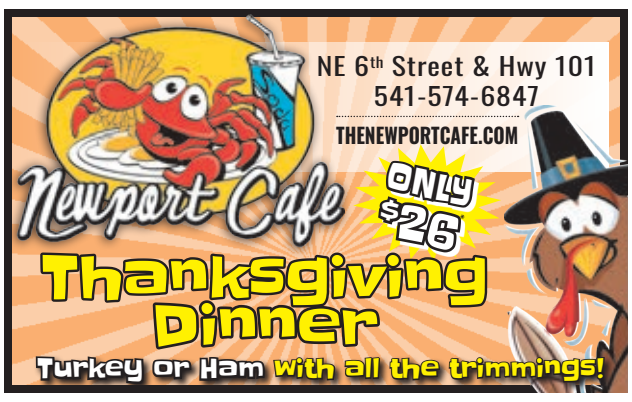


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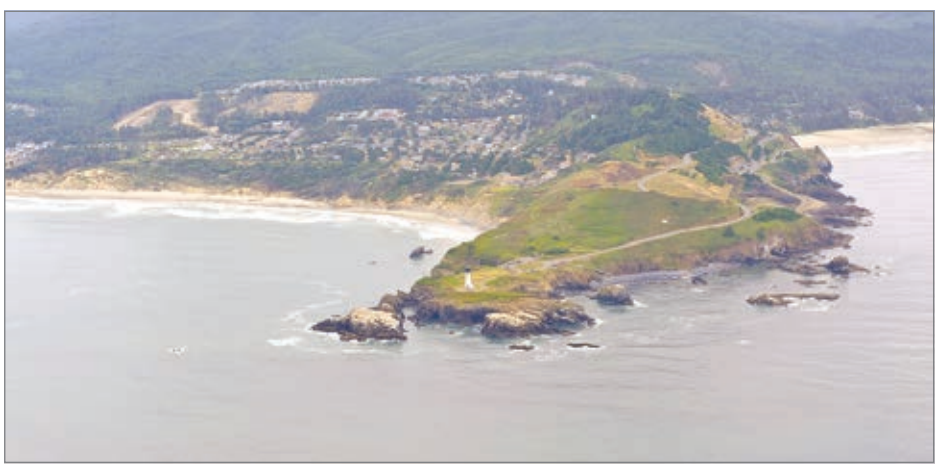
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The body was located in the surf at Yaquina Head. (Courtesy photo)

Body found in ocean recovered, ID'ed

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Oregon State Police (OSP) have released new details concerning the body recovered near Yaquina Head Nov. 18.

On Monday, November 23, 2026, the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office identified the recovered

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Commercial Dungeness crab season delayed

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon's commercial Dungeness crab season is delayed coastwide until at least Dec. 16, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife announced Friday, Nov. 20.

Pre-season testing in the area from Heceta Head to the California border showed Oregon Dungeness crab met both meat and safe biotoxin level requirements. However, hazardous weather and ocean

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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, according to a study release in February. (Courtesy photo)

WHO WE ARE

Thanksgiving dinner for local seniors

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Lincoln County Leader

While Thanksgiving 2026 will be celebrated by many on Thursday, Nov. 26, local seniors were treated to a free holiday meal Thursday, Nov. 19.

The annual tradition is conducted at the Lincoln City Community Center.

"We've been doing this for several years." Lincoln City Senior Center Treasurer Vestya Mauchan said. "It's to give back to the community. Especially these last few years with inflation and rising food costs. It's to provide a free meal to our seniors."

The Senior Center administrators purchase turkeys from local grocery stories, and cater the mashed potatoes, gravy and the stuffing,

"We buy our own corn and do it ourselves in crock pots," she said. "So, we save everywhere we can. Our generous volunteers help us with rolls and butter."

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Volunteers serve the Thanksgiving meals at the Lincoln City Community Center. (Photos by Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)



Full meal deal.



Volunteers carefully carried each plate to the table for the seniors to enjoy.



The Community Center's main room filled with seniors ready for the Thanksgiving meal.

Newport Holiday Tree lighting returns to Bayfront Dec. 5

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Lincoln County Leader

The City of Newport's annual holiday tree lighting ceremony will take place on the Bayfront on Saturday, December 5 at the picturesque boardwalk pier near the corner of SE Bay Boulevard and SE Eads Sreet.

The ceremony begins at 5:30 p.m., followed immediately by the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce's annual Lighted Boat Parade on Yaquina Bay, a beloved coastal holiday tradition. This year's holiday tree will be provided by Lincoln County 4-H.

Ripley's Believe It or Not! on the Bayfront will host a free pre-ceremony warm-up party beginning at 5 p.m., featuring hot chocolate, cookies from Blue Pig Bakery and holiday-themed performances.

Parking will be free in all

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The Newport Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for 5:30 p,m, Dec. 5 at the city's boardwalk pier near the corner of SE Bay Boulevard and SE Eads Street. (Courtesy photo)



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Weather

Wednesday: High-58/Low-55 Showers
Thursday: High-58/Low-51 Rain/Wind
Friday: High-55/Low-44 Rain
Saturday: High-54/Low-46 PM Showers
Sunday: High-55/Low-49 Rain
Monday: High-54/Low-47 Rain
Tuesday: High-54/Low-46 Showers

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
18-Nov	0.16	43.75 °F	53.57 °F
19-Nov	0.01	39.73 °F	56.32 °F
20-Nov	0	38 °F	55.19 °F
21-Nov	0.71	41.16 °F	48.75 °F
22-Nov	0.5	43.74 °F	51.44 °F
23-Nov	0.02	50.69 °F	56 °F
24-Nov	0	51.79 °F	63.52 °F

Total rainfall from Jan. 1 .....30.70"

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
High 12:53 a.m. 6.9
Low 5:55 a.m. 3.4
High 11:44 a.m. 9.1
Low 6:59 p.m. -1.7

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
High 1:45 a.m. 6.9
Low 6:45 a.m. 3.5
High 12:33 p.m. 9.0
Low 7:47 p.m. -1.7

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
High 2:37 a.m. 6.9
Low 7:37 a.m. 3.5
High 1:26 p.m. 8.8
Low 8:37 p.m. -1.4

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
High 3:29 a.m. 6.9
Low 8:34 a.m. 3.5
High 2:22 p.m. 8.3
Low 9:27 p.m. -0.9

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
High 4:20 a.m. 6.9
Low 9:37 a.m. 3.4
High 3:22 p.m. 7.6
Low 10:18 p.m. -0.3

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
High 5:11 a.m. 7.0
Low 10:50 a.m. 3.1
High 4:29 p.m. 6.8
Low 11:09 p.m. 0.4

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
High 6:02 a.m. 7.2
Low 12:08 p.m. 2.7
High 5:44 p.m. 6.0

Sunrise/Sunset

Nov. 25	7:25 a.m.	4:41 p.m.
Nov. 26	7:26 a.m.	4:40 p.m.
Nov. 27	7:28 a.m.	4:40 p.m.
Nov. 28	7:29 a.m.	4:39 p.m.
Nov. 29	7:30 a.m.	4:39 p.m.
Nov. 30	7:31 a.m.	4:38 p.m.
Dec. 1	7:32 a.m.	4:38 p.m.
Dec. 2	7:34 a.m.	4:37 p.m.

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Friday, November 20
Mega Millions
32 • 35 • 48 • 58 • 61 • PB-21

Saturday, November 21
Powerball
5 • 29 • 33 • 36 • 45 • PB-22 • x2

Saturday, November 21
Megabucks
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Tourist sentenced to 10 years for domestic armed robbery

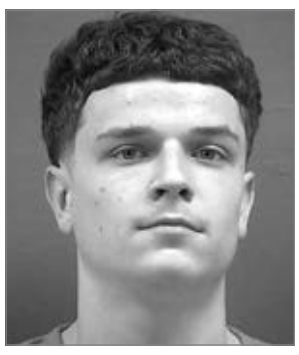
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On November 18, 2026, Lincoln County Circuit Court Presiding Judge Sheryl Bachart sentenced 20-year-old Christopher Lekoff to 10 years in prison.

Lekoff was found guilty of Robbery in the First Degree with a Firearm, Unlawful Use of a Weapon Constituting Domestic Violence, Theft in the First Degree, and Menacing Constituting Domestic Violence after a two-day jury trial concluded on October 29, 2026. Lekoff was also found guilty of Tampering with a Witness and six counts of Contempt of Court in a subsequent trial to the Court.

Newport Police initially responded to the Days Inn on July 14, 2026, after receiving a 911 call reporting an armed robbery. The victim reported being robbed and threatened with a gun by her boyfriend, Lekoff.

The victim reported that Lekoff and the victim had traveled to Newport from the Eugene area for an overnight trip. The victim reported that upon



Christopher Lekoff

waking up the next morning, Lekoff demanded cash from her wallet and, when she refused, Lekoff brandished a firearm and threatened to harm her if she did not give Lekoff the cash. Video surveillance from the motel showed Lekoff running from the hotel room with the victim's wallet before fleeing Southbound on Highway 101.

With the assistance of the Florence Police Department, Lekoff was stopped in Florence shortly after and was taken into custody. Newport Police performed a warranted search of Lekoff's vehicle and located the stolen cash, wallet, and a firearm, which was found hidden inside the vehicle. Lekoff was subsequently arrested and transported to the Lincoln County Jail. While in custody, Lekoff was prohibited from contacting the victim pursuant to a Court order. Lekoff violated the no-contact order and repeatedly attempted to tamper and manipulate the victim into offering false testimony to get the case dismissed.

Lekoff's prior criminal history includes juvenile adjudications from 2023 for Robbery in the Second Degree and Theft in the First Degree. He also has adult convictions from April 2026 for Possession of a Forged Instrument and Misrepresentations of Age by Minor in Polk County.

At sentencing, Judge Bachart imposed the maximum sentenced allowed by law. In rendering her sentence, Judge Bachart stated "You pulled a firearm on her, threatened to take her money, and did take her money. You drove off leaving her abandoned in a town she did not live in, a day after you got out of jail…The criminality for a 20-year-old is off the charts… You didn't care about the consequences, you were worried about covering your own tracks. You didn't care one bit about her until you thought you could use her to get out of trouble. Right now, I have to impose a sentence that protects the public. "

Robbery in the First Degree is a Ballot Measure 11 offense with a presumptive statutory minimum sentence of 90 months prison, without no eligibility for reduction. On the Robbery in the First Degree, Judge Bachart sentenced Lekoff to 90 months in the Department of Corrections with no eligibility for reduction. Judge Bachart also sentenced Lekoff to 30 months in the Department of Corrections for Tampering with a Witness, to run consecutive for a total sentence of 120 months in prison.

The Lincoln County District Attorney's Office would like to thank Sergeant Mike Leake and Detective Daren Cicerone, Newport Police Department, for their diligence, dedication, and commitment to investigating these types of violent crimes in Lincoln County. Their thorough investigative work and commitment to protecting our community are essential to holding offenders accountable. The Lincoln County District Attorney's Office would also like to thank the Florence Police Department for their assistance in locating the fleeing suspect and securing the vehicle, which contained critical evidence. Their timely response, coordination, and willingness to assist demonstrate the importance of strong partnerships between law enforcement agencies.

This case was prosecuted by District Attorney Jenna Wallace.

"Tourism is an important part of our local economy, but we must also recognize that a significant amount of criminal activity in our county involves individuals who travel here from outside our community" Wallace said. "We welcome visitors, but we will not tolerate those who take advantage of our community, victimize our residents, or use our county as a place to commit crimes. Our message is simple: If you come into our county to commit crimes, you will be held accountable. Our community deserves nothing less.".

Oregon crime declines, FBI report states

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon continued to see encouraging reductions in crime during 2025, with early 2026 data showing the trend is continuing, according to a just-released FBI report.

Statewide, violent crime fell an estimated 7.9 percent from 2024 to 2025, while murder and non-negligent manslaughter dropped 24.4 percent. Property crime also declined, falling 12.1 percent, with burglaries down 20.4 percent.

Portland reported significant improvements in property crime, with approximately 2,600 fewer property offenses, including close to 1,500 fewer motor vehicle thefts.

The downward trend has continued into 2026. Through August, reported violent crime in Oregon was down approximately 16 percent compared to the same period in 2025. August recorded one of the largest year-over-year decreases, with violent crime down nearly 50 percent compared to August 2025.

"These reductions reflect the work being done every day by federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, along with prosecutors and community partners," FBI Portland Special Agent in Charge Doug Olson said. "The FBI's role is to work alongside our partners to target the most violent offenders and criminal organizations that drive violence in our communities."

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Law enforcement also continues to maintain pressure on synthetic narcotics trafficking networks, while arrests for possession of synthetic narcotics have declined, reflecting the combined impact of enforcement, prevention, treatment, and community-based efforts.

"The data show that Oregon is moving in the right direction," Olson said. "Violent crime is down compared to last year, and law enforcement continues to aggressively target the trafficking of dangerous synthetic narcotics. While there's always more work to do, these numbers reflect the impact of strong partnerships and a sustained focus on public safety."

The FBI encourages members of the public to report information about federal crimes and threats to law enforcement. Additional crime statistics and data are available through the FBI's Crime Data Explorer.

Note: 2026 violent crime figures are year-to-date through August and should not be interpreted as full-year totals.

SHERIFF'S TIP OF THE WEEK

Holiday Shopping safety

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'SOFFICE

With the holiday season beginning there are many things to keep in mind, including travel safety, winter weather preparation, and shopping security. Below are some tips to keep in mind as you shop this holiday season.

Shopping In-Stores:

- Be alert and aware. Be attentive to your surroundings.
- Don't carry more cash or valuables than necessary.
- Take extra precautions with your wallet or purse. Carry your purse with the opening flap next to your body and the strap hung over your shoulder.
- Review shopping safety with children and always know where they are. Before going shopping, decide where to meet if you become separated.
- Always lock your car doors and remember where you park.
- Be sure to place valuables out of sight. Place them in the trunk or take them with you.
- Never hide spare keys in or on your car. If you need spare keys, keep them in your wallet or purse.
- Be alert to suspicious persons or circumstances. Avoid parking where you see someone sitting in their vehicle for no apparent reason.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable or unsafe in a situation, report it to security immediately.
- When walking in any parking lot, store, airport, shopping center, etc., walk confidently with your head up, make eye contact, and have your keys or phone ready.
- Use appropriate marked driving lanes and obey all traffic signs.
- Drive defensively and courteously.
- Remember, parking lots will be more crowded and checkout lanes will be busier, please be patient and plan to spend more time commuting and shopping.



