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Lincoln City returns fireworks display at new location



Site of the new launch site. (Courtesy photo)

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Fireworks will return to the night sky over Lincoln City this Fourth of July, as the nation celebrates America's 250th birthday.

Along with the fireworks show, scattered throughout the town, there will be a pet parade, a pie eating contest, live music, and food vendors, according to a release from the city of Lincoln City.

BACKGROUND

In 2025, Lincoln City replaced its annual fireworks

display with a drone show over Siletz Bay, following mounting environmental and safety concerns. Lincoln City officials said that the city was turning away from its annual Fourth of July fireworks display show in favor of launching a new Independence Day tradition: a drone display event over Siletz Bay. The officials said the city's drone show was leading the way to a more environmentally friendly Independence Day celebration.

Over the past few years, the city of Lincoln City has been

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WHO WE ARE

Taking a stand for freedom, one day at a time

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Lincoln City resident Jerry Conlogue celebrated a one-year anniversary by standing along Highway 101 at 22nd Street holding a sign April 12.

For the past year, Conlogue has taken a stand against what he sees as federal injustices. By holding a sign, voicing his concerns, Conlogue has conducted his stand every day, rain or shine, from noon to 1 p.m.

"He started it out of feeling the need to stand up publicly for what is right," Shar Walbaum, Jerry's wife said. "His first sign said 'HANDS OFF THE V.A.'" The first threat he faced was a middle-aged guy on a motorcycle who demanded Jerry hand over his sign because Jerry isn't a vet. When Jerry said no, the

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Jerry Conlogue, center in green hat, poses with others who attend the rally with him along Highway 101 in Lincoln City. (Courtesy photo from Bobby Sample)



The MMR shot is safe and effective at protecting against measles—two doses of MMR are 97% effective against measles, according to the OHA. (Metro Creative Connection)

Health officials update concerns about measles cases increasing

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The outbreak of measles continues to spread across Oregon and officials with the Oregon

Health Authority (OHA) are again urging public caution.

The OHA and doctors at Oregon Health & Science University met with reporters April 17 to outline concerns. Oregon State Health Officer Dean Sidelinger, M.D., said the continued measles spread in Oregon is preventable.

The Lincoln County Leader reached out to Jonathan Modie,

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Finally, some relief at the pumps!

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Average gasoline prices in Oregon have fallen 2.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.92 per gallon as of April 20, according to GasBuddy's survey of 1,307 stations in Oregon.

Prices in Oregon are 15.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.05 per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 11.7 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$5.500 per gallon.

Cheapest to most expensive

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Oregon was priced at \$4.39 per gallon Sunday, April 19, while the most expensive was \$5.89 per gallon, a difference of \$1.50 per gallon. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$4.39 per gallon while the highest was \$5.89 per gallon, a difference of \$1.50 per gallon.

Prices in Lincoln County dropped an average 10 cents a gallon over the weekend after rising over \$5 per gallon over the past several weeks.

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Gasoline prices are slowly declining, but the relief may not last, according to the latest GasBuddy survey. (Metro Creative Connection)



Weather

Wednesday: High-52/Low-44 Showers
Thursday: High-54/Low-42 AM Clouds/PM Sun
Friday: High-59/Low-45 Sunny
Saturday: High-60/Low-46 Partly Cloudy
Sunday: High-56/Low-46 Partly Cloudy
Monday: High-55/Low-45 Mostly Cloudy
Tuesday: High-56/Low-44 Partly Cloudy

Past Weather

On the Coast

Table with columns: Rain, Low, High. Rows for dates April 14 through April 20, including total rainfall from Jan. 1.

Tides Tables

Table with columns: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, THURSDAY, APRIL 23, FRIDAY, APRIL 24, SATURDAY, APRIL 25, SUNDAY, APRIL 26, MONDAY, APRIL 27, TUESDAY, APRIL 28. Rows for High and Low tide times and heights.

Sunrise/Sunset

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Lincoln City DMV office temporarily closing

The Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is temporarily closing the Lincoln City office for several months due to operational and staff considerations.

The office at 4422 NE Devils Lake Blvd, Suite 1. will be closed April 20 through June 29.

"A number of personnel changes happened simultaneously at our Lincoln City and Newport DMV offices," DMV Public Information Officer Chris Crabb said. "While not ideal, this temporary pause will allow us to ensure we continue delivering high-quality service when we reopen June 30."

The Lincoln City lead worker will join Newport's two remaining full-time staff at 158 NE 5th Street



The Lincoln City DMC office is located at 4422 NE Devils Lake Boulevard Suite 1 in Lincoln City. (Courtesy photo)

until additional people are recruited, hired and trained.
Newport office hours:
• 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

• 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday. Starting June 30, the Lincoln City office will reopen with regular hours:
• 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

• 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday
• Daily break from noon to 1:30 p.m. Class C drive tests are offered by a third-party tester in Newport.

The number of positions DMV is allowed by law to hire is roughly the same as it was 25 years ago, yet the state's population has grown by over 800,000 since then, with nearly all those people needing DMV services.

Customers are encouraged to visit DMV2U, which offers more than 30 online transactions. This can save you a trip to a DMV office and free up appointment times for those who have to complete their service inside an office, such as adding the REAL ID option to your license. These videos guide you through some of the more common actions you can do on DMV2U. We look forward to reopening once conditions allow us to best serve our community.

Fraudsters targeting Spanish-speaking workers injured on the job

The Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) is warning Spanish-speaking workers with pending workers' compensation claims about a scam making the rounds in Oregon.

Scammers are posing as government agencies or law firms, falsely telling victims they have won their claims – and then demanding payment before delivering any benefits.

"This scam is predatory in the worst way – it targets workers who are already injured and waiting for help they are legally owed," Attorney

Dan General Rayfield said. "These families deserve protection, not exploitation. Anyone who preys on workers in that position should know that we take it seriously."

There's at least one confirmed case of this scam in Oregon. Once victims send money, the scammers disappear – and so does the payment.

How the Scam Works Scammers identify people who have filed pending workers' compensation claims. They then reach out by phone, email, or social media – sometimes through

Facebook Messenger or WhatsApp – pretending to represent a government agency or law firm. In some cases, scammers have even staged fake video hearings to appear legitimate.

The victim is told they have "won" their case and are owed a settlement or benefits – but they must first deposit money into an account to receive the full payout. After they pay, the scammer cuts off contact. The money is gone.

Warning Signs
• You may be dealing with a scam if someone:

- Asks you to pay money before you can receive workers' compensation benefits or a settlement
• Contacts you through Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp, or other social media apps claiming to be from a government agency or law firm
• Pressures you to act quickly or pay immediately
• Tells you that you have "won" a claim but must first deposit funds
Real government agencies do not ask workers to pay money upfront to receive benefits they are

owed.
If you have received a suspicious communication about a workers' compensation claim, contact one of the following:
• Oregon DOJ Consumer Protection Hotline: 877-877-9392
• Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries: BOLI_help@boli.oregon.gov
• Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers: 800-927-1271
You can also report suspected scams to the Oregon DOJ Consumer Protection Division online at oregonconsumer.gov.

MEASLES

From Page A1

Strategic Communications Manager at the OHA for insight into the increasing measles cases.

Lincoln County Leader: To date, how many measles cases have been reported in Oregon?

Jonathan Modie: As of April 16, there have been 20 cases of measles reported in Oregon. We publish the latest case counts on our measles website each Friday by noon.

Lincoln County Leader: Health officials have alerted the public of exposure sites in Gresham, West Linn, Portland, and Oregon City. What areas, cities and counties, seem to be the hot spot cluster of these measles cases?

Modie: At this time, we are not sharing specific areas, cities, counties where there may be clusters of cases, but wastewater surveillance data tell us that measles activity is

increasing in Oregon. Lincoln County Leader: How is it that the measles cases have spread and the cases appear to be increasing in Oregon?

Modie: Measles is one of the most contagious diseases known. It is spread through the air by droplets produced when an infected person breathes, speaks, sneezes or coughs. People can spread measles even before they get a rash. The virus can also linger in the air for up to two hours after someone who is infectious has left the area. Since early 2025, measles has been rapidly increasing across the United States. Last year, there were almost 2,300 cases reported nationally. Approximately 11% of these cases were hospitalized and three deaths occurred. Most cases occurred in unvaccinated children. While only 20 cases are known to public health, we believe we are detecting only a fraction of measles cases in

Oregon. Unfortunately, we expect measles cases will continue to increase over time as vaccination rates continue to decline.

Lincoln County Leader: Is Oregon at a point where the Governor needs to declare a Health State of Emergency because of the measles outbreak? How would that work?

Modie: ORS 433.441 does authorize the Governor to declare a state of public health emergency, while ORS 433.443 authorizes the state public health director or state health officer to take measures in such an emergency to prevent the spread of a communicable disease by coordinating the state's public health response, including identification, assessment and control of the disease, and allocation and distribution of medical supplies and equipment. The time to declare an emergency is when we need additional tools to contain the spread of a disease, protect people in Oregon and respond quickly with fast, focused and effective measures. We have not yet reached that point and, in fact, we are far from it. We have a safe and effective vaccine to prevent the spread of measles, and while the current spread of measles is concerning, the number of people who are at risk of infection is relatively low compared with the number of people in Oregon who have received the MMR vaccine or are immune due to previous infection.

Lincoln County Leader: Have there been any fatal measles cases over the past two years in Oregon? If so, children and/or adults?

Modie: Fortunately, there have been no deaths from measles in Oregon in the last two years.

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Leader: Why is the measles disease so dangerous and who is at most risk?

Modie: When people think about measles, they tend to think about the classic symptoms -- cough, runny nose, and red eyes with high fever, followed by a rash which spreads down the body. What people often don't realize is that measles is much more than a rash. Measles is a serious infection which can cause serious complications, including pneumonia, inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) and death. Antiviral treatment of measles does not exist, and when someone is hospitalized, the medical care available is primarily supportive. Measles can also suppress the immune system and increase your risk for other infectious diseases.

- 1 out of 10 unvaccinated people in the US will require hospitalization.
• 1 out of 20 children with measles develop pneumonia.
• About 1 child out of every 1,000 who get measles will develop encephalitis (swelling of the brain), which can lead to deafness and intellectual disabilities.
• 1 to 3 children out of 1,000 infected will die.
Most at risk are people who are unvaccinated, including infants who are too young to be vaccinated, pregnant woman, and immunosuppressed individuals.

Lincoln County Leader: What is the OHA recommendation at this time to families about the measles cases and how they should protect themselves from measles?

Modie: The best way to protect you and your family from measles is to get vaccinated. The MMR shot is safe and effective at protecting against measles—two doses of

MMR are 97% effective against measles. All children should receive 2 doses of MMR. If you aren't sure if you've been fully vaccinated, speak with a medical provider. As the number of cases of measles rise, people should reconsider their vaccination decisions, and discuss with your medical providers to make sure that they and their family are adequately protected. People who were at a measles exposure location during the stated date and time period should immediately contact a health care provider and let them know they may have been exposed to someone who has measles. The health care provider can determine whether you are immune to measles based on your vaccination record, age, or laboratory evidence of prior infection. Public health officials urge people experiencing symptoms of measles not to arrive unannounced at a medical office if they:

- Have a measles-like rash, or
• Have been exposed to measles within the previous 21 days, AND have any other symptoms of measles (such as fever, cough or red eyes).
Whenever possible, individuals planning to seek medical care should first call your health care provider or urgent care center by telephone to create an entry plan to avoid exposing others in waiting rooms.

