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## Complaint against school superintendent under investigation

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The Oregon Government Ethics Commission is investigating a complaint filed against Majalise Tolan, Lincoln County School District superintendent, after the commission voted unanimously to do so in early October following a preliminary review. The commission met Oct.



**Majalise Tolan**  
6 and opted to further an investigation into a complaint filed in late July by Tamara Moore, the mother of a former LCSD student, less than four weeks after Tolan began her role succeeding Karen Gray

as LCSD superintendent. The formal complaint alleges Tolan violated Oregon Government Ethics law by promoting a book she co-authored, published in early 2022, while on school district-funded travel. The OGEc has 180 days from Oct. 6 to decide if Tolan violated the following Oregon Revised Statutes: ORS 244.040(1), which prohibits a public official

from using or attempting to use the official's position to obtain a financial benefit or avoid financial detriment for the official, a relative or household member, or a business with which any of them are associated. ORS 244.020(1) and (13), which define a conflict of interest as any action, decision or recommendation taken by a public official that would or

could financially impact that public official, their relative, or a business with which the official or their relative is associated. **Tolan's statement** After Tolan immediately referred an initial inquiry earlier last week into the matter to Susan Schuytema, LCSD communications specialist,

The News Guard received the following statement from the school district on Tolan's behalf. "In response to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission's decision to do a full investigation related to a book I co-authored, I want to assure the public that I take these concerns seriously and See **TOLAN**, Page 11

## Standoff ends peacefully

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A usually quiet neighborhood in south Lincoln City filled with law enforcement officers following a report of a disturbance than evolved into a tense standoff. Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) officers responded to the reported disturbance and possible hostage situation at a residence in the 4900 block of SE Keel in Lincoln City, at approximately 11:57 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1. "It was reported that several persons inside the residence had barricaded themselves inside a room away from a suspect who was threatening to harm them with edged weapons," LCPD Lt. Jeffrey Winn said. "Once officers arrived, they made entry into the residence and the suspect had quickly retreated to an upstairs room and barricaded himself inside while threatening to kill officers if they came after him." Winn said the officers took the opportunity to escort the three victims out of the house to safety. Officers secured the pe-

rimeter around the house as additional units from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSH) arrived to assist, including a certified crisis negotiator who began talking with the suspect. "Some of the surrounding neighbors had left the area, and we advised others to shelter in their homes for their safety," Winn said. The negotiator attempted to talk the suspect, who was identified as 20-year-old Albert A. Fletemier Brown of Lincoln City, into peacefully surrendering. Additional resources were requested, and members of Oregon State Police SWAT unit responded to the location. After briefing the OSP team, they took control, and their crisis negotiator began talking with Fletemier Brown. "At about 4:55 p.m. after several hours of dialog with Fletemier Brown by both the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office negotiator and then the OSP negotiation team, Fletemier Brown peacefully surrendered and was taken into custody without injury," Winn said. Lincoln City Police Officers transported Fletemier

Brown to the Lincoln County Jail where he was lodged on the following charges: Attempted Kidnap in the second degree Domestic Menacing Domestic Harassment Domestic Strangulation Two counts of Menacing, Unlawful Use of a Weapon Interfering with Police Officers. "LCPD expressed gratitude to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and the Oregon State Police SWAT unit for their valuable assistance in bringing this incident to a peaceful conclusion," Winn said. "We also thank North Lincoln Fire & Rescue and Pacific West Ambulance for standing by during the incident to provide medical assistance if needed. Winn also thanked the neighbors in the area of the standoff. "Thank you to all the neighbors affected or inconvenienced during the incident for their patience and understanding and allowing law enforcement to work to bring this incident to a peaceful conclusion without any injuries to the suspect, the public, or any officers," Winn said.



Jeremy C. Ruark / Country Media, Inc. Members of the Oregon State Police SWAT Team assess the standoff situation. See more photos with this story at the newsguard.com



Jeremy C. Ruark / Country Media, Inc. Members of the Oregon State Police SWAT Team move toward the standoff scene. See more photos with this story at the newsguard.com

## Helping Hands Outreach Center ready to serve Lincoln City

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The \$3 million Lincoln City Helping Hands Outreach Center is ready to serve the community. The Center, located at 3454 NE Highway 101, will provide navigation services, low-barrier emergency shelter, and a long-term reentry program for the people in the community experiencing homelessness. "It means that the city council has listened to the community, addressed their needs, and moved forward with bold ideas," Lincoln City Councilor Judy Casper said. "This is a good contribution to help people move forward with their lives and to become productive citizens. It is so exciting." "This project has taken much longer to come to fruition than we expected," Lincoln City Councilor Rick Mark said. "It has been a big investment by Lincoln City, by the county and by outside funding sources. This building has been converted into an incredible structure with the capacity to serve dozens of people needing transitional housing." Mark also said he understands the concerns some in the community have about the center located near resi-



Jeremy C. Ruark / Country Media, Inc. Community members and Hope Center staff gather for a photo outside the new facility in Lincoln City. See more photos with this story at the newsguard.com.

dential housing. "Any building that we use is going to be near residential housing, so we can't get away from that," he said. "Helping Hands has a great reputation with many years of experience of having regard for community safety and they have had great success." Mark added that he was "sold" on Helping Hands after former Lincoln City Police Chief Jerry Palmer polled each of the police chiefs in communities where Helping Hands was working. "He got rave reviews about how amazing they were in fitting into the communities, so that's a real plus," Mark said.

Lincoln County Commissioner Claire Hall also praised the Hope Center establishment. "It is going to provide vitally needed shelter and services to some of our most vulnerable residents," Hall said. "This organization is so solid, so well-[equipped] their coming to Lincoln City and the county, it is a God-sent." Helping Hands Founder Alan Evans said the Lincoln City center is patterned after a specific successful formula. "We started in Seaside with a nine-bed facility and now we have 11 facilities in five Oregon counties," Evans said. "We bring a model to each of the communities

to hear people's stories and customize a plan to navigate from the obstacles they face to reenter society," he said. "That's helped our growth, that we are a person-centered organization. The fact that we are now bringing a fully functional navigation center to this community, will give people more options to past those obstacles." Evans said his organization is not discounting the fear that some in the community may have about such a facility. "There are people here that are addicted, that have mental health issues, and there is a level of community fear here, but once people



Jeremy C. Ruark / Country Media, Inc. Helping Hands Founder Alan Evans, right center, points to the ribbon during a ceremony launching the opening of the Hope Center in Lincoln City.

understand how we work, and how we do what we do, eventually, nay-sayers become supporters," Evans said. For the past few months, Hope Center Facility Director Ashley Cushing has been an integral part of finalizing the work to open the facility. "I'm so excited to be opening up the doors to the Lincoln City Hope Center at the LeRoy Benham Campus," Cushing said. "There can be many challenges living in a rural community, having a safe place to sleep should not be one of them. We plan to offer complete wrap-around services that are targeted to the population that we serve;

by collaborative partnerships with several local programs that will have the ability to refer individuals and families to our emergency shelter. I want to personally thank everyone who believes in our mission. We are so thankful for past, present, and future support!" **Background** Helping Hands first opened a facility in Lincoln County in 2006, that included a men's shelter and later a women's shelter. In 2019, the opportunity to partner with the community in a closer See **CENTER**, Page 10



COAST MOMENT



Seagulls along the Oregon Coast. See more Coast Moments at thenewsguard.com.

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In this talk, you will hear some brand-new results and ongoing analyses being conducted by the Geospatial Ecology of Marine Megafauna Lab at OSU’s Marine Mammal Institute about PCFG gray whale foraging tactics and differences in individual space use.

Gray Whale habitat use and behavior off the Oregon Coast

SUBMITTED

The Oregon Chapter of the American Cetacean Society monthly speaker series meeting via Zoom is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11.

The Pacific Coast Feeding Group (PCFG) gray whales are unique in many ways; not only because they do not migrate to Arctic waters like most of the 16,000 gray whales in the Pacific Ocean do, but also what they feed on, how they feed, and the spatial strategies they use.

By gaining insight into what factors may affect gray whale behavior and space use in their foraging habitat, we can better understand how individuals are being affected by a changing environment and anthropogenic impacts.

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fauna Lab at Oregon State University’s Marine Mammal Institute about PCFG gray whale foraging tactics and differences in individual space use.

Presenters Clara Bird and Lisa Hildebrand are both PhD candidates in the Geospatial Ecology of Marine Megafauna Lab at OSU’s Marine Mammal Institute under the supervision of Dr. Leigh Torres. Bird is a behavioral ecologist who is originally from Michigan and earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Duke University, where she conducted research using drones on Adelie penguins, and humpback and minke whales.

Hildebrand is a spatial ecologist originally from Germany who earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Newcastle University and has worked with a number of cetacean species as well as harbor seals and California sea lions.

The event is free and open to the public. You must register to receive the Zoom link and password by 5 p.m. Friday Nov. 10.

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-link>

The American Cetacean Society protects whales, dolphins, porpoises, and their habitats. The non-profit organization was founded in 1967 and is headquartered in San Pedro, CA. Information on the ACS can be found on the website at [www.acsonline.org](http://www.acsonline.org). You can also find us on Facebook now at American Cetacean Society-Oregon Chapter.

For more information, contact Joy Primrose, ACS Oregon Chapter President at [marine\\_lover4ever@yahoo.com](mailto:marine_lover4ever@yahoo.com) or 541-517-8754.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Nov. 18 Cultural Plaza Activation Party and Ribbon Cutting

A free, family-friendly celebration for the Lincoln City Cultural Plaza, a 2.5 acre accessible public space filled with public art, poetry, access and attractions for both residents and tourists to enjoy. The Cultural center is located at 540 NE Highway 101 in Lincoln City. The Cultural Center will be activating each space around the Plaza with music, dance, food, public art project, dedications, ribbon cuttings, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine. Free lunch, hot drinks, cookies and prizes. For more information, call the Lincoln City Cultural Center at 541-994-9994.

Nov. 18 Free Thanksgiving Dinner

Members of the Panther Creek Senior and Community Center will present their annual free Thanksgiving dinner from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. or when all the food is gone. Enjoy a traditional holiday dinner free with the donation of shelf-stable, non-expired food items for distribution to the needy at Christmas. The center is located at 655 Wayside Loop in the Panther Creek area of Otis. For more information, or directions, email [pesacc@centurylink.net](mailto:pesacc@centurylink.net).

On Going

Music

Enjoy Singing? The Lincolnaires, an informal singing group, meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Senior Center and is looking for more voices. Come and join us! 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.



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SHERIFF’S TIPS OF THE WEEK

Sign up for automatic alerts

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Victims can sign up to receive automatic notifications regarding the transfer or release of adults in custody (AIC).

Victim Information System in Oregon (VISOR) is the notification system that has replaced the previous notification system, Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE). Below is more information about VISOR and how it can help keep you informed.

VISOR is a free, computer-based service that allows you to check on an offender’s custody status either in a county or state facility.

How do I use VISOR?  
Register online at: Home (oregon.gov)  
Email VISOR: visor@doc.oregon.gov  
Leave a voicemail for VISOR: 888-749-8080  
You may locate an AIC using basic information such

as the name or offender number to search for the AIC you want to register for.

VISOR will give you the AIC’s custody information and invite you to register for free notification by phone call, email, or text if the status changes of the AIC

Click in the “search bar” where you can conduct a statewide search of offenders and register to receive notifications of a change in custody status of the offender: Home (oregon.gov)

How do I register with VISOR?  
You will need to provide:  
A telephone number or email

Search for the AIC you want to register for  
Choose a preferred notification delivery method  
You may create an account in VISOR if you wish. Creating an account will allow you to choose how and when you receive notifications, it will allow you to view recent notifications that were sent to

you, allow you to change your personal information, and allow you to unregister.