Shopping Online:

- Use trusted and reputable websites with secure payment systems and be cautious with personal information.
- Before entering any sensitive information, make sure the website has a secure connection. Look for a padlock symbol and "https://" in the website URL.
- Use strong and unique passwords for your online accounts.
- Keep your devices, operating systems, and security software up to date to protect your device and information.
- Be aware of deals that seem too good to be true. Scammers use enticing offers to trick shoppers.
- Trust your instincts. If something feels off about a website or a product, trust your gut and consider shopping elsewhere.
- Help prevent packages from being stolen:
- Schedule deliveries to arrive when you will be home or have them delivered to your office.
- Have a trusted neighbor or friend pick up your packages if you won't be home.
- Install a security camera on your property.
- Have packages delivered to a shipping store. If you hold a post office box, use USPS for shipping and take advantage of their package lockers to receive your items. Some post offices allow boxholders to use it's street address, with the customer's box number as the "unit" number for deliveries from other carriers.

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The future of Oregon's remaining covered bridges

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A link to the full report can be found with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website. (Courtesy photos)

The Oregon Heritage Commission released the 2026 Oregon Covered Bridges Needs Assessment Report assessing current conditions of remaining covered bridges, identifying their economic and cultural impact, and providing recommendations to support continued preservation of these unique heritage resources in Oregon.

At one time, Oregon had over 400 covered bridges. Today only 50 remain. Oregon has the most covered bridges in the country west of the Mississippi and has the sixth largest concentration of covered bridges in the United States.

There are 4 covered bridges remaining in Lincoln County, Oregon:

- Chitwood Bridge (Built 1926): Located 17 miles east of Newport on Highway 20 in a former ghost town.
- Drift Creek Bridge (Built 1914): Located south of Lincoln City; originally built over Drift Creek, dismantled in 1997, and reconstructed on private land off Bear Creek Road with a public heritage easement.
- Fisher School Bridge (also known as Five Rivers Bridge): Built by Charles Otis Hamer.
- Yachats Bridge (Built 1938): Spans the North Fork of the Yachats River and is scheduled for ongoing county and state rehabilitation projects.

While Tillamook County once had several covered spans—including the Cloverdale Covered Bridge and the North Fork Beaver Creek Bridge—the last surviving one was the Frank Cross Covered Bridge over Three Rivers near Hebo. Built around 1915, it was damaged in the 1964 flood and no longer stands.

The report also emphasizes the significance of Oregon's covered bridges.

Bridge building has always been closely tied to the growth and economic development of communities as people have sought to broaden their access to the world around them," the report states. "Oregon's covered bridges continue to both strengthen community identity and support regional and community economic growth. In addition to their transportation roles, the bridges now have cultural and economic roles related to community identity, recreation, and tourism providing a unique and iconic experiential and visual role."

The report includes a challenging forecast for the remaining bridges.

"Incremental funding to support smaller ongoing stabilization, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects is central to the long-term retention of the covered bridges as funding to support major capital projects to clear deferred repairs will be increasingly rare," the report summary states. "Despite the significance of these resources, managers of covered bridges face challenges to find funding to address deferred and ongoing maintenance for these structures. The importance of Oregon's historic covered bridges to local and regional community identity and their contribution to the state's heritage tourism and recreation underscores the importance of ongoing investment, which yields return on visitation and tourist dollars spent in local communities."

Findings of the report include:

- Critical funding needs for stabilizing 6 bridges and rehabilitating 15 bridges is between $16 million and $51 million.
- Previous state and federal funding dedicated to covered bridges no longer exists and covered bridge projects are now competing with general infrastructure needs.
- Grants exist to help support projects but total grant funds for historic structures are limited, competitive, and often for smaller amounts compared to total project costs.
- Certain bypassed bridges that are removed from the county or state roadway system are at more risk because they are ineligible for transportation related funds.
- Covered bridges have value to local communities as place-defining features and contribute to shared community connections and traditions
- Oregon's covered bridges contribute to regional tourism and recreation economies.

"Oregon's covered bridges are a unique feature across Oregon's landscape that residents and visitors seek out for experiences, traditions, and connections," says Oregon Heritage Commission Coordinator Katie Henry. "These covered bridges are unique to Oregon on the west side of the country, they contribute economically to tourism and recreation, they are important places to local communities, and there are barriers to preserving them for future generations."

In 1987 the state legislature established the Oregon Covered Bridge Program investing in preserving Oregon's historic covered bridges and conducted a study resulting in the 1989 Covered Bridges Report providing recommendations to the legislature. Between 2000-2012, the National Park Service (NPS) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provided dedicated federal funding for covered bridges.

These dedicated state and federal funding sources were critical in minimizing the loss of covered bridges through the early 2000's but these dedicated funds no longer exist.

The report offers a range of potential funding options, including partnerships with various local groups.

Most of the covered bridges in Oregon are managed by local governments and may not be eligible for certain grant programs," the report states. "Forming a partnership with a local nonprofit that has a mission that includes preservation of heritage resources to apply for grants can help expand grant funding options. If allowed in the grant program guidelines, the nonprofit may be able to include an administrative fee in the grant request to cover time spent managing and reporting on the grant. Recreation related groups may be an avenue for partnership opportunities for fundraising events, education, and advocacy if they include covered bridges in any regular organized activities. Museums and historical societies may also be willing to partner for public education campaigns or with ways to gather stories of community value and highlight the value of these unique resources

Report recommendations include:

- Develop a coalition to raise awareness at the state level of the bridges' cultural and economic value and advocate for both public and private funding needed to preserve them.
- Implement a statewide economic impact study to better understand the role and value of Oregon's covered bridges in tourism, recreation, and any other contributing commercial interests.
- Develop and implement value related messaging and outreach plans that support both coordinated efforts across the network of resource managers and local efforts to continually promote the cultural and economic value of the bridges.
- Ensure covered bridges have a preservation maintenance plan in place and prioritize roof and siding repairs and long-term budgeting for reroofing.

The 2026 Oregon Covered Bridges Needs Assessment report was prepared by consultants of Northwest Vernacular. Interviews were conducted with bridge owners, managers, tourism entities, nonprofit partners, local community members, and other interested parties. Before finalizing the report, a roundtable discussion was held inviting report contributers and interested parties to discuss the draft recommendations.

The report was funded by an Oregon Cultural Trust grant.

Oregon Heritage Commission:

The Heritage Commission's nine Governor appointed members represent a diversity of cultural, geographic, and institutional interests. The Commission's nine advisory members include representatives from the Oregon State Library, Oregon State Archives, State Historical Records Advisory Board, Higher Education Coordinating Committee, Travel Oregon, Oregon Historical Society, Department of Education, State Historic Preservation Office, and the Department of Land Conservation and Development.

The Commission is the primary agency for coordination of heritage activities in the state. This includes carrying out the Oregon Heritage Plan, increasing efficiency and avoiding duplication

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ODOT report forecasts 'rougher roads' ahead with declining revenues

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State, county and city governments depend on the State Highway Fund to pay for the maintenance and operations of Oregon's roads and bridges. (Courtesy photo)

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has released new details of its declining funding options.

Oregon's state and local transportation agencies are funded by the State Highway Fund, which includes revenues from the gas tax, driver and vehicle fees collected at DMV and from taxes paid by heavy trucks, and soon the per-mile road usage charge.

The State Highway Fund is now declining with total revenue from January to September of this year coming in below 2025 levels by $32 million or 2.4%, according to latest ODOT report.

ODOT economists had long predicted gas tax revenue would decline as Oregonians purchase more efficient vehicles and use less gas to travel. That decline began earlier this year with motor fuels tax revenue down 2.2% for 2026 compared to the first nine months of 2025 . ODOT communicated about the decline in gas tax revenue and its causes earlier this month.

New Revenue Losses

"In addition to gas tax declines, driver and vehicle fee revenues are also down $14.7 million for the first nine months of 2026 compared to the same period last year. Registration and title fee revenues are down $7.7 million, while driver license fees are down about $6 million. Vehicle sales have been slow, reducing revenue from title and registration transactions. Driver license fees are lower than in 2025 as fewer Oregonians are choosing to renew their licenses early to get a Real ID," ODOT states in its report.

Starting in 2027, as directed by the Oregon Legislature in HB 3991, electric and hybrid vehicle owners will now be required to pay either two cents per mile or $340 per year. This road usage charge (RUC) program will be implemented in phases and is expected to be bringing in revenue from more than 500,000 drivers by mid-2030.

However, ODOT officials said even with the new revenue from RUC, ODOT's latest revenue forecast projects total revenue in the State Highway Fund will still be below 2025 levels through 2029. Through 2035, revenue is expected to grow an average of less than eight tenths of one percent per year—well under the rate of inflation.

ODOT and local governments will have about the same amount of revenue from the State Highway Fund in 2035 as they do today. After factoring in inflation, this revenue will buy about 20% less than it does today, the ODOT report explains.

"While this decline was expected, revenue is declining faster than anticipated with drops both at the gas pump and at DMV—Oregon's transportation system depends on these fees to function," Oregon Department of Transportation Deputy Director Travis Brouwer said. "In the next several years, transportation agencies across Oregon at the city, county and state level will have fewer dollars to maintain and improve the transportation system. With inflation rising, each of those dollars will buy less. ODOT remains committed to using resources efficiently and making them go as far as possible."

The decline in the State Highway Fund widens the gap ODOT is expected to face between available revenues and the cost to keep service and staffing levels stable.

Earlier this year, before high gas prices and reduced vehicle registrations drove down revenue, ODOT expected to face a roughly $200 million funding gap for the 2027-2029 biennium that would require eliminating more than 500 jobs across the agency. Because of the gas tax and State Highway Fund decline, that gap has widened to $240 million, which will likely require elimination of even more jobs. These reductions come at a time when the department has already cut hundreds of millions of dollars from its budget and employes fewer people than iy has at any time in the last 27 years

In response to this declining revenue and growing budget gap, ODOT officials said they will further reduce hiring and spending while working to maintain critical services. The agency has hired workers to be prepared for winter maintenance like snowplowing but will only hire the most critical jobs going forward.

Local Funding Impact

This new decline will also result in about $40 million fewer dollars going to cities and counties through the end of the 2027-2029 budget cycle. Local governments receive nearly half of all State Highway Fund revenue and are facing their own increasing maintenance backlogs and unfunded safety solutions, according to the ODOT report.

"If funding for maintaining and operating the transportation system continues to decline, travelers will experience rougher roads, more delays, more closures, and less reliable travel across the state," the report forecasts.

To learn more about transportation funding in Oregon and efforts to put state and local transportation agencies on a sustainable path, visit ODOT's online funding page.



First human case of avian influenza of 2026 in Oregon



Direct and close contact with infected birds or other animals, including visiting a live poultry market, are exposures that have led to people becoming infected with bird flu. (Courtesy photo from the CDC)

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon Health Authority has confirmed the state's first human case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) of 2026, according to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

The individual's infection is linked to an outbreak among cattle at a Morrow County dairy farm.

Epidemiologists at OHA's Public Health Division received confirmation of the human HPAI case from the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory on Nov. 18. They have been working closely with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and Morrow County Public Health on the outbreak. ODA provides PPE and training in its use to affected farm workers during an outbreak, while public health monitors exposed individuals, the OHA states in a release.

After developing mild symptoms of HPAI, the affected individual was promptly treated with the antiviral medicine oseltamivir and tested. They did not require hospitalization. Morrow County public health officials have also offered oseltamivir to members of the individual's household out of an abundance of caution.

The virus is not known to spread human-to-human. Risk to the public is extremely low.

"This is not cause for alarm. Rather, it is evidence that the surveillance and response system we have in place is working," said Melissa Sutton, M.D., medical director for respiratory viral pathogens at OHA. "Our goal is to ensure that all symptomatic farm workers receive prompt testing and treatment to prevent severe disease. We appreciate the partnership with individuals on the farm during this challenging time."

While the seasonal flu vaccine does not protect against HPAI, getting the seasonal flu vaccine can help reduce the risk of getting sick with human influenza viruses, which can, in turn, reduce the risk of co-infection with both a human seasonal virus and an avian virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In Oregon, public health has monitored more than 300 people exposed to sick animals since 2022; one human case of bird flu was identified in 2024 associated with a commercial poultry outbreak.



A new chapter in caring for our communities

MARTY CAHILL
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column

When people ask what Samaritan's affiliation with MultiCare will mean, they are asking about something deeply personal.

Will care be there when my family needs it? Will the people making decisions understand this community? Will the relationships we have built over the years still matter?

Those are fair questions. They reflect the trust people place in Samaritan and the responsibility we carry to earn it.

As our affiliation with MultiCare begins, I want to share what guided our decision and what will continue to guide us.

Our responsibility is to care for this region today while preparing for what it will need tomorrow. That means looking beyond the challenges immediately in front of us and making decisions that give future generations access to strong, dependable health care.

We chose this affiliation because we believe it gives Samaritan a stronger foundation for that work. MultiCare brings expertise, resources and colleagues who share our commitment to improving lives. Samaritan brings people who know this region, understand its needs and care deeply about its future.

Many of our clinicians and employees care for their neighbors, friends and families. Their connection to this place shapes how they work. So do the relationships we share with local organizations, schools, businesses and community leaders. These connections will remain essential as we plan for the future.

We have heard both hope and concern throughout this process. Some people see possibilities for services our region needs. Others wonder how joining a larger organization will affect the care they know. We need to keep listening to both.

A partnership becomes meaningful through what people experience over time: finding a clinician, getting an appointment, receiving coordinated care or feeling supported through a difficult moment. Those experiences must remain at the center of our work.

We will have choices to make in the months and years ahead. We will need the knowledge of our clinicians and teams, the perspectives of our community partners and the voices of the people we serve. We will also need to explain our decisions and follow through on our commitments,

I am hopeful because I know the dedication of Samaritan's people, and I see opportunities to support their work through this affiliation. Every day, they bring skill, compassion and ingenuity to caring for our communities. I am grateful for them and for everyone who helps bring our shared mission – Partnering for healing and a healthy future – to life.

Thank you for trusting us with your care, for asking thoughtful questions and for caring about the future of health care in this region. As we begin this next chapter with MultiCare, we carry that trust, and our responsibility to you, with us.