Lincoln County Leader: Are there any resources you can give us for folks wanting more information?

Modie: Yes! People can learn more about measles on OHA's measles website, https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/measles.aspx.

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Measure 120 would give Oregonians a chance to weigh in on the gas tax

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Voters will soon have a say in what's been one of Oregon's most contentious issues over the past year: funding state transportation needs.

Measure 120 will let voters approve or reject a law Democratic lawmakers passed and Gov. Tina Kotek signed in 2025 that raises the gas tax and other transportation fees mostly to raise revenue for the State Highway Fund, which the Oregon Department of Transportation uses to fund road maintenance and splits with counties and cities.

The question of how to fund road maintenance and operations in Oregon has been at the forefront of legislative decisions for the past two legislative sessions. As more people in Oregon switch to electric or fuel-efficient vehicles and no longer pay as much in gas tax, the state isn't bringing in enough money to fix the wear and tear on its roads. At the same time, inflation has increased the cost of materials needed to fix transportation infrastructure.

But gas tax hikes in Oregon, even when meant to fund the roads drivers rely on every day, are widely unpopular. Oregon voters since 1928 have shot down at least six



A woman holds a sign protesting against the transportation package Democratic lawmakers passed during a 2025 special session in Salem, Oregon. (Mia Maldonado / Oregon Capital Chronicle)

attempts to increase the gas tax, state records show.

Measure 120 isn't likely to be an exception. Republicans last year, frustrated by the cost of living and tax hikes, petitioned that parts of the law be placed on the ballot. Seven arguments have been submitted in favor of the measure while 28 have been filed against it, according to an early online version of the state-issued voters' pamphlet prepared for military and overseas voters. **'Yes' or 'No' on Measure 120**

A "yes" vote on the measure would support increasing the gas tax from 40 cents to 46 cents, raising title fees from \$77 to \$216 and increasing most vehicle registration fees. Those registration fee

hikes would mean passenger vehicle registration going from \$86 every two years to \$170, motorcycle registrations increasing from \$88 every two years to \$172 and low-speed and medium-speed vehicle registration increasing from \$126 every two years to \$210. Registration fees for passenger vehicles also have a surcharge based on fuel efficiency, with most drivers paying another \$40 or \$50 every two years. Those surcharges weren't included in the bill.

A "yes" vote would also support doubling the payroll tax used to fund public transit services from 0.1% of a paycheck to 0.2% of a paycheck until January 2028. For the average Oregonian making \$68,000 a year currently

paying \$68 a year, a majority "yes" vote would raise that tax to \$136.

A "no" vote means rejecting those tax and fee hikes, essentially asking the Oregon Legislature to come up with a new way to fund road maintenance.

A rewind to 2025: How we got here

While Republicans wanted to avoid tax hikes and pushed for repurposing funding the transportation department already had, Democrats pushed for tax and fee hikes in the 2025 legislative session. Lawmakers ultimately failed to come up with a compromise for a transportation package, resulting in nearly 500 ODOT workers receiving layoff notices from the agency so it could redirect their salaries

toward road maintenance.

Kotek in response called for a special session, delaying layoffs and forcing lawmakers back to Salem in the fall to find a solution. Democratic lawmakers during that special session secured the votes to pass a watered-down transportation package that would raise \$4.3 billion for the transportation department over the next decade, despite receiving no Republican support.

In late 2025, gubernatorial candidate and Scio Republican Ed Diehl, Senate Minority Leader Bruce Starr, R-Dundee and Taxpayer Association of Oregon founder Jason Williams led the campaign petitioning for the law's placement on the ballot, turning in more than 200,000 signatures to the Oregon Secretary of State's office — more than double the 78,000 signatures they needed to secure a spot on the ballot.

The group's political committee, the Right to Vote on the Gas Tax PAC, has raised more than \$166,000 for the campaign, spending nearly \$150,000, according to campaign finance filings on the Oregon Secretary of State's website. There are no political committees actively supporting Measure 120, records show.

The vote was originally scheduled to take place

in November, but during the 2026 legislative session, most Democratic lawmakers voted to move the day of the vote to May 19, saying an earlier vote would give them the clarity they need to find a long-term budget solution.

The move triggered Republican walkout during the session and at least four lawsuits trying to keep the date of the vote in November. Republicans characterized it as an attempt to ignore the will of nearly a quarter million voters who signed the petition against the gas tax and an attempt to ensure the unpopular measure wasn't on the same ballot as Kotek and Democratic lawmakers.

The legal disputes over the day of the vote quickly failed in court, and the vote will still appear on the ballot for Oregon voters in May.

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Warmer winters, snow drought may threaten western U.S. water by speeding flows

SEAN NEALON
Lincoln County Leader Guest Article

As future shifts in climate lead to more rain and less snow in the western United States, new research finds that water will move faster through a landscape, likely leading to negative impacts on summer water levels and water quality.

The study is especially relevant at this moment because the western United States experienced similar snow drought conditions this past winter, with generally typical precipitation amounts, but less snow because of warmer temperatures.

"This winter has been exactly like what our paper had said the future will be like," said Zach Butler, a postdoctoral scholar at Oregon State University and lead study author, who has a part-time job forecasting winter weather in Oregon for the site OpenSnow.

The research can help inform future water management decisions. While the timing of water release relative to snowpack has

long informed water planning, understanding how long it takes for water to travel through a landscape is not well understood and is important, especially at a time of increasing weather disturbances and extreme conditions.

In the new study, recently published in Scientific Reports, Butler and a team of researchers from Oregon State, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Colorado estimated "water transit times" — the time between rain or snow falling on the landscape and leaving as streamflow — will be 18% faster on average in the late century.

Faster water transit times have been shown to negatively influence water quality because during high-water events there are often spikes of contaminants that have been stored for a shorter period in shallow subsurface layers. Additionally, during low-water conditions, contaminants can be stored for a longer period of time.

The seasonal shift to faster water transit times in the winter will also likely lead to less water in streams, rivers, lakes and reservoirs in the summer, which could have negative implications for aquatic species such as salmon and trout and less water for drinking and agriculture.

The study focused on the Naches River, the main tributary of the Yakima River in Washington. The river basin is one of the most climate-sensitive basins within the Columbia River basin due to projected warming and snowpack declines, the researchers note.

Snowpack declines in the Naches River basin from 1991-2020 have already resulted in discharge peaking earlier in the spring. Other research has projected a 16% decrease in snow and a 25% increase in rain by 2036-2050.

While the researchers focused on that one basin, the framework they developed can be used to predict historical and future water transit

times in other parts of the western United States and the world. Their work builds and aligns with studies conducted by other scientists in the Rocky Mountains and Europe.

The research is important because one-sixth of the world's population relies on snowmelt water for drinking or agriculture, the researchers note. In the United States west of Colorado, 53% of water runoff originates as snowmelt.

Variability of water transit times is traditionally calculated by analyzing natural chemical tracers, such as stable water isotopes, found in precipitation and streamflow. This is costly and logistically challenging because

it requires collecting water samples in the field.

Butler and scientists from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory collected samples from the Naches River and coupled those in a novel way with an advanced hydrologic model to estimate water transit times both in the past and future.

"This study provides a crucial step in improving projections of water resource responses to climate change and underscores the value of integrating water transit time dynamics into future hydrologic assessments," Butler said.

Co-authors of the paper are Stephen Good, Mark Raleigh and Catalina

Segura, of Oregon State; Huanhui Hu and Xingyuan Chen of Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; and Aubrey Dugger of the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

Good is an associate professor in the College of Agricultural Sciences and director of the interdisciplinary Water Graduate Resources Program.

Raleigh is an assistant professor in the College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences. Segura is a professor in the College of Forestry.

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Fatal traffic crash along Highway 20

Oregon State Police (OSP) report one person died, and two other people were hospitalized following a traffic crash in Lincoln County.

At approximately 1:16 p.m. Thursday, April 16, OSP troopers responded to the two-vehicle fatal crash on Highway 20 near milepost 1 in Lincoln County.

The preliminary investigation indicated a silver Chrysler Town & Country van, operated by 77-year-old Rosalea Ann Engelbrecht, of Waldport, was traveling westbound on Highway 20 near Newport when it began

to veer into the oncoming lane for an unknown reason. An eastbound gray Toyota Highlander, operated by 82-year-old John Sterling Daigle, of Newport, attempted to avoid the Chrysler van, however, the van continued across the east-bound lane and collided head-on with the Toyota Highlander.

The operator of the Chrysler (Engelbrecht) was transported to an area hospital with serious injuries and was later pronounced deceased at the hospital.

The operator of the Toyota (Daigle) was

transported to an area hospital with minor injuries.

A Toyota passenger, 77-year-old Vicki Ray Bock, of Newport, was transported to an area hospital with minor injuries.

The highway was impacted for approximately three hours during the on-scene investigation.

The Newport Police Department, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Newport Fire Department, Pacific West Ambulance, and the Oregon Department of Transportation assisted OSP during the crash investigation.

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FREEDOM

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man said he was coming back with his friends to make him do it. This able-bodied man, talking tough on his big bike, threatened a 77-year-old man with Parkinson's. Jerry was unfazed and undeterred. That was when he stood there alone. As time passed, folks joined him, each with their own sign. Now, there are anywhere from 4 - 15 people standing with him."

Jerry said his reasoning for taking his daily stand was a call for action.

"I got tired of yelling at the TV and wanted to

see if others felt the same way. So, I came down to this special corner - it is a busy intersection with a traffic light, a bench, and restrooms at the nearby park," he said.

And the reactions, Jerry notes, have been mostly positive.

"Waves, horns, peace signs, and people thanking me," he said.

According to Shar, in a weekday, about 650 cars pass by the intersection.

"Jerry started using a counter to count honks months ago. They were about 125 and now are often between 200-300. On a weekday. They also started counting fingers more recently. They are usually 10 or less," she



Jerry Conlogue at the rally location along Highway 101 in Lincoln City (Courtesy photo from Bobby Sample)

said.

Jerry adds his message is simple.

"Every horn I hear each day makes me feel good. And it's not just me anymore; it's we," he said. "Being here shows folks there are like-minded people and they are not alone. In this climate, you can feel alone unless you connect with someone else. There are so many others with their own stories. One woman comes all the way from Gleneden Beach, twice a week. Many go out of their way to be here. I just walk."

Who We Are is a Lincoln County Leader feature highlighting the people in our community.

FIREWORKS

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approached by many people regarding the negative impacts of fireworks, Explore Lincoln City Director Kim Cooper Findling said in a Lincoln County Leader published interview in August.

"There is national growing awareness that fireworks release plastic, gunpowder, heavy metals like lead, copper, cadmium, titanium, and aluminum, and toxic chemicals like perchlorates wherever they are exploded, which in Lincoln City's case

is into Siletz Bay, the Wildlife Refuge, the Taft District and the sensitive Salishan Spit," she said. "Fireworks also impact air quality, wildlife, waterways, soil and human health; scare pets and those suffering from PTSD; and of course, increase fire risk."

Cooper Findling noted that Lincoln City is located where seven miles of sandy beach meet lush coastal forests with wild creatures inhabiting the natural spaces.

