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Consumer fireworks ban for Newport

Fireworks show over Yaquina Bay to continue

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The Newport City Council has voted to adopt an ordinance amending the city's municipal code to prohibit the possession, use, and sale of consumer fireworks within Newport city limits year-round.

The ordinance takes effect immediately and is intended to protect public health and safety while reducing the risk of fire

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Fireworks are launched on the Fourth of July from the Port of Newport International Terminal on Yaquina Bay. The 2024 display was controlled by certified pyrotechnics operators working with Western Display Fireworks. (Lincoln County Leader)

LCSD, Tillamook School District to receive Rural School funding

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Nearly \$49 million in retro-active federal funding from the U.S. Forest Service for fiscal year 2024 will be coming to Oregon counties following the passage of their bipartisan bill late last year to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program.

More funding is expected to come when the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its payments for the 18 Oregon & California counties.

The Lincoln County School District will receive \$1,249,130.97. The Tillamook County Schools will see \$617,965.41.

Oregon U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden and Sen. Jeff Merkley announced the funding Monday, February 23.

Wyden first authored the law that created the SRS program in 2000. Funding for the program lapsed in September 2023, and counties in Oregon and nationwide have not received payments since early 2024. The bill to reauthorize the program had previously passed the Senate, but stalled twice in the House, delaying crucial funding for rural schools, law enforcement, and infrastructure projects.

"Secure Rural Schools is a lifeline for rural communities in Oregon and across the country," Wyden said. "It's about damn time these funds get distributed to the counties that need them, and this lapse in funding is exactly why we need a permanent solution to get rural communities off the financial rollercoaster and ensure they have the funds they need, and that's what I'll be focused on in the months ahead."

"SRS payments are a lifeline for rural communities here in Oregon and across America—supporting our schools, public safety, and wildfire preparedness," Merkley said. "This nearly \$49 million in federal funds ensures counties with federal forest lands have the resources they need to stay safe and resilient."

Siletz students head to culinary competition



Students from Siletz Valley School will compete in the Oregon ProStart Championships. (Courtesy photos)

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

For the first time ever, students from Siletz Valley School will compete in the Oregon ProStart Championships on March 2 in Salem — and there's a powerful local story behind this team.

The Championships are produced by the Oregon Hospitality Foundation (OHF), which coordinates the ProStart® career technical education program across the state. While 13 high schools will compete this year, this marks

Siletz Valley's debut at this statewide event.

The Siletz program is led by Chef Patrick Clarke, a U.S.

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Chef Patrick Clarke, right, serves as the Culinary Director for the Siletz Valley School. Recognized for his impact and leadership, Clarke was named the Small School Association's 2025 Teacher of the Year.



Commercial Fishing Impacts set record high in 2025

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

The Oregon commercial fishing industry's economic impacts were an all-time high in Year 2025, according to a Corvallis-based economic research group, though tough times often are never far away.

BY THE NUMBERS

Harvesting and processing businesses generated \$517 million income — including multiplier effects — to households in Oregon last year. This is \$81 million more income than the previous 5-year (2025 dollars) average. The 2025 generated income represents 10,321 jobs in Oregon. Business total economic activity (defined as harvesting and primary processing business sales) was \$1.1 billion in 2025.

The economic impact income

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Harvesting and processing businesses generated \$517 million income — including multiplier effects — to households in Oregon last year. This is \$81 million more income than the previous 5-year (2025 dollars) average. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)



Weather

Wednesday: High-51/Low-34 Partly Cloudy
Thursday: High-54/Low-36 Sunny
Friday: High-54/Low-38 Mostly Cloudy
Saturday: High-54/Low-40 Rain
Sunday: High-56/Low-40 Rain
Monday: High-55/Low-40 Showers
Tuesday: High-58/Low-44 Showers

Past Weather

On the Coast
Rain Low High
February 17 ... 0.38 ... 35.5°F ... 42.6°F
February 18 ... 1.17 ... 34.9°F ... 45.5°F
February 19 ... 0.11 ... 34.7°F ... 48.2°F
February 20 ... 0.05 ... 34.7°F ... 48.0°F
February 21 ... 0.06 ... 44.5°F ... 58.0°F
February 22 ... 1.72 ... 46.7°F ... 57.5°F
February 23 ... 0.75 ... 47.0°F ... 51.1°F
Total rainfall from Jan. 1 ... 13.54"

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
High ... 5:38 a.m. ... 8.8
Low ... 1:19 p.m. ... 0.2
High ... 8:29 p.m. ... 5.9
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Low ... 12:32 a.m. ... 4.3
High ... 8:09 a.m. ... 8.7
Low ... 2:31 p.m. ... -0.2
High ... 9:36 p.m. ... 6.3
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Low ... 2:04 a.m. ... 4.1
High ... 8:09 a.m. ... 8.8
Low ... 3:30 p.m. ... -0.6
High ... 10:25 p.m. ... 6.8
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Low ... 3:17 a.m. ... 3.6
High ... 9:17 a.m. ... 8.9
Low ... 4:20 p.m. ... -0.8
High ... 11:04 p.m. ... 7.3
SUNDAY, MARCH 1
Low ... 4:16 a.m. ... 2.9
High ... 10:14 a.m. ... 9.0
Low ... 5:04 p.m. ... -0.9
High ... 11:39 p.m. ... 7.8
MONDAY, MARCH 2
Low ... 5:07 a.m. ... 2.2
High ... 11:06 a.m. ... 9.0
Low ... 5:42 p.m. ... -0.7
TUESDAY, MARCH 3
High ... 12:12 a.m. ... 8.2
Low ... 5:53 a.m. ... 1.7
High ... 11:53 a.m. ... 8.8
Low ... 6:17 p.m. ... -0.3

Sunrise/Sunset

February 25 ... 7:01 a.m. ... 5:57 p.m.
February 26 ... 6:59 a.m. ... 5:59 p.m.
February 27 ... 6:58 a.m. ... 6:00 p.m.
February 28 ... 6:56 a.m. ... 6:02 p.m.
March 1 ... 6:54 a.m. ... 6:03 p.m.
March 2 ... 6:53 a.m. ... 6:04 p.m.
March 3 ... 6:51 a.m. ... 6:06 p.m.
March 4 ... 6:49 a.m. ... 6:07 p.m.
March 5 ... 6:47 a.m. ... 6:08 p.m.
March 6 ... 6:46 a.m. ... 6:10 p.m.
March 7 ... 6:44 a.m. ... 6:11 p.m.

Lottery

Friday, February 20
Mega Millions
15 • 40 • 48 • 58 • 63 • PB-2
Saturday, February 21
Powerball
27 • 28 • 36 • 48 • 49 • PB-21 • x4
Saturday, February 21
Megabucks
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80-Year-old local man dies following crash

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

An 80-year-old Lincoln City man has died after investigators said he was struck by a vehicle.

Lincoln City Police (LCPD) officers responded to the incident in the area of NW 15th Street on Highway 101, Friday February 22.

When the officers arrived, they found 80-year-old Lincoln City resident, Joseph Koffend, injured on the street, according to LCPD Sgt. Torin Liden. LCPD officers, North Lincoln Fire and Rescue personnel, and Pacific West Ambulance staff provided medical care until Koffend was transported to the Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital. Koffend was later pronounced deceased.

"Thanks to the assistance of witnesses and video cameras in the area, officers were able to identify the driver of the suspect vehicle as 45-year-old Juan Antonio Suarez Jimenez, of Lincoln City," Liden said. "Despite attempts to conceal Suarez Jimenez's vehicle, it was later located outside of



The incident occurred in the area of NW 15th Street on Highway 101 in Lincoln City. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

city limits. It was seized under a search warrant." Suarez Jimenez came to the Lincoln City Police Department February 22 to turn himself in. He was arrested and lodged at the Lincoln County Jail on the charge of Failure to Perform Duties of Driver to Injured Persons (ORS 811.705), a Class B felony.

The Lincoln County District Attorney's Office will also be reviewing the reports for potential additional charges, according to Liden.

"Unfortunately, at this time we cannot release

significant details about the crash itself for the integrity of the investigation," LCPD Sgt. Erik Anderson said. "At the time of the crash, Mr Suarez Jimenez failed to remain at the scene and exchange information with the victim, or as he was incapacitated, with law enforcement as required by law."

Since the time of the crash the suspect vehicle was located and is currently held at the Lincoln City Police Department pursuant to a search warrant. Another vehicle of interest was

located related to Suarez Jimenez's actions after the crash, according to Anderson, who added that Suarez Jimenez turned himself in to the LCPD following several days of police contacting his relatives and associates.

"We would like to remind the public that all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law," Anderson said.

Anderson said Koffend was crossing in a marked crosswalk when struck and then transported to the Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital where he was

declared deceased shortly after.

"It should be noted that numerous witnesses spoke very positively of Joe as a beloved kind man who crosses this intersection almost every night," Anderson said. "We would request privacy and respect for the family of the deceased, as well as for the family of Suarez Jimenez, who are cooperating with law enforcement."

Liden said the LCPD expresses its appreciation to the citizens who assisted in life-saving efforts at the scene, as well as the help police received in searching for the involved vehicle.

"We would also like to thank NLFR, PacWest, and Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital, and the Lincoln County Major Crash Team for all their hard work," Liden said. The Oregon Department of Transportation was also instrumental in traffic control during the investigation. The Oregon State Police and Lincoln County Sheriff's Office were both extremely helpful in taking calls for service while our department was working on the scene."

Mail theft investigation leads to arrest

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

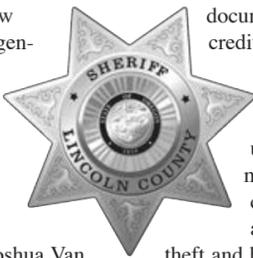
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCPD) deputies received multiple reports of mail theft near NW Kinglet St. in Seal Rock on February 19.

Through the course of the investigation, deputies learned similar thefts had been occurring in the area, with packages, tax documents, and other mail being stolen over the last few months, according to LCSO Patrol Sgt. James Holmes.

Deputies obtained photographs of the suspect from a nearby security camera and disseminated these images to

neighboring law enforcement agencies to assist in identifying the individual. Through this process, the suspect was identified as Joshua Van Hoorebeke of Toledo. Van Hoorebeke was contacted and taken into custody for Mail Theft (ORS 164.162).

"Mail theft is a crime of opportunity and those who commit it are looking for anything of value," Holes explained. "Thieves target mail for personal information, such as tax refunds or other checks, personal documents, bank



documents, and credit card information. This information can be used to commit additional crimes, such as identity theft and bank fraud."

Holmes advised that to protect yourself, pick up mail daily, use secure drop-off locations, and report suspicious activity immediately to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at 877-876-2455 or at MailTheft.USPIS.gov.

To report mail theft or other suspicious activity, contact Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at 541-265-0777.

DA schedules community Town Hall

SUBMITTED

Join the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office for another informative community town hall focused on transparency, accountability, and public safety at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 28, at the Yachats Commons, 441 Highway 101 N in Yachats.

Town Hall topics will include an overview of our criminal justice process, filing trends and statistics, impact of personnel vacancies on public safety, as well as community questions and discussion, according to a

release from the District Attorney's Officer

Commissioner Walter Chuck and Casey Miller have been invited to attend as special guests to join in the discussion and answer community questions regarding these important, impactful topics. Commissioner Miller has confirmed his attendance. Commissioner Walter Chuck had not responded to the invitation as of Monday, Feb. 23, according to the release.

This event is free and open to the public. Your voice matters. We look forward to seeing you there.

SILETZ

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Army veteran, who set out to build more than just a culinary class. His vision has been to create a program rooted in values, discipline, and real-world, transferable skills. At Siletz Valley — a majority tribal charter school where more than half of students are Indigenous and many are members of the Confederated Tribes of

Siletz Indians — Clarke has worked closely with the Tribe to integrate culture and career pathways.

Students learn traditional salmon smoking and ceremonial meal preparation, participate in the High School Seafood Butchery program through the Oregon Ocean Cluster Initiative, and even prepare food for the school lunch program. Now, they're taking those skills to a statewide stage.

