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# Lincoln County Leader

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Lincoln County, Oregon

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## Newport approves rec center child care lease agreement

STEVE CARD  
Lincoln County Leader

The city of Newport has been heavily subsidizing the cost of child care offered through its recreation center, and the city council, acting in its capacity as the local contract review board

during a July 15 meeting, approved a lease agreement with a nonprofit agency to take over responsibility for providing those services.

Mike Cavanaugh, parks and recreation director, said last year the parks and rec department did a fee analysis for all of the

programs it offers. "One area that was operating in the red that was definitely being heavily subsidized was our child care program," he said. "That program consisted of our after-school program during the fall, winter and

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The Newport City Council recently approved a lease agreement with the Lincoln County Youth Development Coalition to provide child care services at the Newport Rec Center. (File photo)

## Crabbing on Yaquina Bay



It looked like an excellent catch for this Newport man as he hauled up his crab ring Thursday afternoon, July 18, from the public fishing pier on Yaquina Bay. Unfortunately, not one of the crabs he caught was a keeper. But because the man was done for the day, he removed the bait from the trap, and it was a win for nearby gulls that were waiting for a handout — at least it was for the gull that won the tug-of-war. (Photos by Steve Card)



## County updates wildfire protection plan

STEVE CARD  
Lincoln County Leader

A proposed update to Lincoln County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan was recently presented to the county commissioners by Emergency Manager Samantha Buckley.

Buckley said this protection plan was originally done in 2009-10 through the Lincoln County Fire Defense Board. It was then updated in 2017 through a collaborative process with a variety of community partners.

This most recent iteration of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan was completed through a contract with the University of Oregon's Institute for Policy Research and Engagement. "They spearheaded the project effort ... to make sure

we had the most updated information in this plan," Buckley told the county commissioners. "Within that process they did do some substantial community outreach and partner interviews. With the community outreach they did some survey and in-person workshops, so they were really able to get feedback from our community members."

Buckley said developing this type of plan "helps a community clarify and refine its priorities for the protection of life, property, and critical infrastructure in the wildland-urban interface on both public and private land. It also can lead community members through valuable discussions regarding management options and

implications for the surrounding land base."

Through the collaborative process, the planning committee discusses potential solutions, funding opportunities, and regulatory concerns, and then documents their resulting recommendations in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Buckley said, "Public involvement in the development of the document not only facilitates public input and recommendations, but also provides an educational opportunity through interaction of local wildfire specialists and an interested public."

Buckley told commissioners that the plan update was completed

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## Lighthouse to get facelift



The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is seeking bids for major renovation work on the exterior of the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse in Newport. A total of \$1.4 million has been allocated for the project, which will include the repair of roof framing, chimneys, brick foundation, lantern, siding, doors, and windows with the installation of a new roof and complete exterior paint coatings. Bids for the project will be opened Aug. 15, with a deadline of June 30, 2025, for completion of the project. (Photo by Steve Card)

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## July 21-27 is Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week in Lincoln County

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners proclaimed July 21-27, 2024, to be Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week in Lincoln County, recognizing the many contributions of the county's parole and probation officers, who supervise approximately 450 justice-involved adults and juveniles in the community.

These professionals work with the Oregon Department of Corrections and Criminal Justice Commission, Circuit Courts, Lincoln County District Attorney's Office, mental health providers, substance abuse treatment providers, and other community partners to make referrals and create opportunities for justice-involved individuals that reduce criminal activity and recidivism, as well as

make effective use of public resources.

According to Lincoln County Community Justice Director Tony Campa, his department's staff work within Oregon's changing criminal justice landscape, adapting to legislative and regulatory changes to provide the appropriate level of intervention and behavior-change services for all their clients.

"I greatly admire our staff and their efforts on behalf of the people we serve," Campa said.

Commissioners unanimously approved the Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week proclamation during their regular meeting Wednesday, July 17.

"I want to recognize our Community Justice team and their partners for leading the way in

alternatives to incarceration," Commission Chair Casey Miller said. "Their dedication to providing accountability as well as access to opportunities has enabled many pathways to a more successful, enriching life for community members involved in the justice system."

To celebrate Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week, the public is invited to a barbecue outside the Community Justice office in Newport today (Wednesday), July 24.

Everyone is welcome to come to 218 W Olive St. between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixings.

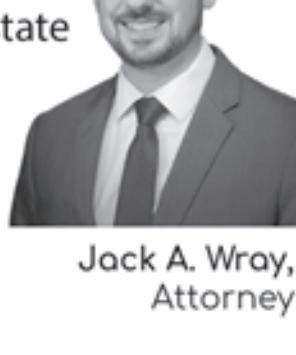
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### LCL24-3008 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 122325-OR Loan No.:

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Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by EUGENE CORLISS, AND RUTH A CORLISS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Grantor, to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE CO, as Trustee, in favor of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Beneficiary, dated 9/23/2010, recorded 10/8/2010, as Instrument No. 2010-10236, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Lincoln County, Oregon: LOT 1, BLOCK 7, LOST CREEK PARK NO. 3, COUNTY OF LINCOLN, STATE OF OREGON. TOGETHER WITH A MULTIWIDE MANUFACTURED HOME, Which is permanently affixed and attached to the land and is part of the Real Property and which, by intention of the parties shall constitute a part of the realty and shall pass with it: Year/Make: 1980/PORT ROYAL LXW: 67 X 28 VIN #: QS9212 APN: R193752 / 12-11-07-AB-01700-00 Commonly known as: 318 SE 127TH DR SOUTH BEACH, OR 97366-9739 The current beneficiary is: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums:

*Delinquent Payments:*

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*Late Charges:*

*Beneficiary Advances:*

	No.	Amount	Total:
	3	\$910.48	\$2,731.44
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			\$1,085.88
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			<b>\$87,243.82</b>

By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$83,104.39 together with interest thereon at the rate of 4.75 % per annum, from 10/1/2023 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, 4th Floor, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 11/12/2024, at the hour of 1:00 PM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, At the Public Entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 7/1/2024 CLEAR RECON CORP 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, 4th Floor Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

## Funds being raised to assist injured Newport man

A GoFundMe account has been opened to help raise money for a Newport man who was injured in a fall last month.

In early June, Charles "Lynsey" Martin fell from the condos above Sorella in the Nye Beach area of Newport. He was severely injured and was rushed to OHSU in Portland, where he remained on a ventilator for two weeks and was diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury, diffuse axonal injury, and multiple broken bones.

Martin is married and



**Charles "Lynsey" Martin**

has an adult disabled daughter who he cares for. He is still hospitalized and

was recently transferred to an inpatient rehabilitation center in Salem to help aid in his recovery.

Martin was the sole income earner for his family and now will not be able to return to work for the foreseeable future, leaving his family without an income and without medical insurance. The bills are adding up, and so the GoFundMe was created to help aid the family.

Those wanting to help out can do so online at <https://tinyurl.com/mryhpcvm>

## Police net violators in Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operation

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

The Lincoln City Police Department's traffic team conducted its latest Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operation on July 9.

"We stopped 11 drivers and issued 10 citations, including nine offenses of failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, two offenses for passing a stopped vehicle at a crosswalk, and one of failing to renew vehicle registration," LCPD Patrol Sgt. Erik Anderson said.

The enforcement was conducted on Highway 101 in the area between North 10th Street and North 14th Street.

"During the event, we stayed at the crosswalk for a little over two hours while our pedestrian

crossed," Anderson said. "She was careful not to back up traffic and also made her intent to cross obvious before doing so. She wore a bright red Hawaiian shirt to be extra-noticeable. Four police officers took part in the event as well."

Anderson said nine out of 10 drivers cited were from outside of Lincoln County.

"With one of those being stopped twice during the event as they drove back through in the opposite direction an hour later and again failed to stop for the pedestrian in the crosswalk," Anderson said. "I was stationed 140 feet away observing the violations and could not make out any of the involved vehicles' license plates, so I did not learn about that particular incident until later."

Fines for failure to yield to a pedestrian and passing a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk can be as much as \$265 each.

With the use of a decoy pedestrian, LCPD officers conduct the frequent operations to raise the awareness of drivers through education and enforcement of pedestrian right of way laws.

The pedestrian safety operations are designed to stop drivers who are distracted while operating their vehicles and talking on their cellphones or using other electronic devices. In addition, LCPD officers look for motorists who are driving aggressively by speeding, following too closely, making dangerous or un-signalized lane changes, or running stop signs.

Before conducting the enforcement operations, police post warning signs in the area of the projects to alert drivers and those on foot.

Officers in chase cars are positioned adjacent to the pedestrian safety operation ready to stop violating drivers after they receive an alert from the LCPD officer overseeing the operation from a side street along Highway 101.

"Our primary purpose isn't to make tickets. It is to keep people educated and make sure that they're safe," LCPD Sgt. Torin Liden said.

The next LCPD Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operation is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 26. Details about the specific location were pending at press time.



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## SUDOKU

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers.

The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

# Seal Rock interpretive sign features pollinators

On Friday, July 19, several state, county and city representatives gathered with volunteers from the Highway 101 Pollinator Project in Seal Rock (at Highway 101 and Northwest Coast Road) for the dedication of a new interpretive sign about coastal pollinators and native plants.

Planting native plants for native pollinators along Highway 101 is a cooperative project between Lincoln County and the Oregon Department of Transportation, which has designated 19 sites for native plants that support native pollinators.

The 19 sites are located along 25 miles of Highway 101, extending from the Yaquina Bay Bridge in Newport to the Lane County line. Planting is done by volunteers.

This 25-mile section of highway has been

maintained without herbicides for the past 17 years with the help of volunteers who manually remove invasive weeds. The Highway 101 Pollinator Project was conceived by Concerned Citizens for Clean Air (CCCA), a local non-profit. In 2007, CCCA requested that ODOT refrain from spraying herbicide on the highway shoulders. After the herbicide applications stopped, volunteers began to notice the return of some native plants and flowers.

