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Mayor eyes revenue and housing as high priorities

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With years of experience as a public employee and former city councilor, Mayor Susan Wahlke took her oath of office via Zoom on June 14. She attended her first in-person meeting as mayor on July 12.

"At my first meeting (as mayor), we adopted the budget, but I had been on all the calls on Zoom when it was discussed," she said. "So I was up to speed."

In the near future, Wahlke is looking to schedule a workshop to discuss revenue sources. She said long term financing is a big challenge for the city.

"It's hard for a population of 9,000 to

provide for 30,000 people," she said.

"We're still struggling with homelessness and housing, and we're definitely trying to have houses for people," she said. "I mean, are there vacant lots, but not all are build-able."

She said attracting developers with realistic plans to the Villages at Sitka Woods, formerly named the Villages at Cascade Head, was high on her list of priorities.

"By selling it off in pieces, we can be more sure that the development will come to fruition," she said. "So we are really looking for a developer."

She said there are currently four hotels in Lincoln City housing people who have no other permanent lodging, but the city

does not own any of them.

Also on her list of goals, Wahlke said she would like to have more public input at public meetings.

"I'd like to try to increase that. I think most of that is communicating with people and letting them know what's coming up on the agenda, and making sure that groups who are affected by things we're considering, are aware," she said. "I am disappointed that our current technology doesn't allow us to have a hybrid meeting. There are some upgrades to the technology in the council chambers that may allow that in the future."



See **MAYOR**, Page 2 Mayor Susan Wahlke

Local hauler to host free household hazardous waste collection event

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North Lincoln Sanitary Service is hosting a free household hazardous waste collection event on July 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents can bring in poisons, pesticides and other household chemical to be disposed of free of charge. This year they are specifically encouraging residents to bring in their old lithium batteries. Not only can they be recycled, but they pose a fire risk when put in garbage cans and landfills.

This is an annual event in the county that rotates between the three companies that haul trash in Lincoln County. North Lincoln Sanitary Service, Thompson's Sanitary Service and Dahl Disposal Service all contribute funds to the Lincoln County Solid Waste District.

"This is a way for residents to get the stuff out of their garage or their homes, and out of the community, and get it disposed of in a safe way," North Lincoln Sanitary Service Representa-

tive Colin Teem said.

Teem said that some of the chemicals are processed then taken to a landfill, and some do go straight to the landfill. However, if customers put them in their regular trash, they pose a danger to the employees and the trucks, especially if some chemicals mix. This can produce a fire or a more toxic situation. Bringing them in for this event is more of a safety measure.

Each of the trash hauling companies in the county are franchise with the cities where they're located.

"Some people don't realize that there are a lot of franchises here," Teem said. "Power, cable, internet, gas, and garbage."

According to the 2021-2022 city budget, Lincoln City will collect \$1.1 million, or just one percent of its annual revenue, in franchise fees from NW Natural Gas, Pacific Power, Century Link, North Lincoln Sanitary, Charter Cable and Coastcom Inc.

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North Lincoln Sanitary Service's Route Supervisor, Dayton Mays; HR Manager, Colin Teem; and General Manager, Lon French are dwarfed by the new cardboard baler the company purchased for recycling purposes.

Community input will be key for Taft Park development

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It has been in the making for several years and now new efforts to develop Taft Park are underway.

In the following conversation with The News Guard, Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Department Director Jeanne Sprague gives us insight into the next steps for the project.

The News Guard: How many acres has the city purchased and at what price?

Jeanne Sprague: The city purchased the 6.71 acre land from the Lincoln County School District in December of 2020 for \$421,917. This land was the former site of



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Taft Park is planned for this seven acre area just off SE 50th Street.

Taft Elementary School, which was demolished in 2014. Currently, the park is utilized as soccer fields for youth leagues and adult play, and we simply call it 'Taft Park' for the time being until a new name is decided upon by our community.

A pedestrian bridge connects Taft Park to a 61 space parking lot directly west. This park will address a recreation gap that community members cited in our 2016 parks and recreation plan, which is the need for a multi-purpose park in the southern part of the city.

The News Guard: What are the range of amenities planned for this park and why these specific amenities?

Sprague: There are no set or determined

park amenity plans at this time, although we have heard many ideas from our community, including sports fields, event space, covered multi-use sport courts, restrooms, playground, picnic areas, and more. The flat topography and acreage affords us the opportunity to address many various park amenities, per public support. Lincoln City Parks and Recreation will be acquiring public input via future open houses and surveys. More details to come on this.

The News Guard: What are the next steps in getting this park open with the planned amenities and when should we expect actual shovel work to begin?

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Mayor

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As far as the last meeting, she said she thought it was important that they continued the closure of the vehicle access to the beach.

The council had previously closed vehicle access to the beach at NW 15th St. and 34th Ct., prompted by an influx of cars on the beach and cars getting stuck.

"We had what I'm told around 200 cars on the beach," she said. "It became a safety issue and there wasn't any room for emer-

gency vehicles to get through if there had been someone needing help in the water."

Both accesses will continue to be blocked to vehicles through Labor Day.

She said she understands that people with mobility issues prefer the vehicle access, and in the off-season that would not likely present a safety hazard. But as there was too much use, it became an issue. She said there are other access areas available as well as the beach wheelchair.

Beachie Wheels



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The Lincoln City beach wheelchair is stored in a locked blue storage container at the beach access on the west end of SW 51st Street, by the covered picnic shelter. The chair is available for check out at no charge, seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rentals, available on a first-come, first-serve basis, are limited to one per day to allow for the sanitation of the chair after each use. In the event of extreme weather warnings, the wheelchair is not available to checkout. Currently the beach wheelchair does not have an advance reservation system in place. It offers an unlock code for the day of use, which may be obtained after 8am on the chosen day. Instructions on how to access the wheelchair can be found on lincolncity.org. From the homepage, go to "City Departments," then "Parks & Recreation," then "ADA Access," and then "Wheelchair." This will provide instructions. If you need further assistance with reservations, please contact Cheryl Knight, Parks and Recreation Admin Assistant, at 541-996-1224 or cknight@lincolncity.org.

Combining technology and people to manage diabetes

The Lincoln Community Health Center (LCHC) has embraced two new programs to help patients achieve better health. One is a living, breathing helper. The second is a bundle of technology presented to patients with a worrisome condition.

Rubi Arizmendi was hired in the fall of 2020 as one of LCHC's first Community Healthcare Workers (CHW) – a job focused on helping patients overcome barriers to treatment and supporting providers in delivering the most effective care possible.

"They are like the glue," remarked Mary Jo Koschel, LCHC program manager, describing the role of the CHWs. "They are that connection piece to help patients navigate the healthcare system."

Helping people sign up for the Oregon Health Plan, assisting patients filling out forms for financial assistance, connecting patients with transportation, providing translation services for providers and patients, delivering medical equipment or food boxes to patient homes, and helping patients to schedule referral appointments outside the LCHC are just examples of the work performed by Arizmendi and at least three new hires in the same role.

"I helped a patient fill out patient assistance forms for insulin," Arizmendi recalled when asked about particular accomplishments. "They would get samples when they came into the clinic, but it was a Spanish-speaking patient and the form was in English. We filled out forms, pulled pay stubs together, and faxed it all over. They were approved and received a year's supply of insulin, around \$10,000 worth. It was a good feeling," she said.

Becoming a CHW with Lincoln County took commitment on Arizmendi's part. One requirement of the job was getting certified with Oregon Health Authority. A 90-hour training program was completed via zoom, with classes three days per week, five hours at a time.

Once in training, she is now the trainer, helping patients to utilize another new program offered at LCHC. Remote monitoring of diabetes began this spring when select individuals with uncontrolled type 2 diabetes and significant comorbidities were given remote glucose monitoring devices (RGMD).

Currently five patients are participating in the home monitoring program, which provided them with a smart phone, glucometer, and scales.

