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Newport Seafood & Wine Festival



It may have been a blustery, wet weekend on the coast, but the 48th annual Newport Seafood & Wine Festival was as lively as ever. The annual event, which was took place last Thursday through Sunday, featured seafood vendors, Northwest wineries and crafters — all under a tented venue adjacent to the Rogue Brewery in South Beach. (Photos by Steve Card)



A ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the completion of the new docks at the Depoe Bay Harbor will be held at 11 a.m. this Saturday, March 1. (Photo by Steve Card)

Celebrating Depoe Bay's new docks

Steve Card
Lincoln County Leader

Depoe Bay has completed a \$4.3 million project to construct new docks in its harbor, and to celebrate, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held this Saturday, March 1, at 11 a.m. State Rep. David Gomberg and State Sen. Dick Anderson, who were both instrumental in helping to secure funding for the project, plan to join the community celebration.

Depoe Bay Mayor Kathy Short said they first began talking about replacing the docks back in 2015. The 76-year-old wooden docks

were becoming more and more dangerous.

"We identified clear back then that our docks were failing, so we had a schematic drawn up about what new docks would look like," she said. "We're a city without a tax base, so we depend on grants. We'd been looking for grants for all these years."

And then when the COVID pandemic hit and the federal government began distributing funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), "Rep. Gomberg called me up one day and said, 'Have I got a deal for you.' I just couldn't

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School board approves \$73 million bond measure

Jeremy C. Ruark
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The Lincoln County School District Board of Directors has voted unanimously to place a \$73 million bond measure on the May 20 ballot.

As a renewal, the 15-year bond, if approved by voters, would replace the current bond, which expires next year, without increasing the current tax rate, according to a media release from the school board.

The release describes the bond project, which includes:

- Facility Improvements: Half of the bond (\$36.5 million) would fund upgrades, repairs, and maintenance across all district buildings, focusing on improved learning spaces, increased security and accessibility, and modernized plumbing, air systems, and technology.
- Performing Arts Spaces: A key component includes the addition of 300-seat performance auditoriums at Waldport, Newport, and Toledo high schools, estimated at \$10 million each. These spaces would enhance student artistic opportunities while providing community performance venues.

"I am pleased the board approved this facilities replacement bond for the May ballot," LCSD Board Chair Peter Vince said. "This bond will support Career and Technical Education, address critical repairs in our aging buildings, enhance school safety, and extend facility lifespans for decades to come — all

while maintaining the current tax rate for our community."

In a published interview with the Lincoln County Leader in November of last year, Vince said the need list is long.

"We've got facility reviews, and we've heard from principals and community members about what they wanted," he said. "Every school needs something. Every school deserves something."

Vince said there is a high level of concern for developing privacy beyond what has been the norm, and improving the instructional spaces, "so that they are more flexible for anticipating instructional methodologies that are to be coming," he said. Technology is going to be a big part of that, and how that can be incorporated into the physical structure of the buildings. There is a need for performing spaces, such as music, theater, and video production, he said.

In the November interview, Vince also said over the next 10 years, schools will change significantly.

"The changes will come to adapt to new technology and new ways of teaching," he said. "Artificial intelligence will be a big driver in those changes."

The renewal bond measure is designed to maintain the current tax rate of 65 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Property owners with an assessed value of \$300,000 would continue to

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Walter Chuck (center) has been selected as the new county commissioner to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Kaety Jacobson. He is pictured with commissioners Casey Miller and Clair Hall. (Photo by Steve Card)

Walter Chuck is new county commissioner

Steve Card
Lincoln County Leader

Walter Chuck has been selected to become the newest Lincoln County Commissioner, and it is expected he will begin his new role in mid-March.

Chuck was one of three finalists who were interviewed on Feb. 12. The other two were Ryan Parker and Catherine Rigby. Those three had been gleaned from an original list of 26 applicants along with a fourth finalist, John Heath, who declined to move forward with interviews, citing health concerns.

At a meeting on Feb. 19, commissioners Casey Miller and Claire Hall were in agreement that Chuck should become the next commissioner, filling the

vacancy left by the resignation of Commissioner Kaety Jacobson.

Prior to a formal vote, Hall said, "We had 26 applicants, and I really believe they reflected the depth and breadth of our communities — such a rich variety of educational and professional experiences, and passion for service to the community."

"The three finalists are all outstanding choices," added Hall. "I feel like I could serve alongside any of them. These are all people who understand issues facing Lincoln County, and they understand the basic way in which local government operates."

Hall described her thought process in making the decision. "It was a very difficult choice. I considered many things. I

reflected on what voters might have been looking for when the twice elected Kaety Jacobson. Kaety brought a lot of strengths to this job, including strong working relationships with two of the four major segments of the economy — commercial fishing and ocean science. They, along with tourism and timber, are the foundations of our economy.

"As port commissioner, Walter Chuck has worked to maintain and improve our fleet's access to the necessary infrastructure," continued Hall. "Through his role on the Ocean Policy Advisory Council, and other bodies, he has been a strong voice for coastal and Lincoln County interests in shaping decisions that have a direct impact on our

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Showers
Sunday: High-50/Low-41
AM Showers
Monday: High-51/Low-41
Overcast
Tuesday: High-50/Low-42
PM Showers

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
February 18	0.20.....	45.9	50.7
February 19	0.51.....	45.9	51.0
February 20	0.03.....	55.4	30.22
February 21	0.27.....	57.0	30.06
February 22	1.23.....	49.1	54.1
February 23	1.36.....	50.5	54.3
February 24	0.62.....	49.0	56.6

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Low	4:32 a.m.....	3.1
High.....	10:30 a.m.....	9.2
Low	5:23 p.m.....	0.9
High.....	11:59 p.m.....	7.6

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Low	5:19 a.m.....	2.4
High.....	11:19 a.m.....	9.3
Low	5:59 p.m.....	0.9

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

High.....	12:28 a.m.....	8.2
Low	6:06 a.m.....	1.7
High.....	12:08 p.m.....	9.2
Low	6:34 p.m.....	0.7

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

High.....	1:00 a.m.....	8.7
Low	6:54 a.m.....	1.0
High.....	12:59 p.m.....	8.8
Low	7:10 p.m.....	0.0

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

High.....	1:32 a.m.....	9.2
Low	7:43 a.m.....	0.4
High.....	1:52 p.m.....	8.2
Low	7:47 p.m.....	0.8

MONDAY, MARCH 3

High.....	2:08 a.m.....	9.4
Low	8:36 a.m.....	0.1
High.....	2:50 p.m.....	7.4
Low	8:25 p.m.....	1.7

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

High.....	2:47 a.m.....	9.5
Low	9:32 a.m.....	0.0
High.....	3:55 p.m.....	6.7
Low	9:08 p.m.....	2.6

Sunrise/Sunset

February 26	6:58 a.m.....	6:00 p.m.
February 27	6:56 a.m.....	6:01 p.m.
February 28	6:54 a.m.....	6:03 p.m.
March 1	6:52 a.m.....	6:04 p.m.
March 2	6:51 a.m.....	6:05 p.m.
March 3	6:49 a.m.....	6:07 p.m.
March 4	6:47 a.m.....	6:08 p.m.
March 5	6:45 a.m.....	6:09 p.m.
March 6	6:43 a.m.....	6:10 p.m.

Lottery

Friday, February 21

Mega Millions

1 • 13 • 28 • 37 • 46 • PB-10 • x2

Saturday, February 22

Powerball

7 • 18 • 22 • 50 • 65 • PB-15 • x2

Saturday, February 22

Megabucks

12 • 18 • 24 • 25 • 44 • 45

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First income tax refunds issued by state

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The Oregon Department of Revenue has begun distributing refunds for the 2024 tax year. Through Feb. 17, the department has processed more than 400,000 tax returns. The first refunds of the year were issued Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Each year, the department employs a refund hold period as part of the agency’s fraud prevention efforts. The hold period has been completed and most taxpayers can expect to receive their refunds within two weeks of the date their return is filed. Some returns, however, require additional review and can take up to 20 weeks before a refund is issued, according to a release from

the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Taxpayers can check the status of their refund by using the department’s Where’s My Refund? tool. The Department of Revenue recommends that taxpayers wait one week after they have electronically filed their return to use the Where’s My Refund tool (<https://tinyurl.com/5chhnzxf>).

The Where’s My Refund? tool has been updated for 2025, providing more information about the status of their return to taxpayers who are signed into their Revenue Online account. Taxpayers who don’t already have a Revenue Online account can create one by following the Revenue Online link on the department’s website. Taxpayers who don’t have

a Revenue Online account can still use the Where’s My Refund? tool but won’t be able to see the updated features, according to the release.

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

The department also offers a list of do’s and don’ts for filing to help with efficient processing and avoid unnecessary delays.

• Do file electronically and request direct deposit. On average, taxpayers who e-file their returns and request their refund via direct deposit receive their refund two weeks sooner than those who file paper returns and request paper refund checks.

• Don’t send a duplicate paper return. Taxpayers should file just once unless they need to make a change to their return. Sending a duplicate return will slow processing and delay your refund.

• Do make sure you have all tax records before filing. Having all necessary records is essential to filing a complete and accurate tax return and avoiding errors.

• Don’t get in a hurry and fail to report all your income. If income reported on a return doesn’t match the income reported by employers, the return, and any corresponding refund, will be delayed. If taxpayers receive more or corrected tax records after filing a return, they should file an amended return to report any changes.

• Do make sure you have a Revenue Online account. Before beginning the filing process, taxpayers should make sure their information is current in Revenue Online, the state’s internet tax portal. Those who don’t have a Revenue Online account can sign up on the agency’s website.

To get tax forms, check the status of a refund, or make payments, visit the Oregon Department of Revenue website or email questions.dor@dor.oregon.gov.

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

Motorcyclist arrested after hitting pedestrian

Officers from the Lincoln City Police Department responded to multiple calls regarding a motorcycle versus pedestrian crash in the north 1700 block of Highway 101 at around 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

The dispatch center coordinated with multiple agencies, including

North Lincoln Fire and Rescue and Pacific West Ambulance to care for the victim.

During the investigation, officers learned that the motorcycle was being ridden south on Highway 101 in a marked construction zone, exceeding the 30 mph limit. The motorcycle hit a 54-year-old female pedestrian

who was crossing in the marked crosswalk, sending the woman around 50 feet from the crosswalk. The juvenile driver, who remained on scene and cooperated with the investigation, was arrested on charges of reckless driving and assault in the third degree. The investigation is ongoing.

The Lincoln City Po-

lice Department regularly enforces crosswalk violations witnessed by officers throughout their patrol shifts. The department also utilizes grant funds from Oregon Impact to conduct multiple, high-visibility pedestrian safety events throughout the year to raise awareness about crosswalk laws, and educate drivers

that pedestrians have the right-of-way at crosswalks and all intersections.

Police remind everyone operating a vehicle to be mindful and attentive to pedestrians potentially crossing roadways, especially when driving through areas with high foot traffic.

Waldport man arrested for alleged stalking and intimidation

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Lincoln County Leader

Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office investigators arrested 46-year-old Israel Bynum, of Waldport, Feb. 19 based on a warrant issued after more than a year of investigation by Deputy Douglas Honse.

Bynum was lodged at the Lincoln County Jail on charges of intimidation in the second degree, stalking, and disorderly conduct in the second degree.



Honse’s investigation established a pattern in Bynum’s actions and

statements that demonstrated a clear connection between his bias against

his victim’s protected classes and his criminal behavior, according to

Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office Patrol Commander Karl Vertner. “In Oregon, intimidation statutes encompass these bias charges, more commonly referred to as hate crimes, in which the offender is motivated by the protected classes of the victims.”

Bynum also was found to be in possession of methamphetamine during his arrest. Recognizing that substance use disorder is a separate but often co-occurring behavior in criminal activities, Bynum was referred to the Lincoln County Deflection Program.

Referrals to the deflection program do not preclude prosecution for crimes committed and are designed to connect people experiencing substance use disorder with qualified, local treatment providers where possible, according to Vertner.

“The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office is committed to protecting the rights of all members of our community, and we encourage anyone experiencing crimes related to protected classes to report through dispatch at 541-265-0777 (non-emergency) or 911 (emergency).”

Man found dead in Depoe Bay Harbor identified

The man whose body was discovered floating in the Depoe Bay Harbor last October has been identified.

On Oct. 20, 2024, the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office, along with personnel from the Depoe Fire District and the United States Coast Guard, responded to a report of a deceased person floating in the harbor. Responders located and removed a male body from the water but could not immediately

determine the person’s identity.

The investigation led the sheriff’s office to a vehicle registered in New Jersey, which had sat abandoned for several weeks at a nearby gas station, and they learned the vehicle was registered to 31-year-old Duncan Grundman. Through open-source internet searches, deputies located next of kin living in Maryland. The family was able to provide

details regarding Grundman’s history, including concerns about mental health issues and previous law enforcement contacts in Colorado.

The Boulder County (Colorado) Sheriff’s Office provided information on a recent incident in which Grundman’s roommates found a concerning note left by him approximately one week before his vehicle was reported as abandoned in Depoe Bay. The note

indicated he might have been intending to harm himself.

The investigation confirmed Grundman’s identity by comparing a pair of prescription glasses to social media photos and analysis of a cellphone located on his person. The cellphone contained photos of his personal identification and vehicle insurance card. Additionally, the Lincoln County Medical Examiner’s Office was able to

match tattoos found on his body to his tattoos in photos on social media. Grundman’s next of kin have been informed of his death.

The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office expressed its condolences to Grundman’s family and encourages anyone experiencing suicidal thoughts to contact the National Suicide Hotline at 988 or dispatch at 541-265-0777 (non-emergency) or 911 (emergency).

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CLARIFICATION

In the Feb. 12 Lincoln County Leader, Marcy Baker was identified as a new Lincoln City City Councilor when in fact she is a returning councilor.

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OCCC approved for bachelor’s degree in nursing

Oregon Coast Community College is pleased to announce that the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) has officially approved the college’s application to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

The decision, made during the HECC’s Feb. 13 meeting, marks a major milestone for OCCC and five other Oregon community colleges participating in the consortium-based program. The new program, however, requires approval by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities prior to launch. OCCC and other colleges in its consortium plan to apply for this approval this month.

In an official letter to OCCC President Marshall Mease Roache, HECC Director Donna Lewelling confirmed the approval, stating: “On February 13, 2025, the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) reviewed and approved the application for a Bachelor Science: Nursing degree at Oregon Coast Community

College. The U.S. Department of Education classification for this program is 51.3801 – Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse.”

The approval follows years of collaborative effort between HECC, the Oregon Community College Association, and the consortium of six participating community colleges: Central Oregon Community College, Chemeketa Community College, Klamath Community College, Linn-Benton Community College, Treasure Valley Community College, and Oregon Coast Community College.

Expanding nursing education in Oregon

This new BSN program is designed specifically for registered nurses who have already earned an Associate of Science in Nursing degree. By allowing these professionals to complete their BSN with just 60 additional credits, the program offers a local, affordable, and flexible pathway to career advancement.

“This approval is a game-changer for our students and our region,” said



Approval for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree to be offered at Oregon Coast Community College was granted Feb. 13 by the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission. (Courtesy photo)

Dr. Crystal Bowman, dean of Nursing & Allied Health at OCCC. “It allows local nurses to continue their education without leaving the community, making it more accessible and affordable while strengthening the health care workforce in Lincoln County and beyond.”

Addressing workforce and equity needs

The BSN program will help meet Oregon’s growing demand for highly trained nurses while addressing key equity and

workforce concerns:

- Advancing careers and earning potential — A BSN opens doors to higher-paying leadership roles, specialized nursing positions, and advanced degree pathways, including nurse education and management.
- Strengthening the nursing pipeline — The program supports the long-term development of nurse educators, which is essential for expanding Oregon’s overall nursing workforce.
- Keeping nurses in rural communities — By allowing students to complete their degree while working, the program helps retain skilled nurses in local hospitals and clinics, reducing healthcare shortages in rural areas.