They proposed, with support from the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and the cities of Yachats, Newport and Waldport, that ODOT make the 25 miles of highway in south Lincoln County the Highway 101 Pollinator Corridor.

Native plants used for this project include



Local artist Ram Papish is pictured with the pollinator interpretive panel he designed for Concerned Citizens for Clean Air. That sign, located along Highway 101 in Seal Rock, was dedicated during a ceremony held Friday, July 19. (Courtesy photo)

riverbank lupine, red-flowering currant, evergreen huckleberry, yarrow, and

Douglas aster. Pollinators that are attracted to these plants can include

hummingbirds, bumble bees, sweat bees, flower flies and butterflies.

## School district offers summer learning opportunities

(Information submitted by the Lincoln County School District)

Through partnerships with local organizations and substantial state funding, Lincoln County School District (LCSD) is ensuring that students have access to engaging educational experiences during the summer months.

"Our commitment to student learning doesn't end when the school year does," said Majalise Tolan, LCSD superintendent. "We are thrilled to offer diverse learning opportunities that keep our students engaged and growing all summer long."

LCSD received \$1,163,000 from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) for free summer learning programming, which combines academic and enrichment activities plus additional field trips. LCSD elementary schools will serve approximately 260 students in grades 1-6, and Jumpstart Kindergarten will serve approximately 65 students districtwide. These students will study reading and math, garden science and Avid STEM.

About 190 students in grades 6-12 who registered will have options for a wide variety of hands-on learning, including



A Crestview Heights Elementary School student participates in STEM learning using engineering concepts to build a structure. STEM education (science, technology, engineering and math) is a popular summer learning class for all ages. (Courtesy photo)

underwater robotics, theater, computer coding, photography, glassblowing, cooking and sewing, as well as a variety of STEM classes. In addition, each area school will have experiences with the summer reading program at their local libraries.

Utilizing the ODE grant, LCSD has extended its reach by collaborating with several community organizations including Neighbors for Kids in Depoe Bay and the Yachats Youth Program to provide even more learning opportunities for students this summer. Some highlights from these classes include art and music lessons,

environmental education, and a wide variety of outdoor experiences.

LCSD also provided funds to Lincoln City Parks and Recreation (LCP&R) so they can offer free summer camps for youth aged 5-16. These camps will run for 10 weeks and include various themes such as nature explorer skills, ocean exploration and space camp. Additionally, LCP&R will provide five weeks of specialty camps focusing on activities like rock climbing, skateboarding, art, and culture. June and July camps are filled. August camp registrations opened July 19.

"The number of willing

partners who stepped up quickly all across Lincoln County are a true testament to how much our communities care about their youth. We are grateful for these organizations and their dedication to after-school and summer programming to engage

and support our youth," said Tolan.

For more information about summer learning opportunities, contact LCP&R at 541-996-2151; Neighbors for Kids at 541-765-8990; and Yachats Youth Program at 541-547-4599.



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# Governor unveils proposal to boost state school fund

## STAFF REPORT

County Media, Inc.

Gov. Tina Kotek has unveiled a proposal to boost the current service level for the State School Fund by an estimated \$515 million above the original calculation for the 2025-27 biennium.

The school fund is the primary source of state funding for K-12 public education. Current service level is the amount of money needed in the upcoming biennium to continue existing authorized programs.

“Across the country,

school districts are facing budget shortages caused by the expiration of federal pandemic relief dollars, declining enrollment, increasing costs due to inflation, and many other factors,” Kotek said. “In response to the way these issues are impacting Oregon students, educators and administrators, I committed to reviewing and updating the methods of how the state funds public schools.

“We are working to be a stronger, more accurate and predictable funder of K-12 public education across Oregon,” she

added. “This effort is part of my priority to ensure we are moving the needle on improving education outcomes for our students, from improving early literacy rates to preventing learning loss to increasing graduation rates. And, ultimately it’s about more than just resources — it’s about the specific outcomes.”

Representatives from the governor’s office, Oregon Department of Education, and the Chief Financial Office presented this information July 14 to the legislative Joint Task Force On

Statewide Educator Salary Schedules.

This estimate will be updated prior to the 2025 legislative session.

Below are the three steps the governor is directing agencies to take in order to increase funding:

1. Budget distribution - 49/51 split: For the last decade, Oregon has budgeted distributions to school districts on a 50/50 split over a two-year period (meaning districts received 50 percent of funds in year one and 50 percent of funds in year two). This proposal changes the distribution to a 49/51 split.

This will increase the CSL calculation for the next biennium because CSL is built off the funding available in the second year, which increases when districts receive 51 percent in the second year, compared to 50 percent previously, according to Kotek.

The change will also support school districts in

planning to cover rising costs that occur in the second year of the biennium after the State School Fund has already been set.

Preliminary estimate: \$217 million increase in the CSL for the 2025-27 biennium.

2. Compensation costs:

The state’s method to account for compensation costs of teachers, administrators, and classified staff is based on a model that looks back at 20 years of historical data. This model has proven to be very accurate (more than 98 percent) in calculating actual compensation costs, based on the information school districts submit to ODE.

The governor’s direction to close the gap between projected compensation costs and actual compensation costs over the last 10 years — instead of 20 years — will increase the current service level funding. It is believed that this one-time increase will reflect a more precise compensation projection

and leads to the largest funding increase in the proposal. Also, this change will roll forward into future two-year budget cycles.

Preliminary estimate: \$240 million increase in the CSL for the 2025-27 biennium.

3. Local property tax revenue: school funding to districts represent a combination of local revenue (34 percent) and state revenue (66 percent). The state’s historical practice doesn’t include fluctuations in local property tax revenue in the second year of the biennium. This limits the state’s ability to accurately account for the level of resources available for schools.

Going forward, the governor has directed state agencies to account for annual information for projected local revenue, with the goal of increasing accuracy and precision.

Preliminary estimate: \$55 million increase in the CSL for the 2025-27 biennium.

## Joseph Tapal

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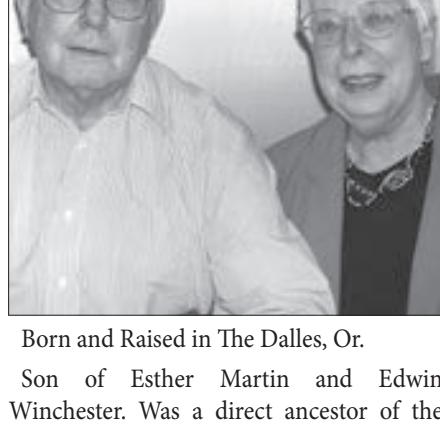


Joseph Tapal Jr., born on December 2, 1939, passed away on July 3, 2024, at the age of 84, in Tangent, Oregon. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 59 years, Linda F. Tapal, and their cherished pet, Misty. Joe is survived by his sister-in-law, Lou Edwards; aunt, Alice Wallace; nephew, Robert Ratica and his wife Sharon; niece, Laura Podulka and her husband Phillip; along with many cousins and friends across Wyoming, California, Oregon, and Arizona. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Vera Tapal, and

Richard Tarrant for the compassion he provided. Memorial 7/28/24.

## Franklin Otis Winchester

Born 1-11-38 - Died 6-17-24



Born and Raised in The Dalles, Or.

Son of Esther Martin and Edwin Winchester. Was a direct ancestor of the Winchester legacy of the Winchester rifle.

Had Polio as a child and overcame this disease and graduated with high marks to become an amazing Forestry worker firefighter and was a fundamental part in creating fire district borders in Wasco county and fire chief of the Wasco rural fire district.

Was married to Dorothy A. Winchester in August of 1970. Celebrating 50 years of marriage before her passing in August of 2021.

Otis grew up around a large family with 2 sisters and several half siblings totaling over 17. Dorothy and Otis were also very close to their nieces and nephews, they were dear to them and spent much time together.

Moving to Lincoln City where he became the city's Fire chief he also worked at the Visitor Center and was a senior member at The Chapel by the Sea.

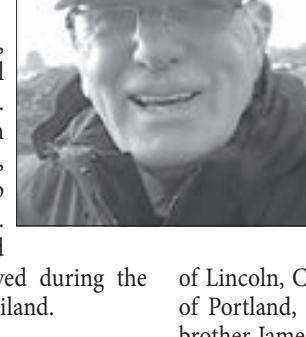
Challenged with many obstacles in his life this never stopped Otis from being the best in what ever he put his mind to.

He moved to Vancouver WA to be closer to family in 2024, where he left this world for his final resting place to be with our Lord.

Services will be held at The Chapel by the Sea, in Lincoln City, Oregon on July 27 @ 2 p.m. Dorothy passed in 2021 but due to Covid, there wasn't a service, this is a joint service to remember them both.

## Richard Lee Herron

July 25, 1951 - July 11, 2024



enjoyed hiking in the pacific northwest. At his local beach, he loved “rockhounding” and looking for that monster blue agate to add to his collection. He was well known and loved at the Old Oregon Saloon where they called him “Pops” and always had a cold Corona beer waiting when he walked in.

Richard is survived by his two children, Cristabelle Herron

of Lincoln, City, OR and Richard Herron, Jr. of Portland, OR. He's also survived by one brother, James (Yoriko) of Saint Cloud, FL, and three sisters, Carol (Randy) of Bentleyville, PA, Rebecca (Dave) of Washington, PA, and Nancy (Floyd) of Bentleyville, PA.

Interment will be in Lincoln City.

On Friday 07/19/24 around 7PM, the family is planning a celebration of life for Richard's friends and loved ones to gather at Old Oregon Saloon, in Lincoln City, OR. Please come join us for a cold Corona in honor of Richard!

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## Celebration of Life Elinor Flannery

Celebration of Life for Physical Therapist Elinor Flannery.

Friends, Families, and former Clients are invited to attend on August 17, 2024.