Patients do the traditional finger-stick test using a glucometer that is connected via Bluetooth with the smartphone. That data is collected through an application (app) that then conveys the data to the patient's electronic medical record. The system sends a report to the

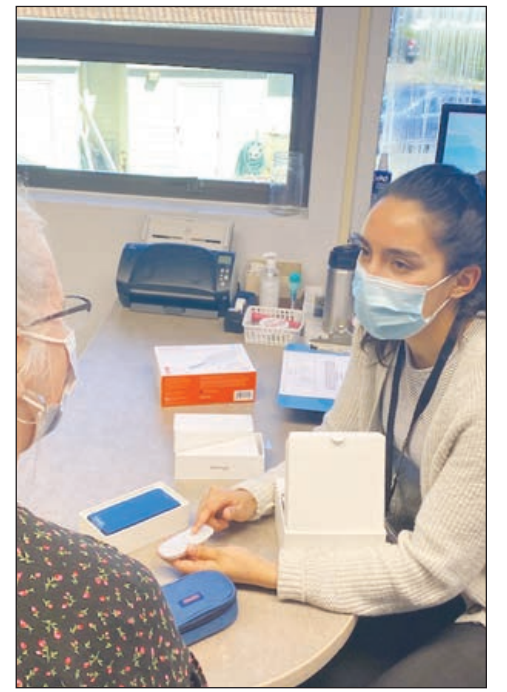


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Rubi Arizmendi assists a patient with the technology.

provider, which is checked daily.

"An RGMD is a valuable tool to empower patients to check their blood sugars and to take control of their diabetes," explained Family Nurse Practitioner Jason Vang-Erickson. "In addition, the information gathered from the device helps providers make appropriate medication changes, provide additional education, assess medication effectiveness, and trends in blood sugar levels," he added.

Arizmendi has seen the difference already.

"I had a patient that, when we gave her the glucometer, she had an A1C of nine. After two months, she began to see the number drop and now she's at 7.5. She's been positively impacted because she was an at-risk patient for sure," she commented. The A1C measures average blood sugar levels over a three-month period.

Grant money and quality improvement funds helped to pay for the devices, but people like Arizmendi are the key to a successful program. They help to educate the patient on how to use the technology, including patients who sometimes have never used a smartphone before.

"Yes, I provide a little bit of tech support," she commented, explaining that some patients may need only one orientation session, but others have several follow-up visits.

"Helping people become healthier is really rewarding for me," she added. To make a primary care appointment at LCHC, call (541) 265-4947.

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Taft Park

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Sprague: The first steps in moving forward with this park land development were conducting environmental assessments of the land, which we completed in 2020 and which show the land is safe and ready for park development.

Our current budget for Taft Park planning for fiscal year 2021-22 is \$150,000. This budget will permit us to conduct our next steps, which are continued land surveys, including a topographical and boundary survey. These surveys will

assist in landscape design as we are planning to hire a landscape designer for this park land. The designer will assist us in hosting several public open houses to get public input on what our community members want in this park.

With a very rough estimate of Taft Park construction being between \$3-\$6 million depending on amenities and type of field or court surface, community input and support of the future Taft Park is essential in progressing towards this park development.

Commitment from the city and from our community on this park development will assist in both budgetary funding, and in following our 2016 parks and recreation system plan, which details new park development in Lincoln City.

A developed park of this magnitude is not built on grant funding, community

construction or donations alone, although our Parks and Recreation Department will be accessing every development opportunity we can for Taft Park. Our community members, parks and recreation board, and city council will be crucial in giving insights of what our city needs in this park, and crucial in the budget process for building a new multi-purpose park.

A great example of community involvement in park development is our Sandcastle Playground in Regatta Park. The Sandcastle was built in 1992, with much of the actual construction conducted through community volunteers and contractors. While there was still a city budget to fund the design, playground materials, terraced landscape, and playground surface, there was tremendous community support in building and funding this playground

from the ground up.

I look at the new Taft Park development in the same vein – community involvement, vision, and plan, with city and parks and recreation support and follow through. The opportunities that this new park will afford Lincoln City residents and visitors are endless!

The News Guard: It seems that this purchase and development has taken a very long time. When did the city first express interest in the property and why has it taken so long to get to this point?

Sprague: The city first expressed interest to purchase the property in 2008. One of the issues that needed to be worked through was the presence of the school bus storage area. We worked closely and successfully with the Lincoln County School District to purchase the land for park development.

This park is a win-win for everyone involved, as it's within a half mile of Taft Elementary and High Schools, and in close proximity to parking, shops, and restaurants. Not only will this park be an economic boost to the Taft district and Lincoln City as a whole, the park will also provide developed recreation areas in an area of the city which lacks such park opportunities.

The News Guard: There had been discussions about developing a portion of the property as a dog park. Is that part of the development plans?

Sprague: We do not have a set development plan yet. We look forward to public input.

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Commissioners hear Sheriff report for Fourth of July activities

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Guest Contributor

Lincoln County Sheriff Curtis Landers and his deputies rose to the challenge presented by the crowds visiting the coast, fireworks and the extreme fire danger over the Fourth of July holiday.

All patrol members were working over the holiday weekend, many on overtime, he told the commissioners at their meeting July 12.

The increased call load over the weekend — 102 calls on July 2, 127 on July 3 and 102 on July 4 — had very little impact, Landers reported. A typical day is 50 or 60 calls, he said. There were 11 arrests.

Fireworks complaints, he said, were counted separately. There were 42 of those calls on the Fourth of July. Animal services was working extra hours also, Landers said, responding to lost, missing and frightened dog calls, and to calls reporting dogs locked in cars.

“All in all,” Landers said, “Chalk it up to a successful weekend. It helped to have the education piece out front.” He was

referring to local law enforcement agencies county-wide educational campaign to “Keep it Legal, Keep it Safe” with fireworks in advance of the holiday.

Landers reported on two significant events occurring over the weekend. Two Corvallis men suspected of setting a grass fire in Benton County along Highway 34 were spotted and apprehended in Lincoln County on July 4.

On July 3, the vehicle belonging to a missing Dundee man was located by mountain bikers prompting an extensive search and rescue mission that was initially unsuccessful. Robert Donough’s body was located July 10.

Even with the additional law enforcement resources required by those events and the demands of the holiday, Landers noted his staff was able to effectively respond throughout the busy weekend as needed.

Patrolling in Waldport on July 4th as he often does on the holiday, Landers told the commissioners he was surprised to note around 8 p.m. there weren’t any fireworks going off. While Waldport City Council banned all per-

sonal fireworks in advance of the holiday, Landers acknowledged some going off after dark, but said the number was significantly less than in previous years.

Commissioner Kaety Jacobson suggested next year the county start the discussion and education campaign earlier, and that limiting the time frame where fireworks are allowed might be a consideration.

Commissioner Claire Hall noted it would be a good idea to have all jurisdictions on the same page, rather than some areas where fireworks are permitted and others where they are not.

Board Chair Doug Hunt said, “All things considered, it was a successful effort to contain the fireworks.”

In an email, Landers summarized, “We are very pleased that awareness and education with the high fire danger resulted in a lower number of fireworks related incidents in Lincoln County. Our citizens and visitors took the educational campaign seriously and helped prevent fires. Education and awareness is key to an active enforcement campaign without having to issue a ban.”



Lincoln County Deputy Maleri Cates interviewed two Corvallis men who admitted to throwing illegal fireworks from a car, starting a grass fire along Highway 34 west of Alesa on July 4.

Hauler

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Teem said they are under the direction of local ordinances made in relation to solid waste disposal and recycling. Franchising ensures all residents get a more reasonable rate than they might otherwise get, he said.

“It’s also better for the environment because now you have one truck instead of many that are burning fuel and putting wear and tear on the roads when one truck was already there and could have done it all,” he said.

General manager Lon French said North Lincoln Sanitary Service has a four-year rolling franchise. It’s renewed annually, but if the city decided not to renew, they would still have four years remaining. French explained that in order for any company to be willing to spend capital to buy good equipment, they have to know they’ll have the income to pay off the debt.

“We’re accountable to the city and if we don’t provide an excellent service and the

good job, we don’t get renewed,” French said.

As Amazon has taken off over the years, more and more people have cardboard and the company has had to adjust. Their trucks needed to change the body style to accommodate more cardboard because it is, it’s so bulky and it doesn’t want to crush and compact in the truck. They recently purchased a new cardboard baler.

Throughout the year at their recycle center, in addition to glass and cardboard, they accept waste motor oil, transmission fluid, and car batteries at no charge. They also accept printers, televisions, laptops, tablets and other e-waste for free. They do accept some chemicals throughout the year, but charge \$2 per gallon.

More information about their business and the hazardous waste collection event can be found on their website at northlincolnsanitary.com or find them on Facebook.



American Tapestry Alliance at Lincoln City Cultural Center Fiber Arts Studio Gallery



7th Annual Small Tapestry International Exhibit at LCCC

The American Tapestry Alliance (ATA) is proud to present its 7th Small Tapestry International Exhibit at the Lincoln City Cultural Center Fiber Arts Studio Gallery, July 2 through August 27, 2021. The exhibit includes a colorful array of weavings that showcase the best in small format tapestry.