You also have the option to remain anonymous when registering instead of creating an account.

**Important VISOR Facts**

VISOR will send you a notification when the AIC you registered for is released, transferred, escapes, or is deceased.

All registrations and personal information with VISOR are, and will remain, confidential.

You may register more than one phone number or email.

Do not depend on the VISOR service as your only protection. If you feel you may be at risk, take precautions as if the offender has already been released.

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



Courtesy photo

Domestic violence is behavior that one partner uses to control the other, according to the audit. It can include physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, as well as threats and economic control.

‘Breaking the Cycle’ of domestic violence

STAFF REPORT  
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Oregon needs an integrated, over-arching strategy to best combat domestic violence, according to the Oregon Audits Division.

The division has released an advisory report assessing Oregon’s role in addressing this issue and offering suggestions for improvement

Definition

Domestic violence is behavior that one partner uses to control the other, according to the audit. It can include physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, as well as threats and economic control. Nationwide, 1 in 3 women, and 1 in 4 men, have been physically abused by an intimate partner. In Oregon, over a third of adults experience domestic violence in their lifetimes.

“Domestic violence is pervasive, immensely harmful, and often fatal,” Oregon Audits Director Kip Memmott said. “This is an area where state government can do more to help. As auditors, we are uniquely positioned to provide state leaders with information and offer potential solutions on critical issues of public health and safety.”

Because domestic violence seeps into every aspect of a victim’s life, Memmott said services to help must be similarly wide-ranging: emergency housing, assistance navigating the legal system, childcare, mental health care, and more.

Memmott said services to prevent domestic violence in the first place are critical. It is equally important victims and survivors are able to protect themselves from abuse that has already occurred by quickly and easily accessing the wide-ranging services that are available. However, multiple barriers stand in the way of access.

What the review found

Victims and survivors face multiple barriers to ac-

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Kip Memmott, Oregon Audits Director

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cessing community services and navigating the justice system. Systemic social welfare issues, such as the lack of available housing or access to services like childcare, mental health care, and legal assistance often translate to urgent unmet needs for domestic violence victims.

Oregon advocates report fragmented and under-resourced social services and complex criminal and civil justice systems contribute to access issues. Domestic violence service providers face high administrative burdens, staffing issues, and challenges expanding equitable outreach, prevention, and intervention services.

Oregon lacks a centralized, statewide response to domestic violence and does not strategically address risks through statewide data-informed prevention, mitigation, or intervention-related action. Oregon could do more to coordinate strategies, share data, and effect change across otherwise siloed agency and organizational responses.

Oregon’s role in addressing domestic violence, according to Memmott, is largely administrative and financial. State agencies pass through federal funds, including funding from the Violence Against Women Act and the Victims of Crime Act, and administer grants like the Oregon Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Services Fund, aimed at community-based organizations providing these critical services.

But the reliance on grants comes with substantial challenges, the audit summary states. According to advocates, direct funding to victims is often most helpful, but those types of grants are limited. Rigid grant re-

quirements, including dictating what the money can be spent on and reporting on outcomes, can stifle efforts of resource-strapped organizations.

For example, federally funded temporary domestic violence assistance grants, a primary source of direct victim funding, only provide up to \$1,200 over a 90-day period. They are also only available for individuals who qualify for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and who are either taking care of a minor child or currently pregnant.

The grant was originally intended to help pay emergency rent, but the amount hasn’t increased since 1997, making it insufficient to cover most current rent payments.


Because addressing domestic violence requires an integrated approach, Oregon needs a similar over-arching strategy to be successful, Memmott said. Currently, many state agencies have roles to play. Unfortunately, there is no single state agency or entity responsible for coordinating a comprehensive statewide response or measuring the overall impact of ongoing efforts, she states.

Suggested solutions

Auditors have offered some suggested solutions.

Policymakers in the state should consider developing a statewide strategy to centralize resources and gather data.

Legislators could add stability by making flexible state funds permanent budget items, including adjusting them for inflation, rather than addressing needs through one-time funding.



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# Klamath River Dam removals, restoration expected to help salmon

SEAN NEALON  
News Guard Guest Article

The world’s largest dam removal and restoration project currently underway on the Klamath River in Oregon and California will aid salmon populations that have been devastated by disease and other factors.

However, it will not fully alleviate challenges faced by the species, a team of researchers conclude in a just-published paper.

“The dam removals will likely go a long way towards restoring balance in the river,” said Sascha Hallett, a fish parasitologist at Oregon State University who has studied the river for two decades. “Certainly under certain circumstances there are going to be disease outbreaks, like with people and pathogens. But we envision that they are not going to be as large and not going to be as frequent as we have observed in the past.”

Michael Belchik, a fisheries biologist with the Yurok Tribe in California and co-author of the paper, said he thinks there will be noticeable gains for fish shortly after the dams are removed.

“I think you are going to see fish accessing new habitat right away, and that is going to be a cause for celebration,” said Belchik, who has worked for the Tribe since 1995.

In the paper, published in *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution*, Hallett and a team of researchers from Oregon State, Tribes in Oregon and California, and state and federal agencies outlined their predictions for salmon disease risk in the Klamath River following the removal of four



Aerial of the Klamath River.

Courtesy photo from OSU

hydroelectric dams. They also provide post-dam removal research and monitoring recommendations and insights to aid habitat restoration efforts.

One of the four dams was removed earlier this year, and the other three are slated to be taken down in early 2024. Removal of the dams will result in restoration of habitat originally altered more than 100 years ago with construction of the first dam.

The Klamath River runs more than 250 miles from Oregon’s high desert interior through the Cascade Mountains before entering the Pacific Ocean in northern California. It has broad ecological, cultural, recreational and economic relevance. The river was once the third largest salmon-producing river on the West Coast. Those salmon served as the foundation of life and culture for Tribes living along the river.

Construction of the dams in the early-to-mid-20th century blocked access for salmon and other fish species to hundreds of miles of habitat

and created barriers that led to increases in pathogens deadly to the fish.

This dynamic received widespread attention in 2002 when there was a die-off of tens of thousands of chinook salmon in the Klamath River. Shortly after this event, Jerri Bartholomew, an Oregon State microbiologist who works with Hallett, started studying the Klamath River salmon.

Salmon health is impacted by many factors, including stream-flow levels, water temperature and pathogens. Bartholomew and her colleagues focus on the pathogens.

They have spent the past 20 years unraveling how a parasite known as *Ceratomyxa shasta* works in conjunction with an aquatic worm host, *Manayunkia occidentalis*, which is smaller than an eyelash, to create conditions in the Klamath River that are deadly to salmon.

In the paper, researchers say that increased habitat availability and longer fish migration routes created by

dam removals will increase duration of pathogen exposure. However, restoration of the river’s natural flow will decrease fish disease risk by essentially flushing out the pathogens and unclogging a pathogen hot spot that has formed below the Iron Gate Dam, about five miles south of the California-Oregon border just east of Interstate 5. The dam is slated for removal in early 2024.

“There’s no question in my mind just the removal of these four dams will go a long way to knocking back that current infection zone by shifting things in terms of time and space where the hosts and parasites overlap,” said Julie Alexander, an aquatic ecologist who works with Hallett and Bartholomew.

She also cautioned that restoration efforts that will occur after dam removal need to be conducted thoughtfully.

“You don’t want to go and restore a section of river to encourage salmon to spawn somewhere we know there are worms because then you are going to create a hot spot,” Alexander said.

In addition to co-authors from the Yurok Tribe, authors of the paper include scientists at the Hoopa, Klamath and Karuk Tribes, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The ongoing research by Oregon State and its partners has been supported by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. That includes a \$4.5 million award earlier this year.

“Without this funding and without these groups contributing different pieces of the datasets, we would not have

been poised at this time to capture that and be able to make predictions,” Hallett said. “Those two things are really important going forward to be able to inform short-term and long-term management actions as well as being able to inform ‘Was this major

environmental change event successful?’”

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## Newport, two other ports to share investments

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Three Oregon ports, including Newport, will share \$36,489,508 in federal investments.

Oregon’s U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, along with U.S. Representatives Suzanne Bonamici and Val Hoyle, announced the funding Nov. 1 for Astoria, Coquille Indian Tribe’s Ko’Kwel Wharf, and Newport.

“Ports play a crucial role in keeping the economies of Oregon and the entire Pacific Northwest running smoothly—transporting goods, people, and services throughout our region—and we rely on them to export our amazing, homegrown products around the world,” Merkley said. “This funding will provide crucial support to Astoria, the Coquille Indian Tribe, and Newport to improve existing infrastructure, increase storage capabilities, and bolster security while improving operational capacity for these critical ports.”

“Oregon’s ports produce jobs and act as economic

“**These enhancements make the Port more attractive to prospective customers and support economic opportunity in Lincoln County.**

Paula Miranda, Port of Newport Executive Director

linchpins for their communities as well as the entire state economy,” Wyden said. “I’m glad these three ports have secured these significant federal infrastructure investments to ensure they can keep exporting our state’s world-renowned products as well as generating economic opportunities for Newport, Astoria, the Coquille Indian Tribe and beyond.”

“Pier 2 West in Astoria is crucial to the region’s economy, but the structure has been deteriorating over the years,” Bonamici said. “I’m thrilled that the Port of Astoria will receive close to \$25.3 million from USDOT to make overdue repairs to this essential infrastructure.”

“I’m thrilled that the Port of Newport will be receiving this important grant to up-

grade its port infrastructure,” Hoyle said. “This is exactly the type of support that the federal government should be providing to Oregon’s ports, which are essential for local jobs and businesses on the Oregon coast. I will continue to strongly support investment in Oregon’s coastal communities.”

This past spring, Merkley, Wyden and Bonamici sent a letter to U.S. Maritime Administration urging their support for the Port of Astoria’s rehabilitation project application as well as a letter of support from Merkley and Wyden for the Newport operational capacity project application.

The federal investments come from the Fiscal Year 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program.

“The Port of Newport greatly appreciates the support of our Federal Legislators and the Maritime Administration for this investment in our International Terminal,” Port of Newport Executive Director Paula Miranda said. “We are also grateful for our state legislators, stakeholders and community for years of investment in our terminal. This will allow us to expand our operational capacity through the purchase of equipment and the improvement of a nine-acre parcel for lay-down purposes. These enhancements make the Port more attractive to prospective customers and support economic opportunity in Lincoln County.”

“The Port of Astoria is extremely grateful to be a recipient of Port Infrastructure Development Program funding through MARAD for the rehabilitation of Pier 2 on the Astoria waterfront,” Port of Astoria Executive Director Will Isom said. “The seafood processing cluster on Pier 2 is vital to the Port, the City of Astoria and the entire region.

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# News & Views



## IN THE GARDEN

### It might be a good mushroom year

CHIP BUBL  
*News Guard Guest Column*

Western Oregon is known for its incredibly diverse mushroom species.

One scientist once estimated that we have over 850 species. Few other locations come



close. Most of the show is in the fall where cool weather and good soil moisture make for flourishing fungi. Last year, we came into fall with no rain from mid-June until late October. As a result, the mushroom show was hit hard. The recent rain events combined with some warmth bode well for mushrooms.

The most popular fall mushroom is the chanterelle. Orange chanterelles are most common but there is a white version as well. They are generally found in mixed conifer forests of Douglas fir and/or cedar with Oregon grape and sword ferns as part of the understory. I have had better luck in the Oregon grape locations, but others say that it doesn't matter.

There are many other species including truffles (<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pub/em-9369-oregon-native-edible-truffles>), the king bolete (prefers oddly the highest elevations or the beach), the wood blewit, and right now, the oyster mushroom on dying alder trees.