Clarke said he hopes the

Siletz students take away life-long skills from their culinary class experience and the competition.

"I hope my students gain a love for cooking and the nurturing aspects of that, and a strong foundation in culinary skills and work ethic paired with the confidence and motivation to try new food or recipes," Clarke said, adding that his class provides a pathway of opportunity for each student.

"My class operates like a professional kitchen, we partner with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, local and non-local businesses (I.E. Local Oceans, and the Allison) to give the students a large perspective on where they can take a career in the hospitality industry," he said. "By introducing the students to career paths and leaders in the industry i hope to enlighten them to positions to work towards

and motivation to achieve their goals."

When asked what his passion is for conducting these classes and working with the students, Clarke responded:

"I enjoy teaching the next generation and giving them the skills they need to be successful. This Job has purpose, and I feel like I can make positive change for my students and the community I serve."

"This is a compelling story about first-time ProStart competitors, Indigenous student leadership, workforce development, and a veteran instructor building opportunity through culinary education," Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association Director of Communications Lori Little said.

Clarke was honored as the Oregon Small Schools teacher of the year in April 2025.

"He understands the value of school, of community, of food, of caring for children, of caring for our natural resources and loving each other. I can't think of anyone more worthy for Oregon Small Schools Teacher of the Year," Siletz Valley Superintendent Ginger Redlinger said when the award was presented to Clarke.

Oceana Natural Foods Co-op advertisement. Features a sun logo and text: 'Your lunch is waiting! Complete Salad Bar, Entree, Pizza, and Soup Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. All other store hours: sandwiches, wraps, salads, muffins, cookies, chips, and drinks. Open 7 days per week! Mon-Sat 9-6, Sun 10-6 Menu at www.oceanafoods.org 159 SE 2nd St • Newport • (541) 265-3893'

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State commission denies crab petition

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission has voted 6-1 to deny a petition that requested crab fishery rules be modified to further reduce the risk of whale entanglement, while urging the department to continue its planned rulemaking process and engagement with NOAA fisheries to obtain ESA coverage.

Whale entanglements have increased in Oregon and other West Coast states since 2014. This rise is linked to a growing humpback whale population, changing ocean conditions that increase overlap between whales and crab gear, and improved reporting. Most humpback whales that occur off Oregon's coast are listed as Threatened or Endangered.

Commissioners made the decision February 20, after reviewing hundreds of pages of comments and hearing testimony from nearly 70 people at their meeting in Springfield today, including crab fishermen and representatives from the petitioning organizations (Center for Biological Diversity, Oceana, the Natural Resources Defense Council, American Cetacean



Authorities believe this humpback whale that washed ashore near Yachats in November 2025, likely was entangled in fishing gear at sea and either floated ashore or attempted to swim close to the shore. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

Society and other parties). Representative Boice of Curry County testified, representing Oregon's coastal caucus, as did several coastal county commissioners.

On Dec. 11, 2025, the Commission received a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity, Oceana, the Natural Resources Defense Council, American Cetacean Society and other parties. The petition requested that rules for Oregon's commercial Dungeness crab fishery be modified to further reduce the risk of whale entanglement.

The petition came after a November 2025 incident near Yachats in which a large humpback whale washed ashore after becoming

entangled in fishing gear. Oregon State University Marine Mammal Institute Director and Executive Director of the Hatfield Marine Science Center Lisa Balance told the Lincoln County Leader while monitoring the efforts to save the whale, that one solution would be to use revised gear.

"It would be pots that sit on the bottom of the ocean, where they fish, without being attached to the float at the surface of the line. It is that long line that entangles whales. Instead, the alternative gear is using a remote trigger device that allows the pot itself on the bottom and the trigger allows the float to come to the surface when you are ready," she said.

Accepting the petition

would not have changed any rules but directed ODFW to conduct a public rulemaking process, with any proposed rule changes considered at a future public meeting and after an additional public process. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife stated in a release.

Rulemaking to address whale entanglements was already underway, in collaboration with Oregon's commercial crabbing industry and the Oregon Entanglement Advisory Council, when the petition was received on Dec. 11, 2025. ODFW staff recommended accepting the petition given that rulemaking was already planned and as a way to ensure an open public process and consideration

of economic impacts.

"From the department's perspective, our recommendation was fundamentally to stay the course on planned 2026 rulemaking," Director Debbie Colbert said during the meeting. This includes a review of key entanglement risk reduction measures adopted to date, and rulemaking to consider experimental permits for testing pop-up and longline gear and requirements for electronic vessel monitoring.

The work in 2026 is part of a comprehensive strategy to reduce whale entanglement risk that began in 2019 and includes ODFW, the commercial crabbing industry, the Oregon Entanglement Advisory Committee, and other

stakeholders. Part of the strategy includes developing a Conservation Plan (CP) required to obtain an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) under Section 10 of the federal Endangered Species Act.

Finalizing the CP and securing an ITP will ensure compliance with federal law while balancing conservation goals and maintaining a viable, sustainable fishery. ODFW is currently working with NOAA Fisheries to complete this process which can take several years.

"We have been working actively to pursue a CP and submitted a partial plan to NOAA Fisheries last year," said Mike Harrington, Fish Division Administrator, noting NOAA staff reductions and the federal government shutdown may have slowed the process. "We recently heard back from NOAA on the CP and are addressing their comments. We will continue to aggressively pursue the CP and ITP." ODFW expects to submit a final plan to NOAA Fisheries this year

Read previous coverage of the whale entanglement stories at the Lincoln County leader website and follow developments in the Wednesday print editions of The Leader.

Western Oregon timber plan opens for public comment



Timber harvest revenue from the western Oregon BLM lands funds essential local services such as schools, libraries, public safety, and infrastructure projects. Each year, the timber sales support approximately 2,000 local jobs and generate more than \$1 billion for local economies, according to the BLM. (Courtesy from the BLM)

The Bureau of Land Management is inviting public input for proposed updates to resources management across 2.5 million acres of highly productive timberlands in western Oregon, an effort that underscores the Trump administration's commitment to expanding domestic timber production and reducing reliance on foreign imports.

"Bringing timber

production back to historic levels is essential for reviving local economies and reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfires," Acting BLM Director Bill Groffy said. "President Trump has made it clear — enhanced domestic timber production is vital for our national security, economic prosperity, and effective wildfire management."

A notice was to be

published February 19 in the Federal Register to open the comment period, which closes on March 23. Additional information is available at the BLM National NEPA Register, where comments may be submitted through the "Participate Now" option. Written comments may also be emailed to BLM_OR_Revision_Scoping@blm.gov or delivered to: Attention BLM OR930,

1220 SW 3rd Ave, Portland, OR 97204.

The BLM remains committed to supplying a secure, resilient domestic timber supply. In western Oregon, this commitment is rooted in the Oregon and California Revested Lands Sustained Yield Management Act of 1937, which ensures sustainable forestry practices that support communities and livelihoods, the BLM

states in a release.

Revenue from timber harvested on these lands is shared between the U.S. Treasury and 18 western Oregon counties—funding essential local services such as schools, libraries,

public safety, and infrastructure projects. Each year, the timber sales support approximately 2,000 local jobs and generate more than \$1 billion for local economies, according to the release.



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FISHING

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trend for a 50-year period (2025 dollars) is shown in Figure 1. The findings are from an investigation completed by The Research Group. The total harvest value for Oregon commercial fishing onshore deliveries in 2025 was \$223.3 million.

While total landings were up in 2025, commercial and recreational fishing participants are subject to catch and access variability as well as volatile market conditions form year to year. For example, seafood demand surged during the 2020 and 2021 pandemic years. This drove up prices, causing domestic seafood sales to wane in 2022. Processors and distributors were stuck with the freezer stockpiles and were forced to cut prices to move the inventories in 2023. This led to lower prices for fishermen per pound in 2023.

Aside from market conditions from year to year, there are increasing biophysical effects from climate change that will exacerbate harvest variability., according to the report released by the Oregon Coast Visitors Association (OCVA).

Eventually, there will be other conflicting spatial uses of the ocean, such as wave/wind energy generation, telecommunication seabed cables and whale migration routes. Agile foreign market competitors, increased regulation, changes in consumer tastes, new technologies and changing societal values toward natural resource protection also will affect the industry over time.

“This is welcome news among the doom and gloom heard about our natural resources,” OCVA Executive Director Marcus Hinz said. “It shows the fishing industry’s significance in Oregon’s blue economy and the importance for supporting associated businesses and workforce. But this is not an ‘all clear’ when it comes to threats to the industry. Natural resource industries are highly volatile, reflecting environmental, economic and social realities. Some of that volatility hits year-to-year and other forms of it are on a longer-term trend. It’s important to continue supporting the seafood

industries on the Oregon Coast, as they are a core part of our communities, values and who we are. These industries represent much more to our communities than just dollars.”

OCVA is engaged actively in promotion programs to increase local consumer demand and higher utilization of local harvests. “Commercial and recreational fishing opportunities are draws for increased tourism on the Oregon Coast,” Hinz said. “Eco- and culinary-oriented travelers are attracted to destinations that demonstrate strong natural resource assets and stewardship.”

The Research Group’s Hans Radtk, Ph.D., from Yachats, was a contributing author of the investigation.

“There were ups and downs in particular fisheries, but overall, 2025 was a great year for multi-fishery participants,” Radtk said. “Unprecedented high beef prices combined with the health benefits are driving consumers to think about using seafood as a substitute.”

Higher demand, which can maintain harvest prices, is returning after a big drop in seafood sales in the post-pandemic years. Oregon exporting is now facing new challenges from international trade barriers and tariffs. The trade interruptions hit some fisheries harder than others. For example, as much as 40 percent of the Dungeness crab catch is sold as “live” which is largely exported to Asia markets.

Harvesters are facing increasing fixed costs in vessel repairs, moorage and insurance (hull, indemnity, liability, etc.), and continue to be in uncertain revenue positions.” the report notes. Processors were not buying in certain fisheries in 2022, even though vessels had licenses, quotas and platforms to catch. Fish prices are undependable. For example, in recent years pink shrimp was double and black cod was more than three times what they are today. Surveys show vessels barely cover the variable costs (fuel, crew shares, etc.) of operations in some fisheries. Slim margins make the business high-risk, and the work also is physically demanding and dangerous.

The health of the industry has a social context for the well-being of harvesters, processor workers, affected communities and ultimately the public. Studies show Oregonians not only care about natural resource conservation, but have empathy and appreciate the lifestyle of the participants.

Those involved in the industry know its vagaries: part-time employment, changes in abundances, dangerous weather conditions, volatile prices and seeming unending surprises in management and regulations. Families and businesses must be dynamic and flexible to survive and prosper. Their resilience and innovation is celebrated by those that enjoy Oregon seafood, according to the report.

The study included the following takeaways:

- The Dungeness crab fishery had a record high average dock price, and coupled with average catch levels, generated Oregon’s second highest season harvest value at \$107.5 million. The crab fishery has comprised half of all fisheries’ harvest value in past seasons. The fleet uses pots to catch crab largely during the months of December and January, depending on season-opening regulations. The season months, rather than calendar months, were used to estimate this fishery’s annual economic impacts.
- The troll gear albacore tuna fishery catch and price were up in 2025. The harvest value was \$17.9 million. There is increased domestic demand for sushi and canned tuna products. The fishery has received certification for being managed sustainably, which has driven up consumer interest.
- Black cod had phenomenal landings, given higher quotas due to several good recruitment years that moved high-abundance juvenile fish into sizes fishable by the fleet. The harvest value was \$15.1 million in 2025. Alaska and West Coast landings kept supplies high and prices low. There is a large Japanese market for this fish and lower prices induced the export demand. Consumers find black cod to be an acceptable

cost substitute for higher priced white fish such as halibut and scallops.

