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A volunteer helps with the pie at the Senior Center Thanksgiving event.



Lincoln City resident Teri Liwlor carving one of the turkeys at the Thanksgiving event.



State Rep. David Gomberg went table to table to serve coffee to the guests.



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The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports 24 people in Oregon died in vehicle collisions with animals between 2011 and 2020.

## Wildlife migration underway, drivers urged to use caution

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Drive carefully, it's peak migration time for many animals.

Natural food sources are lean in the upper elevations in the coast range during the winter as snow falls, covering the ground, according to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

"This time of year, with snow accumulation in the coast range and freezing temperatures periodically down to sea level, elk and deer may move to even lower elevations to find adequate food," the ODFW states in a release.

These additional movements often mean that the ani-

mals are crossing major roads both day and night which creates hazards to motorists, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

The encounters frequently lead to damaged vehicles triggering expensive repair costs, and often the collisions can cause human injuries and even death. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports 24 people in Oregon died in vehicle collisions with animals between 2011 and 2020.

The vehicle collisions with deer and elk peak in October and November, when migration and breeding (the "rut")

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## Food and fellowship

Seniors gather for Thanksgiving



Volunteers preparing the Thanksgiving meal at the Lincoln City Senior Center.

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Dozens of local folks got a head start on Thanksgiving last week. The Lincoln City Community Center's Great Room, at 2150 NE Oar Place, was filled with hungry guests attending for the annual Lincoln City Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, Nov. 16.

The free social event began at noon, but before hand several volunteers were busy preparing the meal and setting dozens of tables. Lincoln City resident Teri Liwlor volunteered to work in the kitchen at the event.

"This is my second time volunteering at this event and I do it because it is for the community," she said. "I moved here from the Portland area and doing this makes me feel like a community member."

Liwlor took on the job as turkey carver at the event.

"I am a turkey carver from way back," she said. "I even brought my own knives."

Asked if she had a specific routine to carve a turkey, Liwlor replied, "First, I take off the breast and then just rip it," she said. "Rip it good!"

Also volunteering in the kitchen preparing the holiday meal was Lincoln City resident Bill Vaughn.

"This is my first time volunteering here," he said, "I am just helping out, that's all."

Lincoln City Senior Center President Antonio Porral said the annual holiday meal takes lots of organization.

"Yes, incredibly it is organized," he said. "I have a lot of experienced people helping me, so I could not have done this without all of them."

The goal of the 2023 Senior Center Thanksgiving meal was to collect and prepare enough food for 250 people. The value of the operation was approximately \$1,600, according to Porral.

"We had a generous grant from the Tribe. The gave us enough money to buy the turkeys and we matched that with our own funds," Porral said. "We partnered with McKay's for the turkeys. With Galucci's to cook the turkeys. Beach Club for the sides. Hill Top was involved. We received lots of community support. Everyone has been very generous with their time and their resources."

Porral said leftovers would be delivered to shut-ins and others that could not be at the meal.

"This is a very tight-knit community," he said. "People look after each other and when they are not able to cook for themselves, the Thanksgiving dinner,

"This is my second time volunteering at this event and I do it because it is for the community."

Teri Liwlor,  
Lincoln City resident  
and volunteer



Cranberries and pumpkin pie were on the menu.



and having this lunch, really helps and the community deserves it."

Beverly Unrich and her husband Don, of Otis, said they've been coming to the annual Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner for 20 years. "It's just to be with the community and the fellowship," she said.

Don Unrich said his favorite part of the meal is the pie.

"We have a tradition were we eat the desert first and then we eat the meal," he said.

State Rep. David Gomberg also participated as a volunteer at the holiday dinner, going from table to table pouring coffee for those attending.

"I love coming out to these community gatherings. I do the one in Newport and here in Lincoln City, he said. "I get to see people and look at all the smiles on their faces. It's not often that I get to go to a room where everybody is smiling."

Porral said the Lincoln City Senior Center currently has about 200 members and is looking for more.

"We are working our way to 300," he said. "I would like us to be at 3,000. Three hundred is way low for us."

For more information about the Lincoln City Senior Center, call 541-418-5480.

## A CLOSER LOOK



Metro Creative Connection

## Oregon's economic outlook is unchanged

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Summary of the December forecast

Oregon's baseline economic outlook continues to call for the soft landing, and remains effectively unchanged from the prior forecast, according to the latest state revenue and economic forecast according to the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis.

The latest forecast release Nov. 15, reflects the state kicker details outlined in the September forecast, stating that \$5.6 billion will be returned to Oregon taxpayers next filing season. The median, or typical Oregonian is expected to receive a \$980 credit.

The kicker tax credit goes into effect when the actual state revenue exceeds the forecasted revenue by at least 2%. An amount is then returned to the taxpayers through a credit on their tax returns.

Local economic growth is driven by a return to full employment, combined with stronger business investment and productivity gains. Recently released Census data confirm that the economic recovery from the pandemic has been inclusive and broad-based.

Looking forward, a modest rebound in migration in the years ahead will allow local businesses to hire and expand at a faster pace than the nation. However, should migration not return as expected, Oregon's economy will not crater, but rather grow at a slower rate than in the baseline.

Oregon's state revenue outlook appears to have stabilized. Aside from persistently strong corporate income taxes

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Nov. 23 Traditional Turkey Dinner**  
Noon - 4 p.m. at the St Augustine Church. 1139 NW Highway 101 in Lincoln City. Traditional turkey dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy, yams, green beans, rolls, pumpkin pie and your choice of coffee, tea, or juice. It takes about 120 volunteers to put this event together and if anyone wants to volunteer, they may contact Arlene at 503-488-0141. On average St. Augustine will serve 500 meals. Hospital employees are encouraged to call in advance to have a meals boxed for pick up. For more information, contact 503-488-0141.

**Nov. 30 Game Night**  
6:30 p.m. at the Gleneden Beach Community Club, 110 Azalea Street in Gleneden Beach. Bring your favorite games or play one available at the club. Bring a partner, or challenge someone attending. If you're hungry, bring snacks and/or your own beverage. Free mahjong lesson this month.

**Dec. 2 Holiday Bazaar**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Coronado Shores Beach Club, 255 Shore Drive in Gleneden Beach. Paintings, baked goods, crochet items, crafts from Peru, jewelry, fused glass, greeting cards, Afghans, barn quilts, wooden pens, pottery, wreaths, resin art, wood paintings, repurposed parts into robots, lavender items, and homemade tamales.

**Dec. 3 Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale**  
Menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage or ham, orange juice and assorted hot beverages to be served at the Gleneden Beach Community Hall, 110 Azalea St. from 8-11 a.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6-12, and kids under 6 eat free. Cash only. Bake sale includes assorted holiday goodies. For more details, visit glenedenbeach.org.

**Dec. 9 Garden Club Holiday Sale**  
The Seal Rock Garden Club 75th anniversary offering hand-crafted holiday decorations from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. held in Seal Rock at the clubhouse, adjacent to the Seal Rock Fire Station, on the east side of Highway 101, 10377 Rand Street. The sale features green wreaths and swags of various sizes made from locally sourced greens, small live decorated trees, and tabletop arrangements, all handmade and decorated by club members. An array of 10 garden-themed items, including a handcrafted garden bench, will be offered at a silent auction. A live decorated tree in a lovely bluest/green ceramic pot with battery-powered lights will be raffled off. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each or six for \$5. You need not be present to win. Refreshments will be free for shoppers. A portion of the sale proceeds are donated to local projects to aid youth and women. For more information, text Marilyn, at 801-635-5001 or email at mlkid123@yahoo.com

**On Going**  
**Music**  
The Lincolnaires singing group meet every Tuesday from 10 a.m.to 11 a.m. at the Senior Center. For more information, contact Karen Nichols 541-669-1147.

**Vets Lunch**  
Veterans Free Homemade Soup and Sandwich offered twice monthly from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Lincoln City B.P.O. Elks # 1886 located at 1350 S.E. Oar Avenue in Lincoln City.

**Lincoln City Senior Center Events**  
Dementia Caregiver Support Group meets at 10 a.m. 1st and 3rd Thursdays.  
Tai Chi 8:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. No membership required. Donation to instructor suggested.  
Folk Music Circle to begin meeting Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. beginning in April.  
Weekly Walk on LCCC track. No charge or membership required. 10:30 a.m. Mondays.  
Chair Yoga 11:30 a.m. Mondays. No membership required. Donation to instructor suggested.



Courtesy photo from Chris Graamans

Coastal Voices pictured at the spring 2023 concert at the Newport Performing Arts Center.

Coastal Voices presents December Concert Series

SUBMITTED

Coastal Voices provides a musical start to the month of December in Lincoln County with a series of concerts.They are:

- 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at Chapel by the Sea in Lincoln City.
- 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Yachats Community Presbyterian Church in Yachats.
- 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Newport Performing Arts Center.

Since 1998, the former

Central Coast Chorale, now Coastal Voices, has enriched the holiday season on the Central Oregon Coast by performing sacred and secular music carefully selected by founder and director emerita Dr. Mary Lee Scoville.

Coastal Voices Artistic Director Rhodd Caldwell has chosen to honor that 25-year legacy in a program titled "Holiday Highlights – Our Favorites from 25 Years!"

As a seasonal fundraiser, three concert-themed gift baskets will be raffled off at each

venue.

Tickets cost \$20 per person, 18 and older, at the Dec. 2 and 3 performances; \$25 at the Dec. 9 performance, 17 and under admitted free. Buy tickets at the door or online at coastal-voices.org.

The organization is also seeking storage space for the risers in use at each performance. Please call 541-283-6295 with donations or suggestions.

Visit coastal-voices.org for more information.

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SHERIFF'S TIPS OF THE WEEK

Steps for holiday shopping safety

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The holiday season is here and we have some tips for those who shop in stores as well as online:

Be alert and aware. Be attentive to your surroundings at all times.

Don't carry more cash or valuables than necessary. Be discreet so that you don't attract attention.

