





# Samaritan implements birthing/pediatric unit restrictions for visitors

To protect patients and reduce the spread of respiratory viruses circulating in the local communities, Samaritan Health Services has put visitor restrictions in place in their birthing units and for pediatric patients.

Visitor restrictions for all birthing areas of Samaritan’s five hospitals in Benton, Lincoln and Linn counties will include:

- No visitors under the age of 12.
- No visitors with fever or respiratory symptoms, such as cough or shortness of breath.
- Masking required for visitors and staff.
- Pediatric patients are allowed one support person (if applicable) and two visitors for the entire stay.
- Obstetrics patients are allowed up to five visitors for the entire stay.

In addition, during times of high community spread, Samaritan strongly recommends anyone coming into a hospital or clinic wear medical-grade face masks. Staff will be required to wear face masks during face-to-face contact with patients during these times.

These measures will stay in effect until rates of community spread of respiratory viruses drop to a lower level. Signage at hospital and clinic entrances will notify patients and visitors of the current masking policy. There may be stronger restrictions noted with signs for entering specific sections of the hospital.

For more information, visit [samhealth.org/Visitors](http://samhealth.org/Visitors).

# Effluent pipeline leak in South Beach

A leak in a treated effluent wastewater pipeline at 2001 Southeast Marine Science Drive in the Newport’s South Beach area has necessitated the diversion of treated wastewater from the city’s wastewater treatment plant into Yaquina Bay. As if Sunday afternoon, Dec. 28, approximately 1,450 gallons per minute was currently entering the bay in two locations, from Southeast Marine Science Drive and from Southeast Bay Boulevard.

Effluent wastewater is treated, chlorinated water. Contact with treated wastewater may still be a health hazard, and extra health and safety precautions are recommended for all users of Yaquina Bay at this time.

City of Newport officials are currently conducting sampling of the effluent wastewater and Yaquina Bay, and are working to secure a contractor for immediate repairs. The Department of Environmental Quality and the Oregon Emergency Response System have been notified. Signage is posted at the site.

This leak does not pose risks to other Newport wastewater pipelines and systems. Updates will be provided as they become available.

# Christmas Day storm damage



Blustery weather hit the coast in the late afternoon on Christmas Day, resulting in damage from downed trees and branches that left a number of area residents without power for an extended period of time. A high gust sometime between 3 and 4 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 26, knocked down this tree on Northwest Lee Avenue in Lincoln City, which severely damaged a car and also took out power lines across the street. Power crews along the coast were called out late on Christmas Day, and many worked through the night to restore power, although some homes were still left in the dark for much of the following day. (Courtesy photo by Ruth Marciano)

# Federal legislation introduced to decommission offshore, gas wells, pipelines and platforms

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley have introduced legislation that would address the growing threat of abandoned offshore oil and gas infrastructure to marine ecosystems and the environment.

According to a study by the U.S. Government Accountability Office, more than 2,700 wells and 500 platforms in the Gulf of Mexico are overdue for decommissioning. The same study found that the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, which are responsible for enforcing decommissioning obligations and financial assurance requirements.

Among the recommended steps Congress can take, according to the study to address the current backlog of overdue decommissioning requirements, is instituting new reporting requirements from the Interior Department to Congress on the status of decommissioning.

“Neglected oil wells off our coasts are a ticking time bomb that threaten our coastal communities and environment in Oregon and nationwide,” Wyden said. “It’s unacceptable that Big Oil has dodged responsibility to clean up drilling sites and pollution. This legislation will provide the data needed to hold Big Oil accountable and protect the public as well as our waterways and marine life.”

“Orphaned wells are an environmental catastrophe waiting to explode,” Merkley said. “They pose the possibility of massive damage to the ocean

by leaking oil and gas and must be addressed quickly.”

The Plug Offshore Wells Act would direct the U.S. Department of the Interior to submit an annual public report to Congress on the status of decommissioning offshore oil and gas wells, platforms, and pipelines. It would also reduce financial burdens on taxpayers by increasing oversight of Big Oil companies and hold them accountable for the full terms of their offshore oil leases.

The Plug Offshore Wells Act is supported by the Center for Biological Diversity, Earthjustice, Natural Resources Defense Council, Oceana, Ocean Conservancy, Ocean Defense Initiative, and the Surfrider Foundation.

In addition to Wyden and Merkley, the bill is co-sponsored in the by Senators Peter Welch (D-Vt.), and Ed Markey (D-Mass).



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process of undertaking a rebranding. Country Media is combining the county’s two newspapers — the News-Times and News Guard — into a single publication, and in doing so will revive the Lincoln County Leader, a paper published from 1893 to 1987 in multiple iterations.

Ice storm thrashes county

Area power providers resumed work at restoring power to thousands of Lincoln County customers Sunday, Jan. 14, the morning after an ice storm caused outages, downed numerous trees and slickened roadways throughout the area.

“Ice continues to accumulate and will continue to bring trees down, making it extremely danger-

ous for crews to work,” Central Lincoln PUD posted. “We’ve brought in crews from our southern areas, and they will continue to work on restoring power to accessible areas as long as it is safe to do so.”

Newport voters will see gas tax proposal

It’s official. The Newport City Council on Feb. 20 took action to place a measure on the May 21 ballot asking voters to approve an increase in the city’s gas tax. Newport currently collects a gas tax of 3 cents per gallon from June through October, and 1 cent per gallon during the balance of the year. The proposal is to increase the gas tax to 5 cents per gallon year-round.

MARCH  
Water main breaks at Beverly Beach

In the early morning hours on Wednesday, Feb. 28, a landslide took out a water main in the Beverly Beach area north



More than a hundred homes were without water last week when a landslide took out a water main on Northeast Beverly Drive north of Newport during the early morning hours of Feb. 28. Work crews were on scene the following morning to make repairs. (Photo by Steve Card)

of Newport. The water main is part of the Beverly Beach Water District system and is located along the shoulder of Northeast Beverly Drive, just south of Beverly Beach State Park.

FEBRUARY  
LCSO Sheriff Landers won’t seek reelection

In a news release issued Wednesday, Jan. 31, Lincoln County Sheriff Curtis Landers announced he will not seek reelection in the May primary and will leave the position when his four-year term expires in January 2025.

“Serving in the sheriff’s office for 36 years, and as sheriff for the past seven years has been an incredible journey, and I am grateful for the support and trust you’ve placed in me,” Landers wrote. “After much consideration, it is the right time for our agency and for me personally.”

Local delegation headed to Washington, D.C.

Newport Mayor Jan Kaplan, City Councilor CM Hall, interim City Engineer Chris Beatty and State Rep. David Gomberg will travel to Washington, D.C., next month to work on the next steps in securing federal appropriations for Newport’s Big Creek Dam Project.

More than a year ago, in December 2022, Congress approved \$60 million in federal money for the dam project as part

of the Water Resources Development Act, (WRDA), which was signed into law by President Joe Biden.

shooter event should one occur locally.

Bornstein Seafoods closing Newport plant  
Bornstein Seafoods has announced that it will be closing its plant on the Newport Bayfront on May 21 and will be laying off 50 workers.

Bornstein will also be closing its plant in Bellingham, Washington, laying off more than 70 employees at that site. Both the Newport and Bellingham operations will be consolidated into Bornstein Seafoods’ sites in Astoria, where president and CEO Colin Bornstein said the company operates two facilities.

Wolverine sightings believed to be connected  
Recent sightings of a wolverine along the coast and in the Willamette Valley have been described as “very unusual,” and officials with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife are attempting to determine if all the sightings are of the same animal.

Jason Kirchner, ODFW district wildlife biologist based in Newport, said, “We’ve had some (sightings) confirmed in Netarts, Nehalem, Newport, Florence and now Eugene. It’s very unusual. They typically are in the mountains.”  
Massive electronic sign now welcomes visitors  
A 50-foot tall electronic sign now welcomes visitors entering Lincoln City along north Highway 101.

The design of the sign began in April of 2023 and the sign went live last month, on March 13, when it was lit up for the first time.

“The tribe and the Chinook Winds executive management team have been working on the details for nearly a year to ensure the sign represents our vision of welcoming travelers to our

find new ways to welcome the diversity of visitors who choose Lincoln City as a destination,” said ELC Director Kim Cooper Findling. “This summer season, we are expanding our beach accessibility options as well as piloting a new program to serve those with vision deficiency.”

Food drop exercise conducted at Devils Lake

Devils Lake in Lincoln City could be a key focal point during a disaster or emergency. The popular waterway was the site of an emergency exercise conducted by the Oregon Disaster Airlift Response Team (ODART) on Saturday, June 15. A similar exercise took place that day at the Newport Municipal Airport.



Taking part in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Lincoln County Animal Shelter are: Sheriff Curtis Landers (left), Animal Shelter Manager Sara Wynveen, Friends of Lincoln County Animals President Emily DeHuff, Central Coast Humane Society Board President Barbara Perry, State Rep. David Gomberg, County Commissioner Claire Hall, Oregon Humane Society President Sharon Harmon, and County Commissioner Kaety Jacobson. (Photo by Steve Card)

shelter, which will be located in Waldport.

Preparing for a major disaster

In the largest event of its kind ever on the Oregon coast, a two-day exercise was held May 14 and 15 to introduce and train first responders and volunteers in the deployment of the newest Evacuation Assembly Point (EAP), housed at the Newport Municipal Airport.

The training was coordinated by the Oregon Department of Human Services’ Office of Resilience and Emergency Management (OREM) in partnership with Lincoln County Emergency Management and a variety of other agencies. The purpose was to simulate an emergency, such as a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and ensuing tsunami, where first responders had an opportunity to set up, test, and demobilize tents and other EAP equipment.

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beautiful community with up-to-date information,” Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Tribal Chair Delores Pigsley said.