- Onshore landings of Pacific whiting were up in 2025, at \$21.7 million harvest value. The deliveries used to be disbursed at several regional fishing centers along the Oregon Coast. However, all landings were made to Astoria area ports in 2025. There are several products manufactured from whiting, including surimi, which can be made into a crab substitute product. There are markets both for fillets and headed and gutted products. Another product is whole frozen fish exported to African nations. Carcasses from whiting and other groundfish fillets are made into fish meal at plants along the Columbia River. A new whiting supply chain mode occurred starting in 2024 for the offshore whiting fishery. The fishery operates under a separate quota than the onshore whiting fishery. Large processing-only vessels, called mother-ships, receive deliveries from catcher vessels and there are other vessels that catch and process. Instead of just fishing/freezing, then traveling to Puget Sound ports, the catcher-processors instead transferred some of their processed product in Coos Bay to a small cargo ship. Once loaded, the cargo ship commuted to Puget Sound. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife collected ad valorem taxes on the transfers as if they were an onshore whiting delivery.
- Pink shrimp had record-high landing volume, but saw continued modest prices in 2025. The harvest value was \$29.5 million. This Oregon-regulated fishery typically in recent years provided about 15 percent of Oregon total harvest value. Like the tuna fishery, this fishery is certified as sustainable.
- Other rockfish and groundfish prices are stunted with landings limited by low management quotas. The harvest value, not including black cod, was \$16.6 million in 2025. The participating fleet is buoyed by the news that some selected

species (canary rockfish, shortspine thornyhead and petrale sole) have an emergency 10-percent increase in quotas for the 2026 season. Species in this category can constrain catch of other healthy biomass species in mixed stock fisheries. Once vessel quotas are reached, all gear-dependent fishing must stop.

- The Oregon salmon fishery community impacts had an uptick in 2025, mostly due to higher Columbia River net gear Chinook fishery landings. The ocean and Columbia River (deliveries to the Oregon side) commercial fishery harvest value in 2025 was \$10.4 million. The current ocean salmon fishery is diminished greatly, due to low abundance levels of contributing stocks from the Columbia River, Klamath River and California central valley rivers.
- There have been other fisheries in the past that have had substantial harvests. Example fisheries are Pacific sardine and market squid. The northern population of Pacific sardine is at a low point of what seems to be a 30-year cycle. There were positive explorative catch levels for market squid in 2025. This could mean higher abundances for the 2026 season. Purse seine gear is used for the fishery and a large number of vessels using this gear are attracted from Bellingham and southern California for the fishing opportunity. There is onboard equipment technology upgrading and processing business consolidation occurring in the commercial fishing industry. The industry’s harvest efficiency is gaining (number of harvesting vessels is decreasing and remaining vessels have increased average revenue). Processor businesses are centralizing. For example, the large processor business Borstein Seafood has left Newport and instead is doing all Oregon processing in Astoria. Whiting processing plants in Charleston and Newport owned by Pacific Seafood are not operating in favor of plants located in the Astoria area. Successful vessel businesses are diversified in multiple fisheries to avoid the

vagrancies (due to low cycles of abundance, adverse weather, market conditions, etc.) that can happen in single fisheries.

There used to be hundreds of salmon fishery only vessels on the Oregon Coast. Surviving vessel businesses have acquired permits to combine salmon fishing with other species like tuna, crab, rockfish, etc.

The commercial fishing industry catch levels are highly regulated by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Pacific Fishery Management Council. Both entities use conservation approaches in their management. The healthy fisheries in 2025 are a testament to regulatory success for protecting fish populations and marine habitats. The regulations allow populations to reproduce and replenish, while minimizing negative impacts on the broader marine ecosystem, such as through bycatch or habitat destruction.

The total commercial fishing industry (from local harvesting/processing as well as participation in distant water fisheries) has generated about 11.5 percent of all earned income within Oregon coastal counties. At some Oregon ports, distant water fishery participation by Oregon residents can be more than one-third of the total. However, the investigation showed there was declining Alaska fisheries’ harvest value in recent years.

About the Oregon Coast Visitors Association

The Oregon Coast Visitors Association (OCVA) is the official Regional Destination Management Organization for the entire Oregon Coast as designated by the Oregon Tourism Commission (dba Travel Oregon).Through innovation, stewardship, and strategic investments, OCVA inspires travel and strengthens collaboration towards a sustainable coastal economy

OCVA has the honor of working with coastal communities to align partnerships, destination development projects, and destination marketing with the vision of creating an enriched coastal experience for all. This includes coastal stakeholders, new and returning visitors, and the natural resources that make these coveted experiences so magical.

FIREWORKS

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and property damage, according to a release from the City of Newport.

The Newport City Council conducted the vote, 6-1, during its February 17 public session.

Consumer fireworks covered under the ban

include items such as cone or cylindrical fountains, ground spinners, torches, and wheels. Fireworks that remain permitted within city limits include traditional sparklers, snakes, caps, model rockets, and trick noisemakers.

Newport joins Lincoln County and several other cities within the county that have already adopted year-round prohibitions



Newport joins Lincoln County and several other cities within the county that have already adopted year-round prohibitions on consumer fireworks. (Lincoln County Leader)

on consumer fireworks. In previous years, the Newport City Council determined whether to allow consumer fireworks

on an annual basis in response to weather-related fire forecasts and risk.

Oregon experienced more than 1,100 fires between June and October of 2025, burning approximately 350,000 acres statewide. According to the Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal, more than 700 of those fires were caused by humans. While the total acreage burned declined from 2024’s record-breaking wildfire season, the state

saw an increase in the total number of fires and in those caused by human activity.

Last summer, Governor Tina Kotek declared a drought in Lincoln County during increasingly hot and dry temperatures. It was the fourth drought declaration for the county since 2018.

FIREWORKS SHOW TO CONTINUE

The City of Newport will continue its long-standing tradition of

hosting an Independence Day fireworks show on July 4.

The display will be launched over Yaquina Bay from the west end of the Port of Newport’s International Terminals. Multiple safety precautions will be in place, including oversight and support from Newport Fire Department crews, according to the release.

Lincoln City also has a ban on the sale, possession, and use of fireworks in the city limits. In 2025, Lincoln City replaced its annual fireworks display with a drone show over Siletz Bay, following mounting environmental and safety concerns.

The city conducted a town hall in January of this year to seek citizens comments about Fourth of July firework displays. As of press time on February 23, the Lincoln City Council had yet to make a decision about resuming the Siletz Bay display.

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

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Sudoku answers

Black History is American History

PAUL HAEDER

*Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column*

The 2026 National Black History Month theme, designated by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), is “A Century of Black History Commemorations.”

This theme marks the 100th anniversary of the first Negro History Week, established in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson.

By the time this is published, many will have missed an insightful guy’s talk on York, Feb. 9 at the Edgefield in Gresham: Zachary Stocks, executive director of Oregon Black Pioneers, who has been both in Yachats and in Waldport.

I’ve had him on my radio show.

In Waldport, Stocks was here to dedicate the bronze statue of this community’s best kept secret: Louis Southworth.

Louis came to Oregon in 1853. Slavery was not legal in Oregon, but African Americans had been prohibited from settling in Oregon. The Oregon State Constitution, passed in 1859, contained an exclusion clause making it illegal for African

Americans to live in Oregon (the clause was not repealed until 1926, and the population of African Americans in Oregon did not surpass one percent until 1960).

Southworth was born into slavery in Tennessee on July 4, 1829. His owner, James Southworth, brought him to Oregon. James deemed Louis to be his property. He and his brother William Southworth petitioned the Oregon territorial government to protect slave property.

James Southworth caught gold fever, so he, his family and Louis went to California. Louis Southworth made money playing his violin for dance schools, and by 1858, he had raised \$1,000 (equivalent today to \$39,527.07).

He purchased his freedom.

“In 1879, Louis Southworth and his family homesteaded in the Alsea Valley. He cleared ten to twelve acres per year over a six-year period, using animal power and a wooden plow, hunted with a homemade rifle, and fished to supply food for the family. He also built a sawmill and ferried people up the Alsea River. Southworth was an active

member of the community. He donated land for a school, taught his horse tricks for a show at the Oregon State Fair, and played his fiddle for dances in Waldport.”

Now, Zachary and Oregon Black Pioneers have a new talking-visual tour: York, an enslaved man, who took part in the Lewis and Clark Expedition from 1803-1806.

Black History month isn’t good enough to erase the outright ignorance and blatant racism of this country, especially under Racist in Chief Trump.

How many teachers know that York was crucial to Lewis and Clark’s success? He was a skilled hunter, successfully negotiated with Native Americans, and cared for ill soldiers. Few know that York was a naturalist who helped describe new plants and animals. However, York has never been formally acknowledged for his contributions to natural history. No plants or animals bear York’s name like those of Clark and Lewis.

Fast forward now, with the Department of War (Crimes) and Cap’n Crunch Hegseth’s racism. Hegseth has insisted that, instead of letting

the military evolve like it usually does, to reimpose old policies that will adversely affect Black service members more than any other group.

Hegseth wants to kick people out because they get razor bumps. One thing that I noticed and my 32-year military veteran father observed starting in boot camp is that many Black service members have issues with shaving every day. Disposable razors cause nasty ingrown hairs, and Black men will suffer more than the rest of us from shaving every day. Pseudofolliculitis barbae is the medical term.

We are in this Anti-Black Everyday Celebration under conservatives: Hegseth has found a way to rename bases back to Confederate generals by using non-Confederate heroes’ names, and to rename ships and scrub Jackie Robinson from DoD. Accused rapist Hegseth has removed programs for women service members that Trump had enacted. He’s disrespected the Navajo code talkers.

I’ve heard Professor Gerald Horne talk and I am attempting to get him on my KYAQ show.

Here’s what I heard

him open up with -- “The thesis of my talk this evening is simple: black lives do not matter and have not historically because the settler colonialism that formed the basis for the resultant U.S.A. was structured this way,” said Horne, the John J. and Rebecca Moores Chair of History and African American Studies at the University of Houston.

In Lincoln County, for this paper’s readership, learning curves are steep. It is not just MLK Junior road signs.

Dang, a whole lot of history you have to catch up on: Angela Davis, Malcolm X, Huey P. Newton, Fred Hampton, Assata Shakur, Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Ture), Robert F. Williams, W.E.B. Du Bois, Audre Lorde, Amiri Baraka, George Jackson.

There are thousands of Black, African and African-American thinkers and activists, scholars and artists. But Gerald Horne sets down a cornerstone for all of us to consider: “If black lives are to matter in the United States, we’re going to have to engage in an agonizing reappraisal of our present plight, critique the path that has brought us to the precipice of fiasco

in recent decades and embark on a new path.”

Here are three pieces of advice for white teachers who want to become accountable allies: a.) Examine your relationships with Black colleagues and parents; b.) Avoid performative allyship; c.) Do more than pay lip service to a culturally sensitive curriculum.

“My advice to those colleagues, and to other white teachers who care about equity and justice, is to look inward as critically and intentionally as you look outward, and commit to tangible change within yourselves. If there is an unwillingness among our white colleagues to interrogate their complicity in white supremacy, our culture is not and will never be a fit. Education is the praxis of freedom. Our fight requires individuals who are willing to go the marathon distance; sprinters are not needed,” says LaTrina Johnson, assistant principal of curriculum and instruction at RePublic High School in Nashville, Tennessee.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NO SMARTPHONE

I don’t own a smartphone. Never wanted one, nor the expense of having one. Besides, I don’t need one. In addition to my landline, I have a computer and an emergency flip phone. Works for me, until now. I can’t access my Social Security account without a smartphone. Meaning, I can’t do online inquiries, let alone police my account. I have to call Social Security to get information.

When the Social Security Department’s online security and identity-verification systems were updated a few months ago, they programmed a smartphone generated photo into account access, with no

workaround. Yes, it was designed that way, totally leaving out all the landline users. Did they just assume everyone had a smartphone?

“While smartphone ownership has drastically increased over the past decade, data from the nonpartisan Pew Research Center shows roughly 1 in 10 adults, and approximately 1 in 4 seniors 65 and older, don’t own one.” (Oregon Capital Chronicle via The Lincoln County Leader, dated 2/18/2026)

I wrote to Congress.