Take extra precautions with your wallet or purse. Carry your purse with the opening flap next to your body and with the strap hung over your shoulder.

Allow for darkness. It gets dark early this time of year, so be sure to factor this into shopping plans.

Instruct children on holiday safety measures. Know where your children are at all times. Before going shopping, decide where to meet if you and your children should become separated.

Always lock your car doors and remember where you park.

Be sure to place valuables out of sight (i.e. packages, purses, phones, etc.). Place them in the trunk or take them with you. This includes portable GPS units.

Never hide spare keys in or on your car. These hiding places are easily discovered. If you need spare keys, keep them in your wallet or purse.

Be alert to suspicious persons or circumstances. Avoid parking where you see someone sitting in their vehicle for no apparent reason.

Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable or unsafe in a situation, report it to se-

curity immediately.

When walking in any parking lot, grocery store, airport, shopping center, etc., walk confidently with your head up, make eye contact, and have your keys ready.

Do not drive across parking stalls. Use appropriate marked driving lanes and obey all traffic signs.

Drive defensively and courteously.

Report all suspicious activity.

And remember, parking lots will be more crowded and checkout lanes will be busier, so please be patient and have a safe shopping experience.

If you shop online, here are some ways to avoid becoming a victim of Porch Pirates – those who steal unattended packages from people's property. They are heavily active this time of year.

Schedule deliveries to arrive when you will be at home or have them delivered to your office.

Have a trusted neighbor or friend pick up your packages if you won't be home.

Install a security camera on your property.

Have packages delivered to a shipping store or an Amazon locker. If you hold a post office box, use USPS for shipping and take advantage of their package lockers to receive your items. Some post offices even allow boxholders to use it's street address, with the customer's box number as the "unit" number for deliveries from other carriers.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday!

For more information and tips, visit [www.lincolncounty-sheriff.net](http://www.lincolncounty-sheriff.net)



FBI report shows increase bias incidents

New campaign launched

STAFF REPORT  
Country Media, Inc.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has released the 2022 Hate Crime Report as part of its Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program and the law enforcement has launched a new hate crime reporting campaign.

By the numbers in Oregon

In Oregon, 212 of 236 agencies voluntarily submitted data for this current 2022 report. The UCR program specifically defines a hate crime as a criminal offense motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias or biases against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.

In Oregon, there were 290 single bias incidents reported in 2022, and 287 single bias incidents reported in 2021. In Oregon, there were 428 reported victims in 2022, and 377 reported victims in 2021. These victim numbers include both single bias and multiple bias incidents.

Nationally, there were over 11,000 single-bias hate crime incidents involving 13,278 victims and 346 multiple-bias hate crime incidents that involved 433 victims.

In 2022, the top three bias categories in single-bias incidents were race/ethnicity/ancestry, religion, and sexual-orientation. The top bias types within those bias categories by volume of reported hate crime incidents is Anti-Black or African American for race/ethnicity/ancestry bias, Anti-Jewish for

religious bias, and Anti-Gay (male) for sexual-orientation bias.

Key takeaways from the 2022 Hate Crimes Report

The bias motivator in about 60% of Oregon incidents were race/ethnicity/ancestry. Victims perceived as Black were the racial group targeted most frequently. Religion was the motivator in about 10% of cases. Victims perceived as Jewish were the religious group targeted most frequently. Sexual orientation was the motivator in about 18% of reported Oregon incidents.

Raw UCR reporting is available on [FBI.gov](http://FBI.gov) and through the FBI's Crime Data Explorer.

Oregon effort

The Portland Division of the FBI is joining the FBI's nationwide efforts to increase awareness about hate crimes and encourage reporting of hate incidents with advertising campaign across Oregon.

The campaign, which began November 6, includes billboards in Medford, Eugene, Corvallis, as well as static and digital displays reaching thousands of passengers daily at Portland International Airport.

Hate crimes are the highest priority of the FBI's civil rights program because of the devastating impact they have on families and communities. The FBI defines a hate crime as a criminal offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.

The FBI is the lead investigative agency for criminal



Courtesy from the FBI  
This billboard in Eugene is part of the new FBI campaign.

violations of federal civil rights statutes and works closely with local, state, tribal, and other federal law enforcement partners in many of these cases, even when federal charges are not pursued.

"Violent acts motivated by hate are unacceptable in our communities," FBI Portland Field Office Special Agent in Charge Kieran L. Ramsey said. "Sadly though, the amount of hate crimes reported here in Oregon has doubled from what it was just five years ago. Even still, the vast majority of these crimes are going underreported and that needs to change. That's why we are spreading the word with this campaign. The FBI serves to safeguard against hate and violence, but we can only do so if we know about any such threats or violent actions. Every person has the right to live without fear of violence or intimidation. The FBI and our law enforcement partners will continue to hold those accountable whose hate-filled

aggression violates the civil rights of others."

This Oregon effort ties with a national FBI awareness campaign that hopes to drive education efforts and increase reporting: "Protecting Our Communities Together: Report Hate Crimes."

FBI Role in investigating hate crimes

There are a number of federal laws that give the FBI the ability to investigate hate crimes. Those laws generally require some kind of criminal act AND a finding that the person committing the act did so because he/she was motivated by bias.

The criminal act can include offenses such as murder, assault, arson, and it generally requires the use or threat of force or violence. For an incident to qualify as a federal hate crime, the subject(s) must have acted wholly or in part based on the victim's actual or perceived status. This is generally consistent with state law.

One arrested after deer shot at local park

STAFF REPORT  
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On Saturday, Oct.28, 2023 at around 10:45 p.m., the Lincoln City Police received reports of several shots being fired in the area of Kirtsis Park on NE 22nd

Street.

An officer responded to the area and upon arrival located a vehicle occupied by 21-year-old Randall Brooks III, of Grand Ronde.

Near the vehicle was a freshly deceased buck deer, but the deer's cause of death was not immediately apparent to the officer.

"After obtaining a statement from Brooks, who denied any involvement or knowledge of the animal's death, he was initially released from the scene," Lincoln City Police Lt. Jeffrey

Winn said.

After Brooks left, a more thorough inspection of the deceased deer was completed and during that inspection, some small caliber bullet wounds were located on the animal.

"Officers then canvassed the park and located evidence that directly implicated Brooks to the killing of the deer," Winn said.

The vehicle occupied by Brooks was later stopped by Grand Ronde Tribal Police. Lincoln City Police seized the vehicle and obtained a

search warrant for it.

"During the search, a 9 mm pistol was located in the vehicle, as well as other evidence connecting Brooks to the crime," Winn said.

Brooks was arrested on Oct. 31, and taken to the Lincoln County Jail where he was lodged on charges of Unlawful Use of a Weapon and Unlawful Taking of Wildlife.

An Oregon State Police Game Trooper was contacted and the contact information for a person who could come salvage the deceased deer was obtained.

Anderson schedules several town halls

SUBMITTED

State Sen. Dick Anderson (R-Lincoln City) will hold town hall meetings across the district and invites residents of Senate District 5 to participate.

Anderson said the town hall meetings will focus on top priorities facing communities of Senate District 5 and the rest of the state, including housing, childcare, homelessness, inflation, drug addiction, traffic, taxes, and more.

Upcoming Town Halls

- Philomath, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Tuesday, 11/28 at The Philomath Community Library
  - Monroe, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday, 11/28 at The Monroe Community Library
  - Florence, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday, 11/28 at The Siu-slaw Library
  - North Bend, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesday, 11/29 at The North Bend Library
- Anderson represents coastal and inland communities since being elected in 2020. His office can be reached at [Sen.DickAnderson@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:Sen.DickAnderson@oregonlegislature.gov) or 503-986-1705.

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# Sitka Center offers Resident Talks

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Sitka Resident Talks are an opportunity for the community to learn about the artists and scientists working in residence at the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology through brief 10-minute-long presentations.

This event is free and open virtually to the public via Zoom. RSVP at [www.sitkacenter.org/events](http://www.sitkacenter.org/events) to receive an event link. November 30th speakers include:

**Rasha Abdulhadi** is a queer Palestinian Southerner disabled by Long Covid. A poet, and speculative fiction writer and editor, Rasha is a member of Muslims for Just Futures, the Radius of Arab American Writers, and Alternate Roots. Their recent chapbook is who is owed springtime and they were recently the featured guest on Death Panel's October 16th episode, Refusing Geno

**Henrik Nordahl** is a multidisciplinary artist from Oslo, Norway working with abstract sculptures and installations made of materials sourced from the street and hardware stores. His work is a result of a deep research into a material's behavior and attributes through a process-led experimentation that he considers as a "collaboration".

**Sascha Rose**, a Haitian-American femme, connects ancestry, and sense of place with heavily reverberated guitar into heartfelt melodies. She bridges the ambient, indie, and soul into



Clockwise from left to right: Rasha Abdulhadi, Sascha Rose, Henrik Nordhal, Catherine Webb and Adam Swanson

genre-bending songs and while creating music for her own enjoyment also honors its power to build community.

**Catherine Webb** is a visual artist and a recent graduate of Yale University, where she double majored in Art and Environmental Justice. Catherine plans to pursue her oil painting practice on the East Coast full-time for the next few years. Catherine grew up in Southern California and is a member of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma.

**Adam Swanson** daylights as a suicide prevention policy advocate and lives as a writer, editor, and artist. He has served on the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline's Lived Experience Advisory Committee, and currently works as a coach for The College of Be-

havioral Health

Save The Dates: Upcoming Resident Talk: November 30, 2023.

## About Sitka's Residency Program

From October to April more than 50 artists and scientists will be residing amongst the trees and wildlife to deeply explore their work as Artists and Scientists-in-Residence at the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology.

Located on Cascade Head on the Oregon Coast just north of Lincoln City, the Sitka Center is an ideal location for artists and scientists to withdraw from the distraction of daily life, find the solitude needed to push through their creative boundaries, chase their artistic pursuits and immerse themselves in natural study and reflection.