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Protecting youth from social media risks can't stop with Meta

BETH UNVERZAGT
Oregon Capital Chronicle



Safety gaps will remain if Snapchat, TikTok and YouTube, among the platforms teens use most, operate under weaker standards. (Courtesy photo)

For years, Oregon families, educators and youth-serving organizations have wrestled with a difficult question: How do we help young people benefit from technology without allowing it to crowd out sleep, learning, relationships, physical activity and the real-world experiences children need to thrive?

The recent multistate settlement with Meta gives Oregon new tools for answering that question and perhaps a watershed opportunity to work with our leaders, especially the attorney general and governor, to continue to push for online youth protections and rethink how we invest in the programs that help young people grow.

Oregon was among the states that sued Meta, alleging Facebook and Instagram were designed to keep young people engaged without adequately protecting their mental and physical well-being. The settlement requires major changes for young users, including time limits, nighttime access blocks, school-hour notification restrictions, stronger age verification and parental controls, and safeguards around harmful content.

Attorney General Dan Rayfield deserves recognition for Oregon's role in securing this agreement, which will direct $125 million to Oregon over 10 years. But the work cannot stop with Facebook and Instagram.

Safety gaps will remain if Snapchat, TikTok and YouTube, among the platforms teens use most, operate under weaker standards. Rayfield could protect young people and unlock roughly $54 million more for Oregon by continuing to push for comparable agreements across major platforms.

The settlement also recognizes that addressing harms to young people cannot happen by only addressing screens. It identifies afterschool and summer programs, youth mental-health and crisis services, outdoor activities, digital-wellness education and other youth-focused efforts among potential uses for settlement resources.

For those of us who have spent our careers in expanded learning, we see this as a once-in-a-generation opportunity. We can use these resources not simply to respond to harm, but to build a stronger framework for youth development in Oregon, connecting early learning, school-age care, afterschool and summer programs to better prepare children for academic success and healthy lives. Building that continuum would also strengthen working families, our economy and our communities by ensuring parents have reliable support and young people have opportunities to thrive.

Young people need healthy screen alternatives: safe places to go, trusted adults, peers to connect with and opportunities to discover what excites them. Afterschool and summer programs provide those experiences through sports, arts, STEM, outdoor activities, mentoring and hands-on learning.

These types of programs can improve attendance and academic outcomes while strengthening teamwork, communication, problem-solving and decision-making skills. Learning does not end at the last bell. By investing in opportunities outside the classroom, we help young people gain the confidence, connections and capabilities they need to succeed inside it.

But Oregon's access gap to these programs is enormous. America After 3PM research found that 5 out of every 6 Oregon children whose parents want them in afterschool cannot access a program. Families in underserved communities face some of the greatest barriers, even though their children stand to benefit greatly.

The settlement identifies youth-supporting programs as an intended use of the funds, but it does not guarantee that Oregon's share will be directed there. State leaders will have discretion over how the money is spent. With Oregon facing budget pressures, there will be temptation to use dollars elsewhere. They should resist it. A settlement rooted in harms to young people should be used to strengthen systems that support them.

This is a chance to focus on more than one-time grants. The attorney general, governor, Legislature, families, educators, early-learning providers and youth-development organizations can come together to create a durable framework that expands access and builds capacity long after the settlement dollars are spent.

Other states show what is possible. Vermont has established a Universal Afterschool and Summer Special Fund supporting a mixed-delivery system, while Minnesota created a Department of Children, Youth and Families that brings child care, early learning and youth services into a more coordinated structure. This is Oregon's opportunity to build its own approach, one that treats early learning, afterschool, summer and youth development as connected parts of a continuum.

Rayfield helped secure an important first step. We ask that he keep pushing for comparable protections across Snapchat, TikTok and YouTube, close the gaps that remain, and work with youth-development and early-learning leaders to ensure settlement resources strengthen the real-world places and programs children need to connect, learn, play and grow.

A settlement born from concerns about the digital world can become a catalyst for something larger: a safer online environment and a stronger, more equitable youth-development framework for Oregon's future.

Beth Unverzagt is executive director of OregonASK, a statewide network working to expand access to high-quality afterschool, summer learning and other expanded learning opportunities for Oregon children and youth. She has led OregonASK since its founding in 2005 and was named a White House Champion of Change in 2016 for her work advancing summer learning.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Anything that's human is mentionable, and anything that's mentionable can be more manageable."
Fred Rogers

ONLINE POLL

PREVIOUS POLL

When will you put up Christmas decorations?

11.9%..... They're already up
9.5%..... By Thanksgiving
57.1%..... After Thanksgiving
21.4%..... I don't decorate

NEW POLL

Are you spending more, less, or about the same for Christmas gifts this season?

- More
- Less
- About the same
- I don't do Christmas gifts



Three paths outlined to address transportation funding crisis

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

A group of business and transportation experts has settled on three scenarios for how the state transportation department could navigate its $240 million funding crisis — each with consequences for Oregon's transportation system.

The 12-member workgroup Gov. Tina Kotek tasked with evaluating options for keeping the Oregon Department of Transportation financially stable met for its seventh and final time Thursday in Salem to finalize the three scenarios it would present to Kotek ahead of the 2027 legislative session.

Like in 2025, state lawmakers in January will meet in Salem for six months to negotiate policy and agency budgets. Among their biggest challenges will be addressing the transportation department's impending budget shortfall, which the agency announced this week grew by $40 million.

But this time, it's clear to Kotek and lawmakers that Oregonians don't want more taxes or fees to relieve those budget woes. More than 80% of Oregon voters in a statewide vote in May rejected parts of a 2025 law to hike the gas tax, public transit payroll tax and registration and title fees.



Gov. Tina Kotek convened the "Rebuilding Our Transportation Vision Workgroup" in the spring, tasking it with vetting and recommending ways to keep the Oregon Department of Transportation solvent. (Mia Maldonado / Oregon Capital Chronicle)

Kotek earlier this month said she wouldn't seek additional revenue for the transportation in her budget this time around. That approach seemed to confuse some workgroup members.

"So we've done all this work, and the governor didn't recommend new taxes. Why was that?" workgroup co-chair Grace Crunican asked Kelly Brooks, Kotek's transportation advisor.

Brooks said the workgroup's work serves as a roadmap for lawmakers and Kotek should they once again not find new revenue for the agency.

"I just want to make sure you do not conflate that with an endorsement from her of taking no action," Brooks said. "She believes the Legislature should take action and help solve the problem, but she wanted to make sure we had a blueprint for if that does not happen."

Without new funding, ODOT would have to cut an estimated 500 jobs. The workgroup did not provide direction on how ODOT should prioritize funding if this happens.

Oregon House Speaker Julie Fahey, a Eugene Democrat who is seeking another term as speaker, said in an interview that transportation trade offs are inevitable in the next legislative session.

"My priority is to keep the lights on at ODOT, not necessarily a big package that gives everyone everything that they want and fully funds every major project in the state," Fahey said.

Scenario A: Keeping maintenance and operations stable

Each scenario is based in part on what Oregonians marked as their transportation priorities in a survey submitted to the workgroup in September.

The first scenario the workgroup discussed was raising $644 million for the agency to support current maintenance levels.

Under those circumstances, the workgroup recommends redirecting funding from walking and biking programs, passenger rail, freight and major construction projects, including bridge or culvert replacement projects, to road maintenance and operations.

"This continues service levels we have today across maintenance and operations," ODOT Chief Engineer Tova Peltz said, adding that the funding goes toward incident response, storm response and recovery, winter maintenance and limited bridge and paving maintenance paving.

The funding would be split between ODOT, cities and counties. The trade-offs would be significant. This scenario would require the agency to cut transit services by 12% and all passenger rail service would end by 2032.

A middle ground

If the agency received $1.18 billion in its annual budget — still nearly $300 million less than what lawmakers tried to raise in their initial 2025 transportation package — a middle scenario would restore some funding to programs cut under the first option, but still leave major construction projects without funding.

The money raised in this scenario would be split between ODOT, cities and counties, and provide nearly double the money for maintenance and operations than the first scenario and add millions more for transit and safety projects. It also sets aside some money for passenger rail, freight and the Safe Routes to School grant program.

This scenario would prevent an estimated 2,000 additional traffic fatalities, provide more money for the Safe Routes to School Program, and keep passenger rail in service without expansion. It also would create a 25% increase in funding for Connect Oregon, a program that supports aviation, rail and marine transportation.

A more proactive transportation system

The third scenario is the most ambitious of the options and the one several workgroup members said they preferred.

It would require the Oregon Legislature to secure $1.38 billion annually — roughly $80 million less than what the lawmakers first tried to raise two years ago — to allow ODOT to a more proactive approach to maintaining roads and infrastructure, preserve existing transit service and keep funding for walking and biking projects in line with inflation.

Under this scenario, funding for Safe Routes to School would increase to support 20 projects annually.

Lawmakers would have to explore implementing new taxes if they wanted to pursue this option.

Like the middle scenario, this option is projected to prevent an estimated 2,000 additional traffic fatalities and maintain passenger rail service without expanding it. It would also allow the state to advance one or two major construction projects.

But even this more robust funding plan would leave gaps. Walking and biking projects outside of the Safe Routes to School program and the multi-use path grant program, Oregon Community Paths, would remain underfunded. Passenger rail would receive enough money to maintain existing service, not expand it.

Crunican, a transportation executive who served as ODOT director for five years in the late 1990s, said the workgroup should advocate for the third scenario because it would give the state a more sustainable transportation system.

"The more you fix the stuff that's out there, the better the economy, the better the return to the person that's even paid the increased taxes we're talking about," she said. "They're going to have a smoother ride and they're going to have a healthier economy to build on."

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BRIDGES

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among interest groups, developing plans for coordination among agencies and organizations, encouraging tourism related to heritage resources, and coordinating statewide anniversary commemorations.

More information about the Oregon Heritage Commission is available online at www.oregon-heritage.org and from Commission coordinator Katie Henry at 503-877-8834 or katie.henry@oprd.oregon.gov.

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CRAB

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conditions hampered testing north of Heceta Head to the Washington border.

Vessels began collecting crab for meat and biotoxin testing in areas north of Heceta Head on Nov. 19 and were scheduled to finish collecting crab Nov. 20. The collected crab was to be processed for testing Nov. 21. Meat fill results were expected to be publicly available Nov. 23, and biotoxin results may not be available until Wednesday.

While crab from all harvest areas that were tested for domoic acid to date have been below regulatory thresholds, industry advisors expressed concern that one sample was close to the threshold, and recent razor clam samples from Oregon have shown high levels of domoic acid. ODFW and the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) are consulting with industry on the feasibility and logistics of additional domoic acid testing.

Most Dungeness crab advisory committee members support the delay as it is least disruptive to traditional fishing patterns and may improve market conditions. Targeted to open Dec. 1, Oregon's ocean commercial Dungeness crab season can be delayed so consumers get a high-quality and safe product, and crabs are not wasted. It can also be delayed to have an orderly opening in conjunction with California and Washington.

Economic Impact

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, according to a study release in February by The Research Group, a Corvallis-based firm. 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.

Timeline

Weekly season opening dates are posted online until the decision to open the season is made.

Commercial bay crab fishery

The commercial bay crab fishery closes at 12:01 a.m. Dec. 1 in conjunction with the delayed ocean commercial season. It will reopen through December if the ocean commercial season does so.

Recreational crab fishery

The recreational ocean Dungeness crab season is slated to reopen Dec. 1. Recreational crabbing in bays, estuaries, and on beaches, docks, piers, and jetties is currently open coastwide. Recreational crabbers should always call the Shellfish Hotline (800-448-2474) or visit the ODA Recreational Crab Biotoxin Harvest Status website before crabbing. And remember to label your buys and observe line marking prohibitions if you're crabbing in the ocean and bays – no line markings required for recreational crab gear, however all line markings required for any other West Coast fishery are prohibited.

DINNER

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Mauchan estimated the cost this year for the Thanksgiving meal would be about $3,500, paid for through donations and dues, and savings from the Lincoln City Senior Center.

About 60 volunteers were on hand to help with the Nov. 19 meal at the Community Center.

"People love the event, and I just love to see all the volunteers and our community come together to help our seniors," she said. "The hardest part is just getting the right amount of people here. I always ask for more volunteers than I really need. I just really appreciate the generosity of the community. Especially for Gallucci's Pizzeria. They let us store our turkeys in their cold storage area, and they cook them for us."

The Lincoln City Senior Center is located in the Lincoln City Community Center, 2150 NE Oar Place. The Senior Center may be reached at 541-418-5480. Who We Are is a frequent Leader feature highlighting the people in our community.



The Thanksgiving pies. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

BODY

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individual as 78-year-old Ralph H. Busby III.

Busby's plane crashed in the water off the coast of Newport on September 21, 2026.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has been notified of the identification and is continuing its investigation.

Busby was a former Newport City Councilor.

Witnesses reported the aircraft crashing Sept. 21, west of Newport.

Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Columbia River received the initial report at 12:54 p.m. Sept. 21, and immediately dispatched search and rescue crews. Responding assets included two 47-foot motor lifeboats from Station Yaquina Bay, MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crews from Air Facility Newport and Air Station North Bend, local emergency responders and good Samaritan vessels in the area.

Crews conducted 12 hours of searches, covering 124 square miles.

The aircraft reportedly entered the water at a high rate of speed and sank with no one observed disembarking from the plane.

TREE

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City spaces and lots on the Bayfront throughout the weekend. Private parking lots are not included.

"We are excited to bring the City's holiday tree lighting back to the Bayfront in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce's Lighted Boat Parade, creating a special holiday tradition for our community and visitors," Newport City Manager Nina Vetter said. "With the iconic Yaquina Bay Bridge and Newport's fishing fleet as the backdrop, the Bayfront is the perfect setting to celebrate the season. We invite everyone to join us for an evening of holiday cheer and community spirit."

Adding a distinctly Newport touch to the celebration, the tree will be topped with a lighted, three-foot crab created by Newport Signs in partnership with the Newport Chamber of Commerce, paying tribute to the commercial crabbing industry and its longstanding importance to Newport's history and community.