"Replacing fireworks with the Oregon coast's very first drone show enables us to preserve

Lincoln City's natural beauty while supporting public safety and creating a celebration that's more inclusive of everyone," she said, noting that feedback has run the gamut, but the majority appreciated the shift towards a healthier, quieter and more sustainable celebration.

But others expressed a different reaction, according to Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lori Arce-Torres

"The many visitors that I've heard from were curious about the new drone show and wanted to be a part of it, however,

after watching the show they feel that it missed the mark. Fireworks are deeply tied to patriotism and the spirit of celebrating America. The transition from the traditional fireworks to the Drone Show at Siletz Bay generated a lot of passionate discussion," she said.

Why the Change

The change from having the fireworks display at Siletz Bay to Devils Lake was in response to growing community concerns about environmental and wildlife impacts at this sensitive site, which is located within 1000 feet of the Siletz Bay Wildlife Refuge. Public safety, fire risk, and impact on pets and veterans of war were factors, too, according to a statement from the City of Lincoln City.

"This year, Lincoln City decided to move all nighttime celebrations away from this sensitive ecological site," the statement reads.

Explore Lincoln City will host Stars, Stripes and Wildlife in the Taft District near Siletz Bay to raise awareness around this unique ecological area and the reasons to protect it and the wildlife that lives at that location.

"With music, food, fun and wildlife education, we introduce this new way to celebrate the holiday in a favorite location that is friendlier to wildlife, pets, and military veterans," city officials said. "Salishan Spit—the traditional firework launch site—is a highly sensitive area governed by Oregon Parks and Recreation District and very near the Siletz Bay Wildlife Refuge. Many concerns have been raised about

the site, which is home to many species of wildlife, including a resident harbor seal population and many nesting birds, including the Federally protected Western Snowy Plover."

According to the city statement, fireworks impact air quality, waterways, soil, human health, and wildlife. Additionally, the Salishan Spit is particularly vulnerable to erosion, which is exacerbated by the heavy equipment necessary to produce a fireworks show.

"Moving fireworks away from this sensitive area is better for Siletz Bay, Salishan Spit, Siletz Bay Wildlife Refuge, Pacific Ocean, Taft Beach and all species that call this area home," city officials said.

2026 Fourth of July Events at Lincoln City Vets, Pets, & Pie!

Start the day at the Lincoln City Community Center for Vets, Pets, & Pie! from 10 am to 12 noon. Enter your best pie for judging, join the pie eating contest and walk your pet in the pet parade. Best pies and pets will receive a prize. Veterans receive free entry to the Community Center all day, and a special gift from Lincoln City Parks & Recreation. The Community Center is located at 2150 NE Oar Pl.

Stars, Stripes, and Wildlife

The Taft District will be the location for Stars, Stripes, and Wildlife. Here you will be able to experience music, local flavors, and family fun celebrating the wildlife, ecosystems, and natural beauty of Siletz Bay. Festivities start at 12 noon with live music, a food truck, a beer garden, fun giveaways, and local partners on hand to share knowledge about Siletz Bay wildlife and the natural surroundings of the bay and ocean. Events will be taking place on SW 51st turn around area in Taft.

Parking for the Stars, Stripes and Wildlife will be in the public parking areas throughout Lincoln City's Taft District. Event

parking at Taft High School will be open at 11:00 am. A shuttle service will make rounds from Taft High School to the event site until 6:00 pm.

Fireworks Over Devils Lake

To cap off the night, Lincoln City will be hosting a professional firework display over Devils Lake. The launch site will be near Regatta Park. Parking is very limited at the park, which will be closed off to vehicles at 6 p.m. A shuttle service will be provided to Regatta Park, with parking available at the Lincoln City Community Center. The shuttle service will be running from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m.

In the release, the city provides other locations to view the fireworks display that begins at dusk.

"When launched into the air, the fireworks should reach a height of 800 feet," according to the release. "The highest elevation between the Community Center and Regatta Park is 230 feet. Between the intersection of Highway 101 and NE 17th Street and Regatta Park, the highest elevation is 205 feet. Between City Hall and Regatta Park, the highest elevation is 100 feet. But you will need to take in considerations the height of trees if they are in your line of sight."

The traditional July 3 fireworks display at Devils Lake is still scheduled by the Devils Lake Neighborhood Association. The neighborhood event is launched from a barge in the center of the lake. Brown Bear State Park and Sandpoint Park are said to be good viewing locations for the July 3 event.

Fireworks are prohibited in Lincoln City

The sale, offer for sale, possession, and use of fireworks, is prohibited everywhere within the city of Lincoln City – including all private and public property (such as beaches, streets, and parks). Violators will be fined and/or prosecuted for the use of any type of fireworks in Lincoln City. This includes sparklers and novelty devices. For more information, visit www.lincolncity.org/residents/4th-of-july

DEATH NOTICES

ELEANOR "ELLIE" LEMASTER
3/5/1944-3/17/2026
 Resided in Newport Arrangements by Bateman Funeral Home Celebration of Life on May 2, 2026 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm Longview Hills Clubhouse 450 NE 58th St in Newport

Jeanie Marsh Brinker

Nov 2, 1939-Aug. 30, 2025

Jeanie Brinker, beloved wife, mother, friend, aunt, sister and grandmother, passed away August 30, 2025, at the age of 85. Surrounded by her family, Jeanie passed after a short illness in Salem, OR.

Jeanie was born to Edward and Eloise Marsh on Nov 2, 1939 in Orofino, ID, the 2nd of 3 children. The family moved to Siletz, OR, when Jeanie was young, and there she lived through high school. Jeanie was on the volleyball team and a cheerleader. Jeanie graduated from Siletz High in 1958. She married Garry Cooper of Salem, OR in 1959. They had 2 daughters together, Kelly and Stacey, and spent 18 years in Eugene, OR. In 1981, Jeanie was reunited with Richard 'Dick' Brinker, SHS class of 1957, with whom she grew up with in Siletz. They even shared their first date together at the age of 14, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brinker. Dick



and Jeanie had a wonderful life together- living in Sitka, AK, Sunriver, OR., Eugene, and spent their last years in Salem. For many years, Dick and Jeanie spent winters in Palm Springs, CA., where they enjoyed many activities - golf, pickleball, and socializing. Jeanie is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Dick; daughters Kelly Burton, Stacey Currier (Aaron); step son Hank Brinker (Rena); step daughter Catherine Peterson; step son Gordon Brinker (Lori); brothers and sisters-in-law, many nieces and nephews; 11 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her mother, father, sister Melva Taylor, brother Mervin Marsh, sisters-in-law Betty Raymond and Bonnie Weaver, and son-in-law Jonathan Burton.

Celebration of Life Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 12 noon, Elks Toketee Illahee Park, Siletz, OR

Joseph Edward Becker

November 26, 1930 - April 5, 2026

Joseph Edward Becker, born 26 November in the year of Our Lord 1930, in Woodburn Oregon.

Joseph served as a PFC in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Active Duty status from 28 February 1951 to 27 February 1953 and remained in Reserves status until 13 September 1956. As of ~ 1740 hrs on 05 April 2026, Easter Sunday, PFC Becker was called to report to duty by the Captain of the Lord's host, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Joseph was preceded in death by his wife Carmella and his fourth daughter Julia (Davis), his father Anthony, his mother Elizabeth, his sister Angela, his brother Philip and two grandchildren Buddy and Thomas.

Joseph is survived and will be missed by his sister Evelyn, his children: Janet (White), Mary, Cynthia (Eshleman), Marilyn (Werder), Michael, Linda (Munsil), Lorraine (Foley), Charlotte (Gerken), Matthew, Mark and James. Joseph is also survived by 37 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. All together Joseph has 94 grand children.

Joseph met the love of his life Carmella, while stationed at Kamp Kilmer NJ and later married her on 19 September 1953 in Hoboken New Jersey. Shortly after their wedding day Joseph and Carmella drove his 53 Ford to Oregon, followed by his mom and two sisters in a 48 Plymouth who traveled to New Jersey for the wedding. Once Joseph returned to Oregon he and his beautiful wife settled down in Newport.

Shortly after returning to Newport, Joseph started working at Georgia-Pacific Plywood Mill, Toledo Oregon in 1953 from



where he retired.

Joseph, a faithful husband and father, never scared to take on new opportunities after all, he and his wife raised 12 children. He was active in his community serving with honesty, integrity and trustworthiness of his fellow man, as a member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the Oregon State Defense Force. He never missed opportunities to assist others within and without his church congregation with things like plumbing, electrical, car maintenance and even re-roofing houses. On many occasions people would say; "He is a Jack of all trades." I do not think there was anything he could not do once he set his mind to it.

Joseph had very strong values and was well liked by everyone, mostly due to his positive energy.

Joseph had incredible patience, and always made time to help others. He would say "It all comes back to us."

Joseph's legacy will carry on forever reminding us that we control our attitudes. Joseph chose to live a life of meaningful acts of love and service, like Christ modeled for us all.

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Sudoku answers

Shanti Miles-Kelley

1/1/1936-3/19/2026

Shanti passed away surrounded by family on March 19, 2026 at her winter home in Palm Desert, California. She was 90 years old. Shanti moved to the Oregon Coast in the early 1980's and was a Marriage and Family Therapist with Lincoln County and later in private practice in Newport. She loved living on the Oregon coast. In her retirement years she traveled with her husband in RV's around North America and also traveled around the world. Shanti is survived by her husband of 26 years, Gary Kelley. Her two daughters



and spouses, Vicki Freedom (Moon) and Debbi Main (Teri). Two granddaughters Kindra and Tasia and two great granddaughters Madeline and Ona. She was predeceased by her son Michael Main. She requested no service

May's 'Non-Partisan' choices are not really non-partisan

ELIOT SEKULER

*Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column*

The coming May 19 primary will be among the most consequential elections Lincoln County has faced in years.

While voters will weigh in on congressional, gubernatorial, and other intra-party races, three local contests, for all three seats on the county's governing Board of Commissioners, are labeled as "non-partisan." Those three races are among the most critical races on our ballots and they will determine the direction, tone and effectiveness of our county's governance for years to come.

The Lincoln County Commissioner offices have been officially designated as "non-partisan" positions since 2013. Prior to that year, candidates for the Board of Commissioners seats declared their political affiliations.

The switch to "non-partisan" was made in a very different political climate.

The "non-partisan" label has become misleading in our current political environment, when decisions regarding anything from allocating scarce funds to county agencies and projects to the banning of books at our libraries are informed by political ideologies. The lack of ideological transparency does a disservice to voters as they make their ballot decisions.

Candidates for the three County Commissioner positions are keenly aware of the ideological beliefs and political leanings of Lincoln County voters. Since our county leans toward progressive candidates, some former Republican politicians, including Curtis Landers, have switched their party registration from Republican to "Non Affiliated Voter." Also, the Independent designation claimed by incumbent Commissioner Casey Miller, who is closely allied with Republican District Attorney Jenna Wallace, has left voters to believe he does not

align with one political party. These candidates are hoping their supposed "Non-affiliation" or Independent affiliation will be enough to mislead voters into disregarding their conservative ideologies.

"Non-affiliated" implies an ideological neutrality. There is no room for "neutrality"

in 2026, as a rogue federal administration weaponizes the funding of programs essential to our local government, while masked ICE agents swoop down upon our neighbors and Trump's wars and tariffs cause the cost of everything from gasoline to housing to spiral out of control.