Next steps and program launch

The HECC approval is a critical step, but final NWCCU accreditation and implementation efforts are

still underway. The BSN program is expected to launch in Fall 2026, with each participating college offering seven seats per year, for a total of 42 students annually across the consortium. The program will primarily be delivered online, allowing working nurses to balance their education with professional and personal commitments.

“We are grateful to HECC for their support and look forward to launching this program,” said OCCC President Roache. “This initiative will expand opportunities for our students while strengthening Oregon’s health care system for years to come.”

For more information about OCCC’s nursing programs and the upcoming BSN opportunity, contact Dr. Crystal Bowman, dean of Nursing & Allied Health at crystal.bowman@oregoncoast.edu.

Oregon sea urchins regulations change

Jeremy C. Ruark
Lincoln County Leader

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission has adopted changes to ODFW regulations for Oregon sea urchins.

The commission heard testimony from staff during its Feb. 14 meeting to consider a set of changes to accommodate public interest in three activities:

- Recreational harvest of purple sea urchins for personal use.
- Commercial harvest of purple sea urchins for the retail seafood market.
- Culling of sea urchins to assist with the conservation of seaweeds and kelp.

The commission voted unanimously to revise the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for the Marine Zone to allow a daily catch limit of 35 purple sea urchins per person per day.

The commission did not approve a proposal to establish 24 new commercial take permits or establish a new commercial purple sea urchin permit system,



New regulations for harvesting Oregon sea urchins were approved this month by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. (Courtesy photo)

voting to maintain status quo. The commission voted to revise regulations to allow the department to issue a letter of authorization for controlled culling of red and purple sea urchins within three priority sites.

“I’m very pleased with the action taken by the Fish

and Wildlife Commission,” ODFW Shellfish Program Leader Steve Rumrill said. “I appreciate their commitment to conservation of Oregon’s valuable marine resources. The particular actions they took today will help ensure conservation of bull kelp.”

College to host legislative town halls

Oregon Coast Community College and the Small Business Development Center will again be hosting legislative town halls, with the first such event of the session taking place this Friday, Feb. 28.

Get caught up on all the goings-on in Salem in this live conversation with Sen. Dick Anderson (R, Lincoln City) and Rep. David Gomborg (D, Otis).

For these monthly ses-

sions, as has been the case over the past decade that OCCC and its SBDC have hosted these events, the elected officials may occasionally attend in person, but generally speaking, committee assignments and work at the Capitol will force them to join via Zoom.

Attend the in-person livestream, and you’ll be able to visit personally

with Anderson and/or Gomborg if and when their schedules allow.

The public is welcome to join in person for a viewing at the Lincoln City OCCC Campus, 3788 SE High School Drive, from 8 to 9 a.m. this Friday. The event is also scheduled to be livestreamed via Zoom: <https://oregoncoast.zoom.us/j/98367095358>.

Lincoln County Democrats meet today

The Lincoln County Democrats will hold their monthly meeting today (Wednesday), at the Lincoln City Community Center, located at 2150 NE Oar Place.

The meeting is from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. People are invited to come and meet the newly elected officers and the leadership team and learn how to get involved. All are welcome.



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Park board takes no action on fragrance-free policy

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Lincoln County Leader

A new Fragrance Policy has been approved and adopted by Lincoln City City Manager Daphnee Legarza for implementation.

According to the policy description in documents before the Lincoln City Parks and Recreation

Board (LCP&R), a fragrance-free environment helps create a safe and healthy workplace.

“As scent-free areas are established, it is expected that these designated areas, offices, and spaces remain free of scented products,” the documents state.

The third and fourth floors at Lincoln City

City Hall, as well as city-owned vehicles designated for staff use and check-out at the public works counter, have been designated as “scent-free areas.”

As noted in the policy, all scent-free areas will have signage posted. Additional areas may be designated from time to time and notice provided.

LCP&R Department

Director Jeannie Sprague said the parks board took no action with the new policy during its Feb. 19 public meeting. “This new policy is currently on hold,” she said. “The city’s human resources department is handling this policy and locations and should have more

information to share on this in the future.”

Youth member recruitment
The LCR&R board also discussed recruitment of youth board members during the Feb. 19 session.

“Our city council has

directed the importance of involving youth in advisory boards as a learning opportunity and as a way to give our youth a voice in recommending projects, tasks, etc., for the Parks and Recreation Board,” Sprague said. “We value our youth and want to hear from them.”

Pro-Ukraine rally held in Newport



A group of area residents turned out during a windy, rainy day on Saturday to join a pro-Ukraine rally held in front of Newport City Hall. Hundreds of similar rallies took place around the country in a show of support on the third anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. (Photo by HW Kateley)

Warning issued concerning ‘pig butchering’ scams

Jeremy C. Ruark
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon residents should avoid responding to an unexpected text or direct message from a stranger, according to the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation (DFR).

The DFR has issued a warning to be wary of such messages because they might be the first step in a relationship investment scam, also known as a romance scam or “pig butchering.”

These scams often involve fraudsters contacting targets seemingly at random, using social media or common communication apps, according to the Oregon Department of Business & Consumer Services.

“The scammer gains the target’s trust, often by starting a romantic relationship or a friendship,” the DFR states in a release. “The scammer then starts to convince the victim to invest in phony investments, including fraudulent cryptocurrency schemes, before falsely claiming the initial investment grew significantly. The scammer then asks for more money and demands payment of fees or taxes if the victim requests to withdraw the funds.”

Even when the victim pays the withdrawal fees, the fraudster does not refund the victim’s money, but rather disappears with the funds without any further communication, the DFR states in the release.

According to the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), there are several warning signs to be aware of involving these types of scams:

- Unexpected contact: Never respond to unsolicited messages from unknown contacts, even about seemingly benign topics, especially through text message or on encrypted messaging applications like WhatsApp or Telegram.
- Refusal to participate in video chats: If someone you have been messaging declines to interact face-

to-face, they likely are not the person from the profile photo.

- Request for financial information: Don’t share any personal financial information with anyone you have never met in person. If a new virtual friend or romantic connection starts making financial inquiries, put the brakes on the relationship.
- Invitation to invest in specific financial products: Be wary of any unsolicited investment advice or tips, particularly from someone you have spoken to only online, even if they suggest you trade through your own account. Always question what a source has to gain from sharing tips with you and whether the transaction fits with your financial goals and investment strategy.
- Unknown or confusing investment opportunity: Carefully evaluate the product, as well as the person or company requesting your investment. Along with a basic search, try adding words such as “scam” or “fraud” to see what results come up. Consider running recommendations by a third party or an investment professional who has no stake in the investment and use FINRA BrokerCheck to see if the promoter is a registered investment professional.
- Unfamiliar trading platforms: Do extensive research before moving any money, particularly in an emerging market such as cryptocurrency, which has hundreds of exchanges and new avenues for trading that continue to evolve. Who controls the platform? What security measures are in place? How can you withdraw funds if needed? If you don’t know the answers to those questions, do not put your assets there.
- Exaggerated claims and elevated emotions: Take a closer look at any investment that offers much higher than average returns or is touted as “guaranteed.” Fraudsters will also often use their knowledge about you to appeal to your emotions

— for example, “Don’t you want to have money to send your kids to college?”

- Sense of urgency about an upcoming news announcement or share price increase: Remember that insider trading is illegal. You should never trade in shares of a company on the basis of material, nonpublic information.

“Romance and crypto scams continue to be the source of significant losses for consumers,” DFR administrator TK Keen said. “Consumers who receive contacts out of the blue through messaging apps on their phone or other means should be especially suspicious of those trying to entice them into cryptocurrency or any other investments.”

Several states and federal authorities have issued warnings about this type of fraud.

By the numbers
In 2023, investment fraud caused the highest losses of any scam reported by the public to the FBI’s Internet Crimes Complaint Center (IC3), totaling \$4.57 billion, a 38 percent increase from 2022. Frauds involving cryptocurrency, including relationship investment scams, increased from \$2.57 million in 2022 to \$3.96 billion in 2023, a 53 percent rise.

Resources
DFR accepts consumer complaints relating to investment fraud and will forward other scam complaints to the appropriate law enforcement authorities. Consumers should also report scams to the FBI’s IC3 at www.ic3.gov. Learn more about relationship investment scams and how to outsmart scammers by visiting DFR’s website.

Anyone who thinks they may have been a victim of a relationship investment scam can fill out an online complaint form or contact DFR’s consumer advocates at 1-888-877-4894 (toll-free) or email dfi.financialserviceshelp@dcbs.oregon.gov.



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Surfers from the early days of the sport didn't have the advantage of protection from the cold waters of the Pacific that is offered by today's modern wetsuits. This photo was taken at Newport's Agate Beach in the early 1900s. (Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Historical Society, oregoncoasthistory.org and www.facebook.com/pacificmaritimeweb)

LAW ENFORCEMENT TIP OF THE WEEK

Natural Gas Safety

Natural gas is often used in commercial and residential settings. Some uses include heating homes or powering appliances such as stoves and grills. In some areas, natural gas is piped directly into homes similar to water and electricity. Some households also use generators or other natural gas-powered appliances during power outages or emergencies. As with any plumbing system, leaks can happen but there are some ways to keep you safer if you use natural gas at home or at work.

In its original state, natural gas is odorless, colorless, and extremely flammable. Gas companies add a chemical called mercaptan, or methanethiol, to make natural gas smell like rotten eggs. If it smelled like fresh baked cookies, that gas leak may not alert you to the problem, but instead leave you looking for dessert when you should be evacuating the building. Natural gas can displace the air in a confined space which can cause headaches, nausea, carbon monoxide poisoning, and/or suffocation.

If you hear or smell a natural gas leak, there are some steps you should take:

- Do not use your cellphone, landline telephone, or other

- electronic devices.
- Do not light matches, use lighters, or generate any sparks.
- Do not use any electrical switches, even turning the lights off could create a spark inside the switch.



Sheriff Adam Shanks

- Evacuate everyone from the area.
- Call 911 from a phone in another area or building away from the leak.
- Contact your natural gas provider.

If you smell natural gas or hear the hissing sound of a gas leak, it's always safest to leave the area immediately and contact your gas company. After a natural disaster, such as an earthquake, it could be several days or longer before they are able to reach your home. Do not turn off your natural gas unless you smell gas, hear the sound of gas escaping, or see other signs of a leak. Only turn it off if it is safe to do so.

Always have an emergency plan, evacuation meeting point, and ensure all household members know what to do if there is a gas leak. Check with your natural gas service provider to see if they have additional safety information and resources.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'WHERE ARE OUR LEADERS'

Overheard the other day was the question "Where are our leaders?," referring to Harris, Biden, the Obamas, the Clintons, the Bushs and third party candidates. All have been silent since the last election.

A total of 50.2 percent of those who turned out and voted in November are seeking direction, a positive plan for our futures and someone to lead us.

Conservatives, liberals, independents, third party folks, as well as a large number of disaffected voters who simply did not turn out last year, are seeking the answer.

Micheal Hart
Toledo

DEAR 'WE THE PEOPLE'

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to bail rich people out of their few remaining tax obligations, and by doing so lose our longstanding and hard won human services — threadbare as they are — "We the People" must re-evaluate our own support of government.

I encourage everyone to examine tax abatement options through the city of Newport, Lincoln County, and the state of Oregon.

For those without heirs, the state of Oregon will waive your property tax and collect the offset upon your death. This allows you to stay in your

home when privatized Medicare becomes much more expensive or when you're living expenses qualify you for need-based Medicaid insurance assistance. But hurry, Medicaid will soon cease to be fully funded as Congress grants Elon and his pals their continuing tax relief.

For veteran families or surviving spouses, a property tax abatement is available through the county assessor. Fill out a Disabled Veteran or Surviving Spouse Exemption Claim. Provide the veteran's DD214 and documentation of service-related disability. The Lincoln County Veterans Service Office can help locate this documentation. Call them at 541-265-0570. Surviving spouses must bring a death certificate, marriage certificate, and document proving ownership of primary residence.

Many of you out there know of other ways to lessen the growing burden of supporting the rich. Put aside any lingering loyalty to strong community and physical patriotism. Follow instead, the tax-avoiding example of your president, Congress and Supreme Court.

Good luck,
Sharon Scarborough
Newport

"BUY NOTHING DAY" ON FRIDAY

Much has been written about de-cluttering, downsizing, up-cycling,

and the ultimate minimalist way of life. For most people, letting go and avoiding shopping is more difficult than they think — that is until they must do it. And now is the time we must do it for democracy.

This Friday, Feb. 28, in protest of the cuts to government employees and services, many of us will participate in a "buy nothing" day. Because ours is a consumer economy rather than a manufacturing economy, this boycott will be a test of our resolve.

The retail economy lives from month to month on slim profit margins, hoping for the big pay-off during the holiday season. A boycott of this kind will show up in weekly reports that most large retailers produce, and then we may see a response to the following questions:

- 1) Will businesses respond to economic pressure and stand up for the constitutional principle that the Congress controls the "power of the purse?"
- 2) Will the stock markets realize that tariffs are intrinsically bad for business?
- 3) Will consumers see a benefit to not shopping and ordering everything that crosses their email and social media platforms?
- 4) Will Congress fulfill their constitutional duty to serve the people of the United States who are asking for reasonable monetary policy?

We can do simple things to take back our power, so on Feb. 28, just say no to buying anything non-essential for 24 hours. It's just one day with a powerful message. Buy local!