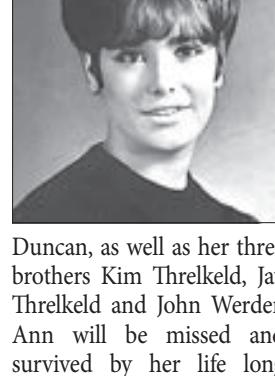
Venue: National Guard Armory, 541 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please RSVP Kristopher Beagle at 408.476.0568

## Ann Jonette Todd

August 7, 1948 - July 7, 2024



Ann Jonette Todd passed away on July 7th, 2024. Beloved daughter, mother, grandmother and loving friend. Ann was born on August 7th, 1948 to William John Threlkeld and Sandra Jean Threlkeld (Werder). A long time resident of Toledo, Ann and her mother Sandy were long time business owners which included Toledo Florist, Olalla Grocery and Annie's Parlor. But mostly, she loved her friends and family. Always ready to laugh and listen, and always there to support. Ann is survived by son Stephen Todd, daughter Jolie Bowles and long time partner Larry

Duncan, as well as her three brothers Kim Threlkeld, Jay Threlkeld and John Werder. Ann will be missed and survived by her life long friends Kina, Yokum and Lorna. Mom, Heaven is a better place with you in it. We love you and will miss you.

Sudoku answers

## Pat (McQuaw) Mayhorn

December 14, 1962 - July 10, 2024



Patricia Ann “Pat” (McQuaw) Mayhorn passed away quietly at home in Pendleton, OR on July 10th, 2024. Pat was born to Richard “Dick” and Bettie McQuaw in Newport, OR on December 14th, 1962. She graduated of Newport High School, class of 1981.

She married Ronald Mayhorn in 1993. They made their home in Pendleton. She was employed by the Wild Horse Resort in Pendleton.

She is survived by her husband Ron of Pendleton, mother Bettie Teigen of Albany, OR, brother Mike McQuaw of Albany, sister Sandra

Teigen of Salem, OR, brother Joe Teigen of Albany and many nieces and nephews.

Pat was a friend to everyone she met and dearly loved by all.

At Pat's request she will be cremated and her ashes spread, in a private gathering, on the north fork of the John Day River.

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and leads to the largest funding increase in the proposal. Also, this change will roll forward into future two-year budget cycles.

Preliminary estimate: \$240 million increase in the CSL for the 2025-27 biennium.

3. Local property tax revenue: school funding to districts represent a combination of local revenue (34 percent) and state revenue (66 percent). The state's historical practice doesn't include fluctuations in local property tax revenue in the second year of the biennium. This limits the state's ability to accurately account for the level of resources available for schools.

Going forward, the governor has directed state agencies to account for annual information for projected local revenue, with the goal of increasing accuracy and precision.

Preliminary estimate: \$55 million increase in the CSL for the 2025-27 biennium.

## Police conduct drug search

At 4 a.m. on

Wednesday, July 17, the Newport Police Department, with

the assistance of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and the Tactical Response Team, served a

narcotics-related search warrant at 769 SW Buford Ave. in Siletz.

Through their investigations, officers had received information that occupants of the residence were involved in selling

narcotics to people in Newport and elsewhere in Lincoln County. Further information was developed that the occupants were possibly in possession of firearms.

The Tactical Response Team, which consists of members from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, the Lincoln City Police Department, and the Newport Police Department, was activated to assist with the warrant.

While the search warrant was being served at the residence, multiple occupants were detained. A thorough search of the property was conducted, which turned up evidence of narcotics delivery, manufacturing, and possession, along with a firearm.

The incident remains under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Officer Cicerone of the Newport Police Department at 541-574-3348. The Newport Police Tip Line is available at 541-574-5455, or Text-a-Tip at 541-270-1856 or tipline@newport-police.net.

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# OPINION

Steve Card, Opinion Page Editor

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

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Visitors to the Georgia-Pacific mill in Toledo are pictured walking past a sawdust pile in this photograph taken in 1958. (Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Historical Society, [oregoncoasthistory.org](http://oregoncoasthistory.org) and [www.facebook.com/pacificmaritimeneuportor](http://facebook.com/pacificmaritimeneuportor))

## LAW ENFORCEMENT TIP OF THE WEEK

### Summer scam reminder

Summer can be a time for relaxation, adventure, reconnecting with loved ones, and time for taking those anticipated summer vacations. Even with the nice weather, scammers aren't taking time off. This means you have to be aware and cautious throughout the year. Here are some common summer scams to watch for and tips on how to avoid them:

**Law enforcement scams** — Scammers pose as law enforcement agencies and claim you missed jury duty, owe fees, or someone needs bail money. They urge you to pay the "fees" quickly to avoid serious consequences and accept bitcoin, gift cards, or other non-traditional payment forms.

Scammers pose as animal shelters or rescue organizations and claim they can reunite you with your lost pet for a large fee.

Prevent these by verifying information is coming from an official source. When in doubt, hang up, look up the agency's contact information and call or stop by their office to verify someone is trying to contact you.

Save our contact information to quickly verify if information is coming from the sheriff's office:

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- LCSO main office: 541-265-4277
- LCSO Animal Shelter: 541-265-6610

**Vacation rental scams** — Scammers post vacation rentals online at enticing prices. They ask for advance payment via wire transfer, but the rental either doesn't exist or is not available. Prevent this by using reputable rental platforms or companies.



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**Home improvement scams** — Contractors offer very low-cost services such as driveway repaving, house painting, etc. Contractors claim repairs are urgently needed and encourage you to act quickly to avoid further damage or before prices increase. They may take your money without completing the work, work without proper permits, or do low quality work.

Prevent this by avoiding unsolicited offers, getting multiple referrals or bids, and researching companies and contractors.

**Employment scams** — Scammers exploit job seekers by offering fake summer jobs. Scammers post opportunities that promise high pay for minimal effort.

Prevent this by verifying job postings, researching organizations, and avoid sharing personal information until you have verified the company and posting is legitimate.

**Travel scams** — Beware of unsolicited travel deals or sweepstakes claiming you've won a free vacation. Prevent this by verifying offers and information before sharing your personal information or payment.

**Ticket and event scams** — Scammers sell counterfeit tickets to concerts, festivals, sporting events, and other activities. Prevent this by purchasing tickets from authorized sellers and verifying websites or vendors before purchasing.

Staying informed, being cautious, and helping family and friends learn how to spot scams can help protect everyone throughout the year.

For more information and tips, visit our website at [www.lincolncountysheriff.net](http://www.lincolncountysheriff.net) and "Like" us on Facebook at Lincoln County Sheriff's Office — Oregon.

### FUN FESTIVAL THANKS

On July 6, St. Augustine Church held its Centennial Fun Festival. The weather was perfect. Volunteers hustled about to finish setting up the big tent for the grand event. Much to the delight of families and visitors to Lincoln City who moseyed in to the small church parking lot, they found amazing treasures: delicious authentic Mexi-

can food, hamburgers, Cajun corn and hot dogs, scrumptious homebaked pies and goods, beautiful potted plants, bargains from the Country Store, and fresh produce to take home. Kids enjoyed playing fun games with fabulous prizes (especially the candy leis), and snacked on popcorn or a cup of shaved-ice. Excitement mounted when the winning numbers for amazing

raffle prizes were called.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to all the local businesses who generously supported our annual event, among them the Inn at Spanish Head, Chinook Winds Casino Resort (an enterprise of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon), Roby's Furniture and Appliance, Kenny's IGA, La Roca, Les Schwab, Mazatlan, Puer-

to Vallarta, Bob's Beach Books, several more businesses from Lincoln City, and the Reyes family, who donated a handsome holstein steer for a special raffle.

We thank all our donors, volunteers, and participants for a very successful Fun Festival 2024!

Celeste O'Brien  
Lincoln City

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### VIEWPOINT

## Merkley Monthly: improving access to rural health care

Rural health care is an urgent challenge in Oregon. Approximately 35 percent of Oregonians live in rural and frontier communities compared to just 15 percent of the U.S. population. But too often, we rely on one-size-fits-all approaches that don't work well in rural communities. So here's what I'm doing to help improve access to health care on Oregon's coast and across the state.

I worked across the aisle to create the new Office of Rural Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This office is responsible for tailoring health care delivery strategies to the unique needs of rural areas, including developing rural-first programs rather than trying to adapt urban programs to rural settings. I'm also pushing the federal government — as Oregon's representative on the U.S. Senate spending committee — to keep investing in rural health care. In March, I secured \$2 million for a new che-

motherapy clinic in Curry County, where chemotherapy services are not currently offered. This

means folks will no longer need to travel hundreds of miles outside of their communities for care. And after hearing too many heartbreak stories of addiction and overdose

deaths from fentanyl and other drugs from folks around our state, I made sure that Congress invested \$145 billion in the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program in fiscal year 2024 to combat addiction across the country.

As the husband of a nurse, I know that many health care providers in rural areas are overworked and underpaid, clocking too many hours, caring for too many patients, and traveling too many miles to provide care. That's a recipe for burnout — and workforce shortages only make a bad health care situation worse.

That's why I reintroduced the Future Advancement of Academic Nursing Act to train and retain more nurses. And I've reintroduced the Nurse Overtime and Patient Safety Act to require hospitals and other providers who participate in Medicare to limit mandatory overtime for nurses, so these new nurses don't burn out and leave the profession.

Telehealth has also been a game-changer for rural health care. Some Oregonians in rural areas have to drive hundreds of miles each way for basic care — and sometimes even farther to see a specialist.

Telehealth brings that care to them. It's particularly powerful for mental health care, connecting those in isolated areas with the quality care and support they need to thrive. And it's better for many health care providers, allowing them to spend less time traveling and more time treating patients.

Making telehealth work effectively is yet another reason I believe that high-speed internet has to reach every town and every household across our state. To accomplish that, I supported the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that included the Broadband Equity, Access, and Development program, which is investing nearly \$700 million to expand broadband in Oregon alone. And the American Rescue Plan is providing another 17,000 broadband connections across our state. These investments will connect communities and improve rural health care.