You will need a good mushroom book (the best pocketbook is still All the Rain Promises and More by David Arora) or better yet, a good book and good friend that knows their mushrooms.

#### Plan your garden

This month is an ideal time to make notes, resolutions, and plans for next year's garden.

The mistakes of the past year (for me, too many tomatoes, some early direct seed failures with green beans, and not enough winter greens, etc.) should be countered with a plan that both corrects the errors of the past and allows room for new experiments. The notes, resolutions, and plans don't have to be extensive. A garden notebook is very useful as a permanent record of your intentions, varieties planted (with dates), observations, and results.

Finally, many gardeners don't realize the potential for raising "small fruits" in the garden. Gooseberries, currants, blueberries, lingonberries and the trailing blackberries like Marion and Logan berries produce lots of fruit in modest space. There are two great retail nurseries in the northwest that specialize in

tree fruits, small fruits and all manner of exotic fruit.

You should visit their web sites to see their catalogs: One Green World [www.onegreenworld.com](http://www.onegreenworld.com) and Raintree Nursery [www.raintreenursery.com](http://www.raintreenursery.com)

#### Time to transplant

Gardeners often discover that the place they planted a tree, shrub, or herbaceous perennial isn't the perfect location.

Roses that are mildly prone to black spot might improve greatly if given more sun. Anyway, most of our plants that lose their leaves have already done so and are dormant.

Evergreens like rhododendrons or needled evergreens are also dormant. The ground isn't sopping wet yet, either. So this is the perfect time to move them if you have been thinking about it. Shallow-rooted plants like rhodies and blueberries are relatively easy to pry up.

Other woody plants take more digging and root cutting to get a "root ball" that can be lifted. Those root balls get heavy, and some trees are simply not possible to move without proper equipment. Have a hole ready, cover the roots with soil, place several inches of mulch around the area and water deeply. You are done.

#### Using manure in the garden

Cow, sheep, goat, llama, alpaca, or horse manure is a great addition to any garden.

It improves soil structure and supplies valuable minerals. However, there is a concern is possible transmission of disease organisms, especially the human pathogenic O57 strain of the bacteria E. coli. This strain is mostly in cow manure.

Research shows that manure worked into a field in the fall and planted the following spring would not be at risk for disease. One approach is to work manure into the garden (along with some lime if you haven't limed lately) in the fall before the rains start (get busy!) and either plant a cover crop or cover with a non-manure mulch like leaves or black plastic to preserve surface soil tilth.

If you cover the bed with plastic, make sure the manure stays moist enough over the winter to compost. Periodically remove and replace the cover for some rain. Manure can still be applied to the garden surface if the ground isn't too soft and can be left uncovered.

*If you have questions contact Chip Bubl, Oregon State University Extension office in St. Helens at 503-397-3462 or at [chip.bubl@oregonstate.edu](mailto:chip.bubl@oregonstate.edu).*



## VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY

### Are you a bad driver?

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3. Don't signal your turns or lane changes?  
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Due to rain or dawn or dusk?  
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6. Be a discourteous driver?  
7. Cross the center line on the highway?  
8. Follow to close to the other vehicle?  
9. Don't yield the right of way?  
10. Act like you are more important than the other drivers on the road.  
11. Take your eyes off the road because you are too best texting or talking on your cell phone?  
12. Fail to yield to pedestrians?  
13. Drive without insurance?  
14. Drive Under the influence of drugs or alcohol?  
Ask yourself have you done any of these things while driving - are you a menace on the highway ? I see people doing these things on daily basis - having no regard for that other

Driver. And my car was recently hit in McMinnville by a driver that didn't understand the rules of the road and failed to yield the right of way.

If you do some or all of these things - stop it - before you kill someone.

David R DeSau  
Lincoln City

### Casino recycling concern

I was at the Chinook Winds Casino recently and wanted a drink of water.

They directed me to the bar where they gave me a plastic bottle of water. When I was done I asked a server where I could recycle the bottle.

She took it and threw it in the garbage. Pretty irresponsible to not have a recycling program.

Spirit Mountain has recycling bins next to their garbage cans. If they don't want to recycle, they should pipe water into their beverage centers. They are in a beautiful place in our state and they are trashing it.

I thought the Native Americans were supposed to be caretakers of the land. I contacted the casino and have heard nothing back from them.

Susan Durand  
Rickreall

## THIS THING CALLED LIFE

### I earned it so I'll take the credit for it

MICHELLE PIERSON YOUNG  
*News Guard Guest Column*

They say well-dressed people have more confidence so maybe it was the new shoes that gave me the boost to say in my acceptance speech, "I EARNED this. The things they say I did; I did do them, and it wasn't always easy. So, thanks. I accept this award."



Michelle Young

I said this in a room full of people thanking everyone else. I'm into gratitude, I also thanked people, and I was also willing to do something that isn't all that popular to do. I took credit for my own work.

Maybe it was the shoes

or maybe I was inspired by Barbie in this summer's hit, saying as she won the Nobel Peace Prize, "I'd like to thank me. I worked really hard for this." Let's be honest, it's a gasp worthy thing to say in today's society, and I will admit even more suspect under the circumstances I said it.

The award I was so honored to receive, is for being in consistent support of women. The characteristics being celebrated were of a woman who is willing to stand behind other women, help her straighten her crown and applaud while she gets her attention. If I'm going to put it bluntly, it's that as a woman, I'm clear I'm not competing with other women. So, when I'm on your team, we're in it together.

The irony of this award is that while I've often longed for the spotlight, I've felt quite uncomfortable under it. It was

about seven years of therapy talking to stand before women, there expressly to celebrate me, and be able to accept that I deserve to be celebrated.

When my daughter explained to her own little girl what the award was for, "Yaya goes around the world seeing beauty in other people, and then she teaches them how to see it in themselves," my granddaughter responded, "I'm going to get that award someday." (Insert Yaya's beaming face here.)

When she gets that award or has any opportunity to accept credit where it's due, I truly hope the world has grown comfortable with the fact that in order to see beauty in others, we might want to practice accepting it in ourselves.

Since I began taking credit for my good work, I have had the pleasure of receiving peo-

ple's positive experiences of me. This, I've found, helps me see even more beauty in others and thus the lovely circle expands.

Since you're reading this, I'm going to give myself permission to be your coach right now. I invite you to spend a few minutes giving yourself a few Atta-Girls, Atta-Boys, Atta-Yous. I'm wondering what kindnesses you bring into the world; what magic was set loose in the form of you.

Make a list, spend a moment, feel some good feels. And if you're feeling saucy, relax back for a moment and let yourself sip on the award of knowing, "I earned this." Mic. Drop. Sparkly shoes optional.

*Michelle Pierson Young is a Lincoln City life coach. She may be reached at [Michelleatplay.com](mailto:Michelleatplay.com).*

ONLINE POLL

This week

Have you, or someone you know, been a victim of domestic violence?

Yes

No

Last week's results

Are you concerned about the reported impact of climate changes?

Yes 54.8%

No 45.2%

LYNNE TERRY  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle  
News Guard Guest Article*

Several thousand low-income people have been booted off Medicaid in Oregon even though they still qualify for the free health and dental insurance, while thousands of others have been told they will retain coverage even though they don't qualify.

Many of those who've lost benefits are children.

The Oregon Health Authority said in a news release issued Oct. 28, that "medical benefits for 2,268 people had incorrectly ended at the end of September." It added that "1,226 people incorrectly received notices explaining that their benefits would end at the end of October."

It's unclear whether even

more have wrongly lost coverage, whether those two groups are related or how many children have been affected overall.

The Capital Chronicle asked the agency about this problem more than a month ago, and it has still failed to answer basic questions about the children.

Losing coverage could cause hardships for families

inadvertently booted from the program, especially if they need specialized or intensive care. County and federally supported clinics provide care to low-income residents, but they don't usually have dialysis or surgery centers, for example. Hospitals emergency rooms will tend to emergencies.

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# At-A-Glance School and District Profiles released

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The Oregon Department of Education has released the At-A-Glance School and District Profiles for the 2022-23 school year.

The At-A-Glance School and District Profiles are designed to provide key school and district level information to local communities.

“I’m in no way satisfied with where these results are. I took this role to make a difference, we need to see what the data are telling us and be responsive to that,” Oregon Department of Education Director Dr. Charlene Williams said. “It’s a good sign that the 9th Grade On-Track figure, a key metric in making sure students are on track to graduate from high school, is rising. The decrease in attendance, however, is a signal that we need to continue removing barriers to attendance by making our schools engaging and welcoming for students.”

The At-A-Glance School and District Profiles contain previously released assessment data for last school year, previously released graduation data for the class of 2022 and some new data for the 2022-23 school year. The profiles provide a quick and comprehensive approach to share how schools and school districts are serving students.

### Key Statewide Information

The statewide 9th Grade On-Track rate rose last year by 0.8% and is approaching pre-pandemic levels. This increase represents nearly 700 more students being on-track to graduate at the end of 9th grade, compared to a year ago. It’s encouraging to see the critical 9th Grade On-Track numbers continue to rise.

The rate of students going to college within 16 months of graduation declined nearly a full percentage point from 56.4% for the graduates of the Class of 2020 to 55.6%

**Fast Fact**

**As students and schools work their way out of the pandemic, the At-A-Glance School and District Profiles reflect modest signs of progress with more students on track to graduate and signals of further work to do to increase student attendance.**

**Oregon Department of Education**

for the class of 2021. These declines are similar to overall declines in college enrollment seen in Oregon and nationwide and reflect data from when the global pandemic was at its peak. The decline is much smaller than the 5.4 percentage point drop reported last year.

College going rates declined for most racial/ethnic groups, while increasing by 1.6 and 1.4 percentage points for students who are federally-identified as American Indian/Alaska Native and Asian, respectively.

The ODE states in a release that it has seen a decline in regular attendance in 2022-23, with the rate falling 2.0%

from 2021-22. Rates of regular attendance remain significantly below pre-pandemic levels.

Students aren’t benefiting from instruction when they are not in the classroom, so this is a serious concern for Oregon’s educators, according to the ODE.

“Our Every Day Matters team is working with districts to address attendance concerns,” Williams states.

Every Day Matters is a statewide initiative that works with schools and districts to boost attendance and student engagement by building relationships with students, families, and community members to address the root causes

of chronic absenteeism and include strategies such as hiring of community-school liaisons, family advocates, and school counselors.

What’s new on the At-A-Glance School and District Profiles this year?

Prior year comparison information is back on the At-A-Glance School and District Profiles. On the front page of the profiles the ODE displays if an indicator rate increased or decreased and by how much compared to the prior year. Prior year comparison information was discontinued on the At-A-Glance School and District Profiles in 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 due to pandemic data disruptions.

Added Social Worker rounded Full Time Equivalent to the At-A-Glance School and District Profiles.

The At-A-Glance District Profiles, which are district specific, were revised to better align with Student Investment Account metrics.

The At-A-Glance School and District Profiles now in-

clude data on students whose families serve in the military.

Background On The At-A-Glance School and District Profiles

The At-A-Glance School and District Profiles are available on the ODE’s webpage and school districts are required to make them available to their community.

The At-A-Glance School and District Profiles include graphics showing how a school or district compares to the statewide average in categories like regular attenders, graduation rates, median class size and more.

The profiles were developed with extensive input from Oregon families, including families of historically underserved students. The data points represent a comprehensive approach to evaluating and measuring a school’s impact on students. In five minutes or less parents can get the comprehensive look at their school or district that they’ve been requesting.