MAY  
Parking fees now active on Newport Bayfront

As of today (Wednesday, May 1), the city of Newport’s new pay-to-park program on the Bayfront is up and running.

Newport Public Works employees were busy last week installing 10 new pay stations, along with new signage — regulatory signs, text-to-park signs, parking lot identification signs — to help inform motorists of the new system. There are around 240 signs in total, officials said.

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Sudoku answers

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and marine research and education opportunities.”

JULY

Jenna Wallace takes over DA’s office early

Jenna Wallace was appointed Lincoln County District Attorney at noon Friday, June 21.

“I am excited about this opportunity and proud of the trust Lincoln County voters placed in me during the election,” Wallace said.

The new district attorney won the May primary and was set to take office Jan. 1. However, former District Attorney Lane Danforth unexpectedly resigned, so Wallace is taking the big chair about six months early. She was already serving as the office’s chief deputy district attorney, with responsibility for prosecuting cases and supervising other prosecutors.

Brush fire forces evacuations in Toledo

A brush fire that broke out alongside Sturdevant Road in Toledo Wednesday afternoon, July 10, resulted in the evacuation of several homes and responses from a number of fire districts and law enforcement agencies.

Toledo Fire Chief Larry Robeson said the fire posed an immediate threat to a number of homes in the area, and the call went out for assistance from any available fire agencies.

“Clearly there was (a threat to homes),” Robeson said. “There was a report early on that a garage was on fire, but I believe the fire was just licking against the garage.

Western Cascade mill in Toledo closing

The lumber mill operated by Western Cascade Industries at 300 S Bay Road in Toledo is closing its doors this week.



A seaplane, with food donations aboard, makes its way to the Devils Lake dock in Lincoln City after landing on the water Saturday as part of an emergency training exercise. (Photo by Jeremy C. Ruark)

Walt Adams, the mill’s general manager, said last week that mill employees were informed on July 22 that the mill would be closing at the end of July. Western Cascade employs more than 50 people at the site, Adams said.

AUGUST

Beverly Beach State Park welcomes back visitors

There were a lot of smiles at Beverly Beach State Park on Thursday, Aug. 1, as people flocked back to this popular campground north of Newport that has been closed for the past 11 months.

“We’re excited to have visitors back in the park. It’s one of the best parts of this job, and we have missed it,” said Park Manager Burke Martin. “This is why we come to work.”

Both the campground and day-use area were closed in September of last year, just after Labor Day weekend, for some upgrades and renovation work.

Wecoma Place increasing affordable housing

A celebration is planned for noon this Friday, Aug. 16, at Lincoln City’s latest affordable housing complex, Wecoma Place, located at 2133 NE 29th Street.

“The opening of this new affordable housing



The Port of Toledo’s annual Wooden Boat Show didn’t disappoint as a large crowd gathered to enjoy festivities during the two-day event. Always popular is the cardboard boat race, which even includes a prize for the most spectacular sinking. (Photo by Steve Card)

development marks a significant milestone for our community,” Housing Authority of Lincoln County Executive Director Karen Rockwell said. “It not only provides safe and secure homes for many families, but also fosters a sense of hope and belonging. This initiative demonstrates our commitment to creating a more inclusive and supportive environment for all residents.”

Missing child found in Yaquina Bay mud flats

The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office received

an urgent call of concern from a South Beach family on Aug. 13 that was unable to locate their autistic 10-year-old son.

The family reported noticing their son was missing within three minutes and had looked for him briefly before calling for help. The Newport Police Department and Newport Fire Department responded to assist in attempting to locate the missing boy, while the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office Search and Rescue Team gathered to organize a broader search operation.

Approximately two

Suspect killed in Lincoln City standoff

An incident in Lincoln City involving shots fired from a converted bus ended with a standoff and a suspect being shot and killed.

The suspect made numerous threatening statements to police, and at 2:45 a.m., he began to shoot through windows from within a residence. For unknown reasons, a fire started inside, and as it spread, the suspect exited an upstairs window to the roof carrying a rifle. When he refused commands to drop the rifle, shots were fired, and the

will be a while yet before they can play on it.

OCTOBER

Complaint filed against County Commissioner Casey Miller

An official complaint has been filed against Lincoln County Commissioner Casey Miller as a result of comments Miller made during his regular report at the county commission meeting held Sept. 18.

The name of the person who filed the complaint has not been made public, nor have specific details surrounding it. However, the compliant



The Oregon State Parks mascot, JR Beaver, greets visitors on the day of the reopening of Beverly Beach State Park, which had been closed for 11 months due to construction projects. (Photo by Steve Card)



A two-day exercise to train first responders and volunteers in the deployment of the newest Evacuation Assembly Point (EAP), housed at the Newport Municipal Airport, was held on May 14 and 15. (Courtesy photo)

hours after the boy went missing, an employee from the Oregon Coast Aquarium noticed a juvenile playing in the mud flats approximately 300 feet off Southeast 30th Street in the Yaquina Bay. A number of responders waded out into the mud flats to retrieve the boy and reunite him with his family.

SEPTEMBER

Arson was cause of Waldport church fire

Investigators have determined that arson was the cause of an Aug. 12 fire that did extensive damage to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Waldport.

The fire was first noticed at around 6 a.m. that Monday morning. The church is located at 38 N Bayview Road, on the north side of Alsea Bay, and as such, it falls under the jurisdiction of the Seal Rock Fire District.

suspect fell from the roof to the ground below.

Osprey nest catches fire at Newport High School

There was some added excitement during the Newport High School girls varsity soccer game on Wednesday, Sept. 4, when an osprey nest atop one of the light pools at the athletic field caught fire around 8:30 p.m.

Because of the fire, the referees ended the game with about 12 minutes remaining.

Dozens volunteer on Waldport playground project

About three-dozen volunteers turned out over a three-day period last week to help assemble the new playground equipment at Southworth Park in Waldport. In just that short amount of time, the largest playground around emerged. Unfortunately for the young people who can now see it there, it

was filed shortly after Miller’s lengthy report on Sept. 18, where he raised a number of issues, saying, “I believe that I and the community deserve answers to these questions.”

Ground broken on new animal shelter

It was a milestone for many area residents when ground was finally broken on the new Lincoln County Animal Shelter on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Public officials, pet lovers and a few of their four-legged friends gathered at the site of the new animal shelter on Southwest Dahl Avenue in Waldport. It consists of two acres located just south of the Waldport schools.

Big Creek Road bridge closed to vehicles

The city of Newport has closed its Big Creek



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LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER STAFF

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

## 25 YEARS AGO (2000)

**COAST GUARD HAS SHIPS, STAFF, POWER READY FOR Y2K**

The U.S. Coast Guard has been giving notice to mariners for some time to keep their eyes on Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment on New Year’s Day, according to Boatswain’s Mate First Class Kary Moss of Coast Guard Station Yaquina Bay.

“They’ve been doing a lot of testing of the GP for navigation aids to make sure they’re Y2K ready,” he said. Even so, he added, “there’s a possibility that some may not function right, but we’re not telling people not to go out.”

**GEOLOGIST URGES MOVING HIGHWAY 101 EAST**

In the aftermath of two major landslides on U.S. Highway 101 in and around Lincoln County, along with numerous smaller earth movements caused by the storms that hit the coast in the last 30 days, local geologist Roger Hart has written state officials to urge consideration of moving Lincoln County’s portion of the coastal highway inland.

**COUNTY IN STATE OF READINESS FOR Y2K**

Lincoln County commissioners Karen Gertula and Jean Cowan will spend New Year’s Eve at the courthouse in Newport to be available for any problems that may arise.

Department heads will be available by cellphone or pager. “Command centers” will be set up at the courthouse. Computers have been updated, and a generator is tested and at the ready. Media will be advised by fax of any necessary information.

**STATE REMOVES LINCOLN CITY FLAG HOLDERS**

True to their word, Oregon Department of Transportation workers removed four pedestrian safety flag holders from the intersection of U.S. Highway 101 and North 17th Street in Lincoln City on Thursday.

The flags were removed earlier in the day by Paw On the Sand owner Patty Morgan after she received a tip that ODOT was on its way.

Morgan is a member of the Oceanlake Merchants Association, a strong proponent of the “pedestrian visibility aids,” or PVAs.

The legality of the bright orange crossing flags has become an item of contention between Lincoln City and ODOT.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1975)

**GUNMEN HOLD UP LINCOLN CITY SAFEWAY STORE**

Two male gunmen armed with .45 caliber pistols held up the Safeway store at Lincoln City Dec. 28, shortly before closing time at 9 p.m.

The gunmen locked two employees in the meat cooler, and a third, a woman who is five months pregnant, was locked in an upstairs room.

The gunmen took a large number of nonnegotiable checks and a small amount of cash from the safe, and fled the store. They are described as being from 17 to 24 years of age. They wore ski masks.

**ZONING NEARLY COMPLETE IN COUNTY**

Zoning was completed in nearly every area of Lincoln County before 1974 drew to a close.

County commissioners approved zoning maps for large areas of the county at a public hearing held Dec. 26. Only the North Beaver Creek area remains unzoned.

**UFO TURNS OUT TO BE ONE OF OURS**

Coastal residents in Oregon and Washington reported the sighting of a UFO to authorities Saturday night, only to find out that it was “one of ours.”

A bright flash was reported over the coast Saturday shortly after 10 a.m. After searching the area, the Coast Guard called NASA and found out the flash was caused by a satellite that had entered the Earth’s atmosphere and burned up.

**SLOT MACHINES DESTROYED BY STATE POLICE**

State police officers destroyed the 11 slot machines that were taken from the Lincoln City Elks Lodge during a recent raid.

Some \$816 was removed from the machines and will be turned over to the county general fund. The lodge was found guilty in circuit court earlier on a gambling charge and sentenced.

