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COLOR ON THE COAST



A sunset along Siletz Bay in Lincoln City adds a bit of color to what was a month of heavy rainfall on the coast. As of Monday, the weather station at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport recorded nearly 16 inches of rain for January, well above the average of 10.24 inches. After a brief respite from the wet stuff, more rain — and possibly snow at some higher elevations — is expected throughout the remainder of the week.

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Luring suspect set to plead

MICHAEL HEINBACH
Lincoln County Leader

A Tacoma, Washington, man accused of four crimes that include first-degree online sexual corruption of a minor, and luring a minor, captured in an online sting operation last year conducted by the Lincoln City Police Department, is scheduled for a plea/sentencing hearing late next month in Lincoln County Circuit Court in Newport.

Daniel Scott Wilson, age 32, appeared in law enforcement custody Jan. 19 in Lincoln County Circuit Court, and was scheduled for an 8:30 a.m. hearing on Wednesday, Feb. 28, in courtroom No. 305. In addition to the online sexual corruption and luring a minor charges, Wilson faces two counts of attempting to commit a Class C felony.

Wilson was one of seven men Lincoln City police wrote of in an October news release, all of whom were arrested after officers posed

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Community college president retiring



After 10 years as president of Oregon Coast Community College President, Birgitte Ryslinge will to retire on Sept. 30.

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JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon Coast Community College President Birgitte Ryslinge will retire on Sept. 30 after serving in that position for the past 10 years.

“June 16 this year will complete my 10th year as president of Oregon Coast Community College,” Ryslinge said during the college board meeting on Jan. 24. “Without a doubt, this decade has been the best professional experience of my life. I am profoundly thankful for the opportunity to lead this remarkable college in partnership with a student-centered and supportive board.”

In her announcement, Ryslinge said 964 students have earned degrees or certificates at OCCC, changing their lives and their family’s lives for the better. “It is my goal to retire from full-time employment by Sept. 30, so that the next president can

usher in the 2024-25 academic year,” she said.

OCCC Board Chair Rich Emery said Ryslinge’s retirement announcement was something board members knew would come for some time.

“On behalf of the board of education, I can say we look on Dr. Ryslinge’s announcement not with trepidation, but with appreciation — appreciation of a job well done, and of institution having been well-prepared for the changes to come,” Emery said.

Emery noted that Ryslinge was hired a decade ago, charged with the task of leading the college to its own independent accreditation, and that she and her team accomplished that feat in 2020.

“No one would have second-guessed a decision to retire at that point, at the start of the pandemic,” Emery said. “However,

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Man arraigned after heated pawn shop altercation

MICHAEL HEINBACH
Lincoln County Leader

A 52-year-old Newport man remained in custody of Lincoln County Jail early this week following a Jan. 24 incident during which he’s accused of threatening a Newport Pawn Shop employee and the business owner with multiple knives directly outside the establishment.

Matt Eugene Dabney appeared Jan. 25 in Lincoln County Circuit Court in Newport via video conference, where he pleaded not guilty to four felony and four misdemeanor charges during an arraignment hearing before pro-tem Judge Joseph Allison. Dabney, held in the jail on \$500,000 bail, is due back in court Thursday, Feb. 1, for a preliminary hearing.

Prosecutors arraigned Dabney last Thursday on the following charges: second-degree attempted assault; first-degree criminal mischief; assaulting a public safety officer; unlawful use of a weapon; two counts of menacing; second-degree disorderly conduct; and harassment. A court hearing to set conditions must held should Dabney secure his release prior to trial by posting bond.

A Newport Police Department declaration of probable cause and news release indicate that shortly before 3 p.m. last Wednesday, officers were dispatched to the business in the 300 block of Southwest

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Hoyle weighs in on effects of winter storms

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

U.S. Rep. Val Hoyle (D-Ore., 4th District) traveled to Oregon recently, intending to hold a number of gatherings with her constituents. But those plans were altered after the state was hit with extreme snow and ice conditions that caused considerable damage in many locations and shut down power to thousands of Oregonians.

Hoyle was still able to connect with people in her district, but it became more of an evaluation of the current crisis, during which she touched base with city employees, county

employees, public safety officers and neighbors helping neighbors.

“This was a very, very strange storm. We had these sort of micro-climates,” Hoyle said during a sit-down interview with the Lincoln County Leader in Newport on Jan. 23. “We were just talking to (Lincoln County) Sheriff Curtis Landers, and he was saying that in southern Lincoln County, they weren’t aware of how bad things were in northern Lincoln County, where

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U.S. Rep. Val Hoyle (D-Ore., 4th District) stands next to Springfield City Council President Joe Pishioneri while touring some of the areas damaged by the severe ice storm that wreaked havoc in a number of areas. Pictured behind them is Springfield Mayor Sean VanGordon.

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Beware of coastal landslide risks

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The National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Hydrologic Outlook on Jan. 26, forecasting soaking rains and warmer temperatures for the region. The NWS said one to three inches of rain were expected across the region, with two to five inches expected over the Coast Range.

The NWS said with all this rain, and snowmelt from the Coast Range and Cascades, rivers are rising. Heavy rainfall is causing water ponding in low-lying areas and other areas of poor drainage, according to the NWS.

Rivers and streams in Lincoln County were already high following earlier snow and ice storms. Law

enforcement agencies urged drivers to watch for high water and avoid traveling along flooded streets and roads, and for residents along streams and rivers to be aware of the high-water conditions.

LANDSLIDE RISK

State and county officials are cautioning residents and visitors of the potential for landslides. According to the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, heavy rain may result in landslides in areas of steep terrain, as well as debris flows in and near burned areas from recent wildfires. Find the latest information at <http://tinyurl.com/35msyvb>.

Debris flows are rapidly moving, extremely destructive landslides. They can

contain boulders and logs transported in a fast-moving soil and water slurry down steep hillsides and through narrow canyons. They can easily travel a mile or more. A debris flow moves faster than a person can run. People, structures, and roads located below steep slopes in canyons and near the mouths of canyons may be at serious risk.

If your home, work, or travel route is in a watch area:

- Stay alert. Track the flood watch by radio, TV, weather radio or online. If told to evacuate, do so immediately.
- Listen. Unusual sounds might indicate moving debris, such as trees cracking or boulders knocking together. A trickle of falling mud or debris may precede



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State geologists, the Oregon Department of Transportation and law enforcement agencies are urging drivers to be aware of the increasing landslide risks following heavy rain events.

larger landslides. If you think there is danger of a landslide, leave immediately.

- Watch the water. If water in a stream or creek suddenly turns muddy or the amount of water flowing suddenly decreases or increases, this is a warning that the flow has been affected upstream. You should immediately leave the area because a debris flow may soon be coming downstream.
- Travel with extreme caution. Assume roads are not safe. Be alert when driving, especially at night. Embankments along roadsides may fail, sending rock and debris onto the road.

POLICE BLOTTER

The police blotter relates to the public record of incidents as reported by law enforcement agencies.

All individuals arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Information printed is preliminary and subject to change. For specific details about cases listed, contact the appropriate law enforcement agency

OREGON STATE POLICE

JANUARY 12

6:36 p.m. A single vehicle injury crash occurred on Highway 101 at approximately mile post 156 when the driver of a silver Hyundai Tucson drove the vehicle over a sea wall crashing onto the beach below. The driver

was transported to Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital for evaluation. The vehicle sustained heavy damage and was towed by Rowleys Towing. The driver was later found to be DUI and booked into the Lincoln County Jail. The driver was also issued citations for failing to drive within lane and open container of alcohol. Involved

JANUARY 14

2:51 p.m. An OSP Trooper responded to a slide off on Highway 101 near milepost 112. The owner of the vehicle stated he had arranged for a tow. A record check revealed the registered owner was wanted on a warrant out of the Lincoln County Circuit Court. The subject was arrested and lodged in the Lincoln County jail.

3:45 p.m.

A single vehicle driving southbound on Highway 101 near milepost 155, left its lane of travel and rolled into a ditch. The vehicle came to a stop and was partially blocking the northbound roadway. Driver was uninjured and the vehicle was towed.

JANUARY 15

3:39 p.m. A person was cited and released on Highway 20 at milepost 36 for a previous hit and run crash.

4:37 p.m. An OSP Trooper investigated a two-vehicle crash which occurred on SR 229 near mile post 28. Unit #1, a black Ford Ranger, rear-ended Unit #2, a white Ford F250, as both vehicles were northbound on SR 229. The black Ford Ranger left the scene and was later located in Siletz. The driver was cited and released on charges of Failure to Perform Duties of a Driver and Reckless Driving.

JANUARY 17

1:34 p.m. A single-vehicle non-injury crash occurred on Highway 20 near milepost 7 when the operator of Unit#1 a 2022 GMC pickup, pulled out westbound onto Highway 20 from Business 20. The operator stated an eastbound vehicle came into his westbound lane, he swerved to avoid a collision and lost control striking the guardrail in the eastbound lane. The guardrail was damaged and the truck required towing by Rowley's.

JANUARY 19

10:54 a.m. A vehicle was tagged as an abandoned vehicle near SR-229 and Hudson Loop. The following day after at least 24 hours the vehicle had been removed by Coast Towing.

12:04 p.m. An OSP Trooper stopped a southbound vehicle for registration violation near milepost 143 of US Highway 101. Driver was found to be driving suspended and uninsured. Vehicle was impounded and towed by Coast Towing. Driver was issued a citation for the violations.

12:15 p.m. OSP stopped a vehicle in Depoe Bay on Highway 101 for expired registration. During the contact the driver was found to have a valid warrant for her arrest. The driver was arrested and lodged at the Lincoln County Jail. The vehicle was left on scene to a friend.

JANUARY 20

8 a.m. Near milepost 145 on Highway 101 a blue Chevrolet Camaro had been tagged as abandoned by OSP. After a minimum of 24 hours passed the Chevrolet was towed as an abandoned by Rowley's Towing.

JANUARY 21

9:07 a.m. While on driving northbound on Highway 101 at approximately milepost 139 an OSP Trooper observed a reckless driver. After making contact and conducting an investigation, the trooper determined the driver was DUI and their BAC was 0.19. The driver was arrested and lodged at the Lincoln County Jail.

11:41 a.m. Two vehicles were involved in a minor crash near milepost 140 on Highway 101. Pickup truck rear ended a small SUV causing minor damage. No injury reported.

9:21 p.m. A single vehicle crash occurred after a northbound vehicle lost control, left the roadway, and struck a stop sign and a power pole. Upon arrival, the driver had already left the scene. A while

later, the driver was located and exhibited multiple signs of impairment. The driver consented to field sobriety tests and performed poorly. The driver was placed under arrest for multiple crimes and transported to the Lincoln City Police Department where he provided a breath sample of .12% BAC. The driver was medically cleared at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital before being lodged at the Lincoln County Jail.

JANUARY 22

5:15 p.m. A single vehicle crash occurred after a white Pontiac sedan left the roadway, striking a tree. The driver and sole occupant appeared to be uninjured but was transported to the hospital by medics as a precaution. The driver said she believed she hydroplaned, causing the crash. The vehicle was towed from the scene by Coast Towing.

11:57 p.m. A vehicle was stopped on Highway 101 at milepost 131 for an observed traffic violation. It was discovered that the driver did not have valid driving privileges or current insurance. The vehicle was partially blocking the northbound lane, in a corner. The vehicle was towed for SB780 impound by Rowley's Towing. The driver was issued citations.

11:52 p.m. An OSP Trooper stopped a Toyota Corolla for a traffic violation on Highway 101 near milepost 129. The driver was revealed to be driving while suspended and driving uninsured. The Toyota was impound780 by Rowley's and the driver received citations for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

JANUARY 23

10:33 p.m. A vehicle was stopped by an OSP Trooper

for an observed traffic violation. The driver exhibited multiple signs of impairment and admitted to consuming alcohol. The driver consented to performing field sobriety tests and performed poorly. The driver was subsequently arrested for DUI and transported to the Lincoln County Jail, where he provided a breath sample of .21% BAC. The vehicle was towed for SB780 impound by Rowley's towing.

JANUARY 24

1:29 p.m. An OSP Trooper responded to a single-vehicle crash occurred on SR-18 around milepost 6. Westbound Vehicle #1 (silver Hyundai) was negotiating a leftward sweeping curve when it drove over the fog line on the north side of the roadway, over the shoulder, through a fence, and down an embankment, coming to an uncontrolled rest on its wheels facing north. Driver wore safety restraints and airbags deployed. Driver cited and released for DUI-Alcohol.

6:39 p.m. A warrant arrest occurred near milepost 1 on US-20 Business. During a follow-up interview related to a collision, another resident of the address was found to have warrants. They were arrested and transported to the Lincoln County Jail where they were released.

JANUARY 24

2 p.m. An OSP Trooper located a U-Haul truck parked near milepost 12 of Highway 18 east of Otis, Oregon. Dispatch reported the vehicle was stolen from Gresham, Oregon. Vehicle was unoccupied. Vehicle was towed by Lincoln City Towing. Grand Ronde PD and Lincoln County Sheriff's Office assisted at the scene.



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TIP OF THE WEEK

LINCOLN ALERTS

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS AND TIME-SENSITIVE UPDATES

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New graduation rates show LCSD at 80 percent

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Lincoln County Leader

The latest Lincoln County School District’s overall graduation rate is at 80 percent, according to 2022-23 figures recently released by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE).