Janet McCulloch
Lincoln City

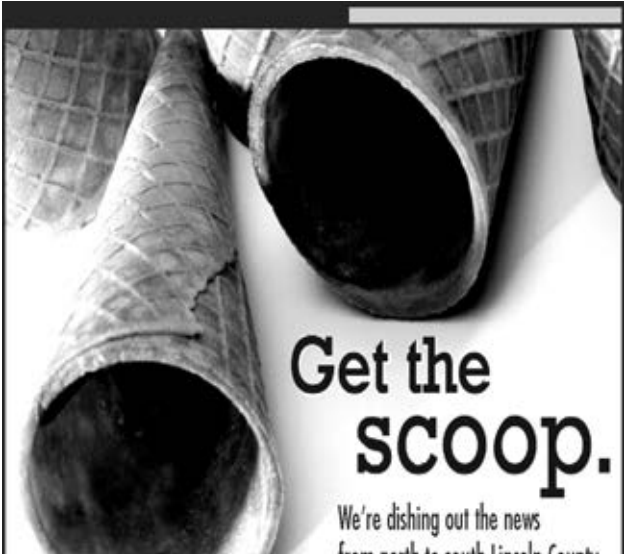
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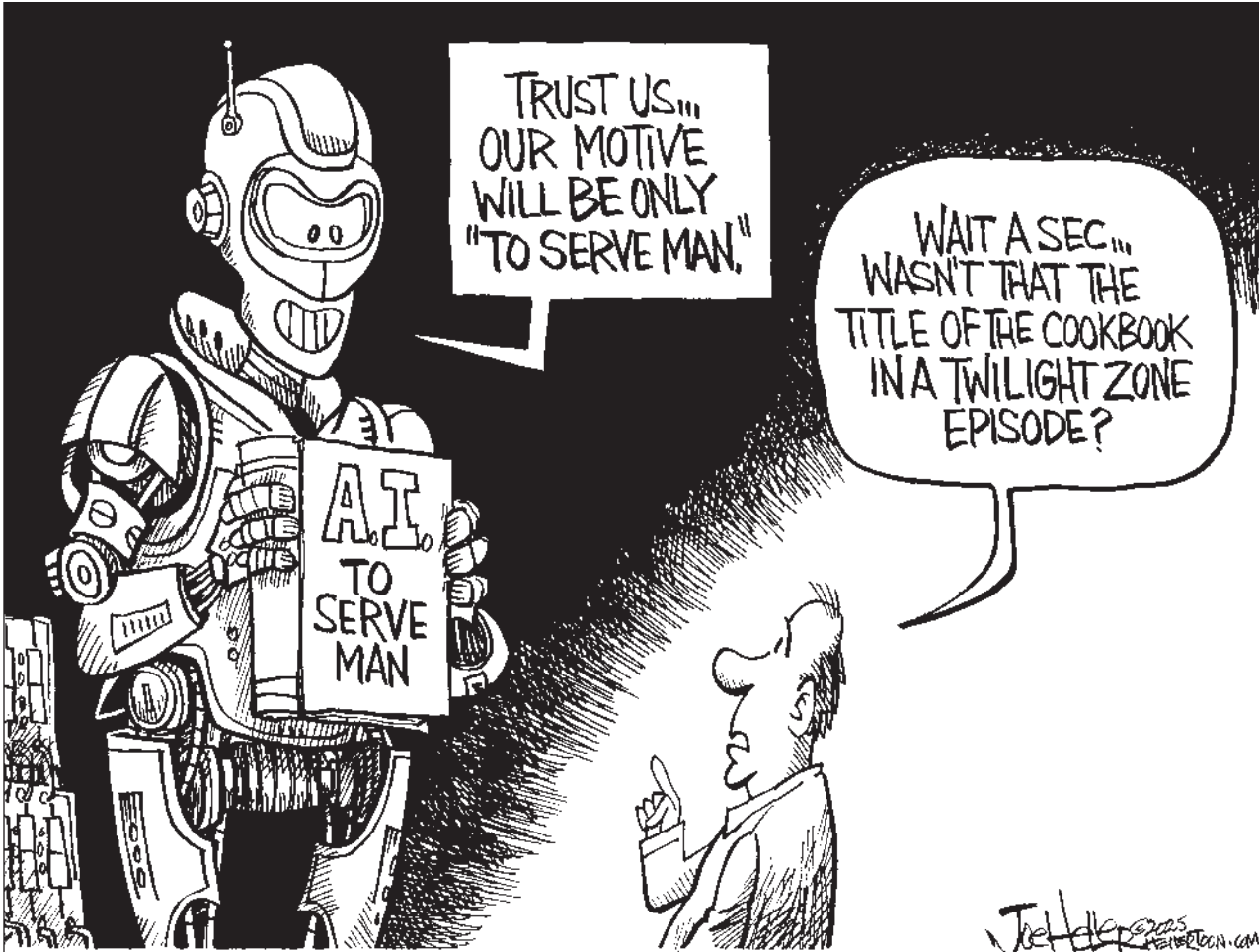
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The Lincoln County Leader will not print statements in letters that contain a personal attack on an individual or attacks on a specific group and will not run letters that promote violence, bigotry and prejudice. Those letters may be edited to remove objectionable content or may not be run at all.

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J. H. HARRIS

OBITUARIES

Elaine Marie Pistoresi

1942 - January 10, 2025

Elaine Marie (Albert) Pistoresi passed January 10th, 2025 in her residence with family. She had reached 100 years+ on this earth and felt it was time for a rest.

Elaine was born in Portland, OR in 1924. She attended Sacred Heart grade school and Immaculate Academy, graduating in 1942. She met her husband to be, Dan Pistoresi, and he was off to war in 1943. They married in 1944 and Dan was back home by 1945. Elaine worked clerical positions until beginning their family in 1952. They raised four children and Elaine cared for her mother for the next 30 years. She always put her many talents to work, whether it be home design, remodeling or interior decorating. She also sold real estate and still found time for needlework, crafts and sewing. Her husband was in the automobile industry so they moved where the business went. Places included Portland, Canada, California, Nevada, back to Portland and then to Anchorage, Alaska. Elaine was a permit specialist with the Alaska State Department of Environmental Conservation for 10 years. She spent 18 months of that time in Valdez, Alaska, during the Exxon oil spill.

Elaine retired in 1996 at 72, moving back to Oregon to be closer to family in Lincoln



City. Her husband, Dan, had a retirement dream to own and operate a restaurant. They opened Mr. P's Ristorante in Depoe Bay in 1996. They worked seven days a week and loved spending time with their employees, people around town and the many customers that came to enjoy their company and the food. Elaine did every job in that restaurant, except cook. That was her husband's gift. After seven years in Depoe Bay they moved their business to Lincoln City. They both re-retired in 2010, both at 86 years old.

Elaine had a genuine love for all. She "listened and heard" and gave everyone she met her unrequited attention and care. She truly was the epitome of "elegance and grace".

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Ruth Albert, husband Dan, brothers Joseph, Frank and Robert, her son Paul and grandson Joseph. She is survived by her children, Michael (Debbie), Danise (Michael) and Larry, grandchildren Jeff (Melissa), Brad and Aurnyn, great grandchildren Kenzie, Kaden, Gianna and Livia, great-great grandchildren Camila and Julianna and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

A service at St. Augustines in Lincoln City will be on Saturday, March 1st at 1:00 p.m.



The old wooden docks at the Depoe Bay Harbor were more than 75 years old and in bad shape. They have now been replaced with four new docks. (Courtesy photo)

Docks

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believe it, that we would actually get the money to get these docks done," Short said. "So we filled out the application, and never in our wildest dreams did we think we would get \$2.79 million, but we did."

With that funding secured, they began moving forward with the project. "We had not done the final engineering drawings, and then on those estimates, it came in at \$4.3 million," said Short. "So I had to go back to the legislature, and then David Gomberg and Dick Anderson stepped up again, and we were able to get the \$1.5 million we needed."

Short said she testified before the state's Ways and Means Committee. "It was like, 'Please consider doing this. It's our livelihood, we're the world's smallest harbor, and we're just desperate.' I think what helped was I sent along pictures of the pilings that were ready to just absolutely fall over. We were in desperate need; otherwise we were going to have to close down these docks."

At the end of last October, equipment was brought to the harbor, and the actual work got underway Nov. 1.

"There is a federal mandate that in-water construction, which is what this is, is only allowed from November to February. So we only had these three months, and thank goodness, the weather has cooperated,"

Short said. "Most of our trailered vessels leave during the winter anyway. It's just our larger charter boats that are used year round."

To accommodate the boats that were still in the harbor, the project was split into sections.

"Dock 1 was done in 2011 when we had the tsunami, so we didn't have to do Dock 1," said Short. "So we were able to keep Docks 1 and 2 in service while they demolished 3 and 4. Then we switched everything over and were able to use one of the completed docks to keep everybody down there." Construction on the new Dock 2 was just recently completed.

All are invited to join Saturday's ribbon-cutting ceremony to help the city of Depoe Bay mark this milestone.

Michael James Nelson

April 26, 1947 - Jan. 14, 2025

Michael "Mike" Nelson passed away on January 14, 2025 in the exemplary care of the Portland VA Medical Center, OR at the age of 77. He was born in Lahaina, HI, son of Michael and Joan Nelson, and raised primarily in Hawaii, his family having lived on most of the islands throughout his youth and into early adulthood. He was a proud graduate of Hawaii Preparatory Academy, class of '65, and attended both Colorado College and University of Hawaii, Manoa where he earned a BBA in Business Management in '72. Between colleges Mike served in the Army National Guard and was deployed to Viet Nam, where he joined the Special Forces, 75th Airborne Rangers at Chu Lai and My Lai (posted at My Lai a year after the infamous massacre). His goal was to survive, which he did. Subsequently he suffered from PTSD but its severity was not recognized until many years later and Mike sadly self-medicated to quiet the demons that returned with him from that experience. It was the internal ravages to his body from his attempts to escape the memories and use of over-the-counter pain relievers combined with alcoholism that caused his disease and failure of body and organs.

Michael was a superb all-around athlete, initially focusing mainly on baseball with a mean south paw pitching arm. He played and taught tennis. Along the way he enjoyed surfing, fishing, hunting and any outdoor activity. He professionally turned his focus to golf and earned membership in the PGA in 1998, Pacific Northwest Section, with



Oregon affiliate membership with OPGA. Golf took him to work at courses in Hawaii, California and Oregon and he participated in tournaments throughout the USA (winning a few and often placing well). Mike settled in South Beach, Oregon in the early 90's. With that as his home base he was associated with courses Kah-Nee-Ta, Olalla, Agate Beach and, most recently, Crestview. While an excellent golfer in his own right, he particularly enjoyed being a golf instructor and his legacy is best viewed in his passion for teaching juniors and anyone else with the desire to learn or improve their game.

Mike will be remembered for his generous nature, 'aloha spirit', smile and twinkling ice-blue eyes. He made friends easily and will be missed by many. He is survived by his sisters Gail Hill and Mary Lou Larsen, and his niece Stephanie Tipton. At Michael's request, no services are planned. Memorial contributions are suggested either to a youth or high school golf program in your locality or through the Pacific North West PGA Foundation (tax ID number 93-0883274). Anyone wishing to make a memorial donation there in Mike's name can send a check to the following address: PNWPGA - ATTN - Rebekah Woods, PO Box 14819, Tumwater, WA 98511. These funds will be designated for junior golf/ player development purposes.

Rest in peace, Mike. Your legacy, laughter and love for the game will continue to inspire us all.

SCHOOL

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pay approximately \$195 annually.

The school district will receive a \$6 million state building grant to supplement the project if the bond is approved by voters.

The school board's bond decision follows a year-long process that included community input,

staff consultation, facility expert assessments, and voter polling. A November survey of 400 likely voters indicated strong support for the measure, according to the media release.

Under Oregon law, voter-approved bonds can fund large-scale projects, including new construction, property purchases, remodeling, major maintenance, equipment, technology upgrades, and classroom improvements, but cannot be used for operating costs or salaries.

LCSD serves students from kindergarten through 12th grade in 11 regular schools, one online school for students in 7th and 8th grade, and three public charter schools, with a total of approximately 600 employees. Budgeted student enrollment for 2024-25 is 4,753, including the charter schools

For more information about the bond measure and proposed projects, visit the Lincoln County School District website at lincoln.k12.or.us/bond

Daniel Alvin Christianson

October 19, 1949 - February 9, 2025

Daniel Alvin Christianson passed away on February 9, 2025 in Otter Rock, Oregon. He was born in Decatur, Illinois on October 19, 1949, the first of Alvin and Vera (Buckley) Christianson's four children. His family moved to Seattle in June of 1955. He grew up enjoying the 10 acres of woods that were located behind his childhood home on Military Road in Seattle, which included a variety of fruit trees, berries, streams and "the canyon" where he and friends hung a tarzan type rope swing to swing across to the other side. It was here that he built a lifetime friendship with the Poalucci Family, enjoyed many adventures with his siblings and cousins, and honed his talent for music. His childhood home was always filled with every genre of music, and at age 9 had already taught his sister, Angela, how to sing harmony. He played the drums, 6 and 12-string guitars, piano, and easily learned any instrument he picked up. He was the leader of the rock'n'roll bands, "The Casuals" and "The Vampires" that he formed in high school, and wrote and recorded several of his own songs. He graduated from Foster High School in Tukwila, WA in 1967, and then attended Seattle Pacific University.

In June of 1969, Dan enlisted in the US



Navy Reserve. In June of 1970-1971 he served aboard the USS Oriskany in Viet Nam. He spent the remainder of his Navy reserve time in California, working in real estate. In 1977 he and his wife, Joyce, and his step-children, Mike and Julie Raley moved to Federal Way, WA where he worked for UPS for 13 years. In 1991, he and Joyce enjoyed visiting the Oregon Coast near Newport so much that they decided to make it their permanent home. Dan started his own real estate appraiser business, Town & Country, and eventually went to work for the Lincoln County Assessor's office as a tax appraiser. He retired from the County in 2016.

Dan is survived by his sister Angela Peters (Tim), sister-in-law Joanne Christianson, sister Janie Kay, stepson Mike, stepdaughter Julie, two step-grandchildren, Ian and Tess, 7 nieces and nephews, 11 grand-nieces/nephews and 2 great-grandnephews, and a great-grandniece.

In addition to Joyce, Dan was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved brother, Dennis Christianson.

There will be a private Celebration of Life in Washington at a future date.

Patricia 'Patti' Benson-Littlehales

Patricia "Patti" Benson-Littlehales, 81, of Newport, Oregon, passed away on Nov. 23, 2024.

She was born on March 9, 1943, to Eric Vernon and Dorothy Benson, and

she grew up in Portland, Oregon.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. on March 9 at the Newport Performing Arts Center, located at 777 W Olive St.

CHUCK

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economy and on our way of life. All of these have persuaded me that Mr. Chuck is the right applicant, for the right position, at the right time."

Miller said he was amazed to have such a large number of interested applicants for the position, and they represented a wide demographic of community members. "As I looked at these three, I found myself leaning, as well, to Walter Chuck," he said. "I think he had that special something that spoke to me."

Miller added that Chuck will be hitting the ground running, "and we'll need to be a team to help bring him up to speed as fast as we can to get boots on the ground and be making the decisions that's required of him. We just had the resignation of the county administrator, our first county administrator, so there's a lot of moving pieces to this organization; we are in flux ... there is a lot to do."

Chuck currently serves as a Port of Newport commissioner in his fourth term and is a water plant operator for Hiland Water Corporation. He said he

will be wrapping up those duties with the plan for his first meeting as county commissioner being on March 19. He will be sworn in as the position 3 commissioner by County Clerk Amy Southwell — the date of that swearing-in has not been set. He'll serve the remainder of former Jacobson's unexpired term, which ends Dec. 31, 2026.

Following last Wednesday's meeting, the Lincoln County Leader spoke with Chuck about his appointment to the county commission.

"I'm looking forward to it and looking forward to the challenge," he said. "We have a lot of things that we need to discuss, the budgetary outlook, the uncertainty of federal funding right now. I think we need to make sure that we're honest with the people of the county and what we're looking for by reaching out to our state and federal representatives about what we can expect, and also seeing what the state of Oregon is going to do."

When asked how prepared he is to take on this new role, Chuck said, "I'm not naïve, there's going to be a steep learning curve. I look forward to the hard work that it's going to take, and I think that the best thing I can do for the first

couple months is just listen and take it all in. And also support the commissioners. I think I have a pretty good record of doing that, and we need to work as a team, especially right now."

The county is a large entity with around 500 employees and a lot of large departments, Chuck said. "They are all important to help provide essential services, and I think the main thing is I would not be doing my job if I wasn't seeing things from my perspective as well as the perspective of the department heads and working with them. Part of my job is to listen and then act on that, go in with an open mind."

Originally from San Francisco, Chuck said he and his wife raised their two children in Lincoln County, where they've lived since 2003. His daughter is a local emergency medical technician, and his son is a Coast Guardsmen currently going through the service's elite surfman program. His wife, Rebecca, is project leader for the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. She was formerly deputy project leader for the Newport-headquartered Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex for almost two decades.



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

25 YEARS AGO (2000)

REWARD OFFERED IN SHOOTINGS

A string of BB gun shootings has led Leo Volmering of Delake Bowl in Lincoln City to offer an undisclosed reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the vandalism.

Early Tuesday morning this week, vandals shot out windows at Delake Bowl and Read’s Homemade Candies.

“The windows I had hit were probably worth \$4,000,” Volmering said.

TRUCE CALLED IN PEDESTRIAN FLAG WAR

Public Works Director Jay Heck stopped short of calling it a victory, but Lincoln City will be allowed to use “pedestrian visibility aids” at North 17th Street and U.S. Highway 101 after all.

A letter from state traffic engineer Ed Fischer this week indicated the Oregon Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration have finally agreed that handheld visibility aids would not violate the Manual on Uniform Controlled Devices as long as they are not rectangular flags or rigid, sign-like devices; they are not red or orange in color; and they are not placed within the highway right of way.

DEPOE BAY ASKS RESIDENTS TO BEGIN CONSERVING WATER

A pipe break at the Depoe Bay water supply has led to a request for water conservation among residents of that community.