## Lincoln County School District graduation rates beat state average

STAFF REPORT  
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Lincoln County School District on-time graduation rates for all four county high schools increased over the previous year and exceeded the state average.

The results are according to findings from the Oregon Department of Education’s (ODE) At-A-Glance School and District Profiles.

The ODE report card for the 2022-23 school year shows:

Taft 7-12 had an 93% on-time graduation rate.

Waldport High School showed an 88% graduation rate.

Newport High School had an 85% graduation rate.

Toledo High School increased the graduation rate to 84% making the district average 86%.

The Oregon on-time graduation rate was 81%, the second-highest-ever graduation rate for the state.

LCSD Director of Secondary Education Aaron Belloni said one of the factors in the rise of on-time graduation rates is the work of each school’s 9th grade success team.

“The team is tasked with monitoring all freshmen to keep them on track to graduate,” Belloni said. “Our high schools do a lot of small group and individual student work to improve graduates’ readiness for college and careers.” The success teams include principals, graduation coaches, teacher leaders, and others.

“I continue to be impressed by the hard work and dedication of all the staff and students in the Lincoln County School District,” Dr. Majalise Tolani, Superintendent of LCSD said. “Graduation doesn’t happen in high schools alone, rather it is a collection of years of learning crafted by educators throughout a child’s academic career.”

The ODE produces yearly At-A-Glance School and District Profiles. They have been designed by and for parents and community members to be an understandable and easy to read overview of how schools and districts serve their students.



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Taft seniors celebrate during a recent graduation ceremony.

## Financial regulators crack down on precious metals fraud

KEN BOTKIN  
Oregon Capital Chronicle  
News Guard Guest Column

Oregon financial regulators have reached a settlement with a precious metals dealer that allegedly targeted hundreds of elderly people in 30 states who sunk millions of dollars into overpriced silver and gold coins.

The Oregon Division of Financial Regulation announced the settlement, which stems from a federal lawsuit Oregon and 29 other states filed against Safeguard Metals in the U.S. District Court’s District of Central

California, the state where the company is based.

More than 450 investors nationwide put \$68 million into the scheme from 2017 to 2021, Oregon financial regulators said in the release. They included 11 Oregonians who invested \$2.3 million.

It’s unclear how much money Oregonians will recoup. At this point, the company agrees not to operate in Oregon, but the states and company are still negotiating the civil penalties and restitution.

“Safeguard Metals engaged in fraudulent and deceptive practices

to solicit millions of dollars primarily from elderly and retirement-aged individuals for profit,” the division administrator TK Keen said in a statement. “As a result, customers suffered substantial losses on their retirement investments. This settlement reflects the work DFR continues to do to hold bad actors in the precious metals industry accountable to consumers.”

Besides shutting down the company’s scheme, the settlement order also determined the defendants charged a markup of 51% to 71% on the precious metals, much more than what the company told its customers.

As part of the court settlement, Safeguard agreed to a permanent injunction that bars the company’s owner, Jeffrey Ikahn, from working as an investment advisor, broker and commodity advisor in Oregon.

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## Help needed for foster families

Did you know there are currently about 80 children in Lincoln County being fostered in more than 50 different homes?

If you would like to learn how you can help these children and their foster families you can attend a meeting at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13 at the 60+ Activity Center, 20 SE Second Street in Newport. Child Welfare Supervisor William Boldt will share information about the Lincoln County foster care program and ways that you can help.

Learn about the current state of Lincoln County’s foster care system, what foster parents do, and why they need support.

There are many ways to help, but the first, and easiest, is to learn about the system, how it works, and what the current needs are.

*For more information, contact the 60+ Activity Center at 541-265-9617.*

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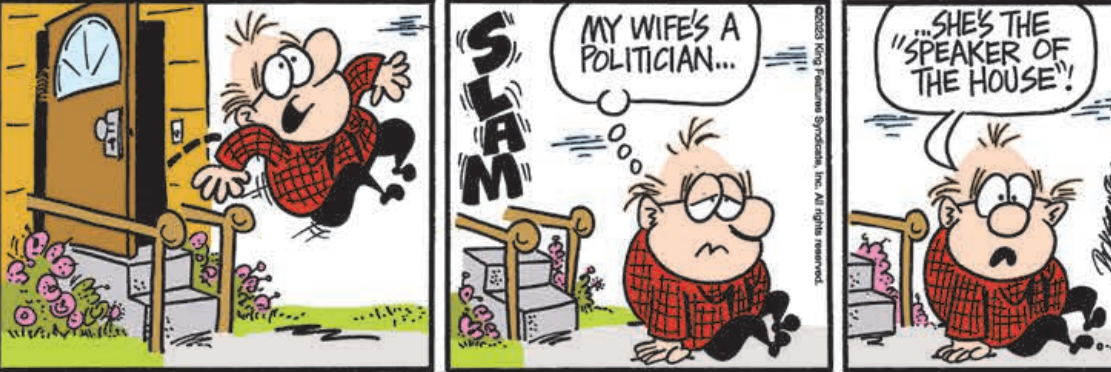
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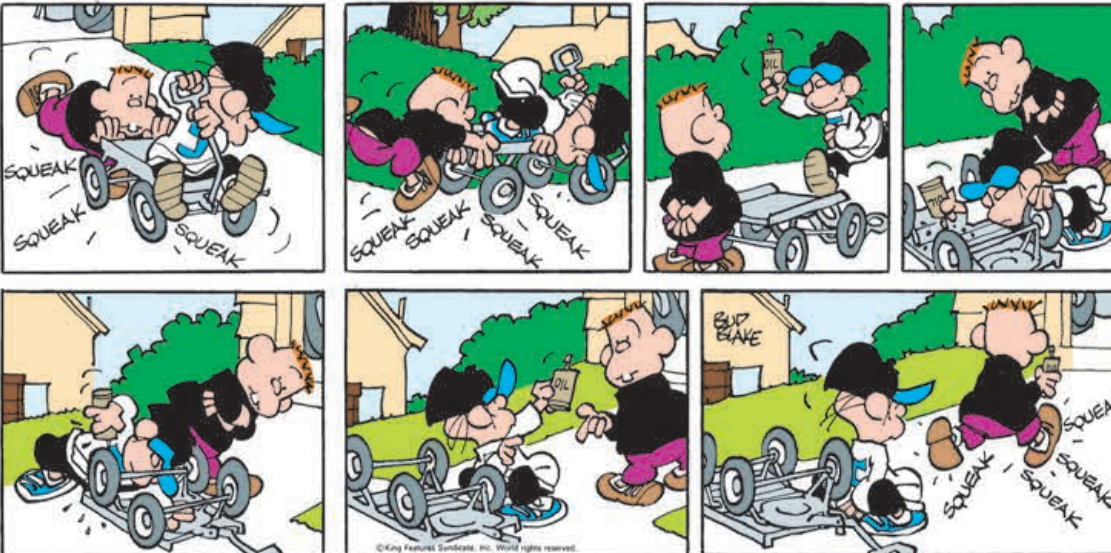
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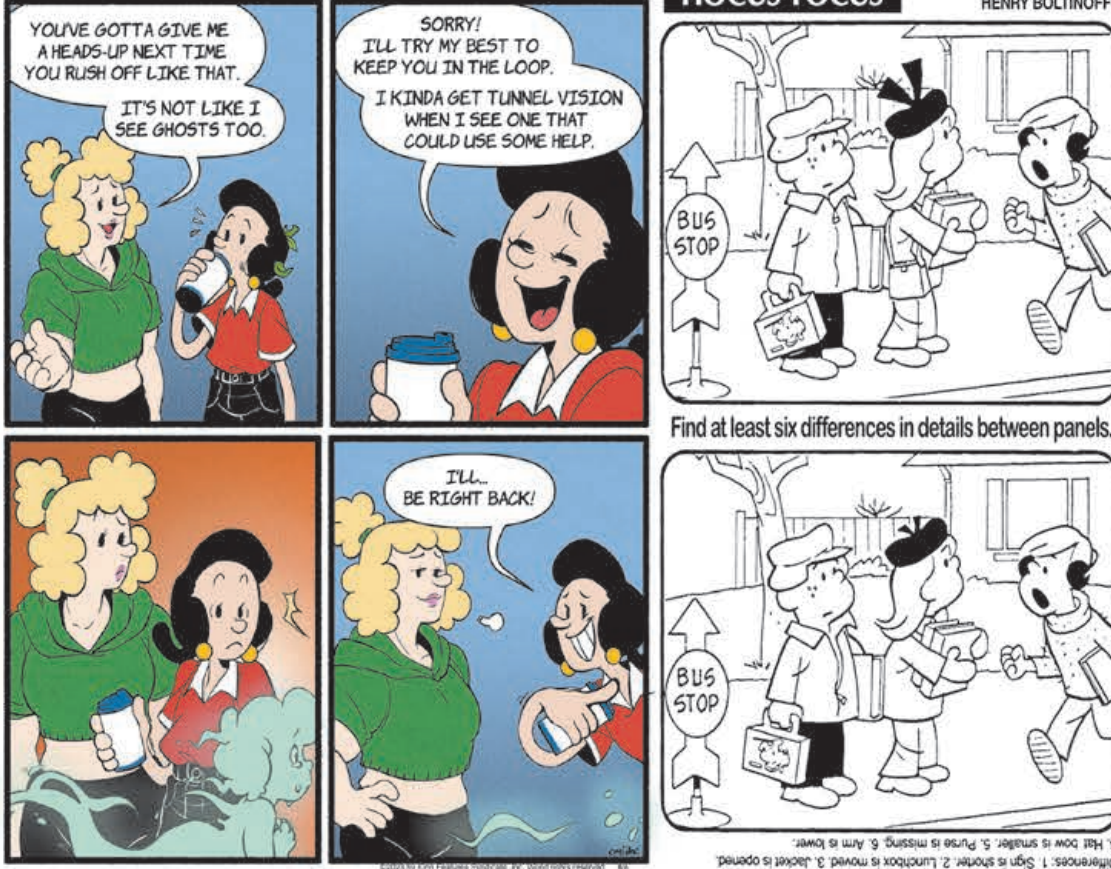


TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



OLIVE



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: B equals M

MVFM-IORZVRF BVEVPOIN

UAAVLJI POZVRF SOIP VR O

BCEPV-FOBJ GSUIPG LURPJGP:

O PUCIRJN FJRJOE.

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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!

