Turner’s days of training, he spotted a man with a similar injury wearing leg braces and



immediately said to himself, “You don’t need your legs to drive a boat.” So he knew that if he, too, could wear leg braces, his dream of becoming a boat captain might not be over after all.

By 2009, Turner was getting stronger and getting used to his new normal, and by 2010 he felt like getting back out there on the water again. However, even that was met with its own setbacks. On Turner’s first trip down the ramp to the dock, unsure of how to safely maneuver his wheelchair, he fell with his chair flipping over and landing on top of him.

“I’ve had some big speed bumps with the accident, but life continues to move forward,” Tyler explained.

So adjustments were made not only to the ramps at Dockside Charters to make them safe and accessible for all, but to the boats as well. Many of the boats at Dockside Charters were customized not only for Turner, but for others with similar disabilities. They can now accommodate walkers, wheelchairs, and power chairs, giving everyone an opportunity to safely fish and have a great time doing it. Not

only have the ramps, docks, and boats all been carefully customized to meet the needs of Turner and his customers, but Dockside Charters’ boat crews and office staff are also well trained to make these trips enjoyable for everyone regardless of their mobility issues. Dockside Charters even works directly with the Paralyzed Veterans of America, giving the men and women who have served our country a safe place to fish, crab, and whale watch out on the open water as well.

Turner’s next set of challenges would arise in getting his captain license. Since he was the very first to pioneer the way with this kind of injury, there were no set protocols for this type of thing at that time. The journey took a long detour through the Coast Guard reviewing process with the first year being spent writing countless letters and having to prove to the Coast Guard that he was physically able to captain a boat. Turner endured Coast Guard drills and tests, all filmed and reviewed by everyone up the chain of command, and after five years of hard work, perseverance, and never giving in to the challenges

that repeatedly presented themselves, he received his captain license, the 100 ton master license that allows him to operate a charter boat.

“One of the biggest things with this injury is finding out what motivates you, and I was fortunate enough to be able to figure that out early on,” explained Turner.

Today, people from all over the nation are reaching out to Captain Tyler Turner for guidance on how to achieve this dream for themselves, and hundreds of others are booking charters aboard the boat he captains — the very boat he grew up fishing on with his dad, the Tacklebuster. It’s a boat with deep family history, and one that continued to motivate Turner to keep pushing forward to accomplish his dreams.

This week’s Rockfish Piccata recipe was inspired by Turner himself because this is a family favorite they eat in the Turner household at least once per week. I’ll admit, I had never made Rockfish Piccata, or any Piccata for that matter before this, but I certainly will from now on because this meal was absolutely fantastic!

ROCKFISH PICATTA

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. rockfish
- Salt & pepper
- Garlic powder
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1-2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup chicken broth
- 1 Tbs. lemon juice, plus the zest of 1 full lemon
- 1 Tbs. brined capers, drained
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 Tbs. grated Parmesan cheese
- Olive oil for searing fish

Directions:

Season the rockfish generously with salt, pepper, and garlic powder.

In a small mixing bowl or plate, mix flour, baking soda, baking powder, and more salt, pepper, and garlic powder to taste. Carefully coat rockfish on both sides.

Add olive oil to a skillet over medium-high heat and cook fish until cooked through and golden brown. Set aside.

Reduce heat to medium, add butter, garlic and sauté for approximately one minute. Add the chicken broth, lemon juice, lemon zest, and capers to the skillet. Scrape up any browned bits.

Stir in the heavy cream and Parmesan cheese and stir until cheese has melted into the sauce then add the rockfish back into the pan.

Garnish with freshly chopped parsley and serve over thin spaghetti and enjoy!



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LCL 31-13 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN Probate Department Case No. 24PB00967. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE Matter of the Estate of Glenda Belle Bowdish NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cheryl Matheny, has been appointed as the personal representative of the undersigned personal representative at 12909 SW 68th Parkway, Suite 160, Portland, OR 97223, 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. Dated and first published on March 13, 2024. Cheryl Matheny, Personal Representative. Launa Lawrence Helton, OSB No. 040692, Helton Law Office, LLC, 12909