- **What:** City of Newport Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony
- **When:** 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.
- **Where:** Bayfront Boardwalk Pier (452 SE Bay Blvd. – near intersection of SE Eads St.)
- **Open To:** All
- **Parking** Free

Dec. 5 Holiday Events in Newport

- **9 – 10 am:** Breakfast with Santa (Newport Recreation Center – Ticket Required)
- **10 am – 4 pm:** Holiday Artisan Market (Pacific Maritime Heritage Museum)
- **11 am – 5 pm:** Holiday Hullabaloo (Newport Public Library)
- **3 – 5 pm:** Coastal Voices Holiday Serenade (Newport Performing Arts Center – Ticket Required)
- **5 pm:** Tree Lighting Warm-Up Party (Ripley's Believe It or Not!, 250 SW Bay Blvd.)
- **5:30 pm:** Newport Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony (Bayfront Boardwalk Pier, 452 SE Bay Blvd.)
- **6 pm:** Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce Lighted Boat Parade (Yaquina Bay)

Lincoln City Community Christmas Tree

The community and visitors are invited to the Lincoln City Cultural Center's (LCCC) Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Party, Friday, November 27, the day after Thanksgiving.

The free, family-friendly celebration will feature holiday music, hands-on art activities, sweet treats, a visit from Santa Claus, and the lighting of the community Christmas tree in front of the historic Delake School on Highway 101 in Lincoln City. See photos and read more about the Lincoln City Christmas tree with this story the Lincoln County Leader's website.

The Depoe Bay Tree Lighting Ceremony is traditionally held around 5 p.m. Dec. 4. The annual Yachats Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will take place from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Toledo has scheduled its tree lighting ceremony from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Waldport celebrated its tree lighting Nov. 21.

OPEN AI

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industry leading and many AI products lack any such protections.

"We'll continue to work with experts to build and strengthen additional safeguards, such as the parental controls, break reminders and age-appropriate model protections that we have today," he said. "We're committed to working with states on advancing pragmatic AI policies that apply to the entire AI industry and not just one company."

Rayfield was joined at the news conference by Multnomah County District Attorney Nathan Vasquez, state Rep. April Dobson, D-Happy Valley, the incoming president of the Oregon Parent Teacher Association, David Jones, and Enrique Farrera, president of the Oregon Education Association, the state's largest teachers' union.

As part of the Keeping Kids Safe Initiative, Rayfield has quadrupled the number of full-time staff in the state justice department's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, going from five to 20 full-time staff, including nine new special agents, two new prosecutors and two new analysts, according to the agency's news release.

A partnership between the agency and local law enforcement offices called Special Projects: Investigate, Respond, Enforce, or SPIRE, launched in October 2025, is also part of the Keeping Kids Safe Initiative. Justice department investigators and police focused on human trafficking, drug trafficking, organized retail theft, and other serious organized criminal operations have helped shutter seven businesses across five counties engaged in unlawful activities, according to the release.

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Jo Ann (Derr) Heide

July 27, 1933-November 6, 2026





Jo Ann (Derr) Heide was born on July 27, 1933 on her grandparents' ranch located on the Gunnison River outside of Orchard Mesa, Colorado. Her mother was Anna Helen (Von Burg) Derr and father, Joseph William Derr. She had an older brother, five younger sisters and two younger brothers. Jo Ann was a quick study as a child and voracious reader. Jo Ann was the "little mother," responsible for cooking, cleaning and managing, for her younger siblings as her mother worked outside of the home. She moved to the Willamette Valley when she was six years old with her family.

Jo Ann's lifetime passions included her children (Kathleen, John and Randall), music, writing songs and stories, and growing and arranging beautiful flowers. Her work included picking berries and beans as a child, orchid husbandry, hospitality and real estate. She built four successful businesses including Fields Station near Steens Mountain in southeastern Oregon, Redmond Truck Stop Cafe, Smith Rocks Café in Terrebonne, and Jo Ann Heide Realty in Lincoln City. Jo Ann studied at Blue Mountain Community College in John Day.

Jo Ann's husband was Edward Heide, father of her children. They were married in Vancouver, Washington in 1951 and divorced in John Day, Oregon in 1968. They had three children: Kathleen (1952), John (1954) and Randall (1958).

Jo Ann's original songs won awards at the Oregon songwriters contest including "How To Be a Real Cowboy." She was inspired to write short biographical sketches about Eureka, Nevada, and her family's move to Oregon in 1939.

Jo Ann is survived by her sister Darlene Huddleston of Silverton and brother Jerry Derr of Commerce, Texas; daughter Kathleen (Heide) Vanderwall, son-in-law Peter Vanderwall of Ogden Valley, Utah and Gleneden Beach, Oregon, and grandson Eric Vanderwall of Phoenix, Arizona; her son John Heide and daughter-in-law Cindy (Wilson) Heide of Smithfield, Virginia; grandson Edward Heide and wife Michelle (Strickland) Heide and four great-grandchildren (John, Charlotte, Scott, and Adaline) of Suffolk, Virginia; granddaughter Erica (Heide) Gambino and husband David Gambino and three great-grandchildren (Zoey, Nick, and Lucian) of Newport News, Virginia. Jo Ann was preceded in death by her grandson Kenny Vanderwall, son Randall Heide, two brothers -- Billy Derr and Jim Derr, and four sisters--Marian Cozadd, Ruthann Ottenbacher, Donna Marie Philpot, and Dorthea Mollenkopf.

Since 1988, Jo Ann lived in Lincoln City. She lived two years, 2025 and 2026, at Lakeview Senior Living in Lincoln City. At Lakeview, she had excellent care, meaningful friendships, sang songs with friends and swapped lifetime stories. The family thanks Lakeview Senior Living and Signature Hospice for their loving care for Jo Ann.

Jo Ann passed at approximately 2:30 am on Friday, November 6, 2026. Five days earlier she had an acute gastrointestinal hemorrhage, which may have contributed to her passing.

Oregon's financial outlook 'healthy' going into 2027

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle



Despite the rising cost of groceries, fuel and other items due to tariffs and President Donald Trump's war in Iran, consumer spending is healthy and Oregon's economy is chugging along, state economists said. (Ming Tang Tung / Getty Images)

Oregon's economy is holding steady despite persistent and rising inflation and record fuel prices driven by the war in Iran, and little has changed in recent months to concern economists about the state's financial health going into the new year.

The state's top economists shared their quarterly revenue forecast with the Legislature's revenue committees Wednesday morning and previewed it for reporters Tuesday. It's the last forecast before legislators convene in January and begin crafting a two-year budget, with about $245 million more revenue in the state's coffers than previously expected.

"The overarching theme of this forecast is no news, no real change in terms of the economic outlook or the revenue picture," Carl Riccadonna, Oregon's chief economist, told reporters Tuesday.

The additional money will be critical to partially cover federal government funding cuts to healthcare and food access programs during the next few years, as well as new costs that states are required to take on to administer those aid programs. Congressional Republicans passed the cuts in 2025 and new Medicaid work and reporting requirements are set to be implemented in early 2027, though exact dates have shifted in recent days.

Only $11 million of that additional $245 million, or roughly half of 1%, was from the most recent financial quarter, further indicating the state's steady revenue growth and no major increases or drops.

"Today's revenue forecast shows Oregon state government has steady financial footing on which to protect essential services, even as stubborn inflation persists as a result of tepid federal action," Gov. Tina Kotek said in a statement. "While this economic trajectory is encouraging, we must create more momentum to help families struggling to make ends meet."

The additional revenue is not yet at a threshold to trigger the state's kicker tax rebate that occurs when state income tax revenues exceed projections by more than 2%. Corporate taxes are hovering right around the threshold for triggering a tax surplus that would go to schools, called the "corporate kicker," Kennedy said, but it's too early to tell what could happen.

Kennedy said revenues going into 2027 are healthy, "but with a tax season left to go, there's still potential there for that ($245 projected revenue increase) to evaporate."

Riccadonna said consumer spending is healthy and corporate profits are healthy despite gas and diesel prices up 40% and 70% respectively over the last year. Businesses appear to be spending and investing in infrastructure, equipment, software and more, indicating accelerating economic activity that should put downward pressure on the unemployment rate, he said.

The Oregon Employment Department will release the state's latest jobs numbers shortly after the revenue forecast is shared. Riccadonna said there seems to be some acceleration in the pace of hirings and job openings that have, in Oregon and nationally, stalled for the last few quarters.

Economists remain concerned that persistent inflation could trigger a recession, and the roughly one-in-five odds of a recession remain relatively unchanged from the last quarter, Riccadonna said. That could go higher if the federal reserve too aggressively raises interest rates to curb inflation, as has happened in the past, he added.

More energy shocks due to rising fuel costs could also contribute to a recession, and fuel prices are still far higher today than a year ago.

"We're not there at the moment, but the Fed does seem to be in a moment of recalibration on their expectations of what it will take to get inflation pressures down," Riccadonna said. "A couple of weeks ago they were saying one or two more rate increases. Now some of the Fed communications today are talking about four interest rate increases or potentially even more."

The bulk of Oregon's income tax growth in the last few quarters is from what Riccadonna and Kennedy described as the "wealth effect." That is more revenue from corporate dividends, interest earnings and capital gains taxes on stock sales and on retirement investment fund distributions from high income households.

Baby boomers, and the wealthiest 10% of them that hold the single largest share of generational wealth in U.S. history, are retiring, and taxes on the sale of their assets are helping to buoy Oregon's revenues, where one in five residents are 65 or older, according to the Legislative Policy and Research Office. Nationwide, one in six Americans is 65 or older.

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State unemployment rate holding steady

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon's unemployment rate was little changed at 4.9% in October from 5.0% in September, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

It has held to a range between 4.9% and 5.3% for the past 21 months, since February 2025 when it was 4.9%. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.1% in October and 4.2% in September.

In October, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment declined by 300 jobs, following a revised gain of 4,700 jobs in September. October's gains were largest in professional and business services (+2,200 jobs); health care and social assistance (+1,300); and leisure and hospitality (+900). Losses were largest in construction (-1,800 jobs); retail trade (-1,500); and wholesale trade (-1,400).

Several industries rebounded over the past three months. Professional and business services added 3,200 jobs since July. Manufacturing added 2,600 jobs since July, partially reversing steady declines during the past three years. Leisure and hospitality added 2,400 jobs in the past three months, following a flat employment trend during the prior three years.

Government added 2,300 jobs since July, following losses in prior months.

Health care and social assistance was the fastest growing industry in the past 12 months, adding 6,700 jobs, or 2.1% in that time. While the health care industries have seen slower growth, social assistance continued its very rapid growth of the past four years, adding 3,900 jobs, or 4.6%, in the past 12 months.

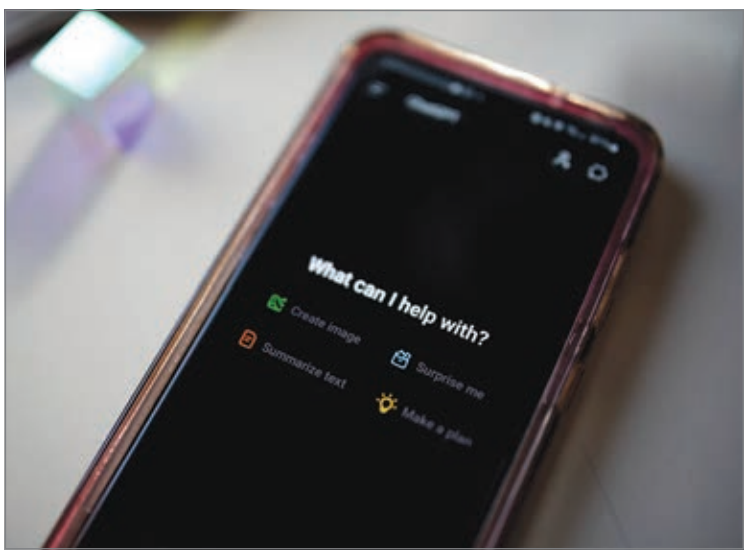
Construction employment continued its decline of the past three years. At 108,200 jobs in October, it was down 5,300 jobs, or 4.7%, in the past 12 months. Losses during that time were most pronounced in building equipment contractors (-2,700 jobs, or -8.1%) and building finishing contractors (-1,200 jobs, or -8.2%). Since reaching a record high of 118,900 jobs in June 2023, construction declined by 10,700 jobs, or 9.0%.



Oregon's unemployment rate was little changed at 4.9% in October from 5.0% in September. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

Oregon sues AI for more than $2B for child endangerment

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle



A smartphone displays the ChatGPT app. Oregon's attorney general alleges Open AI's chatbot is endangering children and the company has misled the public about the safety of its product. (Alexander Castro / Rhode Island Current)

Oregon's attorney general is suing tech giant Open AI for more than $2 billion, alleging the company's ChatGPT chatbot is endangering children and that the company has deliberately misled the public about the safety of its bedrock product.

State Attorney General Dan Rayfield announced the suit Tuesday morning at a news conference at the Oregon Department of Justice in Portland, where he also rolled out what the agency is calling the Keeping Kids Safe Initiative.

The initiative encompasses other recent state lawsuits against social media platforms and tech giants over child endangerment, including Meta, formerly Facebook, and Discord. Oregon is one of 47 states to settle with Meta in August for a combined total of $17.1 billion. Oregon will get $125 million of that.

As part of the announcement, state justice department officials said in a news release that more "actions against companies that are harming kids and misleading the public," will be coming in the weeks and months ahead.

The state's lawsuit against Open AI was filed Tuesday in Multnomah County Circuit Court. In it, Rayfield and attorneys for Oregon allege the company knowingly and deliberately engineered its AI chatbot ChatGPT to foster dependence among its users and to provide them with "sycophantic" answers to their requests, encouraging them to undertake dangerous behavior including harming others, self-harm and disordered eating.

Guardrails meant to protect children repeatedly failed, yet the company continued to push into youth markets, creating products specifically for teens and reneging on assurances of reliable age verification and parental oversight controls, according to the filing.

The state said the company regularly pursued growing profits over the safety of Oregonians and violated the state's consumer protection law — the Unlawful Trade Practices Act — by lying about product safety and using unfair tactics to market their product to kids and teens.

"OpenAI knows that ChatGPT is harming children, and has failed to meaningfully fix their dangerous platform," Rayfield said in a statement. "On top of that, they've misled the public about the safety of their products, putting profits ahead of children's safety. Their platform is encouraging kids to commit suicide — we cannot let this be an acceptable business model."

Drew Pusateri, a spokesperson for OpenAI, said in an email that the company's age-specific protections are

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Community members and visitors gathered to enjoy a previous Toledo Tree Lighting ceremony. (Lincoln County Leader)

Christmas magic returns to Main Street

TOLEDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Toledo Chamber of Commerce is excited to welcome the return of Toledo Hometown Holidays on Saturday, December 5, 2026! Beginning at 3 p.m., Main Street will come alive with Christmas cheer, holiday crafts, sweet treats, shopping, and festive activities for the whole family!