Per Rep. Val Hoyle, with Oregon’s 4th District, she’s aware of the problem and writes “This issue is of particular concern for seniors and for individuals living

in rural or underserved areas, where access to mobile devices, reliable cellular service, or nearby Social Security offices may be limited. Our office believes that access to essential federal services should not depend on owning specific technology, and we share your concern that current systems may unintentionally exclude many people who rely on Social Security.

Our office continues to raise concerns about digital access and equity with SSA leadership and to advocate for solutions that do not disadvantage seniors, rural residents, or others without mobile devices.”

*Terry Hager
Lincoln City*

LETTER TO SENATOR DICK ANDERSON

After your House district partner, Rep. David Gomberg, worked hard with the Republican House members to come up with a lower cost compromise ODOT funding bill and passed the ball to you to do the same in the Senate, you voted against it!

And, to make matters worse, you just walked off the Senate floor in lock step with your GOP colleagues rather than do your job and vote on a related referendum vote! We need safer roads and bridges this winter and, because of the GOP backed No Tax Oregon ballot measure, this overdue effort may be crippled for years to come.

As has been already reported in the Lincoln County Leader as I write this, “Republicans in the Oregon Senate staged a walkout Wednesday afternoon ahead of a scheduled vote on a bill to reschedule a referendum on controversial transportation tax and fee increases from November to May. Senators were scheduled to meet at 1:30 p.m., but no Republicans were present during roll call, prompting Senate President Rob Wagner, D-Lake Oswego, to adjourn until Thursday morning...”

On a different major issue facing many of your constituents (unlike Rep. Gomberg, who is all in), you’ve been MIA on taking action against ICE

and border patrol threats.

We elected you to be a community leader, not a political party follower.

*Jay Roelof
Lincoln City*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“If my mind can conceive it, and my heart can believe it — then I can achieve it.”

Rev. Jesse Jackson

ONLINE POLL

PREVIOUS POLL

Would you prefer to vote on the referendum on last year’s statewide transportation funding package at the May or November elections?

41.7% May
58.3% November

NEW POLL

Do you believe that Oregon should move to an open primary system?

- Yes
- No



Fall 2025 hiring among Oregon's private employers drops to lowest level since spring 2020

ANNA JOHNSON
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Article

Each quarter, the Oregon Employment Department surveys private employers from all industries and areas of the state to ask about the job vacancies they are actively trying to fill.

Oregon businesses reported 46,300 vacancies in fall 2025. Vacancies decreased 14% from the summer and decreased 7% from fall 2024. After reaching elevated levels of close to 100,000 job vacancies in spring 2021 through summer 2022 in the rapid hiring following pandemic re-openings, job vacancies across Oregon have returned to pre-pandemic levels during 2023, 2024, and most of 2025. Fall 2025 was the lowest level of quarterly vacancies Oregon has seen since spring 2020.

As of November 2025, there were 6.0 million private-sector job openings in the United States, as measured by the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey, and 7.4 million people were unemployed, resulting in a U.S. ratio of about 1.2 unemployed people per job opening. This is the second quarter the U.S. ratio has exceed 1.0 since January 2021.

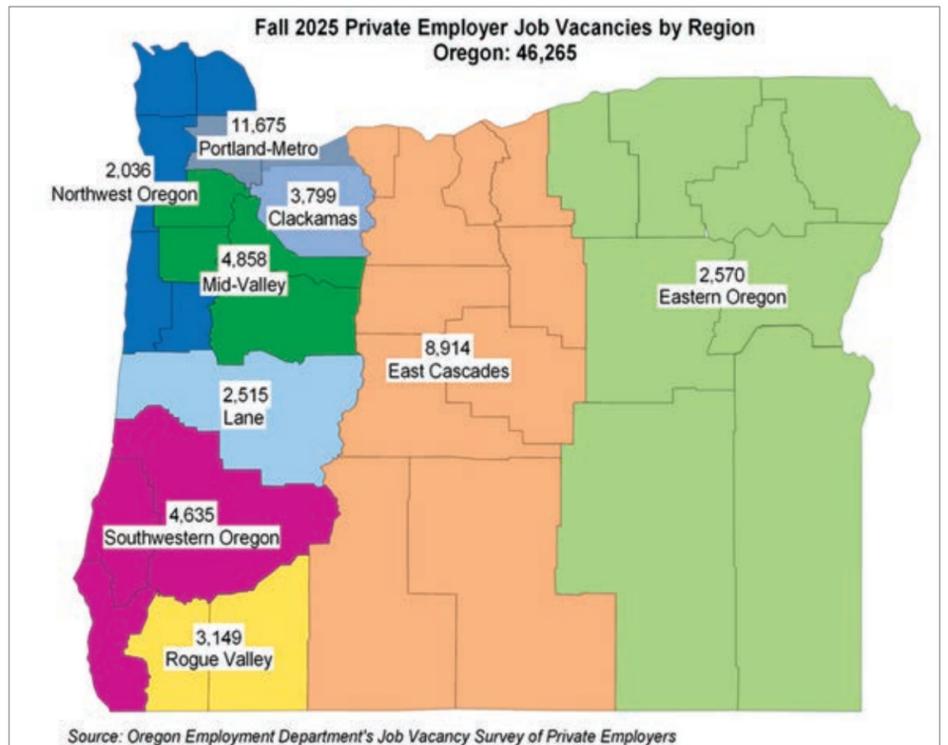
There were 109,900 unemployed Oregonians in November 2025 and 46,300 job

vacancies, leaving roughly 2.4 unemployed persons for every job opening. As job vacancies in Oregon have fallen since the record high peaks and unemployment has been rising, Oregon's unemployed-to-job vacancy ratio has been increasing.

Most Oregon openings in fall 2025 were for full-time, permanent positions. Education beyond high school was required for 32% of fall vacancies. Prior work experience was required for 65% of vacancies, up from 61% in fall 2024. Employers reported 47% of vacancies in fall 2025 as difficult to fill. This is the first quarter since spring 2020 that less than 50% of vacancies were considered difficult to fill.

The average starting wage among this group of vacancies was \$26.56 per hour, an inflation-adjusted decrease of 2% from fall 2024, and 1% decrease from summer 2025. The number of vacancies offering a starting wage below \$20 per hour increased 4% over the year. The number of vacancies offering between \$20 and \$30 per hour decreased 5% over the year and vacancies paying above \$30 per hour decreased 15%.

Employers reported vacancies in almost 190 different occupations in the fall. The occupation groups with the most vacancies in fall 2025



By Region

were health care support (7,200), office and administrative support (4,900), and food preparation and serving related occupations (4,900). Detailed occupations reported most frequently included personal care aides, nursing assistants, and fast food and counter workers.

Fall vacancies were distributed across the state, with the Portland Tri-County

area (Portland-Metro and Clackamas County, combined) accounting for one-third (33%). Over the year changes in vacancies varied across the state. Southwestern Oregon vacancies grew the fastest over the year (+92%) while Clackamas County vacancies declined by 55%.

See more illustrations with this story at the Lincoln

County Leader website.

More details about Oregon Job Vacancies are available on QualityInfo.org, on the publications page under Job Vacancy Survey.

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First-of-its kind housing initiative to address needs of Oregon Tribes



In the 2025 Legislative Session, lawmakers allocated \$10 million to OHCS to establish the program. Metro Creative Connection

State officials have announced the launch of the Tribal Housing Grant Fund (THGF), which is a first-of-its-kind program to provide state funds to help address the housing needs of the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon.

"The Tribal Housing Grant Fund creates a new framework for how the state works with the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon," Gov. Tina Kotek said. "It represents a meaningful step forward in honoring our government-to-government relationship and ensuring Tribes have the resources and flexibility they need to address their critical housing needs."

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) and representatives from Tribal Nations, including housing directors, health and human services directors, and council members, worked for more than a year to develop the program.

"The Tribal Housing Grant Fund is a landmark program that elevates Tribal self-determination in a state-funded program," Siletz Tribal Housing Department Executive Director and Housing Stability Council Member Sami Jo Difuntorum

said. "The THGF will provide Oregon's Nine Federally Recognized Tribes with critical housing resources, providing flexibility in program design."

"The values, culture, and housing needs of communities are best understood locally," OHCS Executive Director Andrea Bell said. "In consultation with Oregon's Nine Federally Recognized Tribes, the Tribal Housing Grant Fund emphasizes self-determination and flexibility in how Tribes use state resources to address local needs. Honoring Tribal sovereignty, in its richest form, calls on us to operationalize this shared value."

In the 2025 Legislative Session, lawmakers allocated \$10 million to OHCS to establish the program. Program funds can be used for affordable rental housing and homeownership initiatives, as well as to maintain By and For Initiative-Native American Tribes of Oregon (BAFI-NATO) investments.

Tribal Nations will receive funds based on a formula that was previously used by the BAFI-NATO program, where each grantee receives a base amount along with Tribal enrollment numbers.

To obtain the funds, grantees

must submit a housing plan every biennium outlining how they will use the money.

Eligible THGF program activities include:

- Homelessness response and prevention
 - Affordable rental housing
 - Homeownership support such as down payment and mortgage assistance
 - Land acquisition, infrastructure, development, and rehabilitation
 - Financial assistance and support services for households that qualify
 - Capacity building
- Visit the THGF webpage for more program details.

About Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)

OHCS is Oregon's housing finance agency. The state agency provides financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing for Oregonians of low and moderate income. OHCS administers programs that provide housing stabilization. OHCS delivers these programs primarily through grants, contracts, and loan agreements with local partners and community-based providers. For more information, please visit: oregon.gov/ohcs.

State issues first 2026 income tax refunds for Oregon e-filed returns

Refunds for paper-filed returns to start in April

The Oregon Department of Revenue has begun distributing refunds for the 2025 tax year. Through February 17, the department has processed more than 500,000 electronically filed tax returns.

Most taxpayers can expect to receive their refunds within two weeks of the date their return is filed. Some returns, however, require additional review and can take up to 20 weeks before a refund is issued, according to a release from the Oregon Revenue Department.

Oregon is returning a \$1.41 billion revenue surplus "kicker" to taxpayers in 2026. The kicker credit will either increase a taxpayer's refund or decrease the amount of state taxes they owe.

Only taxpayers who filed a tax year 2024 return and also file a tax year 2025 return can receive a kicker. The credit is a percentage of Oregon personal income tax liability for the 2024 tax year. Taxpayers can determine the amount of their kicker using a "What's My Kicker?" calculator available on Revenue Online.

The department encourages taxpayers to file electronically. On average, taxpayers who e-file their returns and request their refund via direct deposit receive their refund within two weeks. Those who file paper returns will experience a significantly longer wait in 2026 due to processing delays.

In the closing months of 2025, the IRS was late providing necessary tax form information to the Oregon Department of Revenue. As a result, the state's processing of paper-filed Oregon personal income tax returns will not begin until the end of March. The first refunds for paper-filed returns are not expected to be issued until April.

Taxpayers can check the status of their e-filed refund

by using the department's Where's My Refund? tool. The Department of Revenue recommends that taxpayers wait one week after they have electronically filed their return to use the Where's My Refund tool.

Paper-filed returns won't show up in the Where's My Refund? tool until processing begins in late March. Taxpayers mailing their return should wait two weeks after the department starts processing paper returns in late March or after mailing their return, whichever is later.

The Where's My Refund? tool has been updated for 2026, providing clear messaging about the status of their return to taxpayers who are signed into their Revenue Online account. Taxpayers who don't already have a Revenue Online account can create one by following the Revenue Online link on the department's website. Taxpayers who don't have a Revenue Online account can still use the Where's My Refund? tool but won't be able to see the updated features.

A video outlining the refund process and timelines is also available to help taxpayers understand the process.

Taxpayers should file just once unless they need to make a change to their return. They should choose to either file electronically or by paper. Doing both will delay processing of their return.

In addition to checking the status of their refund, taxpayers can make payments, or get tax forms by visiting the department's website. Questions can be emailed to questions.dor@dor.oregon.gov.