Through workshops, residencies and events the Sitka Center provides time and space for place-based reflection, inquiry and creation at the intersection of art and ecology.

2023 marks Sitka's 53rd year of offering art-and nature-inspired workshops, residencies and public events on the Oregon Coast.

For more details visit [www.sitkacenter.org](http://www.sitkacenter.org). 541-994-5485 Sitka Center for Art and Ecology, 56605 Sitka Drive, Otis, OR 97368.



Courtesy photo  
Members of the Ruptured Ducks posed for this photo at their local gathering.

## Ruptured Ducks meet in Gleneden Beach

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Members of the Oregon Ruptured Ducks Armed Forces E-9 Association gathered in Lincoln City earlier this month for their annual fall meeting. Activities included a mess dress dinner at the Side Door Café in Gleneden Beach.

This is an organization of retired military members who reached the highest enlisted rank of E-9 during their careers. For example, Sergeant Major in the Army, Master Gunnery Sergeant in the Marine Corps, Chief Master Sergeant in the Air Force, Master Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, and Coast Guard according to

Gleneden Beach resident Linda Reid, retired U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Master Chief Petty Officer.

"Most served for 30 years, Reid said. "Our purpose is to support our veterans, share information on veteran services and attend veterans' events when possible. This particular chapter covers Oregon and southwest Washington."

Reid said the term "Ruptured Ducks" comes from a nickname for the badge awarded WWII veterans, which displays an eagle in a circular frame which appears to cut through one wing.

"All our WWII-service members have passed on now, but the name remains," Reid said.



Courtesy photo  
Martin received the honor at the Oregon School Boards Association's (OSBA) 77th Annual Convention in Portland Nov. 11.

## Martin named OSBA Board Member of the Year

SUBMITTED

Liz Martin, a member of the Lincoln County School Board since 2010, is the 2023 Oregon School Board Member of the Year.

Martin received the honor at the Oregon School Boards Association's (OSBA) 77th Annual Convention in Portland Nov. 11.

"Liz Martin is a great example of a school board member who has dedicated decades to improving her community and creating opportunities for young people," OSBA Executive Director Jim Green said.

Nominees for the statewide award were considered for their advocacy efforts, leadership and support for student achievement.

Martin has served on the Lincoln County School District Board of Directors for 13 years where she is currently vice chair after holding the chair position for three years. During her tenure on the board, Liz oversaw the hiring

of three superintendents, was instrumental in the creation of the district strategic plan and equity policy, and has been a key player in acquiring beneficial partnerships and funding for Lincoln County School District.

In her acceptance speech, Martin said she was surprised and honored to receive the award.

"I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for recognizing my efforts to make our community a better place," Martin said. "To be acknowledged for doing something I love is a tremendous honor. The more I have given, the more I have gained, but my true measure of success lies in the impact on the people around me. That is the real accolade."

Former Lincoln County School Superintendent Dr. Karen Gray, who retired earlier this year, said Martin was always a positive influence but challenged her with hard questions.

"She is the most support-

ive, upbeat, hard-working, loving board member I've ever worked with," Gray said. "It's every superintendent's dream to have someone like Liz to work with."

Born Liz Robison, Martin is a third generation Lincoln County resident who has dedicated her life to public service. In addition to her work on the LCSD Board of Directors, she is vice chair of the Depoe Bay Harbor Commission, and former chair and current advisory board member of Neighbors For Kids, an after-school day care and school. She lives in Depoe Bay and has two children and one grandson.

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# News & Views



## VIEWPOINT

### Will Congress heed the warning call on hunger?

JUAN CARLOS ORDONEZ  
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It is said that hunger is the canary in the coal mine of household economic suffering. For cash-strapped families left with only cruel choices on how to meet their basic needs, food is often the first item sacrificed. Better to skip some meals than lose the apartment, the thinking goes.



Juan Carlos Ordóñez

Right now, the canary is sending out a loud warning call. Hunger is rising rapidly. That is why the upcoming battle in Congress over the farm bill — the legislation authorizing the nation’s principal nutrition program — will have profound consequences on the well-being of millions of people across the nation.

A recent report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture showed a big jump in the number of households experiencing food insecurity, meaning their finances made it difficult for them to obtain adequate food. In the worst of cases, some members of the family even skipped meals. The share of food insecure households in the U.S. increased from 10.5 percent in 2021 to 12.8 percent in 2022, bringing to an end a decade of slow but steady improvement. In raw numbers, some 17 million households were food insecure in 2022, about 3.5 million more than the prior year.

While the Department of Agriculture report does not explore the causes for the jump in food insecurity, it’s not hard to identify the reasons. For one, the rising cost of living continues to pressure family budgets, forcing some to cut back on food.

Another factor is the expiration of the enhanced federal Child Tax Credit, a policy that not only slashed child poverty in 2021, the one year it was in effect, but also bolstered food security for families with children. Besides increasing the amount of the credit and making it fully available to the lowest-paid families, the enhanced Child Tax Credit contained a feature that made it especially effective at reducing hunger. It made the benefits available in monthly installments, allowing families to use it to cover recurring expenses such as food. But just as the end of the enhanced Child Tax Credit saw child poverty return with a vengeance, its expiration is making it harder for families to put food on the table.

That’s not the end of the

bad news. Earlier this year, another federal program helping feed vulnerable families also expired. During the pandemic, Congress boosted the amount of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits for many families. But these so-called “emergency allotments” ended in March. With their disappearance, the average Oregonian receiving SNAP had to do with about \$104 per month less in food assistance.

The effect was immediate. “We saw the number of people seeking food assistance in Oregon and southwest Washington skyrocket,” said Oregon Food Bank President Susanah Morgan in her recent State of Hunger Address.

And now, another threat to families struggling to put food on the table looms. The farm bill, which sets the rules for SNAP and comes up for reauthorization every five years, expired at the end of September. The pressure is now on a deeply divided Congress to pass a new farm bill. For some time now, House Republicans have been pushing to make it harder for some people to qualify for SNAP benefits by stiffening work-reporting requirements.

Research shows that such requirements don’t work. They don’t increase employment, in part because most SNAP participants who can work already do so. Instead, work requirements create bureaucratic hurdles that force some people to drop out.

The recent chaos in Congress — the last-minute avoidance of a federal government shutdown and the ensuing, protracted saga in electing a new House speaker — don’t offer much confidence that it will heed the warning call of the canary. It doesn’t inspire confidence that it will act to relieve the economic distress so many families endure by crafting a farm bill that not only rejects cuts to SNAP, but also strengthens food assistance to meet the rising need.

Nevertheless, it’s important to remember that not long ago, Congress put in place policies that had a decisive effect in reducing hunger across the nation. So progress is possible. But it will take all of us demanding that our elected officials do right by our nation’s most vulnerable families.

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## THIS THING CALLED LIFE

### Looking beyond the traditions

MICHELLE PIERSON YOUNG  
*News Guard Guest Column*

The holidays are full upon us and in just a moment many of us will be eating turkey regardless of our fondness for it. IT’S JUST WHAT WE DO, OK?



Michelle Young

with my therapist.

“I hate Christmas,” said American mom who raised her children conservatively, and with holiday magic. Therapist, “That’s funny, I’m a Jewish man and I enjoy Christmas more than you do.” (Not exactly what was

said, but in the right neighborhood).

So wow. It was offensively accurate. When Offensive and Accurate start a dance-off, I know there’s something I get to learn.

I asked him what he liked about Christmas, and he told me about his wife bringing the holiday tree tradition into their home. He told me about driving around on Christmas Eve, reveling in the lights, the two of them holding hands, out on dark, winter nights, creating the kind of human warmth needed for the short days and long nights ahead.

I compared the quiet contemplation he described to the somewhat (reads: extremely) frantic energy with which I basically attacked “the most wonderful time of the year.”

I’m not attached to the idea of you keeping a “traditional” anything. Some people love this season, and some people loathe it. It’s a

personal journey to be fair.

In my own experience I had one very fraught year, where I habitually referred to Christmas Day as “Monday,” my young children would ask if what I really meant was Christmas. Sure, kid. Sure.

I had tough circumstances to deal with, but I could have chosen some things, gotten rid of some others, and basically started over with the way I was experiencing my culture.

We sometimes approach the holidays as if there’s a “right” way to keep them. There may even be a part of us that thinks we need to like turkey.

Or you might be thinking, “Hey, chick. I love the holidays.” And I love that journey for you. I’d love to know about the things you dig. And to you, I would ask the question, how might you make the season even better this go ’round?

Traditions are for the people, and you are one of them. If the tradition feels like an old suit, you loved back in the ’80s, maybe it’s time to let it out in a few places, update the buttons, or even go out and get a new model, one like you’ve never had before.

It’s not been that many years since I first voiced how deeply stressful, I found my holiday “ways,” but over the last few years I’ve made changes and allowed my season to unfold in a way I never knew could be so delicious.

No matter where you rank in the world of holiday fandom, I hope you have the same experience. I hope you surprise yourself with magic still there to be discovered.

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### Payroll employment drops in October

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Oregon’s seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment declined by 4,600 jobs in October, following a revised gain of 5,500 jobs in September, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

October’s losses were largest in professional and business services (-1,600 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (-1,500). Three industries each cut 900 jobs: manufacturing; retail trade; and health care and social assistance. The only industry growing substantially in October was construction, which added 1,500 jobs.

Professional and business services expanded slightly slower than overall employment over the past 12 months, adding 4,400 jobs, or 1.7%, compared with growth of 44,300 jobs, or 2.3%, for total nonfarm payroll employment. While most of the industry grew rapidly over this period, employment services trended downward, cutting 4,100 jobs, or 9.0%, since October

2022.

Although leisure and hospitality gained 8,700 jobs, or 4.3%, in the past 12 months, the industry showed recent weakness with job declines of 300 in September and 1,500 in October. While accommodation and food services cut 2,500 jobs over the past two months, arts, entertainment, and recreation expanded in both months for a combined gain of 700 jobs.