## 75 YEARS AGO (1950)

**ROBBERS HELD IN JAIL IN LIEU OF \$15,000 BAIL**

Two men charged with the \$1,000 armed robbery of Yaquina Bay rooms at 3:10 a.m. Dec. 21 were held today in local jails for the grand jury in lieu of \$15,000 bail each.

Police Chief Ed Tatom said the men took about \$700 in cash and \$300 worth of jewelry at the point of a gun.

The alleged robbers locked the four women in the rooming house in a storeroom in the rear, then they ransacked the house.

**TAFT CENSUS COMPLETED; CITY POPULATION IS 498**

The city of Taft, Lincoln County, has a population of 498, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry announced Monday following the completion of a census of the recently incorporated city. Taft was incorporated Aug. 19, 1949.

The city, as a result of its incorporation, will participate in appointments of highway and liquor revenues on the basis of its population until the federal census is taken next year, Newbry said.

**NEW AUTOMOBILES SHOWN**

The new 1950 Buicks are being introduced and shown this week at Winde Buick company in Newport.

An innovation of the formal showing of the new automobile will be free orchids for ladies. Many advanced features, plus new models, are outstanding in the 1950 line of Buick, reports Jim Winde, and his entire staff will be on hand to explain and demonstrate these new features to the public during the showing.

## 100 YEARS AGO (1925)

**COYOTE CLUB WILL FIGHT EFFORT TO PROTECT BEARS**

Earl Weltin of Eddyville informs us that there will be a meeting of all members of the Eddyville Coyote Club at Eddyville Saturday of this week. It seems that there is a move afoot to place a closed season on bear, and every small stock owner in the county is up in arms against such a move.

For the purpose of organizing against this proposed bear law and to arrange for the payment of bounties on the coyotes killed during the coming year is the purpose of this meeting.

**LOCAL POST OFFICE HANDLES GREAT GOBS OF CHRISTMAS MAIL**

Last Wednesday was the biggest day ever experienced in the local post office so far as incoming mail is concerned.

The train was more than one hour late and carried a total of 68 bags of mail. This did not daunt the spirit of Postmaster Trommlitz and his force, consisting of himself, Miss Quinn, and Ray Jenkins.

**PACIFIC SPRUCE INSTALLS NEW MERCURY VAPOR LAMPS**

C. Shirley, electrician, has been experimenting with mercury vapor lamps for use over the grading tables at the Pacific Spruce Mill. They are reported to be a great success, as the light is easy on the eyes and shadows are almost completely done away with by its use. The mill company is installing 21 of these large lamps at the present time at a cost of \$50 per lamp.

# Siletz Tribe regains ownership of Table Rock homelands

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians has announced the purchase of approximately 2,000 acres of privately-owned property within the original Table Rock Reserve in southern Oregon.

“This is a historic moment that reconnects the Siletz Tribe to its ancestors, history and treaties signed near Table Rock. It is a great honor to return this special land to Indian stewardship,” said Delores Pigsley, chairman of the Siletz Tribe.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The Siletz Tribe’s history is inseparably linked to Table Rocks in southern Oregon. The 1853, the Table Rock Treaty was the first confederation of Oregon Tribes and the first treaty signed by any Indian tribe in the West to be ratified by the U.S.

Senate. By that act, the Table Rock Reserve on the north bank of the Rogue River became Oregon’s first reservation.

Euro-American settlers and the American government often grouped together the bands and tribes of the Rogue River basin as “Rogue River Indians.” Amid significant bloodshed, a treaty was negotiated and signed by Indian and American leaders on Sept. 10, 1853. The treaty ceded most of the aboriginal lands of the Takelma, Applegate River, Galice Creek and Shasta Tribes — encompassing the Upper Rogue River Valley. It reserved 100 square miles around Table Rock — just 4 percent of the tribes’ homelands.

Under the treaty terms, the Table Rock Reserve would exist indefinitely until a president declared a “permanent” reservation.

A year later in November 1854, two more treaties were signed that form the bedrock of the Siletz Confederation. On Nov. 15, the tribes and bands of the original Table Rock confederation agreed to confederate with other tribes who entered into treaties with the United States and were removed to Table Rock.

Days later, another treaty of confederation was signed by the Chasta, Scoton and Grave Creek Indians. This Chasta-Scoton treaty ceded lands of the mid-Rogue River basin and united the signatory bands, who agreed to remove to a specially assigned portion of the Table Rock reserve or “whatever reserve the President of the United States may at any time hereafter direct.” These confederated tribes and bands resided upon the

Table Rock Reserve.

The treaty cessions failed to stop extermination attempts by settlers. In response to a massacre of more than 20 mostly Indian women and children camping near Table Rocks in October 1855, Chief John led a revolt of the Rogue River Indians at Table Rock, leaving the reserve and waging continued war against the United States.

In February 1856, the remaining Indians on the reserve were initially removed to the new Grand Ronde encampment. This “Trail of Tears” from Table Rock took 33 days, and seven Indians died along the way. Those who left the reserve and engaged the United States in hostilities were forced to surrender on July 2, 1856, and marched north up the Oregon coast.

By April 1857, the U.S.

government had removed most Rogue River Indians to the newly created 1.1 million-acre Siletz Reservation. A report to Congress by Inspector J. Ross Browne later explained that “the greater part of the Rogue Rivers were removed to the Siletz [Reservation] ...”

**TABLE ROCK PROPERTY**

The Siletz Tribe’s purchase from willing landowners encompasses the largest contiguous block of private land within the historic 1853 Table Rock Reserve. The Siletz property spans more than 2,000 acres of undeveloped land from the western cliffs of Lower Table Rock to the Rogue River, including the likely location where the 1853 treaty was signed.

For many years, the Siletz Tribe has

continually consulted with the Bureau of Land Management, The Nature Conservancy and others regarding the stewardship of ancestral homelands around Table Rock. In 2007, Siletz Tribal member Agnes Baker Pilgrim returned the Sacred Salmon Ceremony to its home at the ancient Takelma site at Ti’lomikh Falls, downstream of the re-acquired Siletz property.

The Siletz Tribe plans to use the Table Rock property for cultural purposes as their ancestors did in the past.

“A Siletz ancestor who confederated at Table Rock, Tyee George, said, ‘Let us go back to our homes and our hearts will be bright again like the sun,’” said Pigsley. “Our renewed presence on this land is a step toward fulfilling his wish. We are now coming home.”

## PRISON

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degree. After a multi-day hearing, Lincoln County jurors found Braddock guilty of all four counts.

A similar case was resolved Wednesday, May 29, with the sentencing of 28-year-old Joseph R. Williams, of Toledo. He

also was sentenced to life in prison without parole in relation to a LCPD investigation.

Williams was arrested on Nov. 13, 2023, on charges of luring a minor, online sexual corruption of a minor in the first degree, attempted rape in the third degree, attempted sodomy in the third degree, and attempted sex

abuse in the third degree.

After a multi-day hearing, Lincoln County jurors found Williams guilty on both charges brought to trial — luring a minor and online sexual corruption of a minor in the first degree.

Due to both having previous convictions on child sex related crimes, Braddock and Williams

were each sentenced to life in prison without parole by Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge Amanda Benjamin.

“These investigations and prosecutions would not have been possible without the assistance and hard work of our fellow county agencies, specifically the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office and the

Lincoln County District Attorney’s Office under District Attorney Jenna Wallace,” LCPD Sgt. Torin Liden said.

Although the Lincoln City Police Department is unable to provide follow-up to every case that the agency posts a media release about, the seriousness of this case and its outcome is important to

show the public, according to Liden.

“LCPD believes in making our community a safer place for all residents, especially children,” Liden said. “LCPD encourages family members, parents, and friends to work with their children to monitor internet use and educate about the dangers of internet predators.”

FINANCIAL FREEDOM

From retirement resolution to reality

Are you on track to build a strong retirement fund in 2025? If not, now is the time to take decisive action. Money management consistently ranks high among New Year’s resolutions. A cornerstone of successful retirement planning is starting as soon as possible — now is the time!

Here are some tips on how to maximize your retirement savings efforts this year so you can increase your chances of achieving your financial goals.

**MAX OUT CONTRIBUTIONS**

- **401(k)/403(b)/457:** These plans often include employer matching contributions — essentially free money! Take full advantage of this valuable benefit by contributing at least enough to receive the full match. Consider contributing the maximum amount allowed

by your plan, especially if you’re eligible for catch-up contributions (available to those who turn 50 and older this year).

- **IRA:** IRAs offer valuable tax advantages. Contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax deductible in the contribution year, with current income tax due at withdrawal. Withdrawals prior to age 59½ may result in a 10 percent IRS penalty tax in addition to current income tax. A Roth IRA offers the potential for tax-free withdrawals in retirement, which can be especially beneficial if you expect to be in a higher tax bracket later in life.

**REDUCE EXPENSES**

- **Track spending:** Track your spending closely. Identify and cut back on costly expenses like dining out, subscriptions, and entertainment. This can help free up more money for retirement savings.



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- **Embrace an economical lifestyle:** You can embrace an economical lifestyle by exploring more affordable alternatives for entertainment, travel, and daily living. Enjoy free or low-cost activities like hiking, biking, visiting local parks, and attending community events. Consider traveling during the off-season or opting for road trips instead of expensive flights. Explore low-cost grocery stores, cook at home more often, and utilize public transportation or carpooling when possible.

**STAY INFORMED**

- **Monitor your progress:** If you overspend in an area, don’t get discouraged. Regularly review your spending, identify the root cause of the overspending, and adjust your plan accordingly. These experiences are valuable learning opportunities that will help you refine your financial strategies.

- **Stay updated:** Continuously learn about personal finance. Read books, listen to podcasts, or attend workshops to improve your financial knowledge and skill. This will help empower you to make informed decisions and achieve your long-term financial goals.
- **Speak to a financial advisor:** An advisor can help you create a personalized roadmap for your retirement; considering your income, expenses, risk tolerance, and financial goals. They can provide ongoing guidance and support, helping you navigate market changes and stay on track toward your retirement goals.