“We may as well have people get used to it,” Depoe Bay Mayor Gary Hoagland said. “This isn’t going to go away quickly.”

50 YEARS AGO (1975)

GP LAGOONS BEING RECONSTRUCTED

Reconstruction of the lagoons underway at the Georgia-Pacific paper mill in Toledo is part of a project aimed at meeting stricter new waste discharge standards, which go into effect July 1.

Effluent from the mill goes into these lagoons before it is discharged into the ocean outfall line. GP officials blame this construction project in part for their failure to meet the existing standards in December and January, which led to a \$5,000 civil penalty imposed by the Department of Environmental Quality.

DEAD HORSES, PIG ADDED TO LIST

Two dead horses and another dead pig, belonging to Mike V. Hankins of Tidewater, were discovered Feb. 18, County

Commissioner Jack Postle reports.

These are in addition to the five dead pigs that were discovered Feb. 7 near the Cascade Creek Bridge in the Five Rivers area. They also belonged to Hankins.

Postle says he has learned that pigs can be poisoned by tansy ragwort, as Hankins claimed, but that they will eat the tansy only if they don’t have other food available.

Postle says he has called on the state veterinarian to investigate the matter.

PRESERVATION OF COVERED BRIDGES SOUGHT

Preservation of the remaining six covered bridges in Lincoln County will be the subject of a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27, at the courthouse in Newport.

County commissioners have called the meeting in response to concerns shown by citizens in the Five Rivers area, who want to preserve the Crab Creek Bridge

Other covered bridges in the county are at Drift Creek, near Lincoln City; at Sam’s Creek, between Siletz and Logsdien; on the North Fork of the Yachats River; on the river at Elk City; and on the Yaquina River at Chitwood, just off Highway 20.

Since 1963, five covered bridges have been lost in the county, as new ones were built to replace the old wooden structures. The earliest bridge, that over Drift Creek, was built in 1914 and is one of those still standing.

75 YEARS AGO (1950)

BEAR TO MEET TONY ROSS IN SECOND MATCH

Coming back to the Natatorium in Newport tonight on promoter Newton’s regular Thursday night wrestling card is Gus, the 440-pound bear who made such a hit with a large crowd two weeks ago. Gus will be matched against Tony “the killer” Ross of Salem again.

PHONE STRIKE THREATENING LOCAL SERVICE

Telephone service in Toledo will be affected by the nationwide strike should mediation efforts fail. The strike was called for Wednesday morning, but has been postponed until Feb. 24.

Issues involved in the dispute are wages, hours, vacations, pensions, and training periods.

Federal mediators will work to settle the threatened walk-out before the deadline date, avoiding a strike, which would seriously impede use of telephones.

OIL TRUCK COLLISION WITH TRAIN IS AVOIDED NEAR SILETZ JUNCTION

Ralph Deming is credited with saving his life and the truck he was driving for Lincoln Burner Oil Service this week when he approached the logging railroad on the Siletz Road.

Mr. Deming said he did not hear the train whistle and had no warning that it was close. As he suddenly applied brakes to the truck to avoid colliding with the train, the truck swerved into a ditch at the side of the road and was damaged to some extent.

ROAD BAN ORDERED

All county roads are closed to all trucks, except those used for mail and other essential purposes, until after the frost is out of the ground, according to Jack Paterson, county commissioner.

Drivers of all trucks used for essential purposes on county roads are requested to use extreme care in operating over them, he said.

100 YEARS AGO (1925)

BIDS ARE OPENED FOR ERECTION OF LINCOLN HOSPITAL IN TOLEDO

Bids were opened for the erection of the Lincoln Hospital at a meeting of the board of directors of the association held at the Pacific Spruce office Wednesday evening. Bids ranged from \$21,118 to \$24,540. Several contractors had bids in for the job.

It is expected that work on the structure will start in the immediate future.

LOCAL FARMERS SIGN CONTRACTS TO GROW GARDEN SEED PEAS

What may develop into a new industry for Lincoln County farmers was gotten underway Friday of last week through the efforts of J. L. Thomas, manager of the Farmers Cooperative Warehouse in Toledo. For the past three years, Mr. Thomas has been negotiating with a Portland seed company for the signing of contracts with local farmers for the growing of garden peas for seed purposes, and finally, Mr. Nelson of that company came to the county last week for this purpose.

STATE BANK TO BE ORGANIZED AT NEWPORT

Reports have it that a Mr. Gauntlett and Mr. Humphreys, both of Portland, have plans underway for the organizing of a state bank at Newport.

It is said that the necessary capital has been assured, and that the bank will soon be instituted. Several Newport men are also interested in financing the new institution, according to the reports.

COUNCIL HEARS MORE COMPLAINTS ABOUT LACK OF SEWER SYSTEM

The need of sewers was again placed before the Toledo City Council at its meeting held Monday evening.

Walter Harding was the complaining citizen. He states that conditions near his home are almost unbearable and urged the council to take immediate action to relieve the condition.

MEETINGS

Wednesday, Feb. 26 Toledo City Council: 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.	Monday, March 3 Newport City Council: 4 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular session, council chambers, city hall.	6 p.m., council chamber, city hall. Depoe Bay Urban Renewal Agency: 5 p.m., work session, city hall. Depoe Bay City Council: 6 p.m., city hall.	sioners: 10 a.m., commission meeting room, county courthouse, Newport. For info, go to www.co.lincoln.or.us . Lincoln City Library Board: 3:30 p.m., Driftwood Public Library, 801 SW Highway 101. Toledo City Council: 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.
Friday, Feb. 28 Newport City Center Revitalization Planning Committee: 2 p.m., council chambers, city hall.	Tuesday, March 4 Lincoln City Planning Commission:	Wednesday, March 5 Lincoln County Board of Commis-	

Bill introduced to protect beaches in Oregon, nationwide

Jeremy C. Ruark Lincoln County Leader Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden has introduced bipartisan legislation that would preserve coastal beaches in Oregon and nationwide by providing funding for state, local, and tribal governments to test, monitor, and identify recreational waters that are contaminated. “The Oregon coast offers unmatched opportunities for visitors to make fond memories and for residents of one of America’s most iconic coastlines to live and work in and next to the Pacific Ocean,” Wyden said. “But the ongoing threat of pollution piling up on our coastal beaches every year demands common-sense solutions that help protect this treasure and keep Oregonians healthy. This bill accomplishes those goals by protecting, preserving, and improv-	ing our beaches in every corner of Oregon and America for generations to come.” Wyden said that currently, there’s dedicated federal funding for monitoring and notifying beachgoers of contaminated coastal waters — but there is no money allocated towards identifying contaminated sites. Wyden said the new bill, the BEACH Act, would reauthorize this \$30 million program over the next four years to allocate funding for identifying contaminated beaches and trace the source of the contamination. Wyden’s bill would also expand testing locations to include shallow recreational waters near the beaches, where children and seniors often play and swim, who are more at risk of experiencing health issues from contamination. The legislation is	endorsed by Environment America, Surfrider, the America Shore & Beach Preservation Association, and the Coastal States Organization. “Kudos to Senators Tillis and Wyden for moving to renew the BEACH Act, a critical step forward in safeguarding the health of our communities. This bipartisan legislation will ensure that families know when our waters are safe for swimming and help states pinpoint pollution sources,” Federal Legislative Associate at Environment America Caroline Wagar said. “Everyone deserves access to clean water to swim, surf, and play in. The BEACH Act ensures that people have the information they need to protect themselves and the health of their families when recreating at the beach and in our coastal waterways. The Surfrider Foundation wholeheartedly supports	the reauthorization bill sponsored by Senators Tillis and Wyden,” Surfrider’s Water Quality Initiative Senior Manager Mara Dias said. “ASBPA is proud to support reauthorization of the BEACH Act,” American Shore & Beach Preservation Association Blue Flag Program Coordinator Annie Mercer said. “We applaud Senator Wyden and Senator Tillis for continuing to prioritize this policy which empowers U.S. coastal communities with information needed to elevate water quality at the nation’s beaches and shores.” “For over two decades, the BEACH Act has helped keep swimmers healthy and safe every summer. This reauthorization helps ensure beachgoers will be notified as quickly as possible if water is unsafe to swim in, and gives coastal states and	communities greater flexibility to identify and address sources of contamination,” Coastal States Organization Executive Director Derek Brockbank said. Background The BEACH Act was established in 2000 to require the EPA to develop guidelines for testing, monitoring, and notifying beachgoers of potential water quality problems. In addition, the bill provided state, local, and tribal governments with grant funding needed to protect the public from contaminated water at coastal beaches, giving seniors and families security that swimming will not make them sick. The original BEACH Act’s funds are only eligible for monitoring and notifying the public about contaminated beaches. It does not currently allow local governments to trace	this contamination to its source - which is something this version of the bill addresses directly. Bill summary This new version of the BEACH Act would reauthorize this \$30 million program for the next four years, while also expanding the eligible uses of this grant to include the ability to trace any contamination to its source, so that local governments can respond accordingly. Additionally, the legislation also expands eligible testing locations to include shallow recreational waters adjacent to beaches, where children and elderly people typically play and swim. These populations are more at risk of experiencing health issues from contamination, and this bill will grant them and their families the assurance they need to safely enjoy their beach experience.
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Lincoln County Economic Summit is March 13

The Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County (EDALC) presents the third annual Lincoln County Economic Summit on Thursday, March 13. This informative event will showcase an array of speakers who will provide data, resources and insights into the challenges and opportunities related to the economic prosperity of the region. EDALC is excited to bring this event back to the coastal communities.

“Please join us as we come together for our third Lincoln County Economic Summit,” said EDALC Executive Director Paul Schuytema. “Our goal for this event is to provide an opportunity for our business and community leaders to come together to learn, share and leave with actionable insights to enhance our local economic vitality.”

The summit will provide participants access to valuable regional resources and insights that will help Lincoln County become more resilient and maximize the region’s economic strength. The theme of this year’s economic summit is “New, Blue & Buoyant,” so those attending can expect fresh perspectives, a focus on the Blue Economy and an uplifting atmosphere.

The day’s panels will feature an overview of the growing Blue Economy from regional experts and updates from municipal representatives, as well as engaging perspectives from



“New, Blue & Buoyant” is the theme of this year’s Lincoln County Economic Summit, which will be presented March 13 by the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County. (Courtesy graphic)

local business owners as they share their insights into the local business economy. Additionally, there will be updates on area housing, education, health care and child care.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Marty Alvarado, a passionate advocate for equity

and transformative education, with more than two decades of experience driving impactful change across education and workforce development systems.

The summit will also feature a variety of business resource tables eager to engage and support local businesses and community members. If you are looking to network with individuals across the county, this is the perfect place to be.

The summit will be held at the Spyglass Restaurant at the Inn at Otter Crest, located at 301 Otter Crest Drive, Otter Rock, on Thursday, March 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration for the event, lunch included, is \$45. If you are interested in learning more or registering for this event, visit the Eventbrite page at tinyurl.com/2025LCSummit

The Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County is an independent Oregon 501(c)(6) nonprofit economic development organization. EDALC members work every day to attract, support and grow businesses in Lincoln County to ensure community-wide economic wellbeing and an improved quality of life. EDALC has served Lincoln County for more than 30 years and is governed by a local board of directors. It receives funding from local governmental units, the local business community and grant dollars. Learn more at BusinessLincolnCounty.com

Debunking myths about Oregon’s Transient Lodging Tax

(Information provided by the Oregon Coast Visitors Association)

As the conversation around Oregon’s Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) grows, so do the myths surrounding it. As the regional destination management organization for the Oregon coast, we’re invested in making sure that our communities are healthy and sustainable long term — both for visitors and for locals. TLT plays an important role in the economic landscape that makes this place thrive, so let’s tackle some of the most common misconceptions head-on, with facts about how TLT benefits our communities, local governments, and quality of life.

Myth #1: “TLT money all goes to tourism, leaving local communities short on funds.”

Fact: A significant portion of TLT revenue already supports local government services. While newer lodging taxes follow a 70/30 split favoring tourism, most communities have older, grandfathered TLTs where much of the revenue — like 62 percent in Lincoln City—goes directly into the general fund.

Here are some examples of different TLT splits on the Oregon coast:

- In Coos Bay, North Bend, and in Yachats, 61% goes to the taxing entity, while just 39% goes to tourism.
- In Manzanita, 90% is kept for the general fund with only 10% going to tourism.

Myth #2: “TLTs are a burden pushed onto the public.”

Fact: TLTs are visitor-funded, not resident-funded. In fact, the lodging industry itself proposed the TLT to spur local economies, especially in rural areas. Visitors’ dollars directly support local infrastructure and jobs without adding a burden on community members.

Myth #3: “Tourism dollars don’t stay in our communities.”

Fact: Tourism contributes directly to the Oregon coast

economy. Tourism in Oregon has grown to become a \$14 billion industry and in many communities, particularly in rural parts of the state, tourism is the number one economic driver. For the Oregon coast specifically, tourism brings in nearly \$2.4 billion of new money into the economy that was not there before.

Tourism contributes nearly 26,000 jobs to the coastal economy, employing workers and keeping afloat through seasonal influxes the restaurants, recreation, and cultural opportunities that year-round residents enjoy.

So what is the Transient Lodging Tax (TLT)?

First established in 1976, Oregon’s TLT was designed to promote tourism while strengthening local economies. Visitor-paid TLT revenue helps fund essential tourism infrastructure, such as trails, visitor centers, and arts venues, as well as marketing. Since 2003, newer TLTs follow a 70/30 split, with 70 percent going to tourism and 30 percent to

local government. However, the 70/30 split is not as straightforward as it sounds, and many localities around the state already had established lodging taxes prior to 2003. The allocations for those funds were grandfathered in as they were designated when those taxes were established. All future additions to those taxes must abide by the split.

The bigger picture: how TLTs benefit Oregon

Tourism creates jobs, generates income, and provides property and income taxes that benefit local communities. These revenues support local businesses, including restaurants, lodging, and other tourism-related ventures, which in turn create hundreds of jobs for community members. The taxes generated by these businesses and their employees help fund critical public services and improve the overall quality of life in our communities. When managed wisely, TLT revenues create a balance between tourism’s economic benefits and the sustainability

of our coastal communities. By fueling local services, jobs, and community infrastructure, these resources enhance quality of life for residents while supporting Oregon’s vibrant visitor economy.

How can you get involved in the discussion?

Start by learning about what your own city or municipality is doing with TLT funds. Attend local meetings, reach out to council members, and share your support for responsible tourism funding that strengthens our coastal towns. Your voice can help ensure that TLT revenue continues to benefit residents while enhancing Oregon’s tourism economy. By getting involved, you’re supporting a sustainable future for the Oregon coast—one that keeps our communities thriving and welcoming to both locals and visitors.

Learn more about the Oregon Coast Visitors Association and the services it provides by going online at VisitTheOregonCoast.com

FINANCIAL FREEDOM

The quiet challenge of retirement

Over the years of working with clients, we have found that often their greatest challenge in retirement isn’t financial, it’s mental. In fact, mindset coach George Jerjian asked more than 15,000 retirees over the age of 60, “What is your single biggest challenge in retirement?” He found that finances weren’t even at the top of the list! Respondents shared comments like: “I’m not sure what to do with my time; I feel lost.” “Fear of losing the identity I created over a lifetime.” “Keeping my mind healthy and adding value to the world.”

We envision retirement as the long-awaited reward for years of hard work. Images of leisurely days, travel, and pursuing hobbies often dominate the pre-retirement dream. However, the absence of a structured work

environment, decreased social interaction, and shifts in identity can contribute to stress, anxiety, and even depression. Proactively addressing these potential hurdles can pave the way for a fulfilling retirement.

Loss of Routine

One of the most significant transitions is the loss of a daily routine and the sense of purpose it provides. To overcome this hurdle, retirees often consider establishing new routines that incorporate activities they enjoy, whether it’s volunteering, taking classes, joining clubs, or dedicating time to hobbies. This structure not only fills the day, it also fosters a sense of accomplishment and continued growth.