“It is our district goal to reach and maintain a 90 percent graduation rate within the next three years,” Lincoln County School District Director of Secondary Education Aaron Belloni said. “We will continue to work toward this goal by deeper implementation of our ninth grade success work and by analyzing trends in each of our schools to support our staff and students.”

Belloni said currently Compass, the district’s online school, has the lowest graduation rate.

“The online high school format is a relatively new concept for us, and we are evaluating specific areas of improvement to support our online students’ successful on-time graduation,” Belloni said. “Beyond just the rates of each school, though, it is important to know each and every one of our students and

identify their success path to graduate college and career ready.”

The district continues to work for improvements, according to Belloni.

“Graduation begins in kindergarten and progresses throughout the K-12 experience,” Belloni said. “We are working hard to have the right curriculum in place, implement high quality professional development and to gather data to help us target improvement areas. At this point, we need to continue to monitor our progress and make appropriate adjustments when necessary.” -

Lincoln County School District Superintendent Majalisse Tolan said her overall message to students and parents is simple.

“We believe it is vital for all LCSD students to graduate from high school with the skills to be both college and career ready,” Tolan said. “As we continue to expand our academic offerings to best support students, we are dedicated to growing our career and technical education and work-place opportunities with our partners across the county.”

The Lincoln County School District serves



COUNTRY MEDIA FILE PHOTO

The latest information provided by the Oregon Department of Education revealed that the Lincoln County School District’s overall graduation rate stood at 80 percent for the 2022-23 school year.

students from all areas in the county, which occupies a 55-mile strip of the central Oregon coast beginning at Cascade Head, south to Cape Perpetua. The county’s nearly 51,000 residents cluster around the coastal communities of Lincoln City, Depoe Bay, Newport, Waldport and Yachats, and around inland communities of Toledo, Siletz, and Eddyville.

STATEWIDE LOOK

Despite starting high school during a global pandemic, Oregon’s class of 2023 maintained a relatively high, on-time graduation rate, and some groups set new records.

More than 37,000 Oregon students graduated in 2023, 81.3 percent of the class, according to Oregon Department of Education data published recently. This rate tied that of the class of 2022 but marked a slight decline from the pre-pandemic class of 2019. In that class, 85 percent graduated on time, marking a high for Oregon.

State and agency officials expressed cautious optimism about the ability of schools and students to make up for lost time while taking virtual

classes during the pandemic. Among some groups of students, including English-language learners, native Hawaiians, Pacific Islander, and special education students, graduation rates rose from previous years.

But chronic absenteeism remains a challenge among high school seniors. Data from the department shows that last year more than half of Oregon seniors missed more than three weeks of school.

“COVID really changed our relationship with attendance,” Oregon Education

Director Charlene Williams, said during a recent media call. “We really have to recover from the effects of the pandemic and get people back in school, on time, all day, every day so that our students can maximize learning.”

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Waldport High School senior Joshua Angelo, left, receives a pin from Chief Jamie Mason on Jan. 18 during a ceremony honoring four Central Oregon Coast Fire and Recuse volunteers who graduated last year from the Toledo Fire and Rescue Training Academy. Angelo was honored along with academy graduates Chase Gustafuson, also a Waldport High School senior, Kyle Marcum and Wendy Rush Knudson.



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Sunday: High-49/Low-39
Mostly Cloudy

Monday: High-48/Low-39
Mostly Cloudy

Tuesday: High-47/Low-40
Showers

Past Weather

On the Coast

		Rain	Low	High
January 23	0.20	47.7		55.8
January 24	1.08	46.3		55.5
January 25	0.11	48.5		55.3
January 26	1.17	48.3		55.2
January 27	2.21	54.1		60.4
January 28	0.33	52.5		63.7
January 29	0.01	51.9		53.3
Total rainfall from Jan. 1	15.97			

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	
High	Low
January 31	
03:40 a.m. 7.9	9:50 a.m. 2.7
3:31 p.m. 6.4	9:25 p.m. 2.1
February 1	
4:10 a.m. 8.0	10:46 a.m. 2.5
4:33 p.m. 5.7	9:56 p.m. 2.9
February 2	
4:44 a.m. 8.1	11:49 a.m. 2.1
5:56 p.m. 5.3	10:33 p.m. 3.6
February 3	
5:26 a.m. 8.2	12:58 p.m. 1.7
7:41 p.m. 5.3	11:26 p.m. 4.2
February 4	
6:18 a.m. 8.3	
9:14 p.m. 5.6	2:05 p.m. 1.1
February 5	
7:19 a.m. 8.6	12:43 a.m. 4.5
10:15 p.m. 6.1	3:04 p.m. 0.4
February 6	
8:21 a.m. 9.0	2:05 a.m. 4.6
10:58 p.m. 6.6	3:55 p.m. -0.4
February 7	
9:20 a.m. 9.5	3:15 a.m. 4.3
11:35 p.m. 7.0	4:42 p.m. -1.0
February 8	
10:15 a.m. 9.9	4:13 a.m. 3.9
	5:26 p.m. -1.5

Sunrise/Sunset

Jan. 31.....	7:37 a.m.....	5:22 p.m.
Feb. 1.....	7:36 a.m.....	5:23 p.m.
Feb. 2.....	7:35 a.m.....	5:25 p.m.
Feb. 3.....	7:34 a.m.....	5:26 p.m.
Feb. 4.....	7:33 a.m.....	5:27 p.m.
Feb. 5.....	7:31 a.m.....	5:29 p.m.
Feb. 6.....	7:30 a.m.....	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 7.....	7:29 a.m.....	5:32 p.m.
Feb. 8.....	7:28 a.m.....	5:33 p.m.
Feb. 9.....	7:26 a.m.....	5:34 p.m.

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Saturday, January 27
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Newport Police Chief Jason Malloy presents officer Jerimiah Magnum with the department's Employee of the Quarter award last week. In his time start in 2022 with NPD, Magnum has continuously gone above and beyond in his patrol duties.

Lincoln City mayor, council look ahead

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

As Lincoln City heads into the New Year, Mayor Susan Wahlke and the city council have set priorities to meet citizen demands, budget limitations and state and federal guidelines and regulations.

THE CITY'S CHALLENGES

Challenges always include funding, according to Wahlke.

"The budget committee starts meeting in April to consider the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year," she said. "We currently have two openings on that committee, as well as openings on the planning commission, library board and arts committee."

Wahlke said volunteers can find the application for these positions on the city's website.

Filling top city administration vacancies are also pending, which include a city attorney and a city planning director.

"Both positions are currently filled by interim personnel, but the council needs to hire the city attorney and the city manager needs to hire the planning director," Wahlke said.

TOP PRIORITIES

Wahlke said the city council set several priorities for 2024.

"In March of 2023, the council and department heads met to determine our strategic visioning," she said. "We will continue to work on the following



Susan Wahlke

priorities: emergency management preparedness, financial health, economic development, housing, infrastructure, and environment."

As Lincoln City continues to navigate through its homelessness challenges, Wahlke said 2023 saw successes, including the opening of the Helping Hands Hope Center, but more needs to be done.

"The city has assisted in funding for a county-run shelter here in Lincoln City with paid staff on site," she said. "We have about 150 units of low- and moderate-income restricted housing under construction. These units need to be completed and occupied. We are making headway. The city was able to award grants to local nonprofits in December. I am very proud that we are able to provide this funding to local agencies that provide services to homeless individuals and those in danger of becoming homeless."

As the 2024 Oregon Legislature convenes in February, Wahlke said the city is hopeful specific legislation emerges that will help the city.

"Funding for infrastructure needed for housing is imperative," she said. "We are fortunate that both our state senator and state representative understand the importance of this assistance from the state. We have three specific asks that will enable the city to provide infrastructure to assist in making multiple types of housing possible."

LOOKING AHEAD

Wahlke said she is looking forward to two specific community projects for 2024.

"I am hopeful that we will break ground this year to construct a new welcome center at D River Wayside," she said. "I am also looking forward to seeing work begin on the new community park in the south end of town."

Wahlke said she is relieved that in 2023, vacant positions were filled on the city council.

"Every resident has two council members who represent the area they live in, and I am available to all of the people who live and work here, as well as our visitors," she said. "I lived in the Otis area for many years and understand that even though county residents do not vote for city elected officials, our actions influence their way of life."

As mayor, Wahlke keeps regular office hours. She said she will continue to meet in person or discuss city issues on the phone or by email. Her contact information is available on the city's website.

Dana Jenkins honored by state association

In her capacity as a member of the National



Dana Jenkins

Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), Oregon Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade earlier this month announced the winners of the John Lewis Youth Leadership Awards and the NASS Medallion Awards to a group of dedicated Oregonians, including Dana Jenkins, former Lincoln County Clerk.

In light of the ongoing threats, harassment and false information campaigns targeting the people who make democracy work, this year's awards focused on Oregon's county elections officials and members of the Oregon Translation Advisory Council.

The NASS medallions were presented to five former county elections officials:

- Jenkins, Lincoln County Clerk (38 years of service, 32 as county clerk);
- Robin Church, Union County Clerk (32 years of service, 16 as county clerk);

- Renee' Kolen, Curry County Clerk (37 years of service, 30 as county clerk);
- Mickie Kawai, Washington County Elections Division Manager (33 years of service);
- Cheryl Betschart, Lane County Clerk (20+ years of service, 12 as county clerk).

Since 2020, almost a third of county clerks in Oregon have retired or left their position. In November 2023, the Elections and Voting Information Center at Reed College released the Oregon County Election Staffing Research Study, which was commissioned by the Oregon Elections Division to better understand the pressures and challenges facing local elections offices. The report highlights the obstacles clerks across the state face, writing: "Far too many of the county clerks are subject to abuse, threats, and harassment. As a consequence, local election offices have experienced a wave of retirements, resignations, and loss of expertise, and it isn't clear how this expertise will be replaced."

"County clerks are the backbone of our democracy and elections infrastructure," Griffin-Valade said. "The five former clerks receiving the awards are dedicated, inspiring, and respected public servants. They stood on the front lines of democracy to defend election integrity and transparency."



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OSP seeking public assistance in poaching cases

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Oregon State Police investigators are seeking public assistance in solving two poaching cases.

Poachers killed three cow elk in Umatilla County and a bull elk in Lincoln County earlier this month, according to OSP.

Anyone with information that leads to an arrest or citation in either case may receive rewards of \$1,000

or four hunter preference points.

BACKGROUND

OSP Fish and Wildlife troopers received a report Jan. 6 of three dead cow elk located on private property in the Columbia Basin Unit in Umatilla County.

The carcasses were near Cold Springs Reservoir and Kosmos Road. All three cows had been shot the night before and left to waste. Anyone with

information is encouraged to contact the Oregon State Police Dispatch at 1-800-452-7888, *OSP (*677), or email at TIP@osp.oregon.gov. Reference case number SP24006650.

OSP Fish and Wildlife troopers from the Newport office responded Jan. 8 to a report of a bull elk shot and killed in a clearing near milepost 4 on Harlan Road. They located the carcass approximately 100 yards from a Weyerhaeuser

gate above Harlan Road. Evidence indicates the bull elk was illegally shot the previous night.

The poacher or poachers removed two hindquarters from the carcass, leaving most of the meat to waste.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Oregon State Police Dispatch at 1-800-452-7888, *OSP (*677), or email at TIP@osp.oregon.gov. Reference case number SP008527.

The Protect Oregon's Wildlife-Turn In Poachers campaign educates the public on how to recognize and report poaching. The campaign is a collaboration among state agencies, sportsmen and other conservationists, landowners, and recreationists to engage the public in combatting Oregon's poaching problem.

The goal is to: Incentivize reporting on wildlife crimes through the TIP Line; Strengthen enforcement

by increasing the number of OSP Fish and Wildlife Troopers; and Support prosecution in becoming an effective deterrent.

The campaign helps to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitat for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

Contact campaign coordinator Yvonne Shaw for more information at Yvonne.L.Shaw@odfw.oregon.gov.

Commissioner Claire Hall files for re-election

Lincoln County Commissioner Claire Hall recently announced she has filed to run for re-election this May. Hall, first elected in 2005, is the current commissions' longest serving member.

"We've got big challenges," Hall said, "But with big challenges also come great opportunities." She cited the significant progress the county has made in creating affordable housing, emergency and transitional housing, and supportive services.

"Hundreds of people have a roof

over their head tonight thanks to the efforts of local government and nonprofits," Hall observed, adding, "We've had to fight for the resources we need to help those in greatest need."

Hall, while serving as commissioner, also represented the county on numerous regional and state boards and been an advocate for the county's needs at the state level. She's been a member of the Oregon Housing Stability Council since 2018 and its chair since 2020.

Numerous housing projects, totaling several hundred units, have been funded in the county under Hall's leadership.

The county is operating its own overnight shelter for the first time this winter. Under Hall's leadership, Community Corrections acquired and maintains four transitional homes to help people exiting jail or prison to make a successful transition back into the community.

In the past year, Hall led the development of a five-year countywide

coordinated homeless plan, with participation of the cities and other key stakeholders. "It's a challenging issue, but we're finally starting to move the dial in a positive way."

"We're building a stronger county organization every day," Hall said. "Not only are we delivering our basic services through public safety, health care, roads and other basic services, we rose on the occasion not once in twice with the twin disasters of 2020 — the Echo Mountain Fire and the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The county has multiple building projects in the works, including the renovation of the County Commons. The county also expects to begin construction this year on a new animal shelter.