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LCL 32-13 PUBLIC NOTICE N54

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LCL 34-13 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WALDPOR PLANNING COMMISSION Monday, March 25, 2024, 2:00 p.m. CASE FILE: #1-CU-PC-24 APPLICANT: Robert Conway REQUEST: The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to operate a Metal Shipping Container Sales and Rental Business in the Planned Industrial Zone (I-P). The metal shipping containers will be stored onsite. APPLICABLE CRITERIA: Waldport Municipal Code, Title 16 Chapter 16.36 Planned Industrial Zone I-P Chapter 16.72 Supplementary Regulations, Chapter 16.84 Conditional Uses. LOCATION: The subject property is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of SW Dahl Street and S Crestline Drive. The address is 3340 S Crestline Drive and further identified on Lincoln County Tax Assessor's Map 13-11-31-BA as tax lots 00200, 00300, 00400, 00500, and 00600. REPORTS: Copies of the staff report for this case may be reviewed without charge or may be purchased after twenty (20) days prior to the hearing. Application materials may be purchased at the above address twenty (20) days prior to the hearing. Any documents or evidence submitted by the applicant after twenty (20) days prior to the hearing constitutes grounds for a continuance of the hearing if any party requests such a continuance. TESTIMONY: Testimony can be submitted in written or oral form. The deadline for submitting written testimony is Monday, March 25, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Send letters to the City of

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Waldport Planning Commission, P.O. Box 1120, Waldport, OR 97394 or email planner@waldport.org. Oral testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. Failure to raise an issue in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the Planning Commission an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue. CONTACT: Jaime White, City Planner planner@waldport.org, 541-583-3561, ext. 3. DATE/PLACE OF HEARING: Monday, March 25, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Waldport Council Meeting Room, 355 NW Alder Street. Any person having interest in this matter may attend and be heard, or they may submit testimony in writing to be entered into the record. M13

LCL 35-13 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WALDPOR PLANNING COMMISSION Monday, March 25, 2024, 2:00 p.m. CASE FILE: #3-CU-PC-24 APPLICANT: John Larson (Agent); Thi White (Property Owner) REQUEST: The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to construct two 30'x 40' buildings in the Planned Industrial Zone (I-P). The buildings will be used by a local construction company for workshops, offices, and storage of equipment and vehicles. APPLICABLE CRITERIA: Waldport Municipal Code, Title 16 Chapter 16.36 Planned Industrial Zone I-P Chapter 16.72 Supplementary Regulations, Chapter 16.84 Conditional Uses. LOCATION: The subject property is located between SW Ann Street and S Crestline Drive, and further identified on Lincoln County Tax Assessor's Map 13-11-31-BA as tax lot 01400. REPORTS: Copies of the staff report for this case may be reviewed without charge or may be purchased after twenty (20) days prior to the hearing. Any documents or evidence submitted by the applicant after twenty (20) days prior to the hearing constitutes grounds for a continuance of the hearing if any party requests such a continuance. TESTIMONY: Testimony can be submitted in written or oral form. The deadline for submitting written testimony is Monday, March 25, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Send letters to the City of

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LCL 06-20 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 23-66828 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by EDWARD S. BUFORD as Grantor to MERIDIAN NATIONAL TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR FIRST GUARANTY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, DBA GOOD MORTGAGE, as Beneficiary of the SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS' AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 10/9/2020, recorded 2/4/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-01454, in mortgage records of Lincoln County, Oregon covering the following described

real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 16, SCHOO-NER VISTA PHASE 2, AS RECORDED IN BOOK 15, PAGE 55 OF PLAT RECORDS, IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 420 NE 70TH DR NEWPORT, OREGON 97365 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the real Property is purported to be: 10-11- 20-CA-05900-00/ R507023/ P533580 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 6/1/2023, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written

proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 6/1/2023 Total of past due payments: \$9,229.73 Late Charges: \$182.77 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$793.00 Suspense: (\$690.80) Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$2,242.00 Total necessary to cure: \$11,756.70 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$159,137.10 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 10:00 AM on 5/3/2024 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the front entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse located at 225 West Olive, in the City of Newport, OR 97365 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at

any time prior to five days before the date last set for 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(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said 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 the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of the trustee is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 12/21/2023 ZBS Law, LLP By: Jeffrey A. Myers, Esq., OSB#094561 Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4805779 02/28/2024, 03/06/2024, 03/13/2024, 03/20/2024