These are just a few ways I'm pushing to improve rural health care on the coast and across our state. I'll keep fighting for more resources so that all Oregonians can access the health care they need, no matter where they live.

Jeff Merkley represents Oregon in the U.S. Senate.



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**CHILD**

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spring, after school and non-school days, and then our summer activity club, which was an all-day child care program."

Cavanaugh said the city was spending about \$200,000 more annually on the child care programs than it was receiving from people utilizing them. This past spring, he approached the city council and administration about the idea of contracting out those services.

"We already had a few feelers out in the

community to see if people would be even interested," he said. "We put out an RFP (request for proposals) only locally with the idea of spurring the local economy and helping our local residents. Out of that, we received one proposal. It was with Lincoln County Youth Development Coalition.

"They have been a partner with the city for quite a long time with how our child care program interacts with other child care programs, utilizing sources to create a better, stronger child care program in the city as a whole," he said.

"So we've worked closely

with them for years."

The proposal submitted by the Lincoln County Youth Development Coalition establishes a sliding scale for their monthly rent, based on participation numbers. Cavanaugh told city councilors he felt the sliding scale would make it a more sustainable program for the nonprofit, as participation fluctuates within the child care. "To set one hard fee could be a hardship on the proposer. That's the idea behind the sliding scale," he said.

Under the terms, it could potentially be up to a 10-year agreement.

During the first six months, either party could back out, "in case the program is not a success or if there is some concerns," said Cavanaugh.

City Councilor Dietmar Goebel asked how the rent paid by the coalition would offset the \$200,000 cost being subsidized by the city.

"We have a full-time employee who spends about 50 percent of her time right now on child care alone," Cavanaugh said. "That's out of our city budget. Then we have six to seven rec leaders that work part-time ... those numbers increase

during the summer for our summer programs. So between employee costs, equipment, trips, all the different costs that go along with child care, it is a lot of money."

By saving this money currently allocated to child care services, Cavanaugh

said the idea is to reallocate some staff time to look at ways to create revenue down the line. "We've already started discussion of doing more trips, which is one reason why we placed a van in the budget this year. Our recreation program specialist, who is the full-time employee that spent about

50-percent of her time over in child care, already has some other program ideas out there. The purpose of this is to get a recreation program specialist also to do more programs instead of just doing 50 percent of her time on one program."

The city council unanimously passed a motion approving the lease agreement with the Lincoln County Youth Development Coalition to provide child care services in the Newport Recreation Center and authorized the city manager to execute the lease agreement subject to final review by the city attorney.

**PLAN**

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at the end of last year, "and we have been working to get the approval

signatures from our various participatory agencies. We've finally completed that process, so we're here to get that final stamp of approval to get it fully integrated as a part

of our Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan."

Commissioner Claire Hall said she was in favor of a formal vote to approve the plan update. "This isn't a new

document, it's an update of an existing plan. It went through the public process and stakeholder process. Given all that, I'm comfortable to approve it."

Commissioner Kaety Jacobson agreed. "I am comfortable with that as well. I think it's really important post-Echo Mountain in 2020 that we re-did the plan because we do have wildfires here, which I don't think was something pre-2020 that we really thought about a lot. Maybe Emergency Management did, but the whole community didn't think about that, so I think it's good that we have an updated plan post that event."

Jacobson also asked

about work currently being done on an evacuation plan, and how that plan might complement the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Buckley said the evacuation plan is in process and is also being created by the U of O Institute for Policy and Research,

"so they'll use a lot of the same processes. They're doing specific community interviews and the plans will be specific to communities for evacuations. We'll have a countywide one, but then we'll have some smaller ones that are a little bit more in-depth."

Buckley said a major difference between the two is that the evacuation plan is focused on all types of

hazards, whereas the other is specific to wildfires.

"But I think once we get that finalized (evacuation plan), or even the initial drafts of that product,

we'll be able to see more how they are going to interface, and we can add more connection to them as we need to."

Jacobson said, "I really see the two as like companion pieces to each other because when I think about the wildfire that we had, one of the main things was the evacuation on possibly the worst possible timing for an event like that that could happen. I'm excited about this plan and also about the evacuation plan. I think they're very, potentially, complementary and trying to get to the same goal, which is that we are prepared."

A motion to adopt a proposed resolution accepting the updated Lincoln County Community Wildfire Protection Plan was unanimously approved by the three county commissioners.



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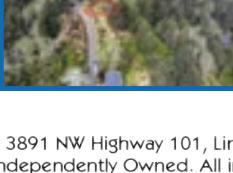
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# This week in HISTORY

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 (1999)

### HOMEMADE BOMB HITS TOLEDO HIGH

Authorities Monday morning were investigating what appears to have been the detonation of an explosive device in a shop room at Toledo High School.

The Toledo Fire Department was dispatched to the scene about 8 a.m. Monday. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office is investigating.

Fire Chief Will Ewing said computer processing units were damaged and nails were found imbedded in walls.

"There was a lot of debris," Ewing said.

### VIDEOLAND STORE SOON TO BECOME A BLOCKBUSTER

Blockbuster Video, the largest video rental company in the world, will take over the operation on July 26 of Videoland, located at Lighthouse Square in Lincoln City.

A representative for the Blockbuster Corporation said the acquisition of all Videoland locations in the Pacific Northwest, including Lincoln City and Newport, was recently completed by the corporation.

### FORMER BANK BUILDING TO BECOME NEW HOME OF TOLEDO POLICE

The Toledo Police Department will be moving to a new location before the end of the year, following action taken by the Toledo City Council Wednesday evening.

The council unanimously voted to proceed with the renovation of the former U.S. Bank building to house the police department.

### TSUNAMI MARKERS DEDICATED

Dr. John Beaulieu remembered when the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries first began talking about tsunamis hitting the Oregon coast 30 years ago, its only words of advice were, "Be careful."

Now, the agency is directly involved in the mapping of inundation zones for coastal areas and the placement of tsunami geological markers in those zones to inform and warn the public.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1974)

### EVEN FRONT DOOR TAKEN

Not only was an antique chandelier and other household articles taken from an uninhabited house July 19 at 526 SW 11th St., but also the front door, Newport police said.

All stolen items were valued at \$194.50.

### BOTH DRIVERS SLEEPING, CRASH

Sometimes it doesn't even pay to pull off the highway to try to catch a few winks, especially if another sleepy driver is headed your way and falls asleep at the wheel.

That's what happened to Earl Williams, 38, of Philomath on Highway 20 east of Toledo July 20. He had pulled off the road and was asleep when a car driven by Kevin B. Green, 24, of Corvallis, went out of control and

## FEMA

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impervious surfaces or remove vegetation more difficult.

Since FEMA is a federal agency and not allowed to make land use laws, it will be relying on the localities it partners within the flood insurance program to implement the new standards. Those partnering governments will need

to adopt the ordinance updates to continue participating in FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program.

Initially, FEMA officials had said that they would not require governments to update their codes until the proposal had undergone full NEPA review, expected in either 2025 or 2027, but that changed with the July 15 letter. Now, local governments have been told that instead they need to update their ordinances

using one of three options provided by FEMA by the end of 2024. Those options are adopting a model ordinance from FEMA that includes a no-net-loss standard for new development, requiring developers to obtain habitat assessment and mitigation plans for their projects showing that they meet the no-net loss standard or prohibiting development in areas of special flood hazard entirely.

## MEETINGS

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

**Lincoln City Parks & Recreation Board:** 2:30 p.m., community center, 2150 NE Oar Place.

**Toledo City Council:** 6 p.m., work session, council chambers, city hall.

### THURSDAY, JULY 25

**Lincoln County Solid Waste Consortium:** 1 p.m., room 108, county courthouse, Newport.

**Lincoln City Sustainability Committee:** 3 p.m., NW Conference Room, city hall.

**Oregon Coast Community College Board of Education:** 7 p.m., executive session (close to the public) to consider employment of a public officer. Meeting to be held via Zoom only.

### TUESDAY, JULY 30

**Depoe Bay City Council:** 5 p.m., executive session (closed to public), city hall.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

**Depoe Bay Harbor Commission:** 6 p.m., city hall.

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Shop at the Dock is back at the Newport Bayfront, with three tours being offered each Friday morning through Aug. 16. (Courtesy photo)

## Shop at the Dock returns in Newport

*Tours offer opportunity to learn about, purchase seafood*

Shop at the Dock has returned to the Newport Bayfront, with opportunities for people to learn more about the local commercial fisheries on the Oregon coast.

The popular tours, organized by Oregon Sea Grant and Oregon State University

Extension Service, give locals and visitors an in-depth look at the different types of fishing vessels, what they fish for and how they catch fish, sustainability efforts, and how they can buy fresh fish directly from the fishermen selling it off their boats.

Started as a community outreach program in 2014, Shop at the Dock has expanded the tour times to three slots each Friday, at 9:30, 10, and 10:30 a.m. The first tours of this season were held last Friday, July

19, and subsequent tours will take place each Friday through Aug. 16. The 90-minute tours begin on the sidewalk by Dock 5 at the Port of Newport. About 200 people participated last year.

Participants will walk the docks and look at several fishing vessels to learn about the equipment used to bring in their catch and the methods they use to prevent bycatch. At the end of the tour, people will be able to identify fishing vessels that catch pink shrimp,

salmon, tuna, Dungeness crab, Pacific whiting, and halibut.

The tours are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, and there is no need to pre-register. However, anyone wanting to attend with a larger group should make arrangements ahead of time.

The event will be held rain or shine, so participants should plan ahead. Wear comfortable shoes with a good tread since the docks can be uneven and slippery, and arrive early to find parking. If you plan on

buying locally harvested seafood, bring cash — since most fishermen don't accept cards — and a cooler with ice. Most fishermen will sell whole fish, though there may be someone nearby who can filet the fish. Having a professional filet the fish yields more meat than an average person can get, but expect to pay more per pound if the fish is filleted.

For more information about Shop at the Dock or to register a large group, call 541-648-6816.