Lurch  
WINGS  
Increase  
SKIPE  
Nearby  
IDEAS  
Malice  
CRARON

TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

GOLDEN STATE GIRLS

ACROSS  
1 Requested  
6 Mass helpers  
15 Foil maker  
20 Empathetic declaration  
21 Steak lover, e.g.  
22 Lounges idly  
23 Italian developer of an educational method  
25 Third month  
26 "Two Years Before the Mast" star  
27 Film director  
28 Family-style Chinese dish  
29 Body design, in brief  
30 The new girl on "New Girl"  
32 French painter of "The Horse Fair"  
36 Commotion  
38 The "N" of USNA; Abbr.  
40 "— never believe me!"  
41 Rap's "Dr."  
42 She played Abby Parker on HBO's "The Deuce"  
48 Cut with a light beam  
49 Continuously  
50 Cruel emperor  
51 Troop's group  
52 Partners  
53 Scenes  
54 Title sorority in a 1985 film  
56 Turkish cap  
57 French friends  
58 Smithereens  
59 Onetime rival of Steffi Graf  
60 Made in the  
65 Swimmer Thorpe  
66 Farm female  
67 Disfigure  
68 Calculus, e.g.  
69 Made in the manner of  
70 American Red Cross founder  
73 Therefore  
74 Fix, as a pet  
75 Frigid  
76 House pests  
78 Spirited  
79 Flub up  
82 Sense by touch  
84 Zeus' wife  
85 Singer Della  
86 Fencing sword  
87 She played Miss Ellie Ewing on "Dallas"  
90 Gore- (rainwear fabric)  
91 Herb in pesto  
92 Farm female  
93 FedEx competitor  
94 1996-2002 "Saturday Night Live" cast member  
97 Agra apparel  
100 Band's job  
103 Guarantee  
104 The, to Henri  
106 "Velvet Fog" vocalist  
109 Actor Falk  
110 Comedian with the 1990 HBO special "Cats, Cops and Stuff"  
114 Bel — (Italian cheese)  
115 Resistance to alternating current  
116 Hunter constellation  
117 RBIs, e.g.  
118 Engulfed by fire  
119 It can precede eight first names in this puzzle to form the names of California cities  
DOWN  
1 Get a lock on  
2 Milan's La —  
3 Gold purity unit  
4 St. Pat's land  
5 Bargain buy  
6 Home  
7 Advances, as money  
8 Vietnamese New Year  
9 Several  
10 Lay away  
11 Deep-voiced singer  
12 Siouan tribesperson  
13 "— out!"  
14 — Lankan  
15 Kind of nut  
16 Averse  
17 Criticized petulantly  
18 "No question?"  
19 Some hardwoods  
24 Part of MLB  
28 Boxer Oscar de la —  
31 Curs' sounds  
33 Add while mixing  
34 Throat-clearing noise  
35 Flock of quail  
36 Dancer de Mille  
37 Papples  
39 Boatloads  
42 Piece of tile art  
43 Zoo dweller  
44 Eyeball part  
45 India's Gandhi  
46 Be wobbly  
47 Fog or steam  
48 Lounge around  
52 Fishnet stuff  
55 Oven brand  
56 "Good" or "bad" dietary intake  
58 Bundle of joy  
60 Cry upon arriving  
61 Leading to something  
62 Drank like a dog or cat  
63 Go by  
64 Gives assent  
66 Speed-of-sound ratio  
67 Green stuff  
71 Paddy crop  
72 Like a tinny recording  
73 City of ancient Egypt  
74 Plants-to-be  
77 Tobacco plug  
78 Get set for surgery  
79 Test versions of smartphone programs, e.g.  
80 Vacant political position  
81 Oil, in slang  
82 High-speed  
83 A Great Lake  
87 Military post  
88 Scans again  
89 Artisans' club  
91 Rails in ballet  
95 Invited one  
96 Actress Page  
98 "Duck —" (Wamer Bros. short)  
99 Zellweger of the screen  
100 Body part often pulled by an athlete  
101 "— buying it"  
102 "Hero" actress Davis  
105 Emailed junk  
107 General — chicken  
108 Other, in Oviedo  
110 More, in a music score  
111 Band blaster  
112 News svc.  
113 Vocalist Yoko



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

3	4			5		2	
	6		2				1
		7	3		9	4	
7			4				8
		9	1			6	
	8			6	5		
5			7		2		
2	1		6			7	
		3		4	8		9

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!

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from FLAME to SLITS in 6 words?  
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

FLAME

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SLITS

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: What is the second-largest country in South America?
- COMICS: What is Dennis the Menace's last name?
- SCIENCE: Who established the universal laws of motion in the 17th century?
- MOVIES: What is the name of Marlon Brando's character in "A Streetcar Named Desire"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is The Dude's favorite beverage in "The Big Lebowski"?
- TELEVISION: Which long-running TV comedy features a character named Diane Chambers?
- AD SLOGANS: What item did this ad slogan say you should not leave home without?
- LANGUAGE: What is chiaroscuro?
- HISTORY: What was the name of the building where the former Beatle John Lennon was shot to death in 1980?
- ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system is covered in sulphuric acid clouds?

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- Answers
1. Argentina.
  2. Mitchell.
  3. Isaac Newton.
  4. Stanley Kowalski.
  5. White Russian.
  6. "Cheers".
  7. The American Express card.
  8. Distribution of light and dark in drawing and painting.
  9. The Dakota apartment building.
  10. Venus.

SCRAMBLERS

WORD LADDER  
Answer  
FLAME, FLAKE, SLAKE,  
SLATE, SLATS, SLITS

6	7	3	2	1	4	8	5	9
2	1	8	6	5	9	4	7	3
5	9	4	7	6	3	2	1	8
1	8	4	7	6	3	5	9	2
4	5	9	1	3	8	7	6	2
7	3	6	5	4	2	1	9	8
8	2	7	3	6	1	9	4	5
9	6	5	4	2	7	3	8	1
3	4	1	9	8	5	6	2	7

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Cryptoquip  
Answer  
High-ranking military officer taking part in a multi-game sports contest: A journey general.

Super Crossword



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Commonly known as: 11528 NORTH-EAST AVERY STREET, NEWPORT, OR 97365 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 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: \$37,971.30 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$582,388.13 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 pay-off 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 5/1/2022, 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</p>	<p>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 2/12/2024 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, At the south entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, 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: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest BRIAN RUTH 11528 NORTH-EAST AVERY STREET NEWPORT, OR 97365 Original Borrower NICOLE RUTH 11528 NORTH-EAST AVERY STREET NEWPORT, OR 97365 For Sale Information Call: 855-238-5118 or Login to: https://www.xome.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</p>	<p>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-23-961646-SW Dated: 10/4/2023 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President 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 ID-SPub #0188763 11/7/2023 11/14/2023 11/21/2023 11/28/2023</p>
<p>DIVORCE \$130. Complete preparation. Includes children, custody, support, property and bills division. No court appearances. Divorced in 1-5 weeks possible. 503-772-5295. www.paralegalalternatives.com legalalt@msn.com</p>	<p>Switch and save up to \$250/year on your talk, text and data. No contract and no hidden fees. Unlimited talk and text with flexible data plans. Premium nationwide coverage. 100% U.S. based customer service. For more information, call 1-877-916-0803.</p>	<p>Stroke and Cardiovascular disease are leading causes of death, according to the American Heart Association. Screenings can provide peace of mind or early detection! Contact Life Line Screening to schedule your screening. Special offer - 5 screenings for just \$149. Call 1-844-655-0972.</p>			
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<p>The Generac PWRcell, a solar plus battery storage system. SAVE money, reduce your reliance on the</p>					



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NG23-571 Storage Auction Devils Lake Storage 1645 SE East Devils Lake RD, Lincoln City, OR 97367. Unit #B53A Gregory Soldner. November 15th at 8 a.m. PST Go to BID13.com and look for Unit B53A under Oceanlake Storage.

NG23-570 Storage Auction Oceanlake storage 1990 SE East Devils Lake RD, Lincoln City, OR 97367. Unit #9 Alan Zimmerman. November 15th 2023 at 8 a.m. PST.Go to BID13.com and look for Unit 9 under Oceanlake Storage.

NG23-572 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN In the Matter of the Estate of: GERVASE MICHAEL CHAPLIN, Deceased. Case No. 23PB09123 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARY F. TROTTER has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Personal Representative, MARY F. TROTTER, at the address below, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative. ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: c/o Attorney David V. Cramer, OSB #992479, Zantello Law Group, 2941 NW Highway 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367. DATED and first published: October 31, 2023. David V. Cramer, Attorney for Personal Representative.

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

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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 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 fees and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in

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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: 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 Login 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

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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

NG23-563 TS No. OR09000032-23-1 APN R89070 | R509725 TO No 230398883-OR-MSO TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, NAOMI R. CARTER AND RODNEY R. THOMAS, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to SERVICELINK LLC as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for AMERISAVE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of May 27, 2021 and recorded on June 21, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021-07968 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R89070 | R509725 A PARCEL OF LAND IN U.S. GOVERNMENT LOT 23, SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 11 WEST, WILAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:BEGINNING AT A POINT 120 FEET SOUTH AND 20 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 23; THENCE SOUTH 200 FEET; THENCE WEST 150 FEET; THENCE NORTH 200 FEET; THENCE EAST 150 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 2013 NE SURF AVE, LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367 Both the Beneficiary, AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Monthly Payment(s): 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 04/01/2023 to 09/30/2023 at \$8,263.80 Monthly Late Charge(s): By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$172,929.38 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.75000% per annum from March 1, 2023 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on February 20, 2024 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, Public

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Entrance, Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 10/12/2023 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 Order Number 96638, Pub Dates: 10/24/2023, 10/31/2023, 11/7/2023, 11/14/2023, THE NEWS GUARD

NG23-565 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN CASE NO. 23PB08349 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID WILLIAM ROGERS, deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Jean Marie Rogers has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having a claim against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the personal representative at: 121 SW Morrison St., Suite 600, Portland, OR 97204, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All those persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records

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of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published on: October 24, 2023. Jean Marie Rogers, Personal Representative Steven R. Bennett, OSB #781399 FARLEIGH WADA WITT Attorneys for Personal Representative 121 SW Morrison St., Suite 600 Portland, OR 97204 Phone: (503) 228-6044 Fax: (503) 228-1741 Email: sbennett@fwlaw.com.

NG23-566 Notice to Interested Persons Lincoln County Circuit Court Case Number: 23PB08958 Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lincoln, has appointed Fred A. Vogt, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Lila Marie Baer, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative at Edgel Law Group, 1800 Blankenship Road, Suite 370, West Linn, Oregon 97068, within four months from the date of first publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published October 24, 2023. Fred A. Vogt, Personal Representative, c/o Edgel Law Group, 1800 Blankenship Road, Suite 370, West Linn, Oregon 97068. Nicole H. Sakys, Edgel Law Group, 1800 Blankenship Road, Suite 370, West Linn, Oregon 97068.

NG23-567 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN In the Matter of the Estate of: WILLIAM LOUIS PEDRETTI, Deceased. Case No. 23PB08957 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANTONIO WILLIAM PEDRETTI has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Personal Representative, ANTONIO WILLIAM PEDRETTI, at the address below, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative. ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: c/o Attorney David V. Cramer, OSB #992479, Zantello Law Group, 2941 NW Highway 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367. DATED and first published: October 24, 2023. David V. Cramer, Attorney for Personal Representative.

NG23-568 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN In the Matter of the Estate of: ANNA MARIA GAMBA, Deceased. Case No. 23PB08623 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JANE MARY BROGI has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers



# Green Light Project to illuminate support for veterans

STAFF REPORT  
Country Media, Inc.

Lincoln County officials have announced plans to illuminate county buildings green in honor of Veterans Day from Nov. 6-12 as part of Operation Green Light for Veterans, a nationwide effort uniting counties to support military veterans.

The initiative, led by the National Association of Counties (NACo), raises awareness around the unique challenges faced by many veterans and the resources

available at the county, state, and federal levels to assist veterans and their families.

Now in its second year, Operation Green Light is spearheaded by NACo and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, building upon successful efforts by the New York State Association of Counties and the NYS County Veteran Service Officers' Association in 2021. In 2022, more than 300 counties participated in Operation Green Light.

Lincoln County Veteran Services helps veterans nav-

igate the complexity of the VA. The agency also assist with homeless/houseless veterans, employment services, widow and dependent benefits as well as veteran disability and pension benefits.

During its regular meeting Nov. 1, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution in support of Operation Green Light, encouraging residents to participate Nov. 6-12.

"Lincoln County is home to approximately 5,200 individuals that served in the US military," Lincoln Coun-

ty Veterans Service Officer Keith Barnes said. "That accounts for almost 10% of the county's population. The simple act of having a green light at your residence or business will show that you care for these individuals. The support last year was overwhelming, and we hope you will participate again this year."