Hall also continues to be an advocate for the county's Veterans Services Office, which helps veterans and their families access the federal benefits they've earned. Expanding addictions and mental health treatment has been another priority.

Oregon Coastal Caucus still concerned about offshore wind

Lawmakers representing Oregon's coastal communities reiterated their concerns about offshore wind development to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) in a strongly worded letter earlier this month.

Organized as the Oregon Coastal Caucus, the Jan. 19 letter urging BOEM to prioritize the concerns of coastal community members and current ocean users was signed by seven Oregon legislators. They are Rep. David Gomberg, Sen. Dick Anderson, Sen. David Brock Smith, Sen. Suzanne Weber, Rep. Boomer Wright, Rep. Cyrus Javadi, and Rep. Court Boice.

"We cannot move forward with offshore wind in Oregon until the needs and concerns of these groups have been addressed," the letter stated, noting opposition from the fishing industry, marine scientists, engineers, environmentalists, tribal governments, and coastal municipalities.

This isn't the first time the Coastal Caucus has gone on the record with their dissatisfaction with the federal agency's process. In May of 2022, the legislators pointed out widespread concerns and urged BOEM, among other things, to slow down the process in order to better hear and respond

to concerns, locate wind turbines in deeper water, and engage in a full review of potential impacts on marine habitat, marine birds and mammals, and environmental impacts. In 2023, the group voiced its support for Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek's call for a "pause" on the offshore wind process, which was co-signed by U.S. Senators Wyden and Merkley, as well as U.S. Representatives Hoyle and Bonamici.

Caucus members were not satisfied that BOEM was listening and responding to concerns. In its most recent letter, the group pointed out that, in 2023, opportunities for

in-person public comment "were limited to the south coast, ignoring the central coast where a significant proportion of the commercial fishing community is based."

Lawmakers pointed out that the seafood industry supports more than 7,000 full-time jobs. They shared the concerns expressed by many since offshore wind discussions began that "a new use of the ocean should not come at the cost of existing uses and resources that provide benefits to food security and the economies of Oregon coastal communities."

Heather Mann, executive director of Midwater Trawlers Cooperative,

expressed her appreciation for the unwavering commitment of the Oregon Coastal Caucus to represent the concerns of constituents.

"We want to remind BOEM at every stage of this lengthy and worrying process that Oregonians will not be simply ignored or run over by outside interests. Our concerns have not been addressed and we are grateful for the Oregon Coastal Caucus and this reminder to BOEM that we aren't backing down," she said.

To read the full letter from the Oregon Coastal Caucus, visit the "news" page of midwatertrawlers.org.

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Task force on beer, wine taxes and alcohol addiction gets to work

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Guest Article

A longtime proponent of taxes on beer and wine is now in charge of a state task force studying the public health impacts of alcohol abuse and whether to raise alcohol taxes for addiction treatment.

Rep. Tawna Sanchez, D-Portland, was elected chair of the state’s new Alcohol Pricing and Addiction Services task force in its first meeting last week. The 20-person board is made up of state lawmakers, public health experts and representatives of Oregon’s beer, wine and cider industries.

The task force is looking at alcohol addiction in Oregon, its cost to the state and the funding of Oregon’s lackluster addiction prevention and treatment system. It’s also considering whether to boost taxes on beer and wine, which are set by the Legislature.

Alcohol kills more than 2,000 people and costs the state nearly \$5 billion a year, according to the Oregon Health Authority. Advocates and some lawmakers have been pushing for years to raise alcohol taxes. Studies show drinking goes down when taxes go up, and Oregon levies some of the lowest taxes on beer and wine of any state.

But the beer and wine industry along with distillers have repeatedly pushed back against higher taxes, including a request last year by Gov. Tina Kotek to increase the alcohol surcharge by 50 cents to fund addiction treatment that she eventually withdrew. The industry touts its value to the state’s economy, and brewers, in particular, saying a tax increase now would arrive during a stretch of bad business.

Nationally, beer sales fell 5% last year, according to the industry publication Beer Marketer’s Insights. More breweries closed than opened in Oregon, which is unusual, according to the Oregon Beverage Alliance.

“This is a pretty complicated issue,” Jamie Floyd, part-owner of Eugene-based Ninkasi Brewing, said at

Friday’s meeting. “It seems like the state of Oregon has actually done a fairly good job of raising money, just not necessarily getting it to where it wants (it) to be.”

Taxes on beer, wine and cider producers raise more than \$40 million, according to the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis. The state also distributes and sells liquor at a mark-up, which brought in almost \$625 million from 2021 to 2023.

However, the state spends about 3% of those funds on addiction, according to Ramsey Cox, a spokesperson for the Oregon Beverage Alliance, which opposes new taxes. The tax also applies to out-of-state producers that sell in Oregon.

Alcohol sales amount to the state’s third-largest source of revenue, said Matthew Van Sickle, a spokesperson for the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission.

BIG PUBLIC HEALTH COSTS

Alcohol takes a big toll on Oregonians: It’s the third preventable cause of death in the state, according to the Oregon Health Authority. Drinking is linked to one-third of motor vehicle crashes and one-quarter of suicides. It also causes about one-third of the deaths from falls.

Alcohol is also a Group 1 carcinogen like asbestos and cigarettes. Cells damaged by alcohol can grow uncontrollably and become tumors – in the breast, colon, head, neck, liver and prostate. Excessive drinking also harms the heart and liver and increases the risk for high blood pressure, stroke, hepatitis, cirrhosis of the liver and fatty liver disease.

Dr. Tom Jeanne, an epidemiologist and deputy state health officer at the Oregon Health Authority, said alcohol producers bring “valuable contributions” to the state’s economy and culture. But he said alcohol costs the state \$4.8 billion a year in health care costs, criminal justice costs, motor vehicle crashes and lost productivity.

“We also want to raise awareness of the large harms and burden we face as a state from alcohol,” Jeanne said.

In December, the health authority launched a campaign to raise awareness about the harms of excessive drinking, marking the first such campaign by a health department across the country.

According to the Portland-based nonprofit advocacy group Oregon Recovers, about 15% of Oregonians binge drink and 12% have an alcohol use disorder. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines binge-drinking as least four drinks per occasion for women and at least five for men.

Nationally, the federal agency says alcohol kills 140,000 people in the U.S. a year. One study found that alcohol accounted for one-fifth of all deaths of adults aged 20 to 49 between 2015 and 2019. The researchers said that public health authorities could reduce premature deaths with “evidenced-based ... alcohol policies, such as increasing alcohol taxes or regulating alcohol outlet density.”

TAX INCREASES QUASHED

Oregon lawmakers can raise taxes on beer, wine, and cider. Like any tax increase, that requires a three-fifths majority of lawmakers. The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission also fills state coffers by selling hard liquor at more than double market price.

The commission first imposed a 50-cent bottle surcharge on alcohol and spirits in 2009 that has been renewed since then.

But lawmakers have not increased beer and wine taxes since the 1980s. In 2021, Sanchez — a licensed social worker who says she is in recovery — introduced a bill to dramatically raise taxes and use the windfall to help shore up Oregon’s poor addiction treatment system.

The proposal would have raised the state’s beer and cider tax from \$2.60 per barrel to more than \$70. The wine tax would have spiked from 65 cents per gallon to more than \$10. The bill died in committee after an industry lobbying effort.

Sanchez tried again to pass a smaller tax increase last



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Oregon’s beer industry executives say a tax hike now would come at a bad time for business.

year, but that effort also fell flat.

During the task force meeting, Sanchez called that bill “an opening salvo” to begin a conversation. Ultimately, she sponsored the law that created the alcohol task force last year.

Aaron Sarnoff-Wood is the co-founder of Corvallis-based 2 Towns Ciderhouse. He said Friday that the cidery has grown into the third largest in the U.S.

He said Sanchez’s proposed tax increase would have cost his business \$4 million per year, which is more than his company’s profitability. Any more taxes that come from the task force would hit

his business as the industry struggles amid declining public interest in alcohol.

“It has been a rough couple of years for the alcohol production industry,” he said.

Oregon has lost more than 20 breweries this year, according to the Oregon Beverage Association. Cox said that’s largely because demand for beer fell during the pandemic, and people aren’t drinking as much as they used to.

“The last thing any local business needs are tax increases,” she said in an email.

Follow developments at the Lincoln County Leader website and in the Wednesday

print editions of the Lincoln County Leader.

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Sven Åke Jönsson

November 13, 1927 – December 20, 2023

Sven was born in Ljungbyhed, Sweden on November 13, 1927 to Karl Jönsson and Signe Bjorklund.

Sven graduated high school at the age of 14 and then entered the Swedish Merchant Marine and continued his higher education around the world. In 1943 he was thrust into World War II transporting troops and war supplies. By the time he was 16, he was proficient at machine guns. At the age of 18, he made it to Chief Engineer. Later he left the Merchant Marine in the 1960’s where he became a plumbing and electrical contractor and did marine surveys on the side. In 1964, Sven became a citizen of the United States.

On September 14, 1973, he married Linda Howes in Winnemucca, Nevada and have been married for 50 years.

In 1978, Sven built a 58’ vessel, outfitted for crabbing and tender and fished it in Cordova, Ak. Although it has sunk twice, it still is fishing to this day, the SS Viking. In 1986, Sven outfitted a 52 ft yacht and lived aboard and in 2004 he built their last home



all by himself at the age of 77 in Cordova, Alaska.

Sven was a member of the Nordic Club, as well as a member of Salvation Army. He enjoyed cutting fire wood and loved to fish, hunt wild game and picking wild berries in Alaska. Wilderness was a pleasure of his as he would gather at least 13 different type of berries.

He was also a skier and also raced bicycles. Every time him and Linda would sell a home, Sven made sure there was a years worth of wood for the new owners. Sven built five homes for him and his family, which occupied a lot of his free time.

Sven is preceded in death by his parents, Karl Jonsson and Signe Bjorklund, and his daughter, Sonja Mae Jonsson. He is survived by his wife, Linda (Howes) Jonsson.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Newport’s Salvation Army.

There will be a celebration of life on February 10th, 2024 at 2pm at the Depoe Bay Community Center (located next to the Depoe Bay Coast Guard station).

Wayne Douglas Helgersen (Helge)

05/02/1945 -01/19/2024

It is with a very sad heart that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle and dear friend.

Wayne Douglas Helgersen who passed away at home on January 19th 2024 at the age of 81.

Wayne was born in Dallas, Oregon on May 2nd 1942 to Harold G. Helgersen and Dolly M Tate Helgersen. He was the youngest of 3 boys, all born in the month of May. And his older brothers are the ones who named him.

Wayne loved life and both worked and played hard. He started working at West Coast linens as a sheet shaker while still in High School then went to work in a couple of different saw mills, he also worked construction on Green Peter Dam and on the new Pioneer Mt. Road on Highway 20 before going to Cascadia saw mill in Toledo. In 1969 Wayne went to work for Georgia Pacific Paper Mill where he worked for 34 years, working his way up the ladder to the highest position of paper machine until health forced him to retire in 2001.

Wayne’s favorite past times were fishing, crabbing and playing pool and of course his beer and vodka. He so enjoyed going to the Mad tavern on Sundays to drink beer play pool with his buddies and tell tall tales about fishing, crabbing and working at the mill (among other things). He taught his wife



Linda how to fish for Salmon and to Fly fish and took a lot of ribbing because she usually out fished him, he said it was because he was such a good teacher! And he was! He started to teach his daughter Shelly to Fly Fish, but his health got in the way, and he could not continue.

Wayne married Sherrie (Sharon) Johnson in 1963 and had a daughter Julie and a son

Chris, they later divorced. In 1976 he married Linda McFadden and they lovingly shared 3 months short of 48 years

They had one daughter together, Shelly.

Wayne was preceded in death by both parents, both brothers, Harold (Hoot) and Darroll and a young nephew.

He is survived by his wife Linda of 48 years, son Chris Helgersen and his wife Erin Luckman, Kennewick Wa., daughters Shelly Helgersen and wife Cindy Baker, Elk City, Or. Julie Wilson Kennewick, Wa., step son Robert Kupers, Az. nephew Robin Helgersen and wife Tinker, Redmond, Or. along with many many grandkids and great grandkids, nieces and nephews and cousins. Along with his best friends Gerry Fowler, Leroy Bates and Bill and Anita Wheeler.

Per Waynes request there will be no service, he said “just have 1 or 2 for me and pretend I am there!”

Handled by Batemans in Newport Oregon.

DEATH NOTICES

BARBARA ANN CRANDALL

Barbara Ann Crandall, 79, of Lincoln City, Oregon, passed away on Dec. 31, 2023.

She was born on Dec. 3, 1948, to Martha (Burdick) and Nonnie Williams in Glendale, California.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Lincoln County City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101. A reception will follow.

CLINTON MICHAEL WEBSTER

Clinton Michael Webster, 38, passed away on Jan. 7, 2024, in Corvallis, Oregon.

He was born on Nov. 9, 1985, to Dale and Darleen Webster in La Mesa, California. He grew up in Newport, Oregon, and graduated from Newport High School.

Services were held Jan. 27, 2024, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Newport. In lieu of flowers, people

are asked to make a donation to Community Services Consortium “Youth Build” program in his honor.

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SUSPECT

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as children on social media sites, and were contacted by adults who allegedly attempted to meet up with people they believed to be minors for the purpose of sexual intercourse.