For over a century, the listing of ingredients on packaged food we buy has been mandated by the Food and Drug Administration. We can make our choices for these products based upon an accurate read of their contents. Shouldn't we expect the same level of transparency from our political candidates that we demand from a can of

soup?

In recent years, county government has been dragged into a state of dysfunction that residents can no longer ignore. Infighting, lawsuits, relentless calls for investigations, and the intimidation of county employees have produced paralysis instead of leadership. A bitter right-wing recall effort, the tragic loss of Commissioner Claire Hall, and repeated disruptions at Board of Commissioners meetings have only deepened the crisis—undermining Commissioner Walter Chuck's ability to conduct the people's business with order and integrity.

The Lincoln County Democratic Central Committee has officially endorsed incumbent County Commissioner Walter Chuck to retain his seat in Position Three on the Board of Commissioners. (It's important to note that with only two candidates on the ballot, the race for Position Three will be decided in this May primary election.)

Democrats and progressive independents must help Walter Chuck defend his seat against his staunchly conservative opponent.

Cristen Don, an excellent candidate with notable experience and vision, has been endorsed for Position Two.

Three Democrats—Cathie Rigby, Cheri Brubaker and Dru Earls—are competing in the key race to unseat the contentious right-leaning incumbent in Position One. All three have made compelling arguments for their candidacy at a recent candidate forum. Many progressive voters are lining up with Cathie Rigby.

Primary elections commonly draw less participation than the November contests.

(In 2022, just 38% of voters submitted a ballot in the primary, compared to well over 50% in that year's general election.) We must reverse that trend.

In this year, when so much is at stake, locally, statewide and nationwide—Democrats,

and independent voters are urged to pay close attention to the affiliation and ideologies of candidates in ALL races, partisan and "non-partisan" alike.

We must recognize that the winners of the County's Board of Commissioners seats will be making decisions that will be heavily influenced by their ideologies and their true partisan leanings.

During the labor struggles of the past century, the song "Which Side Are You On?" became a rallying cry for unionists struggling against the brutal tactics employed to beat back their efforts to organize. The song was later adapted by the 1960's civil rights movement and it's as relevant today as it was back then. This year, it is not possible to be neutral. In 2026, we're asked to choose which side we're on. There's really no such thing as a truly "non-partisan" election.

Eliot Sekuler is a Gleneden Beach resident.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VOTE FOR CURTIS LANDERS

As Lincoln County faces complex budgetary decisions and increasing quality-of-life challenges, residents need leadership that has been tested under pressure. I have worked with Curtis Landers, which is why I encourage voters to support him for County Commissioner, Position 3, in the May 19 primary.

With 37 years of service in the Sheriff's Office, including eight years as sheriff, Landers brings deep knowledge and proven leadership. He understands the county budget, the importance of collaboration, and how to manage large-scale operations effectively. During his tenure, he did more

than enforce the law—he built strong partnerships across agencies, communities, and the State of Oregon.

Curtis Landers is not a career politician but a dedicated public servant. He listens, makes tough decisions when needed, and follows through. He is well prepared to bring that same commitment, stability, and professionalism to the Board of Commissioners.

Vote for Curtis Landers!
*Craig Roberts
Chair, Clackamas Board of County Commissioners
Former Clackamas County Sheriff
Wilsonville*

LINCOLN CITY FIREWORKS DISPLAYS
I read this article and

saw that the Lincoln City website confirms it: <https://www.explore-lincincity.com/events/holidays/4th-of-july/>

But neither mentions a previously announced July 3rd fireworks display further north on the lake sponsored by the Devils Lake Neighborhood Association. So, I did a quick AI search and came up with this:

Yes, there will be two separate professional fireworks displays over Devils Lake in July 2026. This year marks a significant change, as the city has moved its official display from Siletz Bay to Devils Lake to protect local wildlife.

July 2026 Fireworks Schedule
Devils Lake

Neighborhood Association Display

Date: Friday, July 3, 2026

Description: This long-running neighborhood event is a "pre-Independence Day" display launched from a barge in the center of the lake.

Best Viewing: Recommended spots include Brown Bear State Park and Sandpoint Park. It is generally not visible from Regatta Park.

Official City of Lincoln City Fireworks

Date: Saturday, July 4, 2026

Description: Part of the national 250th anniversary celebration, this is the first year the city's main professional show will take place over Devils Lake instead of Siletz Bay.

Best Viewing: The city is providing a shuttle service to Regatta Park from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., with parking at the Lincoln City Community Center.

I wonder what this means for the quality of the water in Devils Lake and the negative effects on pets, wildlife, veterans with PTSD and the illegal fireworks that will both precede and follow these events.

*Jay Roelof,
Lincoln City*

THANK YOU

Thank you very much for your 15 April 20 article about the opening of the new Lincoln County Animal Shelter in Waldport.

Having been a volunteer

dog-walker for them for almost a year, I can attest to the great work the employees and other volunteers perform. I can also say that every dog I have walked has been absolutely wonderful and happy to be out.

It is worth adding that anyone can use Google to find the shelter's website or go directly to <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/692/animal-shelter>

The website has great information on how others can volunteer or adopt a pet. And, somewhat unfortunately, the shelter always has new pets available for adoption, so if someone doesn't see their "forever" pet at first they should check back frequently.

Thanks,
*Andrew Dembosky
Depoe Bay*

GAS

From Page A1

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 9.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.97 per gallon today. The national average is up 3.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 87.4 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Oregon and the national average going back five years:

- April 20, 2025: \$3.87/g (U.S. Average: \$3.10/g)
- April 20, 2024: \$4.41/g (U.S. Average: \$3.67/g)
- April 20, 2023: \$4.06/g (U.S. Average: \$3.68/g)
- April 20, 2022: \$4.63/g (U.S. Average: \$4.10/g)
- April 20, 2021: \$3.17/g (U.S. Average: \$2.87/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

- Eugene- \$4.92/g, up 2.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$4.89/g.
- Salem- \$4.84/g, down 1.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$4.86/g.

• Portland- \$4.99/g, down 4.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$5.04/g.

Average gasoline prices declined in 48 states over the last week, while diesel prices fell in 46 states, offering a welcome break at pumps, with the national average price of gasoline dipping below the \$4 per gallon mark over the weekend, according

to GasBuddy Head of Petroleum Analysis Patrick De Haan.

However, De Haan said that relief may prove fleeting. Oil prices surged in Sunday night, April 19, trading after Iran re-closed the Strait of Hormuz and President Trump signaled further escalation if Tehran does not come to an agreement.

"With global oil flows remaining at risk, renewed volatility is taking hold, and the continued back-and-forth is making any lasting resolution increasingly fragile," De Haan said. "As a result, gasoline prices are likely to rise again in the days ahead, with diesel expected to follow if disruptions persist, and many of the states that

exhibit price cycling could see increases in the next 24-48 hours."

In the Lincoln County Leader's latest online reader poll, 52.3% of those responding said they are limiting their daily travel plans because of the increasing high gasoline prices, while 47.7% said they were not limiting their travel.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

— Maya Angelou

ONLINE POLL

PREVIOUS POLL

Are you limiting your daily travel plans because of the increasing high gasoline prices?

52.3%..... Yes
47.7%..... No

NEW POLL

If the election were held today, who would you for in the open Lincoln County Commissioner Position 2 race?

- Marci Baker
- Cristen Don
- Joe D Steere
- Eddie Townsend



Oregon's job growth fastest in private education, health services

MOLLY HENDREICKSON
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Article

Oregon lost 18,600 nonfarm payroll jobs, or -0.9%, from January 2025 to January 2026.

Among all states and the District of Columbia, Oregon was near the bottom of the rankings, at 48th. Nevada was the fastest growing state, adding 1.9% over the year. Idaho and California were also among the faster-growing states, at 0.8% and 0.7% growth, respectively. Washington had slower growth at 0.3%, ranking 20th. The District of Columbia was the slowest growing over the year, at -5.9%.

Oregon Industry Rankings

Job growth rankings by industry sector show that only Oregon's private education and health services industry added jobs fast enough to rank in the top 10 of all states. Oregon added 9,200 private education and health services jobs, or 2.7% from January 2025 to January 2026. California grew the fastest (5.7%) while the District of Columbia was the slowest (-1.1%). This growth was driven by health care and social assistance, which added 9,800 jobs (3.2%) over the year. Private educational services lost 600 jobs (-1.7%) over the same time.

Job growth was also positive in Oregon's leisure and



Job growth rankings by industry sector show that only Oregon's private education and health services industry added jobs fast enough to rank in the top 10 of all states. (Metro Creative Connection)

hospitality industry (1,800 jobs, 0.9%), which ranked 19th among all states and the District of Columbia. South Dakota grew the fastest (5.9%) while Iowa was the slowest (-4.2%). This growth came from the accommodation and food services sector, which added 3,600 jobs, or 2.0%. Arts, entertainment, and recreation lost 1,800 jobs, or -6.0%.

Oregon lost jobs over the year in government (-1,600 jobs, -0.5%), and ranked 20th.

South Carolina experienced the fastest growth, at 1.9%, while most states lost jobs, though the District of Columbia experienced the steepest decline (-11.3%). Job losses occurred in federal government (-2,200 jobs, -7.5%), while both state (300 jobs, 0.6%) and local (300 jobs, 0.1%) government added jobs.

In all other major industry sectors, Oregon lost jobs, and ranked near the bottom of all states and D.C. Construction

declined by 3.4% and ranked 51st; professional and business services declined by 2.9% and ranked 48th; financial activities declined by 2.2% and ranked 47th; and manufacturing (-2.6%) and trade, transportation, and utilities (-1.6%) both ranked 46th.

Oregon's Historical Job Growth Compared with the U.S.

Historically, Oregon has a track record of greater job growth than the United States.

Oregon has tended to grow faster than the U.S. during good economic times, but lose more jobs, relatively, in the tough times. However, something different seems to be happening in Oregon in the recovery since the pandemic recession.

Oregon's employment growth is diverging from the U.S. trend in recent years. Toward the end of 2023, Oregon began to grow slower and slightly decline at times. In 2024, Oregon added jobs at around the same rate as the U.S., though decidedly not faster. Since 2025, Oregon has been losing jobs while the U.S. continues to grow or remain steady. It will be interesting over the next few years to see if Oregon reverts to prior trends of growing faster than the U.S. or if that period of consistently stronger growth is behind us.

Where to Get Oregon's Latest Job Growth Rates

The most recent job growth rates by industry for Oregon are available on QualityInfo.org using the Current Employment Estimates (CES) tool.

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State's unemployment rate holding steady

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

In February, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment declined by 5,400 jobs, following a gain of 1,600 jobs, as revised, in January. February's gains were largest in financial activities (+800 jobs). Losses were largest in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-1,600 jobs); leisure and hospitality (-1,500); and professional and business services (-1,300).

Financial activities added 800 jobs in February, which was a rare monthly gain for the industry after persistent declines over the past three years. It employed 99,800 in February, which was down 1,100 jobs, or -1.1%, since February 2025.

Transportation, warehousing, and utilities employment was choppy in recent months, cutting 1,600 jobs in February following a gain of 1,500 in January. It employed 78,400 in February, which was 400 jobs, or 0.5%, above its year-ago level and close to its average employment throughout much of the past five years.