Julia Carlson

Social Connection

Social connection is another element to consider during the retirement years. Without work, retirees may naturally find themselves with less social interactions. Excellent ways to meet new people with shared interests include joining community groups, taking up a new sport (like pickleball), or volunteering. The sense of belonging and connection that comes from social interaction is a powerful mental health booster.

Financial Concerns

Financial concerns can also weigh heavily on retirees’ minds. Careful financial planning before retirement is essential, but even with the best-laid plans, unexpected expenses can arise. Open

communication with family about financial matters can also alleviate stress and prevent misunderstandings.

Seeking Assistance

It’s important to acknowledge that sometimes, despite our best efforts, feelings of anxiety or depression can persist. There is no shame in seeking professional help. Therapists and retirement coaches can provide valuable support and guidance to help retirees live their best lives.

We want your retirement to be a time of joy and fulfillment. By proactively addressing potential hurdles, you can embrace this new chapter with confidence and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

The Retirement Readiness Checklist includes the information you need to avoid common pitfalls, make informed deci-

sions, and build a clear, actionable plan for retirement. Get your copy here: <https://www.liveinspiredwealth.com/get-retirement-ready>

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Three new exhibits to debut at the VAC



This photograph by Jeremy Burke will be one of the pieces of art included in the annual Member Show exhibit, which opens in the Runyan Gallery at the Newport Visual Arts Center on March 7.



Clearcut Oregon,” an exhibit by artist David Mayfield, will be showing in the Upstairs Gallery at the Newport Visual Arts Center from March 7-30. (Courtesy photos)

The Oregon Coast Council for the Arts is excited to announce three new exhibitions coming to Newport Visual Arts Center galleries in March, kicking off with an opening reception on Friday, March 7. Gallery admission is free to the public.

In the Runyan Gallery, the third annual Member Show (coastarts.org/events/member-show-25) returns, featuring a fresh and eclectic mix of artwork and styles. This special exhibit allows OCCA members of various skill levels to display a work of art on the Runyan’s gallery walls. This year, a theme of “birds and/or spring colors” was suggested.

“The success of our annual Member Show has resulted in the acquisition of two new moving walls in the Runyan Gallery to accommodate the wonderful scale of participation,” said Chasse Davidson, director of the Newport Visual Arts Center. “This exhibit provides the community with a fascinating insight into the artistic efforts that fill the homes and studios of our members. Many artists have gone on to be awarded additional exhibit opportunities at the VAC following their submission into the Member Show.”

Those interested are encouraged to submit a piece of their original artwork for the show. Visit the link above to read all the information, then visit tinyurl.com/membershow-submission to download a submission form. All skill levels are welcome — one need only be an OCCA member to qualify. (Not yet a member? The staff can help you sign up when you drop off your artwork, and

memberships start at just \$2-\$4 per month.)

In the Upstairs Gallery, David Mayfield’s “Clearcut Oregon” runs March 7-30, featuring a series of oil on canvas aerial landscape paintings depicting forest practices on actual places in Western Oregon.

“The Clearcut Oregon series is meant to invoke dialogue about a way of logging that shows no signs of going away,” said Mayfield. “Clearcuts are visually striking and, for the public, polarizing. For this exhibit, I have chosen to show real landscape views where I see striking lines, squares, and other shapes imposed over natural patterns of terrain.” (coastarts.org/events/clearcut)

And in the COVAS Showcase, “Cork Creations” — running March 7 through May 25 — features whimsical, maritime-themed sculptures and assemblages by Conrad Willet. His playful use of wine corks as an artistic medium is a testament to the abundance of unconventional materials and resources waiting to be reimagined. (coastarts.org/events/cork)

An opening reception for these exhibits will take place on Friday, March 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. Barbara Turrill will provide musical entertainment, light refreshments will be served, and admission is free.

Exhibits at the VAC can be viewed most Wednesdays through Sundays, from noon to 4 p.m., at 777 NW Beach Drive in Newport. Note: The galleries will be closed March 5 and 6 for exhibit installation. Galleries reopen March 7 at 5 p.m.



Joseph Fulton will be the guest speaker at the next gathering of the Lincoln County Genealogical Society, which takes place this Saturday morning at the Toledo Public Library. (Courtesy photo)

Discover Kings Valley’s hidden history

Join author Joseph Fulton this Saturday, March 1, at 11 a.m. for a journey into the past with his new book, “Oregon’s Little Eden: A History of Kings Valley Through the Newspapers, 1855-1955.”

Fulton will speak during the monthly meeting of the Lincoln County Genealogical Society, which takes place in the downstairs meeting room at the Toledo Public Library, located at 173 NW Seventh St. This program is free. If you cannot attend in person, email SearchlightLCGS@gmail.com before 4 p.m. on Feb. 28 to request a Zoom link.

Beyond the idyllic image of Kings Valley, Fulton’s research reveals a rich tapestry of life in this “Little Eden,” showcasing both the triumphs and tragedies of its early residents. Through newspaper articles, he brings to light the stories of not just well known families, but also

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‘Forest Through the Trees’ event in Yachats



“Forest Through the Trees” will be presented by the Emerald Curtain Collective this Friday, Feb. 28, at the Yachats Commons. (Courtesy photos)

The Emerald Curtain Collective invites the community to take part in “Forest Through the Trees,” a one-of-a-kind fundraiser and awareness event celebrating the Siuslaw National Forest through the power of art, education, and community action. This free admission event will take place this Friday, Feb. 28, from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Yachats Commons, located at 441 Highway 101 N.

Activities begin with an open house from 4 to 6 p.m., featuring a forest photo booth, mask/art making, interactive puppets, and opportunities to learn from and connect with local artists and environmental advocates.

Dinner is available for \$15, online or at the door. Information and guidance for public commenting on proposed amendments to the Northwest Forest Plan will be available, and participation is encouraged. There will be a silent auction with quality items donated by local artists



Mask/art making will be one of the activities happening at “Forest Through the Trees” this Friday at the Yachats Commons.

and businesses and a book signing by author and activist Carol Van Strum. Live music by local musicians, including Your Song My Song Band, will be played throughout the open house.

The evening continues from 6 to 9 p.m. with an introduc-

tion to the Emerald Curtain Collective, a new community art and activism organization. This will be followed by short films about the Siuslaw and a presentation by Chuck Willer, of Coast Range Association, on

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Training sessions to learn how to become a volunteer osprey nest monitor will be held by the Seven Capes Bird Alliance in Lincoln City and Newport. (Photo by Ruth Shelly)

Become an osprey nest monitor

Seven Capes Bird Alliance welcomes volunteers to learn about becoming an osprey nest monitor in Lincoln County. Trainings are scheduled for:

- Thursday, March 6, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., at Oregon Coast Community College in Lincoln City (3788 SE High School Drive);
- Friday, March 7, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at Oregon Coast Community College in Newport (400 SE College Way).

Every spring, ospreys return to nest in Lincoln County, often meeting up with the same mate and using the same nesting site from previous years. Seven Cape’s Osprey Awareness Initiative pairs volunteers with nest sites to observe the birds’ return, nest building, incubation, and number of chicks. Volunteers enter their observations on a user-friendly phone application or record them on paper. This growing data set helps the Seven Capes Bird Alliance understand the patterns of osprey behavior

and their reproductive success.

Volunteers will find it helpful to have some previous birding experience, personal transportation to the nest site, and availability to enter two to three, 15-minute observations each week. Schedules are flexible, and the nesting/observation season runs from mid-March to mid-September. Substitute observers can be scheduled for volunteers’ occasional travel plans.

Become a nest monitor and learn more about these fascinating raptors by “adopting” a nest and recording the osprey family’s behavior throughout the nesting season. Enjoy the camaraderie of fellow osprey enthusiasts and contribute to a growing data set compiled by fellow citizen scientists.

RSVP at heatherg@sev-encapes.org to reserve your space at one of the trainings, or to arrange a private training if neither date fits your schedule. Seven Capes especially encourages volunteers from

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the everyday individuals whose experiences shaped the community. Discover the real Kings Valley — a place with a complex history, including unexpected events that will resonate with modern readers.

Fulton’s presentation will also offer valuable insights into researching and writing your own family history. Learn how to uncover compelling stories and create lasting records of your heritage.

Note that the Lincoln County Genealogical Society offers a Writers’ and Project Group to support individuals in these endeavors. The online meet-up is on the third Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

A seasoned genealogist since 1978, Fulton has authored five books, including four focused on his own family history. “Oregon’s Little Eden” marks his first exploration beyond his personal genealogy. A Portland native and Oregon State University history graduate, Fulton has lived in Kings Valley since 1985. He is a retired school librarian and currently the head cross-country and track-and-field coach at Philomath High School,

where his coaching success has earned him 14 Oregon Coach of the Year awards.

The Lincoln County Genealogical Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing family history. Before the presentation, join the group for a kaffeeklatsch (social time with hot beverages) at 9:30 a.m., followed by the monthly business meeting at 10 a.m. Whether you’re a seasoned genealogist or simply curious about your family’s history, all are welcome to join the conversation.

People are invited to become members of the Lincoln County Genealogical Society, which is a haven for all family history enthusiasts, regardless of whether their roots trace back to Lincoln County. In fact, most of the members do not have Lincoln County ancestors. The LCGS annual membership fee is \$10, and with it, you gain access to a treasure trove of resources and a vibrant community of fellow researchers.

For more information about events and programs, go online at LCGSOregon.org, or email Searchlightlcs@gmail.com or 503-302-8892. Connect with the group on Facebook for updates and community news.

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the forest’s unique values, risks and ways people can help protect it.

The evening ends with a premier of the interactive “Theatre for the Wild,” and music by local bands Fog Flowers and Spruce Tips.

For meal tickets and the full event lineup, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ytrt-5mw3>

About Emerald Curtain Collective
The Emerald Curtain Collective is a new, community-driven initiative that promotes and protects rural ecosystems through collaborative artistic activism, education, and cultural events. By uniting artists, environmentalists, and community members, ECC fosters a creative platform for sustaining environmental and societal health.

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Newport, Waldport and Yachats to help expand the project’s reach.

About Seven Capes Bird Alliance
Seven Capes Bird

Alliance was founded as Audubon Society of Lincoln City in 2005. A nonprofit membership organization and chapter of the National Audubon Society, SCBA is active in education and advocacy for protection of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats in Lincoln and Tillamook counties.

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

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



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‘Restoring the Alsea Basin’
to be shown March 6

A group of coho salmon swim upstream. (Photos courtesy of MidCoast Watersheds Council)

The MidCoast Watersheds Council and partners spent the last year documenting the restoration of two creeks in the Alsea basin, and it’s finally time to share the film with the public.

This visual journey through the Mill and Beaty creeks and Starr Creek tells a story of partnerships, scientific discovery, and at the heart, a love for fish, wildlife and the waterways.

The film will be premiered on Thursday, March 6, during an event from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, located at 333 SE Bay Blvd. in Newport.

Throughout the evening, the audience will hear from featured partners from the film. Katie Ryan, executive director of The Wetlands Conservancy,

will discuss why conserving land on an estuary like Alsea Bay helps to heal precious wildlife habitat and create more climate resilient landscapes. Janet Landauer, who championed the restoration of her section of Mill Creek, will be present to reflect on the groundbreaking work that transformed her simplified stream into a complex array of channels and log structures that now welcome salmon back.

All are invited to attend the premiere of this short film documenting the incredible transformation. Tickets are free, but a donation of \$10 is suggested. Get tickets online at <https://tinyurl.com/yncp-mxhv>

About the restoration effort
For decades, Mill Creek,

Mill Creek in the Alsea basin is pictured after the 2024 habitat restoration project.

a tributary of the Alsea River, bore the marks of its past — a former lumber mill site, simplified and degraded stream channels, invasive species, and artificial ponds that disrupted the natural flow of water. Native salmon, once abundant in these waters, struggled to find suitable habitat.

In 2007, that started to change. When Janet Landauer purchased her 20-plus acre property along the creek, she saw not just a piece of land, but an opportunity for renewal.

Landauer dreamed of restoring Mill Creek to its natural state, ensuring that salmon could return to the cold waters that had once sustained them. This past summer, that dream became a reality. In partnership with

restoration specialists, neighbors, conservation organizations, and local agencies, MidCoast Watersheds Council worked to remove the remnants of past land use — removing berms, re-grading former mill pond areas, replacing fish passage barriers, and reconnecting the creek to its historic floodplain. Over 300 large logs were placed in structures throughout the watershed, jumpstarting the process to create the complexity needed for fish to thrive.

Now, just months after the project’s completion, Landauer has watched in awe as salmon return to spawn. The creek, once constrained by human intervention, is flowing freely, shaping new channels, and providing habitat for fish and wildlife.

Kathy Redwine and Friends
perform at library

The Newport Public Library Music Series welcomes back Kathy Redwine and Friends today (Wednesday), Feb. 26, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. for an intimate evening of live music in the cozy ambiance of the Reading Room, in front of the fireplace.

Redwine, a talented singer-songwriter and Oregon native, brings more than two decades of experience, including 17 years in Nashville, where she honed her craft. Her unique blend of Americana, folk, and heartfelt original music — complemented by familiar covers — creates a captivating and engaging performance. She will

be accompanied by Don Nelson on bass and Rian Martinsen on cajón and percussion, adding depth and rhythm to the evening’s musical journey.

This free event is open to all, offering an opportunity to enjoy live music in a warm and inviting space. The Newport Public Library Music Series is made possible through the support of the Newport Public Library Foundation and the city of Newport.

For more information about this event and other upcoming performances, visit www.newportlibrary.org or contact the library at 541-265-2153. The library is located at 35 NW Nye St. in Newport.

Kathy Redwine and Friends perform from 5 to 6:30 p.m. today as part of the Newport Public Library Music Series. (Courtesy photo)

Public library system upgrade announced

The Chinook Library Network and Oceanbooks Library Network are upgrading the library catalog system in early March, which will affect borrowing and account access at local libraries.

Key dates and impacts

- Thursday, March 6 — Last day to return materials before check-in pauses until March 11. No items will be due during this period, and no overdue fines will accrue.
- Friday-Monday, March 7-10 — Catalog freeze:

Patrons can check out materials but cannot place holds, access accounts, or register for a new library card. Bring your physical library card for all transactions.

- Tuesday, March 11 — New catalog launch: The system goes live, and library services resume. All PINs will reset to the last four digits of the primary phone number on file.

Affected libraries

- Newport Public Library
- Driftwood Public

Library

- Tillamook County Libraries

Libraries

- Waldport Public Library

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- Siletz Public Library
- Toledo Public Library
- Oregon Coast Community College Library
- Clatsop Community College Library
- Tillamook Bay Community College Library

Important reminders

- Reading history: Will not transfer to the new system. Save your history before March 7.

- Library closures: Some libraries may close ahead of March 11. Check with your local library for hours.
- Enhanced features: The upgraded system will offer improved search capabilities, a more user-friendly interface, and better integration with digital resources.
- Mobile access: The new catalog will have an updated mobile-friendly design, making it easier to browse and manage accounts on the go.

Annual tree seedling sale Saturday, March 1

The Lincoln County Small Woodlands Association will host its annual native tree seedling sale this Saturday, March 1, at Table Mountain Forestry, located at 247 NE Highway 20 in Toledo (on

the southwest side of the highway at the stoplight).

The sale begins at 10 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m., or until the supply runs out.

At this sale, a number of native tree seedlings

and some native shrub species will be available. The annual event is designed to provide the public with affordable native tree seedlings, promote natural resource conservation aware-

ness and increase forest owners’ knowledge and abilities as stewards of their land.

Most seedlings will be \$2. For more information, contact Joe Steere at jsteere@miami-corp.com.