Lincoln City police say that in April 2023, Wilson contacted an undercover online social media profile maintained by law enforcement personnel who were investigating online child-sex crimes. Though police say Wilson was told in an online conversation the person he was contacting was 15 years old on multiple occasions, Wilson proceeded to arrange a meetup.

According to an initial affidavit of probable cause, Wilson’s online conversation with the undercover social media profile reportedly grew increasingly sexual and seemingly predatory in nature. Eventually, Wilson asked the person he was texting to send him photos of various body parts. Three days later, LCPD says Wilson sent two videos of himself “completely nude and clearly showing his genitalia.”

In mid-June of last year, Wilson asked in the chat to meet with the person he believed to be 15 during the Fourth of July holiday weekend. When the undercover profile asked Wilson if the two would engage in sexual intercourse during their meeting, Wilson allegedly replied, “I’m saying if it feels right for both of us, I’m open to it,” and stated on multiple occasions he’s an “in-the-moment” type of guy.

Law enforcement arrested Wilson last July at a Gleneden Beach restaurant where Wilson was scheduled to meet the owner of the online profile.

A first-degree online sexual corruption of a child conviction carries a maximum penalty of up to 10 years in prison and/or a \$200,000 fine.

Of the others arrested in the LCPD online sting, 40-year-old Lakeview resident Mitchell Houston Conte, pleaded guilty in December to two counts each of third-degree sodomy and contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor, and a single count of second-degree sexual abuse. He was sentenced to a combined five years in prison, with credit for time served, and 50 months’ probation.

Others captured in the sting who’ve pleaded guilty include Newport 35-year-old Austin James Marshall and Lincoln City 44-year-old Daniel Christopher Bastien, both of whom were convicted on a count of first-degree online sexual corruption of a child.

Ceotis Hearses Ulysses Rhodes, age 35, of Lincoln City, pleaded guilty in July to luring a minor, but issued an appeal of the judgment and 14-month jail sentence about a month later.

Also included in the October news release from the Lincoln City Police Department were arrestees Ryan Richard Braddock of Lincoln City, and Myrtle Point 49-year-old James Orio Robinson. Braddock, who pleaded not guilty in August to two counts each of luring a minor and second-degree online sexual corruption of a child, was scheduled Monday morning for an early resolution conference in Lincoln County Circuit Court. Robinson, who pleaded not guilty in October to first-degree online sexual; corruption of a child and luring a minor, is scheduled for a conflict resolution conference at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, in Lincoln County Circuit Court.

RETIRE

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true to her nature, Birgitte stayed at the helm and helped the college leverage its nimble nature, its creative team of faculty and staff, and its remarkable student body, to thrive throughout the pandemic, which proved to be devastating to many lesser prepared colleges across the country. The college and the Lincoln County community owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Ryslinge for her stewardship of the amazing public resource we call Oregon Coast Community College.”

OCCC was founded in 1987. During its 37-year history, the college enjoyed a remarkable degree of stability in leadership, according to a release from OCCC. While Oregon Coast Community College presidents tend to average a little over five years in office, two OCCC presidents together served the college for more than 32 years.

“Dr. Patrick O’Connor served as president for 22 years, retiring not long after achieving a series of milestones for the institution, including the successful construction of the college’s permanent facilities in Waldport, Newport and Lincoln City, as well as the creation of both its aquarium science and nursing programs,” the release states.

In the summer of 2014, Ryslinge received a mandate from the Oregon Coast Community College Board of Education to lead the college to independent accreditation. OCCC was the last of Oregon’s small colleges to be accredited

through larger institutions. Ryslinge successfully led the college to independence, which was formally recognized by the Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities in February 2020.

Under Ryslinge’s leadership, the college radically changed its instruction and operational modalities to ensure student needs were met throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

To manage multiple meetings across its 1,200-square-mile county, in 2017, Ryslinge ensured that OCCC adopted a preferred video conference tool (Zoom) and along with a consistent on-line learning management platform (Canvas).

“Thus, instructors, students, and staff were comfortable and familiar with the technology that would ultimately dominate distance education and meetings, providing a head start of sorts. Ryslinge built and fostered a culture of action at OCCC,” the release states.

“Perfect is the enemy of good” was an expression frequently heard in meetings with Ryslinge, who urged forward movement as opposed to more meetings. This principle, which she dubbed “strategic doing” is something many of her team members point to when explaining how the college managed to achieve independent accreditation in five, rather than the expected seven years, and also endure the pandemic with far less loss of enrollment than most other

colleges suffered, according to the OCCC release.

OCCC officials said Ryslinge is also credited with strengthening the college’s relationship with the Lincoln County School District, offering new options for students to earn college credits while still enrolled in high school and a variety of joint projects designed to expand career and technical education (CTE) options for local students of all ages.

“Dr. Ryslinge has been instrumental in developing a post-secondary partnership with Lincoln County School District,” Lincoln County School District Superintendent Majalisse Tolan said. “That partnership has provided trades and degree seeking education to support our students, county, and workforce.”

CTE programs launched under Ryslinge’s tutelage include welding, early childhood education, new programs within nursing and allied health, and the innovative “Teach at the Beach” grow-our-own teacher program, among others.

PAWN SHOP

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Coast Highway on the report or a physical altercation between a store employee and a customer. Upon law enforcement arrival, the arresting officer stated they witnessed a man, later identified as Dabney, with a knife in each of his hands, walking toward two men holding firearms. The probable cause affidavit notes Dabney was yelling at the armed men, the owner and a Newport Pawn

Shop employee, “looked very angry, and was very agitated.”

According to police, after the armed civilians complied with law enforcement instructions to lower their weapons and move away, Dabney ignored commands to drop his knives and advanced toward police, who incapacitated the suspect with a Taser in order to place him into custody.

Police say that after being placed in handcuffs, Dabney kicked a Newport police officer, then, while being placed

into a patrol vehicle, Dabney reportedly kicked in the inside of the passenger-side rear door, bending it from its frame and causing more than \$1,000 in damage.

Newport Police department officers were assisted at the scene by Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office personnel. Those with information regarding the case are asked to contact NPD Officer Jack Grippin at 541-574-3348, call the Text-a-Tip line at 541-270-1856, or send an email to tipline@newportpolice.net.



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HOYLE

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the ice hit harder.” In Lane County, she said, the ice storm was devastating in some areas, with inches of ice accumulating. “In Cottage Grove, they ran out of power at the hospital because there was no way to get gas (for generators). “In Eugene, they got less than an inch of ice, but in east Springfield, 80 percent of the trees were damaged.” And at the Springfield hospital, “We had 120 people in the waiting room who couldn’t get back home, couldn’t leave, there weren’t enough beds,” she said.

Many people are prepared to cope with a loss of power lasting perhaps two or three days, but some areas hit by the recent storms were without power for a week or more, leaving many with no source of heat in the sub-freezing temperatures. Hoyle said she tried to facilitate aid to hard-hit areas in her district, and she added that steps need to be taken to help mitigate the impact of future events like this.

“Number one, we made sure working with our local elected officials to alert the governor, because the Portland metro area also got hit,” she said. “Sometimes what we find is that when there’s an event in the Portland metro area, the downstate areas are not on their radar, and there’s lots of people there.

“In terms of resiliency,” added Hoyle, “we want to make sure that generators are available. One of the things we were talking about, both here in Lincoln County and in Lane County, was that we had assisted living facilities that didn’t have back-up generators.” She and other legislators will be looking at what they can do to channel federal funds to the state, which could be in the form of community project appropriations that each congressperson and senator get to select each year. “So for 2024-25, how can we help invest in public safety, communications,” she said.

Another major issue is the disaster response that is channeled through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

“Sometimes the federal government can be overly bureaucratic. One of my first bills that I signed on to was to make FEMA a cabinet-level office,” Hoyle said. “Right now, it’s under Homeland Security because it used to be we’d have natural disasters that would happen every once in a while.” But now, major storms are occurring around the country on what seems to be an ongoing basis. “I think (FEMA response) needs to be directed by the president at the cabinet level. With the climate crisis, with climate change, we are seeing much more extreme weather. We’ve seen it with snow. We’ve seen it with ice. We’ve seen it with wildfires. We need to be more prepared.

“The other thing about FEMA is that they are so careful to make sure that

nobody takes money from the federal government inappropriately that they put huge burdens on people who have just lost their homes ... it is a very difficult bureaucratic process,” added Hoyle. “So we are going to work with senators Merkley and Wyden and these communities to help make sure they can access the resources that they need.”

With the power outages, there were families who lost thousands of dollars worth of food that they are going to have to replace. “We can replace SNAP benefits, and the governor has declared state of emergencies,” Hoyle said. “So it really goes from local, to state, to federal government for this kind of help and assistance where the federal government will be able to pay for 75 to 90 percent of the cleanup. And that is going to be very important.”

THOUGHTS ON THE POLITICAL SCENE

In the current political arena, things are heating up as we move closer to this year’s general election. Hoyle was asked for her take on how well she thinks Congress is functioning these days.

“I have to say it’s bizarre because day-to-day basis, on all of my bills that have been passed, they have been bipartisan. And I work very well with my colleagues, Republicans and Democrats, on non-partisan issues.”

But although things may seem “normal” on the day-to-day basis, “then we go to the floor, and the small minority of extremists ... the people who want to break government, they have a disproportionate amount of control in Congress because Republicans are afraid to break the party line. For me, I’m going to vote for whatever I think is best for my district. I show up, and I fight for this district. I’m proud of the things we’ve gotten done.”

Hoyle said, “I have just been focused on doing my job, getting out there and meeting people in the community. Getting out there and making sure that every part of this district feels like they’re represented. These are real difficult times in the world, in our local communities, and the hyper-polarization that we are seeing means that we are not seeing each other as people.”

During the past year, Hoyle’s office worked with 624 constituent families in solving their problems. “And we’ve responded to over 30,000 letters. We had 1,259 constituent meetings in the last year throughout this district,” she added.

FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Oregon’s Fourth Congressional District includes Lincoln County, Benton County, Coos County, northern Douglas County and Lane County. The district covers more than 250 miles of coastline.

Hoyle said her congressional district includes people from across the political spectrum, “and my job is to make sure I’m fighting for everyone and meeting them

where they are. The only way to do that is to actually travel the district and talk to people.”

She also said she will be responsive to her constituents. “We want to make sure people know that they can reach out to our office. If they have a problem with the federal government, we can help them navigate sometimes really difficult bureaucratic processes.” She said she can help people with things like tracking a misdirected benefits payment; helping to fill out a federal government form; applying for Social Security, veteran, education, and other federal benefits; explaining federal government activities or decisions; applying to a military service academy; and immigrating to the U.S. or applying for citizenship.

People can contact Hoyle’s office by calling 202-225-6416 or filling out a form online at <https://hoyle.house.gov>.



COURTESY PHOTO

“This was a very, very strange storm,” U.S. Rep. Val Hoyle said of the recent snow and ice event that devastated several areas in the state. Here, she observes downed trees in the Springfield area during a recent visit to her district.

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Copeland Lumber moving forward on construction of Lincoln City store



Copeland Lumber will be helping to meet the north county demand for building supplies when it opens a new location in Lincoln City later this year.

Copeland Lumber recently announced that construction has begun at its new, additional location in Lincoln City. The newly built retail store and warehouse will be situated on the old Lincoln City Cinemas property on SE High School Drive. The new retail store, warehouse and lumber yard will occupy the parking lot areas of the property, with the old theater building to remain. The theater building is not included in Copeland's development and is owned by another company.

Copeland Lumber could see that there was a demand for a lumber yard in Lincoln City, and jumped at the opportunity to better service the area and the surrounding communities. Copeland Lumber has already been servicing the Lincoln City to Pacific City areas for years from its Newport location, which has been difficult to accomplish from so far away. The market in Lincoln City is large enough to support a full-service lumber yard, company officials said, and having this new location is a great opportunity to grow the service area. Also, this location will be opened seven days a week.

"With Copeland Lumber being locally owned and operated, we can quickly tailor our business to meet the needs and demands of the area and our customers alike," a company press release stated.



PHOTO BY JEREMY RUARK

Construction recently began for a new Copeland Lumber location in Lincoln City. The retail store and warehouse will be located at the old Lincoln City Cinemas' property on Southeast High School Drive. It is expected to open sometime this summer.

"Copeland's ability to make rapid changes to the business was a contributing factor in adding the new store. Depending upon the progress of construction and store setup, the Lincoln City store is expected to open sometime in the early summer.

Jeff Izatt, store manager for this new location, said, "Lincoln City is of the size that needs and deserves to have a lumber yard located

here, and the benefit of having a store here is huge for us and the customers we already serve. Those reasons are why we decided to take the unbelievable opportunity to add another location. We have only heard overwhelming support about our presence in Lincoln City," he continued. "We will also be creating 20+ jobs with this new location."

About Copeland Lumber
Newport Waldport Acquisition Corp, doing business as Copeland Lumber, was established in 1999 when a group of its employees got together and purchased the Newport and Waldport yards from Copeland Lumber Yards Inc. In 2002, they added the Florence lumber yard. Copeland Lumber sells quality lumber and building materials to both

commercial and residential customers in Lincoln, Lane, and Tillamook counties and the surrounding areas. They are committed to providing customers with high-quality building materials at competitive prices. From lumber to metal and asphalt roofing to siding to windows and doors, Copeland Lumber has the materials at prices to accommodate every budget.

New state audit stresses patient protection, public trust

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader.