Leisure and hospitality cut 1,500 jobs in February following a gain of 1,200 in January. During the prior three years, it was remarkably steady, averaging just over 207,000 jobs.

Professional and business services continued its downward trend of the past three years, cutting 1,300 jobs in February and another 2,000 jobs in January. In the most recent 12 months, it cut 8,700 jobs, or 3.4%. Since February 2025, each of its three component industries contracted by more than 2%: administrative and waste services (-4,200 jobs, or -4.3%); professional and technical services (-3,200 jobs, or -2.9%); and management of companies and enterprises (-1,300 jobs, or -2.7%).

The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.4% in February and 4.3% in January.

Oregon's unemployment Rate in January

The Oregon Employment Department report shows the state's unemployment rate was 5.2% in January and 5.3%, as revised, in December.

The monthly unemployment reports are key indicators of the state's overall economy.



There were 2,070,680 employed and 124,619 unemployed in February in Oregon and there were 2,058,067 employed and 128,875 unemployed in Oregon in January, according to the Oregon Employment Department. (Metro Creative Connection)

In January, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 2,000 jobs, following a gain of 100 jobs, as revised, in December. January's gains were largest in leisure and hospitality (+1,800 jobs); health care and social assistance (+1,500); and construction (+1,000). Losses were largest in manufacturing (-1,500 jobs) and professional and business services (-1,300).

Leisure and hospitality performed better than the normal seasonal pattern in January and employed 209,800, which was 1,800 jobs, or 0.9%, above its January 2025 total. Despite these recent gains, it employed only slightly more workers than during most of the past few years.

Health care and social assistance rose by 4,100 jobs during the three months

ending in January. During the 12 months ending in January, it added 9,800 jobs, or 3.2%, which was by far the fastest growth rate of Oregon's major industries during that time.

Construction's 1,000-job gain in January was a partial rebound from its 2,400-job loss the prior month. Over the past two years, construction generally declined from a high of about 118,000 jobs throughout much of 2023, to its January 2026 level of 111,600 jobs.

Manufacturing cut 1,500 jobs in January, following a gain of 1,300 in December. Since August, manufacturing has fluctuated around 178,000 jobs. Prior to this period of relative stability, manufacturing shrank rapidly from a recent high of 195,000 jobs in November 2022.

The 1,300-job decline in professional and business services in January left the industry 7,600 jobs, or 2.9%, below its year-ago total, and 17,000 jobs below its peak of 268,100 jobs in 2023.

The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.3% in January and 4.4% in December.

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Earth Day at Oregon Coast Aquarium



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

The MidCoast Watersheds Council staff will be tabling with other partners at the Oregon Coast Aquarium for Earth Day.

Join us as April 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. we celebrate the power of small steps gathered together for collective action to create thriving communities.

There will be special programs and activities throughout the day including Storytime, hands on games and scavenger

hunts, kick-off for the new Low-Tide Explorer program, talks showcasing the Aquarium's own efforts to reduce our carbon footprint and use of single-use plastics, and partner tables sharing about their programs and ways they are helping our oceans, ecosystems, and all the living things, including us, that call our beautiful Oregon Coast home.

For more information, call 541-867-3474.



Saplings will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. (Courtesy from the BLM, Flickr)

Newport Recreation Center to host tree giveaway

Community members are invited to help grow a greener Newport by picking up a free Vine Maple sapling and learning about local sustainability efforts during an Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, April

25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Newport Recreation Center is partnering with the Arbor Day Foundation to host the giveaway and educational event.

After picking out a tree,

participants can pose with their new plant at an Arbor Day Photobooth and take the memory home with them.

The Arbor Day Foundation

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Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin comes to the Newport



Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin (Courtesy photo)

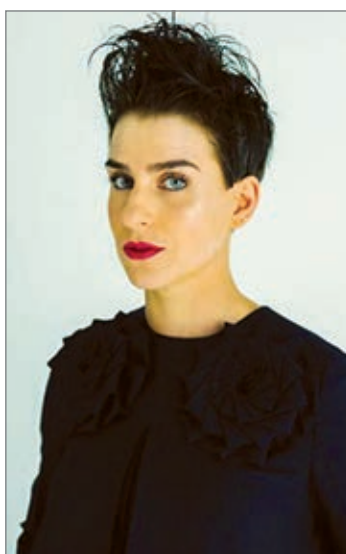
OREGON COAST COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

Oregon Coast Council for the Arts (OCCA) continues its acclaimed award-winning series, The Met: Live in HD, with a breathtaking on-screen presentation of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin.

Coastal audiences can experience the beauty, grandeur, and raw emotional power of world-class opera streamed directly from the Metropolitan Opera stage in New York at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2, at the Newport Performing Arts Center.

Based on Alexander Pushkin's classic verse novel, the opera tells the heartbreaking tale of Tatiana, a passionate and idealistic young girl, and Onegin, a bored, urbane aristocrat who rejects her love, only to realize his true feelings far too late.

The production marks the highly anticipated return of soprano Asmik Grigorian following her acclaimed company debut in Puccini's Madama Butterfly. Grigorian stars as the lovestruck Tatiana, bringing a soaring vocal performance to one of opera's most emotionally demanding roles. She is joined



Asmik Grigorian

by baritone Iurii Samoilov, who reprises his nuanced portrayal of the aloof and tragic Onegin.

Directed by Tony Award-winner Deborah Warner, the Met's evocative production has been praised by The Telegraph for offering a "beautifully detailed reading of Tchaikovsky's lyrical romance."

The production is sung in Russian with English subtitles and runs approximately 4 hours and 5 minutes with two intermissions. Coastal audiences will enjoy the stunning visuals of the Met stage on the big screen, bolstered

by the immersive, unrivaled sound quality of the Newport Performing Arts Center's state-of-the-art Meyer Constellation Acoustic System.

Tickets range from \$12 to \$28 when purchased at the Newport Performing Arts Center box office (777 W Olive Street) or by phone. Online ticketing is also available (additional fee applies). To learn more, call 541-265-2782 or visit coastarts.org/events/met-onegin

The Met: Live in HD is an award-winning series of live, high-definition cinema

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The beached whale at Seaside. (Courtesy screenshot from the Seaside Aquarium video)

Fourth whale washes ashore along Oregon Coast

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

A 40-foot, male Gray whale washed ashore on the south end of Seaside Beach April 14.

This was the fourth whale to beach since February. In late March, a 40-foot gray whale was found along the beach near Florence. On April 12, a 38-foot female gray whale beached near Yachats.

A 46-foot fin whale washed ashore north of Sunset Beach near Warrenton Feb. 7. The whale had been dead for a

while prior to washing ashore, according to the Seaside Aquarium.

In November of 2025, a large whale washed ashore in the same area and later died. In that case, officials said the whale had become tangled in fishing gear.

A necropsy was scheduled to be conducted for the Seaside beached whale.

"While the goal of any necropsy is to determine the cause of death, every necropsy

See **WHALE**, page B3

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



OLIVE & POPEYE

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: B equals C

CMBGJT JP C SJMXVHUO
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 LGJ UJJMSHXGVF CF C
 IJSHBO JPPHOT:
 CMEOTFJM BJIOT.

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Leave TARPED

Cut CREEPI

Tribute OHMEGA

Slope RAGED

TODAY'S WORD

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

SJ FAZQYOYFAJ ZO ZB'O
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 - RMBAYMJ AYFNZMO

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What was the title of the final episode of "M*A*S*H"?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Red Sea is an inlet of which ocean?
- INVENTIONS: Which English scientist invented the color wheel?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do pandas mostly eat?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the fictional college where "Animal House" is set?
- HISTORY: What was the last Chinese imperial dynasty?
- GEOMETRY: What is the distance around a circle called?
- SCIENCE: The world's first vaccine was developed to prevent which disease?
- LITERATURE: Where is Stephen King's novel "It" set?
- BUSINESS: What is the Disney logo based on?

Answers

- "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen."
- Indian Ocean.
- Sir Isaac Newton.
- Bamboo.
- Faber College.
- Qing.
- Circumference.
- Smallpox.
- Derry, Maine.
- The signature of Walt Disney.

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My philosophy is it's none of my business what people say of me and — Anthony Hopkins

answer

CryptoQuote

Anchor of a longtime cable news broadcast who moonlights as a police officer: Anderson Copper.

MARRIAGE

Today's Word

3. Homage; 4. Grade

SCRAMBLERS

1. Depart; 2. Pierce

solution



Spaghetti Dinner at BB Camp

SUBMITTED

Mark your calendars for the annual Spaghetti Dinner at BB Camp to raise scholarship dollars for our local kids going to day camp this summer. The dinner is April 30 and starts at 5 p.m. for tours and visiting and 6pm for dinner. There will be wine and Pelican Pub beer while you enjoy the scenery, another new building and lots of community cheer.

Tickets are on sale now and we appreciate you registering early. That give Chef Becci more time to plan and create our meal.

We found an extra Easter Egg, and it was golden so we will have the Egg Auction again this year with one lucky winner getting the golden egg. Last year Boone Marker



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won but he will be with kids and coaching sports that day, so you have a better chance at winning.

The prize last year with lots of gift certificates was valued at several hundred dollars. Ask Boone.

WHALE

From Page B1

is unique, and we learn from each one," according to a Seaside Aquarium Facebook post.

What happens during a necropsy?

First, a wide array of measurements and photographs are taken. Any obvious signs of trauma or abnormalities are documented. Then, the team peels back the blubber layer to look for signs of trauma like hemorrhage (bruising), measures the blubber thickness, and examines the overall "health" of the blubber (color, oil content, texture, etc.), according to the Seaside Aquarium.

Samples of the blubber are taken and sent to a lab for further analysis. This may sound easy, but it can be quite a task. The blubber is thick and

heavy. It can be hard to cut through and even harder to peel down due to the weight. A necropsy is all about teamwork, so while one portion of the team tackles the blubber, another team takes a closer look at the whale's head. Samples of baleen and tongue are taken.

Next, the team dives deeper into the whale looking for parasites, cancers, or other signs of disease. Next is the daunting task of getting samples from any organ the team can access. This varies for each whale depending on its size and position. In some whales, only their intestines are accessible, while in others the team is fortunate enough to sample the kidneys, lungs, liver, and stomach content (did you know that Gray whales have three stomachs?).

Once all the samples have been taken and

observations documented, the conversations begin. Each team member brings a unique perspective or insight into each necropsy, so everyone shares notes and overall thoughts. While the cause of death cannot always be determined, the team can come together and theorize what may have caused the animal's death.

Next Steps

Though smelly, it is best for the environment for the whale to remain unburied on the beach. The whale provides food for a wide range of scavengers, and as it decomposes, nutrients are transferred into the surrounding sand. However, there are times and places where a whale cannot simply remain on the beach. In those cases, the whale is buried or removed, according to the Seaside Aquarium.

That was the case for a 40-foot whale that washed ashore near Yachats April 12.

It has been reported that the whale beachings are the result of whales not finding adequate food supplies, collisions with vessels, and entanglement with fishing gear.

Read previous coverage with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website.

OCCC officials launch psychology transfer degree

Oregon Coast Community College has announced the launch of a new two-year Psychology transfer degree.