Calendar of EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26 LINCOLN CITY CRIBBAGE CLUB The Lincoln City Cribbage Club meets at 4 p.m. every Wednesday at Pioneer Joe Coffee Co. in the Marketplace at Salishan, 7755 Highway 101, Gleneden Beach. \$9 entry, six games. Forget the rest, come play with the best. Info: Jack Shumate, 541-574-7668. NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY MUSIC SERIES Kathy Redwine and Friends perform from 5 to 6:30 p.m. as part of a music series at the Newport Public Library, 35 NW Nye St. Free. Info: www.newportlibrary.org or 541-265-2153. LIVE MUSIC BY BOX AND BUCKET Box and Bucket, featuring renowned Nashville guitarist Porter McClister and electric washtub bass player Barbara LePine, performs from 5:30 p.m. to close every Wednesday at Luna Sea Fish House, 10111 Pacific Coast Highway 101, Seal Rock. Info: www.lunaseafishhouse.com TRIVIA NIGHT Enjoy Trivia Night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Beachcrest Brewing, located in suite E5 at the Salishan Marketplace, 7755 Highway 101, Gleneden Beach. Free. Show off your knowledge for the chance to win prizes. Teams of up to six allowed.	SATURDAY, MARCH 1 TREE SEEDLING SALE The Lincoln County Small Woodlands Association will host its annual native tree seedling sale at Table Mountain Forestry, 247 NE Highway 20, Toledo. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A number of native tree seedlings and some native shrub species will be available, most for \$2. Info: Joe Steere at jsteere@miami-corp.com. IRISH ART The Toledo Yaquina River Museum of Art, 151 NE Alder St., will share a view of the art of Ireland, Scotland and England by founder Michael Gibbons for the 23rd anniversary celebration. Wine and nibbles served by Friends of the Museum. Noon to 4 p.m. Info: 541-336-1907, yrmaoffice@qwestoffice.net. HISTORY OF TAROT CARDS The tarot cards have a history dating back to the early Roman Catholic Church. Rev. Katrina Wynne will talk about that history from 1 to 3 pm. at Ocean Unity, 385 Alsea Highway, Waldport. Admission is by a suggested donation of \$20. Info: TarotCounseling.org/biblical-roots-of-tarot ‘SOMETHING ROTTEN’ AT THE PAC Coastal Act Productions presents “Something Rotten,” 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive St. Tickets: \$18 adults, \$16 for seniors and students. Purchase at the PAC box office, by calling 541-265-2787 or online (extra fees apply) at coastarts.org. MARDI GRAS PARTY/FUNDRAISER The Siletz Bay Music Festival fundraiser celebrates Mardi Gras at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101, with New Orleans-style food, a second line, dance music by spirited 10-piece horn band DTW, live and silent auctions, and prizes for the best costumes (encouraged but not required). 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets at www.siletzbaymusic.org. Info: 541-264-5828.	MONDAY, MARCH 3 BRINGETTO JAZZ DUO AT THE DRIFT INN Classic jazz favorites from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.
	TUESDAY, MARCH 4 IAN SMITH AT THE DRIFT INN Ian Smith performs classics beginning at 6 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.	
	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 LINCOLN CITY CRIBBAGE CLUB The Lincoln City Cribbage Club meets at 4 p.m. every Wednesday at Pioneer Joe Coffee Co. in the Marketplace at Salishan, 7755 Highway 101, Gleneden Beach. \$9 entry, six games. Forget the rest, come play with the best. Info: Jack Shumate, 541-574-7668. LIVE MUSIC BY BOX AND BUCKET Box and Bucket, featuring renowned Nashville guitarist Porter McClister and electric washtub bass player Barbara LePine, performs from 5:30 p.m. to close every Wednesday at Luna Sea Fish House, 10111 Pacific Coast Highway 101, Seal Rock. Info: www.lunaseafishhouse.com NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE IN HD See National Theatre Live’s production of “Nye,” starring Michael Sheen, on screen in HD at the Newport Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. For tickets: call 541-265-2787, visit coastarts.org/events, or stop by the PAC box office at 777 W Olive St.	
THURSDAY, FEB. 27 TEA AND TALK AT VAC Join the Coastal Arts Guild for Tea & Talk at 2 p.m. at the Newport Visual Arts Center, 777 NW Beach Drive. This month’s event features fiber artist Vince Zettler talking about his art and his current show at the VAC. For more information, call 541-574-3364. WINTER LECTURE SERIES Newport Parks and Recreation’s Winter Lecture Series at the rec center (225 SE Avery St.) presents “Tsunamis and Survival: What to Know About Lincoln County,” with Dr. George Priest. 6 p.m. Info: www.facebook.com/newportparksandrec/events GAME NIGHT IN GLENEDEN BEACH Game Night at the Gleneden Beach Community Club, 110 Azalea St., 6 to 8 p.m. Bring your favorite game or play one of the club’s games — there are board, dice and card games available. Bring a friend to challenge or meet someone there. Free. Info: glenedenbeach.org.	SUNDAY, MARCH 2 MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST Enjoy breakfast at the Panther Creek Senior and Community Center, 655 N Wayside Loop, Otis. 8 to 11 a.m., \$9 for adults, \$4.50 for children under 12. Info: pcsacc@centurylink.net PANCAKE BREAKFAST & GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE The Gleneden Beach Community Club, 110 Azalea St., will hold a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Adults, \$10; ages 6-12, \$6; ages 5 and under, free. There will also be a Girl Scout Cookie Sale during the event. Info: glenedenbeach.org. IRISH ART The Toledo Yaquina River Museum of Art, 151 NE Alder St., will share a view of the art of Ireland, Scotland and England by founder Michael Gibbons for the 23rd anniversary celebration. Wine and nibbles served by Friends of the Museum. Noon to 4 p.m. Info: 541-336-1907, yrmaoffice@qwestoffice.net. ARGENTINE TANGO Learn Argentine Tango at Newport Tango’s weekly Sunday lesson and practice. 5 to 8 p.m., South Beach Community Center, 3024 SE Ferry Slip Road. Info: www.newportdancestango.com or newportdancestango@gmail.com. BROOKLYN EXPERIMENT PRESENTS ‘PARTY GRAS’ The Tex Brooklyn Experiment, featuring Robert Rubin, Bill Stiffler and Morgen Silverhorn, will present what they are calling “Party Gras” at The Drift Inn, 124 Highway 101, Yachats. 6 to 8 p.m. No cover charge. Info: 541-547-4477.	THURSDAY, MARCH 6 ‘RESTORING THE ALSEA BASIN’ Restoration of two creeks in the Alsea basin is documented in a short film that premieres at the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, 333 SE Bay Blvd., Newport. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tickets free, but \$10 donation suggested. Get tickets at https://tinyurl.com/yncpmxhv WINTER LECTURE SERIES Newport Parks and Recreation’s Winter Lecture Series at the rec center (225 SE Avery St.) presents “Born This Way; The Trans Experience,” with Marci Frederic of Central Coast Trans Community. 6 p.m. Info: www.facebook.com/newportparksandrec/events YACHATS BIG BAND Join the Yachats Big Band from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Yachats Commons, 441 Highway 101 N. The band plays dances featuring big band classics on the first Thursday of every month. Admission is \$5 for adults, free for children under 12.
FRIDAY, FEB. 28 ‘FOREST THROUGH THE TREES’ “Forest Through the Trees,” a one-of-a-kind fundraiser and awareness event celebrating the Siuslaw National Forest, takes place from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Yachats Commons, 441 Highway 101 N. Info: https://tinyurl.com/ytrt5mw3. BENEFIT AUCTION AND CONCERT A silent auction and benefit concert to help with medical-related expenses for June and Joren Rushing, 6 to 9 p.m. at Primaltones in Aquarium Village, 2925 SE Ferry Slip Road, #122, South Beach. ‘MY VIP AND ME DANCE’ Children ages 3-13 are invited to bring their VIP adult to spend an evening having fun and making memories at the Newport Recreation Center, 225 SE Avery St. Ages 3-6 from 6 to 7 p.m., and ages 7-13 from 7 to 9 p.m. Info: 541 265 7783. ‘SOMETHING ROTTEN’ AT THE PAC Coastal Act Productions presents “Something Rotten,” 7 p.m., Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive St. Tickets: \$18 adults, \$16 for seniors and students. Purchase at the PAC box office, by calling 541-265-2787 or online (extra fees apply) at coastarts.org.		FRIDAY, MARCH 7 OPENING RECEPTION AT THE VAC Three new art exhibits are opening in galleries at the Newport Visual Arts Center, 777 NW Beach Drive. Free, 5 to 7 p.m. Info: coastarts.org/events ‘SOMETHING ROTTEN’ AT THE PAC Coastal Act Productions presents “Something Rotten,” 7 p.m., Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive St. Tickets: \$18 adults, \$16 for seniors and students. Purchase at the PAC box office, by calling 541-265-2787 or online (extra fees apply) at coastarts.org.

‘Spotlight on Central Coast Authors’

Willamette Writers Coast Chapter (WWCC) is taking applications for its “Spotlight on Central Coast Authors.” The goal is to feature local authors who have had a book published within the last 24 months and live on	the central Oregon coast. Authors read from their new book(s), answer questions, and share tips that helped them in their writing. The goal is to provide a venue for local authors, since the central coast is	not as populated as places like Portland, Salem or Eugene, where more opportunities to present are available. A simple, get-acquainted application form is due March 15. For more information or an appli-	cation, contact WWCC Co-Chair Catherine at crcre8s@newportnet.com. “Spotlight” applications will be considered for programs during the September 2025 through June 2026 programming	year. The Willamette Writers Coast Chapter hosts these presentations at the Newport Public Library from 2 to 4 p.m. Programs are free and open to all writers 18 and older. There are Young Wil-	lamette Writer chapters for those under 18. Willamette Writers is the largest writer’s association in Oregon and one of the largest in the nation. Join Willamette Writers at their website, https://willamettewriters.org.
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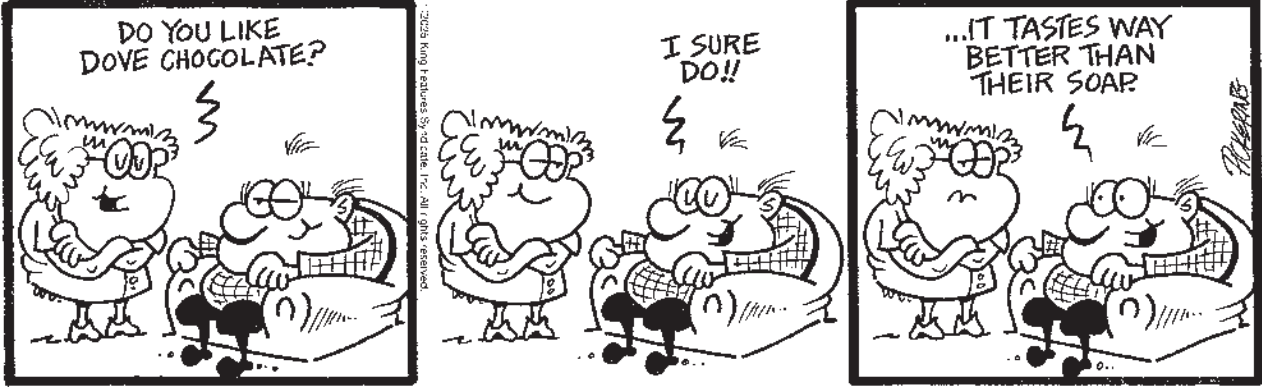
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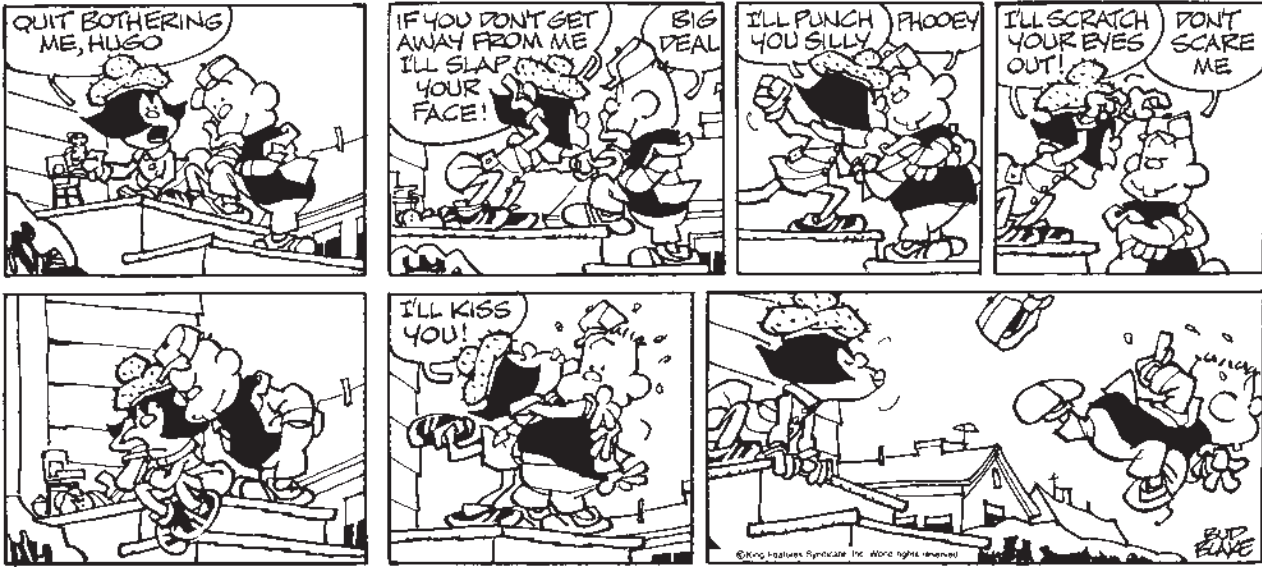
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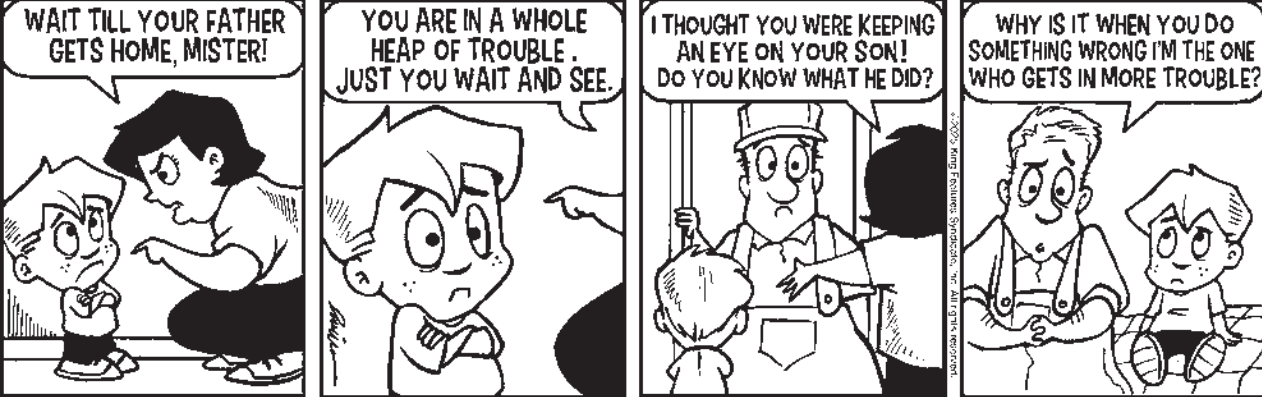
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King Crossword

ACROSS

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4 Pesky insect
8 Blaze
12 "Alley —"
13 Verdi heroine
14 Booty
15 Sugar suffix
16 Some online essays
18 Doppler device
20 "Diamonds" singer
21 Brzezinski of MSNBC
24 Group character
28 Coin that keeps turning up
32 Stitched
33 Artist Yoko
34 "— luck!"
36 Actor Stephen
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41 Cognizant
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44 Olympics chant
46 Loan shark's crime
50 Ginsberg and Kerouac, for two
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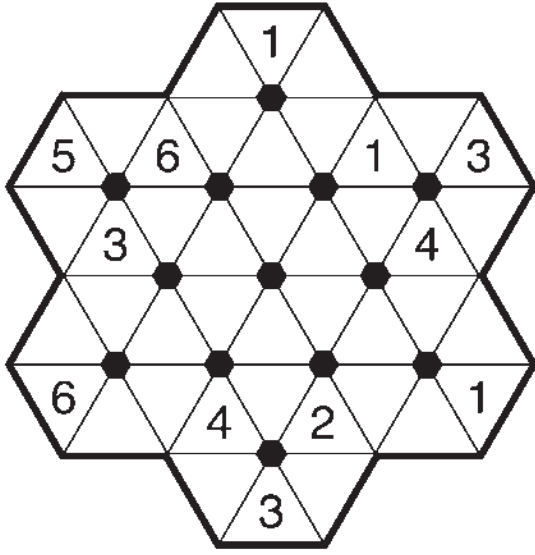
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- 56 Eyebrow shape
57 Microwave, slangily
58 Request
59 Citi Field team
60 Love god
61 "— a Rebel"
7 Labels
8 Parade attractions
9 Cyclades island
10 Decay
11 UFO engineers
17 Diner dessert
19 Sound booster
22 Handle
23 Poker payments
25 Medal earner
26 Actor Clive
27 Hitch
28 — Raton, Fla.
29 From the start
30 Lady of Spain
31 Belgian river
35 Stirs up
38 "We hold these — to be ..."
40 Letter addenda, for short
42 Sixth sense
45 Top-notch
47 Beehive State
48 Get up
49 Tibetan herd
50 "Kapow!"
51 Before
52 Play segment
53 Where Lux. is
54 Ring decision

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is lower. 2. Log is moved. 3. Thumb is moved. 4. Cap is different. 5. Jacket is different. 6. Elbow patch is longer.