## WaFd Bank employees beautify Habitat for Humanity House



**WaFd Bank Lincoln City personal banker Noah Lo Bello, left, WaFd Bank Newport branch manager Heath Schmidt, Habitat for Humanity executive director Lucinda Taylor, and WaFd Bank Lincoln City branch manager Tammy Viles landscaped a yard last week at a Habitat for Humanity home in Lincoln City. (Courtesy photo)**

Employees from WaFd Bank branches in Lincoln City and Newport came together recently to landscape a Habitat for Humanity home in Lincoln County. Newport Branch Manager Heath Schmidt, Lincoln City Branch Manager Tammy Viles and Personal Banker Noah Lo Bello donned their gardening gloves and got down in the dirt to spruce up the home located in Lincoln City.

"Being outdoors in such beautiful weather is a gift," said Lo Bello, "but connecting with our community through a project like this is the icing on the cake."

Habitat for Humanity completed the home in early 2024. WaFd Bank volunteers and others provided the work to put the finishes touches on the home's landscape.

"Good landscaping improves the value of the home, can help conserve water, provide food for pollinators and create shade," said Viles. "More importantly, it's nice for the new homeowners

who will be living here."

The partnership between WaFd Bank and Habitat for Humanity extends beyond this volunteer event. Bank team members have helped build houses and fund build projects for years across WaFd's nine-state western footprint.

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## Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital announces DAISY nurse awards

Nurses at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport were honored recently with DAISY awards in recognition of their compassionate and professional care provided to those who are ill. This year's recipient of the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses is Chai Estrada Cornejo, RN, an acute care nurse. He was selected for the top honors from among the five dozen nominations submitted during the past year.

The recipient of the hospital's DAISY Nurse Leader Award is Sandie Schaefer, RN, manager of the hospital's Ambulatory Infusion and Wound Services.

The DAISY Team Award was presented to the entire nursing staff of the hospital's Intensive Care Unit.

### DAISY NURSE

Chai Estrada Cornejo joined Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital as a new graduate RN trainee in the Acute Care Unit in August 2022. More than 40 family members of a patient signed the following nomination:

"Chai was one of the nurses that we saw the most. He was so kind, gentle and helpful for us. The first few days were the most difficult as we tried to understand all that was going on. He was so helpful to explain things and it helped us to know what to expect. He was so gentle and careful as he cared for our mom. Chai was overwhelmed by all of us and even



**Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital DAISY Nurse Award recipients are, from left, Sandie Schaefer, Peter Davis representing the hospital's Intensive Care Unit nurses, and Chai Estrada Cornejo. (Courtesy photo)**

teared up as he experienced the love in our room for our mom. As things got worse, he was reassuring and brought peace into the room. His attentiveness was unmatched. It was like we were the only patient in his care. Thank you so much for going above and beyond."

As this year's DAISY Nurse, Estrada Cornejo received a DAISY pin, award certificate and a hand-carved stone sculpture titled "A Healer's Touch." Along with the public recognition, DAISY award winners receive financial discounts for nursing certification training; reduced tuition for continued education; conference scholarship opportunities; and are eligible for the national DAISY Award.

### DAISY NURSE LEADER

Sandie Schaefer joined Samaritan Health Services in October 2004 as a registered nurse in the Albany hospital's Intensive Care/Critical Care Unit. In 2017, she became the RN

case manager in wound and ostomy services at Albany, later transferring to Samaritan's Lebanon hospital as supervisor, then manager, of wound services. In June 2022, she transferred to Samaritan's Newport hospital as manager of ambulatory infusion and wound services, where she remains today.

The nomination for Schaefer stated: "During the daily safety huddle (of hospital managers), Sandie often shares safety moments that apply to many individuals within the hospital and clinics.

She shows a great vulnerability by doing this and it's done in the spirit of continuous improvement and safety of our patients and staff. She identifies opportunities for improvement and proactively engages in creating action plans to ensure that best practice and patient safety are the primary focus in the department and beyond. She willingly shares knowledge with other departments and hospitals for learning opportunities which reflects high reliability."

She works well with peers, and her staff members are kind and friendly to patients and other employees alike."

### DAISY TEAM AWARD

Given to the nurses in the Intensive Care Unit, the nomination stated: "My dear sister and mother of three daughters in their 20s died in December. The nursing care was outstanding and seamless, shift to shift. In spite of some complex family dynamics, this team of nurses treated my sister with dignity, respect and modesty. Her wishes were respected. She was clean, warm and dry, and she was medicated for anxiety and pain. The nursing staff was kind and compassionate to all of us, especially to my sister. Thank you all for what you do. We understand that you get paid for what you do, but your kindness is free. Kindness matters. Thank you so much."

### About the DAISY Foundation

The DAISY Foundation was established by the family of J. Patrick Barnes, who died at age 33 from an autoimmune disease. DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. The foundation's mission is to express gratitude and recognize nurses for the extraordinary compassion and skillful care they provide patients and families. To learn more, visit [daisyst.org](http://daisyst.org). To nominate a Samaritan nurse, go to [samhealth.org/DAISY](http://samhealth.org/DAISY).

## Art you can touch at Toledo Public Library

Oregon artist Emma Berger has created a new mural for the city of Toledo. It is a special sensory, or tactile mural, with textured 3D elements that can be seen as well as touched.

The mural adorns the Toledo Public Library at 173 NW Seventh St. and highlights the natural beauty of Toledo and the surrounding area. The mural features the Yaquina River, trees and plants, and local wildlife including a heron, harbor seal, salmon, and a perfectly perched goldfinch.

To prepare for the mural, Berger sketched out different elements in mortar and carefully crafted texture for certain

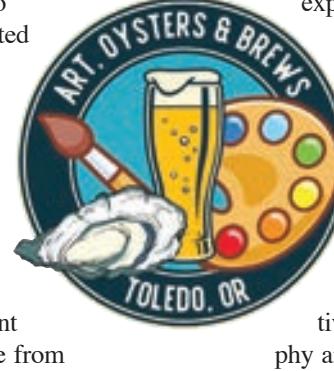
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Artist Emma Berger has created a tactile mural — art you can touch — at the Toledo Public Library. It highlights the natural beauty of Toledo and the surrounding area. (Courtesy photo)

## 'Art, Oysters &amp; Brews' coming Aug. 3-4

The ART Toledo Committee is excited to announce the return of the "Art, Oysters & Brews" event to Toledo's Main Street. This year, the committee is hosting a weekend-long event that will take place from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 3 and 4. This event will feature local and regional artists, live music, a petting zoo, kids activities, fresh oysters, and a beer and wine garden, offering a memorable



experience for all attendees.

Dive into Toledo's vibrant art scene and discover works by local and regional artists. From stunning paintings to captivating photography and mixed media, this event offers a diverse and dynamic exhibition of creativity. Attendees can also enjoy the Yaquina River Museum of Art's First Weekend Art Celebration,

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## Special eyes on 2024 Siletz Bay Music Festival

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Lincoln County Leader

The 2024 Siletz Bay Music Festival is scheduled to run Aug. 16-25 in Lincoln City, with a performance in Newport, and Lincoln City photographer Bob Gibson will be closely watching the performances. Gibson has been the designated Siletz Bay Music Festival photographer since 2010.

"It has been interesting to watch the festival develop and change," Gibson said. "It is a privilege to have access to these wonderful performances, rehearsals, and musicians. Documenting the festival with still photography is a responsibility I take very seriously."

Gibson said his goal is to tell the story of the festival music with still photography.

"Successful photographs tell a story," Gibson said. To do that, he waits for the moment. "I wait for that expression or

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Photographer Bob Gibson captures a moment during the Siletz Bay Music Festival's Donor Party in July 2018.



Bob Gibson said it is fascinating to witness — and capture through his photography — the creative process between the musicians and the director. (Photo by Bob Gibson)



Photographer Bob Gibson took this creative photo in 2017 illustrating one of the Siletz Bay Music Festival performers. (Photo by Bob Gibson)

## Rehearsals underway for 'Spirits of Sylvia Beach'



Preparing for the Porthole Players production of "Spirits of Sylvia Beach" are playwright Jennifer Chaney, left, and director Morgan Locklear. (Courtesy photo)

Morgan Locklear, novelist, veteran actor, and longtime resident of Newport, directs the next Porthole Players production of "Spirits of Sylvia Beach." The intimacy of the David Ogden Stiers Studio Theatre in the Newport Performing Arts Center will set the stage for the premiere of this supernatural farce.

"Spirits of Sylvia Beach" takes place in 2013 at the hotel of the same name, just down the road from the PAC. Written by local playwright Jennifer Chaney, the story follows Lucy Kent, a writer who works at the hotel and is visited by the famous spirits that dwell within. Chaos ensues when five famous ghosts discover that one of their rooms is going to be re-themed after contemporary author J.K. Rowling.

"I've always been a fan of haunted stories and paranormal experiences," said Chaney. "As part of my MFA playwriting program, I had to write several full length plays and was drawn to the idea of writing a paranormal experience. I morphed the fiction of the authors who have rooms at the Sylvia Beach Hotel into a farcical piece for the stage. It's fun to spin folklore and look at the phenomenon of ghost stories in this setting, where famous authors spend time playing parlor games and wishing they could enjoy a cup of tea."

Fresh off the success of last fall's production of "Matilda," Locklear was the next director in line and looking for a challenging project. His renewed relationship with Chaney

during the run of "Matilda" allowed him the opportunity to read her script. "Jennifer has crafted a play that builds up and delivers on all aspects. The jokes are plentiful, but the characters have a lot at stake. The fact that I have to balance spooky and silly is what drew me to this project," Morgan said. "That and working with Jennifer again. This time as a writer."

Chaney is a past president of Porthole Players and directed Locklear in the 2003 stage production of "Annie." They then worked together on his directorial debut, 2007's "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." Over the years, they have partnered on smaller projects and served together twice on the

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## Newport gallery spotlights artists

Artists Sylvia Hosie and Luella Hartwell are currently being featured in a spotlight show at the Yaquina Art Association Gallery, located at 789 NW Beach Drive in Newport.