Staying motivated requires a deep understanding of your resolution’s purpose. Why is saving for retirement important to you? Connecting with the “why” will help you overcome challenges and stay on track when things get tough.

Every dollar you save today is an investment in your future wellbeing. Years from now, you’ll look back and appreciate

the foresight and discipline you demonstrated this year. Your future self will thank you for prioritizing your retirement savings. Here’s to the new year and your new retirement reality!

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YAQUINA From Page A1

the state of the combined lighthouse and living quarters.

The Yaquina Bay Lighthouse served mariners for only a few short years before it was decommissioned in favor of the Yaquina Head Lighthouse in 1874.

The \$1.6 million project that will be done this year includes a complete rehabilitation of the exterior:

- Repair roof framing and chimneys
- Repair brick foundation
- Repair lantern
- Repair siding, doors and windows
- Install new roof
- Complete exterior paint

“This restoration work will help protect and preserve the historic structure for future visitors to enjoy,” said Brian McBeth, historic architecture project manager with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, which manages the lighthouse.

**HISTORY OF YAQUINA BAY LIGHTHOUSE**

According to a website called the Oregon Encyclopedia, a project of the Oregon Historical Society, the Oregon Legislature petitioned the U.S. Senate in early 1869 for a lighthouse at the mouth of Yaquina Bay to guide traffic into the harbor at Newport, which at the time was one of the



**The Yaquina Bay Lighthouse was constructed in 1871 but was only an active lighthouse for three years. It is pictured here in the late 1800s. (Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Historical Society)**

busiest harbors between San Francisco and Seattle.

The U.S. Lighthouse Board agreed that a lighthouse was necessary, but a controversy erupted over whether a lighthouse would be more appropriate on Yaquina Bay, to guide local boats, or on Yaquina Head, to focus on coast-going maritime traffic.

Congress ended up appropriating funds for the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse, and the Lighthouse Board purchased 36 acres on the north side of Yaquina Bay for \$500. Construction began on May 1, 1871.

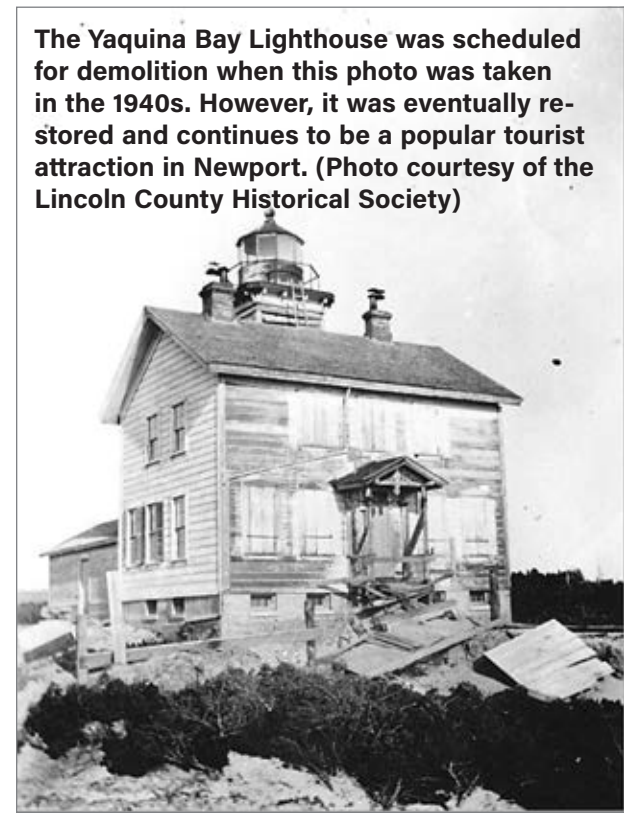
The lighthouse beacon, an oil lantern inside a fifth-order Fresnel lens, shone for the first time on Nov. 3, 1871, under the care of its first and only keeper, Charles H. Peirce.

In 1874, the Lighthouse Board reconsidered its earlier decision and decided to build a larger lighthouse on Yaquina Head to serve the growing maritime traffic on the central coast. Yaquina Bay

Lighthouse was darkened for the last time on Oct. 1, 1874. The Lighthouse Board tried to sell the station in 1877, but the offer received was so low that the board decided to keep the structure. The building’s outer sheathing was renewed in 1878 to prevent deterioration.

The lighthouse stood empty for 14 years, until the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers used it as a dwelling for John Polhemus, the engineer who directed the construction of the north jetty at Yaquina Bay from 1888 to 1896. The U.S. Lifesaving Service quartered a crew in the lighthouse beginning in 1906. When the newly formed U.S. Coast Guard took over the property in 1915, it built a steel observation tower, which still stands. The Coast Guard continued to use the lighthouse for crew quarters until 1933, when it was again abandoned.

The lengthy periods



**The Yaquina Bay Lighthouse was scheduled for demolition when this photo was taken in the 1940s. However, it was eventually restored and continues to be a popular tourist attraction in Newport. (Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Historical Society)**

the structure. The publicity had its effect, and in 1955 the Oregon Highway Commission leased the lighthouse to the Lincoln County Historical Society, which used it as a county museum for 18 years.

During the 1970s, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, which managed the lighthouse, determined that it could be restored under the Historical Restoration Program. OPRD initiated a complete restoration and listed the lighthouse on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. The fixed white light, visible for six miles, was lit on Dec. 7, 1996. Now managed by OPRD, the lighthouse is a U.S. Coast Guard privately maintained aid to navigation.

OPRD’s mission includes protecting and

sharing historic structures like the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse for the enjoyment and education of current and future generations.

Each biennium, the department spends a portion of its project funds on historic restoration and maintenance. Upcoming projects include the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse, Cape Foulweather Gift Shop at Otter Crest and Hughes House at Cape Blanco State Park. The Cape Foulweather Gift Shop will be closed February through June of this year, with limited to no parking due to construction.

For more information about the lighthouse and any updates to closures, visit the park page at <https://tinyurl.com/24r5nn2j>

REVIEW From Page A6

Road bridge to all vehicle traffic after an Oregon Department of Transportation inspection found the substructure of the bridge to be in “serious condition.”

The bridge is located just before the entrance to the city’s Big Creek Park.

**NOVEMBER**

**Lincoln County reopens winter shelter**

Lincoln County reopened its Community

Shelter and Resource Center to overnight guests Nov. 1, offering services seven nights a week through the end of April.

“The Community Shelter and Resource Center is a safe, welcoming and affirming place for all members of the community, including furry companions,” a release from Lincoln County states.

There are two shelter locations this year, in Newport and Lincoln City.

**Commercial crabbing season delayed**

Commercial Dungeness

crabbers in Newport and along the entire Oregon coast will remain idle for at least a couple more weeks due to a delay in the opening of this year’s season.

Oregon’s commercial Dungeness crab season has been delayed coastwide until Dec. 16, according to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

Pre-season testing shows Dungeness crabs are too low in meat yield in some ocean areas and have elevated domoic acid in crab viscera (guts) in

two areas on the south coast.

**DECEMBER**

**Claire Hall declared winner**

Claire Hall has been declared the official winner in the race for position 2 on the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. Hall, who has held that commission seat for the past 20 years, defeated challenger Rick Beasley by just 115 votes, the closest county commission race in recent history.

Of the total 26,169 votes cast in this race,

Hall received 13,142 (50.22 percent) compared to Beasley’s 13,027 (49.78 percent).

**FEMA mandate draws crowd at county commission meeting**

An estimated crowd of 100 or more people turned out for a public hearing at the Dec. 4 meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. They were there to voice concerns about a mandate from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that affects properties located within regulated

floodplain areas in the county.

**Memorial remembers fallen Toledo police officer**

It has been a long time coming, but Gary LaVaughn Sumpter, a Toledo police officer who was killed in the line of duty more than a half century ago, is being publicly honored for his sacrifice.

A ceremony was held at Toledo City Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 10, to remember Sumpter and to dedicate a new highway sign that will be displayed in his memory.

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Community chorus seeks new singers

Vocal Introductions to be held in Newport

Coastal Voices (CV), the premier community chorus on the central Oregon coast, begins the 2025 spring season by holding Vocal Introductions for new singers who wish to participate in a dynamic and welcoming choral group. The Vocal Introductions will be on Tuesday, Jan. 7, and

Tuesday, Jan. 14, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., and on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, located at Southwest Ninth and Hurbert streets in Newport. Rhodd Caldwell, CV artistic director, uses the 30-minute session to assess the vocal range and the musical background of each prospective member. “This is not an audition,” explained Caldwell. “It See CHORUS, page B3



Coastal Voices will be holding Vocal Introductions this month as it welcomes new singers for the spring season. The chorus is pictured performing during a concert in December. (Photo by Bob Christensen)



Contemporary quilted fabrications like this one by Susan Cronenwett, called “Evolution,” will be on display in the Olive Street Gallery, which is located inside the Newport Performing Arts Center. (Courtesy photos)



This ceremonial basket cap, created by Chantele Rilatos, will be part of a display called “Woven Worlds,” which opens Jan. 11 in the Runyan Gallery at the Newport Visual Arts Center.