Students who complete the degree and meet university admission requirements will transfer to any of Oregon's seven public universities as juniors, entering their chosen university already having earned two years of coursework to be applied toward a bachelor's degree.

"Psychology isn't just about what people do, it's about why they do it," OCCC's Dean of Academic Pathways and CTE Dr. Sarah Whiteford said. "This degree gives students the tools to better understand human behavior, while opening pathways into a wide range of careers and continued study."

The seven Oregon public universities participating in this transfer agreement are Oregon State University, University of Oregon, Portland State University, Western Oregon University, Southern Oregon University, Eastern Oregon University, and Oregon Institute of Technology. Students who complete the program will not repeat coursework already completed at OCCC, allowing them

to step directly into their junior year of the psychology major.

Students in OCCC's Psychology program will study topics such as human development, social behavior, cognition, research methods, and the biological and cultural foundations of behavior. The program also helps students build valuable skills in communication, critical thinking, and analysis.

The OCCC Advantage: Start Here, Go Anywhere

Psychology is one of the nation's most popular undergraduate majors and can lead to careers in mental health, education, healthcare, business, social services, and research. OCCC's Psychology degree is built around a state-wide transfer agreement designed so that students' first two years of coursework count directly toward the psychology major at participating universities.

- Key benefits include:
- No repeated coursework — credits transfer directly into the major
 - Junior standing upon successful transfer
 - A pathway to any of Oregon's seven public

universities

- Much-lower cost for the first two years of college
- Small classes and personal support from OCCC faculty and staff

"We are proud to offer this pathway to our students and our community," OCCC President Dr. Marshall Mease Roache said. "The Oregon Coast deserves access to the same high-quality transfer opportunities available anywhere in the state. This degree gives students a clear, affordable path into a psychology bachelor's program."

Enrollment for Summer and Fall 2026 begins soon. Interested students are encouraged to speak with an OCCC Student Success Coach to learn how the Psychology degree fits their goals. To schedule an appointment, visit oregoncoast.edu/advising.

About Oregon Coast Community College

Oregon Coast Community College is a public two-year college serving Lincoln County from campuses in Newport, Lincoln City, Toledo, and Waldport. Accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, OCCC is committed to expanding access to higher education for students of all backgrounds and life stages. Learn more at www.oregoncoast.edu.

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TREE

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is a global nonprofit inspiring people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees, which help mitigate urban heat island effects, reduce stormwater runoff, improve air quality, and boost mental and physical health in cities and

neighborhoods. The City of Newport, which earned a Tree City USA recognition in 2025, is committed to plant, grow, and maintain trees to benefit the community. Adopting a tree at the Arbor Day Celebration helps create a positive, local impact through community tree stewardship.

Saplings will be

available on a first-come, first-served basis. The event will take place in Room 117 at the Newport Recreation Center. For more information, contact play@newportoregon.gov or call 541-265-7783. To learn more about the Arbor Day Foundation and the Tree City USA program, visit arborday.org.



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

SUDOKU 数独

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

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LCL26-178 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VAR 2026-01 KOMBOL
The Lincoln City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider VAR 2026-01 on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City, Oregon. Any person who may be affected is invited to attend and participate in the hearing and present written and/or oral testimony concerning the project. The Lincoln City Planning and Community Development Department received an application for a variance from the minimum access requirements in LCMC 17.52.030. The applicant is proposing using a dedicated easement in lieu of requiring direct access to the street in order to allow a different orientation of the existing lots. The subject

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property is addressed as 1201 NW 14th Street, and is identified as Assessor's Map 07-11-10-DC-07600-00. The property is comprised of four legal lots of record. The property owners and applicants are William J. Kombol, Trustee, and Jennifer M. Kombol, Trustee. The applicable criteria governing this review are: Lincoln City Municipal Code (LCMC) Chapter 17.50 Ocean Lake Plan (OP) district; Section 17.52.030 Access Requirement; Section 17.76.050 Type III Procedure; and Section 17.77.140 Variance. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearing and will be provided at reasonable cost to individuals who request it. The complete file may be reviewed online at www.lincolncity.org by going to Departments in the top bar, then Planning & Community Development, then Land Use Cases, then Variance, and then VAR 2026-01 Kombol. The application, all documents and evidence submitted by or on behalf of the applicant and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at reasonable cost upon request at Lincoln City Planning and Community Development, 801 SW Hwy 101. For additional information, please contact Weston Fritz, Senior Planner, at wfritz@lincolncity.org or 541.996.1226. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing in person, or by letter/email, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the Planning Commission and/or City Council an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). Please email your comments to Planning@lincolncity.org or mail to Lincoln City Planning and Community Development, PO Box 50, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367. This meeting will be rebroadcast on Charter Channel 4 Lincoln City at various times. This meeting will also be available for viewing at www.lincolncity.org/publicmeetings. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing-impaired device, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be

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made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Kevin Mattias, at 541-996-1221 or kmattias@lincolncity.org to request information in an alternate format or other assistance. Those requesting to give public comment via telephone must email planning@lincolncity.org no later than noon on the meeting day. The request must include the speaker's name, the case the person wishes to address, and the phone number the person intends to use. Instructions will be sent to the speaker. 4/22/26

LCL26-179 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 144007-OR LOAN NO.: *****9773

Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by JOSEPH R. BOWLBY, III, A MARRIED MAN, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS, LLC, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 9/25/2020, recorded 9/30/2020, as Instrument No. 2020-10094, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Lincoln County, Oregon: A PARTITION OF U.S. LOT 4, SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 12 WEST, WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE RIGHT

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OF WAY OF THE OREGON COAST HIGHWAY, FORMERLY THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE U.S. SPRUCE PRODUCTION RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY, SAID POINT BEING 992.7 FEET NORTH 14°9'30" WEST FROM THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36; THENCE SOUTH 17°28' WEST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 200 FEET, TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 17°28' WEST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 100 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°44' EAST, PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE KENNETH W. ROBERTS AND BETTY M. ROBERTS TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 219, PAGE 32, DEED RECORDS, 153.9 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY PROLONGATION OF THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID ROBERTS TRACT; THENCE NORTH 15°45'30" EAST, 100 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID ROBERTS TRACT; THENCE NORTH 93°44' WEST, 153.9 FEET, TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. APN: R466603 / 13-12-36-CD-03000-00 Commonly known as: 4982 SW SENECA PL

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WALDPOR, OR 97394. The current beneficiary is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 8/1/2025 - 3/1/2026 Total: \$4,421.04 Late Charges: \$110.52 Beneficiary Advances: \$2,827.99 Total Required to Reinstated: \$7,359.55 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$117,295.55 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable including: the principal sum of \$111,817.75 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.375% per annum, from 7/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP whose address is 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225,

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San Diego, CA 92108, will on 8/18/2026, at the hour of 1:00 PM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, At the Public Entrance of the Lincoln County Court-house, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the perfor-

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mance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 3/30/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee 4/22/26 4/29/26 5/6/26 5/13/26

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LCL26-180 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING.

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Siletz, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be held at Siletz City Hall, 215 W Buford Avenue, Siletz, OR 97380. The meeting will take place on May 14, 2026, and May 21, 2026 if the additional time is needed at 5:30 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comments from the public on the budget and discuss the city's use of State Revenue Sharing funds. A Public Hearing on the use of State Revenue Sharing Funds will be held at this meeting. This is a public meeting where deliberations of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 8, 2026, at Siletz City Hall, 215 W Buford Avenue, Siletz, OR 97380 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. 4/22/26 5/6/26

LCL26-189 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Lincoln County will hold a public hearing to consider a vacation of public right-of-way, initiated by Lincoln City in accordance with ORS 271.130, on Monday May 11th, 2026 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the City Council

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Chambers as part of a regularly scheduled City Council Meeting. The right-of-way proposed for vacation include the "4th ST", "3rd ST", and "2nd ST" right-of-way dedicated in the AKONIA Plat of Lincoln County, Book 7 Page 28. Full legal description, maps & other materials on the proposed right-of-way vacation may be viewed at the Lincoln City Department of Public Works, 801 SW Highway 101, during regular business hours. Objections or remonstrance may be directed to publiccomment@lincolncity.org by noon, May 8th, 2026 or expressed in person at the public hearing. Questions may be directed to Daniel Wentz, City Engineer, at dwentz@lincolncity.org or (541)998-1238. Date Mailed: April 20, 2026. Date of Publication: April 22, 2026 4/22/26

LCL26-188 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, In the Matter of the Estate of WALTER R. RICKS, Deceased, Case No. 26PB01393. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at Dustin Anderson, 2451 Willamette Street, Eugene, Oregon 97405, within four months after the date of first publication, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative, Dustin G. Anderson, Schulz Anderson LLC, 2451 Willamette Street, Eugene, Oregon 97405. Dated and published on April 22, 2026. /s/ Dustin G. Anderson, Personal Representative 4/22/26

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LCL26-187 A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE DEPOE BAY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be held at the Depoe Bay Fire District's Station #22, located at 6445 Gleneden Beach Loop, Gleneden Beach, Oregon, on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 10:00 am. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to hear comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. The Board asks that members of the public who wish to attend via phone or computer contact the District Administrative Assistant at least 48 hours prior to the noticed meeting time by phone at 541-764-2202 or by email at info@depoebay-fire.com. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 4, 2026, at the Depoe Bay Fire Station at the address listed above between the hours of 9:00 am and

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4:00 pm or at depoebay-fire.com. 4/22/26

LCL26-186 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT

Case No. 26PB03098 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of SAMANTHA GESLIK Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Baylee Marsh has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the personal representative at 9600 NE Cascades Pkwy., Ste. 300, Portland, OR 97220, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published on: April 22, 2026. George A. McCoy, OSB No. 101256, Warren Allen LLP, Attorneys for Personal Representative, 9600 NE Cascades Pkwy., Ste. 300, Portland, OR 97220 Telephone: 503-255-8795 Fax: 503-255-8836 E-mail: mccoym@warrenallen.com 4/22/26

LCL26-185 OFFICIAL NOTICE OREGON DUNGENESS CRAB COMMISSION PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING. The OREGON DUNGE-

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NESS CRAB COMMISSION (ODCC) will hold a Budget Hearing hybrid meeting pursuant to ORS 576.416, on Monday, May 18th 2026 at 9:00am upon a proposed budget for operation of the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission during FY July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. A public meeting will begin at 12:00pm and 9:00am. At this meeting, any Dungeness Crab harvester in Oregon selling Dungeness Crab through a first purchaser or directly to the public and any first purchaser buying Dungeness Crab in Oregon has the right to be heard with respect to the proposed budget. Copies are available for inspection, under reasonable circumstances, at the Dungeness Crab Commission office in Coos Bay. For further information or if you wish to participate, please contact: ODCC, P.O. Box 1160, Coos Bay, OR 97420. Phone/email: 541-267-5810; officemanager@oregondungeness.org. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to the ODCC office at 541-267-5810. 4/22/26

LCL26-184 PUBLIC NOTICE SILETZ RFPD WILL BE HOLDING ITS 2026-2027 BUDGET MEETING ON

Thursday May 7, 2026, at 7:00 PM at 149 W. Buford Ave. Siletz, OR 97380. The budget document will be available no later than Friday May 1, 2026 at 5:00 PM and will also be available on our website www.siletz-fire.com or to pick up by