From 3 to 5 p.m., families are invited to explore Main Street and enjoy a variety of FREE activities hosted by local businesses and organizations.

Hometown Holidays Activity Stops:

- Santa's Workshop: Cookies and holiday shopping!
- City of Toledo Council Chambers: Holiday crafts!
- Visit with Santa (281 N. Main St.): Meet Santa and enjoy festive crafts!
- The Homie House: Make magical reindeer

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Coziest Coast holiday tradition returns



The Oregon Coast Aquarium's annual Sea of Lights will be on display From 5 to 8 p.m. each Friday and Saturday in December. For more information, visit aquarium.org, or call 541-867-3474. ((Courtesy photos)

OREGON COAST AQUARIUM

The Oregon Coast Aquarium (OCAq) invites all to celebrate the season at Sea of Lights: one of the coast's most unique holiday light displays.

Sea of Lights will illuminate OCAq from 5-8 p.m. on four weekends this season:

- Nov. 27 and 28
- Dec. 4 and 5
- Dec. 11 and 12
- Dec. 18 and 19

General admission is $15 per person, and new this year, every guest gets a cookie and a hot drink of their choice, cocoa or cider. Aquarium

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Holiday Artisan Market

SUBMITTED

The Pacific Maritime Heritage Center invites community members and visitors to its Holiday Artisan Market, Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Pacific Maritime Heritage Center is located at 333 SE Bay Boulevard in Newport's Bayfront.

Enjoy a free day at the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center! Tour the museum and enjoy our annual Holiday Artisan Market.

The market will feature eighteen local artists who have created pieces in a variety of mediums, including ceramics, paint, glass, buoys, leather and more.

Take photos with Santa with the beautiful Yaquina Bay in the background from 10 a.m. -1 p.m. and enjoy arts and crafts for all ages.

Get in the spirit and complete your holiday shopping in one spot.

Lincoln Pops to perform



The performance is described by organizers as a joyful, high-energy program of timeless tunes and a few holiday favorites. (Courtesy photo)

SUMBITTED

Lincoln Pops Big Band will present its Winter Concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6, in the Alice Silverman Theatre at Newport Performing Arts Center.

The concert is presented in partnership with the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts (OCCA).

Filled with big band favorites and a dash of holiday cheer, the afternoon promises a joyful, high-energy program of timeless tunes and a few holiday favorites, all brought to life with the signature Lincoln Pops flair. Music lovers of all ages are invited

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New interventions for back pain sufferers

SEVEN LUNDEBERG
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Article



Spinal disc inflammation. (Courtesy from Pixabay)

An international collaboration that includes an Oregon State University researcher has used a new three-dimensional X-ray imaging approach to better understand the spinal structures whose degeneration leads to debilitating back pain for hundreds of millions of people.

The deep dive into how intervertebral discs respond to the mechanical forces caused by everyday movements opens the door to possible new treatments in the coming years for what the World Health Organization calls the single leading cause of disability worldwide.

"The results suggest a fundamental issue with spinal discs that may influence the way we think about disc degeneration and methods for prevention and mitigation," said Bay, associate professor of mechanical engineering. "Even though the bulk of this manuscript uses a small-animal model, the end is a demonstration of feasibility with actual human samples. That really gets at the crux of the problem from a research standpoint."

The human spine has 23 discs, acting as shock absorbers that provide protection and facilitate flexibility as a person walks, runs, sits, stands, etc. Each disc has two parts: a sturdy outer ring known as the annulus fibrosus, and a center area, the nucleus pulposus, that contains a soft, gel-like material.

It's long been known that disc damage and age-related degeneration are major contributors to back pain, Bay said, but the details of disc mechanics have largely remained a mystery.

"It has not been clear why discs tend to degenerate and fail, and most interventions are salvage operations," he said.

Much of the prior research, he explained, was either at the large scale – the general biomechanical function of an intact disc – or the small scale; that is, a detailed evaluation of small, extracted tissue samples.

"But nothing connected the two – the clinical problem was isolated from the molecular and cellular level," Bay said. "This work makes that bridge in what I think is a very elegant way. The methodology, known as fiber-traced digital volume correlation or DVC, provides exactly the information needed for the connection."

DVC, developed by Bay in 2000, is a widely-used technique that lets scientists observe, in three dimensions, how tissue deforms when forces are applied to it. Fiber-traced DVC, developed in collaboration with Catherine Disney, a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Manchester, extends the basic DVC technique by tracking the deformation and movement of collagen fiber bundles and individual collagen fibers within tissue; collagen, the most abundant protein in the human body, is a primary structural building block.

"Fiber-traced DVC provides data necessary for analysis at the nanoscale and is a conduit for linking small-scale results to the clinical scale," Bay said. "The findings also point to a potential tradeoff in the way discs are built: We found evidence that substantial strain may help a disc achieve the stiffness it needs to perform its role, but it also may move the tissue closer to damaging strain levels, contributing to its vulnerability over time."

The study's novel imaging approach, known as TomoSAXS, showed that the strain varies across the layered structure of the disc, he added, and is closely related to how individual fibers respond to loading.

The paper, Bay said, is a result of years of collaborating with scientists at Queen Mary University of London, University College London, Royal Veterinary College, the University of Manchester, and Diamond Light Source, the United Kingdom's national synchrotron light source science facility.

"This is mechanics of materials taken to an extreme – in other words basic mechanical engineering and materials science," Bay said. "Retreat has been happening recently from these basic disciplines, yet they remain very important in new discovery."

By connecting structures ranging from individual molecules to whole organs, the researchers hope to uncover where mechanical damage begins and how it develops – providing a stronger foundation for new research.

In the future, TomoSAXS could be used to investigate how the structure and mechanical behavior of discs change with aging and disease and to evaluate potential therapies or new approaches to repairing or replacing damaged discs, Bay said.

It could also be applied to other fibrous biological tissues, including tendons, cartilage and arteries, as well as engineered materials such as carbon-fiber composites.

Himadri Gupta and Elis Newham of Queen Mary University of London and Peter Lee and Alissa Parmenter of University College London are the study's corresponding authors.

Funding was provided by the UK Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, the UK Medical Research Council, the Royal Academy of Engineering, the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and Diamond Light Source.

The findings, underpinned by a biomechanics evaluation method developed by co-author Brian Bay of the OSU College of Engineering, are published in Nature.

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members attend at no cost, and admission is free with same-day paid Aquarium admission. Tickets are on sale now at tickets.aquarium.org. Buy ahead and skip the line at the gate.

Food Drive Weekend is Dec. 4 and 5. Guests who bring a shelf-stable food donation pay just $10 per person, cocoa and cookie included, and every donation benefits the Food Share of Lincoln County.

This family-friendly event allows visitors to view Aquarium galleries and exhibits in a new light, and each weekend features a different attraction. Please note the Moon Jelly Café and Coffee Shop will be closed during the event.

Santa will be in the Gleason Event Room on Dec. 11, 12, 18 and 19 to pose for photos and listen to wishes. Photos with Santa are free; guests take their own with a camera or phone.

"This event is a highlight of the winter season, and it's truly heartwarming to see communities come together to celebrate," OCAq CEO and President Carrie Lewis said.

Pack a pair of mittens and chart a course for an unforgettable holiday experience at Sea of Lights. Find the full schedule and more information at aquarium.org/sea-of-lights.

The Oregon Coast Aquarium is located at 2820 S.E. Ferry Slip Road in Newport.

For more information, visit aquarium.org, or call 541-867-3474.

POPS

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to swing into the season together.

For more than 30 years, the Pops has been a cornerstone of the Oregon coast music scene. The orchestra has delighted audiences with energetic performances and a steadfast dedication to preserving the rich heritage of the big band era. Its dynamic lineup brings together current and retired professional musicians, band directors, and gifted local students, a mix that gives the ensemble its distinctive energy. Its repertoire spans genres, including swing, standards, and stellar big band fare.

Whether you're a lifelong fan of the big band sound or simply looking for a festive way to spend a December afternoon, this concert offers something for everyone. It's suitable for general audiences, making it a delightful choice for families, friends, and music lovers of every generation.

Tickets are $10 for all seats and can be purchased by calling 541-265-2787 or in person at the box office (Tuesday-Friday, 10am-3pm) at 777 W Olive Street in Newport, Oregon. Online ticketing is also available (additional fee applies).

Learn more at coastarts.org/events/pops

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food!

- Café 235: Snowman Storytime and crafts every half hour!
- Methodist Thrift Shop: Candy canes and holiday shopping!
- Timbers Restaurant & Lounge: Christmas ornament kits!
- Cobblestone Pizza: Cookie fun!

At 5:30 p.m., the festive Umbrella Parade will make its way down Main Street, beginning at Advertees and ending at Cobblestone Pizza. Everyone is encouraged to decorate an umbrella and join the fun! Participants with decorated umbrellas can enter a special prize drawing. Along the parade route, enjoy Christmas caroling led by the Toledo Jr./Sr. High School Choir and the Oregon Coast Choir.

The evening concludes with Toledo's beloved Community Christmas Tree Lighting at 6:00 p.m., bringing friends, families, and neighbors together to celebrate the magic of the season.

Hometown Holidays wouldn't be possible without the incredible generosity of our local businesses, organizations, and volunteers.

The Toledo Chamber of Commerce extends a heartfelt thank-you to Table Mountain and Dahls Disposal, the City of Toledo including its Public Works, Library, and Fire Department, Toledo Rotary, Santa's Workshop, Toledo Summer Festival Committee, Magical Mr. B, The Homie House, Café 235, Dempsey's, Methodist Thrift Shop, The Coffee Depot, Timbers Restaurant & Lounge, Cobblestone Pizza, Toledo Jr./Sr. High School Choir, Oregon Coast Choir, and the Toledo Chamber Board of Directors, along with the many businesses and volunteers who have donated their time, resources, and energy to make this celebration possible.

All activities are free, and everyone is welcome!

Bring your family, decorate your umbrellas, and join us on Main Street Toledo for an afternoon of Christmas magic, cherished traditions, and hometown pride.

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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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Lighthouse hosts 30th annual Victorian Christmas Open Houses

SUBMITTED

Heceta Head Lightstation is celebrating 30 years of the Annual Victorian Christmas Open Houses from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. December 12 and 13, and December 19 and 20.

The Queen Anne style Keeper's House will be decorated inside and out with festive Victorian holiday decorations December 3 - January 3. Each evening of the open houses local performers will share your holiday favorites in the historic Keeper's House. Even Santa will be visiting to welcome children of all ages.

Guests are encouraged to take a nighttime walk to the lighthouse, so bring a flashlight! This is a great opportunity to watch the lighthouse beams rotate overhead, truly a magical experience.

Entry to the Keeper's House is free, but donations are gladly accepted. Parking is available at the Heceta Head Lighthouse State Scenic Viewpoint, just below the Keeper's House, for $10 per vehicle. A free shuttle will take visitors from the park right to the front door. Or bring warm, rainproof clothing and a flashlight so you can enjoy the beautiful walk up from the beach to the festivities.

You can support the historic Keepers' Home by entering the holiday raffle and win a free night's stay at the Bed & Breakfast, as well as great prizes from local artists and businesses.

The Heceta Lighthouse Gift Shop will be open and filled with special lighthouse gifts for your Christmas shopping.

For more information, visit www.hecetalighthouse.com or contact the Heceta Lighthouse B&B at 866-547-3696 or email keepers@hecetalighthouse.com.



Heceta Head Lighthouse is a historic 56-foot-tall tower sitting 205 feet above the Pacific Ocean on the Oregon Coast, roughly 13 miles north of Florence. (Courtesy photo)

CLICKS AND PICKS

Holiday Photographs: Recording memories, special moments

Holidays provide a time for family and friends to gather and reconnect.

It is a time to celebrate being together. It is a time to record those special moments with your camera, regardless of what kind of camera you have available.

It's worth remembering that after a major fire, flood, earthquake or other loss, one of the first things the victims look for are the family photographs. This is where the history of past generations and events are stored and preserved. Giving it some thought beforehand will increase your chance for success. There are several types of photographs to consider.



It is a time to record those special moments with your camera, regardless of what kind of camera you have available. (Metro Creative Connections)

Most obvious is the group photograph. Once posed, make sure everyone can see you. If they can't see you, the camera won't "see" them. Get creative and have fun with these poses.

Photographing individuals is also important. These are the photographs that can serve as reminders of times past and record those present. Candid photographs during activities and times of casual visiting work well.

Some of the most meaningful photographs show connections, emotions and relationships. Hugs, laughter, tears and other expressions offer real opportunities. These photographs will generate future conversations and reminiscing.

Don't forget to have someone make photographs of you. Often the photographer is the one missing from this visual history. Make sure you are included.

Finally, after the dust settles and you are reviewing your work, please print a collection of the photographs. Make some copies and share them. These will be the true record. Digital files are great and convenient. The physical prints will stand the test of time.

Until next time, make some photographs!

Bob Gibson is a Lincoln County photographer. He may be reached at The Photography Studio, 4846 SE Highway 101, in Lincoln City.

Pearl Harbor Memorial gathering

SUBMITTED

On Monday, Dec. 7, friends and families will gather to honor those who survived, and pay tribute to those whose lives were ended, during the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

President Franklin Roosevelt declared December 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy". That is the day that the Japanese Imperial forces unleashed a brutal aerial attack on the US Naval Fleet stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

When the bombardment finally ended after an hour and 15 minutes, over 2400 Americans were dead, 19 US ships were damaged or destroyed, and on the following day, the US declared war on Japan and entered World War II.

Please join in a brief remembrance of that day—11 a.m. at Don and Ann Davis Park at the west end of Olive Street in Newport. The gathering is informal and will include remembrances from friends and families.



The event is scheduled for 11 a.m. at Don and Ann Davis Park at the west end of Olive Street in Newport. (Metro Creative Connection)

Yaquina Fiber Arts Guild meeting

NEWPORT LIBRARY

Feeling crafty? Need more fiber in your artistic diet?

Newport Public Library is pleased to host the Yaquina Fiber Arts Guild for their next meeting from 11 a.m to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1.

The Yaquina Fiber Arts Guild welcomes all fiber enthusiasts: knit, crochet, spin, felt, weave, paper mache, sewing, rug hooking, cross stitch etc. Gather with those who love fibers, learn new skills, gain inspiration, get help with projects and be a part of the comradery of a community of fiber fans.