‘Fiber Fest’ celebrates with exhibits, classes and demos

The Oregon Coast Council for the Arts announces an exciting new four-gallery exhibition coming to Nye Beach. “Fiber Fest” celebrates fiber arts and artists with exhibitions, demonstrations, and classes throughout two buildings and across four galleries from Jan. 11 to March 1. The event will take place at the Newport Visual Arts Center (VAC) and at the Olive Street Gallery, located inside the Newport Performing Arts Center (PAC). “This area of the coast is home to so many artists

working with fibers,” said Chasse Davidson, director of the VAC. “We’ve been talking about coordinating a collection of fiber-focused exhibits for some time now, and we’re overjoyed to finally see it all come together — to bring Fiber Fest to our community.” In the VAC’s Runyan Gallery, “Woven Worlds” will feature a variety of artistic expressions in the woven realm of fiber arts. Viewers will experience masterfully executed traditional woven works, such as tapestries by Vince Zettler,

indigenous basketry by Bud Lane and Chantele Rilatos, traditional woven forms from traditional materials by John Skamser, and textile garments by Karen Gelbard. In the same gallery, viewers can explore abstract woven creations by Susan Jones and recycled fishing rope weavings by Rebecca Hooper. From wearable fiber shawls, purses, and nature-inspired botanical prints, to contemporary assemblage creations, “Fiber Flair” — in the VAC’s Upstairs Gallery — will be

a menagerie of creative possibilities using fiber. Jennifer Smith’s nature prints and Bonnie Powell’s assemblages share a vibrant flair, Marie-Lise Best’s felted purses emphasize the utility of fiber, and Carol Sherk creates treasured fibrous compositions that attest to the connectedness people experience from the textiles that surround them in life. Woven art by Abelina Pablo will be featured in the VAC’s COVAS showcase — exquisite, See ‘FIBER FEST’, page B3

‘Timber & Tides’ webinar series continues Jan. 8

Seven Capes Bird Alliance, alongside Mid-Willamette Bird Alliance, Coast Range Association, Sierra Club Oregon Chapter, and Wild Salmon Center, is excited to announce the second webinar in a series on the vital connections between coastal forests and marine ecosystems. This free, three-part series, “Timber & Tides,” explores these interwoven environments and why their conservation is critical, now more than ever. In the second webinar of the series, “Exploring the Salmon Habitat of Our Coastal Streams,” Conrad Gowell will share his knowledge of Pacific Northwest coastal stream habitats. It will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8. Although the webinar is free, pre-registration is required. Register at www.sevencapes.org/timberandtides Gowell will discuss how current and historic baselines of coastal stream environments have shifted, relaying stories that showcase the interconnectedness of aquatic ecosystems. His presentation will center on ideas that can contribute to the recovery of stream health, focusing on the active role humans can play in better managing aquatic resources. Growing up in the diverse watersheds of Oregon, Gowell quickly developed a fascination for the aquatic world that has inspired him to act on behalf of wild fish and rivers throughout his life. His interests in ecology, evolution, and the environment led him to complete a degree in biology from the University of Puget Sound in 2012. Since then, he has worked with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, sovereign nations, and fishery consultants aiming to advance science-based management of fish and restoration of watersheds throughout the Pacific Northwest. As a biologist for the Wild Fish Conservancy, Gowell brings a policy and research background plus experience with habitat restoration and protection. He also brings a vision for better relationships between the different communities and cultures that depend on fish and rivers. Gowell lives with his wife in McMinnville, and when not at work, he can be found foraging for wild foods or wandering in a Coast Range wild stream. The final presentation in the Timber & Tides series, “Managing Our Forests for Bird Conservation,” will be shared by Dr. Matthew Betts on Feb. 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. All webinars will be recorded and made available on Seven Capes Bird Alliance’s website at www.sevencapes.org/timberandtides.

Seven Capes Bird Alliance offers January bird walks

Seven Capes Bird Alliance welcomes birders of all abilities to experience wintering waterfowl this month from Devils Lake to Yaquina Bay. On Friday, Jan. 10, from 9 to 11 a.m., a bird walk will take place at Regatta Park and Devils Lake in Lincoln City. Regatta Park, with its playground, picnic area, and lake access, is a favorite spot for local families. Less well known are the park’s nature trails. This outing will start with a walk through the woods looking for songbirds, then check the lake for wintering waterfowl. Those taking part will meet in the parking lot off Northeast 14th Street at Regatta Park in Lincoln City. This bird walk is sponsored by Lincoln City



People can observe a variety of different birds during a walk at Lincoln City’s Regatta Park on Friday, Jan. 10, and another on Newport’s Yaquina Bay on Saturday, Jan. 11, held by the Seven Capes Bird Alliance. Pictured is a Northern Pintail. (Photo by Ruth Shelly)

# Toledo Library receives grant to boost digital literacy

To honor Stafford's legacy, the public is invited to share a personal favorite Stafford poem or memory, or a poem of their own, and to learn more about this extraordinary Oregonian.



Tickets for this one-night-only event are \$25 each when purchased in person at the Newport Performing Arts Center box office (777 W Olive St.) or by phone (541-265-2787). Online ticketing is also available (additional fee applies). To learn more or to reserve a seat, visit [coastarts.org/events/bad-reputation](http://coastarts.org/events/bad-reputation)

The Toledo Public Library strives to offer family programs, education and a safe, friendly environment for all ages and all people.

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



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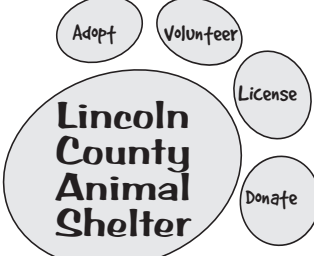
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# Local whale researcher releases children’s book

Young readers are encouraged to dive into a new whale adventure with an engaging children’s book: “Koda and the Whales; a True Story.”

Marine biologist, professor and whale researcher Carrie Newell, of Depoe Bay, recently released this educational story inspired by her whale-watching dogs and the majestic gray whales of the Oregon coast.

Written from the perspective of Koda,

Newell’s remarkable whale-finding dog, the story takes readers on an unforgettable journey. Koda, alongside her daughter Kilo, plays a crucial role in Newell’s real-life whale-watching tours, sniffing out whale spouts in the wind and alerting passengers to their presence. In the book, Koda narrates the story and invites young readers to experience the excitement and wonder of discovering gray whales while learning about their

behaviors, habitat, and the unique summer resident population in Depoe Bay.

“Koda and the Whales; a True Story” is now available for online pre-order at oregon-whales.com, at Whale Bites Cafe, and during Whale Watching Season at the Whale, Sealife and Shark Museum in Depoe Bay. From April through October, readers can meet Carrie, Koda and Kilo — the real-life inspirations behind the book — on a whale watching tour.

## ‘FIBER FEST’

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traditional Guatemalan woven textiles that are as functional as they are beautiful, with vibrant color combinations that spark joy. She began weaving traditional Mayan textiles at a very young age, with skills passed down from both mother and grandmother, using Sedalina and colorful lana wool to create beautiful, unique pieces.

And at Olive Street Gallery, located inside the PAC, “Imagine It, Stitch It” will feature contemporary quilted fabrications by Janet Webster, Gloria Zirges, Susan Cronenwett, Linda MacKown, and Tina McCann. Curated by Janet Webster, this unique exhibit includes an array of quilted pieces, each vastly different in style, giving a contemporary twist to the traditional art form of quilting. Bold in both color and composition, some highlight a strong block line, while others blur and blend it completely.

An opening reception for all four exhibits will take place in both locations (VAC and PAC) on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. The reception, which is free to the public, will include artist introductions, light refreshments, and music by The Spruce Tips (at the VAC).

Beyond the exhibitions, Fiber Fest will also include opportunities for learning in the form of classes and demonstrations. These include visible mending classes led by Emy Daniels on Feb. 1 and 27, a fiber art design



This purse will be part of an exhibit called “Fiber Flair” showing in the Upstairs Gallery at the Newport Visual Arts Center. (Courtesy photo)

and scaling-up class led by Vince Zettler on Feb. 15, an alterations class led by Marie-Lise Best on Feb. 18, and demonstrations by Abelina Pablo, Bonnie Powell, and Susan Jones on Jan. 18, 22, and Feb. 22 (respectively).

For more information on any of these exhibits or learning opportunities, go online at [www.coastarts.org/fiber-fest](http://www.coastarts.org/fiber-fest)

Exhibits at the VAC are free to the public and can be viewed most Wednesdays through Sundays, from noon to 4 p.m., at 777 NW Beach Drive in Newport. Exhibits at Olive Street Gallery (at 777 W Olive St.) can be viewed during normal business hours and/or starting one hour before ticketed events. Note, the galleries will be closed Jan. 8-10 for exhibit installation.

## CHORUS

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is a learning opportunity for both of us. The new singer hears about CV, and I hear about the new singer.” Neither previous choral singing experience nor the ability to read music is required.

“We have a strong support system in place for new singers,” said Margaret Mortimer, CV board member. “I teach a Music 101 class before rehearsals as needed, and we assign a mentor to each new member who will answer questions and provide guidance.”

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 21, CV will rehearse every Tuesday evening from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 227 NE 12th St., Newport. Caldwell has chosen “American Adventure: Best Foot Forward” as the theme for the May 2025 series of four concerts.

“The selections range from early American folk and sacred songs to modern offerings by contemporary American composers such as Tom Paxton and Paul Simon. This is music that will be fun to rehearse as well as perform,” said Caldwell.

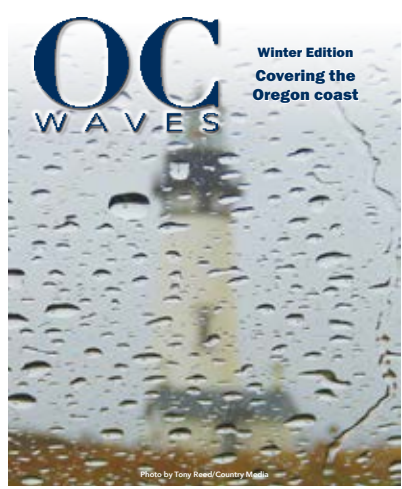
CV has been presenting vocal music throughout Lincoln County for more than 25 years, fulfilling its mission to create a sustainable and inclusive organization that celebrates, promotes, and develops the choral arts.