Tapestry is defined as hand woven, weft faced fabric using discontinuous wefts. Artists who work in both traditional and more experimental tapestry methods are featured.

Each piece in this exhibit is limited to no more than 100 square inches inviting close scrutiny and rewarding the viewer with a glimpse into the weavers’ personal interpretation of the exhibit theme, “Elements.”

Our juror, Susan Iverson, internationally known artist, retired professor at the School of the Arts at Virginia Commonwealth University and past president of ATA, said, “Engaging with artwork is both an intellectual and physical experience. How we approach the work, how we are pulled in and held and then pushed away to see the whole, is quite physical. The more controlled I feel by a work, the more intrigued I become. Many of these works will compel the viewer to come in for very close investigation while others will ask us to stop several feet away. I feel confident that when these

tapestries are in the gallery they will, like art works of any scale, engage each viewer on many levels.”

Participating Artists: Jennifer Sargent, US; Ellen Ramsey, US; Jane Freear-Wyld, United Kingdom; Louise Halsey, US; Kathe Todd-Hooker, US; Joyce Hayes, US; Terry Olson, US. Joan Griffin, US; Sharon Crary, US; Mary Lane, US; Ulrikka Mokdad, Denmark; Turid Teague, US; Lindsey Marshall, United Kingdom; Laura Center, US; Mary Jane Lord, US.

Historically there was a bias against small tapestries stemming from the attitude that only large tapestries were significant. As a counterpoint, ATA organizes the Small Tapestry International spotlighting small formal tapestries from artists around the world. Beginners and professionals submitted over two hundred tapestries, resulting in the juried 15 in the exhibit.

Created in 1982 the American Tapestry Alliance, has over 1000 members and continues to create opportunities for tapestry weavers to learn, exhibit, network, and promote the field of contemporary hand woven tapestry.

ATA provides resources and opportunities for beginning, mid level, and professional tapestry weavers including a newsletter, monthly eNews and eKudos, mentoring, workshops, members retreats, exhibition opportunities and an informative website, americantapestryalliance.org.



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Despite the recent declines in Oregon’s unemployment rate, a large group of the unemployed have had difficulty regaining employment.

Oregon Jobless Report

Jobless rate declines, challenges continue

STAFF REPORT

Oregon’s unemployment rate dropped from 5.8% in May, as revised, to 5.6% in June.

Oregon’s unemployment rate has gradually declined each month this year, after ending last year at 6.3%. Meanwhile, the U.S. unemployment rate ticked up from 5.8% in May to 5.9% in June.

Despite the recent declines in Oregon’s unemployment rate, a large group of the unemployed have had difficulty regaining employment. The number of Oregonians unemployed for 52 weeks or more remains elevated at about 40,000 in June, compared with an average of about 8,000 during the three years prior to the recession.

In Oregon, nonfarm payroll employment grew by 7,500 in June, following monthly gains averaging 10,100 in the prior five months. Monthly gains in June were largest in health care and social assistance (+2,400 jobs); other services (+1,700); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+1,000); leisure and hospitality (+1,000); and wholesale trade (+800). Only one major industry shed more than 300 jobs in June: construction (-900).

Leisure and hospitality accounts for the bulk of Oregon’s jobs not recovered since early 2020. It employed 169,500 in June, and added only 1,500 jobs in the

most recent three months. The industry is still 46,800 jobs (-22%) below its peak month of February 2020, so it accounts for 45% of overall nonfarm payroll jobs yet to recover from Oregon’s pre-recession peak.

Local government employed 208,900 in June, which was 21,400 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment level of 230,300 in February 2020. With jobs still down by 9%, this industry has experienced the second largest percent reduction in that time, behind only leisure and hospitality.

Manufacturing employed 182,100 in June and remains substantially below its pre-recession total of 195,800 in February 2020. The industry was slowly declining in the second half of 2019, then plunged 15,700 jobs at the outset of the COVID recession. The manufacturing industries dropping the largest percentage over the past 24 months include primary metals manufacturing (-3,300 jobs, or 36%), transportation equipment manufacturing (-2,100, or 16%) and fabricated metals manufacturing (-1,500, or 9%).

While most major industries still employ fewer workers than in February 2020, two industries increased their employment levels throughout the past couple of years. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities added 4,400 jobs, or 6%, since prior to the recession.

Similarly, state government gained 1,500 jobs, or 4%, in that time. Professional and technical services has also grown and now employs 3,100 jobs, or 3%, more than its pre-recession peak.

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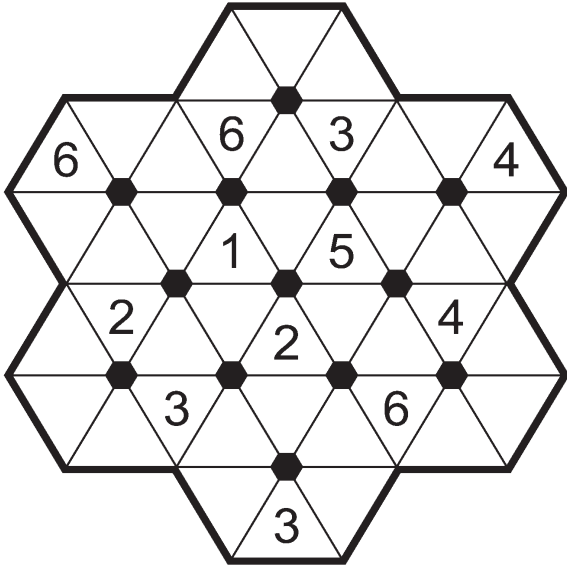
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SNOWFLAKES
by Japheth Light

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



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◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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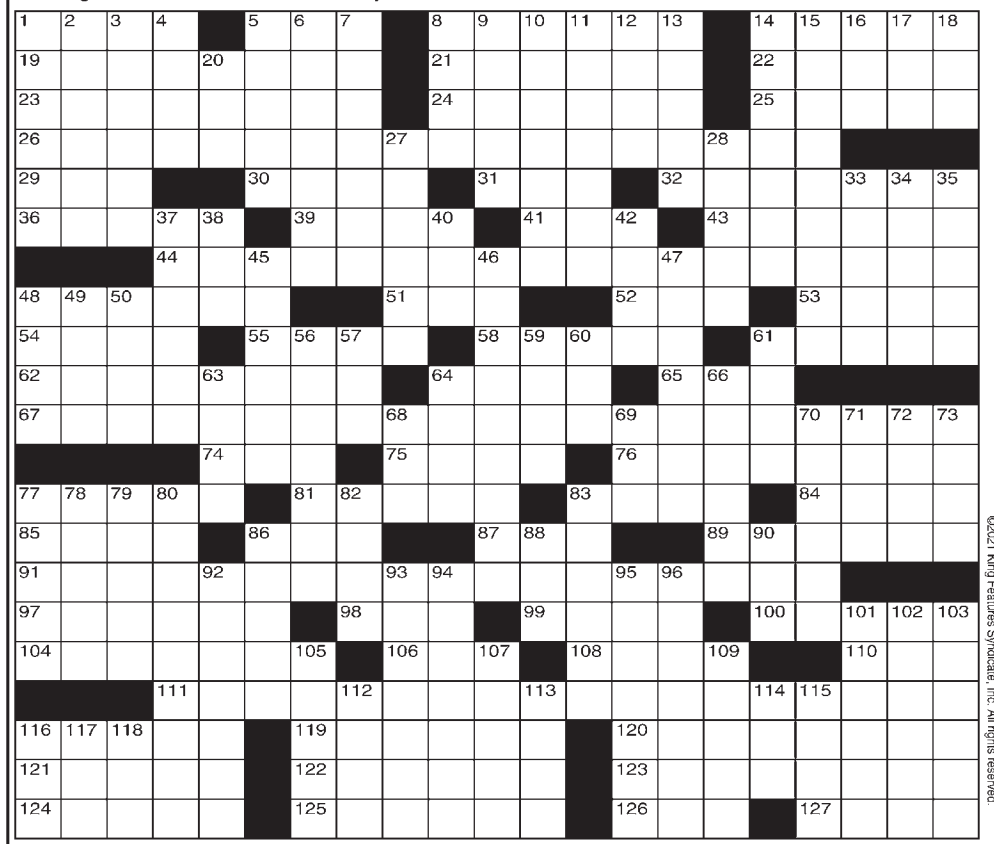
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solution
1. Search 2. Denture;
3. Caret; 4. Rapid
Today's Word
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Super Crossword