The Oregon Medical Board (OMB) can do more to ensure it disciplines health care professionals fairly and consistently, according to a new audit released today by the Oregon Audits Division.

OMB regulates health care professionals in the state of Oregon under Oregon's Medical Practice Act. The primary mechanism by which this happens is licensing health care professionals, investigating complaints, and disciplining any licensees who violate the act. The board receives

between 700 and 800 complaints each year.

Auditors found many opportunities for the board to better standardize its disciplinary process to ensure all licensees are treated consistently and equitably. Auditors did not review individual complaints or make judgment calls on their results but focused on complaint outcomes on a systemic level.

OMB CHART

Ensuring consistency can be tricky. Medical complaint cases are often complex with unique circumstances that affect the outcome. Two allegations may appear to be similar

but have entirely different outcomes based on the details of each case.

For instance, say two patients encounter similar complications with a specific type of surgery. One patient was already in a poor state of health before the surgery. The other patient was in good health, but had a surgeon who lacked experience, or had a prior history of negligence in patient care. This could result in very different board decisions for each physician.

However, it's important OMB be consistent and equitable in its regulation of health care professionals to protect patients — as

well as providers — and maintain public trust.

"Regulations are often talked about as rules to follow to protect people who receive services," Oregon Audits Director Kip Memmott said. "But effective regulation also protects those providing the services. When it comes to regulations that affect public health, people need to have confidence those rules are being implemented equitably and effectively."

In 2021, the Centers for Disease Control officially declared racism a serious public health threat. Racism affects an individual's ability to obtain housing, education, employment, and

wealth — factors which experts refer to as the social determinants of health. Racial and ethnic minority populations experience higher rates of poor health and disease in a range of health conditions, such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity, asthma, and heart disease.

These disparities persist even when controlling for socioeconomic and other factors, such as income and the quality of health insurance coverage.

If licensees are disciplined inequitably, especially as a result of discrimination or even unconscious bias, it can limit the representation of people of color

in medical professions. This can contribute to continued disparities in medical treatment and health outcomes for these communities.

Auditors also pointed out OMB needs to be able to gather more holistic data. Currently, the board's data system doesn't capture complaint information in a way that allows it to easily analyze disciplinary decisions. Improving on that database would allow OMB to conduct routine, systematic data analysis to assess whether outcomes are consistent and equitable across similar cases.

Read the full report with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website.

FINANCIAL FREEDOM

A quick guide to health care after retirement

Sharpen your pencil and prepare to embark on a quest to understand health care after retirement. Navigating this landscape can be tricky, so let's break it down.

UNDERSTAND YOUR MEDICARE COVERAGE

Medicare is the primary health insurance for most Americans ages 65 and older. However, it's crucial to understand that it doesn't cover everything. Here's a quick breakdown of the four general parts of Medicare:

- **Plan A** (hospital) covers inpatient care, skilled nursing, hospice, and some home health.
- **Plan B** (medical) covers outpatient visits, home health, preventive care, tests, and some equipment.
- **Plan C** (Medicare Advantage) includes bundles of parts A and B, often with D, plus extras like vision and dental coverage.



Julia Carlson

- **Plan D** (prescription drug) covers prescriptions.

You may be automatically enrolled in Plan A with Social Security but do not forget to sign up for Part B during your enrollment period. Your Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) lasts for seven months: the three months before your 65th birthday month, your birthday month, and the three months after your birthday month. Signing up during this period avoids late enrollment penalties.

Optionally, there are 10 Medigap, or Medicare supplement, plans (A, B, C, D, F, G, K, L, M and N) that can help cover deductibles, copays, dental, vision, hearing aids, and gym memberships.

You'll want to make sure you have the coverage you need before you need it. You can find out more at the Medicare website: www.medicare.gov

BEYOND MEDICARE: THE LONG-TERM CARE LANDSCAPE

When daily living activities become tricky due to age or illness, long-term care steps in. But traditional Medicare doesn't cover this, and the costs can be astronomical. That's where long-term care insurance can help manage the financial burden of long-term care.

BUILDING YOUR FINANCIAL SAFETY NET

Before you retire, here are some steps you can take to prepare for your future health care expenses:

- Build an emergency fund to help cover 6-12 months of living expenses.
- Health savings accounts (HSAs) contribute tax-free dollars to cover qualified medical expenses, if available through your workplace health plan.
- Life insurance can provide financial security for your loved ones in case of your death.
- Find an advocate to help you navigate this complex health care system.

Don't leave your post-retirement health care to chance. Research your options, plan, and make informed decisions. You have a wealth of resources at your fingertips, from the Medicare website to seasoned health care professionals and skilled financial coaches. They're ready to empower you to navigate this important transition with confidence.

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Cubs ride OWC rollercoaster



Newport High School senior forward Braxton Blaser fights for space in the paint with Sweet Home senior forward Colin Nicholson on Jan. 23 during a 4A-3 Oregon West Conference boys basketball game at Spangler Court in Newport. Blaser tallied a team-high 21 points in leading the Cubs to a 67-38 victory.

MICHAEL HEINBACH/LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER

Irish, Warriors pick up wins

MICHAEL HEINBACH
Lincoln County Leader

The going is hardly ever easy for boys basketball teams in the 4A-3 Oregon West Conference. And this winter is no exception, with three of the league’s six schools — No. 2 Cascade, fourth-ranked Philomath and No. 6 North Marion — highly ranked within the classification. So, for an up-and-coming program such as the one in Newport, there are bound to be some speedbumps along the way.

Rebounding from a subpar effort in their conference debut, the Cubs rode the hot hand of senior forward Braxton Blaser to a dominant 67-38 victory Jan. 23 over Oregon West Conference-foe Sweet Home at Spangler Court in Newport. However, last Friday night, Newport fell short in dropping a 57-53 decision at Stayton.

The next stretch of the journey gets no easier for the Cubs, who began the week sitting at 1-2 in conference play, 9-5 overall. They played Tuesday night at Cascade, are scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, to host North Marion, then take a second shot at Philomath with a 7 p.m. contest Monday, Feb. 5, on friendly hardwood at Spangler Court.

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NST makes waves

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

LEBANON — The Newport Swim Team competitive youth club claimed both the girls and boys team titles Jan. 20-21 at the eight-program Lebanon Invitational meet. Combined, NST tallied 338 points over its next closest competitor, the Blue Dolphin Swim Team from Dallas.

On Jan. 28, 12 NST athletes, ranging in age from 8 to 17, competed in the CAT Winter Invitational in Corvallis, where the 70-member home team dominated the final standings, but Newport may have shined brightest. NST’s

girls placed second, and the boys team was third as each competing Newport swimmer earned team points.

Overall on Sunday, NST swimmers posted 28 top-three finishes and 18 individual victories in Corvallis, as well as 21 personal-best times. Of the highlights for NST, 10-year-old Zoey Chappell set a new team record in the ages 9-10 girls 200-yard backstroke in winning all three of her races, 10-year-old Ivan Weisz won both his events, and Newport High School senior Pia Lihou won her

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PREP WRESTLING ROUNDUP

Boomers, SVS, Irish rumble at Monroe

Taft, NHS prep for districts

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

MONROE — The Toledo boys wrestling team earned four individual championships, Siletz Valley had two weight class winners and a Waldport freshman took second place Jan. 27 at the Howell Invitational at Monroe High School.

Santiam Christian, with 186 points, edged Toledo at 179 for

the team title, but Nic Kaufman at 138 pounds, Christian Retherford at 144, Cody Vance at 215 and Kolby Coxen at 285 each came home with medalist honors for Toledo.

Siletz Valley, which placed eighth of 12 scoring schools, received individual titles from Dean Smith at 113 pounds, and Joshua Johnson at 175.

Gabriel Dooley led Waldport with a runner-up finish at 175. The Irish totaled 30 points and finished 11th.

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MICHAEL HEINBACH/LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER

Taft High School junior point guard Sienna Lillebo drives for a layup past Santiam Christian defenders Ariana Boutilier, left, and Mia Fulbright last Friday night during the Tigers’ 40-33 victory in a 3A-3 PacWest Conference girls basketball game in Lincoln City.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Tigers enter ‘winning Mode’

Cubs earn OWC win, Irish, ECS, Toledo stumble

MICHAEL HEINBACH
Lincoln County Leader

LINCOLN CITY — Hall of Fame former NBA basketball player Ervin “Magic” Johnson used to call the final stages of a game, when the final outcome often is decided,

“winning time.” The Taft High School girls basketball team has its own variation on Johnson’s theme known as “winning Mode,” and now, during the regular season’s stretch run, there’s no better time for the Tigers to get into it.

It was far from the Taft’s top performance of the campaign, but junior guard Sienna Lillebo and senior Aliviah “Winning” Mode led the Tigers to their third straight 3A-3 PacWest Conference victory and ninth win in their last 11 games

on Jan. 26 with a 40-33 defeat of Santiam Christian. That Friday night victory over the Eagles, which followed Taft’s 76-23 win three days prior at home over Dayton, had the Tigers sitting alone in third place the league standings at the start of this week at 6-2 in conference games, and 12-8 overall.

Lillebo scored six points on three buckets in the paint within the first six minutes of action against

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Waldport’s Cooper earns certification

Steve Cooper, Waldport Middle/High School assistant principal and athletic director, recently earned the distinction as a Certified Athletic Administrator.

Cooper is one of an elite group of interscholastic athletic administrators nationwide to attain this level of professionalism. Only 87 athletic directors since 1997 in Oregon have earned this distinction, and just nine since 2018.

To earn this certification from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA), Cooper demonstrated the highest level of knowledge and expertise in the field of interscholastic athletic administration. The voluntary certification process included a thorough evaluation of the candidate’s educational background, experience, and professional contributions, as well as a rigorous, comprehensive written examination.

The entire certification process took six years, but Cooper said he is honored to receive this recognition.

“I have benefited from an abundance of support



MICHAEL HEINBACH/LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER

Steve Cooper, Waldport Middle and High School assistant principal/athletic director, is photographed in February 2023 while ensuring the Irish student section maintains decorum during a boys basketball game at Irish Pavilion in Waldport against rival Toledo. Cooper recently earned accreditation as a Certified Athletic Administrator from National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, and is just one of nine Oregon prep athletic directors to do so in the previous four years.

by coaches, fellow athletic administrators, Lincoln County School District, WHS/MS Principal Amy Skirvin, the Waldport community, and my family,” Cooper said. “To be part of a group that I have such respect for and continue to receive mentoring from is

humbling. The first person to congratulate me was my high school coach and athletic director. That’s a great feeling to be recognized by someone that has had a big influence on you. My goal is to continuously learn and improve through education

and collaboration with others to help provide the highest quality educational athletic programs in Waldport.”

Cooper has 36 years of experience in education, including five years as assistant principal and AD at Waldport.

PREP SWIMMING

Taft swims in Salem

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

SALEM — The Taft High School boys swam to a fourth-place team finish, led by senior Noah Serrato, and the Tiger girls placed seventh Jan. 27 at the Blanchet Catholic Invitational swim meet at the Kroc Center.

Individually, Serrato placed second in the 200-yard freestyle and fourth in the 100 freestyle. The Taft boys also received a fifth in the 200-individual medley and a sixth in the 100 butterfly from Brenden Wilson, and fifth places finishes from Brandon Murphy in the 100 butterfly and Elijah Fingerson in the 500 freestyle.

The Tiger boys also placed second in the 200-freestyle relay, third in the 400-freestyle relay, and fourth in the 200-medley relay.

The Taft girls were paced by Ileyana Moreno, who was eighth in the 200-individual

medley, and ninth in the 100 butterfly. Allison Lua added a ninth-place result for the Taft girls in the 500 freestyle.

Taft hosts its final regular season meet of the winter at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at the pool at the Lincoln City Community Center.

BLANCHET CATHOLIC INVITATIONAL

JAN. 27 AT KROC CENTER, SALEM

Girls team scores:
Silverton 303, Salem Academy 109, Stayton 81, Valley Catholic 79, Molalla 59, Blanchet Catholic 28, **Taft 10**, Neah-Kah-Nie 4, Tillamook 2.

Boys team scores:
Silverton 259, Molalla 131, Tillamook 94, **Taft 93**, Blanchet Catholic 56, Stayton 28, Valley Catholic 5, Salem Academy 4.

Complete results: <http://tinyurl.com/3nh5k4p3>.

PREP SPORTS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31
High school wrestling — Siletz Valley, Toledo, Waldport at Willamina pre-district meet, TBD.

THURSDAY, FEB. 1
High school girls basketball — North Marion at Newport, 7 p.m.; Taft at Amity, 7:30 p.m.; Monroe at Waldport, 7:30 p.m.; Eddyville Charter at Crow/City First Christian Academy, 7 p.m.;
High school boys basketball — North Marion at Newport, 5:30 p.m.; Taft at Amity, 6 p.m.; Monroe at Waldport, 6 p.m.; Crow/City First Christian Academy, 5:30 p.m.; McKenzie at Siletz Valley, 5:30 p.m.
High school swimming — Taft at Last Chance Home Meet, Lincoln City Community Center, 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2
High school girls basketball — Toledo at Illinois Valley, 6 p.m.; Lowell at Waldport, 6 p.m.
High school boys basketball — Toledo at Illinois Valley, 7:30 p.m.; Lowell at Waldport, 7:30 p.m.
High school wrestling — Taft boys at 3A-SD 2 duals, Santiam Christian High School, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3
High school girls basketball — Waldport at Bandon, 1:30 p.m.; Alsea at Eddyville Charter, 7 p.m.;
High school boys basketball — Waldport at Bandon, 3 p.m.; Alsea at Eddyville Charter, 5:30 p.m.; Siletz Valley at Mohawk, 5:30 p.m.