KNIGHT MOVES

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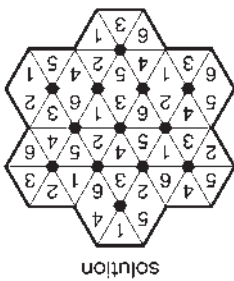
Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.



Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

— King Crossword —



solution

SNOWFLAKES

REMEMBER

E	E	M
E		R
R	B	M

Answer

— KNIGHT MOVES —

licly opened and read. The project includes the following work: All work related to the conversion of overhead to underground electrical, telecommunications and cable television utility services to private properties and installation of decorative street light bases and associated pull boxes in the public right-of-way. Project work will include coordination with utility companies to acquire necessary materials, obtaining associated electrical permits and the installation of all pull string, conductors, and/or light pole bases as described in drawings. Installation work will also include coordinating with local utility providers to complete service transfer, cutting and capping overhead electric power masts, and restoration of sidewalks, driveways, and landscaping to restore properties to preconstruction condition. Obtaining the Bidding Documents Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website: <https://www.oregonbuys.gov> Bidding Documents may be viewed at no cost from the designated website. Please refer to Oregon-buys solicitation number #S-KN0010-00012853. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources

other than the designated website. Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office by appointment only on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8am-5pm. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website or issuing Office. Pre-bid Conference A non-mandatory pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on March 4, 2025 at 10 A.M in Conference Room A at the Newport City Hall located at 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport, OR 97365. A field visit will take place immediately after the pre-bid conference. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required. Instructions to Bidders. For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

LCL25-0064 TO: ALL STOCKHOLDERS AT SEARIVER DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMPANY
FROM: Harker Lepore LLC, on behalf of a stockholder, pursuant to Article 1, Section 2 of the By-Laws of Seariver District Improvement Company
SUBJECT: NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING. All stockholders are hereby notified that a special meeting of Seariver District Improvement Company ("SDIC") is called as follows: DATE: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 TIME: 10:30 a.m. PLACE: Remotely via Zoom at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81390267533?pwd=FrGd4bUxkKkHoVTBaGnm1t6OcVla9Mq.1> Meeting ID: 813 9026

7533 Passcode: 535918
PURPOSE: To vote on whether to approve the United States Forest Service's application to exclude land from and withdraw from SDIC. The application was submitted on January 8, 2025. The stated purpose of the application is to bring the land into alignment with National Forest System management goals and objectives under the Cascade Head Scenic Research Area Management Plan and Public Law 93-535, as the National Forest Management Act and the Antideficiency Act conflict with the Forest Service's participation in SDIC. The land sought to be excluded is described in the attached Exhibit A. SUMMARY AGENDA: 1. Sign-In - 10:30 a.m., 2. Call to Order - 10:35 a.m., 3. Vote, 4. Announce Voting Results, 5. Adjournment. A quorum of the stockholders, meaning the holders of a majority of all the shares of stock of the corporation, must be present at the special meeting in person or by proxy. If a quorum is not reached, a majority in interest of the stockholders present in person or by proxy may adjourn without notice, other than announcement at the meeting, until quorum is reached at the adjourned meeting. All members, creditors of the corporation, and other interested persons may attend the meeting, and be heard concerning the application. EXHIBIT A - Parcels of land located in the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 24, Township 06 South, Range 11 West, Willamette Meridian, Lincoln County, Oregon and more particularly described as follows: Block 1, Lots 1-6, Plat of Seariver, recorded in Book 10, Page 44, Records of Lincoln County, Oregon. Block 2, Lots 15-21, 24-28, 30, and 35-40, Plat of SeaRiver, recorded in Book 10, Page 44, Records of Lincoln

County, Oregon. Block 3, Plat of SeaRiver, recorded in Book 10, Page 44, Records of Lincoln County, Oregon. Block 4, Plat of SeaRiver, recorded in Book 10, Page 44, Records of Lincoln County, Oregon. Block 5, Plat of SeaRiver, recorded in Book 10, Page 44, Records of Lincoln County, Oregon. Block 6, Plat of SeaRiver, recorded in Book 10, Page 44, Records of Lincoln County, Oregon. Block 7, Plat of SeaRiver, recorded in Book 10, Page 44, Records of Lincoln County, Oregon. Block 8, Lots 57-65, 67, and 69, Plat of SeaRiver, recorded in Book 10, Page 44, Records of Lincoln County, Oregon.

LCL25-0060 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 819
Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 3/11/2025. The sale will be held at 10:00am by ROWLEY'S TOWING, 4822 S COAST HWY, S. BEACH, OR. 2016 FORD FOC 4D VIN=1FAD-P3E27GL363743 Amount due on lien \$2074.00. Reputed owner(s) > KYLE MATTEW KERNS

LCL25-0059 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE #25-0169

On April 1, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Room 203, in the City of Newport, Oregon, the defendants' interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 7619 SW Surland St, South Beach, OR 97366. The court case number is 24CV4192, Washington State Employees Credit Union, Plaintiff vs. Richard Evans Johnson; Andrew Evans Johnson; Lexington Rose Mills; Surland No. 1 Residents Association; Surland #1 Road District; Seal Rock Water District; State of Oregon, Department of Human Services, Senior and Disabled Ser-

vices Division; All Occupants; and All Unknown Heirs, Persons or Parties Unknown Claiming an Interest in the Property, Defendants. 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>

LCL25-0056 LLG 24-129903 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

A default has occurred under the terms of a trust deed made by Jamie Dedrick, whose address is 127 North Jade Way, Otis, OR 97368 as grantor to First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Churchill Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, as named Beneficiary, dated September 16, 2022, recorded September 19, 2022, in the mortgage records of Lincoln County, Oregon, as Instrument No. 2022-08928, PennyMac Loan Services, LLC is the present Beneficiary as defined by ORS 86.705(2), as covering the following described real property: Lot 4, JADE PARK, in the County of Lincoln and State of Oregon. EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described portion of said Lot 4: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Lot 4; thence South 00° 12' 20" West, 30.00 feet; thence South 46° 48' 45" West, 209.82 feet; thence North 35° 31' 16" West, 68.92 feet; thence North 10° 00' 44" East, 119.24 feet; thence North 89° 58' East, 172.40 feet to the point of beginning. NOTE: This legal description was created prior to January 1, 2008. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 127 North Jade Way, Otis, OR 97368. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a notice of default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 86.752(3); the default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: Monthly payments in the sum of \$3,398.65, from July 1, 2024 and monthly payments in the sum of \$3,429.40, from December 1, 2024 plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of \$592.40, plus the sum of \$740.00 for advances, together with all costs, disbursements, and/or fees incurred or paid by the beneficiary and/or trustee, their employees, agents or assigns. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation that the trust deed secures immediately due and payable, said sum being the following, to-wit: \$481,122.24, together with accrued interest in the sum of \$17,758.00 through January 13, 2025, together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.99% per annum from January 14, 2025, plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of \$592.40, plus the sum of \$3,351.96 for advances, together with all costs, disbursements, and/or fees incurred or paid by the beneficiary and/or trustee, their employees, agents or assigns. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee

will on June 10, 2025, at the hour of 1:00 PM PT, in accord with the standard time established by ORS 187.110, at the south entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, located at 225 West Olive, in the City of Newport, OR, County of Lincoln, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor has or had power to convey at the time of the execution of 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 to any person named in ORS 86.778 that the right exists, at any time that is not later than five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by paying to the beneficiary of the entire amount due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligations or trust deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee's fees and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by said ORS 86.778. Notice is further given that reinstatement or payoff quotes requested pursuant to ORS 86.786 and ORS 86.789 must be timely communicated in a written request that complies with that statute, addressed to the trustee's "Reinstatements/Payoffs - ORS 86.786" either by personal delivery or by first class, certified mail, return receipt requested, to the trustee's address shown below. Due to potential conflicts with federal law, persons having no record legal or equitable interest in the subject property will only receive information concerning the lender's estimated or actual bid. Lender bid information is also available at the trustee's website, www.logs.com. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while property is in default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the said referenced property. 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 methamphetamineamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. DATED: December 10, 2024, David W. Criswell, OSB 925930 Successor Trustee Lane Powell PC, 601 SW Second Avenue, Suite 2100, Portland, OR 97204, Telephone: (503) 778-2100, Facsimile: (503) 778-2200, Email: crisweld@lanepowell.com

Notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamineamines, 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. The Fair Debt Collection Practice Act requires that we state the following: This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings: This shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt. Dated: 1/17/2025 LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, Successor Trustee 1499 SE Tech Center Place, Suite 255, Vancouver, WA 98683 www.logs.com Telephone: (360) 260-2253 Toll-free: 1-800-970-5647 LLG 24-129903 NPP0470297 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 02/26/2025, 03/05/2025, 03/12/2025, 03/19/2025

LCL25-0045 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That the Port of Newport claims a lien in the amount claimed below, pursuant to ORS87.152, for the reasonable and agreed charges for labor and materials, storage or services provided at the request of the owner or lawful possessor of the following described personal property: Personal property: Sailboat Voyager; Official number: 638316; Reputed owner: Thomas Martin Sailboat Voyager; Last known address:1885 NW Portland APT 316, Portland, OR 97209; Security interest holder: None; Amount of claim of lien: \$19,162.25 (which includes storage of property and accrued late charges until sale date, and costs of lien foreclosure). The Port of Newport has retained the property for at least 60 days from the date when the charges for services provided were due. Notice is hereby given that unless the lien is paid prior to the date set forth for sale below, said property will be sold to the highest bidder. The successful bidder must pay 10% of the bid price in cash or certified check immediately upon being declared the successful bidder. The balance of the bid price is to be paid in cash or certified check within 24 business hours of offering the successful bid. The lien claimant may bid part or all of the lien amount claimed, plus storage and foreclosure sale expenses, which will be an offset against the lien amount. Minimum bid is \$8,175.10 Bids accepted until: March 12, 2025 Email bids to: mbrown@portofnewport.com OR drop bid off at: Port of Newport, 600 S.E. Bay Blvd., Newport, OR 97365. Bid forms can be found online at www.portofnewport.com or at the address listed above. The sale of the property will be "as is, where is" and there are no representations by the lien claimant as to the condition of the property or its title. Any person wishing to inspect the property prior to the sale may do so during normal business hours, by contacting the Harbormaster at 541-270-5557.

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LCL25-0055 PERSUENT TO ORS CHAPTER 819

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be Sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 3/4/2025 The sale will be held at 10:00am by CAR CARE TOW PRO INC 2795 SE 23RD DR LINCOLN CITY, OR 97368 Dodge R15 VIN = 3B7H-F13Z5W6211734 Amount due on lien \$5920.00 Reputed owner(s) GONZALEZ DEL CID, MANUEL RELIABLE CREDIT ASSN

LCL25-0054 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 819

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 3/4/2025. The sale will be held at 10:00am by ROWLEY'S TOWING 4822 S COAST HWY S. BEACH, OR 414 KIA OPT 4DVIN=5XG-N 4 A 7 5 E G 3 4 8 3 7 0 Amount due on lien \$5292.00 Reputed owner(s) > JOSE LUIS GARCIA JUAREZ DGO BROS INC DA4521.

LCL25-0050 THE TOLEDO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY (AGENCY)

Has published the FY 2023/2024 Toledo Urban Renewal Plan annual report. It is on file at City Hall and with the Agency. The full information is available to all interested persons. In FY 2023/2024, the Agency received \$419,499 in property tax revenue. The expenditures totaled \$445,830. The estimated current year tax revenues for FY 2024/2025 are \$421,440. The FY 2023/2024 budget includes \$801,091 in revenues and expenditures. The amount of maximum indebtedness remaining for the Plan Area is \$30,711,610. The impacts on taxing districts due to the Toledo Urban Renewal Plan in FY 2023/2024 are shown below. Taxing District: Impact: Lincoln County General \$84,540 Lincoln County School Unit \$147,139 Lincoln County Extension Service \$1,347 Lincoln County Animal Scvs District \$3,272 Oregon Coast Comm College \$5,245 EDS Linn-Benton-Lincoln \$9,094 Lincoln County Transportation Serv Dist \$2,887 Greater Toledo Pool Recreation Dist \$23,048 Port of Toledo \$7,025 City of Toledo \$155,270 TOTAL: \$438,867

LCL25-0049 THE FOLLOWING UNIT WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Starting 3/11/2025 at 9:00am, Ending 3/18/2025 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# B297 Kiah Totenkopf

LCL25-0048 PUBLIC AUCTION AT ANCHOR STORAGE

1673 SE East Devils Lake Rd. Lincoln City, Or. 97367 Contact number is 541-921-9878. The following unit(s) will be sold at Public Auction on March 6th, 2025 Beginning at 11:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Unit #D34 Beatrice Nava.

LCL25-0061

The Lincoln City Urban Renewal Agency has published the FY 2023/2024 Lincoln City Urban Renewal Agency Annual Report. It is on file at City Hall and with the Agency. The full information is available to all interested persons. The Year 2000 Urban Renewal Area: The Year 2000 Area has reached its maximum indebtedness and is no longer impacting taxing districts. It is operating on program income. In FY 2023/2024, the Agency received \$132,390 in program income and expended \$20,075. The FY 2024/2025 budget revenues and expenditures include \$430,968 in the General Fund and \$567,856 in the Property Rehabilitation Fund.

Roads End/Villages at Cascade Head Urban Renewal Area: In FY 2023/2024, the Agency received \$487,027 in property tax revenue and expended \$70,824. The estimated tax revenues for FY 2024/2025 are \$545,886. The FY 2024/2025 budget includes \$1,479,602 in revenues and expenditures. The amount of maximum indebtedness remaining is \$87,024,076. The maximum indebtedness incurred in FY 2023/2024 was \$66,924.

Nelscott Urban Renewal Area: The first year of tax increment revenues is FY 2024/2025. The FY 2024/2025 budget includes \$122,473 in revenues and expenditures. The maximum indebtedness is \$129,000,000. No maximum indebtedness has been used to date.