Taxpayers can also call 800-356-4222 toll-free from an Oregon prefix (English or Spanish) or 503-378-4988 in Salem and outside Oregon. For TTY (hearing or speech impaired), the department accepts all relay calls.

Coast Moment



A rainbow along at Beverly Beach Sunday, February 22. (Courtesy photo from Frank Covacevich)

“Hope Rising”: 4th annual member show – artwork drop-offs begin March 1

Oregon Coast Council for the Arts (OCCA) is pleased to announce the return of its highly anticipated annual exhibition, the 2026 Member Show, on display in Newport Visual Arts Center’s Runyan Gallery from March 8 to May 3.

This year’s showcase centers around a theme of “Hope Rising,” inviting the community to explore the resilience, beauty, and creative spirit of the Oregon Coast.

Now in its fourth year, the Member Show has become a cornerstone of the regional arts calendar, celebrating the immense talent within OCCA’s

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Any media may be submitted, but work must be original, cannot have been previously exhibited at the VAC, and must have been created within the last three years. (Courtesy photo)

Building Bridges of Friendship

SUBMITTED

Building Bridges of Friendship Since 1966 runs from March 12 to September 27 at Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, 333 SE Bay Blvd., in Newport.

2026 marks a significant milestone for Newport’s international relations. It has been 60 years since the sister city relationship was established between two port towns overlooking the North Pacific Ocean: Newport, Oregon, and Mombetsu, Hokkaido, Japan.

The Newport-Mombetsu sister city relationship began through individual citizens and organizations like Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce in both cities in 1966. It was not long after the end of World War II, and memories of war were still fresh for many. At the same time, many community members were eager to build positive relations across the Pacific Ocean to promote peace.

Eventually, Sister City Committees in both cities began to oversee the program. Community involvement has been essential in keeping the relationship vibrant, as this is a “people-to-people” connection.

At this exhibit, visitors can see the effort and enthusiasm involved in building friendships

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Larry Hull signs the agreement on April 8, 1966. (Courtesy photos)



Maxine and Bob Updenkelder at the Port Festival in Mombetsu, 1986



Reception delegation, 1968



Image of the first phone call between cities, Mombetsu, 1966. The exhibit will feature an audio recording of this call.



The Little Log Church and Museum in Yachats. (Courtesy Photo)

Valentine vows renewed in Yachats

The Little Log Church and Museum hosted its 30th Annual Valentine’s Day Celebration of Renewal and Commitment Saturday, February 14.

The event marked three decades of honoring and strengthening committed relationships.

The event was

conducted at the historic Little Log Church and Museum, 328 W 3rd St., in Yachats. Married couples and unmarried committed couples were invited to participate.

Mary Crook, an independent, non-denominational minister who has presided over the celebration since its

inception in 1996, facilitated the event.

Over the years, couples have traveled from throughout Oregon and several other states to take part.

“For some, this is a first-time experience. For others, it has become

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Lions Club to launch Bird City Yachats March 1

STAFF REPORT

Lincoln County Leader

Bird City Yachats (BCY) will hold its official launch at 1:30 p.m. March 1, at the Yachats Lions Hall when Bird City Oregon will present the designation to the Mayor of Yachats.

The presentation will be followed by a talk entitled “Taking Refuge on the Oregon Coast,” a history of the area’s coastal wildlife refuges, which provide critical seabird nesting habitat, according to a release from the Yachats Lions Club.

BCY is sponsored by the Yachats Lions Club.

In the Fall 2025 the city of Yachats was awarded an Oregon Bird City, the first



Bird City Yachats (BCY) is part of a national program, Bird City Network (<https://birdcity.org/>) of more than 300 “Bird” cities across the country. A steering committee for BCY has been established to encourage local citizens to protect and enjoy the local precious wildlife and to develop projects for their protection. (Courtesy photo from Jim Welch)

bird city on the Pacific Coast. This certification rewards cities for their

efforts to help wildlife.

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Art Celebrations in Toledo

Back from a two-month hiatus, Toledo begins its monthly series of art celebrations for 2026. Every month, the local arts community of the small mill-town open their doors to connect with the public. First Weekend will be held on March 7th and 8th at all participating locations.

Now at their new location, the Yaquina River Museum of Art will be displaying pieces from their Permanent Collection and select works on loan from the Michael and Judith Gibbons Trust at the newly minted Vicarage House Museum. Included as part of the selected works on loan from the Gibbons' Trust is "Wall Woman" a bronze cast by renowned sculptor Nano Lopez.

Born in Colombia and developing an early passion for sculpting with clay, Lopez began his career as an apprentice in Madrid, Spain at 23 carving marble and fabricating steel under the direction of Francisco Baron. Lopez relocated to the Pacific Northwest

in 1983, honing his skills in Washington foundries before starting his own business in 1987, developing his own artistic works with commercial success.

Nano is known for his incorporation of the organic and industrial in his sculptural works. "Wall Woman" is a cast of an early work from the artist showing his skill of sculpting the classical form and incorporating the rigidity of walls, brick, and machinery seamlessly.

Included with Lopez, the sculptural works of Paddi Moyer, Martin Eichinger, and Mark deGraffenreid will be shown in the Vicarage House Museum. See this work and more at the Vicarage House Museum located at 140 NE Alder Street, open Noon-4PM during First Weekend Toledo Art. For more information about the Yaquina River Museum of Art, please visit yaquirivermuseumofart.com.

Sharing a space with the Vicarage House Museum is the collected works of Michael Gibbons. Founder of the



Works from the Yaquina River Museum of Art will be on display. (Courtesy photo)

Yaquina River Museum of Art, the late regional artist Michael Gibbons was known for his oil works painted on location. On display is "Pink Forest Hills," a painting that encapsulates the emergence of spring in the Pacific Northwest featuring the red new growth of deciduous trees against the hills of the coastal range while

skunk cabbage begin the bloom in the foreground. Fascinated by the native wetland plants, Gibbons once mused on the idea of creating a series based on skunk cabbage. See this original as well as other select works by the artist at the Vicarage House Museum located at 140 NE Alder Street, open Noon-4 p.m. For more information on Michael

Gibbons, please visit michaelgibbons.net

At the top of Alder Street to HWY 20, Posh & Polished Salon will be displaying the candlecraft work of Holli McRae. Her handcrafted candles from Shining Light Candle Co. represent the artisanship of small batch production. Featuring wood wicks and comforting fragrance profiles like fresh coffee,

baked banana bread, and inviting vanilla. Holli's work is meant to bring another level of experience to admirers' homes. Find her work and keep an eye out for future art installations at Posh & Polished Salon located at 207 E Highway 20.

On Main Street, Bruster's Whimsy Game Cafe is opening its doors to the public, displaying dioramas for visitors to enjoy. "From cavemen to spacemen, every figure carries a story. The style shifts with the character. Some demand flash and color. Others call for grit, weathering, and the quiet scars of experience. Through layering, detail, and atmosphere, paint becomes personality." Barry Bruster says. Enjoy these narrative sculptures and let your imagination roam at Bruster's Whimsy, the cozy tabletop game cafe with stories waiting to be told. Located at 139 S Main Street, the Cafe is open from 1-5PM on Saturday, and 1-7 p.m. on Sunday.

DEAN'S LIST

LOCAL COLLEGE STUDENT MAKES DEAN'S LIST

Cocoa Barrett, a Entertainment Industry Studies from Logsdan, has been recognized as a Dean's List scholar for the Fall semester of 2025.

Each semester, Delta State University undergraduate students who have earned at least 12 credits and a grade point average of 3.50-3.79 are recognized on the Dean's List. The President's and Dean's Lists are highly distinguished accolades recognized among higher education institutions across the nation as a true indication of excellence and accomplishment.

About Delta State University

Delta State University is a four-year public institution whose nearly 2,800 students come from most U.S. states and more than 45 countries. Acknowledging its beginning as a teacher's college, the University sustains excellence in teacher education while continuing to expand offerings in traditional as well as unique fields of study.

State parks to require day-use parking permits this spring

Starting March 30, 2026, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will no longer waive the parking fee at 22 additional day-use parks

A day-use parking permit is currently \$10 for in-state visitors and \$12 for out-of-state visitors and is valid for the entire day of purchase at any Oregon state park.

Access to parks remains free for visitors who walk, bike, or use public transportation. Visitors who drive in can show valid parking by displaying a current hangtag from camping at an Oregon State Park or a current 12 or 24-month parking permit. Visitors who purchase parking permits online or via the parking QR codes can associate their license plates with valid payment.

Currently, OPRD requires a day-use parking permit at 46 parks and waives parking fees at over 150 parks across the state. The 22 additional

parks were selected based on amenities and features that require maintenance and operation such as restrooms, trails, paving, irrigation, boat ramps and more. Parking fees help pay for maintenance, operation, and keep these offerings available for all visitors.

"These updates are about protecting the experiences visitors love," Interim Director Stefanie Coons said. "We know fee changes are tough and we truly appreciate the support from visitors. These changes help us take care of things people count on like restrooms, boat ramps, and trails, so we can keep parks safe, clean, and welcoming for everyone."

Oregon State Parks has three main sources of funding: a little less than half comes from constitutionally dedicated lottery funds, about 15% comes from recreational vehicle license plate fees and roughly 35% comes from



A day-use parking permit is currently \$10 for in-state visitors and \$12 for out-of-state visitors and is valid for the entire day of purchase at any Oregon state park. (Courtesy photo)

park fees from visitors. It is not funded by general fund taxes.

For frequent visitors looking to save on parking, an annual parking permit is available for Oregon State Parks and can be purchased online. The 12-month parking permit costs \$60 for Oregon residents. The 24-month parking permit is no longer for sale, but

valid permits will be honored until they expire.

Additionally, March 30 also marks the start of a \$10 fee at 19 RV dump stations across the park system. This fee helps cover the cost of maintaining this amenity and supports efforts toward more sustainable operations. Visitors can pay easily by scanning a QR code at the dump station or by paying online.

Whether you are visiting for the day or camping overnight, Oregon State Parks recommends that you visit the park webpage before your visit. Conditions can change quickly and some parks may have construction or seasonal closures.

Oregon state parks with parking fees added March 30, 2026:

- Agate Beach State Recreation Area
- Angel's Rest Trailhead
- Banks-Vernonia State Trail
- Bob Straub State Park
- Brian Booth State Park

- Bridal Veil Falls State Scenic Viewpoint
- Cape Blanco State Park
- Cape Meares State Scenic Viewpoint
- Carl G Washburne Memorial State Park
- Devil's Punchbowl State Natural Area
- Elijah Bristow State Park
- Fogarty Creek State Recreation Area
- Gleneden Beach State Recreation Area
- Governor Patterson Memorial State Recreation Site
- Lake Owyhee State Park
- Latourell Falls Trailhead at Guy Talbot State Park
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SUDOKU 数独

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

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SHOW

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membership. This year's theme, "Hope Rising," serves as a creative call to action; participating artists are encouraged to incorporate the vibrant palettes of a coastal sunrise and/or themes of optimism and renewal into their work.

"The Member Show is a true reflection of the creative heartbeat of our coast," Newport Visual Arts Center Director Chasse Davidson said. "By choosing 'Hope Rising' as our 2026 theme, we wanted to provide a platform for artists to share their light and vision with the community. The resulting exhibit is sure to be an eclectic, fresh, and deeply personal collection of work that reminds us of the power of art to inspire."

The show is uniquely inclusive, featuring work from artists of all skill levels—from emerging talents to established professionals—ensuring a gallery experience as varied and unpredictable as the coastline itself, in mediums such as paint, fiber, ceramics, photography, mixed media, collage, and more. OCCA Members (or anyone who'd like to initiate a membership) may submit one original piece of artwork for the show on Sunday, March 1 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. or Monday, March 2 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Artists who are not yet OCCA members, or who need to renew or update their membership, may do so online or when

dropping off their artwork. Any media may be submitted, but work must be original, cannot have been previously exhibited at the VAC, and must have been created within the last three years. Work generated using AI, and/or reproductions (giclées, photocopies, computer-generated copies, etc.) are not eligible. Additional requirements, instructions, and submission forms can be found at coastarts.org/events/member-show-26

An opening reception is planned for Sunday, March 8th, from 1:00-3:00 pm at the VAC. The reception will include music and light refreshments. As always, admission to VAC galleries is free to the public.