Hosie is an award-winning fine art photographer whose work ranges from nature to equine to travel. Two life-long passions have been animals and art in many forms, often combining the two. Her photographic journey began in 1981 when she learned how to develop and print her black and white photographs. Today, the digital revolution has allowed her to give a looser, more stylized look to some of her images.

The infinite beauty of nature, the variety of flowers, trees, ocean waves, peaceful forests and roads less traveled, have been the inspiration for Hartwell's



**Sylvia Hosie is pictured with her work of art called "Owl Eyes." She, along with artist Luella Hartwell, are currently being featured in a spotlight show at the Yaquina Art Association Gallery in Newport. (Courtesy photo)**

artistic endeavors. She uses

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Interested in becoming a member of the Yaquina Art Association or taking one of the free classes? Visit the gallery in Nye Beach to learn more, and find them online at [www.yaquinart.org](http://www.yaquinart.org) and on Facebook and Instagram.

The Yaquina Art Association Gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day. For more information, call

## Grange raffling quilt



**The Siletz Valley Grange is once again raffling off a quilt donated by grange member Betty Wilson. This lap quilt was pieced together and quilted by Wilson. Grange members are selling 150 tickets at \$5 each, which can be purchased at the Siletz Valley Grange Market (224 Gaither St.) on Tuesdays, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by contacting Michelle Schaffer at 541-270-2864. The winning ticket will be drawn during the Siletz Community Garage Sale on Sept. 14 — people need not be present to win. (Courtesy photo)**

## Lincoln City church invites children to 'Scuba VBS'

A summer kids event called "Scuba VBS" will be hosted at St. Peter the Fisherman Lutheran Church in Lincoln City from July 29 to Aug. 2.

At Scuba, kids explore what it means to have a friendship with God. They will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, devour yummy

treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out sciency-fun experiments that get imagination bubbling. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.

Each day concludes with a Fin-tastic Finale

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.

Scuba is for kids from kindergarten to those entering seventh grade and will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day. For more information, call 541-994-8793.

whole thing. It was just amazing."

Brisson is hopeful of growing women's tackle football in the region — the Shockwave and two sister teams put on a clinic in the spring that attracted about 60 girls — but she sees flag as a good option to tackle for those who "don't want to put on all the pads and get hit but love the sport."

"Flag is a non-contact sport just as much as basketball and soccer are technically non-contact," she said. "But you do have some contact. Whether some of them transition to tackle football or just play flag for the next 30 years, I'm happy."

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## FOOTBALL

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was not that traditional thought of powder puff, by any means. They were competitive and hyped up — play cards and the

## Cycles of Nature science talk in Newport Thursday

The Lincoln County Historical Society welcomes people to the first of its three science talks in conjunction with a new exhibit, Cycles of Nature, which explores how human activity impacts nature and its cycles.

The first speaker is John Chapman, who is a faculty member of the Oregon State University Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation. Chapman's research over the last 50 years has concerned the unnatural history, biogeography, and ecology of marine biological invasions in estuaries and oceans. He will give a talk about blue mud shrimp and their habitat in Yaquina Bay.

Chapman's talk will take place at 6 p.m. this Thursday, July 25, in the Doerfler Family Theater at the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, 333 SE Bay Blvd., Newport. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

"Climate change driven ocean warming causes thermal stress, increased infectious diseases and coral bleaching in the worldwide tropics," Chapman said. "Equal and greater alterations



**John Chapman, a faculty member of the Oregon State University Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation, will talk about blue mud shrimp and their habitat in Yaquina Bay during a science talk at the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center in Newport. (Courtesy photo)**

of many other marine ecosystems, that are due to climate change, are occurring worldwide but are less visible and thus commonly overlooked."

Native northeastern Pacific blue mud shrimp, *Upogebia pugettensis*, populations of the northeast Pacific maintain a complex burrow gallery ecosystem in intertidal estuary mudflats. "The ongoing collapse of these

mud shrimp populations, even in Yaquina Bay, along with their cryptic ecosystem is a climate change effect that permitted the introduction of an Asian parasite," said Chapman.

The Cycles of Nature exhibit will remain on display until Nov. 3. The next science talk, featuring NOAA scientist Bob Dziak, will take place on Aug. 15.

## Community band prepares for upcoming performances

With Labor Day coming right up and Halloween on the horizon, the Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble will begin preparations at its first rehearsal of the season July 29 in Waldport.

The Labor Day concert in Yachats is an annual event, featuring marches and up-tempo pieces appropriate to the day. The Halloween concert will be a first for the band and should be lots of fun, with spooky music on the playlist and treats for the kids.

Both concerts will be held in Yachats: the Labor Day concert will be on Monday, Sept. 2, in the Commons Pavilion,

from 2 to 4 p.m. The Halloween concert will be on Saturday, Oct. 26, also from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Yachats Commons. Admission is free or by donation to both events.

The wind ensemble is composed of about 40 wind and percussion players from Tillamook in the north, to Florence in the south, to Eugene in the east. The band is led by newly appointed Principal Conductor Ernest Hills, formerly director of the School of Music at Sacramento State University. He is joined by Assistant Conductor Edd Restivo, music teacher at

Siuslaw High School.

Rehearsals for the fall season will begin July 29 at the Waldport Community Center, 265 E Hemlock (Highway 34), beginning at 6:30 p.m. No audition is required to join, and the band is currently looking for French horn and percussion players, although all are welcome to join. Anyone interested in joining can contact the band secretary, Eric Bigler, at [ebigler@peak.org](mailto:ebigler@peak.org) or 541-270-9409. Visit the Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble on Facebook, or check them out on the web at [pcwindensemble.org](http://pcwindensemble.org).

## Poets to celebrate 'The Grace of Oregon Rain'

What Oregonian hasn't grumbled about too many days of rain and then, in another season, prayed for a good, soaking downpour? In a rare gathering, 30 of Oregon's premier poets will read at the Newport 60+ Activity Center to celebrate the rain with their poems from a new collection, "The Grace of Oregon Rain," edited by Alexandra Mason.

This event is from 1 to 4 p.m. this Saturday, July 27. The 60+ Activity

Center is located at 20 SE Second St. in Newport.

"The Grace of Oregon Rain" illustrates the metaphorical significance of rain in people's daily lives and in Oregon's history. These poems strive, through metaphor, to clarify the human experience of life in the rain.

Neither unremittingly cheerful nor gloomy, the poems place one in homes, on city streets, in forests, and on the coastline, acknowledging the interaction with rain in the

present and in the common imagined past. These poems teach about life in the Northwest and ground one in the reality of that experience and its emotional impact.

All are invited to attend this event, meet the poets, and celebrate the release of this new collection. Poets will be happy to share insights on their writing process and autograph this volume.

Other books by the poets will also be for sale (cash preferred).

## Watch 'Ghostbusters' at Newport Library

Get ready for an electrifying evening of supernatural thrills and chills. The Newport Public Library is excited to present a special screening of the latest "Ghostbusters" movie this Thursday, July 25, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the McEntee Meeting Room. The library is located at 35 NW Nye St.

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blockbuster, the discovery of an ancient artifact unleashes an evil force, threatening to plunge the world into a second ice age. Ghostbusters new and old must unite to protect their home and save the world from this chilling catastrophe. With thrilling special effects and a gripping storyline, this is a movie event you won't want to miss.

This free movie

screening is sponsored by the Newport Public Library, the Newport Public Library Foundation, and the city of Newport. Gather your friends and family, and join an unforgettable evening of ghost-busting fun and adventure.

For more information, go online to [www.newportlibrary.org](http://www.newportlibrary.org) or contact the Newport Public Library at 541-265-2153.

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tour Toledo's vibrant murals, and explore local art galleries.

"Moving to a single, two-day event will allow for an even grander celebration of our local artists, craftspeople, musicians and brewers," said Toledo Mayor Rod Cross. "We are looking forward to expanding the event and bringing more to our wonderful Main Street and all that Toledo has to offer."

One of the highlights of Art, Oysters & Brews is the live music performances that set the ambiance throughout the day. Saturday's lineup includes Ian Smith & Morgen Silverhorn, Whole Lotta Louis, and Johnny Wheels. Sunday's performances will feature Kathy Redwine & Friends, Wild Hog in the Woods, and Ellen Whyte & Garry Meziere Duo.

The event features a beer and wine garden where attendees can sample a wide variety of craft beers, fine wines, and refreshing beverages. Treat your taste buds to fresh, locally sourced oysters prepared by Timbers Restaurant & Lounge, and enjoy a

variety of food trucks and snow cones.

People are also invited to join in a community mural project. Families and individuals of all ages can help create a new mural for Main Street. Last year's community murals will be auctioned off during the event to make room for the 2024 murals, offering a chance for participants to purchase their artwork, family members to get a lasting memory of their child's contribution, or anyone interested in taking this unique art piece home.

In 2021, Toledo launched the Arts Revitalization of Toledo initiative to support the economic development and rejuvenation of downtown Toledo. ART Toledo is aimed at creating a thriving cultural district and celebrating the city's industry and history.

The ART Toledo committee includes community members, nonprofit partners, artists, and local businesses, all working together to revitalize Main Street and the business district of Toledo to serve the needs of current residents and breathe new life into the community. For more information visit ArtToledo.com.

**EYES**

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gesture that translates into the music," he said. "Some of the more interesting photographs catch the moment of communication between musicians or between the musician and the audience."

Just how he locates himself at the festival is important, Gibson explained.

"I work to create photographs from angles and locations that are different from the typical audience position," he said. "This often means being on a lift or backstage. I cannot be a distraction, so discretion is critical."

Gibson said he has experienced special moments over the years

as he looked for just the right photos at the music festivals.

"One afternoon at a rehearsal, jazz pianist Dick Hyman motioned for me to follow him to a storage room. He took the cover off a piano and worked with another musician on an arrangement," Gibson said. "It was exciting to photograph this world class musician working in a small room surrounded by tables and furniture."