Manufacturing continued to decline, shedding 900 jobs in October. It is down 4,400 jobs, or 2.3%, in the past 12 months. Most of the cuts were in durable goods manufacturing, which is down 4,900 jobs since October 2022. In contrast, nondurable goods manufacturing added 500 jobs over the year.

Construction employment surged to another record high in October, gaining 1,500 jobs. At 123,000 jobs in October, construction is up 6,000 jobs, or 5.1%, since October 2022.

Health care and social assistance grew the fastest of the major industries over the past 12 months, adding



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**There were 2,083,582 people employed and 71,820 people unemployed in Oregon in October, according to the state employment department.**

16,300 jobs, or 6.0%. Gains since October 2022 were led by social assistance and nursing and residential care facilities, which each grew by close to 8%.

Oregon’s unemployment rate was 3.6% in October

and 3.5% in September. October was the sixth consecutive month in which Oregon’s unemployment rate was between 3.4% and 3.7%. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.8% in September and 3.9% in October.

## CLARIFICATION

On Page 14 of the Nov. 7 The News Guard edition of HerStory, Mary Pounding was incorrectly identified as Mary

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# Governor asked to preserve more forests

ALEX BAUMHARDT  
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As officials at state and federal agencies attempt to wrap up the landmark Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan, stakeholders are issuing new demands and asking for final tweaks that could delay the already overdue plan into 2025.

Conservationists say at stake are the fate of 17 threatened species and thousands of acres that make up some of Oregon’s last old-growth forests.

For timber companies and two counties that rely disproportionately on timber revenues to fund public services, the stakes are financial losses that could cost logging and milling jobs, as well money for police and schools.

For the state, the risk of lawsuits under the federal Endangered Species Act remains as long as the plan is not finalized by the Oregon Board of Forestry and approved by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The latest demands for changes to the plan come from 10 conservation groups that say it still does not go far enough.

The letter

The groups – including the Center for Biological Diversity, Oregon Wild, The Conservation Angler, Native Fish Society and the Oregon Chapter of Sierra Club – wrote to Gov. Tina Kotek, asking her to direct the Oregon Department of Forestry to add to the conservation plan 11,000 additional acres of tree stands that are more than 80-years-old in the Tillamook and Clatsop state forests, and 18,000 acres of the Cook Creek Watershed in the Tillamook State Forest.

“This is our only chance to protect old growth forests on public lands of the North Coast,” said Margaret Townsend, a lawyer for the Center for Biological Diversity, in an email to the Capital

Species that would be protected		
Fish	spring-run chinook	
Oregon Coast coho salmon	Eulachon	
Oregon Coast		
spring-run chinook	Birds	
Lower Columbia River chinook	Northern spotted owl	
Lower Columbia River coho	Marbled murrelet	
Columbia River chum	Amphibians	
Upper Willamette River spring-run chinook	Oregon slender salamander	
Upper Willamette River winter steelhead	Columbia torrent salamander	
Southern Oregon/North California Coast coho	Cascade torrent salamander	
Southern Oregon/North California Coastal	Mammals	
	Coastal marten	
	Red tree vole, North Oregon Coast population	

Chronicle.

“We have been asking for these protections for some time, and this is not a major ask in the scheme of this Habitat Conservation Plan,” she said.

Oregon’s attempt to balance logging in 630,000 acres of Western state forests with protections for threatened animal species has taken decades to negotiate and is more than two years behind. It was supposed to be finished in the fall of 2022.

The timing of the letter to Kotek comes after months of unsuccessfully trying to get the additional acreage included in the plan, and a recent move by the Oregon Department of Forestry to fix a logging road in the Cook Creek Watershed that was washed out in 2015.

The agency was slated to get \$1 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency this summer to fix the road, but FEMA officials revoked the funding following concerns raised by the Center for Biological Diversity and Cascadia Wildlands that Oregon’s forestry department was not considering impacts to coastal coho salmon and marbled murrelets by allowing the road to be rebuilt. Agency officials said they were committed to building the road with or without the FEMA funding.

Joy Krawczyk, a spokesperson for the Oregon Department of Forestry, acknowledged that the agency had discussed the inclusion

of the Cook Creek Watershed and additional old-growth acres with conservation groups before. She said ultimately they were not included because they are not considered critical to the 17 threatened species protected under the plan.

Krawczyk described getting the plan over the finish line as “challenging,” and said that any changes to it at this point would delay completion, which can happen no sooner than late 2024 at this point.

Sara Duncan, a spokesperson for the Oregon Forest Industries Council, characterized the letter to the governor this late in negotiations as a “publicity stunt.”

“Eleventh hour political appeals for more by activist organizations who have already been heavily engaged in the multi-year process should be seen as what they are: publicity stunts and nothing more,” Duncan said in an email.

### The plan

The Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan would govern the bulk of Oregon’s coast range forests managed by the Oregon Department of Forestry. Currently the state forester can change conservation areas in state forests without agency and public input.

Under the new plan, the state forester would no longer be in charge of such decisions in conservation areas,

and some previously logged areas in the state’s western forests would be off limits to logging for at least 70 years.

If approved, the conservation plan would protect the state from lawsuits over those 17 species that are protected, or expected soon to be protected, under the Endangered Species Act. Among them are Northern spotted owls, marbled murrelets, salmon and steelhead, martens, red tree voles and torrent salamanders.

Timber companies and industry groups, along with county commissioners in Tillamook and Clatsop Counties, have been outspoken about their concerns over financial losses.

Estimates of how much timber and revenue could be lost are being revised now by the state forestry department. County leaders have not yet published or shared data showing how much of their total annual budgets, year-over-year, are supported by timber revenues. The counties get about 64% of revenue from timber harvests on state forests.

The development of the habitat conservation plan for Oregon’s Western state forests was accelerated following a settlement this spring between the Oregon Department of Forestry and several conservation groups over a lawsuit alleging logging was further threatening endangered coastal coho salmon. Part of that settlement agreement included the forestry department’s assurance that the Western Oregon State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan would be passed.

Follow this developing story at [thenewsguard.com](http://thenewsguard.com) and in the Tuesday print editions of *The News Guard*.

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Chinook and steelhead runs in the Puget Sound are currently listed as threatened, as are coho runs in the lower Columbia River, Oregon Coast, southern Oregon and northern California.

# West Coast tribes urge investigation of tire toxin linked to fish deaths

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For several decades, many coho salmon returning to waterways around Seattle to spawn have died mysteriously following heavy rains. In some urban streams, nearly all of the coho returning from the ocean died.

It wasn’t until 2021 that scientists figured out what was behind what they called “urban runoff mortality syndrome,” and it was not until this month that federal regulators at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) moved to do something about it.

The EPA on Nov. 2 said it would consider an August petition from the California-based Yurok Tribe and the Washington-based Port Gamble S’Klallam and Puyallup tribes, calling for a ban of the chemical 6PPD-q. It’s used in car tires to keep them from cracking and degrading, but as tires wear down, they shed particles containing the chemical into stormwater and streams. Even small amounts of 6PPD-q in a stream can cause salmon to become disoriented and die within hours, scientists have found.

The chemical has not been as big of an issue elsewhere, but officials worry it could become a problem. Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and the attorneys general of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington also submitted comments to the EPA in October supporting the petition. They said the tire-related pollution risks billions of dollars of state and federal money and decades of work spent on fish habitat and passage in the Northwest.

“The restored aquatic habitat is only as good as the water flowing through it,” they wrote.

EPA officials will spend the next year gathering information that could shape new regulations or a ban on the chemical, according to a news release. Agency officials acknowledged data showing 6PPD-q is toxic to fish, but they said there still uncertainty about how much harm the chemical is causing – to fish and potentially people, the new release said.

In Oregon, there have not been large fish die-offs attributable to the chemical, according to Shaun Clements,

**Fast Fact**

The Yurok, Port Gamble S’Klallam and Puyallup tribes, and the attorneys general of Oregon and Washington, want the chemical banned to save salmon.

deputy director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The state’s Department of Environmental Quality will begin testing for 6PPD-q in waterways following EPA guidance, Clements said.

Any watershed receiving significant runoff from roads and highways is at risk from 6PPD-q pollution, the state attorneys general said.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Northwest Fisheries Science Center has determined that within a few decades, coho salmon in urban watersheds could become extinct. Coho have been the species the most sensitive to the chemical, but steelhead and trout are also susceptible, according to scientists.

On Nov. 8, two San Francisco-based nonprofit fishing groups, along with the environmental legal advocacy group Earthjustice, sued major U.S. tire manufacturers. They claim the continued use of the chemical is killing already imperiled salmon and steelhead in violation of the federal Endangered Species Act.

Chinook and steelhead runs in the Puget Sound are currently listed as threatened, as are coho runs in the lower Columbia River, Oregon Coast, southern Oregon and northern California.

Washington State University scientists successfully isolated and identified 6PPD-q in 2021 from more than 2,000 other chemicals found in Puget Sound waters during three years of testing. It is the second-most toxic chemical to aquatic species ever evaluated by EPA, according to the petition from the tribes.

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# Recovery program helps those affected by 2020 Labor Day fires

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More than 1,100 Oregon households have received help from a \$150 million wildfire recovery program the state set up after residents lost their homes during the devastating 2020 Labor Day fires.

Three years later, the area is still recovering from the wildfires, which burned more than 1 million acres and destroyed or heavily damaged more than 4,300 homes in an eight-county region of Oregon. A full recovery is still years away.

Since the fall of 2021, the Oregon Housing & Community Services agency has used or committed all \$150 million for the wildfire recovery program that lawmakers appropriated to help Oregonians obtain temporary housing, receive a new home, or find affordable housing, the agency said in a state report released Monday.