The VAC is located at 777 NW Beach Drive at Newport's Nye Beach turnaround.

For more information, visit www.coastarts.org/vac

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LCL26-074 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

In the Matter of the Estate of DENNIS EUGENE JONES, Deceased. Case No. 26PB01262. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at Joel Suzanne Miles, 8604 N Seigle Ct., Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026, within four months after the date of 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, Traci P. McDowell of Newport Law, LLC. DATED AND PUBLISHED ON: February 25, 2026. s/Traci P. McDowell, OSB #184063, Lawyer for Personal Represent-

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tative. PETITIONER: Joël Suzanne Miles, 8604 N Seigle Ct., Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026. LAWYER FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Traci P. McDowell, OSB #184063, Newport Law, LLC, 111 SE Douglas St., Suite F3, Box C, Newport, OR 97365, T: (541) 264-8157, traci@thenewportlaw.com 2/25/26

LCL26-077 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing instrument shall constitute notice, pursuant to ORS 86.764, that the Grantor of the Trust Deed described below has defaulted on its obligations to beneficiary, and that the Beneficiary and Successor Trustee under the Trust Deed have elected to sell the property secured by the Trust Deed: DEED OF TRUST AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: This instrument makes reference to that certain Deed of Trust dated October 26, 2022, and recorded October 31, 2022, as Instrument No. 2022-10239, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, State of Oregon (the "Deed of Trust"), wherein the OLALLA CENTER, an Oregon corporation, is the Grantor, KEVIN P. MORAN, attorney at law is the original Trustee, and WASHINGTON FED-

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ERAL BANK, is the Beneficiary. The aforementioned Deed of Trust covers property (the "Property") described on Exhibit A, together with all buildings, structures, fixtures and other improvements now or hereafter located thereon (the "Improvements"), all Additional Collateral described in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and all other personal property described in the Deed of Trust. The undersigned hereby certifies that he has no knowledge of any assignments of the Deed of Trust by the Trustee or by appointments of a Successor Trustee other than the appointment of BALLARD SPAHR LLP, as Successor Trustee as recorded in the property records of the county in which the Property described above is situated. Further, the undersigned certifies that no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the Deed of Trust. Or, if such action has been instituted, it has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). The name and address of the Successor Trustee are as follows: Ballard Spahr LLP, 601 SW Second Avenue, Suite 2100, Portland, OR 97204, The Successor

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Trustee has authorized Andrew J. Geppert, Esq., OSB No. 203744, an attorney at Ballard Spahr LLP, to sign on behalf of the Successor Trustee. The Deed of Trust is not a "Residential Trust Deed" as defined in ORS 86.705(6), thus the requirements of Chapter 304 [S.B. 558], Oregon Laws 2013, Chapter 112 [S.B. 1552], Section 4a, Oregon Laws 2012, and ORS 86.771(10) do not apply. DEFAULT BY GRANTOR: There are continuing and uncured defaults by OLALLA CENTER, an Oregon corporation (the "Grantor") that, based on the provisions of the Deed of Trust and the loan documents executed in favor of WASHINGTON FEDERAL BANK ("Beneficiary") for Loan No. 62765231766, including the Promissory Note dated and effective as of October 26, 2022 ("Note"), Commercial Loan Agreement dated and effective as of October 26, 2022 ("Loan Agreement"), Commercial Security Agreement dated and effective as of October 26, 2022 ("Security Agreement"), and Forbearance Agreement dated and effective as of June 20, 2025 ("Forbearance Agreement") and together with the Note, Loan Agreement, Security Agreement, and other loan and security docu-

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ments executed in connection therewith are herein referred to collectively as the "Loan Documents", authorize the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust and the sale of the Property described above, which outlined and continuing defaults include but are not necessarily limited to the following: Grantor's failure to pay to Beneficiary monthly interest payments due, as provided under the Loan Documents, May 15, 2025 through November 15, 2025, including default interest, and other charges, is in the amount of \$57,743.61. Pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement Beneficiary agreed to conditionally forbear from enforcement of its remedies under the Loan Documents during the forbearance period set forth in the Forbearance Agreement (the "Forbearance Period"). The Forbearance Period expired on September 15, 2025. Consequently, Beneficiary is free to enforce its remedies including but not limited to issuing this Trustee's Notice of Sale, TOTAL UNCLE MONETARY (PAYMENT) DEFAULT: As of December 10, 2025, the amounts which must be paid to the Beneficiary to effect a statutory cure under ORS 86.778 and to discontinue the trustee's sale are: Missed Monthly Interest Payments from 5/15/2025-11/15/2025: \$24,447.57, Non default interest through 5/15/2025 @ 5.520% (per diem \$82.36): \$1,811.98, Default interest thru 5/16/2025 @ 12/16/2025 @ 9.550% (per diem \$141.72): \$29,478.45, Late Charge: \$349.26, Loan Return Check Charge: \$80.00, Legal Fees: \$1,576.35, Total Bring Current: \$57,743.61. The aggregate amount owing on such obligations secured by the Deed of Trust is \$567,542.57 as of December 10, 2025, together with default interest accruing on the unpaid principal balance at a rate of \$141.72 per diem, plus additional costs and expenses incurred by Beneficiary and/or the Successor Trustee (including their respective attorney's fees, costs, and expenses). ELECTION TO SELL: Notice is hereby given that the Beneficiary, by reason of the uncured and continuing defaults described above, has elected and does hereby elect to foreclose said Deed of Trust by advertisement and sale pursuant to ORS 86.752 et seq., and to cause to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the Grantor's interest in the subject Property, which the Grantor had, or had the power to convey, at the time the Grantor executed the Deed of Trust in favor of the Beneficiary, along with any interest the Grantor or the Grantor's Successors in the Property acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust as well as the expenses of the sale, including compensation of the Trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of the attorneys. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the sale will be held at the hour of 11:30 a.m., in accordance with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, on April 30, 2026, at the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St # 201, Newport, OR 97365. RIGHT OF REINSTATEMENT: Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five (5) days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by (A) 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, together with the costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the terms of the obligation, as well as Successor Trustee and attorney fees as prescribed by ORS 86.778; and (B) by curing all such other continuing and uncured defaults as noted in this Notice. NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771(9): Without limiting the Successor Trustee's disclaimer or warranties, Oregon law requires the

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Successor 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: December 17, 2025. BALLARD SPAHR LLP Andrew J. Geppert, OSB No. 203744, Successor Trustee, Ballard Spahr LLP, 601 SW Second Avenue, Suite 2100, Portland, OR 97204, Telephone: (503) 778-2100, Facsimile: (503) 778-2200, Email: Geppert@ballardspahr.com, EXHIBIT A: A legal Description L5, CARTWRIGHTS SUBDIVISION, in Nye and Thompson's Addition to Newport, in the City of Newport, County of Lincoln and State of Oregon. EXHIBIT B Additional Collateral The collateral located on the Property as detailed in the Loan Documents, as follows: (A) All accessories, attachments, accessories, tools, parts, supplies, replacements and additions to any of the collateral described herein, whether added now or later. (B) All products and produce of any of the property described in this Collateral section. (C) All accounts, general intangibles, instruments, rents, monies, payments, and all other rights, arising out of a sale, lease, consignment or other disposition of any of the property described in this Collateral section. (D) All proceeds (including insurance proceeds) from the sale, destruction, loss, or other disposition of any of the property described in this Collateral section, and sums due from a third party who has damaged or destroyed the collateral or from that party's insurer, whether due to judgment, settlement or other process. (E) All records and data relating to any of the property described in this Collateral section, whether in the form of a writing, photograph, microfilm, microfiche, or electronic media, together with all of Grantor's right, title, and interest in and to all computer software required to utilize, create, maintain, and print any such records or data or electronic media. 2/25/26 3/4/26 3/11/26 3/18/26

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to furnish a bond equal to one hundred percent of the amount bid for faithful performance of the Contract. BID DOCUMENTS - Bidders are to contact Amanda Sawyer, Admin Technician by email (asawyer@lincolncity.org) to obtain Bid Documents. The Bid Documents will be emailed to you. The official Planholder's list will be kept by the City and any addenda will issued by the City. PRE-BID MEETING - There will not be a pre-bid meeting or site visit conducted by the City. Bidders are required to conduct a field review of the project area on their own to acquaint themselves with pertinent conditions prior to preparing and submitting their bid proposal. QUESTIONS - All questions or requests for clarification shall be directed in writing to the Terry Chamberlin, Project Engineer, via email: tchamberlin@lincolncity.org, or by regular mail to Lincoln City, PO Box 50, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367. All written questions must be received by the Project Engineer by 5 PM PST on March 17, 2026. The Project Engineer will determine appropriate responses, if any, and if necessary an Addendum will be issued to all plan holders of record at least 5 calendar days prior to the Bid Due date. Any verbal response(s) obtained from any source by bidders will be considered informational and shall not be relied upon by bidders. OTHER BID INFORMATION - Bidders must possess a current set of the 2024 Oregon Standard Specifications for Construction and the Oregon Standard Drawings (English), published jointly by ODOT and Oregon APWA. For obtaining a copy go to Website: www.oregon.gov/odot/Business/index.cfm?ID=24 STAMBOARD SPECIFICATIONS.pdf. The Contractor must comply with the provisions required by ORS 279C.800 to ORS 279C.870 (PREVAILING WAGE RATE). City may cancel this procurement or reject any bid that does not comply with all prescribed public bidding procedures and requirements, including the requirement to demonstrate the bidder's responsibility under ORS 279C.375 (3)(b) and that City may reject for good cause all bids after finding that doing so is in the public interest. ADVERTISED February 25, 2026 Daily Journal of Commerce, February 25, 2026 Lincoln County Leader 2/25/26

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LCL26-086 OREGON SALMON COMMERCIAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING TO: ALL OREGON COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERMEN. Notice is hereby given that a virtual Public Hearing will be held pursuant to ORS 576.416, on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 1:30pm upon a proposed budget for operation of the Oregon Salmon Commission during July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. A public meeting will begin at 1:00pm. At this meeting, any commercial fisherman of ocean troll caught salmon landed in Oregon has a right to be heard with respect to the proposed budget, a copy of which is available for inspection, under reasonable circumstances, in the Oregon Salmon Commission office. For further information, please contact: Oregon Salmon Commission, P.O. Box 16338, Portland, OR 97292, Phone: 971-209-2030, or email: oregonsalmon.org. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to the OSC office at 971-209-2030. 2/25/26

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3/4/26 3/11/26 LCL26-080 NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION. Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, a measure election will be held in the Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District on the question of a five year local option tax for the district. The county clerk has advised that the election will be conducted by mail. The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the voters of this district in Lincoln County on this date: CAPTION: Renew 5-year firefighter levy with a .12 cent increase. QUESTION: Shall the Seal Rock Fire District seek a 5-year renewal of the firefighter levy, beginning FY 2027-2028, for firefighter staffing? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent. SUMMARY: This is a continuation of an existing levy for firefighters. We are seeking a .12 cent increase. This raises the levy to a total of .52 cents per thousand. Inflation and rising costs necessitate this increase. We have developed a program supporting our volunteer program. This levy will fund the 24-hour duty officer program. The program changed from a firefighter position to a supervisor position. This program allows for 24-hour management of volunteer responders, as well as a supervisor response to all calls in the fire district. This Levy also provides funds for the supervision of our 40 plus volunteers. The financial impact of the five-year levy at .52 cents per thousand is as follows: (Fiscal year 27-28) \$353,600 (Fiscal year 28-29) \$364,208 (Fiscal year 29-30) \$375,146 (Fiscal year 30-31) \$386,400 (Fiscal year 31-32) \$397,992. This measure may cause the property taxes to increase more than three percent. 2/25/26