All are welcome – from beginners who want to learn about the world of fiber to long-time artists who want to share their expertise and meet like-minded crafters. Try out a spinning wheel! Guild members love to spin a yarn or weave a tale about their fiber arts adventure, so it's always a fun time!

The next monthly gathering of the Yaquina Fiber Arts Guild takes place in the McEntee Meeting Room of Newport Public Library from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 35 NW Nye Street, in Newport.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For additional information about the Yaquina Fiber Arts Guild call Karen at 541-272-1790 or contact the guild at info.yaquinafiberarts-guild@gmail.com.

For information about other upcoming library events, visit newportlibrary.org or call the library at 541-265-2153.



The Yaquina Fiber Arts Guild welcomes all fiber enthusiasts: knit, crochet, spin, felt, weave, paper mache, sewing, rug hooking, cross stitch etc. (Courtesy photo)



kids' corner

What's the Difference?

Find the four differences between the two pictures.

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B



Answers: 1. Extra shopping bag 2. Lights on building 3. Parking meter by curb 4. Missing watch

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

NOV 25

1783: The last British troops leave New York City, three months after the signing of the Treaty of Paris.

1915: Albert Einstein presents the field equations of general relativity.

1963: The funeral of President John F. Kennedy takes place.

Money FACT:

On average, people spend between $600 and $1,100 on these each year.

Answer: Christmas gifts

NEW WORD

CREDIT

agreement where you get money, goods or services now in promise to pay for them later

"How they say that in..."

English: Receipt
Spanish: Recibo
Italian: Ricevuta
French: Reçu
German: Kassenzettel

Did You KNOW?

Black Friday and Cyber Monday are some of the busiest shopping days of the holiday season.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Sale sign

GEOGRAPHY WORD SEARCH

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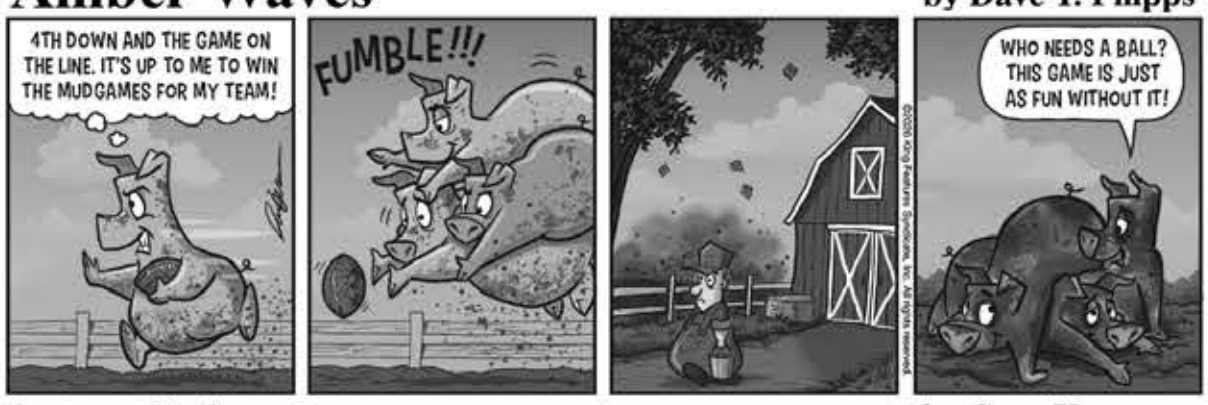
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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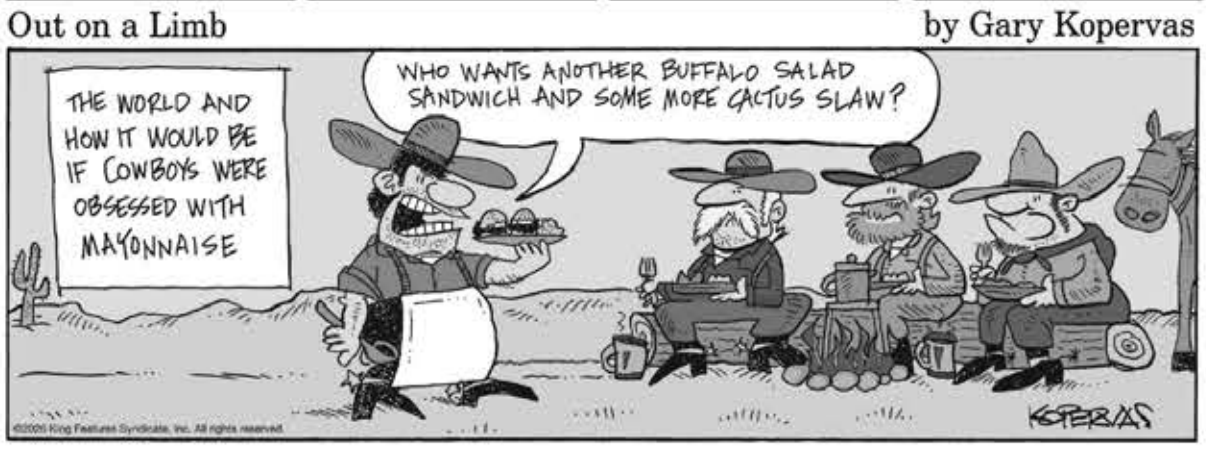
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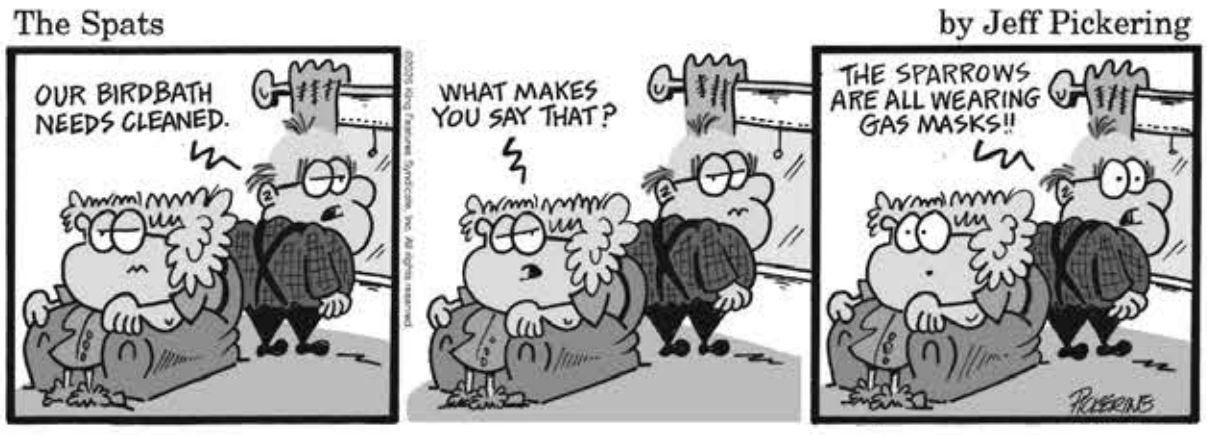
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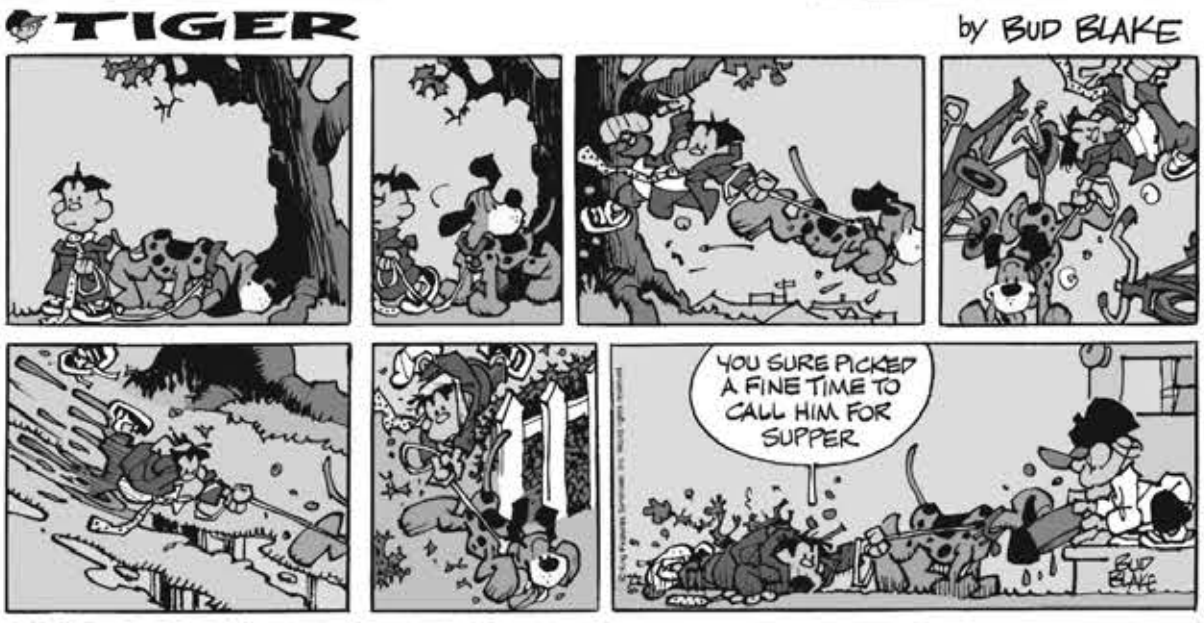
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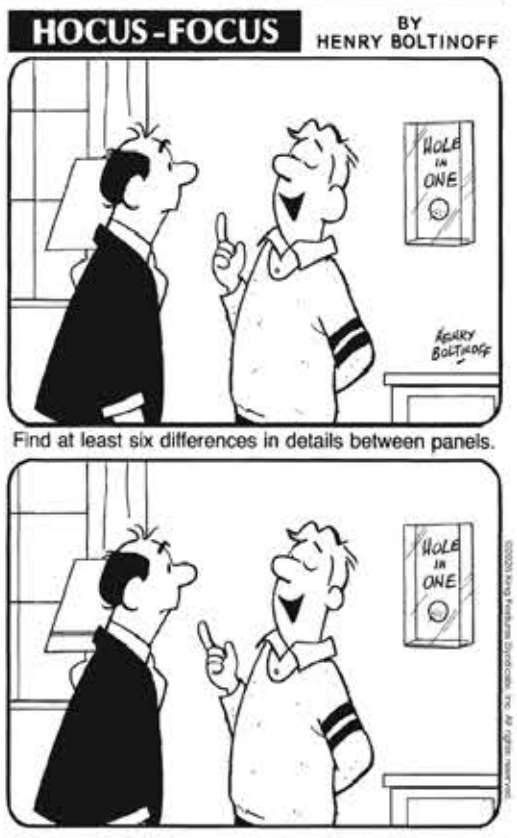
OLIVE & POPEYE

By Randy Milholland



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Stripe on sleeve is moved. 3. Sleeve is longer. 4. Lampshade is different. 5. Windowpanes are different. 6. Ear is smaller.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **R** equals **M**

D HR IBLAS XL TDCDAW YHOTNZMMV DA RV OTLZMCSB PBHI, YZX BSQSAXMV D'R OXHBXDAW XL QLRS LZX LN RV OTHPM.

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SCRAMBLERS

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



Take **LEAST**

Horrible **DRUIL**

Devour **WOWSALL**

Lever **PLEAD**

"My prescription has one bad side effect — it keeps my _____ empty!"

TODAY'S WORD

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

JTMBXJK XN XWETNNXPOL,
MBL CTFY XMNLOZ NDVN
"X'W ETNNXPOL"!
— DAYFLV BLEPAFJ

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Who does Dorothy's house land on and kill in "The Wizard of Oz"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which country does Easter Island belong to?
3. MUSIC: In which city did The Beatles form?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Hippos are native to which continent?
5. ANATOMY: What is peristalsis?
6. MOVIES: What kind of animal is Donkey's wife in the animated movie "Shrek"?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the names of the two marble lion statues outside the main New York Public Library?
8. MEASUREMENTS: In physics, what is a jiffy?
9. TELEVISION: What is Bill Nye's nickname, based on his shows?
10. HISTORY: Where did the Anasazi native tribe live in modern America?

Answers

1. The Wicked Witch of the East.
2. Chile.
3. Liverpool, England.
4. Africa.
5. Muscular contractions that push food through the digestive system.
6. A dragon.
7. Patience and Fortitude.
8. The time it takes light to travel 1 centimeter in a vacuum.
9. The Science Guy.
10. Southwest United States.

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SCRAMBLERS
Solution
1. Steal; 2. Lurid
3. Swallow; 4. Pedal
Today's Word
WALLET

CryptoQuip answer
I am prone to hiding bashfully in my shoulder wrap, but recently I'm starting to come out of my shawl.