The final report focuses on \$35.3 million of the money, which has helped 1,146 households with temporary assistance, a full recovery or both. Of that group, 867 households fully recovered from the wildfires, usually with the construction of a home or the purchase of one. There also were 450 households that received temporary housing, such as short-term rentals or motel rooms and other housing assistance.

“Thanks to a tremendous amount of work by our local partners, over a thousand families were served, including hundreds who were able to achieve full recovery,” Lauren Dressen, chief recovery officer of the housing agency’s Disaster Recovery and Resilience Division, said in a statement.

The remaining \$114.7 million in the fund is for affordable housing projects in Jackson, Lincoln, Lane and



Courtesy photo from the Oregon Department of Transportation/Flickr  
The Archie Creek fire was one of five mega-fires that spread in Oregon over Labor Day weekend in 2020. More than 4,300 homes were destroyed or heavily damaged.

Marion counties, the four counties hardest hit by the wildfires, the report said. Officials expect that to pay for more than 400 new housing units.

**Needs remain**

State planners estimated that residents have nearly \$1.9 billion in unmet needs after the 2020 fires. The \$150 million was “never intended to address all needs,” but was intended to provide immediate help, the report said.

The wildfires hit southern Oregon’s affordable housing market hard. Rep. Pam Marsh, D-Ashland, said her district lost about 1,500 manufactured homes or recreational vehicles in the fires, with 19 mobile home parks destroyed. About 2,500 homes in her southern Jackson County district were destroyed.

Many in those homes were retirees or working-class people with modest incomes, Marsh said.

“The only way those families get rehoused in the community is with significant public investment,” Marsh

said.

Marsh said projects are starting to come online. But the planning and permitting takes time, she said, adding that in a couple years, the state-funded projects should be finished or in construction.

“I think two years from now we’ll be looking at what’s there on the ground, and we’ll have a pretty good measure of what we’ve been able to bring back,” Marsh said.

But for now, people are still living in motel rooms, camping in recreational vehicles, and waiting for more housing to become available.

“We know people have left the area,” Marsh said. “We know anecdotally people are living with multiple families in a small unit. We know they’re camping in RVs in somebody’s driveway. But it’s really hard to put numbers with those anecdotes. You know, in many cases we have had to face the fact that we are not going to bring back some of our neighbors because they just needed to start life someplace else.”

**Other housing programs**

Separate from the \$150 million, other programs are paying for another 569 homes, including some that will be ready in 2024 and 2025. They include Renaissance Flats, a 72-unit affordable housing development that opened last month in Jackson County.

Additionally, Oregon officials are planning how to spend \$422 million of federal disaster recovery funds, which was awarded to the state in 2021.

That plan includes a housing replacement program for homeowners who lost their homes in the fires and a new home ownership program for renters. Officials with the homeowner assistance program expect to start taking applications in early 2024.

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# Adversity overcome by passion, creativity and cake

RODNEY HARWOOD  
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Five years ago, a brain aneurism and a stroke changed her way of looking at the world, but her energy and creativity helped her through the difficult times.

The News Guard is taking an in-depth look at Women in the Workplace along the Oregon Coast and Michelle Mausen, owner and founder of My Petite Sweet, is as special as the cakes she creates.

“Sometimes I forget to live and enjoy life. I am a miracle, I know that much,” said Mausen, who owns bakeries in both Lincoln City and Newport. “I love it. I made this. I love doing wedding cakes and everything I do.

“(The bakery) is my driving force ... it makes me happy.”

Happy is good the cake balancer and sugar artist said with a laugh.

My Petite Sweet was born in her kitchen back in 2005 when a friend asked if she could create a wedding cake. Mausen discovered her newfound talent, which quickly turned into a passion of creativity. By 2011, she was ready to expand the operation to My Petite Sweet’s first brick and mortar location.

“I probably do 100-plus weddings a year, so it keeps

me busy,” said Mausen, who named the business after her niece, who was born the same year as the bakery.

“We offer 30 cake flavors, more than 20 different fillings, and nearly a dozen frosting options. We do a lot of specialty cakes and other specialty items. We also do muffins, croissants, turnovers and pastries, so a little bit of everything.”

My Petite Sweet evolved into one of the premier bakeries on the Oregon Coast with a certain uniqueness for every occasion - graduations, retirement, birthdays, milestones, and, especially, wedding cakes.

The Lincoln City operation moved into its current location at 1710 NE Hwy 101, taking over the old Colonial Bakery at the corner of Highway 101 and NE 17th Street in 2016.

“I grew up in Salem and lived in other places before moving back to the Willamette Valley,” the Oregon native explained. “I like everything about living here.

“I love the coast, the community, the beach ... everything.”

She expanded My Petite Sweet into the Newport market at 1654 N. Coast Highway with the same amount of passion and creativity.

“It all started off in my



Courtesy photo

My Petite Sweet owner, Michelle Mausen, pictured far right with her sweet and crafty crew, baking treats with love.

kitchen and I taught myself,” she said. “Now I have a second operation in Newport. There’s not as much foot traffic in Newport.

“It’s more of a destination, you have to travel to get there. In Lincoln City, we’re in the downtown district so there’s a lot of walk-ins and

people looking to see what we have.”

Mausen overcame adversity and challenge, maneuvered her business through

the COVID-19 pandemic and came out the other side with a smile and a fancy to satisfy everybody’s sweet tooth with a flare.

# Service above self becomes a fond, lifelong memory

SARAH KELLY  
For Country Media, Inc.

For most teenagers summer means relaxing, having fun, hanging out with friends and trying to soak up as much sun as possible before having to go back to school in the fall.

That has been true for decades; however, one year around 1942, a young Evelyn Phelps found herself spending the summer of her senior

year working at a shipyard in Portland, Ore.

Phelps was 17-years-old when she decided to take up a summer job as World War II raged on.

She was drawn to the increase in wages it offered over the job she had been working at a hotel where she earned 50 cents an hour. The shipyard was offering 75 cents an hour, an amount young Phelps could not resist.

The now 96-year-old Phelps, recalls her employer at the hotel trying to talk her out of leaving.

“I told him I was going to go to Portland and stay with my cousins and work in the shipyards and they really

tried to discourage me. ‘Oh, it’s dangerous there,’ and they went on and on. ‘You should stay here.’ I think they just liked the cheap labor,” Phelps said.

Without looking back, Phelps quickly left for her cousins’ house in Portland, staying at their home the whole summer as she worked at the Oregon shipyard. She would take the bus out to the shipyard every day where she cleaned up behind the welders, removing all the debris left behind from the building of the large Liberty ships.

Phelps would spend eight hours a day at the shipyard, working five to six days a week. She, and the others like her, would be assigned to certain ships and areas in the yard.

Being moved to a new place would be dependent on how fast the ships were built. She recalls the job she did being made up primarily of women.

All workers in the shipyard were given a ID with a number on it that they were

required to wear.

According to Phelps, at the end of the day each person would drop off their ID at the station where it would stay until they picked it back up again the next morning as they came in for work.

After the welders and riveters would finish, Phelps would have to go through the double bottom of the big ships and clean up.

“I can remember one time ... we’re down there and somebody would start riveting above us, right on the main deck and I’m telling you we’d have to just stop and cover our ears. It would just vibrate through that metal,” she said.

Besides the noise, Phelps vividly remembers the heat. Working in a shipyard surrounded by metal, welders and thousands of people working in the summer heat all made for very hot days.

She was thankful to have had a nice elderly gentleman as her supervisor who encouraged her and the others to take a break during times

when there was not much for them to do.

Phelps said the only protective measures they were required to take was to always have their hair wrapped up in a bandana or something similar in order to keep it safely out of the way. They were not told to wear any type of protective clothing, just to make sure to stay away from the welder while they were working.

“My worst experience was one time I was working next to a welder and I didn’t realize that I was close and looking in that direction and [my] eyes [got] burnt. It’s pretty bad. It takes you about 24 hours to get over with,” Phelps said.

Despite that one incident, Phelps said that it was a great experience to work in the shipyard. She said that while she worked hard to earn her wages, she had fun too. Being able to be a part of the war efforts and the amazement of seeing a ship completed and launched in such a short time was something she has kept

with her all these years.

“We got to watch them break the champagne on some of the ships. They’d have a dignitary come in and break the champagne so they could launch the ship. Sometimes when it was a woman, they’d have a hard time doing it and would have to take a couple of swings at it,” she said, laughing at the memory.

Once summer came to an end, Phelps went back home and returned to school.

“My class, the seniors were the one and only that graduated half-term and that was because the boys were going to be sent off to war,” said Phelps.

The principal of her school had decided that the class would hold graduation before the boys were shipped off to fight in World War II.

During the chaos and tragedy of World War II, Phelps managed to carve out some fun and happiness while working hard. She created this amazing memory that has sits clear and crisp in her mind as if it had just happened.

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NG23-558 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-23-961646- SW Reference is made to that certain deed made by, BRIAN RUTH and NICOLE R. RUTH as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Beneficiary, dated 11/8/2006, recorded 11/13/2006, in official records of LINCOLN County, Oregon in book/reel/- volume No. and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number

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NG23-556 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-23-962422-BF Reference is made to that certain deed made by, KAYLA EDWARDS as Grantor to WERSTERN TITLE AND ESCROW, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS BENEFICIARY AS NOMINEE FOR CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE LLC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 1/15/2021, recorded 1/19/2021, in official records of LINCOLN County, Oregon in book/reel/-volume No. and/ or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2021-00615 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: 10-10- 09-AB-05300-00 R431812 LOT 15, BLOCK 3, SILETZ TOWNSITE, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 334 Se Swan Ave, Siletz, OR 97380-2078 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to

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provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$9,288.26 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$249,593.66 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 3/1/2023, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 2/14/2024 at the hour of 10:00AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, At the south entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse, located at 225 W Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365 County of LINCOLN, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except:

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Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest Kayla Edwards 334 Se Swan Ave Siletz, OR 97380-2078 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 916-939-0772 or Log-in to: www.nationwideposting.com In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing 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. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-23-962422-BF Dated: 9/28/2023 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Daniel Lazos, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 IDSPub #0188656 10/31/2023 11/7/2023 11/14/2023 11/21/2023



# House Republicans call together for Measure 110 changes

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Oregon House Republicans called for the state’s Democratic leaders to make several changes to Measure 110, the state’s drug decriminalization law.