LCL 02-13 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO. OR0700017223-1 APN R517808 TO NO 230310604-OR-MSO
TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, LOUISE A. MCDEVITT, AS AN ESTATE IN FEE SIMPLE as Grantor to LENDERS FIRST CHOICE as Trustee, in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF INDMAC BANK, F.S.B. as Beneficiary dated as of December 17, 2007 and recorded on December 21, 2007 as Instrument No. 200717483 and the beneficial interest was assigned to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust and recorded October 10, 2023 as Instrument Number 2023-07076 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R517808 LOT 30, SHELTERED COVE ESTATES, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON Commonly known as: 4289 SE HERON LOOP, LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367 Both the Beneficiary, Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay the principal balance which became all due and payable based upon the death of all mortgagors, pursuant to paragraph (7)(A)(i) under the Note and pursuant to paragraph (9)(A)(i) of Deed of Trust. By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$154,977.44 together with interest thereon from February 23, 2023 until

paid; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on May 28, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the south entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place

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Strange
BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- In a process called rice-fish culture, Indonesian farmers introduce fish into their rice fields so the fish droppings will act as fertilizer. In turn, the fish also eat harmful insects and improve oxygen circulation, increasing crop yields by up to 10%.
- Anuptaphobia is the fear of being single forever.
- The people who falsely claimed the copyright to the "Happy Birthday to You" song made \$2 million a year for decades, until the song was ruled to be in the public domain.
- A man who had received the transplanted heart of a suicide victim married the donor's widow and took his own life in the exact same way as the donor did.
- After two thieves in England broke into a man's house and made off with his laptop, they found child abuse material on the device and took it to the police. The pedophile received a sentence of three years in prison, while the thieves were given 12 months of community service in light of their "good deed."
- During his presidency, John F. Kennedy refused to take his salary of \$150,000 per year, instead donating the entire amount to charity.
- Hundreds of people die each year from shoveling snow.
- Who says cats don't care? After one feline owner survived a series of strokes, he tried to train the animal to dial 911. While he wasn't sure at first that the attempt would pay off, after he fell from his wheelchair following a seizure, police received a silent emergency call from his home and arrived to find him incapacitated and his cat next to the phone.
- Loneliness poses a greater risk to one's health than obesity.

Thought for the Day: "He who has a why to live can bear almost any how."
— Friedrich Nietzsche

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Super Crossword

WELL-DEFINED

ACROSS

1 Ran after

8 — oil (trendy marijuana extract, for short)

11 Old TV ET

14 Feudal peons

19 More ill-bred

20 Loaf in a deli

21 Palme — (Cannes award)

22 "La Traviata," e.g.

23 120-Across #1

25 "Over here!"

26 Sieved, as potatoes

27 Folk rocker DiFranco

28 Drink holders

29 120-Across #2

31 120-Across #3

36 Suffix of enzymes

37 Don effortlessly, as shoes

38 Toxin-fighting fluids

39 Functional unit of a kidney

42 Wield a saber or foil

45 Sky twinkler

48 Stray calf

49 120-Across #4

55 Plead

56 Cabinet chief: Abbr.

57 Muse of poetry

58 Mimosa tree, e.g.

62 "Put — Happy Face"

64 DiCaprio of "Titanic"

70 120-Across #5

75 More furtive

76 Possess

77 Gets the impression

78 Core belief

81 Light tan

84 Groom's vow

85 120-Across #6

94 "Take —" ("Jot this note")

95 Water spigots

96 Extort money from

97 Fit to reside in

100 Architect

103 Island near Bora Bora

107 Rage

108 120-Across #7

113 120-Across #8

116 Male sweetie

117 Day, to Juanita

118 Totally lost

119 Bruins' Bobby

120 What this puzzle literally provides eight times

124 Wee

125 Hitter's stat

126 Single-named R&B singer

127 Erase

128 Some Canadian gas stations

129 Tot's "piggy"

130 Bible translation, e.g.: Abbr.

131 Lobby sofas

8 Burial vaults

9 Poet Percy — Shelley

10 — Moines, Iowa

11 One-off, as a committee

12 Lerner's songwriting partner

13 Skillet

14 Ilk

15 Grand-scale

16 Give new energy to

17 Region prohibiting slavery prior to the Civil War

18 Made unhappy

24 — -Puf (facial sponge)