Interested singers can go to [coastal-voices.org](http://coastal-voices.org) and click “Auditions” to sign-up for a Vocal Introduction time slot, or go to [CVinfo@coastal-voices.org](mailto:CVinfo@coastal-voices.org) or call 541-283-6295 for more information.

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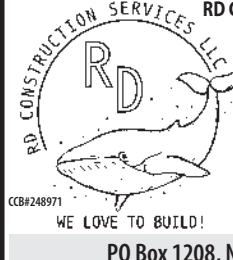
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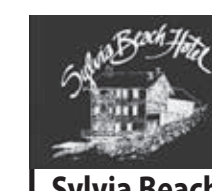
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The City of Newport Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall to review File No. 1-AX-24 / 4-Z-24, a request for annexation, and zone designation submitted by South Beach Church (Tim Gross, Civil West Engineering, representative). The Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council on this request, which will then hold a public hearing at a later date. Notice of that hearing will also be provided. The request is to (1) annex approximately 2.32 acres of real property currently identified as Tax Lot 300 of Assessor's Tax Map 11-11-20-AB) into the Newport city limits; (2) amend the City of Newport Zoning Map to an I-1/"Light Industrial" zoning designation for the property consistent with the existing Newport Comprehensive Plan designation of Industrial; and (3) withdraw said territory from the Newport Rural Fire Protection District, the Seal Rock

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Water District, and the Lincoln County Library District. The applicable criteria for annexations (as per Newport Municipal Code (NMC) Section 14.37.040) are that the proposed zoning is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Map, furthers a public necessity, and promotes the general welfare. OAR 660-012-0060, the proposed zoning map change will not significantly affect existing or planned transportation facilities. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the criteria described above or other criteria in the Newport Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances that a person believes applies to the decision. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the city and the parties an opportunity to respond to that issue precludes an appeal (including to the Land Use Board of Appeals) based on that issue. Testimony may be submitted in written or oral form. Oral and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. Letters to the Community Development (Planning) Department, City Hall, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365, must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day of the hearing or must be submitted to the Planning Commission in person during the hearing. The hearing will include a report by staff, testimony (both oral and written) from the applicant, those in favor or opposed to the application, and questions and deliberation by the Planning Commission. Pursuant to ORS 197.797 (6), any person prior to the conclusion of the initial public hearing may

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request a continuance of the public hearing or that the record be left open for at least seven days to present additional evidence, arguments, or testimony regarding the application. The staff report may be reviewed or purchased for reasonable cost at the Newport Community Development (Planning) Department (address above) seven days prior to the hearing. The application materials, applicable criteria, and other file materials are available for inspection at no cost or copies may be purchased for reasonable cost at this address. Contact Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director, (541) 574-0626; d.tokos@newportoregon.gov (address above). J1

**LCL25-0002 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**  
The obligations secured by the trust deed described in this notice are in default and the beneficiary has elected to foreclose the trust deed pursuant to ORS 86.705 through ORS 86.815. No action is currently pending to recover any part of the debt secured by the trust deed. The following information is given, pursuant to ORS 86.752 and ORS 86.771: 1. PARTIES: The parties to the trust deed described in this notice are: Grantor: DUCK TAILS LLC; Trustee: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY; Beneficiary: UNITED FUNDING INVESTMENTS LLC; A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; 2. PROPERTY: The address of the property covered by the trust deed is 18271 Harlan Road, Eddyville, Oregon, more particularly described as follows: **The South half of the Southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 12 South, Range 9 West, Willamette Meridian, in the County of Lincoln and State of Oregon. Excepting therefrom any portion thereof lying within the right of way of Harlan Road.** 3. DATE AND RECORDING REFERENCE OF THE TRUST

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DEED SUBJECT OF THIS NOTICE: Dated April 3, 2023, recorded April 6, 2023, as Document Number 2023-02068. 4. DEFAULTS: The defaults for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: **Entire balance due and payable April 15, 2024. 5. BALANCE OWING:** The sums owing on the obligations secured by the trust deed are: **The entire unpaid principal balance of One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$1,250,000.00), together with interest thereon at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from November 15, 2023 until paid; together with beneficiary's legal fees and costs incurred in enforcement of the obligation.** 6. ELECTION TO SELL: The beneficiary and the trustee, by reason of the defaults set out above have elected to sell the property to satisfy the obligations secured by the trust deed. A Notice of Default has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3) and the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligations secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable. 7. SALE: The property will be sold in the manner prescribed by law on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 2:00 P.M. in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, outside the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W. Olive Street, Newport, Lincoln County, Oregon. 8. RIGHT TO CURE DEFAULT UNDER ORS 86.778: Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of the principal that would not be due had no default occurred) together with costs

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and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations, including trustee's and attorney's fees (not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the note and trust deed. 9. 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. **THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** DATED: September 12, 2024 Willard L. Ransom, Trustee; OSB No. 031372, Sorenson, Ransom & Ferguson, LLP, 133 NW D Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526 wransom@roguevalley-law.com J1 J8 J15 J22

**LCL25-0004 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN**  
Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of WARREN ALLAN GARDNER, Deceased. Case No.: 24PB06897 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Donna Milbourn has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. Claims should be presented to the attorney for the personal representa-

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tive at: John Andon, 5 Centerpointe Drive, Suite 400, Lake Oswego, OR 97035. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published on January 1, 2025. /s/ John Andon, John Andon, OSB #050363, Attorney for Personal Representative. Personal Representative: Donna Milbourn, 4119 W. 40th Ave., Spokane, WA 99224, Phone: 509-624-4851. Attorney for Personal Representative: John Andon, OSB #050363, 5 Centerpointe Dr., Ste. 400, Lake Oswego, OR 97035, Phone: 971-888-4602.

**LCL25-0003 NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**  
FOR THE SPECIAL PURPOSE CRAFT HEAVY WEATHER (SPC-HWX) II ACQUISITION PROGRAM SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) / Overseas Environmental Assessment (OEA) prepared for its proposal to acquire up to six, second generation SPC-HWX II, four in operation and training status, and two as Maintenance Relief Hulls. Each SPC-HWX II would have a service design life of 25 years. The Proposed Action would include vessel operations as well as training exercises to meet the Coast Guard's mission responsibilities in the proposed action area. The Proposed Action does not include emergency response but would include training for SAR. Any USCG response during a SAR mission is considered an emergency and is not a part of the Proposed Action. Like the original SPC-HWX, the SPC-HWX II would service Coast Guard District 13 and the Pacific Northwest (PNW) from the following deepwater ports: Station Grays Harbor, Washington; Station Cape Disappointment, Washington; Station Yaquina Bay, Oregon; and Station Coos Bay, Oregon. DATES: Agencies and the public are drafted to provide written comments on the Draft EA/OEA. The 30-day public comment period for the Draft EA/OEA ends on 30 January 2025. Comments must be submitted on or before this date to be considered. ADDRESSES: The Draft EA is available for review between 20 December 2024 and 30 January 2025 at the following public libraries: Ilwaco Timberland Library, 158 First Ave N, Ilwaco, WA 98624, (360)642-3908 Westport Timberland Library, 101 E Harms Dr, Westport, WA 98595, (360)268-0521 Newport Public Library, 35 NW Nye St, Newport, OR 97365, (541)265-2153 Coos Bay Public Library, 525 Anderson Ave, Coos Bay, OR 97420, (541)269-1101 The Draft EA may also be viewed online at: https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Engineering-Logistics-CG-4-/Program-Offices/Environmental-Management-and-Historic-Preservation/ CONTACT: Please submit comments concerning the Draft EA to: Paul Andron, Lead Systems Engineer, Boat Acquisition Program (CG-9325), Coast Guard Acquisition Directorate 2703 Martin Luther King Ave, SE, Washington, DC 20593-7800, Or Paul.T.Andron@uscg.mil

**LCL24-3240**  
Juvenile Department In the Matter of JD INGLE, A Child. Case No. 24JU049 PUBLISHED SUMMONS TO: Melissa Leanne Ingle, 1740 NW Lincoln Way, Toledo, OR 97391 IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: A petition has been filed asking the court to terminate your parental rights to the above-named child under ORS 419B.500, 419B.502, 419B.504, 419B.506 and/or 419B.508 for the purpose of placing the child for adoption. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR before the Lincoln County Circuit Court, 225 W. Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365 on January 28, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. and February 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for a hearing on the allegations of the petition and to personally appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY in the courtroom on the date and at the time listed above. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND THE HEARING IN YOUR PLACE. THEREFORE, YOU MUST APPEAR EVEN IF YOUR ATTORNEY ALSO APPEARS. This summons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above-entitled court, dated December 2, 2024. The order directs that this summons be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, making three publications in all, in a published newspaper of general circulation in Lincoln County. Date of first publication: December 25, 2024. Date of last publication: January 8, 2025. NOTICE READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY IF YOU DO NOT

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**LCL24-3239 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
TO: EVAN WEEKLEY A PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF C.R.W. HAS BEEN FILED BY PETITIONERS, SONNY PARKER AND NADINE PARKER. IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR BONNER COUNTY, IDAHO CASE NO. CV09-24-1354. A hearing has been scheduled on this matter at 11 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on January 27, 2025, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 215 South First Avenue, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864, 208-265-1432 and served a copy of your response on the Attorney for Petitioners, Katherine Elsaesser of Elsaesser Anderson, Chtd., PO Box 369, 519 High Street, Priest River, ID 83856 208-448-2990. A copy of the Summons and Petition can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the other party. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. Date: 12/18/2024 1:45:48 PM, Bonner County District Court, By /s/Heather Ross, Deputy Clerk. D25 J1 J8