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calling the Fire District at 541-444-2043 4/22/26

LCL26-183 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Port of Toledo Sewer Connection Expansion Project Shipyard Sewer & Washdown Improvements General Notice Port of Toledo (Owner) is advertising Bids for the construction of the following project: Port of Toledo Sewer Connection Expansion Project - Shipyard Sewer & Washdown Improvements. Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at Port of Toledo located at 496 NE Hwy 20, Unit 1, Toledo, OR 97391 until Monday, May 18, 2026, at 2:00 PM local time. Bids may also be mailed or emailed to the following address: Debbie Scacco, Port Manager, Port of Toledo, 496 NE Hwy 20, Unit 1, P.O. BOX 428, Toledo, OR, 97391. If emailed, please send to both the following: debbie.scacco@portoftoledo.org, dnicholson@civilwest.net. The envelope shall plainly identify (1) the Project name, (2) the Bidder name, and (3) the Bid number. Bids for the Project must be submitted by 2:00 PM. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The work on this project is for public work. A brief description of the scope of work is provided below: Complete electrical connection and pump installation at wastewater pump station PS02 and industrial process water pump station PS04; Complete final placement and plumbing of a 6" diameter bioach treatment tank for industrial process water from PS04; Construct approximately 1,000 lineal feet of 2" HDPE sanitary and industrial process water force main piping; Construct approximately 6" lineal feet of 6" aluminum compressed air piping; Bore and jack approximately 125 lineal feet of 4" steel casing beneath rail lines and a county road for extension of a 2" HDPE wastewater force main; Construct an approximate 45,000 square-foot concrete washdown slab for boat maintenance work. Obtaining the Bidding Documents Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website: https://www.civilwest.com/bidding. Bidding Documents may be viewed at no cost from the designated website. Please refer to eBid Project #10159989. Documents may be downloaded for \$22.00. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a bidder, 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. For assistance with the bidding website, please contact us at 952-22931632 or info@questcdn.com. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Civil West Engineering Services, Inc., 486 E Street, Coos Bay, OR 97420, Ph: (541) 266-8601. 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 and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. 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. Optional printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying a nonrefundable price of \$140.00 for each set. Please make checks for Bidding Documents payable to Civil West Engineering Services and send to P.O. Box 1589, Coos Bay, OR 97420. Questions regarding this solicitation can be addressed to: Darin Nicholson, PE, Civil West Engineering Services, Inc., dnicholson@civilwest.net, 541-982-2756. Pre-bid Conference A non-mandatory pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on Wednesday, April 22 at 10:00 AM at the Port of Toledo, Oregon, Shipyard Office 1000 S.W. Altree Lane, Toledo, OR 97391. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is not required but is recommended. 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. The Port of Toledo encourages disadvantaged, minority, and women-owned consultant firms to respond.

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This Advertisement is issued by: Owner: Port of Toledo By: Debbie Scacco, Title: Port Manager, Date: April 13, 2026. Daily Journal of Commerce Portland, OR April 15, 2026 Lincoln County Leader Lincoln County OR April 22, 2026 4/22/26

LCL26-182 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Port of Newport, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be held at the Administration Building and online at portnewport.com. Address: 600 SE Bay Blvd, Newport, OR 97365. Date: April 27, 2026, Time: 10:00 A.M. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 23, at 10 A.M. at 600 SE Bay Blvd, Newport, OR, 97365, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. 4/22/26

LCL26-181 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Probate Department Case No. 26PB02163. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of DANIEL L. BARICHIO, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that April L. Gaines has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the personal representative at the address below within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Published on April 22, 2026. April L. Gaines, Personal Representative. Taylor S. Kittell, Breakwater Law, Attorney for Personal Representative, 9900 SW Wilshire Street, Ste 200, Portland, OR 97225 4/22/26

LCL26-157 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE #26-0308

On May 14th, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W. Olive St, Room 203, in the City of Newport, Oregon, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 301 Otter Crest Loop, Unit 129, Otter Rock, OR 97369. The court case number is 17CV44067, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF WATERFALL VICTORIA FLOOR TRUST II, SERIES G, plaintiff(s) vs. ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF DONALD BRUCKSTEIN, a deceased individual; SANDRA B. FELLER, as claiming successor of DONALD BRUCKSTEIN; WILLIAM BISHOPRICK, an individual; and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 301 OTTER CREST LOOP #128-129, OTTER ROCK, OREGON 97369, defendant(s). This is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand. For more details go to http://www.oregonsheriffssales.org/county/lincoln/ 4/15/26 4/22/26 4/29/26 5/6/26

LCL26-159 SELF-STORAGE PUBLIC SALE

On Tuesday 4/28/26 ending 12:05pm auction will be held online at StorageTreasuries.com by Safe & Sound Storage 833 NE 3rd St Newport OR 97365 for units B1-Pamela St. James E32-Lauren Cliff E5-Gabrielle Stevenson 4/15/26 4/22/26

LCL26-160 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 98

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 4/27/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by LINCOLN CITY TOWING & RECOVERY 5678 SALMON RIVER HWY OTIS, OR, 2016 JEEP CMP UT VIN = 1C4NJDBB1GD653366 Amount due on lien \$5873.85. Reputed owner(s) > VICTORIA RAE HANSON 4/15/26 4/22/26

LCL26-161 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 98

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 4/27/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by LINCOLN CITY TOWING & RECOVERY 5678 SALMON RIVER HWY OTIS, OR, 2023 NISSA 4D VIN = 1N4BL4D-V4PN38628 Amount due on lien \$5887.50. Reputed owner(s) > JASON ALEXANDER VORHIS COLUMBIA CREDIT 4/15/26 4/22/26

LCL26-176 LINCOLN CITY STORAGE, 3796 SE HWY 101, LINCOLN CITY, OR, 97367.

The following unit will be sold at Public Auction, Starting 5/20/2026 at 9:00am Ending 5/12/2026 at 9:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Auction to be pursuant to Auction Rules and Procedures for Truax Holdings. Rules are available at the facility office. All bidding will take place ONLINE at bid3.com. Unit# B21 Blanche Crawford, Unit#LG74 Mark Hopkins 4/15/26 4/22/26

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LCL26-177 FORECLOSURE SALE at The Storage Place/ South Beach Mini Storage, 4822 S Coast Hwy South Beach OR 97366. Starting at 10:30am 4/24/26 for unit #A28 rented to Duane Ryans, unit #A10 rented by Jerry Lund and unit #A03 rented by Jan Cunningham. 4/15/26 4/22/26

LCL26-136 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE LOAN NO.: 0682559778 T.S. NO.: 25-16661

Reference is made to that certain deed made by, Archie Klement, an unmarried man as Grantor to West-ern Title & Escrow, as Trustee in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR HOMEBOUNDED MORTGAGE, INC. ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 2/5/2003, recorded 2/6/2003, in official records of Lincoln County, Oregon as Instrument No. 200302034 (indicated which), covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: APN# R313718 Lot, Block 10, BRAEMAR, in the City of Lincoln City, County of Lincoln, State of Oregon. Property Commonly known as: 2724 NW LEE AVE, LINCOLN CITY, OREGON 97367. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.73(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure was made is the grantor's. The installment of principal and interest and escrow amounts, if applicable, which became due on 6/1/2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest and escrow amounts through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premium, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and the costs arising from or associated with the beneficiary's efforts to protect the preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or payment of said deed of trust. The beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums to-wit: The sum of \$32,057.52 together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.875 % per annum; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof notice hereby is given that Ghidotti Berger, LLP, the undersigned trustee will on 8/4/2026 at the hour of 1:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at Public Entrance, Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.753 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceedings dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor or as well as any other persons owing an obligation the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. The Trustee has authorized the undersigned attorney to sign this instrument on behalf of the Trustee. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representation or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamine, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. For Sale Information Call: (800) 793-6107 website: www.auction.com. For further information, please contact: Ghidotti Berger, LLP, 1920 Old Tustin Ave., Santa Ana, California 92705. Phone: 949-427-2010. Dated: 4/15/2026 Ghidotti Berger, LLP Signature By: Daniel Ross OSB #112979 PPP #26-003234 4/1/26 4/8/26 4/15/26 4/22/26

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Softball season check-in in Lincoln County

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Lincoln County Leader

Things are heating up this spring season, and it isn't just that the weather is turning. The league season will decide who gets a spot in the state playoffs, but let's take a look at how Lincoln County's softball programs have fared this season as their campaigns get into full swing.

EDDYVILLE CHARTER

The Eagles started the season 2-7, with a 0-3 mark in league play. Despite the record, there have been some close losses sprinkled in that show the potential of the Eddyville squad.

Eddyville started 2-1, winning against Crow and Chemwa JV on Mar. 20 and Mar. 27. Since then, the Eagles have lost six games in a row, but three of those have come by two runs or less, most notably one-run losses to Myrtle Point and Waldport. All three of the close losses came against Special District 4 opponents.

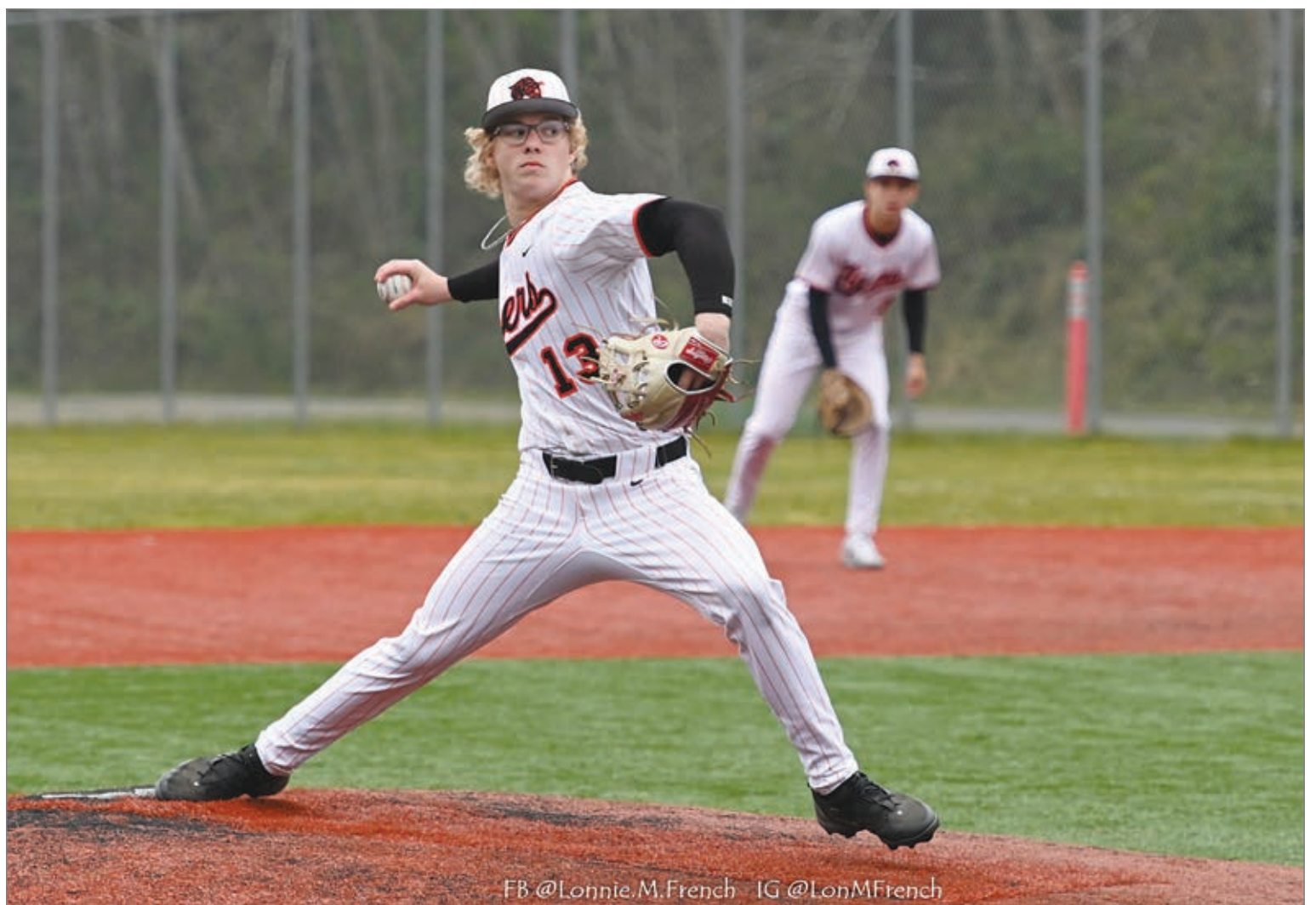
Against Waldport, the Eagles lost 16-17, the second-highest run total the Eagles have posted in a game this season. The first league loss was against Toledo on Mar. 31 by a score of 2-4.