A TEN FROM A HEN

- ACROSS**
1 Cookout rod
5 Long wedge-shaped inlet
8 Dermal drawing
14 Alfalfa's girl in "Our Gang"
19 Lacking a permanent shelter
21 Sponge up
22 Hawke of the screen
23 Get closer
24 Gated water channel
25 Blue-footed bird
26 Start of a riddle
29 Sippy cup part
30 "— yellow ribbon round ..."
31 "Little" actress Issa
32 Web page visitor's directory
36 With 53-Across, walks across
39 World power until '91
41 New title for a bride
43 Italian cardinal Borgia
- 44 Riddle, part 2
48 "— a son goût" ("Each to one's own taste")
51 Big-billed bird
52 Actress Novak
53 See
54 Violin master Hilary
55 Big-billed bird
58 Increase
61 Belief set
62 Just slightly
64 Insects in forest trails
65 E. African country
67 Riddle, part 3
74 River in Switzerland
75 Real heels
76 More like heaven's gates?
77 In the company of
81 19th-century German industrialist Alfred
83 Roman 2,505
84 Sphere
85 Root used to make poi
86 Darjeeling, e.g.
87 Singer Ocasek of the Cars
- 89 Like the firstborn child
91 End of the riddle
97 Soprano Auger or actress Sorkin
98 Soccer's Hamm
99 West African land
100 Big name in baseball cards
104 Put on anew, as a play
106 "Lili" studio
108 Done, in France
110 Liquid in la Seine
111 Riddle's answer
116 Major port in Japan
119 Terrarium creature
120 Like firefighters and cyclists
121 Swanky watch
122 Like single-guy bands
123 Extensive essay
124 Megaphone noise
125 Mole zappers
126 Former JFK jet
- 127 Behaves
DOWN
1 Some afghans
2 #1 Billboard song, often
3 Hamper
4 Arctic diver
5 Say "Ouch!", say
6 Pelvic-base bone
7 Least ruddy
8 Piece of work
9 More skilled
10 Big wave
11 Hard-working people
12 Whale variety
13 Is compliant
14 Formal arguer
15 Redresses
16 17th Greek letter
17 R&D site
18 A single one
20 Mauna —
27 Exchanges for bills
28 "Attack, Rover!"
33 "Tara Road" novelist Binchy
34 Curved
35 — Canada (oil giant)
37 Many a meal on a blanket
- 38 Beatles' bud Sutcliffe
40 Fleecy male
42 Noted Fifth Ave. store
45 Puzzlement
46 Started a play-for-pay career
47 Drunk, slangily
48 Cartoonist Addams, for short
49 Padlock part
50 "Atlas"
56 Frat party dispenser
57 Place to stay the night
59 Off-road trucks, briefly
60 British verb suffix
61 Singer of the hit "Believe"
63 Neither hor. nor vert.
64 Take — (doze)
66 Go on a trip
68 Hosp. part
69 Tach abbr.
70 "My pleasure!"
71 Suffix with multimillion
72 Roger of "Cheers"
73 "Dam it all!"
- 77 In a conflict
78 Skiing gold medalist Phil
79 Tough tests
80 Student at a lecture, often
82 Chicago mayor Emanuel
83 Golden Arches java chain
86 Faint trace
88 Suffix of elements
90 Drunk, slangily
92 Cleaver
93 Musical tone qualities
94 "I dunno!"
95 Detrains, e.g.
96 Dawdles
101 Relating to digestion
102 Least ruddy
103 High-end leathers
105 Rave about
107 Cheek tooth
109 Speck in the sea
112 Sushi staple
113 Some male dolls
114 Doc bloc
115 Prefix with tarsal
116 Sphere
117 Fa-la link
118 — mode



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Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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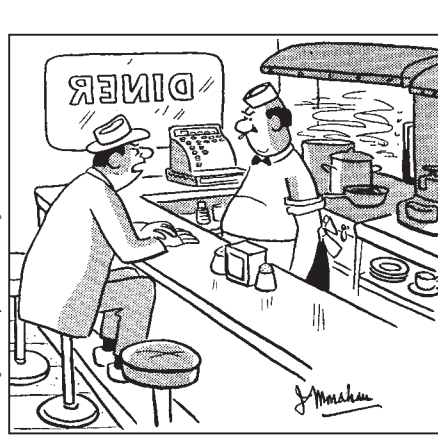
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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"Have you read any good _____ lately?"

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!

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ARCHES

Bridge
TENURED

Diamond
TRACE

Quick
DRAIP

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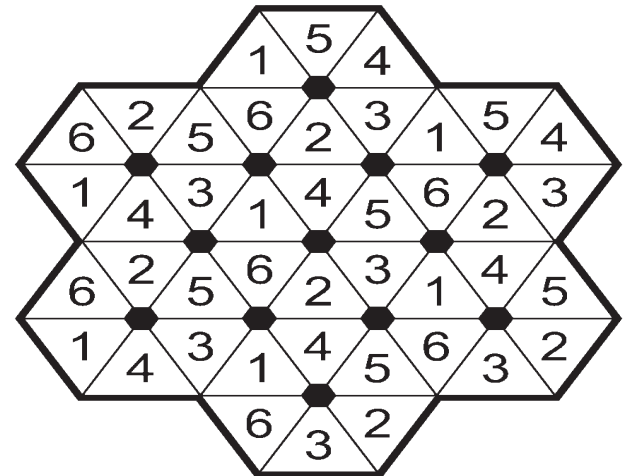
Super Crossword

Answers

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POLICE BLOTTER

Friday July 9

12:37 a.m. Traffic, NW 30th St/ NW Keel Ave. Traffic stop initiated on vehicle. Driving while suspended citation issued, case number for investigation of domestic violence. Report taken.

2:49 a.m. Warrant Arrest, 2148 NW 29th Dr. Officer went out on suspicious vehicle, subject found to have misdemeanor warrant Lincoln County for failing to appear in court. Cited and released to appear on 7/26/21 at 8:30 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

2 p.m. Abandoned auto, 4600 BLK SE 51st St. Abandoned car tow, LC Towing refused to tow car. Car Care responded.

7:02 p.m. Menacing, 3820 NE HWY 101 Taco Bell. Caller reported male refusing to leave property and threatening to stab employees/customers with a pair of kitchen scissors. Subject taken into custody and transported to Lincoln County Jail on charges of menacing X2 and trespassing II.

9:18 p.m. Domestic, 144 SE HWY 101. Report of a male punching a female. Male and female ran onto the beach near D Sands Motel, officers were unable to locate subjects and a backpack was seized.

10:55 p.m. Suspicious activity, 4800 NW Logan RD, Unit M. Report of harassment/yelling by

neighbor of caller in Unit N. Subject taken into custody for assault on his 10-year-old son, transported to LCPD.

Saturday July 10

12:10 a.m. Theft, 136 NE HWY 101, Comfort Inn. Theft of money from till, report taken.

11:24 a.m. Shop Lift, 4041 NW Logan Rd-Rite Aid. Caller reported theft at location, white male adult suspect left through back emergency exit with shopping cart of unpaid merchandise. Suspect vehicle was parked behind listed location at time of theft. Vehicle left west bound on NW 40th towards Chinook Winds Casino, report taken.

12:59 p.m. AOA Oregon State Police, 1030 SE Oar Ave, Bi-mart. Case number issued for fire-arm denial. (AOA-Assist outside Agency.)

6:12 p.m. Theft, 1452 NE 6th Dr. #9. Caller reported bike stolen from State Park on Friday morning. Described as orange BMX bike with black paint smeared on it and camo tires/wheels. Report taken, caller did not have a serial number for the bike to be entered as stolen.

6:44 p.m. Suspicious activity, 1777 NW 44th St, Chinook Winds Casino. Security reported victim told them he thought his MC

had been stolen. MC was still on premises, case number required for attempted unauthorized use of motor vehicle and criminal mischief II.

7:42 p.m. Disturbance, 1810 NW 33rd St. Report of disturbance inside residence, suspect located and taken into custody on felony warrant. Suspect was transported to Lincoln County Jail.

Sunday July 11

12:01 p.m. Crash, 1139 NW HWY 101. 911 report vehicle VS pedestrian near location. Victims transported to SNLH, driver cited for careless driving, and failure to yield to pedestrian in a crosswalk.