29 Really hate

30 Suffix with serpent

32 Resist boldly

33 Singer Lisa

34 City in Sicily

35 Once, once

40 Word file alternative

41 — polloi

43 Syringe

44 Stretch (out)

46 — Lingus (Irish carrier)

47 Writer Dahl

49 The Beatles' "— Work It Out"

50 Tequila plant

51 Sacred image

52 Big Apple address abbr.

53 Sch. near the Rio Grande

54 Axes, e.g.

55 Scrooge's outbursts

59 U.S. spy org.

60 Fluid in a pen

61 Anxiousness

63 In times past

65 Scot's denial

66 Novelist Rand

67 Varnish stuff

68 "Judge —" (Stallone film)

69 — buco

71 Artist Jan van der —

72 "Nola" composer Felix

73 Actor Wilson

74 How much '90s music was recorded

79 LAX info

80 High-quality

82 CSA soldier

83 Web address

85 Certify

86 The "E" of UAE

87 Overturns

88 Singer Sumac

89 Word before goblin

90 Employed

91 — bad example

92 Split

93 Ritalin treats it, for short

98 Science writer Willy or ESPN anchor Bob

99 Urge strongly

101 Kind of steak

102 Like some headsets

104 Chemist's "I"

105 Brief pang

106 For a really long time

109 Muscle car booster

110 Macabre

111 Interval

112 Is really angry

114 Lotto variant

115 Deposits, as eggs

120 License-issuing agcy.

121 Palindromic file suffix

122 Fitting

123 Cashew, e.g.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb

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by Jeff Pickering

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

OLIVE

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Q equals P

CFNJG RYGZTCTGJ CFRC

YRSG R QRJCND'J BTIG YNDG

QBGRJRZC, T BTSG CN ERBB

CFGY QDGREFGD ENYINDCJ.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom featured a father figure named Philip Banks?
2. LANGUAGE: How many letters are in the Greek alphabet?
3. MOVIES: Which movie features the line, "To be honest, when I found out the patriarchy wasn't just about horses, I lost interest"?
4. SCIENCE: How long is an eon?
5. GEOGRAPHY: In which country is most of the Kalahari Desert located?
6. MUSIC: Which singer once was called the Material Girl?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is injera?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of cockroaches called?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which large U.S. city is nicknamed Emerald City?
10. GAMES: How many blocks are in a Jenga tower?

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- Answers
1. "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air"
 2. 24
 3. "Barbie"
 4. 1 billion years
 5. Botswana, Africa
 6. Madonna
 7. Fermented flatbread
 8. An intrusion
 9. Seattle, Washington
 10. 54

WORD LADDERS

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

STAKE

PRONE

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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. March 2. Pesky;
3. Tome; 4. Sombre

solution

MATCHBOOK

WORD LADDER

Answer

SHONE, PHONE, PRONE

CryptoQuip

Answer

Those amenities that
make a pastor's life more
pleasant, I like to call
them preacher comforts.

Super Crossword

Answers

P	U	R	S	U	E	D	C	B	D	A	L	F	S	E	R	F	S
C	R	A	S	S	E	R	R	Y	E	D	O	R	O	P	E	R	A
G	A	P	I	N	G	A	B	Y	S	S	H	E	Y	R	I	C	E
A	N	I	C	U	P	S	L	O	W	P	I	T	C	H	E	D	
M	I	D	D	L	E	O	F	T	H	E	O	C	E	A	N	A	S
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T	E	E	N	Y		R	B	I		M	Y	A		E	X	P	U
E	S	S	O	S		T	O	E		V	E	R		S	E	T	T

SCRAMBLERS

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

Stomp
CHARM

Irksome
SKYPE

Book
MOTE

Bleak
ROBEMS

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Theatre West sets auditions for new play Sunday

Theatre West in Lincoln City has set auditions for its upcoming play, “Dial M for Murder,” by Frederick Knott. The auditions will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, and 7 p.m. on Monday, March 18. They will casting five men and one woman, plus backstage volunteers of all types are encouraged to attend.

The play, directed by Cathye Wehr, will be performed at Theatre West May 23-June 15.

The story — Tony and Margot Wendice have had a fractious marriage for many years, resulting in Margo’s affair with Max Halliday, an American crime writer. However, when the affair ended and Tony retired from his professional tennis career, the couple reunited and rekindled their love ... or have they?