High school wrestling — Taft boys at 3A-SD 2 duals, Santiam Christian High School, 3 p.m.; Waldport at Panther Coastal Clash, Gold Beach High School, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 5
High school girls basketball — Philomath at Newport, 5:30 p.m.; Bandon at Waldport, 6 p.m.
High school boys basketball — Philomath at Newport, 7 p.m.; Bandon at Waldport, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6
High school girls basketball — Taft at Jefferson, 7:30 p.m.; Central Linn at Toledo, 6 p.m.; Mohawk at Eddyville Charter, 7 p.m.;
High school boys basketball — Taft at Jefferson, 6 p.m.; Central Linn at Toledo,

7:30 p.m.; Mohawk at Eddyville Charter, 5:30 p.m.; Siletz Valley at Crow/City First Christian Academy, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7
High school girls basketball — Toledo at Central Linn, 7:30 p.m.
High school boys basketball — Toledo at Central Linn, 6 p.m.

The above listings were current as of Monday morning, Jan. 29, according to schedules posted to www.OSAA.org and www.trackwrestling.com. Schedules are subject to change with little to no notice. Visit the Oregon School Activities Association or Trackwrestling online for the latest scheduling information.

WRESTLING

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HOWELL INVITATIONAL
JAN. 27 AT MONROE HIGH SCHOOL
Team scores: Santiam Christian 186, **Toledo 179**, Scio 124, Camas Valley 105, North Douglas 98, Monroe 78, Oakland 72.5, **Siletz Valley 67.5**, North lake 54, Riddle 36, **Waldport 30**, Reedsport 6.

Siletz Valley placers — **Dean Smith:** 113-pound champion; **Micah Davis:** fourth at 144; **Louie Orona:** fourth at 165; **Joshua Johnson:** 175-pound champion.

Toledo placers — **Kai Zimmerman:** second at 106 pounds; **Cade McGuire:** fourth at 132; **Nic Kaufman:** 138-pound champion; **Logan**

Gerding: second at 138; **Christian Retherford:** 144-pound champion; **Andrew Esmilo:** sixth at 144; **Sterling Buckley:** fourth at 150; **Carson Watson:** second at 157; **Zach Pfaffle:** third at 190; **Cody Vance:** 215-pound champion; **Kolby Coxen:** 285-pound champion.
Waldport placers — **Daniel Segaline:** fifth at 144; **Gabriel Dooley:** second at 175.
Complete results: <http://tinyurl.com/3wh3x7b7>.

ELSEWHERE:
GOLDEN YAM CHALLENGE
At Yamhill, Yaneli Hermosillo-Carrasco won the girls 145-pound championship Jan. 27 at the Golden Yam Challenge meet at Yamhill-Carlton High School, where girls and boys squad combined in the team standings.

Hermosillo-Carrasco won both her matches in first-period pins, totaling just 46 seconds on the mat combined.
Also for the Tiger girls, Oliva Hertz placed second at 145, Selena Cruz was fourth at 140, and Julia Roberts (125) and Abigail Schafer (115), each placed sixth in their weight classes.
The Taft boys received matching sixth-place finishes from Braylen Evjen at 113, Emiliano Sanchez at 120, and Kyren Carr at 190.

GOLDEN YAM CHALLENGE
JAN. 27 AT YAMHILL-CARLTON HIGH SCHOOL
Team scores: Willamina 293, North Marion 208, Yamhill-Carlton 190, Molalla 187.5, Pleasant Hill 130, Neah-Kah-Nie 109, Nestucca 97, Rainier 81, Clatskanie 72, **Taft 63**, Phoenix 35.5,

Vernonia 32, Sheridan 27, Knappa 25, Jewell 5.
Taft girls placers — **Yaneli Hermosillo-Carrasco:** 145-pound champion; **Olivia Hertz:** second at 145; **Selena Cruz:** fourth at 140; **Julia Towers:** sixth at 125; **Abigail Schafer:** sixth at 115.
Taft boys placers — **Braylen Evjen:** sixth at 113; **Emiliano Sanchez:** sixth at 120; **Kyren Carr:** sixth at 190.
Complete results: <http://tinyurl.com/wdea73bj>.

TOD SURMON/MID-VALLEY CLASSIC
At Albany, Camille Keck led the Cubs girls and Ivan Wagner posted the top result for the Newport boys Jan. 27 at the Tod Surmon/Mid-Valley Classic at South Albany High School.
Keck took third at 135 pounds in leading the Newport girls to 43 points and an eighth-place team

finish of 18 competing programs. Hannah Herrera-Galicia wrestled to fourth place at 235 for the Cubs, and Mysti Ferguson added a fifth-place result at 170.
The Newport boys, who scored 60 points to finish 10th on the team leaderboard, received a fourth-place result from Wagner at 132, fifth-place finishes from Josue Estrada (120) and Victor Perez (126), and a sixth from Dominic Guenther at 285.

TOD SURMON/MID-VALLEY CLASSIC
JAN. 27 AT SOUTH ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL
GIRLS
Team scores: Dallas 142, North Salem 131, West Albany 92, South Albany 84, Cascade 68, Corvallis 53, Dayton 50, **Newport 43**, Sisters 32, West Linn 30, Jefferson 25, Central

24, Henley 20, Silverton 20, Sheldon 19, Philomath 14, Churchill 0, South Eugene 0.
Newport placers — **Camille Keck:** third at 135; **Mysti Ferguson:** fifth at 170; **Hannah Herrera-Galicia:** fourth at 235.
Complete results: <http://tinyurl.com/3mufkp83>.

BOYS
Team scores: Mountainside 200, Philomath 171, West Albany 155, Ridgeview 131.5, South Albany 129, Sisters 72, Churchill 69.5, Corvallis 67, North Salem 67, **Newport 60**, Sheldon 53, Jefferson 38, Central 32, Dayton 13, South Eugene 6.
Newport placers — **Josue Estrada:** fifth at 120; **Victor Perez:** fifth at 126; **Ivan Wagner:** fourth at 132; Dominic Guenther: sixth at 285.
Complete results: <http://tinyurl.com/bdctpee>.

GIRLS

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Santiam Christian, and tallied 11 by halftime as the Tigers built a comfortable 22-15 lead they took into intermission. Lillebo finished with a team-high 14 points.

Mode, who closed with 13 points, was a force in the second half. She and the Tigers rose to the challenge in the fourth quarter, when the Eagles, who trailed by as many as 14 points early in the third quarter, rode a 17-3 run to take their first lead of the night at 33-32 with 2:02 to play in regulation.

Taft responded by getting into winning Mode, and scored the final eight points of the evening. That run began with a Lillebo putback with 1:21 to play that

gave the Tigers the lead for good before senior Ali Tolan (2 of 2), Lillebo (1 of 2) and Mode (3 of 4) combined to shoot 6 for 8 from the charity stripe during the course of the final 65 seconds to ice the Taft victory.

The Tigers are scheduled to play four straight league road games before closing the regular season with a 7:30 p.m. league contest Friday, Feb. 9, against Scio. They were slated Tuesday night to travel to Sheridan, Thursday, Feb. 1, to meet third-ranked Amity, and Tuesday, Feb. 6, to face Jefferson.

ELSEWHERE:
NHS SPLITS
The Cubs picked up their first 4A-3 Oregon West Conference win and snapped a two-game losing streak Jan. 23 in a 50-33 defeat of Sweet Home at Spangler Court in

Newport. On Jan. 26, the Cubs fell for the eighth time in their previous 10 games in a 58-13 league loss at No. 5 Stayton.

Newport, which began the week 1-2 in conference, 3-11 overall, was scheduled Tuesday to visit seventh-ranked Cascade before returning home for games at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, against North Marion, and at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, against No. 3 Philomath.

ECS GOES 2-1
After posting a 46-35 win Jan. 23 at home over Triangle Lake in a 1A-3 Mountain West League game, the Eddyville Charter scored a 54-32 non-league victory the next day at Riddle before dropping a 52-42 conference decision last Friday night at home to Mapleton.
The Eagles (4-2, 7-7) were scheduled to play league road games Tuesday at McKenzie and

Thursday, Feb. 1, at Crow/City Frist Christian Academy before returning home for league battles at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, against Alsea, and at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, against Mohawk.

IRISH DROP 2 OF 3
After winning its sixth consecutive 2A-3 Valley Coast Conference game and seventh straight overall in a 42-25 defeat Jan. 23 of Reedsport at Irish Pavilion, the road proved unkind to Waldport the remainder of last week. After the Irish were edged 41-37 on Jan. 25 at Oakland, Waldport fell 38-18 at Central Linn in a pair of conference clashes.
After playing host Monday night to Illinois Valley, Waldport’s busy week of conference games was slated to continue with home league games at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, against Monroe

at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, against Lowell.
Waldport (6-4, 10-7) then makes a Saturday, Feb. 3, visit to Bandon, before the Irish host the same Tigers at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5. The Irish cap the regular season with a 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, league game at league-rival Toledo.

BOOMERS DROP THREE
The young, inexperienced and injury-plagued Boomers lost three times last week, dropping a 49-32 decision Jan. 23 at Oakridge, and falling 51-16 to East Linn Christian Academy on Jan. 26 and 66-16 to No. 2 Bandon in games played in Toledo.
The Boomers (2-9, 4-14) traveled Tuesday to Lowell, then play Friday, Feb. 2, at Illinois Valley, and Tuesday, Feb. 6, at home against Central Linn.



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Robbie Herrera, Newport senior guard, applies the breaks while Sweet Home senior Vegas Mauer defends on Jan. 23 during the Cubs’ 67-38 win in a 4A-3 Oregon West Conference battle at Spangler Court.



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Toledo freshman guard Braden Marthaller, center, and Bandon senior Eli Freitag battle for a loose ball last Saturday afternoon in Toledo during a 2A-3 Valley Coast Conference boys basketball game.

BOYS

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Last Tuesday night at home against Sweet Home, Blaser paced first-year Newport head coach Will Burghardt’s “Killer Bs” with 15 points in the first half en route to a game-high 21. After draining a 3-point bomb with three seconds left in the first quarter to boost Newport’s lead into double digits, Blaser’s eight points in the second quarter helped the Cubs to a comfortable 35-16 halftime advantage. He capped his scoring night with a pair of fourth quarter 3-pointers.

Newport junior guard Ethan Bruns tallied nine in the third quarter and finished with 14, sophomore guard Aaidyn Bokuro added a pair of late treys to finish with 10 points, and junior forward Rory Barber and sophomore guard Easton Hermann scored eight apiece.

Sweet Home’s fate was all but decided during a two-minute stretch in the second quarter, when Blaser followed a Hermann trey at 6:33 to play in the half with three straight buckets in the paint, giving the Cubs a commanding 27-8 lead.

Senior forward Colin Nicholson led the Huskies with 14 points.

ELSEWHERE:

TAFT STUMBLES

At Lincoln City, extra session didn’t the Tigers any favors last week, as Taft fell 76-70 in double overtime Jan. 23 to No. 8 Dayton, then lost 51-29 in overtime to Santiam Christian in a pair of 3A-3 PacWest Conference games.

Kai Bayer scored 16, Kol Tolan and Jackson Nightingale tallied 13 apiece, and Steven Stahl added 10 for Taft in the loss to the ranked Pirates. Boston Hodges scored a game-high 24 to lead Dayton.

Taking to the home hardwood last Friday night without Stahl and senior Evan Halferty, the Tigers struggled to find their groove. They managed to stay within striking distance of Santiam Christian, though Taft trailed the entire game until senior Tigers senior Armando Fajardo’s bucket in the paint with 21 seconds left in regulation tied it at 47-47, and sent the game into overtime.

There, Taft took its first and only lead of the night when junior guard Trenton Battle made two free throws 1:07 into overtime, but the Eagles answered with the final four points of the night to escape with the win. JJ McCormick scored 12 and Battle had 11 for the Tigers, who slipped to 5-3 in conference, 11-10 overall.

Taft was slated Tuesday to play at Sheridan, Thursday, Feb. 1, at Amity and Tuesday, Feb. 6, at Jefferson before closing the regular season at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, in Lincoln City against Scio.

SILETZ VALLEY BREAKS EVEN

The Warrior boys rebounded from a 62-36 loss in 1A-3 Mountain West League play Jan. 23 at Mapleton by scoring a 58-39 league win last Thursday at Alsea.

Siletz Valley, which began the week 4-2 in conference games, 4-8 overall, was scheduled Tuesday to host

league-foe Triangle Lake. The Warriors then host a 5:30 p.m. league contest Thursday, Feb. 1, against McKenzie, then travel Tuesday, Feb. 6, to face Crow/City First Christian Academy.

IRISH WIN, LOSE TWO

After Waldport edged 2A-3 Valley Coast Conference-foe Reedsport 41-38 on Jan. 23 at home, the Irish closed last week with a pair of league losses, falling 62-36 on Jan. 25 at fifth-ranked Oakland, and 43-30 last Saturday at Central Linn.

After meeting Illinois Valley on Monday night, Monroe at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, and Lowell at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, in games at Waldport, the Irish (3-7, 7-12) travel Saturday, Feb. 3, to meet Bandon. Waldport then hosts a 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, game against Bandon in the final regular season home game at Irish Pavilion, before playing the annual “Fight for the Fish” game at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at rival Toledo in Waldport’s regular season finale.