3:26 p.m. Recovered stolen vehicle, 266 SE HWY 101. Stolen vehicle reported in parking lot of locations, occupied by two subjects. Vehicle left location SE 3rd recovered near AT&T. Owner contacted for vehicle pickup, and subject was contacted in area. Subject was taken into custody and transported to Lincoln County Jail.

5:24 p.m. Assist outside agency, 1410 SE HWY 101. Second case number requested for warrant service. Felony warrant confirmed out of Corvallis possession of heroin. Felony warrants confirmed out of Lincoln County failure to appear X5 and possession of heroin. Subject was transported to

Lincoln County Jail, report taken.

6:46 p.m. TRF/Driving while suspended misdemeanor. 1777 NW 44th St-Chinook Winds Casino. Traffic stop initiated at location. Driver cited and released from location.

8:38 p.m. Traffic, 540 NE HWY 101. Traffic stop initiated at location, suspect cited and released for driving while suspended-violation and unlawful possession of a firearm. Vehicle was impounded by Car Care.

Monday July 12

1:46 a.m. Elude, SW HWY 101/SW Ebb. Officer attempted traffic stop at listed location. Vehicle fled north bound at a high rate of speed. Vehicle was possibly a blue Mitsubishi Eclipse.

7:31 p.m. Found paraphernalia, 3327 NW HWY 101. Caller advised possible found narcotics in taxi, report taken.

Extra patrol request, LC drive on beaches. Extra patrol due to subjects removing barriers and driving onto beach.

Tuesday July 13

4:35 a.m. Impound, SW 5th St/SW HWY 101. Vehicle towed by Car Care Tow Pro and entered into the law enforcement database.

7:22 a.m. Theft, 4808 NE Voy-

age Ave. Reporting theft of mail, 2 android tablets with case were shown to have been delivered, report taken.

11:59 a.m. Found Property, Roads End State Park. Found an iPhone on the beach, report taken.

12:28 p.m. Trespass 1501 SE East Devils Lake Rd. Caller advised suspect was previously trespassed at above location, cited for trespass 2.

1:58p.m. Follow up, 4545 SW HWY 101. Caller advised subject was calling when told not to by law enforcement, subject was arrested on telephonic harassment X6.

5:45 p.m. Warrant Service 4447 NE Johns Ave. Caller reported she observed through her ring doorbell a female walking into her house. Officer responded, located female at 4467 NE Johns Ave. She was cited and released on Benton County Circuit Court warrant charging failure to appear on theft II.

7:06 p.m. Hit and run, 2148 NE 29th Dr. Caller reported that a person was hit by a vehicle that left the scene. Officer responded and took report.

8:26 p.m. Harassment, 4545 SE HWY 101 #205. Subject taken into custody and transported to Lincoln County Jail for domestic harassment and criminal trespass I.

Playhouse in Tillamook presents And Then There Were None

The Tillamook Association for the Performing Arts (TAPA) is proud to announce the opening night gala of Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None on July 23rd at 7 p.m. at The Barn Community Playhouse in Tillamook. Additional performances will be held July 24, 25, 30, 31, August 1, 6, 7 and 8. Friday and Saturday evening shows are at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes before show time.

TAPA's production is directed by Chris Chiola and was originally set to open last year before the pandemic hit. The cast has been rehearsing virtually since March of 2020, as well as by socially distant methods.

Once the cast and crew met vaccination protocols, full rehearsals were finally underway. The cast includes many familiar faces, as well as a couple new ones - Gerry Cortimilia, Kelli



The cast of And Then There Were None (Back) Becki Wilhelm, Bill Farnum, Lora Ressler, Cody Mann, Michael Murphy, Chester Grace, Kelli McMellon, Gerry Cortimilia (Front) Mallory Staudinger, Jason Hovey, Holly Dickson. Opening night will be July 23 at 7 p.m. at The Barn Community Playhouse in Tillamook.

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a revival in November to feature the original ending.

Tickets are available now online at tillamook-theater.com or reserve your seats by calling 503-812-0275. Ticket prices are \$10 for students 12 years and under, and \$15 for adults 13 years and older.

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<p>Have you ordered food to be delivered by a 3rd party delivery service?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Are you still practicing social distancing?</p> <p>51% Yes</p> <p>49% No</p>

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VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY

Unpublished resolution causes question

I am writing to ask what you think of the fact that the city council passed one resolution without ever publishing it. Resolution 2021-31, on the agenda for June 29 skips straight from 2021-30 to 2021-32, and are using the fact that they "control the surface streets" to block vehicular access to the beach.

The Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department refused to rescind OAR 736-024-0025 on the grounds that the beach belongs to everyone, not just locals. Some residents of Lincoln City wanted the northernmost access closed after people realized that they could legally park on the beach there, and started doing so.

Arguments that I have heard against that beach access being open have included: "It ruins my sunset," "On-beach parking will encourage drug use and alcohol abuse," and the evergreen "Won't someone please think of the children!"

The city government seems to have decided that the workaround is to close the city streets immediately before they become beach accesses, didn't publish the original resolution, and have now extended the

resolution (originally for two weeks) for an additional two and a half months. (They did at least publish resolution 2021-34).

While this might seem like a great solution to the city government, this removes the only two fully accessible locations in the northern half of Lincoln City.

While not all of the rest involve long flights of stairs, anyone who does not have a specialized beach capable wheelchair is unable to get down onto the beach at any location North of the D river as far as I can tell.

While reducing city wide parking by removing these two 300 foot wide parking areas, they don't seem to be enforcing any of the current on street parking restrictions, presumably so that parking becomes a real problem and they will be able to start charging for parking and parking permits as they have previously suggested.

In summary, the city government seems to have found an underhanded mechanism to close the only beach accesses in Lincoln County, have failed to publish some of their resolutions, and have decided that their opinion is more important than that of the rest of the county, or indeed state.

Adam Morris
Lincoln City

Wyden co-sponsors legislation to support direct care workforce and family caregivers

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Ron Wyden said today he is co-sponsoring legislation that would authorize more than \$1 billion to support the direct care workforce and family caregivers in Oregon and nationwide.

"Direct care and family care workers helping Oregon families wanting the best for their parents, children or loved ones with a disability need resources for their essential work," said Wyden, chair of the Senate Finance Committee. "This longstanding challenge of a fair wage, improved training and more for these key workers have been highlighted by the pandemic and demands urgent attention to ensure quality care for vulnerable Oregonians."

Given low wages and high turnover, the direct care workforce has long experienced staffing shortages. Now, with a growing number of older adults and people with disabilities in the U.S. and following the COVID-19 pandemic, investing in our direct care workforce and family caregivers to support people in their homes and communities is more important than ever before.

The bill aligns with President Biden's American Jobs Plan, which calls for substantial investments to meet the growing demand for home and community-based services.

About 4.5 million workers – including nearly 2.3 million home care workers – make up the direct care workforce, and this industry is expected to grow by more than a million jobs by 2028, not including the jobs that will need to be filled as existing workers leave the field or exit the labor force. Better pay and benefits, strategies to recruit and retain professionals in the field, education and training enhancements, and better career advancement opportunities are some of the investments needed to meet the demands of this workforce shortage.

The shortage of direct care workers often puts pressure on family caregivers. The number of American caregivers providing

unpaid caregiving has increased over the past 5 years, and 23 percent of caregivers say that caregiving has made their health worse.

The Supporting Our Direct Care Workforce and Family Caregivers Act would direct the Department of Health and Human Services, through the Administration on Community Living (ACL), to award grants to states or other eligible entities for initiatives to build, retain, train, and otherwise promote the direct care workforce, including self-directed workers and direct care supervisors or managers, and to provide grants for states or other eligible entities for educational and training support for both paid and unpaid family caregivers.

It would also direct ACL to develop a center to offer technical assistance to grant awardees and other entities interested in direct care workforce development and in supporting family caregivers, aimed at collaboration across federal agencies.

In addition to Wyden, other original co-sponsors of the bill introduced by U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA) are U.S. Sens. Bob Casey (D-PA), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Jack Reed (D-RI) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY).

"If anything, the COVID-19 pandemic lifted a veil and exposed how critically important America's direct care workforce is for older Americans and people with disabilities who rely on them," said Joseph Macbeth, President and CEO of National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals, Inc. "The Supporting Our Direct Care Workforce and Family Caregivers Act will begin to address a decades-long failure in recruiting, training and educating, retaining, and advancing of direct care professionals and provide much needed support for family caregivers. This legislation will help us build a stable, competent and professional direct care workforce that supports millions of Americans to remain living at home and in their communities will go a long way in fulfilling the promises of the Olmstead Decision and the Americans with Disabilities Act."