Gibson also captured a moment from a rare viewpoint.

"I was privileged to photograph Maestro Yaakov Bergman from the viewpoint of the orchestra," he said. "The audience doesn't have that opportunity. The intensity and passion

Yaki brought to the performance was palpable."

The choice of cameras and equipment is most important, according to Gibson.

"Discretion is critical. In that vein I must use a quiet camera," he said. "Also, I always have redundancy with my gear. A camera or lens going down cannot be the reason to fail. I always have at least two cameras within reach."

In a 2018 published interview with the Lincoln City News Guard, Gibson said the challenge in telling the story of a musician's performance with a still photograph is capturing the "powerful instant."

"The photograph that stays off the cutting room floor is the

photograph that illustrates that powerful

instant where there is an interaction that shows the intensity and concentration of the musician," he said. "It is fascinating to witness the creative process. There is a respect and appreciation shared by the musicians for each other. They each approach the piece of music with a unique prospective."

See the Siletz Bay Music Festival 2024 schedule at siletzbaymusic.org

Gibson's photography can be seen at www.thephotothystudio.net. Prints are also at the Photography Studio at 4846 SE Highway 101 in Lincoln City. Gibson may be reached at 541-994-3405.

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Porthole Players Board of Directors.

This will not be the first play of Cheney's to be produced in Newport. "Through the Pub Door" was staged by Red Octopus Theatre Company

in 2002. Her other writing credits include:

"Peace, Love and Taco Sauce," "The Face of the Deep," and "Better Living Through Chemistry." She has also acted in film and television, directed a dozen stage shows, and is a talented marketing specialist, digital designer, and costumer.

"Spirits of Sylvia Beach" will open on Friday, Sept. 13, and continue for three weekends. Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 7 p.m., while Sunday matinees will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday "Community Night" performances will offer reduced admission to

the public at 7 p.m. An American Sign Language interpreted performance is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 21.

Tickets and more information are available through the Performing Arts Center box office at 541-265-ARTS (2787) or online at www.coastarts.org.

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objects. For the leaves, she took casts of real native plants from the Toledo area and transferred them to the wall. Other tactile elements include rocks along the shore, bark on trees, fuzzy blooms on flowers, and the feathers of a heron.

"For this mural, I took inspiration from the Yaquina River that stretches between Toledo and Newport," Berger said. "It is a picturesque stretch of landscape, lush with wildlife. The plants and animals pictured are all native to the area or inspired from native plants. I like to think it's a view of a perfect moment on the river."

The mural is part of Portland Street Art Alliance's larger regional initiative to bring more public art to cities and small towns across Oregon. The association expressed appreciation to Art Toledo and the city of Toledo for this opportunity.

Lisa Figueiroa, with Art Toledo, said, "Bringing a tactile mural to rural communities fosters connection, inclusivity, and pride. It allows everyone, including those with visual impairments, to engage

with art personally and immersively. Art Toledo hopes this project can strengthen community bonds and ensure that the joy of art is accessible to all. It's a testament to art's transformative power, honoring the character of the community."

**ABOUT EMMA BERGER**

Born on the Northern California coast, artist Emma Berger attended Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. After leaving the West Coast for school, she decided to locate in Portland.

Berger is an illustrator, tattoo artist, and muralist

who also has done set design and backgrounds for stop animation movies with Laika Studios in Portland. She has created multiple murals around the Portland area and enjoys painting imaginary gardens and other leafy friends.

**ABOUT ART TOLEDO**

The city of Toledo launched the Arts Revitalization of Toledo (ART) initiative with the goal of energizing Main Street and the business district with an art-centric focus and to celebrate the city's industry and history. The purpose was to entice more visitors from the coast to travel the

eight miles east to experience Toledo, as well as engaging and energizing local residents.

ART Committee members include: the Timbers Restaurant and Lounge; Crow's Nest Gallery; Port of Toledo; the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County; Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society; Yaquina River Museum of Art; Oregon Coast

Visitors Association, local artists; Toledo High School; Bank of the West; members of the community, and more.

**ABOUT PORTLAND STREET ART ALLIANCE**

Portland Street Art Alliance (PSAA) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides access to resources, networking, and professional development opportunities

for street artists. PSAA has facilitated commissioned work resulting in more than \$1,500,000 paid to working artists and managed over 300 major private and publicly funded art projects, collaborating with hundreds of artists in the region.

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## Super Crossword

### ACROSS

1 Abolished  
10 Helical shape  
16 — Tzu (toy dog)  
20 "General Hospital," for one  
21 Pre-euro Spanish currency  
22 Joking Jay  
23 Marcs hit sung by members of an old German kingdom?  
25 "Frozen" heroine  
26 NBC hit since '75  
27 — Vegas Raiders  
28 Gallery stuff  
29 Further down  
31 Bing Crosby hit sung by a skeleton?  
37 "One L" novelist Scott  
40 Munch on  
41 Lift up  
42 Enzyme suffix  
43 And the like: Abbr.  
44 Sharif of film  
46 R.E.M. frontman Michael  
48 — Martin (British auto)

50 Prince hit sung by kings and queens?

53 Many TikTok users

54 Rotation stat

55 Cash cache, for short

56 Spanish article

57 Mother bird

58 Garlicky sauce

60 Cafe offerings

63 — careful out there

66 Ancient Roman poet

70 Beatles hit sung by small finches?

74 Cuts short

75 Puts a question to

76 Artifact

77 Hunger may cause them

78 Syrup base

80 Penpoint

81 Penpoint, e.g.

83 Before, to

84 Oasis animal

87 Rolling Stones hit

88 coffee lovers?

93 Novelist Mario Vargas —

94 Everything considered

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1 Viper types

2 Brought into the world

3 Cuban leader Castro

4 CIA missions, e.g.

5 Bazillions

6 Accompli

7 Mo. #4

8 Scornful look

9 Old JFK flier

10 Podiatric problems

11 John Cougar Mellencamp

12 Hit sung by electric eels?

13 Old Turkish bigwigs

14 Where — begin?

15 "Trading Places"

16 John Mellencamp

17 Hit sung by electric eels?

18 John Mellencamp

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### THURSDAY, JULY 25

#### TOLEDO WATERFRONT MARKET

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#### CYCLES OF NATURE SCIENCE TALK

The Lincoln County Historical Society invites people to a science talk in conjunction with a new exhibit, Cycles of Nature, exploring how human activity impacts nature and its cycles. John Chapman will talk about mud shrimp and their habitat in Yaquina Bay. 6 p.m., Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, 333 SE Bay Blvd., Newport. Free (donations accepted).

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Learn Argentine tango at Newport Tango's weekly Thursday practice. 6 to 8 p.m., South Beach Community Center, 3024 SE Ferry Slip Road, South Beach. Info: [newportdancetango@gmail.com](mailto:newportdancetango@gmail.com) or [www.newportdancetango.com](http://www.newportdancetango.com)

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### MONDAY, JULY 29

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The John & Spark Duo performs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

### TUESDAY, JULY 30

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The Siletz Valley Grange hosts its Tuesday Market from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the grange, 224 Gaither St. Plant starts, garden products, glassware, pottery, handmade items, baked goods, jams and more.

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### THURSDAY, AUG. 1

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Local artists Liz Fox and Sandy Roumagoux will give a talk at the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, 333 SE Bay Blvd., Newport, about the "Between the Tides" exhibit. Free. Enjoy the galleries at 5:30 p.m. and the talk at 6:30 p.m.

#### YACHATS BIG BAND

Grab your dance shoes or come as you are and join the Yachats Big Band from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Yachats Commons, 441 N Coast Hwy 101. The band is back playing dances featuring big band classics on the first Thursday of every month. Admission is \$5 for adults, free for children under 12.

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TODAY'S WORD

**WORD LADDERS**

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

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SHADE

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1. TELEVISION: What is the name of the town in the sitcom "Parks and Recreation"?

2. GEOGRAPHY: The Earth's equator runs through how many countries?

3. MOVIES: Who plays the character Morpheus in "The Matrix"?

4. MYTHOLOGY: Which Greek hero was dipped in the River Styx as a baby and made almost invulnerable?

5. EXPLORERS: Which English explorer claimed Australia for Great Britain?

6. HISTORY: Which two Native American leaders fought Gen. George Custer's troops at the Battle of Little Bighorn?

7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the two traditional flowers associated with the July birth month?

8. LITERATURE: Which poem begins with the line, "Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary"?

9. ANATOMY: Where is the smallest skeletal muscle in the human body located?

10. INVENTIONS: What medication, originally used to treat eye muscle spasms, later became a success in reducing facial wrinkles?

**Answers**

1. Pawnee, Indiana.

2. 13.

3. Laurence Fishburne.

4. Achilles.

5. James Cook.

6. Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull.

7. Larkspur and water lily.

8. "The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe.

9. Middle ear — the stapedius.

10. Botox.

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**EWE WISH!**

Stop trying to convince me  
that female sheep have no  
capacity to long for things.

**ANSWER****CryptoQuip****SHORE, SHARE, SHADE****SPURT, SPORT, SHORT,****ANSWER****WORD LADDER****MUSTACHE***Today's Word*

1. Repute; 2. Impede;

3. Parade; 4. Launch

5. Solution

**SCRAMBBLERS**

# Life jackets recommended for stand up paddleboards

The Oregon State Marine Board is urging people operating stand up paddleboards (SUPs) on moving water (primarily rivers) to always wear a life jacket and never wear an ankle or leg leash designed for general flatwater use.

"There's an emerging trend when we look at the causes for fatalities in recent years where a person, otherwise well outfitted, died because their leash to the SUP became entangled in brush or other debris on area rivers," said Brian Paulsen, Boating Safety Program Manager for the Marine Board. "Most ankle leashes used by SUP users are not designed for quick release. If you get it tangled on rocks or downed trees, the leash could hold you underwater."