ECS LOSES THREE STRAIGHT

Eddyville Charter lost a trio last week, dropping 1A-3 Mountain West League home games Jan. 23 to Triangle Lake and Jan. 26 to Mapleton, sandwiched around a 50-40 nonconference loss Jan. 25 at Riddle.

Against the Lakers, sophomore guard Darian Schultz led the Eagles with 12 points, senior guard Preston Segaline tallied 11 and senior forward Dustin Prindel added 10 points for Eddyville Charter.

Schultz scored 10 and no other Eagle tallied more than Prindel’s four points in the loss to Mapleton.

The Eagles play four games in eight days, and began that stretch Tuesday at McKenzie before they travel Thursday, Feb. 1, to meet Crow/City First Christian Academy. Eddyville Charter then hosts a 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, game against Alsea and a 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, battle with Mohawk.

TOLEDO FALLS THRICE

The Boomers fell to 0-11 in 2A-3 Valley Coast Conference play, 1-18 overall after falling 74-67 on Jan. 23 at Oakridge, 70-43 to East Linn Christian Academy on Jan. 25 at home, and 54-26 last Saturday to Bandon in Toledo.

They were scheduled to play Tuesday at Lowell and Friday, Feb. 2 at Illinois Valley before traveling Tuesday, Feb. 6, to visit Central Linn in a trio of league contests.



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Taft sophomore Kol Tolan shoots over Santiam Christian junior Josh Riddle last Friday night during the first half of a 3A-3 PacWest Conference boys basketball game in Lincoln City, where the Eagles battled to a 51-49 overtime win.

Spring NBASA registration open

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Registration is open for the spring 2024 Newport Baseball Association/ Softball Association season.

Participation in the scheduled March 16 player assessments is required by prospective league athletes, and games are slated to begin Monday, April 15.

NBASA offers co-ed T-ball for those in

kindergarten; 8U softball; a co-ed Rookie league (grades 1 and 2); Minors softball (ages 9-11) and baseball (grades 3 and 4); Majors softball (ages 11-12) and baseball (grades 5 and 6); Seniors softball (ages 13-15); and Junior Baseball Organization baseball (grades 7 and 8). Divisions are based upon a youth’s current year in school or age as of Sept. 1, 2023.

Note that due to changes in this spring’s schedule, 10U and 12U JBO participants won’t be able to play in both the NBASA and JBO leagues, and therefore must choose to participate in one or the other.

To register a youth softball or baseball player, visit <https://www.quickscores.com/NBASA>. Direct questions to nbasacubs@gmail.com or contact Eric Greenawald at 541-272-9376.

NST

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three events and set personal-best times in each.

At Lebanon, Kenlie and Allison Ware, ages 8 and 10, collected a combined 10 individual wins while setting a handful of personal-best times. Thirteen-year-old Ilona and 10-year-old Ivan Weisz collected 11 wins between them, and as a program, NST set 40 personal best times, claimed 37 individual wins and 48 top-three finishes in 64 swims. NST also earned victory in each of the three relay events it entered.

HERE’S A LOOK AT HOW NST ATHLETES PERFORMED INDIVIDUALLY AT LEBANON:

- **Ivan Weisz:** Five wins, four PRs, three 11-year-old A state championship qualifying times.
- **Illona Weisz:** Six wins, two PRs.
- **Jay Eibner (age 10):** Three wins, two PRs, one A qualifying time.
- **Jahan Eibner (14):** Six wins, two PRs, two A qualifying times.
- **Skyla Chen (11):** Six wins, four PRs, two 2 A qualifying times.
- **Kindal Brandenberger (11):** One second-place finish and two PRs.
- **Iker Leo (11):** Two wins, six top-three finishes, five PRs, three B times.
- **Levi Pettis (11):** Two top-three finishes, three PRs, one B time.
- **Charlotte Weinart (9):** Three PRs.
- **Emma Zamudio (11):** One third-place finish, three PRs.
- **Kenlie Ware (8):** Five wins, four PRs, one A, one B time.
- **Allison Ware (10):** Five wins, one second-place finish, six PRs, four B times.

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LCL 72-31 NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE

Notice is hereby given that a ballot title for a measure referred by the Lincoln County Library District has been filed with the Lincoln Coun-ty Clerk on January 22, 2024. The ballot title cap-tion is "Local Option Tax For Library Services". An elector may file petition for review of this ballot title in the Lincoln County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. January 31, 2024. /s/ Amy A. South-well, Amy A. Southwell, Lincoln County Clerk. J31

LCL 71-31 NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION LINCOLN COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given on January 22, 2024 that a measure election will be held in Lincoln County, Oregon on May 21, 2024. The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the District's voters on this date May 21, 2024: CAP-TION LOCAL OPTION TAX FOR LIBRARY SER-VICES QUESTION Shall Library District renew levy of 9c per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning 2025-26, to fund your library? This measure renews current local option taxes. SUM-MARY This measure will renew the expiring local option tax. Approval of this measure continues providing funding at its present level for the Lin-coln County Library Dis-trict and the funding it provides to libraries in Lincoln City, Newport, Siletz, Toledo and Wald-port. It is estimated that this measure would raise approximately \$403,491 in tax revenues for 2025-26, \$415,596 in tax re-venues for 2026-2027, \$428,064 in tax revenues for 2027-2028, \$440,906 in tax revenues for 2028-2029, and \$454,136 in tax revenues for 2029-2030. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTI-MATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the esti-mate. /s/ Chris D. Boyle, Chris D. Boyle, Lincoln County Library District Board. J31

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LCL 70-31 PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lincoln City Police Department has in its physical possession the unclaimed personal prop-erty described below. If you have any ownership interest in any of that unclaimed property, you must file a claim with the Lincoln City Police Department within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, or you will lose your interest in that property. The personal prop-erty is described as: wallets, keys, weapons, back-packs, sleeping bags, cell phones, clothing, docu-ments, notebooks, urn, misc. chargers, identifi-cation, firearms, ammu-nition, generator, purs-es, electronics, money, jewelry, bicycles, tools, sunglasses, and skate-board. Contact: Lincoln City Police Department; 1503 SE East Devils Lake Rd; Lincoln City, OR 97367; 541-994-3636 to submit a claim. Pub-lished January 31, 2024. This notice is published in accordance with ORS 98.245, J31

LCL 69-31 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE

is given that in the Cir-cuit Court for the State of Oregon for the County of Lincoln, In the Matter of the Estate of Ronald Joseph Baur, Jr, Case no 23PB10964, Patrick B Baur has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned per-sonal representative at 3847 E Street, Spring-field, OR 97498, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All per-sons whose rights may be affected by the proceed-ings may obtain addition-al information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative, Margaret E Dailey, Attor-ney at Law, P O Box 552, Newport, Oregon 97365, (541) 265-8805, J31

LCL 68-07 PUBLIC AUCTION

The following unit will be sold at Public Auc-tion. Starting 2/20/-

NEWPORT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing on a proposed Supplemental Budget for the Newport Rural Fire Protection District, for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, will be held at the Main Fire Station at 245 NW 10th Street, Newport, Oregon. The hearings will take place on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the Supplemental Budget with interested persons. This notice reflects budgetary adjustments over 10% by fund.

Note that budget adjustments under this threshold may be discussed at the Board meeting.
A copy of the Supplemental Budget document may be inspected or obtained after February 2, 2024, at 245 NW 10th Street, Newport, Oregon Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET CHANGES
Amounts Shown Are Revised Totals In Those Funds Being Modified

General Fund - 101					
Resource	Changes	Amount	Expenditure	Budget	Changes Amount
Beginning fund balance		56,925	Materials and Services	348,423	21,170 369,593
Revenues		360,286			-
					-
					-
			Reserve and ending fund balance	68,788	(21,170) 47,618
Revised Total Resources	-	417,211	Revised Total Requirements	417,211	- 417,211

Comments: The budget adjustment is required to correct an error between the appropriated and approved budget and the published budget. This amount is over 10% of the general fund.

Publication Date: February 2, 2024

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2024 at 9:00am Ending 2/27/2024 at 9:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Auction to be pursuant to Auction Rules and Procedures for Truax Holdings. Rules are available at the facility office. Advertising will take place ONLINE at bid13.com Unit#B07 Patrick Syron. J31, F7

LCL 66-31 PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pacific Communities Health District Board of Directors will hold a Virtual and special meeting on Tuesday, February 6, at 4:00 p.m. by Microsoft Teams or in person at the Samaritan Pacific Community Hospital located at 930 SW Abbey Street, Newport, OR, in Conference Room 1 & 2 on the second floor. Persons interested in joining the Virtual meeting must have the Microsoft Teams Meeting Application downloaded on personal computer or cell phone. To request a Teams Meeting invite please email glfisher@samhealth.org or call 541-574-4940. To join by phone (audio only) directly call 1-971-254-1254, followed by Conference ID: 680 498 12#. Agenda: Call to Order, Invitation for Citizen Comments, Water Resiliency Project, Board Items, Adjourn. Georgia Fisher, Recorder, PACIFIC COMMUNITIES HEALTH DISTRICT. For additional information contact 541-574-4940 or www.pchsdistrict.org J31

LCL 65-07 PUBLIC SALE

The following storage units will be sold at public auction on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 11:00 AM for non-payment of rent and other fees. Auction is pursuant to Auction Rules and Procedures of Lincoln Storage 4809 S Coast Hwy South Beach, OR 97366 541- 867-6550. Rules are available upon inquiry. Unit 555 Michael Stone, Unit 203 Gabriel Burrows, Unit 522 Benjamin Hartman, Unit 116 Patricia Tagg, Unit 436 Patricia Tagg, Unit 527 Troyanna Gamez, Unit 399 Sung Cha, Unit 513 Jamey Macho. J31, F7

LCL 63-14 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

In the Matter of the Estate of Jerry Michael Wisniewski Sr. Deceased. Case No. 24PB00304 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed persona representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with vouchers attached to the undersigned personal representative by and through their attorney at P Box 1987, Newport, OR 97365, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative, Traci P. McDowell, Dated and first published on January 31, 2024 /s/ Traci P. McDowell, OSB #184063, Attorney for Personal Representative. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Jerry Wisniewski Jr. 850 N Highway 101, Depoe Bay, OR 97341, (541) 992-9830 LAWYER FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Traci P. McDowell, OSB #184063, PO Box 1987, Newport, OR 97365, (541) 272-5500, traci@yaquinalaw.com J31, F7, F14

LCL 62-31 CITY OF NEWPORT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Newport Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers to consider File No. 1- CUP-24, a request submitted by applicant and owners, Art Moore, Trustee, & Karen Schulzki, Trustee, for a conditional use permit filed pursuant to Newport Municipal Code (NMC) Section 14.03.080/"Water-Dependent and Water-Related Uses" of the Newport Zoning Ordinance, to allow the operation of a coffee shop at the subject property that is located in a W-2/"Water-Related" zone. Any service use that is permitted outright in the Tourist Commercial C-2 district is allowed in the W-2 district following issuance of a conditional use permit. The property is located at 146 SW Bay Blvd, Newport, OR 97365 (Tax Map 11-11-08-CA, Tax Lot 11100). The applicable criteria per NMC Chapter 14.34.050 are that: 1) The public facilities can adequately accommodate the proposed use; 2) the request complies with the requirements of the underlying zoning or overlay zone; 3) the proposed use does not have an adverse impact greater than existing uses on nearby properties, or impacts can be ameliorated through imposition of conditions of approval; and 4) a proposed building or building modification is consistent with the overall development character of the neighborhood with regard to building size and height, considering both existing buildings and potential buildings allowable as uses permitted outright. Per NMC Chapter 14.03.040: All conditional uses in a W-2 district shall also comply with the following standard: In areas considered to be historic, unique, or scenic, the proposed use shall be designed to maintain or enhance the historic, unique, or scenic quality. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the criteria described above or other criteria in the Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances which the person believes to apply to the decision. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the city and the

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parties an opportunity to respond to that issue precludes an appeal (including to the Land Use Board of Appeals) based on that issue. Submit testimony in writing or oral form. Oral testimony and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. Letters sent to the Community Development (Planning) Department, City Hall, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365, must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day of the hearing to be included as part of the hearing or must be personally presented during testimony at the public hearing. The hearing will include a report by staff, testimony (both oral and written) from the applicant and those in favor or opposed to the application, rebuttal by the applicant, and questions and deliberation by the Planning Commission. Pursuant to ORS 197.787 (6), any person who to the conclusion of the initial public hearing may request a continuance of the public hearing or that the record be left open for at least seven days to present additional evidence, arguments, or testimony regarding the application. The staff report may be reviewed or a copy purchased for reasonable cost at the above address. Contact Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director, (541) 574-0626, d.tokos@newportoregon.gov (address above).