The impacts on taxing districts due to the Roads End/Villages at Cascade Head Urban Renewal Plan in FY 2023/2024 are shown below.

Taxing District	Taxes Levied with Urban Renewal	Taxes Levied without Urban Renewal	Urban Renewal Taxes Levied
Lincoln County General	26,013,427	26,117,708	104,281
Lincoln County Extension	416,397	417,932	1,535
Lincoln County Animal Services	1,015,147	1,019,090	3,943
Lincoln County Transportation	898,843	902,348	3,505
City of Lincoln City	8,829,509	8,981,330	151,821
North Lincoln Fire and Rescue #1	1,851,810	1,876,454	24,644
Water Devils Lake In	156,035	156,494	459
Water Devils Lake Out	182,775	183,061	286
North Lincoln Health	1,835,176	1,854,236	19,060
Oregon Coast Community College	1,616,887	1,623,240	6,353
Lincoln County School District	45,163,751	45,345,367	181,616
Education Service District	2,805,493	2,816,666	11,173
Linn, Benton, Lincoln			
TOTAL:	\$90,785,250	\$91,293,926	\$508,676

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Trust and the sale of the Property described above. The uncured and continuing defaults are the following: 1. Grantor's failure to pay to Beneficiary, the required Monthly Debt Service Payment Amounts (as defined in the Loan Agreement) due on January 5, 2021, and thereafter through and including November 5, 2024. Grantor has made limited Monthly Debt Service Payments during that time period which have been credited to the indebtedness. Additionally, while Borrower also failed to make the Monthly Debt Service Payment amount from March through December 2020, pursuant to the moratorium imposed by Oregon House Bill 4204 ("HB 4204") such missed payments have been added to the loan balance and must be paid when full performance of the obligations under the Loan Documents (as defined in the Deed of Trust) is due. The March through December 2020 missed Monthly Debt Service Payments have been excluded from the amounts necessary to cure and reinstate the subject loan under ORS 86.778. Late charges, property protection advances, special servicing fees, workout fees, taxes, reserves, insurance and other charges through November 5, 2024, total \$2,149,914.68. Default Interest from January 1, 2021, due as of (i.e., through and including) November 5, 2024, is in the amount of \$1,938,157.28. ALL SUCH AMOUNTS are now due and payable along with all costs and fees associated with this foreclosure. 2. Additional defaults include Grantor's failure to pay personal and real property taxes owing to Lincoln County as set forth below:

Account No	Tax Period	Amount Due
P173710	2023-2024	\$17,941.21
P490427	2023-2024	\$4,585.42
P173710	2024-2025	\$17,755.93
P490427	2024-2025	\$4,543.01
R312098	2024-2025	\$1,116.13
R451342	2023-2024	\$50,509.04
R451342	2024-2025	\$51,727.25
R456093	2023-2024	\$76,625.87
R456093	2024-2025	\$78,473.94
R467852	2023-2024	\$118,231.76
R467852	2024-2025	\$121,083.39
R453722	2023-2024	\$2,577.70
R453722	2024-2025	\$3,556.73
R458390	2024-2025	\$27.43
TOTAL		\$548,754.81

TOTAL UNCURED MONETARY (PAYMENT) DEFAULT: As of November 5, 2024, the amounts which must be paid to the Beneficiary to effect a statutory cure under ORS 86.778 and discontinue the trustee's sale (in addition to the above tax payments that must be made to Lincoln County by Grantor) are as follows:

Shilo Inn Newport Bring Current	
P&I Payments (through 11/05/2024 payment)	\$2,512,351.38
Unpaid monthly reserves/impounds due from: 02/6/2021 through 11/5/2024	\$557,342.10
Default Interest (01/05/2021 - 11/05/2024)	\$1,938,157.28
Late Fees Due	\$332,711.48
UCC Filing	\$148.23
Special Servicing Fees	\$198,822.58
Workout Fee	\$77,064.05
Est. IOAs (as of 11/5/2024)	\$455,318.25
Property Protection Advances	\$143,541.07
NSF Fee	\$150.00
Payoff Processing Fee	\$950.00
Sub Total	\$6,216,556.42
Tax and Insurance Advances	\$374,866.92
Estimated Pending PPA Invoices	\$9,000.00
Sub Total	\$6,600,423.34
Suspense Balance	\$4,400.72
Total	\$6,596,022.62

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing instrument shall constitute notice, pursuant to ORS 86.764, that the Grantor of the Trust Deed, described below has defaulted on its obligations to the beneficiary, and that the Beneficiary and Successor Trustee under the Trust Deed have elected to sell the property secured by the Trust Deed. DEED OF TRUST AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: This instrument makes reference to that certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Security Agreement dated November 2, 2015, and recorded November 3, 2015, as Instrument No. 2015-11023, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, State of Oregon (the "Deed of Trust"), under which SHILO INN, NEWPORT, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company, is the grantor, TIGOR TITLE COMPANY, is the original trustee, and NATIXIS REAL ESTATE CAPITAL LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is the original beneficiary, and the beneficial interest under the Deed of Trust having been assigned to WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SG COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2016-C5, COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2016-C5, by that certain Assignment of Deed of Trust dated effective as of July 19, 2016, and recorded August 16, 2016, as Instrument No. 2016-07707, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, State of Oregon, and the beneficial interest under the Deed of Trust having been further assigned to the current beneficiary RSS SGCMS2016-C5 – OR SIN, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company ("Beneficiary"), by that certain Assignment of Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Security Agreement dated effective as of May 3, 2021, and recorded May 10, 2021, as Instrument No. 2021-06082, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, State of Oregon. The aforementioned Deed of Trust covers property (the "Property") described as: PARCEL I: All of Blocks 5, 6, 7 and 8, BLOOMERS ADDITION TO NEWPORT, in the City of Newport, County of Lincoln and State of Oregon. PARCEL II: Beginning at the intersection of the North line of Evans Street, as platted in Bloomers Addition, with the West line of Elizabeth Street, as deeded by R.M. and Lura M. Kien to The City of Newport by deed recorded in Book 112, Page 510, Deed Records; thence North 3° 49' 42" East along the West line of said street, 295.00 feet; thence North 87° 14' 18" West parallel with the above mentioned line of Evans Street, a distance of 280.00 feet to the high water line of the Pacific Ocean; thence Southerly along said high water line, a distance of 295.00 feet to the intersection of the high water line and the North line of Evans Street; thence South 87° 14' 18" East along said North line of Evans Street a distance of 340.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, in Lincoln County, Oregon. PARCEL III: That part of Block 67, CASE AND BAYLEY'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF NEWPORT, in Lincoln County, Oregon described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Block 67, said point begin the intersection of the Northerly line of Fall Street and the East line of Elizabeth Street; thence North 03° 49' 42" East along the East line of Elizabeth Street, 100.00 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence South 86° 10' 18" East at right angles to said Elizabeth Street, 100.00 feet; thence North 01° 02' 05" West 48.51 feet to the corner common to Lots 3, 4, 9 and 10 of said Block 67; thence North 86° 10' 18" West at right angles to Elizabeth Street, 42.50 feet; thence North 03° 49' 42" East parallel to Elizabeth Street, 93.00 feet to the Southerly line of S.W. 4TH Street; thence South 56° 29' 12" West along the Southerly line of S.W. 4TH Street, 67.15 feet to the East line of Elizabeth Street; thence South 03° 49' 42" West along the East line of Elizabeth Street, 100.60 feet to the Point of Beginning.. Together with all buildings, structures, fixtures and other improvements now or hereafter located thereon (the "Improvements"), all Additional Collateral described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and all other personal property described in the Deed of Trust. The undersigned hereby certifies that he has no knowledge of any assignments of the Deed of Trust by the original trustee or by the original beneficiary or any appointments of a Successor Trustee other than the appointment of DAVID W. CRISWELL, ESO, as Successor Trustee as recorded in the property records of the county in which the Property described above is situated. Further, the undersigned certifies that no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the Deed of Trust. The name and address of the Successor Trustee are as follows: David W. Criswell, Successor Trustee, Lane Powell PC, 601 SW Second Avenue, Suite 2100, Portland, OR 97204. The Deed of Trust is not a "Residential Trust Deed", as defined in ORS 86.705(6), thus the requirements of Chapter 304 [S.B. 558], Oregon Laws 2013, Chapter 112 [S.B. 1552], Section 4a, Oregon Laws 2012, and ORS 86.771(10) do not apply. DEFAULT BY GRANTOR: There are continuing and uncured defaults by Shilo Inn, Newport, LLC (the "Grantor") that, based on the provisions of the Deed of Trust and the loan documents now held by Beneficiary, including the promissory note dated and effective as of November 2, 2015 ("Note") and loan agreement dated and effective as of November 2, 2015 ("Loan Agreement"), authorize the foreclosure of the Deed of

Taft Tigers going to state!



The Taft Tigers will be going to the state playoffs in both boys' and girls' basketball! The boys won the PacWest Conference and took home the PacWest League Tournament title against Dayton 65-52 to enter the postseason on a high note. Meanwhile, the girls will also be headed to state, and they clinched the third and final bid out of the PacWest Conference with a statement 47-33 win over Willamina. Stay tuned for coverage of the Tigers' state playoff runs! (Courtesy photo from Taft Tigers Girls Basketball Facebook page)

Newport Cubs battling on the court

Will Lohre
Country Media, Inc.

Newport basketball has been battling in one of the toughest conferences in 4A basketball, and Head Coach Will Burghardt says the team's success this season has been a product of selfless offense and intense defense.

"The key to our success this year has been when we dictate the tempo of the game. We play a lot of guards, so our focus is to be unselfish and attack our advantages on the offensive end," Burghardt said. "After making baskets, we press and try to get steals and run in transition. We have so many skilled, unselfish players; it makes it a lot of fun to coach and watch."

Heading into the final regular season game of the year, Newport was ranked second in the Oregon West Conference, though they had the same 6-3 league record as third-place Philomath. (At the time of press, it should be noted that Newport had not played its Feb. 25 game against Philomath, which could have playoff implications.)

Going into the final league matchup, the Oregon West Conference had more teams in the top 10 of OSAA's 4A rankings than any other league in the state. Cascade is ranked



1st, Newport 7th, Philomath 8th, North Marion 9th, and Stayton 10th. With that being the case, almost every league game is a battle that could pit two top-10 teams against each other.

"We have faced many challenges this year, playing a very tough schedule and playing in one of, if not the most competitive conference in all of 4A basketball," Burghardt said. "We took these challenges head-on, and they have ultimately put us in a position to play in the state tournament in a couple of weeks."

If the Cubs beat Philomath

in the final league game, a playoff spot is all but guaranteed. If they lose to Philomath, they may have to win a play-in game or rely on their state ranking to earn them an "at large bid."

Improving "X's and O's"

One of the big keys to the 15-7 overall record for Newport this season has been the team's adaptability and improvement in implementing gameplans and tactics.

"The team has grown this year in understanding the X's and O's of the game a lot better," Burghardt said. "We

have started to understand our strengths and weaknesses, we are seeing mismatches on the court faster, and we have a sense of identity that has grown and solidified as the year went on."

On offense, the squad operates as a seamless five-person unit. Burghardt said the team has close to five players averaging double figures, an example of the team's commitment to playing selfless basketball. Aaidyn Bokuro, Rory Barber, Ethan Bruns, Easton Hermann, Collin Fierro, and Noah Martinson were players Burghardt said were having "fantastic

seasons."

The Cubs play a unique style that revolves around playing with five guards on the floor at a time. The unusual lineup is a product of Burghardt's goal of playing to his players' strengths. Despite giving up some size mismatches, the team compensates with energy and effort to battle with bigger teams.

"The main thing I have been focused on as a coach is putting my guys in the best positions to be successful on the court. We have a unique team, in way, that we play five guards a lot so there are different ways we have to play to create advantages and keep us out of trouble with bigger and taller teams," Burghardt said. "I am really proud of how coachable all the guys are and their dedication to rebounding as a smaller team has been great to see as the season has progressed."

As the season nears its conclusion, Burghardt and the Cubs are hoping to achieve a goal that they've had in mind since the beginning of the year: to host a first-round state playoff game.

"They have worked extremely hard for each other and are doing all they can to play one more game on their home court," Burghardt said.

Newport swims to top-5 finishes

Will Lohre
Country Media, Inc.

The Oregon high school swim season has concluded, and Newport High School ended the season as one of the top five programs in the state in both the boys and girls divisions.

The OSAA 4A/3A/2A/1A Swimming State Championships were held at the Tualatin Aquatics Center in Beaverton Feb. 21-22, and when the dust settled, Newport's boys finished second, and the girls team finished fifth.

Coach John Wray said that Ben Hurty and Gwynn Postlewait led the Cubs, each putting together special performances during their time at state.

"Ben won two events – the 100 Free and 100 Backstroke (repeating as the winner last year in the backstroke and after winning the 100 free 2 seasons ago); in addition, Ben was part of a first-place finish for the 200

Medley Relay and a 2nd place in the 400 Free Relay," Wray said. "Gwynn reset her own Newport High School (NHS) team record in the 100 Breaststroke while taking 2nd overall in the event. She [also] finaled in the 50 Free and was part of two NHS relays that finished in the top 5."

While Hurty and Postlewait were the tip of the spear for Newport, other members of the program made their presence felt at the state meet. Hurty won the 200 Medley Relay alongside Ivan Farias, Jahan Eibner, and Connor Brown. Eibner and Hurty were also placed second as part of the 400 Free Relay team, along with Clyde Bretz and Will Postlewait.

Eibner had a great showing in Beaverton, as he placed in the top five for both of his events. Despite being just a sophomore, Eibner finished second in the 200 Individual Medley and fifth in the 100 Butterfly. Swimming in individual events, Will Postlewait,

Clyde Bretz, and Ivan Farias battled it out to finish in the top 10 in each of their races.

Bretz finished seventh in the 200 Free and tenth in the 100 Butterfly. Postlewait and Farias both took home sixth-place finishes in the 100 Back and 100 Breast, respectively. Finally, a 200 Free Relay team made up of Farias, Brown, Sam Smith, and Will Postlewait finished in eighth place.

For the girls team, Gwynn Postlewait's second-place performance in the 100 Breast was a highlight as she broke her own school record on the biggest stage with a time of 1:11.35. With a few more years ahead of her, Postlewait's record will be at risk again next season. Gwynn Postlewait also made the finals in the 50 Free, where she finished fifth. Sophomore Hana Parker grabbed a podium spot with a third-place finish in the 100 Butterfly to go with a ninth place

in the 200 Individual Medley. The final event Newport had an individual competing in was the 100 Back, in which Ruby Perucci finished ninth.

The girls team sent three relay teams to state, with two placing in the top five. A 200 Medley Relay squad of Perucci, Gwynn Postlewait, Parker, and Allison Pettett took 4th place but were just under two seconds behind the third-place Valley Catholic. In the 400 Free Relay, Allison Pettett, Parker, Gigi Howard, and Gwynn Postlewait finished fifth. Newport's final relay team of Howard, Brynn Hillebrand, Eleya Greenwald, and Pettett competed in the 200 Free Relay and placed 12th.

The top ten team finishes from the OSAA 4A/3A/2A/1A Swimming State Championships were:

Girls - Team Scores
Catlin Gabel - 87
Sweet Home - 44

Valley Catholic - 29
Marshfield - 28
Newport - 21
La Grande - 19
Cove - 14
Cottage Grove - 13
Saint Mary's Medford - 10
Salem Academy - 7

Boys - Team Scores
Catlin Gabel - 70
Newport - 47
La Grande - 30
Phoenix - 26
North Bend - 23
Hidden Valley - 19
Sweet Home - 13
Marshfield - 13
Philomath - 12
Cascade Christian - 10
Astoria - 10

Taft High School's swim season has also come to an end; check the Mar. 5 edition of the Lincoln County Leader for coverage of Tigers at districts and states.

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