Theatre West, located at 3536 SE Highway 101. Learn more at theatrewest.com

AWARD

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designed to teach the basics of programming to young learners.

After transferring to Waldport High School in October of 2022, Cluster enrolled in the AP computer science class and quickly thrived. “I learned how to integrate circuit playgrounds into snap bracelets and even created a sound-activated scream canister from Monsters, Inc.,” she shared, highlighting her innovative projects that blend creativity with technology.

Cluster also worked with Oregon State University and her computer science teacher Philip Reed to host a summer camp that aimed to involve more females and minorities to try computer science. “It was fun showing people skills that are very simple and

often useful,” she said. “I know a couple of those students who enjoy it now who thought they never would.”

Motivated by her passion and recognizing her potential, Cluster applied for the NCWIT AiC Award last fall. “Winning this award shows me that it’s not just a silly hobby and that it is so much more than just coding a game on Scratch,” Cluster remarked. “You can be very successful and go many different directions with it.”

Her aspirations don’t stop at technology; she is also considering attending community college before pursuing a bachelor’s degree in journalism, with thoughts of becoming a reporter or starting her own newspaper. Additionally, she hopes to continue her engagement with digital art and coding, possibly returning to earn a degree in education

in the future.

Reed expressed pride in Cluster’s accomplishments. “Skye’s achievements serve as a beacon of inspiration for her peers and future generations at Waldport High and beyond,” Reed said. “The school and community celebrate Skye’s well-deserved recognition and eagerly anticipate her future contributions to technology and society.”

About NCWIT AiC

The NCWIT Aspirations in Computing (AiC) Award honors students based on their computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, persistence in the face of challenges, and future plans in technology. Since its inception in 2007, the AiC Award has recognized more than 25,000 students, encouraging them to continue their pursuits in computing and technology.

CONCERT

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Allison Parker grew up in Portland and has recently returned to PSU to finish her Bachelor of Arts degree with a minor in music after studying in the music conservatory at Bard College for violin performance. The quartet will perform Haydn’s String Quartet op. 76, No. 2 and Ravel’s String Quartet in F major.

Opening the program is The Celeste String Quartet, formed in the summer of 2023, an independent quartet of dedicated youth musicians from South Eugene High School.

Each member has over 10 years of music experience and is passionate about sharing their love for music with their community. The quartet musicians also participate in school orchestras, youth symphonies, chamber programs and have competed at the state level in solo competitions and honor ensembles. They will perform Borodin’s String Quartet number 2 in D major and Beethoven’s String Quartet op. 18 and Mendelssohn’s String Quartet No. 6 in F minor, op. 80.

This chamber music concert is a presentation of the Oregon Coast Youth Symphony Festival and is free, with donations accepted at the door. There will be a post concert reception with light refreshments.

WRITERS

From Page B10

MFA from the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics, and is the co-founder, with Toni Lumbrazo Luna, of Printed Matter Vancouver, an editing service and small press for Northwest writers. He and Morgan Paige co-host the LGBTQ+ friendly, all ages and uncensored Ghost Town Poetry Open Mic in Vancouver, Washington, founded in 2004.

Luna’s books include Voracity, Exchanging Wisdom: A Guide for Parents of the Autonomous (with his son, Angelo Luna), Message from the Vessel in a Dream, Brutal Glints of Moonlight, and The Flame Is Ours: The Letters of Stan Brakhage and Michael McClure 1961-1978.

About Willamette Writers

The Willamette Writers Coast Chapter hosts presentations, a mix of in-person and virtual events, from September through June. Willamette Writers, the parent organization of the coast chapter, is the largest writer’s association in Oregon and one of the largest in the nation. Programs are free and open to all writers 18 and up. There are Young Willamette Writer chapters for those under 18. To become a member of a chapter and the parent organization, join Willamette Writers at their website, willamettewriters.org



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People 65+ urged to get second COVID-19 shot

STAFF REPORT
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Oregonians 65 and older can now get an additional dose of the 2023–2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine.

The option follows a federal announcement that opened eligibility to older adults, who are most at risk for severe outcomes of the virus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Feb. 28 approval of a second dose of the 2023–2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine released last fall can provide increased protection for older adults, according to the Oregon Health Authority’s (OHA) Public Health Division Medical Director for Communicable Diseases and Immunizations Paul Cieslak.