As of the morning of Apr. 20, Eddyville was sixth of the six teams in Special District 4. The results of their Apr. 20 and Apr. 21 games against Waldport and Bandon are unavailable at the time of press. They play next against Toledo on Apr. 24.

TOLEDO HIGH SCHOOL

The Boomers have been in winning form in recent games, having won four of their last five. Two of those wins were league wins against Bandon and Eddyville, starting their District 4 campaign on a high note. The one loss over the stretch came against Powers on Apr. 7.

Despite the defeat, Toledo got some redemption later that



Taft's Kiley Humphrys fielding a ball. (Courtesy photo from Lon French)

day. They played Powers in back-to-back games, although the second did not count towards their league position. In the second game between the two programs, Toledo came out on top, 13-3.

Powers are currently top of Special District 4, and the 13-3 win will give Toledo a good bit of confidence as they attack the rest of the season. With a 7-5 record, Toledo is ranked #12 in OSAA's 2A/1A rankings, though they sit third in Special District 4 behind Powers and Myrtle Point.

Toledo and Myrtle Point faced off on Apr. 21, but the result is unavailable at press time.

WALDPART HIGH SCHOOL

It's been a tough season for the Irish so far, and ahead of their Apr. 20 game against Eddyville, their record was 1-8

overall, and 1-3 in league play.

The one win came against Eddyville on Apr. 10 in that high-scoring 16-17 battle. The win saw them put their best offensive foot forward, scoring the most runs of the campaign. Aside from that win, there's been a string of tough results, with them losing each of their other games by double figures.

Despite their 1-8 record, the Irish are still above Eddyville in Special District 4, putting them ahead of the Eagles, who have one league win.

Taft High School

The Tigers have been walking the line this season, splitting their results through the first 11 games. Taft has a 5-6 record on the season, and the Tigers are 2-3 in 3A Special District 3.

League play started for Taft with a 9-0 loss to Dayton on

Mar. 31. A second loss came to Willamina/Sheridan on Apr. 3, but the Tigers wouldn't stay winless in league for long. Taft secured two consecutive wins against Amity and Blanchet Catholic on Apr. 8 and Apr. 9, posting double-digit wins. Against Amity, the Tigers exploded for 18 runs, beating the Warriors 18-6. They followed that up with a dominant 16-2 win against Blanchet Catholic.

It was the first time Taft softball won back-to-back games by double digits since March of 2023. Taft played Santiam Christian on Apr. 20 in a league game, but the result is unknown at the time of writing. The Tigers will play Scio tonight in a league game.

NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL

The Cubs have found wins hard to come by so far, and

through their first 10 games, they had just one victory.

League play commenced for Newport on Apr. 20, but the score of that game was unknown at time of writing.

In the preseason stage of the year, Newport's one win came against Nyssa on Mar. 23. It was a 6-0 victory, Newport's first shutout since Apr. 12, 2023. Despite a hard start to the year, the Cubs were still able to achieve a rare milestone.

Since that game, however, things haven't quite broken Newport's way. Heading into league play, the Cubs had lost seven consecutive games, but with the most important part of the season ahead, there's still time to turn things around.

Newport will play against North Marion today in a home game at 5 p.m.

Around the bases with Lincoln County baseball

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It's been a jam-packed schedule for Lincoln County's high school baseball teams, and let's see who's been blossoming this spring as the season hits its fever pitch.

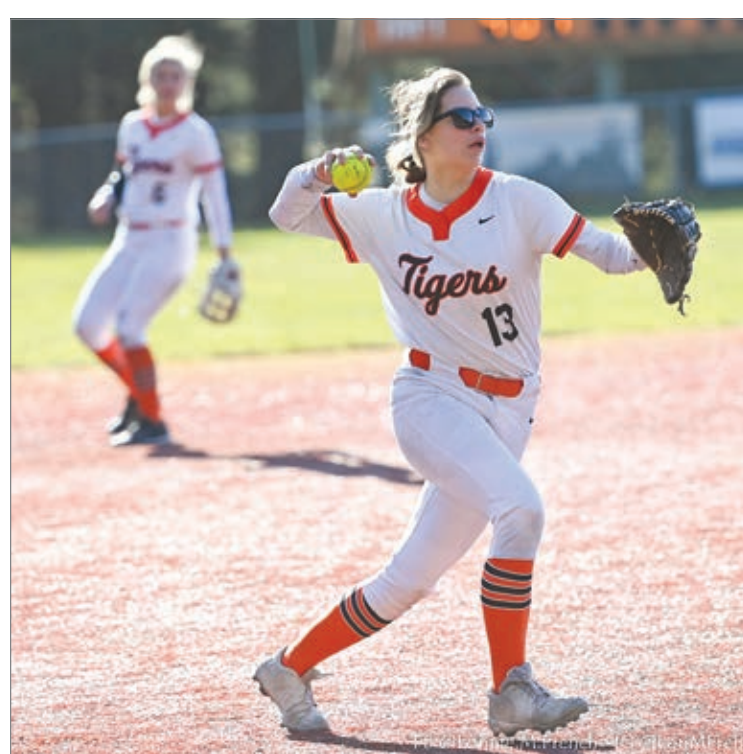
EDDYVILLE CHARTER/ SILETZ VALLEY

The Eagles and Warriors combined squad has played six games through the first month of the season, and they went 2-4 to start. One of those Ws came against Waldport in league play, where Eddyville/Siletz Valley bested the Irish 10-5 on Apr. 10. The Eagles have started 1-3 in Special District 4, with the three losses coming against Toledo, Reedsport, and Myrtle Point.

There are six teams in Special District 4, and ahead of their Apr. 20 game against Waldport, Eddyville sat fifth in the league. The Eagles have played fewer games than any other team in the league, and once they get more reps under their belts, they'll grow into the season.

Coming off a 2025 season that saw them finish 1-13 overall and 1-10 in the league, this season has already shown improvement, and the Eagles have already grabbed more wins than in any of the past four seasons combined. Coming into the season, Eddyville had a 1-35 record dating back to the 2022-2023 season.

Whatever the next few weeks have in store, Eddyville has already soared above its prior levels. Results of their games



Taft's Lonnie West on the mound against Dayton on Apr. 24. (Courtesy photo from Lon French)

against Waldport and Bandon on Apr. 20 and 21 are not known at press time. They'll be back in action against Toledo on Apr. 24.

TOLEDO HIGH SCHOOL

The Boomers have begun league play with a 3-0 record, and a busy March and April stretch has seen Toledo play 12 games, going 7-5 overall. Toledo has been putting up impressive offensive and defensive numbers in Special District 4, and all three wins have been by 10 or more runs.

The Boomers beat both Eddyville/Siletz and Bandon 10-0 on Mar. 31 and Apr. 3, leading off league play on a high note. The third league win was against Reedsport on Apr.

17, and they scored their highest run total of the season, beating the Brave 15-4.

The results have boosted the Boomers' standing in the state, and they're currently ranked #14 among all 2A/1A teams in Oregon. Within Special District 4, Toledo is second of the six teams, trailing only Myrtle Point, which the Boomers played on Apr. 21, but the result is unknown at the time of print.

Toledo will be back on the diamond against Waldport in a league game on Apr. 23.

Waldport High School

A promising 2-0 start to the season has hit a bit of a rough patch, as Waldport has found itself on the wrong side of the score in seven straight

games. Four of those losses have come against league opponents Bandon, Reedsport, Myrtle Point, and Eddyville Charter/Siletz Valley.

The two wins to start the year on Mar. 17 and 18 came against Coquille and Riddle, whom they beat 21-6 and 17-13, respectively. The score of the Irish's Apr. 20 game against Eddyville Charter/Siletz Valley is not available at press time.

Ahead of that game, Waldport was sitting at the bottom of Special District 4, looking to play catch-up as the league season hits its busiest period.

Taft High School

The Tigers have been on a roaring start to the season, and are the only undefeated 3A baseball team in Oregon. Heading into their Apr. 21 game against Santiam Christian, Taft boasted a 16-0 record overall, and a 6-0 record in Special District 3.

The Tigers have been on a tear recently, and their three most recent league wins have shown just the firepower that Taft can bring to battle. Taft beat Amity 15-1 on Apr. 13 and then followed that up with back-to-back victories against Willamina/Sheridan. They demolished the Bulldogs 14-0 and 26-0 on Apr. 15 and Apr. 17. Taft has outscored its league opponents 93-13. Across all 16 games, Taft has scored a state-high 153 runs while giving up the fewest scores, just 26.

All that has led the Tigers to the top of the state rankings, sitting #2 of all 3A programs. It's been an amazing start to the

year, and Taft's 16-0 start is the best for the program in more than 12 seasons. After making it to the state semis last season, the Tigers are hunting down one of their best seasons ever, and they'll have nine games to keep the momentum going.

They'll be playing Blanchet Catholic in a league game on Apr. 29 to keep their perfect league season rolling.

Newport High School

The Cubs threw out their first pitch of 4A Oregon West Conference play on Apr. 20, but the result of that game is unavailable. Going into that game, Newport had 10 non-league games to prepare for league play.

Through the first 10, Newport was 4-6, but they ended that stretch on a difficult run, losing four out of five. The one win came against Cottage Grove on Apr. 10. Facing off with the Lions, Newport won 11-1, the Cubs' second win by double digits this season.

For the Cubs, the rest of the season is a sprint to the finish line, and after the Apr. 20 game against Stayton, Newport has 14 consecutive league games to wrap up. Looking at Oregon West non-league play, Newport has the third-best record among the six teams in the conference.

Newport graduated a host of seniors last year, a group that helped get the Cubs to #4 in the state. With plenty of players adjusting to new roles, Newport will hope that league play will get them their fifth straight playoff berth since the pandemic. They next play against Stayton on Apr. 23.