In addition to lighting county buildings, bridges, and other meaningful landmarks, residents, businesses and other organizations are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light

bulb in their home to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends. By shining a green light, the commissioners said the community lets veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

"Operation Green Light is a gesture of support and appreciation for the public service of our veterans," NACo Executive Director Matthew Chase said. "With hundreds of counties coming

together to light everything from bridges to courthouses, we know veterans across the country will see and feel the gratitude we all feel for their service and sacrifices."

For more information about Operation Green Light, follow this link: <https://www.naco.org/program/operation-green-light-veterans>  
For additional information, contact Lincoln County Public Information Officer Kenneth Lipp at [publicaffairs@co.lincoln.or.us](mailto:publicaffairs@co.lincoln.or.us) or call 541-265-4100.

## Center

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way presented itself when the City of Lincoln City identified homelessness as a critical priority and offered to purchase a facility to donate to Helping Hands.

The property was transferred to Helping Hands in 2020. After extensive renovations, the newest Hope Center is open and ready to bring Trauma-Informed, Data-Driv-

en, Person-Centered care for the individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Lincoln City and the surrounding communities.

"This has been a long and difficult project to finish because of many unanticipated needs that had to be addressed, and community partnership has been a key part of getting us to this day," CEO Mike Davis said. "Thank you to The City of Lincoln City,

The Roundhouse Foundation, Project Turnkey 2.0, and the Oregon Community Foundation; your support allowed us to make the necessary renovations to ensure we can provide vital services to the people experiencing homelessness in this community at this beautiful facility, the Lincoln City Hope Center at the LeRoy Benham Campus."

A ribbon cutting was conducted at the Hope Center

Nov. 1. A Grand Opening is expected later this month.

### About Helping Hands

Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers was founded in 2002 by Alan Evans, after over two decades of living on the streets. He was removed from an abusive home and sent to foster care at age 11, but when his circumstances didn't improve, he ran

away and was homeless and addicted by age 13.

Helping Hands provides Trauma-Informed, Data-Driven, Person-Centered care for individuals and families experiencing homelessness through Hope Centers, located in Clatsop, Lincoln, Multnomah, Tillamook, and Yamhill counties.

Organizers said they take the time to learn each individual's story and help connect

them to the appropriate local resources and services to meet their unique needs.

For more information about Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers, you can visit our website a [www.helpinghandsreentry.org](http://www.helpinghandsreentry.org).

To learn more about becoming a referral partner for the Lincoln City Hope Center, email [a.cushing@helpinghandsreentry.org](mailto:a.cushing@helpinghandsreentry.org).

## Money

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Federal investment into this infrastructure was critical for its future and will help provide a safe, economically viable pier for generations to come!"

"The Coquille Indian Tribe is proud to take part in the nationwide effort to rebuild our port infrastructure. With this funding, our Tribal One team will continue their work to rebuild Ko'Kwel Wharf as a productive and reliable economic resource that will help secure the fu-

ture of the Coquille Tribe and our North Bend community and become a valuable member of the nation's maritime industry," Coquille Indian Tribe Chair Brenda Meade said.

### The Oregon projects funding and descriptions

**\$3,444,100 to Port of Newport:** This project and funding will support the Port of Newport in the grading of nine acres of land adjacent to the port's existing Newport International Ter-

minal to create additional laydown and storage space; fence three acres of land for increased security; and purchase two loaders to load, unload and move cargo within and around the port, especially breakbulk cargo, which the port's current cargo handling equipment is not well suited to safely and efficiently handle.

These improvements to the Newport International Terminal enable the Port of Newport to continue to support the economic development and prosperity of the

Oregon Coast.

**\$25,315,758 to Port of Astoria:** This project funds the rehabilitation of the Port of Astoria's Pier 2 West – the region's hub for seafood processing and maritime commerce – which is in critical need of repairs and rehabilitation. Project elements include:

- 1) A new steel bulkhead wall with a 75-year lifespan and that will include a new fendering system, 50 ton double bitt bollards, and a cast-in-place concrete bullrail.
- 2) Removal of the old

- timber dock.
  - 3) Backfill.
  - 4) Underpinning of the Pier 2 warehouse.
  - 5) Warehouse building concrete slab repairs.
  - 6) New concrete pavement on the pier surface.
  - 7) Construction of a stormwater drainage system.
  - 8) Replacement of a water line and fire hydrants adjacent to the warehouse for fire protection of Pier 2.
- \$7,729,650 to Coquille Indian Tribe:** This project funds the following three components:

- 1) Repairs of the dock face along Lot 2 of Ko'Kwel Wharf that will bring the entire dock area up to safe operating standards and open opportunities for new uses of the terminal and wharf facility.
- 2) Bring 800-amp service and a shore power outlet box to the wharf to reduce or eliminate the need for idling diesel engines.
- 3) Support development phase activities leading to the construction of a 600'-700' extension of the Ko'Kwel Wharf dock.

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attached, to Personal Representative, JANE MARY BROGI, at the address below, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative. ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: c/o Attorney David V. Cramer, OSB #992479, Zantello Law Group, 2941 NW Highway 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367. DATED and first published: October 24, 2023. David V. Cramer, Attorney for Personal Representative.

NG23-560 TS No. OR08000094-22-1 APN R108120 to No 220354889-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, JESSE L JAYNES SR as Grantor to WESTERN TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYS-

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TEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for WEALTHBRIDGE MORTGAGE CORP, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of December 13, 2007 and recorded on December 21, 2007 as Instrument No. 200717451 and the beneficial interest was assigned to Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2017-1, U.S. Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee and recorded October 25, 2022 as Instrument Number 2022-10047 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R108120 A tract of land located in the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 10, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, Willamette Meridian, in Lincoln County, Oregon, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point which is West, 760 feet and South, 600 feet from the corner common to Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11, in the above mentioned township and range, said point being on the North line of NW 28th Street, 50.00 feet wide; thence West, 70.82 feet to the true point of begin-

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ning of the tract herein described; thence West, 50.00 feet; thence North, 120.00 feet; thence East, 21.00 feet; thence South 20.00 feet; thence East 6.85 feet; thence South ° 05' 5r West, 59.37 feet; thence South 3° 1 0' 02" East, 40.69 feet to the point of beginning Commonly known as: 1643 NW 28TH STREET, LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367 Both the Beneficiary, Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2017-1, U.S. Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Monthly Payment(s): 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 01/01/2022 to 01/01/2022 at \$1,308.43 12 Monthly Payment(s) from 02/01/2022 to 01/01/2023 at \$1,302.71 7 Monthly Payment(s) from 02/01/2023 to 08/01/2023 at \$1,410.70

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1 Monthly Payment(s) from 09/01/2023 to 09/01/2023 at \$1,520.72 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 10/01/2023 to 10/01/2023 at \$1,308.43 Late Charge(s Late Charge(s) 331.38 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$351,605.56 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.87500% per annum from December 1, 2021 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on February 20, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the Olive Street entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive, Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had

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or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that

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some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 10/4/23 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 Order Number 96425, Pub Dates: 10/17/2023, 10/24/2023, 10/31/2023, 11/7/2023, THE NEWS GUARD

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# Oregon lags behind in vaccination rate for health care workers

LYNN TERRY  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*  
*News Guard Guest Article*

The Oregon Health Authority would like 90% of health care workers to be vaccinated against the flu, but the state lags far behind that goal.

The agency issued an alert last week saying that 64% of health care employees are vaccinated against the virus, compared with 85% during the 2019-20 flu season. But as the pandemic deepened and spread, and people stayed home or masked in public places, vaccination rates among health care workers plummeted, and they’ve yet

to recover. Last flu season, 63% of health care workers got a flu vaccine.

The proportion of those declining a shot has grown – from 8% during the 2019-2020 flu season to 15% now, agency data shows. The health authority doesn’t know why another one-fifth of health care workers aren’t vaccinated. The state needs about 35,000 health care workers to get vaccinated to meet its 90% goal.

State health officials worry that infected health care workers could further sicken already ill people.

The state’s alert coincides with the start of the flu season. Infection rates were low

during the pandemic but the virus came roaring back last year, peaking in the first part of December. Health authority spokesman Jonathan Modie expects illnesses to increase in coming weeks.

“Given (the) severity of last season and the potential for compounding effects of concurrently circulating respiratory viruses, it is important for health care workers to get up to date with vaccinations as soon as possible,” Modie said in an email.

The state collects vaccination data from hospitals, surgery centers that provide same-day care, nursing homes and dialysis centers. Vaccination rates were low-

est in in-patient psychiatric facilities and dialysis centers at 35%. Nursing home rates were also low at 41%. Hospitals had the highest rate – 69% – followed by surgery centers at 67%.

Modie called the rate in nursing homes especially worrying.

“Nursing home residents are among the most vulnerable to developing flu-related complications,” Modie said. “It is critical to improve uptake in these settings.”

Health care officials also worry about COVID, which appears to be here to stay, and another respiratory virus, RSV or respiratory syncytial virus. The latter usually

causes mild cold-like symptoms. Health care officials recommend that people over 60 get an RSV vaccine, and that anyone older than 6 get a COVID booster – if you can find them.

Unlike COVID, asymptomatic transmission of flu is less common, with infected people becoming the most contagious on the third and fourth day of illness. Health officials advise anyone who develops symptoms to stay home.

While most people recover from the flu in days, those with weak immune systems, including the elderly and very young, risk hospitalization and even death. The fed-

eral Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said that 12,000 to 50,000 people die each year from the flu and 9 million to 41 million get sick. State health officials don’t track adult deaths, but they do log pediatric figures. Two Oregon children died from the flu last season.

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## Medicaid

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Oregon’s Medicaid system is designed to keep people from using emergency rooms as a primary care service. It offers generous benefits, including dental and behavioral health care, with regionally based insurers managing patients.

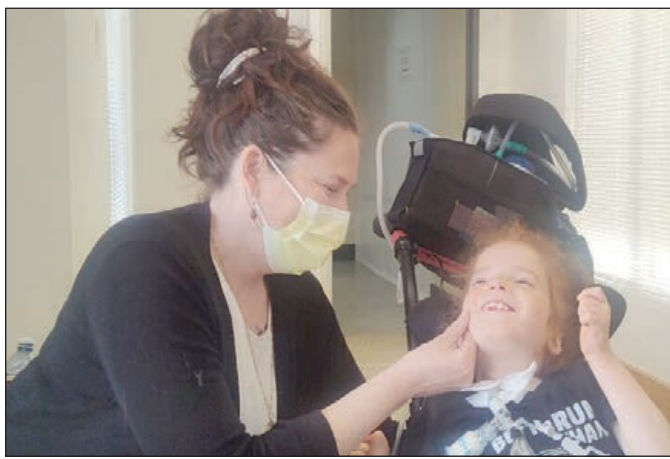
During the pandemic, no one lost coverage even if their income grew beyond the limit. But that ended this spring, and since April all states have been reviewing the eligibility of all members. In Oregon, that means auditing the 1.5 million people on the Oregon Health Plan. People first lost coverage in June.

On Aug. 30, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services alerted Oregon and other states that a glitch during the automatic renewal process had caused people to be wrongly bumped. It said

the glitch appeared to mostly affect children in households with at least one adult enrolled in Medicaid and households required to submit documents to prove eligibility. It ordered the states to pause renewals for families that might be affected and reinstate those who had wrongly lost benefits..

On Sept. 21, CMS said 500,000 children had wrongly lost the health coverage, which is mostly covered by the federal government, due to the glitch. A total of 23 states reported some of their residents were affected. Oregon was among five that said they were “still assessing” the situation along with Delaware, Georgia, Minnesota and Nebraska.