“Vaccine-induced immunity can wane over time, but a second dose restores that protection, which can help keep people in this particularly vulnerable group from being hospitalized or even dying,” Cieslak said. “We urge everyone 65 and older to talk to their health care or vaccine provider about getting a second COVID-19 vaccine dose.”

HOW TO GET THE VACCINE

Older adults are eligible to get a second 2023–2024 COVID-19 vaccine dose if it’s been at least four months since they received their first dose of the 2023–2024 vaccine. People can get the vaccines by contacting their health plan, health care provider, county public health clinic, federally qualified health center (FQHC) or pharmacy. They can also search for a clinic by ZIP code by visiting vaccinefinder.org, or by calling 211 or visiting 211info.org.

Because the COVID-19 vaccine, like the seasonal influenza vaccine, is available on the commercial pharmaceutical market, health care and vaccine providers order it directly from vaccine manufacturers. The 2023–2024 COVID-19 vaccines are available from Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Novavax, and studies show all are safe and effective at protecting against serious illness from COVID-19.

Second doses of the 2023–2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine have already been available to anyone 6 months and older who is moderately or severely immunocompromised. The CDC opened second-dose eligibility to this group in October 2023, but the agency encourages people to talk to their health care provider about whether a second dose is right for them.

VIRUS STILL CIRCULATING

While the state has seen a steady decline in COVID-19 related hospitalizations and percentage of positive COVID-19 tests since late December, the virus is still circulating briskly in Oregon communities. That’s why OHA continues to recommend anyone who has not received the 2023–2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine to get it as soon as they can, as vaccination remains the best way for people to protect themselves against the virus, Cieslak said.

The agency also has been aligned with recent CDC recommendations that urge people infected with COVID-19 in the general population, including K–12 settings, to stay home until fever-free for 24 hours

and all other COVID-19 symptoms are improving; to wear a high-quality mask when around others indoors; and to avoid individuals at increased risk for COVID-19.

Cieslak said he doesn’t anticipate a second dose of the 2023–2024 updated COVID-19 vaccine for the general population — those who aren’t 65 and older or immunocompromised — becoming available anytime soon.

“The rest of us will probably have to wait until next fall to get the updated COVID-19 vaccine as a seasonal shot along with the annual flu shot,” he said. “But younger people who have gotten the updated COVID-19 vaccine should feel confident they still have protection against serious disease, and a second dose is not needed right now.”

Cieslak recommends people contact their health care provider or pharmacist to confirm they have the vaccine in stock, as well as call their health insurer in advance to confirm coverage. While vaccines recommended by the CDC must be covered by insurance per the Affordable Care Act, insurance companies have one year to update their systems. This sometimes results in people being charged for vaccines.

If you learn that your insurance company hasn’t yet updated its system with the latest CDC recommendation, or if you don’t have insurance, Cieslak suggests that you search for COVID-19 vaccines using the [Vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov), and narrow your search to locations that participate in the Bridge Access Program to receive no-cost COVID-19 vaccines for adults without insurance.



The Boston Trio will be featured in the next performance of the Neskowin Chamber Music Series, which takes place this Sunday, March 17, at 3 p.m. (Courtesy photo)

Neskowin Chamber Music presenting the Boston Trio

Neskowin Chamber Music is pleased to present its fifth concert of the season, the Boston Trio, this Sunday, March 17, at 3 p.m. at the Chapel in the Winema Christian Camp, located at 5195 Winema Road, Cloverdale.

“Whenever this trio plays, drop everything and go hear them!” hailed the Boston Globe on the occasion of the Boston Trio’s Tanglewood debut at Ozawa Hall. Acclaimed for their superb sense of ensemble and wondrous balance, these virtuosic and profound musicians are committed to creating exceptional and daring performances of the standard and contemporary repertoire.

The trio is committed to bringing chamber music to a broader community through outreach activities at public schools and assisted living centers. The Boston Trio’s individual members serve on the faculties of the New England Conservatory, the University of Maryland, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and are in demand as master class teachers throughout the United States, Asia and Europe.