Most SUPs are equipped with a leash so the paddleboard can stay within reach if the user falls off. On a lake or other still water, this is an excellent safety tool when used in conjunction with a life jacket. On moving water though, the leash can be deadly. "Quick-release leashes are available and designed specifically for moving water. It's worn around the waist or can attach to the life jacket. Leashes attached to a jacket are easier for the paddler to grab and deploy," says Paulsen.

2024 is shaping up to be another high-fatality boating



**Boating Safety Advocate Luke Martinez from Curry County wearing a quick release leash attached to his life jacket.**

year. In June there were six fatalities and four so far this month. Combined with one in January, there have been 11 recreational boating fatalities. Tragically, many were preventable, had the operator taken a basic safety precaution, like wearing a life jacket.

"SUPs are very popular, available at big box stores, provide access to local waterways and are a lot of fun,"

says Paulsen. "But understanding the basics is crucial." Paulsen suggested people review safety information for SUPs and visit the Marine Board's Paddling page for trip planning, with safety in mind. There's also a FREE online paddling course in both English and Spanish that covers basic strokes, different environmental conditions to consider, and safety equipment.

# Newport Swim Team wraps up season

The Newport Swim Team (NST) wrapped up their Long Course season this past weekend at the 2024 OSI Arena 11 & Over LC Championships. The event was held from July 18-21 at the Mt. Hood Community College Aquatic Center, with eight NST members aged 11 to 18 participating. Of the 43 Oregon swim clubs that sent qualified swimmers,

## Zoey Chappell, 11

Competed in six individual prelim events, earning four finals in the 11-year-old girls division.

**Best finishes:** 5th in the 100 Back and 200 Free.

**Additional placings:** 7th in 100 Free and 8th in the 200 IM.

Recorded three personal best times.

## Jay Eibner, 11

Competed in six prelim swims in the 11-year-old boys division.

**Best finish:** 7th in the 100 Free.

**Additional placings:** 9th in the 200 Free and 11th in the 200 IM.

Recorded three personal best times.

## Ivan Farias, 17

Competed in one prelim swim, placing 45th in the 100 Breaststroke.

## Ben Hurty, 17

Competed in five prelim swims, earning finals in the 200 IM, 200 Back, and 100 Back.

**Best finish:** 8th in the 100 Back.

**Additional placings:** 14th in the 200 IM.

Posted two personal best times.

NST secured enough points to place 23rd in the combined boys and girls scoring. Recent Newport High School graduate Sam Postlewait led the team, earning 26 points individually. Almost 700 swimmers competed in the meet, which saw the Lake Oswego Swim Club win the championship. Here are the individual results for NST swimmers:

## Sophia Lihou, 18

Joined teammates in the 200 Meter Medley Relay, placing 14th.

## Hana Parker, 14

Competed in two prelims, with a best finish of 13th in the 100 Butterfly.

## Gwynn Postlewait, 14

Competed in five prelim swims, earning one final in the 100 Breaststroke, where she placed 5th and broke her own NST team record.

## Additional placings:

9th in the 200 Breaststroke and 10th in the 50 Free.

Recorded three personal best times.

## Sam Postlewait, 18

Made finals in all five individual events, breaking existing NST team records in the 100 and 200 Freestyle and the 100 Backstroke.

**Best finishes:** 2nd in the 100 Back and 200 Free, 3rd in the 100 Free.

Established five new personal best times.

The Newport Swim Team will conclude their season at home at the Seahorse Invitational from August 9-11.

# Seven Year Itch and Lincoln County Brings Home 12 Awards

by PAUL HAEDER

"This is what it's all about," said bronze medalist Frank Perdue. "It's about family. We are there to support other teams. It's not about winning."

The Lincoln County Ospreys softball team Perdue competed with brought home a bronze and the most important award of all – best

sportsmanship.

The Oregon Special Olympics organization was undergoing financial problems, and in 2017, the new CEO decided to cut expenses, cut staff and discontinued this statewide competition.

However, this year, almost 1,000 athletes converged on OSU's track field, softball stadium and the Beavers football

arena. The dorms and cafeteria were abuzz with competitors and coaches. More than 250 volunteers assisted in the three day event – bocce ball, softball, and track & field.

Our Lincoln County athletes brought home gold's for female 100 m dash and male softball toss; three silver's, three bronze medals, fourth and fifth place ribbons and

two sixth place ribbons.

Donna Thorpe, Lincoln County SO coordinator, was also a winner seemingly appearing in four places at the same time.

Rachel Parsons, one of the special-needs athletes who plays bocce, spoke to the Portland news outlet, KGW, about how important the Summer State Games are for her.

"Over half my life I

have been involved with this. This organization has made the biggest impact on my life," she said.

"I don't know what I would do without it," said Parsons' bocce partner, Aubrey-Anne Tune, of the Summer State Games.

Said Parson's mom, Anita, said, Anita: "Rachel just told me, 'I'm having trouble sleeping I'm so excited for

state games.'"

The games, transportation, housing, meals and uniforms, and in fact, the whole ball of wax, are free to all athletes. Our Ospreys are still on cloud nine a week after the hot competition. The Special Olympics motto runs deep for each team member:

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

# Girls flag football takes root in second season

By JERRY ULMER,  
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South Salem won the title at the eight-team flag football state tournament May 11 at the Nike campus in Beaverton.

It didn't take long for girls' flag football to take off in Oregon high schools.

After debuting in the spring of 2023 with eight teams, the sport blew up this year with 575 players from 32 schools. It is making steady progress toward being considered as an officially sanctioned OSAA sport.

Flag football has become wildly popular at some schools, with South Salem, St. Mary's Academy and South Eugene fielding two teams each. It is proving to be a viable option for girls in the spring.

"They see it on Friday nights in the fall, and I think there was an interest in developing skills and understanding the game," said South Salem coach DJ Correa, who also is the offensive coordinator for the boys team. "And it was a new opportunity. Everyone gets to start brand new when they show up on the field for the first time."

Flag football is living up to the high expectations of Rebecca Brisson, one of the league's organizers.

"We kind of knew in our belly that this was going to be great and this was going to happen,"

Brisson said. "We were very pleasantly surprised that it basically tripled from Year 1 to Year 2."

Gresham, a new team this year, had nearly 40 players participate in tryouts. Coach Adam Meyer said the Gophers had to make cuts because the budget allowed for only 25 uniforms.

"That was really unfortunate after seeing all the interest, but it was great to see the interest," said Meyer, who teaches at Gresham and is an assistant for Barlow's boys team.

Flag football has met the threshold of 25 schools to be recognized by the OSAA as an emerging activity. It can earn that distinction in October when it comes up for vote at the next OSAA delegate assembly meeting.

If it passes, flag football would remain as an emerging activity for two years. If it reaches 50 schools by the end of that period, then it would be eligible to be sanctioned by the OSAA.

"The plan is to have 50-plus teams next spring and then go sanctioned," Brisson said. "It's growing like crazy."

With her extensive football background, Brisson has been a catalyst for flag football's growth in Oregon. The daughter of a high school football coach in Michigan, Brisson is a longtime high school football official and has owned the Portland

Shockwave women's tackle football team for more than two decades, including a 13-year playing career.

Sarah Sowers of Nike contacted Brisson three years ago to propose the idea of a girls flag league. They contacted the OSAA in the fall of 2022 and connected with athletic directors to get the ball rolling, buoyed by financial aid from Nike.

Brisson reached out to the state's football officiating associations and organized a video meeting to review the flag football rulebook. The associations embraced flag football and have been working the games.

"It was so rewarding because so many times a lot of the officials would send me a note and email after games like, 'The girls had so much fun, and I had so much fun, this is so great,'" Brisson said.

A large contingent of the coaches come from the boys football teams and some are from other sports. To help get them up to speed on flag football, many joined a video call with USA National Team 15U assistant coach Matt Hernandez, a three-time state champion coach in Florida, where the sport has been sanctioned by the state association for the past two decades.

Eleven state associations have sanctioned flag football and 17 others are in various stages of pilot programs. California

voted to sanction it last year and Colorado approved it this year. Washington voted it down in May when it failed to reach the 60-percent approval it needed to pass.

Flag football is a 7-on-7 game played on an 80-yard field and resembles the passing leagues that many boys teams play in the summer. Like boys football, some teams are run dominant, others prefer to air it out.

Oregon teams played a six-week schedule this year, with some teams getting as many as 10 games.

The 32 teams were divided into eight geographic pods, with the top team from each pod advancing to the eight-team state tournament May 11 at the Nike campus in Beaverton.

South Salem defeated Tillamook 45-7, Banks 58-46 and Central Catholic 33-14 to take the title.

Correa said the Saxons, who had 65 players in their program, took a major step forward from the first season.

"We saw a lot of improvement," Correa said. "I saw the most improvement in just being comfortable on the field. I think the spatial awareness on a football field is something that takes about a season to get used to."

Many flag football players pulled double duty during the season, either in high school spring sports or in club sports such as volleyball and soccer.

South Salem's lineup included

standouts from the volleyball (Malena Mathis, Briella Mathis) and basketball (Izzy Flores, Sadie Paterson) teams. The

Saxons' quarterback in the second half of the season was freshman Leah Ioane, who competed in varsity track, basketball and volleyball during 2023-24.

Correa said winning the championship "meant a lot" to his players.

"It brought a lot of attention to what they could do on the football field, a place where they're not normally recognized for their athletic achievements," he said.

Correa enjoyed the experience, too.

"It's the most fun I've had. I'd like to do it for a while," he said. "I'm extremely hopeful that it becomes an OSAA sport."

Gresham's Meyer said his players "had a blast" this season.

"The very first night, I went home and told my wife, 'This is really fun. This is really cool. The girls are just loving it,'" Meyer said. "I don't know if it's because it's a new sport, or just something they haven't been able to do, but it correlates with a lot of other sports. Between soccer and basketball, and other things like that, the girls just picked it up and really enjoyed it."

Brisson was impressed with the intensity of the games.

"These girls were out there

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