In a letter Tuesday, Nov. 14, to Gov. Tina Kotek, Senate President Rob Wagner and House Speaker Dan Rayfield, all House Republicans but one called the measure an “abysmal failure” that needs to be changed to “alleviate the suffering” they say it has caused.

“Oregon is in crisis because Measure 110 has failed,” House Minority Leader Jeff Helfrich of Hood River said in a release. “House Republicans have diligently assembled proposals for legislation needed to effect meaningful change to end the addiction, crime and homelessness that plague our state. It is time for the majority party to put partisanship and special interests aside and work with Republicans to implement these desperately needed solutions so that our

state can begin to heal.”

Their proposals include criminalizing possession of illegal drugs and mandating treatment, ideas that already have been made by a group backed by Nike co-founder Phil Knight that’s working to put those changes to voters next year in a ballot measure.

Wagner is on a work trip and wasn’t available for comment, his spokesman said. Rayfield did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Elisabeth Shepard of Kotek’s office said: “We have not responded at this time.”

The letter coincides with meetings of a joint legislative committee on the state’s addiction crisis. The bipartisan Joint Interim Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response has met twice – in October and this month – and heard from state officials, providers and law enforcement. It is due to meet again in December as part of a mission to craft proposals for February’s legislative session that address the addiction crisis. Two of the House Republicans who signed Tuesday’s letter, Reps. Christine Goodwin of Canyonville and Kev-

in Mannix of Salem, are on that committee. So is another Republican, Senate Minority Leader, Tim Knopp of Bend.

Only one Republican House member, E. Werner Reschke of Klamath Falls, who has urged Kotek to call a special session to repeal the measure, did not sign the letter. He did not respond to a request for comment.

The Senate Majority Leader, Kate Lieber of Beaverton, who heads the joint committee, responded in an emailed statement on Wednesday that Oregonians have to work together to solve these issues. : “I absolutely agree that we need to act urgently to keep people safe, clean up our streets, and save lives. It’s why we set up this bipartisan committee to take action on real, responsible solutions to

the drug crisis as quickly as possible. If we could waive a magic wand and fix everything overnight, we absolutely would, but the last thing Oregonians need is half-baked ideas focused more on scoring political points than solving our problems,” she said.

The Republican proposals include:

Criminal penalties for the possession of fentanyl, methamphetamine and heroin and a ban on public drug use.

Mandated treatment, with forced welfare holds for those on drugs who pose a danger to themselves or others and diversion programs for those charged with drug possession and the expungement of criminal records for those who “successfully” go through treatment.

Abolishment of the oversight committee that the Oregon Health Authority established to approve programs for state funds. The law provides for a share of cannabis revenue to be distributed to providers for a range of services, including treatment, harm reduction and peer programs that connect people with addiction to others in recovery. So far, about \$265 million has been distributed.

The letter calls for more funding for county probation departments and state specialty courts that work with drug suspects and those with mental health conditions. And they said the state should invest in sobering centers and use bonds to invest in treatment facilities.

They said the situation is dire.

“Each day that this horrendous policy remains in place creates more opportunity for drug dealers to take advantage of vulnerable Oregonians. It’s another day that struggling addicts are unable to receive the treatment promised to them when the policy was enacted. It’s another day that Oregonians live in fear of

falling victim to crime as desperate people look for ways to feed their habits. It’s another day that the homeless crisis worsens,” the letter said.

Republicans have called for changes to Measure 110 for months, though this is the first letter of its type. While Democrats have said that the law needs time to work, they’ve acknowledged that changes are needed by recriminalizing fentanyl by making possession of a small amount a misdemeanor in this year’s legislative session and forming the joint committee.

Reporter Ben Botkin contributed to this story. Follow developments at [thenews-guard.com](https://thenews-guard.com) and in the Tuesday print editions of The News Guard.

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## Nearly half of drug users in rural areas were recently incarcerated, study finds

BEN BOTKIN  
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Almost half of people in rural areas who use illicit drugs were in prison or jail in the last six months, according to a new national study.

The study surveyed nearly 3,000 people in rural areas spanning 10 states, including Oregon, who use illicit drugs including fentanyl, heroin and other opioids. Within the group, 42% were in prison or jail within the past six months.

The study suggests the nation – and Oregon – should do more to reach and treat people for drug addiction while they are incarcerated and in custody. The findings come

as Oregon is in the midst of an opioid addiction crisis and hundreds of Oregonians are dying every year from overdoses.

“You have a reachable time in jails, and most jails are not providing this kind of addiction care,” said the study’s lead author, Dr. Dan Hoover, an assistant professor of medicine at Oregon Health & Science University’s School of Medicine. “In a broader sense, our correctional institutions have a mandate to rehabilitate people who have entered the system — and treating addiction is a huge part of that.”

Researchers at Oregon Health & Science University and from nine other states – Illinois, Wisconsin, North

Carolina, Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont – participated in the study, which was published Thursday in the journal JAMA Network Open. The study relied upon data from the Rural Opioid Initiative, a research consortium.

In Oregon, much of the attention on drug addiction is through the lens of Measure 110, which voters passed in 2020 to decriminalize possession of small amounts of hard drugs and put cannabis revenue toward addiction treatment and services. Since then, concerns have mounted about public drug use and rising drug overdoses. Gov. Tina Kotek and Oregon lawmakers say Oregon’s addiction cri-

**Fast Fact**

A national study shows nearly half of people in rural areas who use illicit drugs often were incarcerated recently, including in Oregon.

sis will be front and center during the 2024 session as the state looks for ways to help addicts get treatment, keep public areas safe and prosecute drug dealers.

The study’s participants were surveyed between January 2018 and March 2020, before Measure 110 passed.

And the study’s findings offer lessons for Oregon,

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## Doctor joins Samatitan Women’s Health - Newport

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Keven Nevil, MD, has joined Samaritan Women’s Health - Newport.



**Kevin Nevil** provides obstetric and gynecological care, including minimally invasive surgery. He earned a bachelor’s degree at Frostburg State University and a medical degree at Ross University School of Medicine. He completed an internship at Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport and residency training at Western Pennsylv-

ania Hospital.

Nevil said he was inspired to become a physician by his family doctor.

“He was an incredible person and mentor,” Nevil said.

Nevil added that he values the relationships he has with the patients he serves, as well as with his friends and family and that joining Samaritan fit his medical practice preferences and his family’s lifestyle.

Nevil is married and has adult and teenage children.

In his free time, Nevil said he enjoys surfing, sailing, reading and playing and listening to jazz and American folk music.

Nevil is accepting new patients and can be reached at 541-574-7235.



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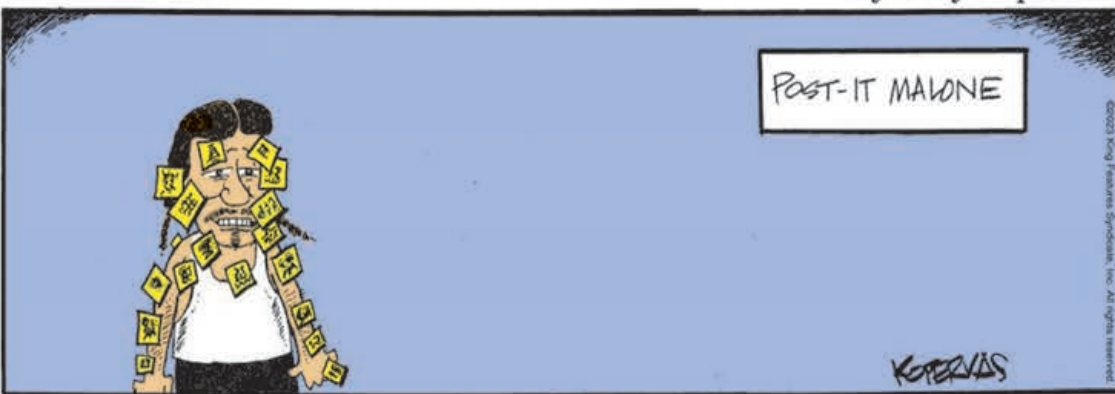
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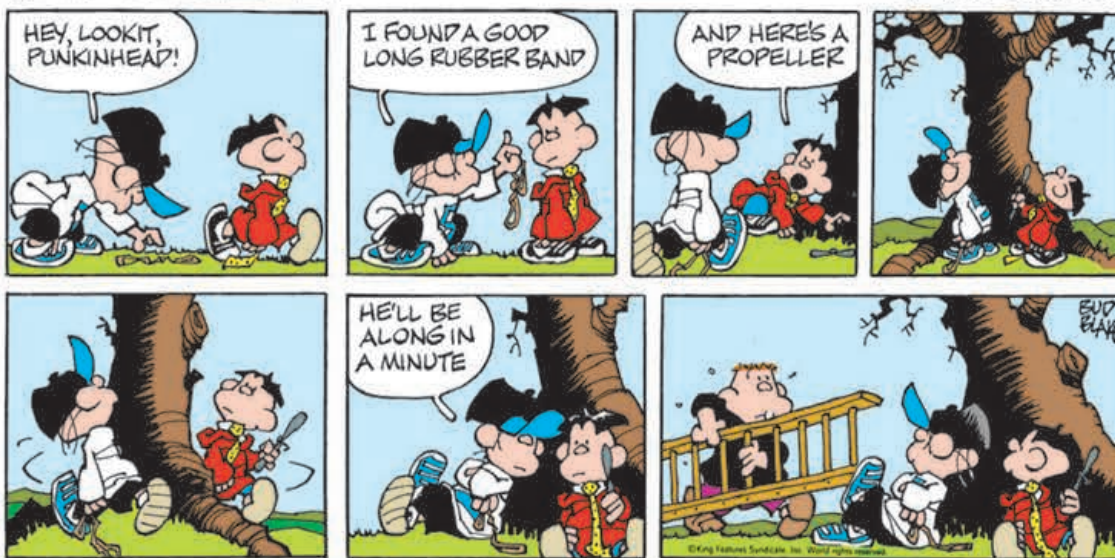
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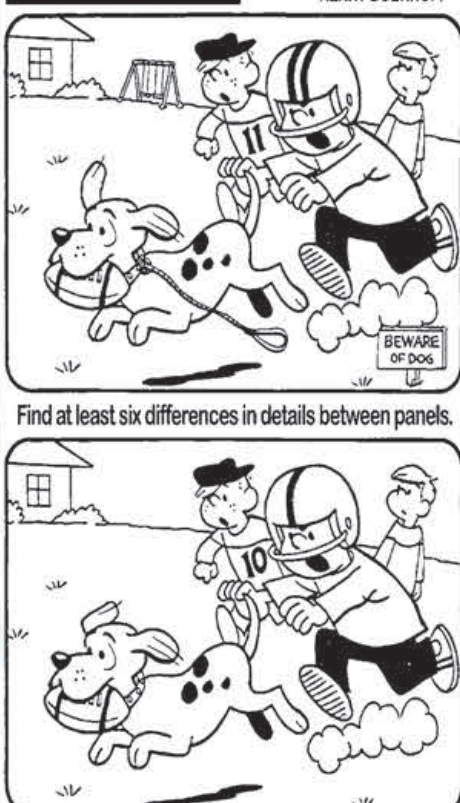
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HOCUS-FOCUS