Tickets are available at the door — \$30 for adults and \$10 for youth — cash or check only. To learn more, go to www.neskowinchambermusic.com

Final winter beach cleanup Saturday

The Newport Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation has teamed up with North Lincoln Sanitary Service, Thompson’s Sanitary Service and Lincoln County surf shops to help clean up local beaches this winter. The final event in the series is this Saturday, March 16. For their help in keeping local beaches clean, volunteers will be entered to win prizes donated by the surf shop partners and the Surfrider Foundation.

To participate,

- Newport Surf Shop: 403 NE First St., unit A, Newport;
- Ossies Surf Shop: 4900 North Coast Highway, Newport;
- Pura Vida Surf Shop: 845 First St., Otter Rock;
- South Beach Surf Shop: 3101 SE Ferry Slip Road #238 and #619, Newport;
- ZuhG Life Surf Shop: 3219 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City.

Volunteers are welcome to pick up trash at any Lincoln County beach, and they can then drop off their debris at any of the partner surf shops before 2 p.m. In doing so, they will receive a ticket to be entered into the prize drawing. People are also encouraged to share photos of the debris they have collected.

For more information, email beachcleanups@newport.or.surfrider.org

Free wellness coaching offered in Newport

Do you want to feel inspired and empowered to reach your health and wellness goals? Discover your best self through free wellness coaching, now available at the Samaritan Center for Health Education, 740 SW Ninth St., Newport.

Offered by Amy Conner, certified health and wellness coach, wellness coaching is a client-centered, collaborative and individualized process. The main goal is assisting people to make long-term lifestyle changes to improve their health and wellbeing.

“Coaching is ideal if you have a strong willingness to improve your health and wellbeing and you are willing to work toward lifestyle change,” Conner said. “You choose what to work on, and I, as your coach, will guide you along the path to becoming your best self.”

At the first session, Conner will ask about wellness goals, priorities and motivation for change. Topics commonly addressed include weight management, physical activity, nutrition, stress management and work/life balance. Then, if wellness coaching seems appealing, people can participate in six additional 45-minute sessions over three months, at no cost.

For a wellness coaching consultation, call 541-574-4952 or email aconner@samhealth.org.

Volta Artisan Market open in Lincoln City

Volta Gallery and Lincoln City Glass Center, in the Taft area of Lincoln City, are pleased to announce the opening of the Volta Artisan Market. This outdoor market will be every Saturday (from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday (from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.) rain or shine, and it is scheduled to run into December. The market may be canceled due to severe storms.

The Volta Artisan Market will consist of approximately a dozen 10 by 10-foot booths of

Dinner, silent auction at Siletz Grange

The Siletz Valley Grange is holding its 20th annual St. Paddies Dinner and Silent Auction this Saturday, March 16, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner are \$14 for ages 13 and over, \$9 for ages 6 to 12, and free for ages 5 and under. More than 80 donations have been received for the silent auction.

The Siletz Valley Grange is located at 224 Gaither St. in Siletz. For more information, contact Michelle Schaffer at 541-270-2864.

Theatre West to open ‘A Night in the Theatre’ on March 21

Theatre West in Lincoln City presents its newest production, “A Night in the Theatre,” which opens Thursday, March 21. Wes Ryan directs this play, whose cast features John MacDonald, Julie Starr, Dave Jones and Jan Coloccia.

The story is about Margaret and Stanley Locker and their friends, Donna and Walter Pace, who are at the theater for their weekly dose of culture. This week’s ordeal is Hamlet. After they seat themselves (with some confusion), the audience is privy to their incessant and hilarious chatter about themselves, their children, a dead friend and even occasionally Shakespeare’s play. Secrets emerge and friendships unravel amid the audiences’ laughter. Audience members may even recognize these rude playgoers as the obnoxious people who sometimes sit behind them.

The play will be performed at Theatre West, 3536 SE Highway 101, Lincoln City, every Thursday, Friday and

Saturday evening through April 6, beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 24.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors (60 and over), and \$15 for students 12 and under. For reservations, call Theatre West at 541-994-5663. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. Due to language, this show is recommended for mature audiences only.

Learn more online at theatrewest.com

Enchanted Gnome Scavenger Hunt at Newport Library

During the month of March, the Newport Public Library is featuring a “Discover Your Library: Enchanted Gnome Scavenger Hunt.”