The News Guard has several options for submitting obituaries:

- **Basic:** Includes the person's name, age, town of residency, and information about any funeral services. No cost.

- **Custom:** Choice of length and wording. The cost is \$75 for the first 200 words, \$50 for each additional 200 words. Includes a small photo at no additional cost.

- **Premium** Obituary: Often used by families who wish to include multiple photos with a longer announcement, or who wish to run a thank-you. Cost varies based on the length of the announcement. All obituary announcements are placed on The News Guard's website at no cost.

OCCC to host on-the-spot admission events

The Fall 2021 term begins Sept. 27. New students can get registered for classes, meet with an advisor, set up financial aid, and be admitted to the College, all in one visit, during the OCCC On-the-Spot Admissions Events. The next events are set for July 27 in Newport,

and Aug. 17 in Lincoln City. Complete details can be found at oregoncoast.edu/visit.

Students interested in exploring the many offerings at Oregon Coast Community College are encouraged to apply (there is no obligation to attend

after applying) and meet with an academic advisor to discuss the programs and subjects offered, and how they fit with each student's own academic and career aspirations.

OCCC offers a variety of degree and certificate programs, including University

Transfer Degree programs and its innovative teaching degree program, created in partnership with Western Oregon University and the Lincoln County School District.

Learn more at oregoncoast.edu. Or, call the College at 541-867-8501.

Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School for kids starts July 27

St. Peter the Fisherman Lutheran Church in Lincoln City invites children to Rocky Railway VBS: Jesus' power pulls us through. There will be mountains of fun at St. Peter the Fisherman Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to noon, July 26 to July 30.

The church is located on Highway 101 at SW 14th St. Across from Lincoln City Outlets.

Children will ride the Rocky Railway with Bible Adventures, songs, teamwork-building games and fun snack-eating experiences.

There will also be sciency-fun gizmos and Bible Buddies to take home.

Each day concludes with the Rock Wrap-Up that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Family members and friends are

encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 11:30 a.m.

Rocky Railway is for kids going into kindergarten through 6th Grade. Pre registration is requested, but not required. A bus is available.

Please call or e-mail the church for registration and transportation information at 541-994-8793 or stpeterlc@yahoo.com.

IN MEMORY

Ronald D. Krieger

7/5/1960-2/6/2021



On the evening of February 6, 2021, Ronald D. Krieger was called home after a short battle with cancer in Tacoma, WA. He was born on July 5, 1960 and raised in Lincoln City, OR and graduated from Taft High School in 1978. His love for the Oregon Ducks and all sports never wavered, either playing himself or as a spectator. His passion for sports spilled into his work life having worked as a green superintendent for multiple golf courses throughout his career. Ron spent the last 27 years living on Vashon Island, WA and building countless friendships. He was an active member at the Vashon Island Fraternal Order of the Eagles #3144, even serving on the Board of Trustees. Ron's love for his family was eternal and unconditional. He is survived by his two children, Ronald Krieger and Katarina Krieger, granddaughter Avery Ives, partner Nancy Brocard, sister Caprice Krieger, and mother Matilda Olsen. As well as many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by father Ronald Krieger Sr., sister Therese Morin, and brother Jeffery Krieger. A celebration of life will be held on July 24, 2021 at 1 pm at Saint Peter Fisherman Lutheran Church in Lincoln City, OR. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made online at <https://secure.seattlecca.org> or sent to Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, PO Box 24385, Seattle, WA 98124-0385. Checks may be made payable to SCCA with indication that they are in memory of Ronald Krieger.

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Drought heightening already dangerous wildfire conditions

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Over half of Oregon is now facing extreme drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Extreme, record-breaking heat has resulted in rapid deteriorations in drought conditions across the Pacific Northwest. Fire concerns remain high across the west. There have been nearly 40 new wildfires reported since July 10 (a total 89 as of July 14). The largest of those fires, the Bootleg Wildfire in Klamath County has burned over 200,000 acres and is considered the nation's largest wildfire this week.

In Portland, National Weather Service (NWS) Meteorologist John Bumgardner said there is a slight chance of some light drizzle in the region on Friday.

"Right now we are sandwiched between two systems," he said. "One is a low pressure system to the far northwest that has brought in clouds and low temperatures overnight.

The other is a high pressure system to the east that continues to produce warmer temperatures."

Bumgardner said one NWS forecasting model shows the low pressure moving slowly toward Oregon, which could bring some rain, but other models show the high pressure system dominating the next seven days promising continuing warm and dry conditions.

The continued dry and warm weather and winds are heightening the wildfire danger from the coast through the Cascades into eastern Oregon, according to local fire agencies. Human activity and dry lightning strikes are of prime concern, the fire agencies say.

Governor issues drought executive order

Governor Kate Brown has issued Executive Order 21-20, directing state agencies to curtail nonessential water use, implement water conservation measures, and encourage drought resiliency.

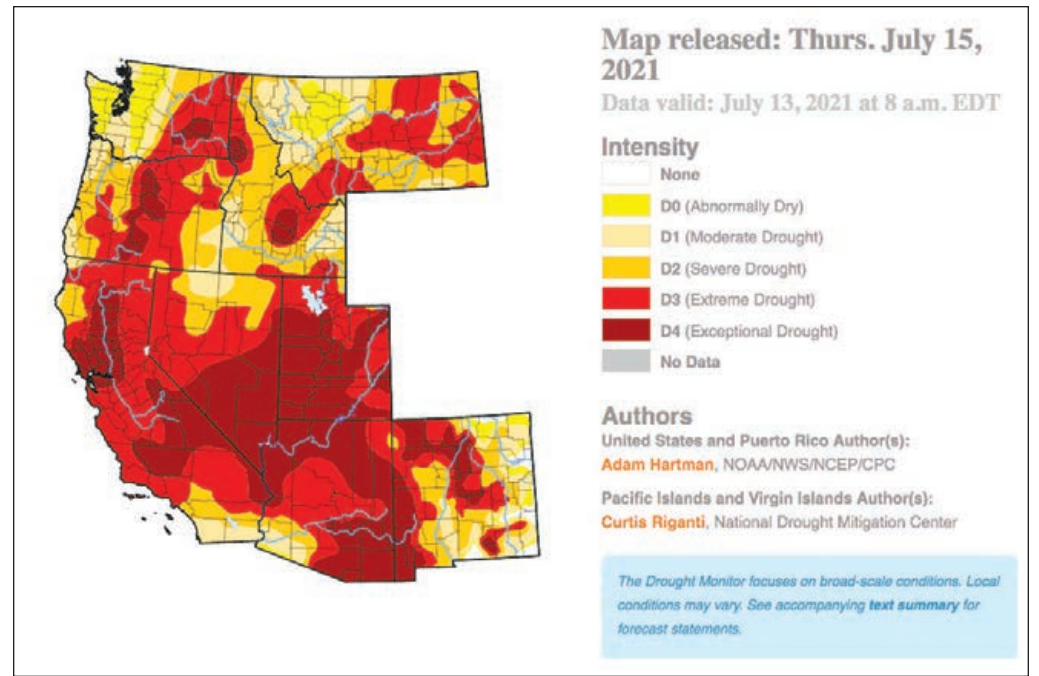
The directive comes as a result of 19 Oregon counties already in declared

drought emergencies, and the rest of Oregon facing threats of drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

"Oregon has a strong history of managing and caring for water, but climate change and chronic drought require water conservation and a commitment to working together," Brown said. "Many state agencies already have taken steps to improve the sustainability of their operations, including actions to reduce water usage."

Brown said through her executive order, state government can respond to the growing crisis, lead by example, and show Oregonians that drought is a serious issue — but one that can be managed if we all work together.

"At the same time, it is critically important that we keep in mind how curbing water in public places may affect vulnerable Oregonians who may turn to public sources of water for relief from hot weather, and adjust as appropriate," Brown said. "Many local governments have also curtailed water use on city and



METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Just about all of Oregon is now facing some level of drought.

county facilities. I appreciate their leadership and encourage all local governments in drought-stricken counties to conserve water and begin implementing drought resiliency strategies as we face a worsening drought together.

Brown is encouraging Oregonians to be conscious of water usage and to take steps to reduce water use whenever possible."

Brown's executive order directs state agencies that own or manage land or facilities to:

Implement actions that curtail or end the non-essential use of water for landscaping and other exterior features of buildings and grounds, including lawn watering, fountains

that do not re-circulate water, and window washing.