That same day, the Capital Chronicle asked the health authority how many children in Oregon had lost coverage, their ages, locations and situ-



Ben Botkin / Oregon Capitol Chronicle  
**Calli Ross tends to her disabled 8-year-old son, Tensy, after watching the Oregon Senate in the Capitol on Friday, June 23, 2023.**

ations. A spokeswoman, Erica Heartquist, said the health authority was checking and planned to meet with CMS. On Sept. 25 – a month ago – said she would know more by the end of the week.

On Oct. 28, she sent a re-

sponse that failed to answer several questions about the children, and less than three hours later issued the news release with an update on the Medicaid renewal process. It said 668,000 people in Oregon had retained cov-

erage out of nearly 808,000 reviewed.

“So far, Oregon has the fourth-lowest closure and reduction rates in the nation,” it said.

It later mentioned that 11,700 people who did not respond to renewal requests were informed that they had been renewed – wrongly. Even though they don’t qualify, the state has extended their coverage through the end of the year.

And it added that 2,268 had wrongly lost benefits at the end of September. Heartquist told the Capital Chronicle they included 619 children. It’s unclear how many who were informed they’d be booted at the end of October are minors.

Heartquist said “all potentially affected peoples’ benefits will be restored or will be prevented from closing.

“We will send affected

people a new notice in November that their benefits have been restored or are continuing,” the news release said.

But members of families whose coverage is being resumed after being terminated could later face losing coverage. Heartquist said that the eligibility of each member of the family will be reviewed.

Medicaid members will also need to keep their eyes on Medicaid notices next year, when renewals resume again.

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will continue to work cooperatively with the OGE, the statement reads. “The intent of the book was to support the growth of women educational leaders, just as I am dedicated in LCSD to supporting students, staff, and families.

“I am committed and focused on serving as the super-

intendent of Lincoln County School District. I see this allegation and investigation as an opportunity for other educational authors like myself to learn about the ethics process and investigation outcome.”

The district’s email added that Tolán notified all LCSD board members immediately upon receiving the complaint, and that, “Lincoln County

School District will have no further comment due to the ongoing investigation.”

Tolan and Rachel George, director of elementary programs at the Oregon Trail School District in Sandy, co-wrote “She Leads: The Women’s Guide to a career in Educational Leadership,” published in January 2022.

### The complaint

“In her written complaint, Tamara Moore alleges that Majalise Tolán may have engaged in a prohibited use of position in her roles as superintendent and secondary director (the role Tolán served in through June of this year) for the LCSD by using district resources to pay for expenses

map out services and supports the child will receive at a public school. It was after Moore said her concerns regarding special education resources were “ignored and nearly all of them went unresolved” by the district that she began digging further into LCSD operations.

“We (Moore and her husband) originally actually

that served our school, our teachers, students, etc. How can anyone be doing the hard work needed to serve the teachers and students here being gone nearly once a month like that?”

In a response dated Aug. 11, Tolán submitted information to the OGE regarding three “She Leads” travel presentations, a timeline of five work-related travel engagements to conferences and presentations between January 2022 and July 2023, as well as that of 10 additional conferences she attended in an official capacity. When contacted by the commission Sept. 18 for further information, Tolán said she attended most of the conferences and events in her official capacity as secondary education director and as district superintendent without issuing a formal written declaration of a conflict of interest.

“I didn’t file an investigation request because I am a disgruntled parent,” Moore wrote to The News Guard. “I filed because I generally care about our teachers and students and the present state of our district’s academic metrics. These topics require someone who is 100 percent present. We, as taxpayers, are paying a salary of \$178k for someone to be 100 percent present.”

### Next steps

After reviewing preliminary information, the commission voted 8-0 to obtain additional records and look into whether improprieties occurred during Tolán’s attendance at conferences listed in her provided timeline, where she carried her personal copy of ‘She Leads’ in order to obtain autographs and photographs with women in educational leadership roles, and then post those photos to social media. In its recommendation to launch a full investigation into the matter, the commission wrote, “Ms. Tolán may have taken action in her official capacity that could result in a financial impact or the avoidance of a financial detriment.”

Moore added in her statement to The News Guard she still wishes to engage LCSD leadership in discussion on how to improve its resources and programming for those in need of special education.

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MEET SOME OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Moria Belsy has started a new chapter in a new career

By SARAH KELLY  
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After having spent 17 years running her own business in the gardening industry, Moria Belsy decided it was time for a change. Taking her business knowledge to Farmers Insurance, Belsy easily slipped into the role of an insurance agent a little over two years ago, helping both English and Spanish speakers.

Originally from Colorado, Belsy moved to Pacific City in 2017 where her husband's family already had deeply planted roots. With a college degree in Science and Environmental Studies, as well as studying Holistic Health, Belsy has a solid background with which to help navigate her through the world of insurance. Once she entered into insurance she was able to spend a lot of time

continuing her education, doing workshops and supportive courses that were made possible through Farmers Insurance.

Belsy started out running her own agency for about one and a half years before she decided to join Charlotte Lehto's agency in Lincoln City earlier this year. The idea to join Lehto's agency was one the company's district manager suggested. Since the two agents had similar values when it came to insurance and Belsy was looking for additional support and some mentoring, Lehto's agency was the perfect environment for her to grow in the industry.

"We give each person individual support and we really try to develop the relationship as being their trusted advisor. We take it very much to heart and try to do our best for each person," said Belsy. Additionally, Lehto had

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You're probably more capable than you think you are.  
Moria Belsy,  
Farmers Insurance Agent  
”

also been looking to bring another person on board who had a business owner mentality, with Belsy's long history of being a business owner and her experience with getting products to market, she was a great fit.

Even though she has now joined the Charlotte Lehto Insurance Agency in Lincoln City, Belsy still aims to be the south Tillamook County insurance agent, helping people in Beaver, Hebo, Cloverdale, Pacific City and Neskowin with their insurance needs. She will even occasionally meet up with her

clients so they do not have to travel to Lincoln City.

Due to inflation and rate increases all around, being an insurance agent has been challenging. Belsy makes it a point to be caring, straightforward and honest with her clients when trying to help them understand these changes.

"I like bringing a heart-centered approach to insurance and getting to know people personally so I can better support them with customized insurance," Belsy said.

Being present for her clients, for her community and

for her family has been challenging at times but Belsy is dedicated to the new path she has picked and doesn't let anything keep her from achieving all of her goals. Having two young children and a full-time job requires a lot of time management and perseverance.

"It's a grind for sure but I remember watching my mom at this time. I have three siblings and my mom worked at a hospital and she just cranked it out for like 10 years and that's the time I'm in, just crank it out," Belsy said. With a strong support system standing behind her Belsy pushes through any hard days, knowing that she's right where she wants to be, living her life the way she wants.

Belsy knows that to keep pushing forward at the speed she has been, self-care is essential. She takes time each

day to center herself and unwind through activities like yoga, meditation, gardening, hiking and spending time crafting with her children. She commutes approximately 25 minutes every day and takes advantage of the opportunity by listening to audiobooks in her car, motivational speakers, podcasts and practicing breathing exercises.

While it can be difficult and trying at times, balancing work and family life is possible and you can achieve anything when you put your mind to it. It's important to put yourself in the right place for career advancement and to never stop pushing forward. "You're probably more capable than you think you are," said Belsy.

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An insurance agent with a deep connection to her heritage

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Growing up in a household that primarily spoke Spanish while attending an English speaking school didn't slow Raisa Rodriguez down.

She met every obstacle, seeing them as a new goal to overcome. Life took her in an unexpected direction a little over a year ago when she was given the opportunity to become an agent with Farmers Insurance.

This has become her new goal to conquer, setting her on a clear path to becoming a top insurance agent with the company.

While Rodriguez's parents originally came to the U.S. from Mexico, she grew up mostly on the Oregon Coast with her three sisters. Her mother was brought to Los Angeles, following family that had already been living there. Eventually an uncle who lived in Oregon told her parents about the beauty of the state, prompting her fami-

ly to make the move.

Growing up with her mother and step-father, both of whom primarily spoke Spanish, presented Rodriguez with its own set of challenges. From a young age her father would look to her as a translator.

"I remember being young and having my father say, 'Oh translate this for me,' but it's something that I have no idea about. So here I am in middle school trying to translate," said Rodriguez.

She sometimes found it frustrating being so young and not yet fluent enough to understand the conversations she was being asked to help with.

Around the time she attended elementary and middle school, Rodriguez was in the Salem, Ore. area. There, many children spoke Spanish making her time at school a bit easier. She was part of the English Learning Development program (ELD), which consisted of around 20 students.

Rodriguez spent two years in this program learning the

English language. However, it wasn't until around the middle of high school that she was able to feel fluent.

"Spelling, I feel like, was a big one for me. In Spanish everything is the way it sounds and in English so many words make so many different sounds. So that was a very big challenge," she said.

After graduating from Nestucca High school in 2017 in Cloverdale, Ore., Rodriguez got into banking, where she worked for many years before making the switch to insurance. As a child Rodriguez had dreamed of being a real estate agent but when an opportunity presented itself so she shifted gears.

The Charlotte Lehto Insurance Agency, a part of Farmers Insurance, reached out to Rodriguez after seeing her resume on Indeed.com. At first Rodriguez was unsure as she wasn't experienced or licensed as an insurance agent but Lehto saw the potential in her and offered her the job.

"I was very fortunate to have her see my potential

through my resume and be willing to train and teach me everything. You don't get those opportunities very often," said Rodriguez.

Rodriguez attributes her strong work ethic to her parents, whom she watched work hard for their family. Speaking admiringly of her father who worked on a farm milking cows.

"He would make me go with him so that I knew the value of a dollar."

Her parents' influence over her is easy to see when looking at how hard she works towards learning every facet of insurance she possibly can.

Not knowing anything about the field when she started, Raisa now has a strong grasp on a large portion of it but is working hard to become even more knowledgeable.

While Rodriguez still finds some of the English terminology used in insurance a bit confusing, she is quickly surmounting those obstacles in order to best serve both her English and Spanish speaking

customers.

She may have grown up in the U.S. but her Mexican roots are still deeply ingrained in her every day life far beyond just helping her Spanish speaking customers and communicating with her family. Rodriguez's father currently lives in Mexico and she makes it a point to visit him and the rest of her family living there every year, joined by her sisters when possible.

Even though the Mexican cultural events that take place where she now lives may not be as large and fancy as the ones in Mexico, Rodriguez makes it a point to always participate in as many local events as she can. Staying connected to her roots is something she highly values.

From listening to Spanish music daily to watching the occasional Spanish TV program, whatever she can do to immerse herself in the culture that she came from, she does.

Cooking is another way for her to feel close to her Mexican heritage.

"All the food I know how

to cook is because I grew up watching my mother cook them," says Rodriguez. "Mexican food is my favorite type of food and I'm sure that came from growing up eating Mexican food all the time," she adds.

One of her favorite dishes taught to her by her mother is tamales.

"I don't make tamales as often as I would like though, because they are a piece of work to make and cook!" Rodriguez states, reminiscing fondly about her mother's cooking.

Rodriguez is a hard-working woman who finds strength from the values her parents instilled in her and the deep connection she has to her heritage, which has helped to mold her.

Rodriguez can be contact at the Charlotte Lehto Insurance Agency's website [charlottelehto.com/](http://charlottelehto.com/) for English or [charlottelehto.com/espanol.htm](http://charlottelehto.com/espanol.htm) for Spanish or email to [raisa.clehto@famersagency.com](mailto:raisa.clehto@famersagency.com).