Just Like Cats & Dogs



### 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: D equals S

TE OKI DILLXNHTHTKIDGO

NKYQXH W NIDJNTU KIH KE W

JWLRSWLX DHKLX, SJWH RK OKI

RK? DUXWQ W HWYQ.

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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!

Senility

GOATED

Wash

HABET

Provoke

NICETI

Multitude

GOLINE

TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

SHADES OF HISTORY

- ACROSS**

1 Holds inside

9 Scrams

16 Many millennia

20 Chart of the Pacific, e.g.

21 Eeyore's creator

22 "Blue Jasmine"

23 Start of a riddle

25 Cawing bird

26 Collate, e.g.

27 Couch potatoes stare at them

28 Maple stuff

29 Thin coins

30 Prayerful plea

34 Designer

37 Sparks' state

39 Riddle, part 2

45 Subject for Dr. Ruth

46 "Zip—Doo—Dah"

47 "... Mac — PC?"

48 Hostess snack cake

49 Onetime senator Trent

51 Hiccup or charley horse

54 Convents and abbeys

56 Colored rings of irises

58 About 4.2 millimeters, in typography

61 Footed vase

62 Agnus — (Mass prayer)

63 Riddle, part 3

66 "This is SO frustrating!"

69 Beelzebub

70 Tools used in fixing flats

72 Huge fad

76 To date

78 Riddle, part 4

80 Ship's swerve

83 Brow's curve

85 Bygone

86 Most speedy

87 She won eight Oscars for Best Costume Design

91 "Oops, I messed up"

93 Comic-strip light bulb

94 Sliding-open car option

95 Like below-zero nos.

98 "... — it just me?"

100 Highway goo

101 End of the riddle

106 "Perhaps ... ask me about it later"

107 Band with the hit "Whip It"

108 — date (plan for marriage)

109 Exuding testosterone

111 Catch sight of

113 Hobbit hunter

115 Tide type

119 Exhort

120 Riddle's answer

126 Aspersions

127 Carry in the uterus

128 They could use a welcome sight

129 Quick flights

130 Most bohemian

131 Tiltling

**DOWN**

1 Milked beasts

2 Dos cubed

3 Close by

4 Body image?

5 Moreover

6 Texting shorthand for "I think"

7 Anti's call

8 Catch sight of

9 "Goldfinger" singer Shirley

10 French thirst quencher

11 Electric guitar connection

12 Pointers

13 Actor Everett

14 Customs worker

15 Golf bag item

16 Fender bender, e.g.

17 Tagged for a particular use

18 Plains tribe

19 Bulletins

24 Iris' layer

29 Miles of jazz

31 Student transcript no.

32 Long-used adage

33 Least shallow

35 P-shaped Greek letter

36 Sculler's tool

38 Promising solemnly

39 Illinois city

40 Size

41 "— culpa"

42 Oreck product, for short

43 St. Pat's land

44 Lucy's Arnaz drink

45 Blotch sides

50 In present times

52 Church topper

53 Bishops' toppers

55 Greg Evans' long-running comic strip

57 Isolated

59 Poker IOUs

64 Neopagan practice

65 Full of racket

67 Autos such as Ramblers and Pacers

68 Half of Hispaniola

71 Tanzanian tourist treks

73 Must

74 Pant-length measure

75 Perfume from petals

77 Chevy SUVs

79 Chuck Berry title woman

80 Rural

81 Together, in music scores

82 Bringing to a conclusion

84 Bracing

88 Singers

89 With quavers

90 Genetic ID

92 — choy

96 Conclusion

97 "Goodness!"

99 Mil. officer

102 Share, as a blog entry

103 Web-footed wading bird

104 "Me neither"

105 Pioneer

106 Boone

109 Maudlin sentimentality

110 Guthrie of folk singing

112 Legendary snow beast

114 Hacienda house

116 "Orinoco Flow" singer

117 Yemeni port

118 "Hey, over here ..."

120 Org. for club swingers

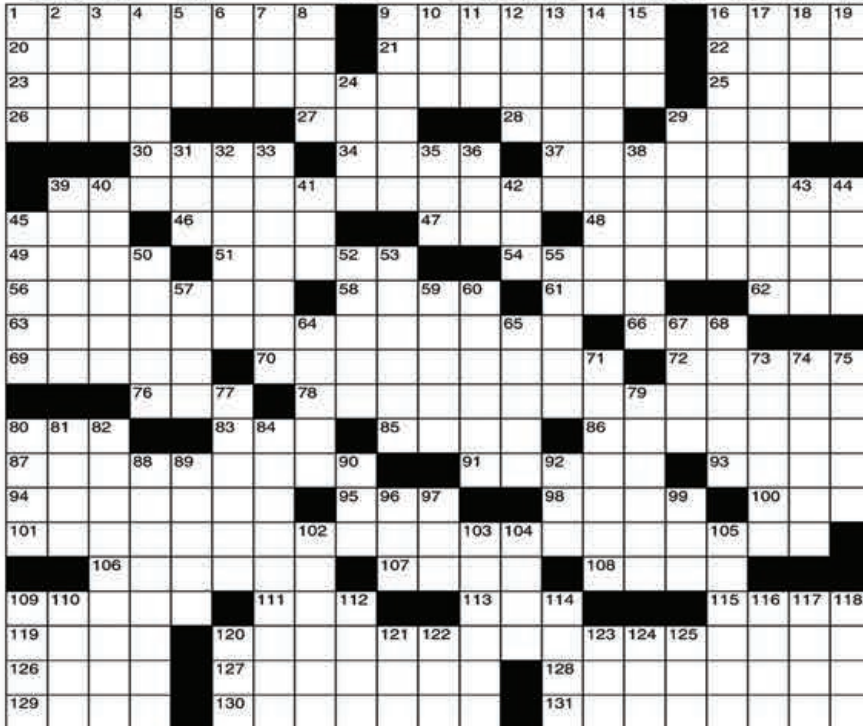
121 No. in Paisley

122 Part of TGIF

123 "Just joking!"

124 Lingerie item

125 The, in Arles



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦♦  
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

WORD LADDERS

Can you go from OWNED to ASHES in 9 words?  
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

OWNED

ASHES

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Who starred in the drama "Knight Rider"?
- U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Washington state?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How long does the average housefly live?
- LITERATURE: Which mid-20th century novel about animals has the subtitle, "A Fairy Story"?
- SCIENCE: What is the softest mineral in the world?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which major river flows through London, England?
- MEDICAL: What is a common name for the condition veisalgia?
- MOVIES: In which movie did the actress Gal Gadot make her debut?
- HISTORY: Where was the first Disney park built?
- LANGUAGE: What is the British term for a flashlight?

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Answers

- David Hasselhoff.
- Olympia.
- 15-30 days.
- "Animal Farm."
- Talc.
- The River Thames.
- Hammerhead.
- "Fast & Furious" (2009).
- Anaheim, California (1955).
- Torch.

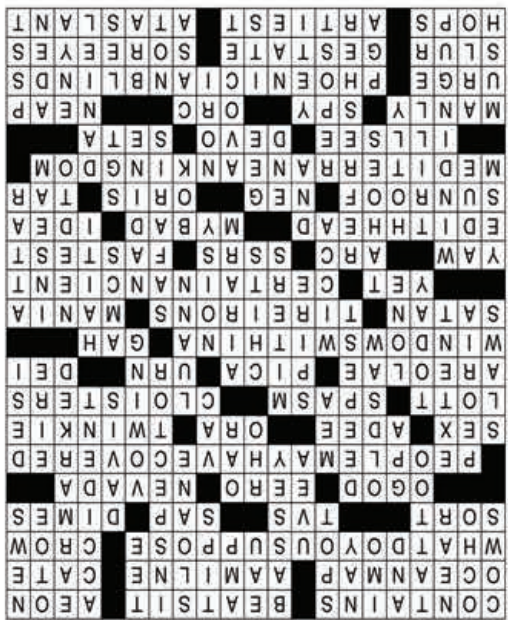
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Today's Word  
solution  
1. Dotage 2. Bathe;  
3. Incline; 4. Legion

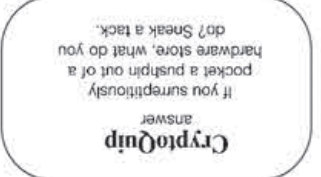
OWNED, AWNED, ACNED,  
ACHED, ASHED, ASHES

Answer

WORD LADDER



Super Crossword



CryptoQuip

Answer

do? Sneak a peek.