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LCL26-081 NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE. Notice is hereby given that a ballot title for a measure referred by the Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District has been filed with the Lincoln County Clerk on February 17, 2026. The ballot title caption is "Renew 5-year firefighter levy with a .12 cent increase". An elector may file petition for review of this ballot title on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, a measure election will be held in the City of Toledo, Lincoln County, Oregon. The county clerk has advised that the election will be conducted by mail. The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the voters of the City of Toledo in Lincoln County on this date: CAPTION: Amends the Charter for the City of Toledo Government. QUESTION: Shall To-

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do amend its City Charter to clarify official roles, correct scrivener's errors, and allow approval of ordinances by title? SUMMARY: The City Council for the City of Toledo held a work session on October 22, 2025, relating to the proposed Charter amendments, and engaged in further discussion on December 17, 2025. After these discussions, the City Council determined that amendments to the Charter are appropriate to correct scrivener's errors, clarify the role of certain City officials, and allow ordinances to be approved when read by title. Key proposed changes include: Prohibiting the council-appointed offices of city manager, municipal judge, and city attorney from being considered as held by a single person; Requiring City Council approval for an interim city manager or city manager pro tem to appoint or remove volunteers; Clarifying that a city manager pro tem need not reside within Lincoln County; Allowing ordinances to be approved by title rather than being read in full; and, Correcting scrivener's errors including removing the "draft" watermark and capitalizing certain terms consistently throughout the Charter. 2/25/26

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LCL26-082 NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE. Notice is hereby given that a ballot title for a measure referred by the City of Toledo has been filed with the Toledo City Recorder on February 18, 2026. The ballot title caption is "Amends the Charter for the City of Toledo Government". An elector may file petition for review of this ballot title in the Lincoln County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. February 27, 2026. /s/ Paul Johnson, Paul Johnson, Toledo City Recorder 2/25/26

2026 LINCOLN COUNTY ANNUAL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT NOTICE

As part of the County Road Department, the Vegetation Management Program utilizes Integrated Pest Management tools for control of vegetation along county roads and operates under the authority of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. Regular maintenance is performed for driver safety, visibility, road shoulder and ditch integrity, as well as noxious weed control. Our approach integrates preventive, cultural, mechanical, chemical, and biological control measures. The County uses mowing, brushing, grading, manual weed-pulling/cutting and location-specific treatment with herbicides. Indiscriminate road spraying is not utilized in Lincoln County. Noxious and invasive treatments are specifically applied by state-licensed and trained staff utilizing effective formulations and methods. Treatment may occur on the county roads specified in our website. Please note that we are no longer going to post roads with anticipated treatment dates as weather conditions frequently disrupt our scheduling and result in the need to re-post later, which is inefficient and causes confusion. We will continue to post roads with orange signs on the day of treatment. Adjacent property owners desiring an alternative to Lincoln County's Integrated Pest Management practices on their property frontage(s) may obtain a Private Maintenance Agreement permit application for the current year. For a listing of county roads involved in this program and more information on the Private Maintenance Agreement option, please visit our website at https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/469/Vegetation-Management or contact Lincoln County Public Works at (541)-265-5747.

Mortgage Deed of Trust was executed by BERT D. HARLEY AND ELAINE C. HARLEY, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as trustor in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR FINANCIAL HERITAGE BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS as beneficiary, and was recorded on 3/9/2009, as Instrument No. 2009-02812, in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family house; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Mortgage Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated 9/7/2017, recorded on 10/23/2017, as instrument No. 2017-0086, in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage Deed of Trust in that the payment due upon the debt of the borrower is not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of 1/28/2026 is \$32,586.05, A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$32,586.05 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to the undersigned Foreclosure Commissioner. Ten percent of the estimated bid amount for this sale is \$32,586.05. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$32,586.05 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. 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of road improvements are expected to be completed without impact to ODOT Right-of-Way traffic. Furthermore, the selected contractor will be expected to have a certified inspector capable of performing DEQ ESC inspections related to the project's 1200-C permit. The project engineer will obtain the 1200-C permit prior to construction beginning but the related inspections and BMP maintenance will be the responsibility of the contractor. Further project specific details will be included in the official Request for Proposals. 2/11/26 2/18/26 2/25/26 3/4/26

LCL26-050 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE #26-0088

On March 12, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Room 203, in the City of Newport, Oregon, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 3705 Sea Mist Avenue, Depoe Bay, OR 97341. The court case number is 25CV15397, Willber, Inc., an Oregon corporation, plaintiff vs. Colin P. Coleman, defendant. This is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE FORECLOSURE SALE BIDDERS AND BUYERS. WARNING - READ CAREFULLY BEFORE BIDDING: This foreclosure sale does NOT eliminate the 2024 Lincoln County Property Tax Lien Foreclosure Judgment or any other valid liens that are senior to Plaintiff's lien. The Lincoln County tax lien foreclosure judgment includes a statutory one-year right of redemption. That redemption right may be exercised only by: 1. The record owner of the property (or anyone claiming through or under that owner) as of the date the tax-lien foreclosure judgment was entered; or 2. A lienholder of record (or anyone claiming through or under that lienholder) as of the date the tax-lien foreclosure judgment was entered. Redemption rights do not apply to interests or transfers recorded after the tax-lien foreclosure judgment was entered. The Lincoln County property tax lien foreclosed in 2024 remains senior to Plaintiff's judgment lien and may be redeemed only as provided in ORS 312.120-312.125. Sale proceeds from this sheriff's sale will NOT be applied to satisfy the tax lien or any other lien that is senior to Plaintiff's lien. If you bid at or purchase this property and you

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are not legally entitled to redeem the tax lien, you may forfeit the purchase money. Plaintiff's judgment lien is a junior lien. All valid and existing liens senior to Plaintiff's lien-including the Lincoln County property tax lien (subject to statutory redemption rights)-will continue to encumber the property after the sale and will not be paid from the sale proceeds. This supplemental notice is NOT LEGAL OR TAX ADVICE. Prospective bidders and buyers must conduct their own independent due diligence, including investigation of title, taxes, liens, zoning, and redemption rights, and should consult legal counsel and/or tax advisors of their own choosing before bidding or purchasing. BID AND BUY AT YOUR OWN RISK. For more details go to http://www.oregonsheriffssales.org/county/lincoln/ 2/11/26 2/18/26 2/25/26 3/4/26

LCL26-040 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE FILE NO. 25-008400R

Reference is made to that certain deed of trust made by Jasmine Rochelle Massender and Jose Adan Hernandez, as grantor, to Krista L. White, Esq., Bishop, White, Marshall & Weibel, P.S., as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee, for United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as beneficiary, dated September 12, 2023, recorded September 15, 2023, in the records of Lincoln County, Oregon, under instrument No. 2023-06444, and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, covering the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state: LOT 22, BLOCK 5, BAYSHORE DIVISION NO. 1, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 26, 1963 IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 47. PLAT RECORDS APN: 13-12-13-DA-10000-00 Commonly known as: 2001 NW Mackey St., Waldport, OR 97394 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary and no appointments of a successor trustee have been made, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no

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action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed, or, interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$31,736.36 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$381,436.98 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: 1. The installments of principal and interest which became due on March 1, 2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiary's efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Affinia Default Services, LLC, the undersigned trustee will on May 12, 2026 at the hour of 01:00 PM (PST), as established by section

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187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Public Entrance, Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365, County of Lincoln, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. For Sale Information, contact Auction.com at (800) 280-2832 or www.auction.com. In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by Affinia Default Services, LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have pre-

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viously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamine, 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 of the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Affinia Default Services, LLC may be deemed to be a debt collector and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. File No.: 25-008400R Dated: 12/29/2025 Affinia Default Services, LLC By: /s/ Laura Coughlin Name: Laura Coughlin Officer Title: Officer Trustee's Mailing Address: Affinia Default Services, LLC 16000 Christensen Rd., Suite 310 Tukwila, WA 98188 Phone Number: (509) 836-3799 Trustee's Physical Address: Affinia Default Services, LLC 10151 SE Sunnyside Road, Suite 490 Clackamas, OR 97015 Email: inquiries@affinadefault.com NPO482530 TO: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 02/04/2026, 02/11/2026, 02/18/2026, 02/25/2026

BIRD

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Bird City Yachats (BCY) is part of a national program, Bird City Network (https://birdcity.org/) of more than 300 "Bird" cities across the country. A steering committee for BCY has been established to encourage local citizens to protect and enjoy our precious wildlife and to develop projects for their protection. BCY projects range from education (e.g., speaker series, bird walks) to removing threats (e.g., bird strike prevention) and marketing (e.g., website, ads promoting Yachats as a birding destination).

Birds have unique threats. One that kills millions of birds a year is striking windows. In that regard BCY been working with the city manager on window treatments for the new pavilion that will minimize bird strikes. Open pipes and chimneys that can trap birds are another threat. Working together with Seven Capes Bird Alliance, BCY has surveyed 24 state parks in Lincoln County and identified over 150 open pipes which we will help cap, according to the release.

BCY has established a website (https://birdcity.org/oregon/yachats) and information available at the

VOW

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an annual Valentine's Day tradition," Crook said.

Music was provided by local favorite David Cowden on keyboard and guitar. The 2026 theme, "New Beginnings," reflects both personal renewal and the continued restoration of the historic church, according to Crook. Each participating couple received a commemorative certificate as a keepsake of the occasion. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Little Log Church and Museum and support its ongoing restoration efforts. The Friends of the Little Log Church Museum suggests a donation of \$20 per couple.

BRIDGES

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beyond borders and maintaining a strong bond across the Pacific Ocean. It will feature objects from Mombetsu that were gifted to the City of Newport when this relationship was established along with photographs and information of this historical day. What: Exhibit

Visitor Center on birds and birding sites. This month the club will unveil a photo exhibition of local birds and wildlife in the children's section of the new Yachats Library.

CLUB BACKGROUND

Established in 1950, the Yachats Lions Club serves Yachats and South Lincoln County. With the motto of "WE SERVE", the club provide service for eyeglasses and exams, hearing aids and exams, eye screening in Lincoln County schools, pancake breakfasts, crab feed, lunch bunch, speaker series, peace poster and flag day events in local schools, and community use of the clubhouse.

Through community donations to the Yachats Lions Thrift Store sales allow the club to donate to local needs such as student scholarships, food pantries, school programs, and conservation projects.

Lions Club International is the world's largest service club organization with a network of 1.4 million men and women in more than 200 countries and geographical locations.

"We serve where we live, as well as globally, and we have fun doing it," the release states.

For more information, contact Lion Jim Welch at 970-217-4424 or jameswelch1009@gmail.com

The museum has been closed to the public since April 2020, while undergoing extensive structural evaluations in preparation for major repairs and restoration. During that time, the annual vow renewals were hosted at Yachats Community Presbyterian Church.

Exterior and interior reconstruction at the museum began in March 2025. Phase one focused on restoring the historic church sanctuary, followed by phase two, which will address the museum's annex. Completion of the first phase now allows the Valentine's Day renewal celebration to return to its original home.

For more information, contact Mary Crook at 541-547-4547.

opening: Building Bridges of Friendship Since 1966: 60th year of Sister Cities, Newport,OR, U.S.A. and Mombetsu, Hokkaido, Japan

When: Thursday, March 12, 2026, 4:00-6:00 pm

Where: Pacific Maritime Heritage Center. 333 SE Bay Blvd, Newport.