Library staff members have placed 22 gnomes around the library, and on each gnome, there is a number and a letter. After finding each gnome, participants in the hunt will look for the corresponding number on the scavenger hunt sheet and write the letter next to it. Collect all 22 letter clues and find the answer to the question. Anyone who completes the scavenger hunt will receive a gnome — only one gnome per person.

“Discover Your Library: Enchanted Gnome

Scavenger Hunt” is free, open to the public and proudly sponsored by the Newport Public Library Foundation, the Newport Public Library, and the City of Newport. For more information, visit newportoregon.gov/dept/lib or call 541-265-2153.

The Newport Public Library is located at 35 NW Nye St.

Spring Celebration



Lincoln City Parks & Rec is hosting its second annual Spring Celebration on Tuesday, March 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the community center, 2150 NE Oar Place. This free event is open to everyone. Come learn about planting from experts, share your plant starts, decorate your own pot and take home a new plant or flower. (Courtesy photo)



Create a compelling memoir on March 16

Did you ever have an experience that you thought would make a good memoir but were not sure how to begin? Or have you started a memoir but been stopped by narrative challenges?

Join the Willamette Writers Coast Chapter on Saturday, March 16 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Newport Public Library. Memoir writing teacher Christopher Luna will present a workshop on writing memoir for both the beginner and seasoned writer. Please note the extra meeting time for generative writing.

Those who are already writing a memoir will leave with a potential chapter and some ideas about structuring a manuscript as well as process. Those new to memoir will leave with ideas for how to

concepts and methods for writing memoir including a writing exercise to help participants use their life experiences as the basis for compelling creative non-fiction. Those who are willing will be invited to share the rough draft they created to initiate discussion of how to write and organize a book-length memoir.

Luna will also discuss challenges in writing memoir as they arise, such as reactions of family members, research, identifying themes for the book, and whether or not to tell the story chronologically.

This program is co-hosted by the Newport Public Library.

Luna is a poet, editor, writing coach and teacher who served as the inaugural Poet Laureate of Clark County from 2013-2017. He has an

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Portland State University's String Quartet will be performing in a free concert this Sunday at 2 p.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church in Newport. (Courtesy photo)

Free chamber music concert this Sunday in Newport

Portland State University String Quartet and the Celeste String Quartet of Eugene will present a free chamber concert at 2 p.m. this Sunday, March 17, at Atonement Lutheran Church, located at 2315 N Coast Highway in Newport.

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Quartet cellist Julian Casas from Austin, Texas, has performed with the Austin Youth Orchestra and Encore Chamber music institute for solo young artists. Violinist Charles Dalrymple has played in a number of youth orchestras, including the Metropolitan Youth Symphony. Tyler

Slaughter began playing violin in sixth grade and received his Bachelor in Music Education from the University of Nevada Reno. He is currently working on his Master's in Music from PSU and is assistant conductor to the university orchestra.

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Waldport student receives Aspirations in Computing Award



Skye Cluster, a senior at Waldport High School, has received the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Aspirations in Computing (AiC) High School Award. (Courtesy photo)

Waldport High School senior Skye Cluster has been honored with the prestigious National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Aspirations in Computing (AiC) High School Award. This award recognizes 9th-12th grade women,

genderqueer, and non-binary students for their computing-related achievements and interests, as well as their aspirations to pursue a future in technology.

Cluster's journey into the world of computer science began in the 7th grade when she coded her

first game, an electronic version of Truth or Dare. Her passion for technology has only grown since then, with Cluster continuing to develop online games and websites for fun, utilizing Scratch — a free, online platform

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Yachats Arts and Crafts Fair showcases Pacific Northwest Artists

The 52nd annual Yachats Arts and Crafts Fair returns on March 23 and 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. It will be held in the Yachats Commons, located at 441 Highway 101 N.

Featuring Pacific Northwest artists, the event offers a diverse array of handcrafted items, including paintings, sculptures, ceramics, jewelry, and more. Admission is free.

Don't miss this celebration of artistry and craftsmanship and the opportunity to support local talent and discover unique treasures. Whether seeking one-of-a-kind pieces for the home or searching for the perfect gift, there will be

something to captivate every taste and preference.

For more information, visit www.Yachats.org/events or contact Yachats Area Chamber at Director@yahcats.org

A wide variety of artwork will be featured at the annual Yachats Arts and Crafts Fair, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 23 and 24. (Courtesy photo)