Institute a moratorium (where allowed) on the installation of new non-essential landscaping projects that require irrigation at state-owned buildings.

Develop and place signs and other messaging within state-owned buildings to encourage state employees to reduce their non-essential uses of water inside state-owned buildings.

Where the drought map information comes from

Each week, drought experts consider how much water is available in streams, lakes, and soils compared to usual for the current time of the year, according to NOAA. They evaluate how recent precip-

itation amounts across the country compare to their long-term averages, and monitor variables such as temperature, soil moisture, snow cover, and meltwater runoff.

Experts also check whether areas are showing drought impacts such as water shortages or business interruptions. Based on dozens of indicators and using a "convergence of evidence" approach, experts make their best judgments of regional-scale drought conditions.

The final step is to check their assessments with local experts who can check actual conditions. Once they gather and consider this input, they publish the weekly drought map.



Lincoln County opens reservations for cabin

The new Cabin is located within the campground of A.W. Jack Morgan Park - located at 17519 Siletz Highway, just six miles north of Siletz on highway 229.

The cabin is a year around rental. It will accommodate 6 people and is ADA accessible. Amenities include: lights, heating, full size bed, bunk beds and a foldout futon, to sleep 6. But, no running water.

Restrooms are available in the campground. Guests will need to bring: bedding; sheets, pillows, blankets and or sleeping bags. Cooking is not permitted inside the cabin but is allowed outside at picnic table and fire-grill.

Reservations may be made by phone at (541) 994-7258 or in person at A. W. Jack Morgan Park. Cabin reservations may be made 3 days prior to stay, if available. If you want to reserve for Friday night you must call by Tuesday. Reservations may also be made up to 9 months in advance. For example, in July 2021 you may reserve through March 2022.

Full Cabin details visit Lincoln County A.W. Jack Morgan Parks Web page at www.co.lincoln.or.us/parks/page/aw-jack-morgan-park

In person and online: Oregon Shores invites public to 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition was founded on July 29, 1971. On July 29, 2021, the group will celebrate five decades of protecting the coastal environment with a special slate of activities on its 50th anniversary day. The events, both on the shore and online, are free and open to all.

The day features two nationally renowned speakers whose work has a special bearing on Oregon Shores' conservation concerns: Geologist Orrin Pilkey, one of the world's leading experts on the conservation of beaches and management of shorelines; and Mary Ellen Hannibal, author of Citizen Scientist: Searching for Heroes and Hope in an Age of Extinction.

The anniversary day begins with two guided beachwalks, south and north. On the south coast, Fawn Custer, the citizen science trainer for Oregon Shores' CoastWatch volunteer program, will lead a tidepool-oriented walk at Sunset Bay State Park in Coos County. Meet at the north end of the Sunset Bay parking lot (on the Cape Arago Hwy, south from Charleston) at 10:30 a.m. And on the north, marine ecologist Stewart Schultz, author of The Northwest Coast: A Natural History, will conduct a more sandy-shore-focused tour at Manhattan Beach, just north of Rockaway Beach on Hwy 101, also at 10:30 a.m. For details on both events, see the CoastWatch page on Oregon Shores' website oregonshores.org/coastwatch.

The remainder of the day's activities take place online, and are thus accessible to everyone, wherever they may be. The first online hour, beginning at 3 p.m., will include a brief talk by



Two Beachwalks will take place on July 29th. One at Fawn Custer on the south coast and one at Rockaway Beach on the more north coast.

Executive Director Phillip Johnson on Oregon Shores' history, together with an overview of the organization's current programs and plans for the next 50 years. Throughout the day and during intermissions, early leaders of Oregon Shores or their descendants will share their memories in short video interviews. Also featured will be a visit to Oregon Shores' live auction site, and the CoastWatch Mile-by-Mile fund-raising competition.

At 4 p.m., Orrin Pilkey will speak on "The Future of Our Beaches." Dr. Pilkey is a professor emeritus of Earth and Ocean Sciences at Duke University, and founder and director emeritus of the Program for the Study of Developed

Shorelines (PSDS), currently based at Western Carolina University. His 2009 book The Rising Sea (written with Rob Young, his successor as PSDS director) sounded the alarm about the global loss of beaches. His most recent books are Retreat from a Rising Sea (co-authored with daughter, Linda, and son, Keith), which discusses the need to move back from the coast as it retreats due to sea level rise; and Lessons from the Sand, which offers easy experiments for kids (and adults) to do while learning about beach processes. He co-wrote this book with his son, Charles Pilkey, an artist-sculptor, who illustrated it.

After a break, the online programming will resume at 6:30 p.m., with short videos and announcements.

At 7 p.m., Mary Ellen Hannibal will address "The Future Role of Citizen Science in Coastal Conservation." Hannibal is the author of such works on natural history and conservation as The Spine of the Continent and Evidence of Evolution. Her latest book, Citizen Scientist, is both a fascinating exploration of an often-overlooked aspect of the history of science, and a deeply personal encounter with the natural world and the grave threats to our environment through the lens of citizen science. She will discuss the essential role of popular engagement with monitoring the natural world and providing data to scientists if we are to conserve ecosystems in the face of climate change and species extinction.

For more information, contact Phillip Johnson, (503) 754-9303, philip@oregonshores.org; or Jesse Jones, CoastWatch volunteer coordinator, (503) 989-7244, jesse@oregonshores.org.

Classic license plate gets a new look

Oregonians will soon have a choice about how they display their support for salmon habitat. A new salmon license plate design will be available September 1st, or Oregonians can opt for the classic salmon license plate until August.

Lowest-numbered new plates will be available through a special auction in cooperation with Oregon

non-profits that support salmon habitat restoration.

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department first debuted the salmon plate in 1998.

Revenue from the specialty plate protects and restores native salmon habitat. To date over \$8 million of salmon plate funding has

been invested in Oregon.

"When coupled with voter-dedicated investments from the state's Lottery, this plate allows salmon supporters to show their true colors and invest in a worthwhile cause — healthy salmon habitat," says Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

The original plate was one of the earliest custom designs available in Oregon, and the new design is a colorful upgrade, showing spawning salmon in a clear, cool stream.

The new art was created by Gretchen Kirchner, an amateur artist and former graphic designer for Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. The public can continue to order the classic plate design before they re-

tire in August and can keep the classic plates on their car if they choose, while still supporting habitat projects.

To launch the new salmon license plate, the Oregon Conservation Partnership (ORCP) is hosting a Salmon Plate VIP List Auction using eBay. On July 20, members of the public can go to ebay.com and search for "Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts Salmon License Plate."

The auction allows bidders to secure low number spots on the VIP list for plate numbers SM 00001 through SM 00020 when the new plates are released.

Bids must be placed by 5 p.m. on July 30 to be eligible. Proceeds from the auction will benefit state-wide nonprofit organizations who strongly support on-the-ground salmon recovery in Oregon.



A new salmon plate design will be on the road September 1st, with limited time left to purchase classic salmon plate design

The new plates will be available for passenger vehicles through the Oregon Department of Transportation's Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV) beginning September 1, but when and how Oregonians apply for the new plate matters.

To guarantee landing the new salmon plate design, vehicle owners need to apply in person, online at DMV2U, or by mail on or

after September 1. Orders online or in person before August 31, 2021 will receive the classic plate.

More information about the new Salmon License plate, and auction rules and eligibility, is available at orsalmonplates.com.

Registration fees and ordering information are available on the DMV website www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/Pages/Vehicle/index.aspx.

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Sheriff gives tips on non-motorized boating safety

Recently, non-motorized boating has grown in popularity with the convenience and access to purchasing kayaks and stand-up paddle boards. Many Oregon residents and visitors take advantage of the many rivers and lakes across our beautiful state to cool off and enjoy the summer weather, and Lincoln County is no exception.

A few things to consider when pursuing these activities are the safety and requirements to protect yourself and loved ones from unforeseen dangers while spending time on the water.

• All boats navigating Oregon waterways are required to have a minimum of 1 life jacket per person that properly fits the individual it is intended for as well as a sound producing device.

• By Oregon law, stand up paddle boards (SUPs), as well as Kayaks qualify as boats. As such, users are required to wear (if 12 or younger) or carry life jackets when "beyond the limits of a swimming, surfing or bathing area". Users must also carry a sound signaling device (whistle).

• Waterway Access Permits are required for boats 10 feet and longer (formerly the Aquatic Invasive Species Permit)

Permits can be purchased through ODFW's eLicensing system and one and two-year permits through the Oregon State Marine Board.