**LCL24-3235 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LINCOLN COUNTY**  
Juvenile Department In the Matter of JD INGLE, A Child. Case No. 24JU049 PUBLISHED SUMMONS TO: Melissa Leanne Ingle, 1740 NW Lincoln Way, Toledo, OR 97391 IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: A petition has been filed asking the court to terminate your parental rights to the above-named child under ORS 419B.500, 419B.502, 419B.504, 419B.506 and/or 419B.508 for the purpose of placing the child for adoption. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR before the Lincoln County Circuit Court, 225 W. Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365 on January 28, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. and February 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for a hearing on the allegations of the petition and to personally appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY in the courtroom on the date and at the time listed above. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND THE HEARING IN YOUR PLACE. THEREFORE, YOU MUST APPEAR EVEN IF YOUR ATTORNEY ALSO APPEARS. This summons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above-entitled court, dated December 2, 2024. The order directs that this summons be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, making three publications in all, in a published newspaper of general circulation in Lincoln County. Date of first publication: December 25, 2024. Date of last publication: January 8, 2025. NOTICE READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY IF YOU DO NOT

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**LCL24-3237 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN**  
Probate Department In the Matter of David Scott Kay, Deceased. No. 24PB10852 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is hereby given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at: Bruce Kay, 124 SE Yaquina View Drive, Newport, OR 97365 or they may be barred. All persons whose right may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional infor-

CATCHING SOME WAVES

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Biblical boat of refuge

9 1971 Best Actor winner Gene

16 Sewing line

20 Classroom instructor, in Aussie lingo

21 Long South American river

22 Toothpaste container

23 Start of a riddle

25 Said aloud

26 Sleekly designed

27 Muscles to crunch

28 Persona non —

29 Riddle, part 2

37 Special multi-book packages

38 Cyberauction site

39 Botching, with "up"

40 Travis of country music

41 Thick slice

43 Stare

44 Go gray, say

45 Riddle, part 3

51 Hall-of-Fame Giant Mel

52 Debt slips

53 "Exodus" novelist Leon

54 Toe the line

58 Actress Liu

60 Angelina of Hollywood

62 Spiny lizard

64 Riddle, part 4

70 Third-place medal metal

71 24 in a day

72 Vid shooters

73 Ship out, e.g.

74 Menageries

75 Eerie sign

77 Celtics' org.

80 Riddle, part 5

87 Innuendo

90 Not common

91 Sgt. and cpl.

92 "Serpico" director

93 Herb in Sidney

99 End of the riddle

103 Oscar-winning Berry

104 Prefix with angle or color

105 Compel

106 "— and the Detectives" (old Disney film)

107 Riddle's answer

116 Fall lawn tool

117 Interweaves

118 St. Patrick's Day bar order

119 Went quickly

120 Store full of playthings

121 One of the men waiting for Godot

DOWN

1 Australian state whose capital is Sydney; Abbr.

2 Scottish interjection of surprise

3 "Eureka!"

4 Scorching

5 Lawn turf

6 Red Sox and Orioles' div.

7 Construction bolts

8 Actress Knightley

9 Tilling tool

10 "— longa, vita brevis"

11 Buzzy insect

12 Having rounded protrusions

13 Timid

14 Often-injured knee part, for short

15 Start to doze

16 Birds bringing bundles

of joy

17 Russia locale

18 Easing off

19 Hodgepodge

24 Sanders' title: Abbr.

28 Sticks with pasty stuff

29 "— Subsequent

Moviefilm" (2020 sequel)

30 Have life

31 Narrow land strip: Abbr.

32 "— pot (sinus-clearing apparatus)

33 Not fatty

34 Eases off

35 Union Jack and Old Glory

36 Exude slowly

37 Vitamin also called riboflavin

41 "Disco" guy on "The Simpsons"

42 — Angeles

43 "Peer Gynt" composer

46 Particular specialty

47 Maja painter

Francisco

48 Quiet spells

49 Moistureless

50 Tracker tipsters

55 Crotchety cry

56 Dir. opposite WSW

57 Turkey Day tuber

58 Wonder Woman

player Carter

59 Brand of potato chips

60 Nightly fight

61 Word of joint ownership

62 14th-century Russian ruler

called "the Moneybag"

63 Tiara stone

64 "NCIS" airt

65 State of rage

66 Whole bunch

67 "— were the days!"

68 Seeks the love of

69 Cake froster

74 Goose eggs

75 Egg: Prefix

76 Partners of pas

77 Big Apple

baseballer, for short

78 Some Afrikaners

79 Early P.M. times, in classifieds

81 Want badly

82 Pleading

tyke's query

83 First-class aisle seat on many planes

84 Rent- — (temporary wheels)

85 "Frozen" queen

86 Reproving syllables

87 Partners of fathers

88 Tourist office handout

89 Long, twisty and slippery

94 Coagulated

arteries

96 Tattletale

97 Lawn tools

98 Nailed the exam

100 Turin's land

101 Yes, to Fifi

102 Shaw of jazz

107 Ready to go

108 Rock's Brian

109 Zodiac sign

110 Sci-fi gift

111 It's S. of Leb.

112 "— Na Na"

113 Evil woman in fairy tales

114 "Evil Woman" rock gp.

115 Sanders' title: Abbr.

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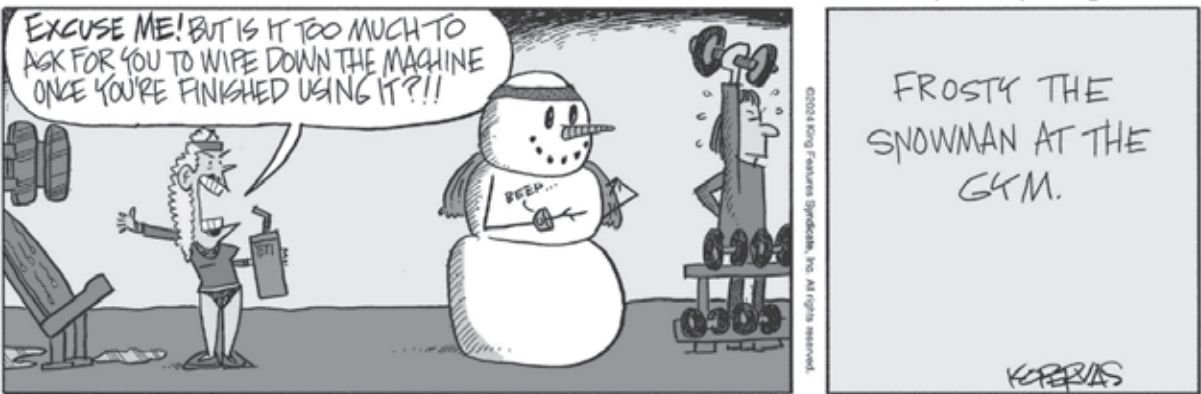
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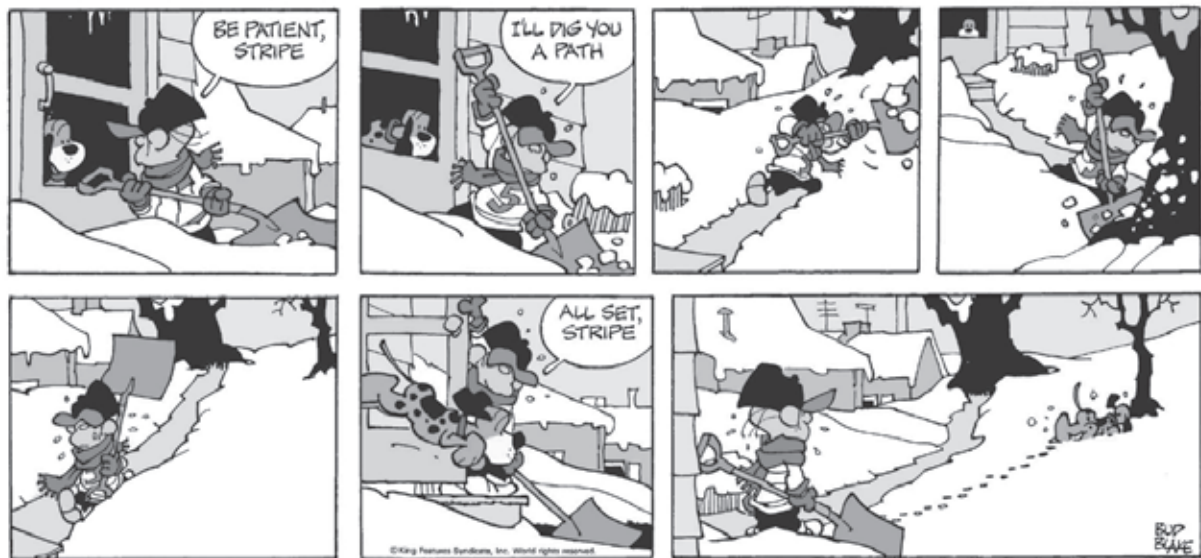
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CryptoQuip

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 L

MR M UZDZ NT RMBB LBB  
NGZYZ NZYN NXHZY UMNG  
CTC-LEMJME YTBXNMTCY, M'J  
JZEBLDZ "HLYZY BTLJZJ!"

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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!

Theft  
SITHE  
Noble  
LARGE  
Phony  
MASH  
Intense  
RANTED

TODAY'S WORD

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WORD LADDERS

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

TRACK

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

BLAND

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of cake is named after a British queen?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the family dog on "The Simpsons"?
- ANATOMY: How long does a human red blood cell exist?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where is New Year's celebrated first each year?
- ADVERTISING: Which company sponsors a 13-foot-long Weinermobile?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many pints are in a quart?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the dance performed in the "Rocky Horror Picture Show"?
- BIOLOGY: What does the term ectothermic mean?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which country has the longest coastline in the world?
- LITERATURE: Who is the author of "The Canterbury Tales"?