Contact: 541-265-7509

Website: www.oregoncoast-history.org

Cost: Free (Donations appreciated)

Super Crossword

- ACROSS 1 Stew morsels 5 G-man, e.g. 8 Bun-topping seeds 15 Razor brand 19 "That's —!" ("Untrue!") 20 God, in Turin 21 Perk up 22 Picnic pests 23 "Secret Love" singer having two opposing personalities? 26 Performs like LL Cool J 27 2007 documentary about the U.S. health care system 28 Pick-up-sticks math game 29 Suffix with 110-Across 30 "Aquaman" star Jason 31 "Seven Year Ache" singer buying goods at wholesale? 37 — kwon do 39 Change habits 40 Brigitte of "Contempt" 41 Not smart 44 Height: Abbr. 45 Ghana's capital 47 Biol. or geol. 49 Star of many silent Westerns creating an ensemble? 53 Butterfly food 55 Cineplex — (old theater) 56 Alternatives to coffees 57 Distinctive times 59 Wife of Zeus 60 Stimp's pal 61 Go — ride 63 Luau gift 64 "ER" co-star Anthony "Sleuth" co-star portraying a policeman? 71 Boot parts 74 Silent "yes" 75 Network on the telly, with "the" 76 Wall Street deg., often 79 Head, in Pau 80 Pare down 82 Speller's clarification 84 Cute, cutisily 86 Scottish language 89 Frequent USO show performer wishing earnestly? 92 Raw rock 93 Interrupt dancers, say 95 Coach Parseghian 96 The way things are now 97 Swings about, as one's arms 99 Exercise goal 102 Has too much, briefly 103 "Mame" star weighing people down? 108 Turin locale 109 Kin of "equi-" 110 Inflated head 111 Beginning 114 Telly 115 "Oliver!" Oscar nominee being zany? 120 Writer — Stanley Gardner 121 Iron or tin 122 Classic auto 123 Robert of "The Sopranos" 124 In view 125 Got narrower 126 It's opposite NNW 127 Other, in Spain DOWN 1 Paw bottoms 2 "The Time Machine" race 3 Guys staffing military flights 4 Watch brand 5 Count up 6 Designer Versace 7 Playing (with) 8 — Diego 9 Conclusion 10 "Ransom" actor Gary 11 Mennonite sect 12 Soft rock? 13 Archaic verb suffix 14 In position 15 Overseas 16 List of players, in sports 17 It shows a pupil's grades 18 Analyze 24 "Rescue us!" 25 — Hess (former oil giant) 30 Jazz singer Carmen 32 Visa rival, for short 33 Soothes 34 "— boy!" 35 "La Brea" network 36 "Nuts!" 37 One-on-one instructor 38 Positive pole 42 "I believe," to texters 43 Iniquitous 45 Pungent 46 "— -ching!" 48 Tax-deferred svgs. plans 50 Motionless 51 "Hud" actress Patricia 52 Huck Finn, for one 54 Burn a bit 58 Williams of tennis 62 Lyric poem 63 Huck Finn, for one 65 Prez called "Ike" 66 Net pop-ups, e.g. 67 "Uptown Girl" singer Billy 68 Oxide, e.g. 69 Fetus' home 70 Play award 71 "Let —" ("Frozen" song) 72 Time soon to come 73 Suspension bridge part 76 Popular food seasoning brand 77 Cornrow, e.g. 78 Vast chasm 81 Slugging stat 82 Crucial artery 83 Went across 85 Print quality stat 87 In a very cold manner 88 Pick out 90 Welcome 91 Poet Ogden 94 China's Mao — lung 98 Actress Quinn 99 Blossom 100 Mystery awards 101 English biscuits 103 Some Miller beers 104 Arm muscle, informally 105 Words on a help desk 106 NYC rep starting in '19 107 Rock — (Brazilian music festival) 112 Weizman of Israel 113 Novice 115 Fast plane 116 In the style of 117 Suffix with alp 118 "Inc." relative 119 Female deer

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Newport sweeps 4A state swim championships

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

Newport High School swept the competition at the 2026 4A/3A/2A/1A Swimming State Championships in Tualatin on Feb. 21, taking first in both the boys and girls divisions and continuing the program's championship legacy.

For the girls, the win marked the second title in three years, while the boys' title was their fifth in the past eight seasons. Both teams were thrilled with their achievement, and the championships earned the swimmers a hero's welcome back in Newport, where they were escorted into town by celebratory, siren-blasting Newport Police Department squad cars.

The top five scores from both divisions were:

- Girls**
1. Newport - 42
 2. La Grande - 36
 3. Valley Catholic - 32
 4. Catlin Gable - 31
 5. Cottage Grove - 28

- Boys**
1. Newport - 40
 2. Cascade Christ - 37
 3. Klamath Union - 35
 4. Moalla - 29
 5. Philomath - 18

For the boys and the girls, the meets played out in different ways. With both team titles decided by narrow margins, Head Coach John Wray said there was no shortage of elation for the Cubs when they secured



Newport's boys atop the podium with their trophy after winning the state title. (Courtesy photos from OSAA)

the state titles.

"Both teams were very excited at the end, of course. The girls team was keeping tabs on the score, but were more focused on their swims. The boys had to win the final race, the 400 Free Relay, to win. They had no idea until I told them before the race what was at stake, Wray said.

With the state title on the line, the 400 Free Relay team made up of junior Clyde Bretz, freshman Hudson Cline, senior Sam Smith, and junior Jahan Eibner. Eibner capped a phenomenal season as the anchor in Newport's relay, securing the title with his final Cubs swim of the year. Eibner also scored critical

points for the Cubs in solo events, winning the 200 IM and placing 2nd in the 100 Butterfly.

The 400 Relay win was a nice bookend to the meet, as Newport came off the blocks hot in the 200 Medley Relay, placing second. The team made up of Eibner, Zane Carver, Clyde Bretz, and Sam Smith finished 3 seconds behind Cascade Christian and narrowly edged out third-place Marshfield, who finished less than a second behind the Cubs. Other individual highlights for the boys included Junior Clyde Bretz placing 5th in both the 100 & 200 Freestyle and freshman Hudson Cline finishing



Newport's girls grabbed their second title in three years in Tualatin on Feb. 21.

8th in the 50 Free.

On the girls side, sophomore Ilona Weisz posted the results of the weekend. Weisz won the 200 and 500 Free, posting program records in both events and breaking marks set in 2001 and 2003 by Katie Chapman.

With a 1:52.54 200 time, Weisz registered a time less than 2 seconds off an All-American Consideration standard, according to Wray.

Also scrawling her name in the history books was Junior Gwynn Postlewait, who reset her own school record in the 100 Breaststroke, taking 3rd in the finals, and a 5th in the 50 Free.

To get the meet started, the Cubs performed

well in their first team event. The girls' 200 Medley Relay team of Ruby Perucci, Gwynn Postlewait, Hana Parker, and Ilona Weisz, won the event with a time only 0.26 of a second off the 2021 NHS School record. Junior Hana Parker placed 5th twice in the 200 IM and 100 Butterfly, while junior Ruby Perucci also placed 5th in the 100 Backstroke. Also competing in a relay were Parker, Skyla Chen, Gigi Howard, and Postlewait in the 200 Free Relay, taking 6th. In prelims, Freshman Skyla Chen raced in the 100 Butterfly.

A team with a prodigious collection of young swimmers, Wray said the team's state titles

this year are a credit to the leadership across the program and the youth swimming development in the Newport area.

"This is a young team, a lot of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. The leadership as shared among all the kids this season," Wray said. "The team score sweep is just a continued affirmation of the value

of the Newport Swim Team age-group program. It brings in kids already versed in racing, technique, and confidence."

With two championships in 2026, this year's Cubs team showed that technique on the biggest stage, and it looks like the future is bright for Newport in the pool.

Taft and Newport sending wrestlers to state championships

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

The OSAA OnPoint Community Credit Union Wrestling State Championships are returning to the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland, and Newport and Taft will have plenty of representatives in attendance.

The boys and girls district tournaments played out over the weekends of Feb. 14 and Feb. 20, and the Cubs and Tigers are sending 10 wrestlers to the state championships this year.

For Taft, sophomore Janelle Towers will be the sole representative for the girls, following in the footsteps of her sister, Julia, who was one of the program's standout wrestlers prior to graduating last season.



Taft's Kyren Carr atop the podium after winning the district championship at 285 pounds. (Courtesy photo from the Taft High School Wrestling Facebook page)

Towers qualified for state at 120 pounds, finishing second with a 3-1 record at the district meet. Her lone loss came against Toledo's Mindy Blomstrom in the final, but Towers was dominant throughout the tournament, pinning each of her first three

competitors to earn her first state qualification.

Taft will have three boys wrestling in the orange and black in Portland. Junior Kyren Carr won the district championship at 285 pounds, headlining the results from the 3A Special District #2

Regional Tournament in Creswell. It will be the first time he wrestles at the state championships. Qualifying for his second state tournament was sophomore Selvin Fajardo. At 120 pounds, Fajardo went 3-1 to once again punch his ticket to the big show, taking third place in the district. Lastly, 126-pound Braylen Evjen also finished third with a 3-1 record, losing in the district semis before securing a state slot in the third-place match.

For Newport, four boys qualified out of OSAA 4A Special District 2 on Feb. 14, and two girls earned their spot from the Regional tournament in Molalla Feb. 20-21.

Senior Camille Keck earned her second trip to the Veteran Memorial

Coliseum, and a regional championship to boot. Keck wrestled a flawless tournament, going 4-0 at 140 pounds and pinning each of her opponents to seize the regional title. Also representing Newport's girls will be Mysti Ferguson. Ferguson finished fourth in the region, with a 4-2 record in Molalla, earning her a spot at the state championships this weekend.

For the boys, Silas Moss, Evan Burbee, Ivan Wagner, and Evan Hernandez will be putting on for the Newport Cubs. Silas Moss secured his spot at 120 pounds with a 1-1 record. Evan Burbee put together a phenomenal run at districts, going 5-1, with an inspired run through the consolation bracket, going 4-0 after losing in

the second round. Thanks to his perseverance, he clinched his spot in the state championships at 138 pounds. Ivan Wagner also finished third, going 3-1, besting each of his opponents at 144 pounds by technical fall. The final wrestler who will be at state for Newport is Evan Hernandez, who went 3-2 at the Special District 2 championships.

Now that their places are guaranteed, these wrestlers will travel to Portland for the state championships Feb 26-Feb 28. They will have a chance to test themselves against the best wrestlers Oregon has to offer.

Check out results from the tournaments at Flowrestling.org, and keep an eye out for features in the Lincoln County Leader.

Eddyville captures back-to-back league titles

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The Eddyville Eagles have soared their way to another Mountain West League title, their second consecutive championship. Eddyville secured its spot atop the Mountain West with a blowout win over Triangle Lake in the league title game on Feb. 21.

It was the second time Eddyville has won the title since 1996, and secured their second straight trip to the state playoffs. Last year, the Eagles advanced to the second round before losing to Crane.

This season, Eddyville

faced Southwest Christian in the first round on Feb. 24, but the result is unavailable at the time of press. Going into the matchup, the Eagles were #12 in OSAA's 1A rankings with a 21-5 record overall and a 7-0 league mark. Southwest Christian entered the game ranked #20 with records of 13-11 and 6-4. If Eddyville grabbed a win in that game, they will have secured a second-round berth and the right to play for a final eight spot in Baker City, the site of the final three rounds.

The Eagles ended the season in phenomenal form, as Eddyville

won seven of its last eight games. Five of those wins came by 10 or more points, an indication of the dominance they had over the Mountain West this season. Eddyville was the highest scoring team in the league with 1,396 points.

Thanks to their regular-season excellence, Eddyville saw strong representation in the All-League awards.

Head Coach Eddie Townsend was named Coach of the Year and captains Nixon Clendenin and Darian Schultz were each named Co-Player of the Year for the Mountain West.



Mountain West Coach of the Year Eddie Townsend with his league winning team. (Courtesy photo from Eddie Townsend)

Schultz capped his senior season, averaging 14.9 points, 8.8 rebounds, and 5.7 steals per game. Schultz was one of the people at the center of Eddyville's defense and offense, a

key impact maker on both ends. Co-captain Nixon Clendenin led the charge for the Eagles on offense, leading Eddyville in scoring with 23.4 points per game and tacking on 6.4 rebounds.

Fellow captain and senior Ashton Fawver also received all-league honors and was named 1st Team All-League. Fawver averaged 7.7 points and 6.2 rebounds. Also recognized were junior Ethan Musick and sophomores Kaden Foley and Diego Slaughter. Musick was named to the 3rd Team All-League, and the sophomore duo earned Honorable Mention plaudits.

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