# Lincoln City Winter Art Festival returns

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Explore Lincoln City announces the second annual Lincoln City Winter Art Festival, sponsored by the Lincoln City SeaGals and located in the Lincoln City Cultural Center.

This event offers two full days of art, music and food Thanksgiving weekend Friday, Nov. 24 from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## Wildlife

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puts the animals on the move, making them more likely to be crossing roads. Fewer daylight hours and rainy weather also reduce drivers’ visibility, increasing the danger of collision.

Each year, ODOT crews remove about 6,000 carcasses of deer struck and killed by vehicles near Oregon’s public roadways, and many more die away from roads or on county, city or private roads.

ODFW research with GPS-collars show mule deer faithfully follow their migratory route, no matter how many roads or other obstacles get put in the way. They often have no choice but to cross roads to get to food and shelter.

ODOT offers the following tips to avoid wildlife collisions when driving:

- Animal crossings signs are placed in known crossing hotspots. Be on the lookout when you see one.
- Be alert in areas with dense vegetation along the road or while going around curves. Wildlife near the road may be hard to see.
- If you see one animal, stay alert because others are likely nearby.
- If you see an animal on or near the road, slow down and stay in your lane. Many

The arts and crafts show offers 30 local and regional artist’s creations, including blown and stained glass, pottery, sculptures, oil and acrylic painters, fiber arts, metal art, driftwood art, jewelry, photography and more. The Cultural Center’s Chessman Gallery and the Fiber Art Studio will be open as artist studios located downstairs. A Lincoln City SeaGals booth with a variety of crafts made by SeaGal members has been

serious crashes are the result of drivers losing control when they swerve.

- Always wear your seat belt. Even a minor collision could result in serious injuries.

There are a few areas in Oregon where you may see less animals crossing the highway, thanks to wildlife undercrossings. Keeping animals off highways creates safer environments for animals and safer roads for travelers.

Oregon’s newest undercrossing is along U.S. Highway 97 near Gilchrist. This was the first crossing that was paid for and built with help from many agencies, nonprofits, and volunteers. In recent years, the Oregon legislature has dedicated funds that support wildlife passage. Oregon Hunters Association, Oregon Wildlife Foundation, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and others have also been key partners in directly supporting wildlife passage projects. ODFW and ODOT continue to work to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and preserve long-term habitat connectivity for Oregon’s wildlife.

ODFW has established the state’s Wildlife Corridor Action Plan and has released the Priority Wildlife Connectivity Areas map. This map

added. Friday is family fun day, with the Ornament Make “n” Take located downstairs from 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. plus a photo opportunity with reindeer.

The Sweet Adelines will sing Christmas carols to usher in the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the arrival of Santa Clause, who will be bringing goodies for the kids.

Two raffles are scheduled, each offering a chance to win a piece of art donated

by James Lukinich of James L Creations LLC, and an old growth redwood chainsaw carved bear. The second raffle is for the chance to win donated art by vendors. Raffles will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday. You need not be present to win.

For more information, contact Shelley Shandra at 860-307-1898, or visit, <https://lincolncity-culturalcenter.org/events/lincoln-city-arts-festival/>

has GIS spatial modeling for 54 different wildlife species to show where Oregon can invest to provide the greatest overall benefit for wildlife movement.

Anyone wishing to support wildlife passage, now has the option purchasing Watch for Wildlife Oregon license plates. Proceeds from this plate fund wildlife passage and habitat connectivity projects statewide.

### Roadkill salvagers: CWD testing is mandatory

This is also the time of year when the most road killed deer and elk are salvaged for meat. If you hit a deer or elk, or see one that is struck, under Oregon law, you must fill out a free permit and turn the head in within five days so ODFW can test for Chronic Wasting Disease.

Since 2019, salvaging deer or elk struck by a vehicle has been legal in Oregon. Salvagers are required to fill out a free online permit available at [myidfw.com/articles/roadkill-salvage-permits](http://myidfw.com/articles/roadkill-salvage-permits).

Since the program kicked off in January 2019, 5,027 permits have been issued. The most permits have been issued for black-tailed deer in Western Oregon, where there are more drivers.

Salvagers are also re-

quired to bring the head and antlers of all salvaged deer and elk to an ODFW office for testing within five days. This is so ODFW can test the animal for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a fatal neurological disease that ODFW has been on the lookout for since it first appeared in the late 1960s in Colorado.

Infected animals can spread the disease for several years before showing symptoms (which include loss of balance, drooling, emaciation or wasting and eventual death). Testing apparently healthy deer and elk early in the course of the disease when they are not showing symptoms is the most effective method to catch the disease before an animal has spread the disease across the landscape and to other animals. According to the ODFW.

Test results are expected to take up to a month. If an animal ever tests positive for CWD, a biologist or veterinarian will phone the person who salvaged that animal directly.

Negative test results will be posted for roadkill salvagers to individually check online at <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/health-program/CWD-testing/> To find your result, enter RSP before your permit number (e.g. RSP5001)

## Economy

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and large insurance tax payments, collections in recent months have tracked closely with the September forecast. In particular, personal income tax collections have finally started to weaken.

General Fund revenue collections are expected to decline significantly in the months ahead as corporate profits and business income return to trend, and a record personal income tax kicker credit is issued. Although the revenue outlook appears on track for now, Oregon has yet to go through its first personal income tax filing season of the biennium, so considerable uncertainty remains.

Even excluding the payment of the kicker credit, General Fund revenues were expected to be relatively unchanged when compared to the previous biennium. The revenue boom seen during tax year 2021 is unlikely to be repeated, with collections expected to revert back to their long-term trends. Traditional gains in General Fund collections are expected to resume in the 2025-27 biennium and beyond.

Longer term, revenue growth in Oregon and other states will face considerable downward pressure over the 10-year extended forecast horizon. As the baby boom population cohort works less and spends less, traditional state tax instruments such as personal income taxes and general sales taxes will become less effective, and revenue growth will fail to match

the pace seen in the past.

### By the numbers

Gross General Fund revenues for the 2023-25 biennium are expected to reach \$25,937 million. This represents an increase of \$274 million from the September 2023 forecast, and an increase of \$678 million relative to the Close of Session forecast. Most of the increase can be attributed to collections of corporate income taxes, which continue to outstrip underlying profit earnings.

The outlook for General Fund resources has also been revised upward due to additional expected insurance taxes and interest earnings. Total available resources in the current 2023-25 biennium are increased \$335 million after accounting for the removal of an expected state tax transfer.

### General Fund Outlook

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### Employment forecast

The outlooks for both construction, and leisure and hospitality have been raised in

the current forecast. The combination of increased federal investment and need to boost housing production means the demand for construction workers will grow stronger in the years ahead. That said, in the near-term, construction has slowed down due to the higher interest rates, resulting in less building activity today and in the next few quarters, even as that demand over the medium- and long-term is higher.

Leisure and hospitality employment continues to come in above forecast. Consumer spending on travel, going out to eat, and entertainment has fully recovered the past couple of years, however industry employment had not. One key consideration were some structural changes made within the sector, be it more kiosk ordering at restaurants, or hotels no longer providing daily cleaning and the like.

However, at least nationally, leisure and hospitality employment per capita has fully returned to its pre-pandemic peak. The long-run growth path of the industry’s employment is still slower than pre-pandemic trends, however the outlook is still stronger today than it was a year ago.

Offsetting these industry increases, are modest downward revisions to the outlook for durable goods manufacturing, in addition to retail, wholesale, and transportation and warehousing. These industries have been weaker than forecast recently, at least in the preliminary data, and even with a largely unchanged macroeconomic outlook, the

employment forecasts largely carry these lower recent numbers into the future, leaving the topline employment outlook unchanged.

### Governor’s statement

Governor Tina Kotek issued the following statement in response to the quarterly revenue forecast:

“Oregon’s economy is continuing to stabilize, and that is good news for working families and businesses across our state. To keep our economy moving in the right direction, we need to address core issues for Oregonians. Housing production, the addiction crisis, and access to child care are at the top of the list. I look forward to working with legislators in the upcoming 2024 session to make progress for Oregonians on these issues and more.”

### Background

The Oregon Economic Forecast provides information to planners and policy makers in state agencies and private organizations for use in their decision-making processes.

The Oregon Revenue Forecast opens the revenue forecasting process to public review. It is the basis for much of the budgeting in state government. The forecast reports are issued four times a year: March, June, September, and December.

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## Users

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Hoover said.

“There is an incredibly large mismatch really between where the medical need in jails is for substance use disorder care, and then how available that is and how funded that is,” Hoover said. “That’s something that we really need to do something about.”

Hoover said Oregon’s system could take several steps to address the problem, including prioritizing funding and partnering with providers, with a focus on getting treatment inside facilities.

“We need the leadership

inside the correction system to say that that’s a high priority,” he said.

More than half of about 12,000 inmates in Oregon’s state prisons have an addiction or drug use problem, according to a 2022 state report of the state’s addiction treatment services and gaps in coverage. But only about 9% of inmates who need treatment receive it while in custody, according to legislative testimony the Oregon Department of Corrections submitted in March when lawmakers considered a bill to expand access to treatment. That bill died.

County officials, Hoover

said, also have a role to play and can direct funding, including opioid settlement funds, toward their jails.

Incarceration without treatment does not serve people, Hoover said.

When incarcerated people have withdrawal symptoms without treatment, they will be more vulnerable to begin using drugs and reoffend when they are released, Hoover said.

Drugs continue to be a challenge as incarcerated people with addiction problems enter jails on other charges, like property crimes.

“Substance use disorder is still in our jails,” Hoover said.

“We did not come anywhere close to eliminating the need for substance use disorder treatment in our jails. It’s just a persistent need that will be there. And we definitely want to respond the best way we can.”

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