Answers

- Victoria Sponge Cake.
- Santa's Little Helper.
- About 120 days.
- The island of Kiribati in the Oceanic nation of Kiribati.
- Oscar Mayer.
- Two.
- The Time Warp.
- Coldblooded, when body temperature is regulated by the environment.
- Canada.
- Geoffrey Chaucer.

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CryptoQuip  
answer  
If I were to fill all these test tubes with non-acidic solutions, I'd declare "Bases loaded!"

TRACK, CRACK, CLACK,  
BLACK, BLANK, BLAND

Answer

WORD LADDER

SCRAMBLERS  
Today's Word  
1. Heist 2. Regal; 3. Sham; 4. Ardent  
solution



Taft Tigers tenacious on the mats

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For those who aren’t aware, something exciting is happening with Taft High School’s wrestling program this season. In addition to a new coach, the program is drawing more students to participate, and one of the big highlights has been the success of the formidable Towers sisters, who have been racking up wins all season.

Head Coach Hayden Stevens is new to teaching and coaching at Taft this year, and he said that working with the team this year has been “awesome.” Drawing new kids to the program has been a highlight for Stevens, and he has enjoyed the challenge of bringing less experienced wrestlers up to speed.

“Over half of this team are freshmen athletes, and the majority have never wrestled prior to this year. Taft currently does not have a middle school program, which means we are coming in with far less experience than most teams,” Stevens said. “As a coach, I have had to throw a lot at them to attempt to get our newer athletes up to speed, and the way this team has responded has been nothing short of amazing. I am so proud of the work these kids put in. I believe the ceiling for this team in years to come is very high.”

Stevens said that the team’s work ethic has been a key factor in the team’s improvement and success this season. Through the season’s early stages, Stevens said he’s been hearing positive things from coaches about improving participation in Taft wrestling based on the smaller turnouts the program would get in years past.

Wrestling has been on the rebound at Taft High School, and for the first time in three years, Taft will host a home wrestling meet on Jan. 12. Stevens said the event will be an excellent opportunity for the community to come out and support his burgeoning squads.

“This meet will not only be a great opportunity for our wrestlers to showcase their abilities and the hard work they have put in this year, but it will also give our future athletes a chance to see the high school wrestlers compete,” Stevens said. “Our plan is to establish a club program this spring and get more of our younger



Julia and Janelle Towers with their medals after winning the Bill Hagerty Memorial Tournament at Nestucca on Dec. 21. (Photo Courtesy photo from the Taft High School Facebook page)

athletes in the area involved in the sport.”

WINNING MENTALITY

While there is plenty to look forward to in the years to come for this young team, Taft senior Julia Towers has championship aspirations for her season and has been building to it for a while.

Julia qualified for the state championships her freshman year and continued to rise, placing second in the 110 lb weight division as a sophomore in 2023. Things wouldn’t be so easy the following year. Due to injury, Julia could not compete at districts during her junior year and missed out on states. This journey has honed Julia’s mindset this year.

“I have gone into this year with the mindset that I can win state. I have been working extra hard to accomplish this goal,” Julia said. “It’s all about mindset, and you can really do anything that you put your mind to. You just have to take all of your losses as wins and grow from them.”

Something that has helped her reach more of her goals this season has been the help of new head coach, Hayden

Stevens. Towers said he does a great job connecting with the team and “makes it really personal and enjoyable for everyone to be competing.”

“Our coach stepped in this year and really brought the program back to life,” Towers said. “We really needed that passionate, hyper energy to keep us motivated throughout the season.”

This year, Julia has been back with a vengeance. One of the highlighting moments of the season so far was winning the Bill Hagerty Memorial Tournament at Nestucca on Dec. 21. Julia won the tournament wrestling in the 113 lb boys’ division. Julia has been wrestling against the boys to try and strengthen her push for this year’s state title.

After taking down the competition in Nestucca, Julia described what it felt like to take home the gold at the event.

“I felt an overwhelming sense of accomplishment because I’ve been wrestling guys for a few years now, and I’ve never placed first in a tournament, but I was really working towards that goal,” Julia said. “Overall as a team,

I could not be more proud of the girls because every day in the mat room, we work so hard and we treat each other like family, so a win for them was like a win for everyone.”

The Nestucca featured another Taft wrestler atop the podium, though. Julia’s sparring partner throughout the season also won gold there: Janelle Towers, Julia’s sister. Janelle won in the 125 lb. girls division, a win that she was excited to achieve.

Iron sharpens iron, and it seems that the Towers sisters practicing against each other is paying off. It started before they were even in the program together.

“Over my high school career, when she wasn’t in high school, I would train with her and practice moves on her to better myself, also to make sure that she was ready for her freshman year,” Julia said. “Honestly, seeing her succeed this year is the best thing that I can hope for, no matter if I win state or not.”

Julia described Janelle as “extremely athletic and aggressive” and that she expects Janelle to “do phenomenal this year and in the years to

come.” For Janelle’s part, having to wrestle one of the best in the state can be a challenge, especially when that wrestler is under the same roof as your sister. She said that practice can be challenging but has been rewarding.

“It can be fun at times, but she pushes me hard every day, and it can be a struggle. It is a lot of fun competing alongside Julia, we definitely bring out the best in each other,” Janelle said.

Stevens has noticed how hard the two work as well. He said the Towers impact the program not just as teammates but as people, too.

“Those two are always here and always working hard. They definitely set the tone for what practice should look like and lead by example on and off the mat,” Stevens said. “They are both such positive people and great teammates. It has been great seeing the hard work those two put in paying off these past few tournaments.”

Janelle said the wrestling season has been “very positive” and has helped her mentally and made her feel happier. She also said it’s been a “big highlight” to get more wins than losses. When asked what it was like to win gold next to her sister in Nestucca, Janelle said it was a special moment.

“It has been special to wrestle with my sister; with all she has accomplished, it feels good being known as a Towers,” Janelle said.

For Julia, this season marks the end of her illustrious high school career, but there’s still plenty to go. Success on the mat this season could also mean more opportunities beyond high school.

“So far, I’m feeling really good about the season; although my weight class has varied, there’s always good competition wherever I go, and it’s mentally and physically prepping me to give it my all at districts and hopefully state,” Julia said. “I have looked into going to college for wrestling so doing well this season would really help that.”

The Towers also performed well at the Junction City Girls Invitational on Dec. 28, with Julia winning in her weight class and Janelle taking home silver. We’ll have to see what this season holds on the mats for the Tigers and the Towers.

In the pool with the Newport Cubs

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The holiday break is wrapping up, and with the new year comes the resumption of the Newport High School swim season. Before the break, Newport competed in two meets to round out their December schedule: a Dual GSW Meet against West Salem and the Lebanon Invite.

NHS Swim Coach Shayna Swanson wanted her swimmers to get experience against some of the toughest competition in the state. The meet on Dec. 19 against West Salem was an opportunity for the 4A Cubs to compete against a larger program in 6A West Salem. Unfortunately for Newport, some athletes could not travel with the team due to injury and illness.

Even in the face of adversity, the Cubs could compete and hold their own. Individually, the Cubs were able to pick up 16 top 3 finishes, even going 1-2-3 in the Boys 200 Free and 1-2 in the Boys 500 free.

Senior Ben Hurty and sophomore Jahan Eibner were the only Cubs to

take home a first-place finish in their events. Hurty won both of his races, while Eibner won one and took second in another. Also adding to the hardware were Hana Parker and Clyde Bretz, who earned 2nd place finishes in their two individual races.

Other Cubs who competed in the meet included Gigi Howard, Allie Pettett, Mariam Kimberly, Connor Brown, Ivan Farias, Ruby Perucci, Liberty Truehill, Ian Ruiz Ramirez, Alysia and Eleya Greenwald, Chloe Potsma, Jonathan Lee and Brynn Hillebrand.

THE TEAM SCORES WERE:

Girls

West Salem High School: 119  
Newport High School: 48

Boys

West Salem High School: 102  
Newport High School: 61

LEBANON INVITE

Only two days after their faceoff with West Salem, the swimming Cubs journeyed east for the Lebanon High School Invitational, at which 5A Lebanon hosted 4A Molalla, Sweet

Home, North Bend, and Newport High School.

There wasn’t much between each of the teams at the meet, and in both the boy’s and girls’ divisions, there was less than a 30-point difference between the first and last-place teams. The boys team came out on top in Lebanon by a narrow three-point margin over Sweet Home, taking home first place at the meet with 75 points.

The full final team scores for the meet were:

Boys

Newport High School: 75  
Sweet Home High School: 72  
Lebanon High School: 56  
Molalla High School: 51  
North Bend High School: 50

Girls

Sweet Home High School: 80  
Lebanon High School: 63  
Molalla High School: 56  
Newport High School: 52  
North Bend High School: 52

In the Boys 400 Free Relay, the Cubs took home first-place honors thanks to the efforts of Hurty, Eibner, Connor Brown, and Clyde Bretz.

In the individual events, the boys also shined, racking up 12 individual top 3 placings. Hurty continued his perfect individual season, winning his two events and bringing his record to 8-0. Eibner also got a silver medal and was atop the podium for a Newport sweep in the Boys 500 Free that saw Eibner 1st, Ivan Farias 2nd, and Bretz in 3rd.

For the girls, Hana Parker again performed well, winning the 100 Butterfly and adding a 3rd place finish in another event. Though the team finished fourth of the five teams at the meet, they could just have easily finished second, as they were only nine points behind second-place Lebanon.

Other Newport swimmers taking part in the meet included Allie Pettett, Mariam Kimberly, Brown, Ian Ruiz Ramirez, Chloe Potsma, Giselle Bryan-Sanchez, Brynn Hillebrand, Jonathan Lee, Sam Smith, Peter Thompson, Gwynn Postlewait, and Marian Kimberly.

The Cubs will be back in the pool Jan. 4 when they attend the Sweet Home Invite.

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