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## MEET SOME OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY WOMEN IN BUSINESS

### Change is in the air for Quality Printing Service

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Quality Printing Service is a deeply rooted printing shop in Lincoln City. The business was started back in 1984 when John LoBello and his late wife, Kathy, bought a plot of land and built their dreams on it. Over the years the shop has changed and grown into what it is today. Long-time employee, Joy Gregory will usher in the next set of changes to the print shop. Gregory has been working at Quality Printing for 12 years as their in-house graphic designer. With the desire to retire, LoBello approached Gregory with the idea of her taking over the shop. LoBello knew that Gregory would be the perfect person to take over the business, finally allowing him to retire. When he brought it up with her last March, Gregory was surprised. She had never thought of owning her own store but knew this was the right move for her to take. With LoBello’s help, she

has been learning all the ins and outs of running the printing shop. While running her own business does feel a bit daunting, Gregory is excited about this next step in her life. Working at Quality Printing Service has been an amazing job for Gregory. “I love everything about it. I’m a graphic designer so I love doing the design work. ... People come into Quality Printing at some of the most monumental times in their lives and I’m happy to be a part of that and help them along the way. ... That makes me really happy,” said Gregory. Before moving to Lincoln City, Gregory lived in Eugene where she was in radio broadcasting for 18 years. She decided to switch courses when she had her son, going back to college for graphic design. Events in her life eventually led her to settle down in Lincoln City where she started out doing volunteer graphic design work for the Oregon Coast Community



*Contributed photo from Joy Gregory*  
**The Quality Printing Service ladies are from left, Jeanne Elich, Joy Gregory and Samantha Field.**

College. When the graphic design position opened up at Quality Printing, Gregory eagerly jumped at the job, never leaving. According to Gregory, when she officially takes over — around the end of the year — the shop will switch to using only digital printers and will no longer use the old large-format printing presses. At that time, Quality Printing Services will also be a solely women-operated business. With Gregory soon to be the owner, she will have two employees, Samantha Field and Jeanne Elich, to help her keep the business running smoothly. “We hired some really great women to do this fun little adventure with me,” said Gregory who added that they hadn’t intended to hire only women but that was the way things worked out in the end. Field works in bindery,



*Contributed photo*  
**Shop mascot, Lucy.**

creating things like booklets for the shop, while Elich handles the front counter as the shop’s point person. Gregory will continue to do graphic design but will add all the back-end finances to her regular workload, as she soon takes over. Gregory is excited to “grow Quality Printing into whatever the next phase is.” The thought of expanding has been tossed around a bit but Gregory says it’s too early to

know for sure. She does say that they will be leasing out a front portion of the 4,000-square-foot shop to another business that has yet to be determined. Quality Printing Service does everything from photocopying to paperback books, flyers, magazines, lamination, business cards, invitations and so much more. With their large printers, they are even able to print blueprints, banners and giant posters, such as the ones they print for the Lincoln City Outlets mall. Offering such a large variety of printing services is an aspect of Quality Printing that Gregory loves. “It’s fun to be able to be involved with the other businesses in the community. I feel very connected to the other businesses with this job,” said Gregory. *Quality Printing Service is located at 1039 Northwest U.S. Highway 101. For more information go to [www.QualityPrintingService.net](http://www.QualityPrintingService.net) or call 541-994-3003.*

### Culinary delights, family-friendly atmosphere shape Blackfish Cafe

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The Blackfish Cafe, located at 2733 Northwest U.S. Highway 101 in Lincoln City, has been delighting guests with its simple yet elegant dishes for 24 years. The restaurant was started in 1999 by the award-winning chef, Rob Pounding. The chef’s list of awards is long and once you taste his dishes it’s easy to see why he was recognized on so many occasions. Pounding previously worked at the Salishan as the executive chef for 14 years, during which time the fine dining restaurant received the AAA 4 Diamond, Mobil 4 Star and the DiRona Award. He has also spent time winning numerous medals for his cooking at competitions. Competitions like the IKA HOGA in Germany, where he led a culinary team as its captain, in what is seen as the Culinary Olympics. Having spent time cooking at some top restaurants and hotels throughout the world Pounding had always dreamed of

one day opening a restaurant of his own. When the restaurant location became available in Lincoln City the couple jumped at the opportunity, opening Blackfish Cafe. According to his wife, Mary, her husband had always planned to feature Pacific Northwest cuisine. As an “active supporter of sustainable agriculture and organic farming for commercial applications in Oregon,” Pounding is licensed to purchase seafood directly from area fishermen. He makes an effort to buy as much food locally as possible, including fresh produce from local market gardeners. “We buy Dory caught Rockfish when the season is open from SeaQ Fish out of Pacific City. We also have a place called Lil Swiss Farms that we buy greens and flowers from,” said Mary Pounding. “We also have a mushroom grower that we buy Oyster Mushrooms from.” The approximately 7,000-square-foot restaurant seats around 55 people and every dish has been carefully



*Contributed photo*  
**Blackfish Cafe cowoner Mary Pounder stands with artist Dago Benavidez.**

crafted by Pounding. While he doesn’t like to classify the restaurant as fine dining, they do serve up high-quality dishes with generous portions which Mary Pounding instead likes to refer to as “family fine dining.” Blackfish Cafe features a variety of soups, salads and seafood options as well as a few non-seafood dishes for those who prefer something

else. They offer a small selection of desserts, most of which have been with the restaurant since the day they opened. “We have what we call the Blackfish Ding Dong. ... It’s a buttermilk chocolate cake with a whipped cream-filled center and chocolate ganache on the outside. We also have a Peanut Butter Pie [and] a Caramel Pots de Crème. ... Those three have been with us from the beginning,” said Mary Pounding. The restaurant also has a selection of cocktails and wines for dinners to enjoy with their meals such as their Manhattan Mission. According to Mary Pounding, the cocktail is made with figs that have been soaked in vanilla bean, marinating for weeks before being poured. While Pounding no longer works the floor at the restaurant he still actively manages the kitchen staff, overseeing its daily operations, with Chef Joshua Anderson taking the lead. Mary, who turned 71 this year, does most of the behind-the-scenes work, doing things like payroll and paying bills. The couple is still heavily involved with the restaurant even if they’ve taken a small step back in recent years. Nov. 1 was the start of Blackfish Cafe’s newest changes. They will be featuring an early bird dinner, starting at 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays only, with a special smaller portioned menu for people who don’t want

such big plates of food and for those who would like to dine earlier in the evening. Mary Pounding said guests will still be able to order from their full menu should they wish to do so during these hours. The restaurant will also feature a new artist, with pieces hanging, ready for viewing around the same time as they launch their early bird menu. “I’m really excited about this new show that’s going on,” said Mary Pounding who fell in love with the oil paintings of artist, Dago Benavidez. The restaurant changes its show two to three times a year and tries to feature local artists. Blackfish Cafe is open for dinner five nights a week, starting at 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. They are currently only open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday through Sunday. They are closed every Monday and Tuesday. *For more information go to [www.BlackfishCafe.com](http://www.BlackfishCafe.com) or call 541-996-1007.*

### Adapting to the changing times, local business continues to thrive

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Founded in May of 2019, Salt came about from the creative mind of 31-year-old Shelby Locke Cunningham. Located in Lincoln City at the Lincoln City Outlets, Salt combines all of Locke Cunningham’s passions. The unique shop features a variety of cafe must-haves, as well as some unexpected menu items. With a major in art and a minor in business, Locke Cunningham didn’t stop with just cafe items at her store. She added her love of art, featuring work from local artists. “I took my background in art and business along with coffee and my interest in food and cocktails and kind of created this new space that highlighted all of those things,” said Locke Cunningham. When the opportunity presented itself, Locke Cunningham eagerly took the leap, putting every penny she had into building her own business from the ground up. Having previously been self-employed, she knew she could make this work, and work it did. The name for the shop came naturally to Locke Cunningham, having grown up on the Oregon Coast, always surrounded by the salty ocean air. “You can smell it. Once

you come into Lincoln City you get that fresh scent of the ocean. It just kind of permeates your life in every way and I also just love salt in food and having good flavor. ... [Salt] was the perfect short term,” she said. Being self-employed has allowed Locke Cunningham the flexibility she needs while balancing work and family. The approximately 2,000-square-foot floor space where Salt is located had to be entirely redone before they could open. Calling on the help of family, she was able to completely change the bland space into an amazing location, unlike any other you will see in the outlet mall. Over the years, the store has grown with the times and changed into something bigger and better. “When we first opened it was definitely more restaurant-based. We had a lot of seating. We had cocktails. We were open late at night. ... It was a place you could get your coffee in the morning but you could also sit and have a charcuterie board and a glass of wine in the evening,” said Locke Cunningham. When COVID hit, change was inevitable. Locke Cunningham stood strong and saw the opportunity to grow during those trying times, morphing Salt into its current



*Contributed photo from Shelby Locke Cunningham*  
**Shelby Locke Cunningham, owner of Salt, has built an her business through dedication and having found a balance between family and career.**

form. “When COVID happened during our first year of business we had to switch gears, which has become really great. I think that Salt is really just become the business that it was meant to be and has kind of chosen its own path in a way. We were able to bring in a lot of retail during COVID which helped with some of the sales,” she said. While it is no longer only a cafe and late-night spot, Salt still serves up foods, cocktails, beer and wine. You may find yourself just hanging out in the space, observing all the fun decor and amazing artwork on display as you devour their delectable menu items or maybe you will want to make this your new spot to unwind and sip on a cocktail. Salt features many Oregon brand products, such as Stumptown Coffee, Steven Smith Tea and Tillamook cheese products. “We have really high-quality ingredients. We make sandwiches, breakfast burritos, yogurt bowls and acai bowls. Everything is made in-house from our gluten-free granola, gluten-free quiche, all our sauces, everything is made in our kitchen,” said Locke Cunningham. They also serve up real fruit smoothies, Tillamook ice cream milkshakes, curated cocktails and a couple of beers on tap. You can choose to have your food made to order or get something from their “Grab & Go” selection. Since adding more retail into the shop, seating has become limited. Apparel and artwork can both be purchased in-store, however, only apparel is

available online through its website. “We have a handful of [local artists] that sell their work. ... We either buy their stuff or they can do it on consignment, which has been really fun,” said Locke Cunningham. Salt does a great job working with other small Oregon businesses. “A lot of ... our retail are small businesses. A lot of women-owned businesses, LGBTQ+ businesses, Oregon businesses, that sort of thing,” Locke Cunningham said. Led by a strong team of women, Salt goes above and beyond similar stores by providing a variety of incentives to their employees such as a 401k, gym membership and pay above minimum wage. “We try to create a great system for people of all ages to want to work in the coffee shop because I feel like the food industry is kind of hard or people don’t really think of it as a career choice,” said Locke Cunningham. Having spent long hours, working from opening to closing, cleaning dishes and making coffee, Locke Cunningham was able to create a thriving business through her dedication and perseverance. While starting her own business was scary and exhausting at times she embraced all that came with the process.

“I feel like the biggest things people are afraid of is making the business registry with the state, doing taxes, doing that sort of thing and once you do it, it’s all pretty easy. I think it’s just very scary for people who haven’t done it before and then just knowing that you are going to be the one that the responsibility falls upon,” she said. “I always tell people that you should be able to do every part of your business. ... You can wash the dishes. You can take orders. You can cook the food and once you feel comfortable in all those spaces then you can start delegating but then if something ever happens then you know that you can make it work.” She encourages those who may be considering starting their own business to fully understand the financial aspects and do a lot of web searching to help ensure you know what you are getting into. In doing so you will also be more confident in the process, making it less overwhelming and scary to initiate. *For more information visit [www.SaltCrave.com](http://www.SaltCrave.com) or follow them on Instagram at SaltCrave. Salt is located at 1500 SE East Devils Lake Road, Suite 304 at the Lincoln City Outlets. They are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day.*