Purchasing options are:

- One week (valid for 7-consecutive days of your choice) for \$7 available only through ODFW)
- One calendar year for \$17

(expires on December 31 of the year purchased) and;

- Two calendar years for \$30 (expires on December 31 of the year after purchase).

- Failure to show the permit is a Class D violation carries a fine of \$115 fine.

Boat measurement is based on the maximum length of the boat when measured along its longest axis.

Always check current weather conditions, the length of the float if you intend to navigate from one location to another and advise a friend or family member of your trip and the time you intend to return.

For more information and tips, visit their website at Lincolncountysheriff.net and like them on Facebook at Lincoln County Sheriff's Office - Oregon.



COURTESY SEASIDE AQUARIUM

This 3.5 foot, 100 pound Opah was discovered along the beach near Seaside last Tuesday morning.

Rare Opah found at Sunset Beach

STAFF REPORT

A large fish, rare to the Oregon Coast, has been found on Sunset Beach near Seaside.

The 3.5 foot, 100 pound Opah was reported to the Seaside Aquarium at 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 14. After seeing photographs of the unusual fish the Seaside Aquarium crew quickly responded and recovered the fish.

"It created quite the stir at the Aquarium where folks were encouraged to come take a look at this beautiful and odd looking fish," the Seaside Aquarium's Facebook post reads.

The fish will be frozen until the school year starts and the aquarium will use the Opah as part of its educational outreach with local school students by partnering with the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

"One lucky school group will get the chance to dissect this large fish," the Facebook post states.

While rare this far north it is not unheard of to find an Opah along the shore. According to OregonLive a 97 pound Opah was caught 37 miles off of the Columbia River Mouth in 2009.

Opahs can grow to over six feet and weigh over 600 pounds. They inhabit pelagic (meaning they live in the open ocean), tropical and temperate waters where they feed on krill and squid, according to the Seaside Aquarium's Facebook post.



SENIOR CENTER BACK AT IT

AMBER DEVO/THE NEWS GUARD

Jo Lankford and Barb Schall socialize and work on a puzzle at the senior center. The senior center opened for the first time since it was closed due to COVID. They held board elections last Thursday afternoon. Watch The News Guard for more information about the activities the senior center has available in the future.

Registration open for the theater production of Johnny Appleseed

The directors are headed our way, in their little red truck. They've got the scripts, the costumes, the sets, the music -- now all they need is YOU! All local students, entering grades 1-12, are invited to join the cast of the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Johnny Appleseed," July 26-31 at the Lincoln City Cultural Center. Thanks to local sponsors, Meredith Hospitality and the Walter R. Behrens Foundation, there is no fee to participate. "Johnny Appleseed" is

an MCT favorite, a heart-warming adventure with roles for up to 60 students. No advance preparation or experience is necessary. The students will audition on Monday, July 26, and will receive their cast assignments on the spot. Rehearsals will be held each day, with a varied schedule based on ages and roles. On Saturday, July 31, the actors will hit the stage for two performances, at 3 and 5:30 p.m.

The Missoula Children's Theatre workshop is one of our favorite annual tradi-

tions at the Lincoln City Cultural Center -- please help us spread the word!

This year, in keeping with COVID guidelines, advance registration is required. If spaces exist, walk-ups will be accepted on Monday morning. Sign up using our new ArtsPeople system at <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?class=lcc>

They've also got paper registration forms at the center, open 10-4 Thursday through Sunday. Questions? Call us at 541-994-9994.



OCCC announces student honors for Spring 2021 term

When the history of the pandemic of 2020-2021 is written, chapters will be devoted to the students who found themselves in the middle of it. These will include college students, who found modalities shifting and changing as conditions and regulations changed around them. The fact that so many students persevered and not only survived the challenges, but did so while performing at exceptional levels of academic performance, is remarkable.

As Oregon Coast Community College prepares a return to "normalcy" with a largely on-campus, lively, in-person Fall 2021, it once again tips its cap to the students who stuck it out in the academic year just ended, despite the uncertainty and difficulty that defined the year.

The Oregon Coast Community College family is honored to announce the recipients of the College's Honor Roll, Dean's List, and President's List for Spring 2021.

To be eligible, students must have completed a minimum of six graded credits during the term, and have met the GPA requirements for the given level of honors.

Honor Roll: 3.25-3.49 Grade Point Average

Barbara Culbertson
Shaneon Dinwoodie
Catherine Forney
Ashley Rodriguez
Maclain Taunton
Jason Velazquez

Dean's List: 3.5-3.74 Grade Point Average

Tessa Adamson
Jessie Anders
DeeAnne Barnhart
Madison Berry
Shannon Blackburn
Allene Brennan
Heather Bridges
Tanaya Brown
Alina Clement
Rayanne Damrow
Gabrielle Denison
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Tiffany Stewart
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President's List: 3.75-4.0 Grade Point Average

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Seth Bodtke
Cassandra Brandt
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Ashlee Johnson
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Loren Davis, right, a professor of anthropology at Oregon State University, removes dirt while conducting an archeological study at Devil's Kitchen in Bandon.

Digging to piece together history

Archeological site near Bandon could put Coquille Indians in area 13,000 years ago

BY DAVID RUPKALVIS
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Almost everyone agrees, the Coquille Indian Tribe was the first settlers in what is now the Coos Bay-Bandon region of Oregon.

What we may be learning is how long the Tribe has had a presence in the area. For the last three weeks, archeology students from Oregon State University have been excavating a site near Devil's Kitchen beach in Bandon. The excavation is the fourth time OSU students have worked to learn about the history of the area, and what they have found could be extraordinary.

Loren Davis, a professor of anthropology at OSU, said artifacts found at the digs have been dated back 13,600 years.

"This is the ancestors of the Coquille people," Davis said. "That pit in there goes down to 10-feet deep. Down there, we have radio carbon going back 13,600 years. If that's true, this would be the oldest archeological site on the coast of North America. We have more work to do."

On Monday, the students and Davis were back at the site, slowly removing soil inch by inch. The slow, detailed work is necessary to find, protect and record any signs of human activity. Da-

vis said the archeology students look for things most people would miss. For example, a rock that looks to most like a rock, could have significance to archeologists because it might show signs of one time being in a fire.

Students pulled out several fire rocks, along with charcoal, while excavating the site Tuesday. The whole time a representative of the Coquille Tribe was watching closely. The Tribe wanted a representative nearby to learn and to ensure artifacts were treated properly. If human remains had been found, and none have in the four years of digging, work would have stopped immediately.

Davis said students from OSU have dug at Devil's Kitchen in 2000, 2011 and 2013. The 2021 dig is the first time many students have been outdoors doing a real excavation in more than a year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Davis said getting the students back out into the field is a big step toward making them archeologists.

"We get to be outside, you're working with other people and you live in a field camp," he said. "There's a lot to learn other than archeology."

At the site, students slowly dig into the soil, placing all the dirt into buckets. Each bucket was then sifted

through to look for even the smallest artifact. Davis said every piece that was found helps tell the story of the area.

"In the years, we were doing some testing to get an idea of what was here," he said. "During the excavation, we realized there was a relay long record of people being here."

Davis said while the artifacts go back more than 10,000 years, most of the confirmed activity at the site is newer.

"The most intensive use of the site in the last 3,000 years," he said. "It would be ancestors of the modern Native American people."

While the students from Oregon State have permission to find, remove and map artifacts they find, Davis urged anyone else who finds artifacts to leave them where they are.

"Artifacts on public lands are protected by state law," he said. "What they can do is they can take a picture of it to enjoy it later. They can also contact the agency that owns the land. If you pick something up and take it, you're erasing history."

And every piece of that history is important to understand the people who came before us. As archeologists, the challenge is getting enough pieces to tell the story, Davis said.

"It's one piece of a larger puzzle of what people were doing," he said. "It isn't like one piece tells the entire story. We're trying to piece



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Students from Oregon State University dig through the dirt at Devil's Kitchen while looking for artifacts related to the Coquille Indian Tribe.



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Oregon State students sift dirt at the site of an archeological dig in a search for even the smallest artifacts.


it back together again. We want to map where everything is in the ground."

At Devil's Kitchen, the

archeology students were excavating a piece of land up above the beach. To their south ran Crooked Creek.


Davis said it is likely the creek ran through the area they were digging at before it changed routes.

When the students finish their dig this week, they will fill in the hole. Davis said every dig is filled in for safety and aesthetics. While this group of students will return home for the rest of the summer, Davis and the Oregon State program will move to Eastern Oregon and start searching in a new location.



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