CryptoQuote answer
Nothing is impossible, the word itself says "I'm possible"!
— Audrey Hepburn

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Answers

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LCL26-509 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT

SIMPLE ESTATE OF PETER NORMAN BURN, DECEASED CASE No. 26PB09862 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is given pursuant to ORS 113.115 that Violet R. Harris has been appointed claiming successor of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with four (4) months after the date of the publication of this Notice, or their claims may be barred. Claims are to be presented at the address of the attorney for the personal representative, set forth below. All persons whose rights may be affected by this estate proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Circuit Court, the claiming successor, or J.F. Ouderkirk, attorney for the claiming successor. Date of publication: November 25, 2026. J.F. Ouderkirk, OSB # 752903 Attorney for the Claiming Successor 541-574-1630 P. O. Box 1167 615 SW Hurbert Street, Suite A Newport, OR 97365 Violet R. Harris Claiming Successor P. O. Box 1167 Newport, OR 97365 Telephone: 541-574-1630 11/25/26

LCL26-508 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION

NE 25th St, Driveway Entrance/Exit to the St. James/Santiago Episcopal Church and School The Lincoln City City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the right-of-way vacation of NE 25th street, the entrance/exit to subject property on Monday, December 14th, at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City Oregon. Any person who thinks that they may be affected is invited to attend and participate in the hearing and present written and/or oral testimony concerning the project. The exhibit map included with this notice provides a detailed location of the right-of-way proposed for vacation. Description of Project: The City of Lincoln City initiated the vacation of the NE 25th Street right-of-way, returning the property to St. James/Santiago Episcopal Church and School, from which it was originally dedicated. The right-of-way currently serves only as access to the subject property and functions as a private driveway. Due to subsequent development of adjacent properties and changes in road access patterns, the right-of-way no longer serves a public transportation purpose and provides limited public benefit. The City intends to obtain an easement to properly service public infrastructure located within the existing right-of-way. Vacation of the right-of-way would be intended to reduce the City's responsibility for maintaining property that is no longer necessary for public use. In addition, the vacation would serve the community by providing St. James/Santiago Episcopal Church and School greater flexibility to repair, replace, or restore on-site signage. Applicable Criteria: The applicable criteria governing this considered vacation are: ORS 271.130 Vacation on city governing body's own motion; appeal. For More Information: For in-person information, you may speak to the Economic Development Department/Urban Renewal Agency located within City Hall at 801 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City, Oregon. For additional information, please call Amanda Sawyer, Executive Administrative Assistant at 541-996-1003 or email asawyer@lincolncityor.gov. Written Comments and/or Testimony: Please email your comments to publiccomment@lincolncityor.gov or mail to Lincoln City Economic Development Attention Amanda Sawyer, PO Box 50, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367. Those requesting to give public comment via telephone must email planning@lincolncityor.gov no later than noon on the meeting day. The request must include the speaker's name, the case the person wishes to address, and the phone number the person intends to use. Instructions will be sent to the speaker. This meeting will be rebroadcast on Charter Channel 4 Lincoln City at various times. This meeting will also be available for viewing at www.lincolncityor.gov/publicmeetings. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, for a hearing-impaired device, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Kevin Mattias, at 541-996-1221 or kmattias@lincolncityor.gov to request information in an alternate format or other assistance. DATE MAILED: November 19th, 2026 DATE PUBLISHED: November 19th, 2026 DATE POSTED: November 19th, 2026 11/25/26 12/2/26

LCL26-507 LINCOLN CITY STORAGE

3796 SE Hwy 101 Lincoln City, Or. 97367 541-996-3555 The following unit will be sold at Public Auction Starting 12/15/2026 at 9:00am Ending 12/22/2026 at 9:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Auction to be pursuant to Auction Rules and Procedures for Truax Holdings. Rules are available at the facility office. All bidding will take place ONLINE at bid13.com Unit# LB17 Sheri Gibson Unit# LG33 Sheri Gibson 11/25/26 12/2/26

LCL26-506 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

In the Matter of the Estate of: LEROY JOHN HOARD, Deceased. Case No. 26PB09903 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOSEPH DENTON JENSON, RANDY SCOTT WRIGHT, and BARRY HENSON has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Personal Representative, JOSEPH DENTON JENSON, RANDY SCOTT WRIGHT, and BARRY HENSON, at the address below, 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, or the attorneys for the personal representative. ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: c/o Attorney Joshua D. Zantello, OSB #121562 Zantello Law Group 1818 NE 21st Street Lincoln City, OR 97367 DATED and first published: November 25, 2026 /s/ JOSHUA D. ZANTELLO Joshua D. Zantello, Attorney for Personal Representative 11/25/26

LCL26-505 A 1972 FLAMINGO, SERIAL #181957, HOME ID 165052,

has been abandoned at 4800 SE Inlet Ave., Space #17, Lincoln City, OR 97367 by Vivian Eide and will be sold by private bidding by the real property owner. Sealed bids must be sent to WGP Property Management, LLC c/o Timothy Asplund, attn: Office, 4915 Swegle Rd. NE, Salem, OR 97301, no later than December 9, 2026. To inspect the manufactured home contact Timothy Asplund at (503) 581-6446. Purchasers with intent to inhabit must be screened by real property owner, approved for residency, and enter a new lease prior to purchase. 11/25/26 12/2/26

LCL26-504 SELF-STORAGE PUBLIC SALE

On Tuesday 12/15/26 ending 12:05pm auction will be held online at StorageTreasures.com by Safe & Sound Storage 833 NE 3rd St Newport OR 97365 for units Rachel Locke A5, Wesley Jones C3 11/25/26 12/2/26

LCL26-498 PUBLIC NOTICE.

Notice of foreclosure sale at Depoe Bay Storage. Unit # 10 (5x10) - Sarah Chavez & Nicole Jenkins, Unit #17 (10x10) - Michale Ray West, Unit #51 (10x20) Tony Johnston, Unit #81 (10x20) Nicolette Hellen, Unit #95 (8x8) - Tawny Jenkins. Sale to be held Saturday Dec. 5th at 12pm at 440 E Collins St, Depoe Bay, OR 07431. Call for updates (541- 765-2353 or follow on Facebook. 11/18/26 11/25/26

LCL26-501 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE #26-0999

On December 29, 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: 238 NE 56th St, Newport, OR 97365. The court case number is 25CV37000, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2021-GS2, plaintiff(s) vs. JOHN C. AMOS; LISA M. AMOS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 238 NE 56TH ST, NEWPORT,

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OR 97365 defendant(s). This is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand. For more details go to http://www.oregonsheriffssales.org/county/lincoln/ 11/18/26 11/25/26 12/2/26 12/9/26

LCL26-503 TS NO. OR07000146-26-1 APN R508345 II R95098 TO NO 101-10885062 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, KAREN K. HOLSEY, A SINGLE PERSON as Grantor to CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY as Beneficiary dated as of October 24, 2008 and recorded on October 30, 2008 as Instrument No. 2008-12610 and the beneficial interest was assigned to CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS and recorded April 14, 2026 as Instrument Number 2026-02566 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R508345 || R95098 LOTS 113 AND 114, BLOCK 6, PANTHER CREEK, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON EXCEPT THE NORTH 10 FEET THEREOF CONVEYED TO LINCOLN COUNTY FOR ROAD PURPOSES BY INSTRUMENT RECORDED AUGUST 14, 1964 IN BOOK 247, PAGE 155, DEED RECORDS. ALSO: INCLUDING A TRACT OF LAND LYING SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH LINE OF LOTS 113 AND 114, BLOCK 6, PANTHER CREEK, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND CONVEYED TO EDGAR J. MARTIN, ET UX, BY DEED RECORDED JULY 25, 1959, IN BOOK 201, PAGE 272, DEED RECORDS; THENCE WEST 200.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 13.26 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 6, PANTHER CREEK AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 113, BLOCK 6; THENCE EAST 200.0 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOTS 113 AND 114, BLOCK 6 TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 114; THENCE SOUTH 13.26 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 484 N. DEERLANE DRIVE, OTIS, OR 97368 Both the Beneficiary, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay the principal balance which became all due and payable based upon the death of all mortgagors, pursuant to paragraph 7 under the Note, and pursuant to paragraph 9 of the Deed of Trust. By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of $154,753.79 together with interest thereon from February 9, 2026 until paid; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on March 1, 2027 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, at the south entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Dated: 10/15/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0496242 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 11/18/2026, 11/25/2026, 12/02/2026, 12/09/2026

LCL26-490 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LINCOLN COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF UNIT OWNERS OF EMBARCADERO CONDOMINIUMS, INC.,

an Oregon Non-Profit Corporation, Plaintiff, v. BRANDON WOLFE, an individual; LINCOLN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, a governmental entity; WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national business corporation; BMO BANK N.A., an Illinois corporation, as successor-ininterest to BANK OF THE WEST, a California corporation; and ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1000 SE BAY BLVD #M-177, NEWPORT, OR 97365, Defendants. CASE NO.: 26CV27782 SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION (AS TO DEFENDANT ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1000 SE BAY BLVD #M-177, NEWPORT, OR 97365) To: ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1000 SE BAY BLVD #M-177, NEWPORT, OR 97365 Via publication only Date of First Publication: November 11, 2026 Plaintiff ASSOCIATION OF UNIT OWNERS OF EMBARCADERO CONDOMINIUMS, INC. has filed a civil complaint asking the Court to foreclose its lien, consisting of not less than $10,497.01 plus continuing assessments, late fees, fines, attorney fees, and costs on the real property commonly known as 1000 SE BAY BLVD #M-177, NEWPORT, OR 97365. You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above-entitled action within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication of this summons, and in case of your failure to do so, for want thereof, Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear," you must file with the court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer." The motion or answer or reply must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein, along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on Plaintiff's attorney or, if Plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service upon Plaintiff. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling (503) 684-3763 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll-free elsewhere in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. STATE OF OREGON, County of Marion I, the undersigned attorney of record for Plaintiff, certify that the foregoing is an exact and complete copy of the original summons in the above-entitled action. Dated: November 2, 2026 Stephen P. Brown, OSB No. 245367 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF Lepore Law LLC 1195 NW Wall St., Ste. A Bend, OR 97703 w: www.lepore-law.com e: stephen@lepore-law.com p: 541-897-8132 11/11/26 11/18/26 11/25/26 12/2/26

LCL26-489 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LINCOLN COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF UNIT OWNERS OF EMBARCADERO CONDOMINIUMS, INC.,

an Oregon Non-Profit Corporation, Plaintiff, v. BRANDON WOLFE, an individual; LINCOLN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, a governmental entity; WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national business corporation; BMO BANK N.A., an Illinois corporation, as successor-ininterest to BANK OF THE WEST, a California corporation; and ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1000 SE BAY BLVD #M-177, NEWPORT, OR 97365, Defendants. CASE NO.: 26CV27782 SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION (AS TO DEFENDANT BRANDON WOLFE) To: BRANDON WOLFE Via publication only Date of First Publication: November 11, 2026 Plaintiff ASSOCIATION OF UNIT OWNERS OF EMBARCADERO CONDOMINIUMS, INC., has filed a civil complaint asking the Court to foreclose its lien, consisting of not less than $10,497.01 plus continuing assessments, late fees, fines, attorney fees and costs on the real property commonly known as 1000 SE BAY BLVD #M-177, NEWPORT, OR 97365. You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above-entitled action within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication of this summons, and in case of your failure to do so, for want thereof, Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear," you must file with the court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer." The motion or answer or reply must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein, along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on Plaintiff's attorney or, if Plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service upon Plaintiff. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling (503) 684-3763 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll-free elsewhere in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. STATE OF OREGON, County of Marion I, the undersigned attorney of record for Plaintiff, certify that the foregoing is an exact and complete copy of the original summons in the above-entitled action. Dated: November 2, 2026 Stephen P. Brown, OSB No. 245367 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF Lepore Law LLC 1195 NW Wall St., Ste. A Bend, OR 97703 w: www.lepore-law.com e: stephen@lepore-law.com p: 541-897-8132 11/11/26 11/18/26 11/25/26 12/2/26

LCL26-476 TS NO. OR05000013-24-3 APN R61099 TO NO 260467301-OR-VOI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, JOHN OCONNELL as Grantor to WESTERN TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC ("MERS"), as designated nominee for EVERGREEN MONEYSOURCE MORTGAGE COMPANY, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of September 12, 2022 and recorded on September 13, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022-08773 and the beneficial interest was assigned to EVERGREEN MONEYSOURCE MORTGAGE COMPANY D/B/A EVERGREEN HOME LOANS, and recorded March 27, 2024 as Instrument Number 2024-01969 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R61099 LOT 12, BLOCK 1, SHELL COVE, IN THE CITY OF DEPOE BAY, COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF OREGON Commonly known as: 945 SW PINE AVE, DEPOE BAY, OR 97341 Both the Beneficiary, Evergreen Moneysource Mortgage Company DBA Evergreen Home Loans, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Monthly Payment(s): 6 Monthly Payment(s) from 04/01/2026 to 09/30/2026 at $3,207.20 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at $812.04 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of $405,622.08 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.62500% per annum from March 1, 2026 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on February 10, 2027 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, at the south entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Dated: 09/24/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0495387 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 11/04/2026, 11/11/2026, 11/18/2026, 11/25/2026

LCL26-475 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE #26-0916

On December 8, 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: 240 SE Whalesong Dr, Depoe Bay, OR 97341. The court case number is 26CV18278, FIBRE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, plaintiff(s) vs. MEL DAVID ROSE; MARY LOU ROSE; NEIGHBORS FOR KIDS; STONEBRIDGE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION; OREGON CREDIT & COLLECTIONS BUREAU, INC.; CREDITORS COLLECTION SERVICE, INC.; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.; ALL OCCUPANTS; and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MICHAEL M. CUTLER, PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY defendant(s). This is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand. For more details go to http://www.oregonsheriffssales.org/county/lincoln/ 11/4/26 11/11/26 11/28/26 11/25/26

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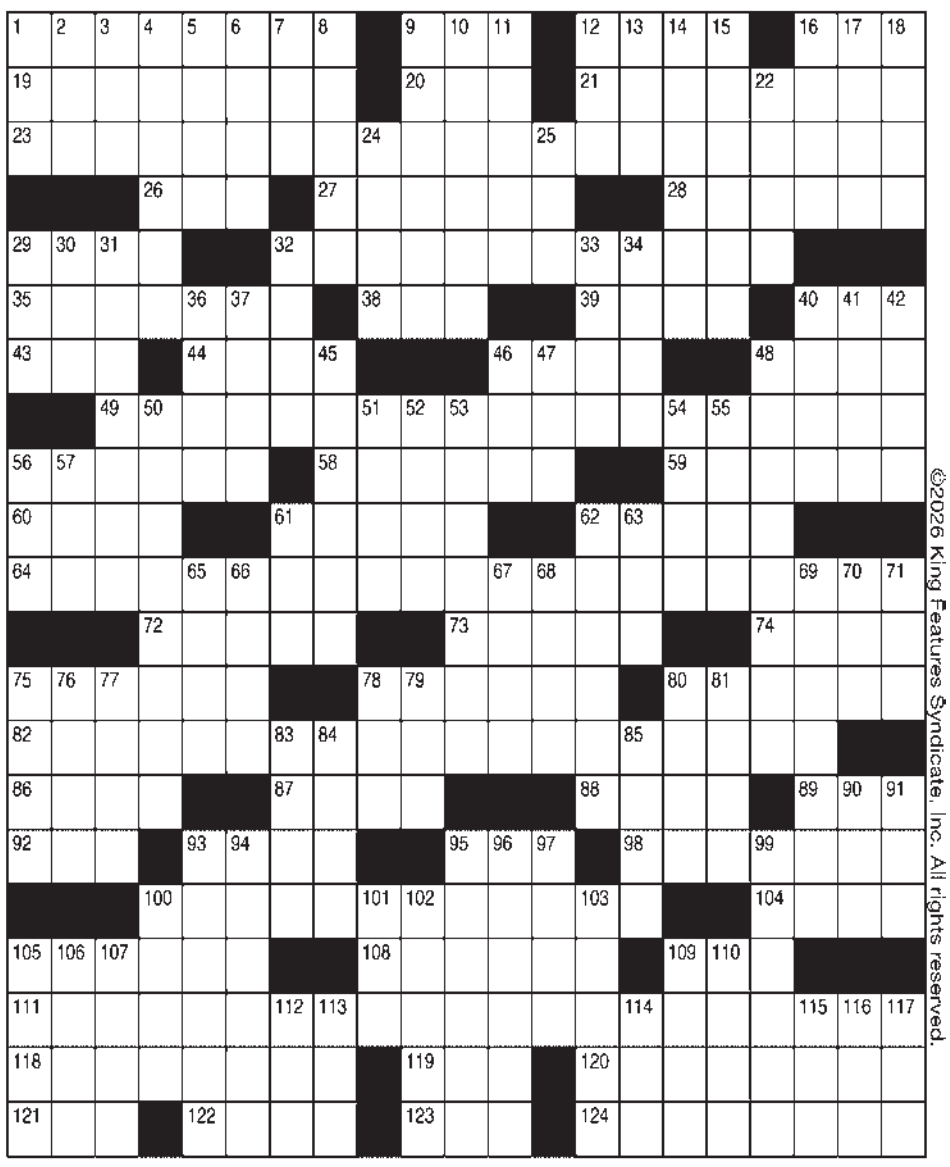
BEINGS AMONG THE BLOOMS

ACROSS

1 "The Breakfast Club" bunch
9 Successors of LPs
12 Chores, e.g.
16 Thurman of "Burnt"
19 Not too hard to construct
20 Oval portion
21 Sea east of Italy
23 Start of a riddle
26 Singer Yoko
27 Neighbor of an Ethiopian
28 Instrument with over 30 strings
29 Madeline of "High Anxiety"
32 Riddle, part 2
35 Hard to find
38 Even one
39 Feels poorly
40 Show — (films, plays, TV, etc.)
43 "Assuredly!"
44 Emulate a supermodel
46 Bull's-eye hitter
48 Do a fall yard chore
49 Riddle, part 3
56 Deceive
58 Most liberated
59 Puts in the crosshairs
60 Yuletide
61 Huge meal
62 Louvre Pyramid architect
64 Riddle, part 4
72 Raise, as a flag
73 Earthen cooking pots
74 Soul singer India
75 Cincinnati citizen, say
78 Less certain
80 Be nippy with, as a pup
82 Riddle, part 5
86 Omit
87 Page for think pieces
88 Post-shower powder
89 Bride's vow
92 Ares, to Zeus
93 "I" problems
95 Gun, slangily
98 Largest city in Scotland
100 End of the riddle
104 In the past
105 British noble, in brief
108 "Mrs." with an infamous cow
109 "She's the one"
111 Riddle's answer
118 Result of a shaving slip
119 Tucson-to-Tulsa dir.
120 Delights in the flattery, maybe
121 Styled like
122 Late-night host Meyers
123 Garnet, e.g.
124 Zooms past

DOWN

1 Sporty German auto
2 "Yay team!"
3 Alias lead-in
4 Wyoming range
5 Place in hock
6 "Peek- —!"
7 "McQ" actor Gulager
8 "That '70s Show" character Michael
9 Guy driving a taxi
10 Given to reverie
11 La — (Italian opera house)
12 Tip container
13 Lofty verse
14 Pelé's nation
15 Peaceful protests
16 Provo's state
17 Performer acting silently
18 Big PC brand
22 Poker cost
24 Nick Jr.'s "explorer"
25 Band booking
29 Door opener
30 Hoppy drink
31 Shook a leg
32 Admit to it, with "up"
33 Seniors' org.
34 Tubular pasta
36 Tablet since 2010
37 Use a ballot
40 Saloons
41 Giant in retail furniture
42 Liveliness
45 Consequence
46 Two, in Chile
47 Toward a boat's stern
48 Think deeply
50 It's spun by hip gyration
51 River to the Caspian
52 — majesty (treason)
53 Allows to go with no punishment
54 Accessory for Superman
55 Stadium level
56 Genetic helix
57 Near-eternity
61 Hi- — (some stereos)
62 Trapped by habit
63 Show hosts, in brief
65 Tiger sound
66 Funny Fey
67 Roman 152
68 Cassini of fashion
69 Quitter's statement
70 Vardalos of the screen
71 Catch on to
75 Bettors' calculations
76 Savior
77 Clicked-on symbol
78 "— done it!"
79 Gave grub to
80 Banknote
81 Peruvian ancient
83 Jack or hammer, e.g.
84 — facto
85 — to riches
90 ICU worker
91 Be indebted
93 Sets foot in
94 Pressure felt by a jet pilot
95 "Bonanza" star Lorne
96 Degraded
97 Actress Garr
99 Morally degraded
100 Colon's meaning in an analogy
101 Vie for the affection of
102 Bull on a bottle of glue
103 Fractions of newtons
105 "— -Ca-Dabra" (1974 song)
106 Not fictional
107 Chichén — (Mexican ruins)
109 Abhor
110 Irish Gaelic language
112 Stomach
113 Utmost
114 Hiatus
115 ALF et al.
116 Pencil remnant, e.g.
117 CIA type

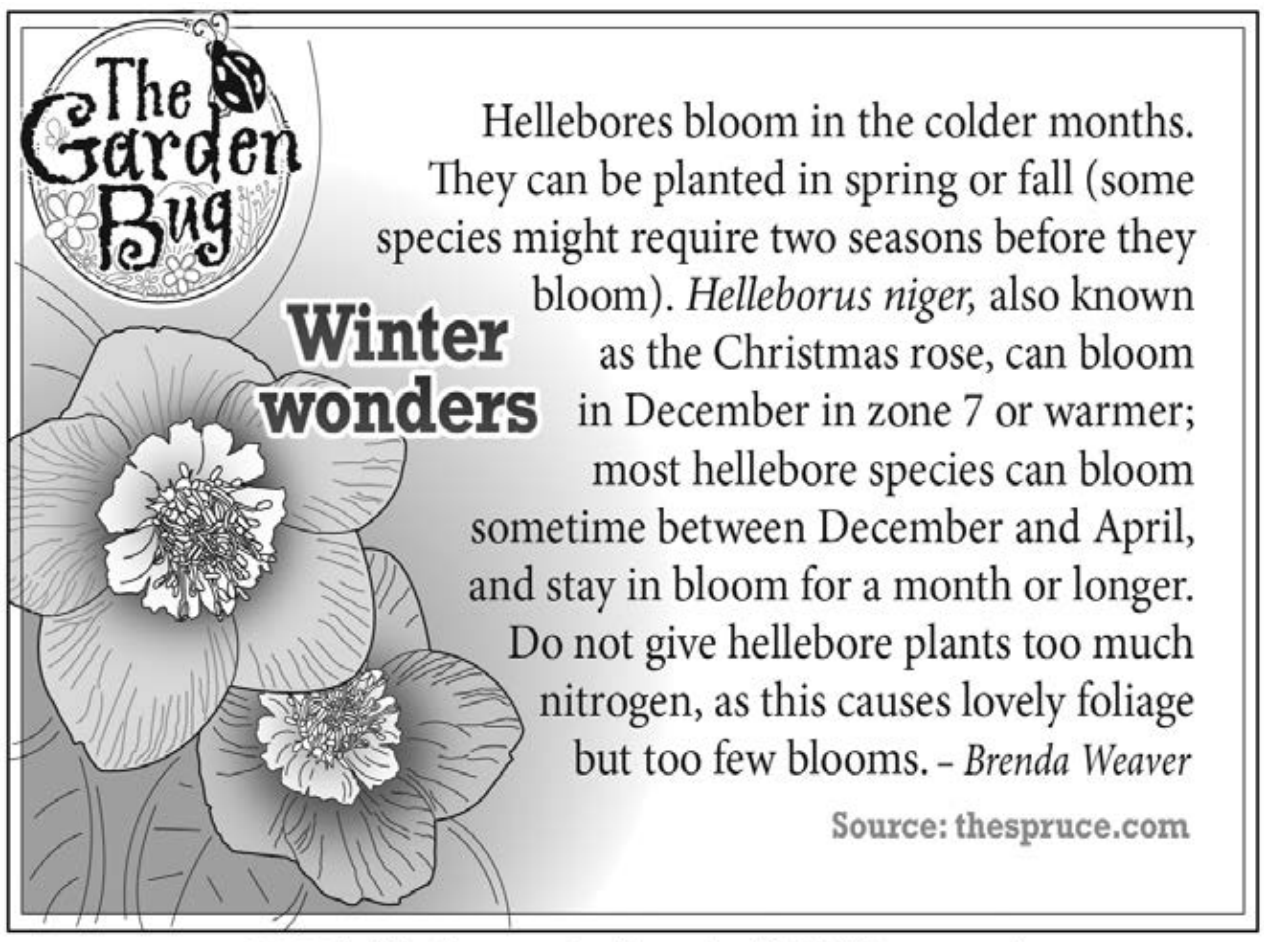


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Inside Taft volleyball's winning season

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The 2026 Tigers netted their second straight winning season! (Courtesy photo from OSAA)

For the second consecutive season, the Taft volleyball team finished with a winning record, and in a season where they jumped up to the 4A level, there were plenty of shining moments.

After 2025 saw the Tigers finish 16-10 in the 3A PacWest Conference, they secured another winning season in 2026, despite jumping into one of the toughest 4A leagues. The Oregon West featured three teams in the top 10, and though Taft couldn't grab a playoff spot, they still finished the season as the #13 team in OSAA's 4A rankings.

Head Coach Boone Marker took over the program in 2024, and this fall marked another step as the Tigers showed they can contend whenever they step on the court.

"It's taken a long time for Taft to find the winning column, but we have had back-to-back winning seasons, and I can't wait for next year," Marker said. "The dedication this team had throughout the season showed a lot of heart and determination to compete."

Taft finished the season with a 13-10 overall record, and though they went 3-7 in league play, they battled all year, putting up a fight against even the hardest conference foes. Against the top two finishers in the league, Stayton and Central, they forced five-set matches, announcing their arrival at the 4A level in style.

At tournaments throughout the fall, they racked up win after win, building confidence along the way. Looking back on the season, Marker said the big moments that stood out to him included "starting off the season strong with four-5 set games, and winning our brackets at the Sisters and Seaside tournaments."

Some of the players who helped lead the charge for the Tigers were the program's seniors. For Marker, he's watched them develop for years, and now that their time in the squad is coming to an end, it's a unique feeling to see them take the next steps.

"I've watched them all grow up through their volleyball career," Marker said. "For Katelyn Hatton and Layla Jones, watching them play volleyball for the first time as third graders to their last game as seniors is a special moment in my coaching career, and it's an incredible joy to have been a part of their journey, and hard to see them move on."

Looking ahead to next year, there's plenty to be excited about. While the Tigers will undoubtedly miss the players who have been so key to the program over the past few seasons, the younger faces in the program have plenty of ability to fill the gaps.

"It's always hard to lose your seniors, especially after a great year of volleyball. Luckily, we have a great group of underclassmen who played on varsity (some as freshmen) who will help fill the roles of our graduating seniors," Marker said. "I know we have a competitive group for the 2027 season, and I look forward to another challenging year in the Oregon West."

Throughout the fall, Marker saw steady improvement across the team. The Tigers made great strides, adjusting on the fly and developing as hitters and defenders. Despite their success on the court, Marker is most proud of how the team is off the court.

"They have an incredible bond with each other," Marker said.

As he already looks forward to next season, he's been reflecting on the lessons he learned from the fall. Each team and season provides new insight into the game and coaching role, and Marker discussed the lessons from the season he'll apply in future years.

"Trusting your instincts in a match, mixing up practice plans, and keeping things light and fun are always important. Each year I see how we can do it better next season and make a note of it," Marker said.

He also credited his "amazing assistant coaches" for helping improve the program, saying that "without the daily support from Felicia Lambie, Heather Hatton, and Vivian Light, we would not be as successful."

In addition to their team success this season, the Tigers' success was reflected in individual awards on the Oregon West All-League teams. Taft's six recipients were:

- Senior Layla Jones, 2nd Team, Libero
- Junior Aida Lupo, 2nd Team, Middle Blocker
- Senior Katelyn Hatton, Honorable Mention, Setter
- Senior Olivia Davis, Honorable Mention, Middle Blocker
- Junior Ari Hunter, Honorable Mention, Outside Hitter
- Sophomore Brei Hunter, Honorable Mention, Outside Hitter

Marker was impressed with each of these players this year, and was glad to see them recognized by coaches from around the league.

"These players were dynamic throughout the year and were true leaders on our team. They led in multiple stat categories for Taft, earning them their special recognition," Marker said.

Though the season is over, it was another one for the books, as Taft finished above .500 despite being thrown into the 4A deep end. Marker and his team will keep building in the offseason and see where the road takes them.

Newport volleyball players receive honors

WILL LOHRE
Lincoln County Leader



Newport's Briahna Kirchner has earned all-league and all-state recognition. (Courtesy photo from the Newport High School Athletics Facebook page)

After a sensational senior season for the Cubs, Newport's Briahna Kirchner has earned all-league and all-state recognition. In addition to Kirchner, another player earned all-league honors. Senior Mysti Ferguson also capped her career with individual accolades, as she was named an Honorable Mention for the Oregon West Conference.

A four-year varsity player, Kirchner has been a big part of Newport volleyball during her time with the program. As the team's setter, she was a key cog in keeping play alive and driving the team's offense.

Thanks to her play this season, Kirchner earned recognition from coaches not just in the Oregon West Conference, but statewide. After being voted a First-Team All-League awardee for the Oregon West, she earned a spot as a 4A Girls Volleyball All-State Honorable Mention, putting her in elite company as one of the state's top 30 players in her division.

Similar to the All-League awards, All-State honors are decided by coaches voting. In the case of All-State, coaches from around Oregon receive a ballot of nominations after the All-League awards have been decided, from which to choose. It's one of the highest distinctions that can be attained for student athletes in Oregon.

The Cubs finished 5-13 overall and 2-8 in the Oregon West this season. Though the Cubs ended the season with a tough run of results, one highlight of the back half of the season was a five-set thriller against Taft High School on the road. After a long stretch without a win, the Cubs nabbed their second league win of the season in style against the Tigers.

Any season has its ups and downs, but with the season in the books, Newport can celebrate two players recognized for their hard work on the court and in the locker room.

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