LCL 61-14 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN IN THE MATTER OF: WILLIAM GEORGE SPADY, JR., DECEASED. CASE NO. 23PB11284

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WILLIAM GEORGE SPADY, III HAS BEEN APPOINTED PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT THEM, WITH VOUCHERS ATTACHED, TO PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, WILLIAM GEORGE SPADY, III, AT THE ADDRESS BELOW, WITHIN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, OR THE CLAIMS MAY BE BARRED. ALL PERSONS WHOSE RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE PROCEEDINGS MAY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE RECORDS OF THE COURT, THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, OR THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: C/O ATTORNEY JOSHUA D. ZANTELO, OSB #121562, ZANTELO LAW GROUP, 2941 NW HIGHWAY 101, LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367. DATED AND FIRST PUBLISHED: JANUARY 31, 2024. /S/ JOSHUA D. ZANTELO, ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. J31, F7, F14

LCL 60-07 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN IN THE MATTER OF: JOHN BYRON SMITH, DECEASED. CASE NO. 23PB10709

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT DORIS SMITH HAS BEEN APPOINTED PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT THEM, WITH VOUCHERS ATTACHED, TO PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, DORIS SMITH, AT THE ADDRESS BELOW, WITHIN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, OR THE CLAIMS MAY BE BARRED. ALL PERSONS WHOSE RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE PROCEEDINGS MAY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE RECORDS OF THE COURT, THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, OR THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: C/O ATTORNEY JOSHUA D. ZANTELO, OSB #121562, ZANTELO LAW GROUP, 2941 NW HIGHWAY 101, LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367. DATED AND FIRST PUBLISHED: JANUARY 24, 2024. /S/ JOSHUA D. ZANTELO, ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. J24, J31, F7

LCL 57-07 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the ESTATE OF JAMES F. KOEHLER, DECEASED. Lincoln County Circuit Court Case Number 23PB10486. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365 or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain addi-

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tional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date first published: January 24, 2024. Zane F. Koehler Personal Representative of the Estate of James F. Koehler, Gari Lynn Lovejoy, Attorney at Law, Attorney for Personal Representative, PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365. J24, J31, F7

LCL 57-14 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

#24- 0037 On February 29, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St., Room 203, in the City of Newport, Oregon, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 637 NE 10th Pl, Toledo, OR 97391. The court case number is: 23CV22868. BMO BANK N.A., plaintiff(s) vs. KELLY M. RUDISILL: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF FREDRICK L. RUDISILL: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF KELLY M. RUDISILL: STATUS OF OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES: OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, defendant(s). This is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand. For more details go to <http://www.oregonsheriffssales.org/county/lincoln/> J24, J31, F7, F14

LCL 56-07 PUBLIC NOTICE N53.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office has in its possession the unclaimed personal property described below. If you have ownership interest in any of this unclaimed property you must file a claim with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (225 W Olive, Room 203, Newport, OR) within 30 days from the date of the publication of this notice or you will lose interest in this property. personal property to estates of: Angela Biggs. J24, J31, F7

LCL 54-07 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT ESTATE OF STEVEN MITCHELL SPINAK, DECEASED CASE NO. 24PB00014 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that Scott C. Spinak has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or their claims may be barred. Claims are to be presented at the address of the attorney for the personal representative, set forth below. All persons whose rights may be affected by this estate proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Circuit Court, the personal representative, or Jeffrey C. Hollen, attorney for the personal representative. Date of first publication: January 24, 2024. Jeffrey C. Hollen, OSB #761757, Attorney for the Personal Representative, 541-574-1630 P.O. Box 1167, 615 SW Hubert Street, Suite A, Newport, OR 97365. Personal Representative, Scott C. Spinak, P.O. Box 2691, Santa Cruz, CA 95063, 808-228-2254. J24, J31, F7 54-07

LCL 52-31 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ANNE BALLOCH, DECEASED. CASE NO. 23PB11134

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed persona representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative by and through their attorney at P Box 1987, Newport, OR 97365, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative, Traci P. McDowell. Dated and first published on January 17, 2024. Traci P. McDowell, OSB #184063, Attorney for Personal Representative. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Josh Balloch, 331 Ne Fetzer St, Grants Pass, OR 97526, (503) 508-5868. LAWYER FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Traci P. McDowell, OSB #184063, PO Box 1987, Newport, OR 97365, (541) 272-5500 traci@yaquinalaw.com. J17, J24, J31

LCL 51-31 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT IN THE MATTER OF: FREDERICK THOMAS FORD, DECEASED. NO. 24PB00169

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, to the Personal Representative at the address below, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights

may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. DATED and first published: January 17, 2024. KRISTIN Kay FORD, Personal Representative c/o KULLA, RONNAU, SCHAUB & CHAMBERS, P.C. SCOTT J. SCHAUB, OSB #893572, 2210 NE 22nd St., Lincoln City, OR 97367 ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: KULLA, RONNAU, SCHAUB & CHAMBERS, P.C. SCOTT J. SCHAUB, OSB #893572, 2210 NE 22nd St., Lincoln City, OR 97367 Phone: (541) 996-2195 Fax: (541) 996-2770 E-mail: krsc@embarqmail.com J17, J24, J31 51-31

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON LINCOLN COUNTY PROBATE DEPARTMENT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN ELIZABETH GEORGE, DECEASED. CASE NO. 23PB10668

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is hereby given that Patricia George has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at: Martin, Elliott & Snell, P.O. Box 575, Tualatin, Oregon 97062, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published this 17 day of January, 2024. Personal Representative: Patricia George, 81945 Avenida Dulce, Indio, CA 92203. Attorney for Personal Representative: Susan E. Snell, OSB #95333, Martin, Elliott & Snell, P.C., P.O. Box 575, Tualatin, Oregon 97062. J17, J24, J31 47-31

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE JLF 23-128868 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

A default has occurred under the terms of a trust deed made by Jill S. Baur, a married person and Ronald J. Baur, a married person, whose address is 720 SE Bird Avenue, Waldport, OR 97394, as grantor to First American Title, as Trustee, in favor of Coldwell Banker Mortgage, as named Beneficiary, dated September 26, 2002, recorded October 1, 2002, in the mortgage records of Lincoln County, Oregon, in Book 459, at Page 2075, as Instrument/Reception/Recorder's Fee No. 6268099, Nationstar Mortgage LLC is the present Beneficiary as defined by ORS 86.72(3), as covering the following described real property: Lot 10, Block 8, TOWNSHIP "13" ADDITION NO. 2, in the City of Waldport, County of Lincoln, State of Oregon. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 720 SE Bird Avenue, Waldport, OR 97394. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a notice of default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 86.752(3); the default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: Monthly payments in the sum of \$841.10, from January 1, 2023 plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of \$69.93, plus the sum of \$0.00 for advances, together with all costs, disbursements, and/or fees incurred or paid by the beneficiary and/or trustee, their employees, agents or assigns. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation that the trust deed secures immediately due and payable, said sum being the following: to-wit: \$37,983.61, together with accrued interest in the sum of \$2,335.39, through November 27, 2023; further interest thereon at the rate of 6.47% per annum from November 28, 2023, plus a Deferred Balance of \$6,208.88, plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of \$69.93, plus the sum of \$5,693.09 for advances, together with all costs, disbursements, and/or fees incurred or paid by the beneficiary and/or trustee, their employees, agents or assigns. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on April 16, 2024, at the hour of 1:00 PM PT, in accord with the standard time established by ORS 187.110, at the main entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse, located at 225 West Olive, in the City of Newport, OR, County of Lincoln, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor has or had power to convey at the time of the execution of said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given to any person named in ORS 86.778 that the right exists, at any time that is not later than five

days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by paying to the beneficiary of the entire amount due (other than such portion of the principal as would then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligations or trust deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee's fees and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by said ORS 86.778. Notice is further given that reinstatement or payoff quotes requested pursuant to ORS 86.786 and ORS 86.789 must be timely communicated in a written request that complies with that statute, addressed to the trustee's "Reinstatement/Payoffs - ORS 86.786" either by personal delivery or by first class, certified mail, return receipt requested, to the trustee's address shown below. Due to potential conflicts with federal law, persons having no record legal or equitable interest in the subject property will only receive information

concerning the lender's estimated or actual bid. Lender bid information is also available at the trustee's website, www.logs.com/janeway_law_firm. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor or as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while property is in default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the said referenced property. 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 methamphetamine, 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

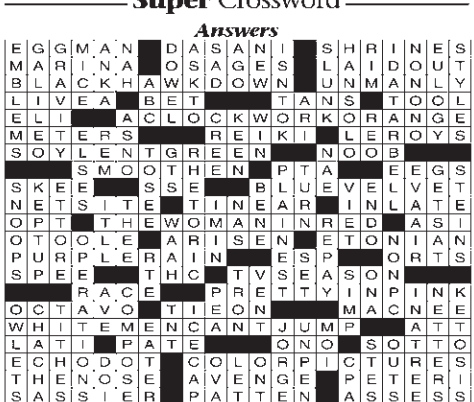
for this property at the trustee's sale. The Fair Debt Collection Practice Act requires that we state the following: This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings: This shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt. Dated: 11-29-2023 JANEWAY LAW FIRM, LLC, Successor Trustee 1499 SE Tech Center Place, Suite 255, Vancouver, WA 98683 www.logs.com/janeway_law_firm Telephone: (360) 260-2253 Toll-free: 1-800-970-5647 JLF 23-128868 NPP0444900 To: NEWPORT NEWS TIMES 01/17/2024, 01/24/2024, 01/31/2024, 02/7/2024 44-07

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is hereby given that Kirk H. Strohm, Jr. has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Colleen Merree Jordan, by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lincoln County, Probate File No. 23PB10462. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present the same to the said personal representative, at the office of the personal representative at

Strohm, Ford, LLC, 1400 Executive Parkway, Suite 300, Eugene, OR 97401 within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred. Date of the first publication of this notice is January 17, 2024. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Court or from the personal representative, Kirk Strohm, Jr., Strohm, Ford, LLC, 1400 Executive Parkway, Suite 300, Eugene, OR 97401; Phone 541-345-4312. J17, J24, J31 42-31

NG23-586 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. NO.: OR-23-960784- SW Order No.: 8784888 Reference is made to that certain deed made by, ANN FOOR as Grantor to WESTERN TITLE AND ESCROW COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., ("MERS") AS NOMINEE FOR Reverse Mortgage Solutions Inc, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 12/24/2014, recorded 12/30/2014, in official records of LINCOLN County, Oregon in book/reel/volume No. fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2014-11430 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to Mortgage Assets Man

Amber Waves**Out on a Limb****The Spats****TIGER****OLIVE****Just Like Cats & Dogs****Super Crossword****SCRAMBLERS**

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



The Kitchen Wild

Free Hands-on Crabbing Workshop and Dungeness Crab Macaroni and Cheese in a Sourdough Bread Bowl

By KATIE WILEY

Mark your calendars because Durasnare is coming to the central Oregon coast Saturday, Feb. 17 in Lincoln City and Sunday, Feb. 18 in Waldport - for a crabbing workshop.

Durasnare is a new, custom handmade Dungeness crab snare created by owner Lawrence Ngai, for easily catching crab using your fishing pole right from the beach, pier, or jetty.

Ngai, who's an active member of the fishing and crabbing communities, created Durasnare because he believes that everyone who already enjoys crabbing or has the desire to learn how to crab, should have the ability to do so easily and with the best possible equipment. It's made with 16 gauge hot dipped galvanized steel cage to protect against rust and corrosion, with 8 ounces of lead integrated into the cage, hardened copper-tinned terminals, and has a slim aerodynamic design for long distance casting, Ngai thought of every detail in creating this new innovative way in catching crab with the Durasnare.

"Through the years, I've seen many variations of crab snares and many lacked the craftsmanship and quality that I wanted in a crab snare. Many of the crab snare loops would mangle up, be loose and flimsy, resulting in lost crab as you would reel in. The crab cages would get bent or damaged from crabs pinching the cage. In addition, I found that many snares lacked the proper amount of weight which kept the snare down on the bottom during turbulent waters. With Durasnare, I address all the problems that I found in a crab snare to ensure that you are able to maximize your chances of catching crab!" explains Ngai.

Durasnare is available in 40+ stores throughout Oregon and California, including right here in Newport at Stabi Dave's Bait and Tackle and Newport Marina Store & Yaquina Bay Charters or you can order online at www.durasnare.com.

Durasnare's Free Hands-On Crabbing Workshops will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Lincoln City at the Siletz Bay Pier and Sunday, Feb. 18 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Waldport at the Alsea Bay Historic Interpretive Center. Durasnare will also be accompanied by special guests, Crack'n Crab Cleaner, Stabi Dave's Bait and Tackle, and I'll be there too! So come by to say hello and learn how to crab with the crab snare, how to quickly and easily clean your Dungeness crab, and more! Including exciting giveaways and prizes at both events!

Free registration at www.durasnare.com

DUNGENESS CRAB MACARONI AND CHEESE IN A SOURDOUGH BREAD BOWL

(new and improved recipe!)

- Ingredients:**
- 2-4 cups picked Dungeness crab meat
 - 1 pound elbow macaroni
 - ¼ cup butter
 - ¼ cup all-purpose flour
 - 1 Tbs. Johnny's seasoning salt (Lawry's seasoning salt works great too)
 - 1.5 cups whole milk
 - 1.5 cups heavy cream
 - 3 cups shredded medium or sharp cheddar cheese
 - Sourdough bread bowl

Instructions:

In a medium-size pot melt butter, then whisk in flour, and seasoning salt. Whisk for a couple of minutes until the flour begins to turn a light golden brown.

Slowly add milk and heavy cream, whisking until combined.

Reduce heat to low and add in cheese. Stir until melted.

In a large pot, cook macaroni until al dente. Drain, then add pasta to cheese sauce and gently stir to combine. Once cheese sauce covers the pasta, gently fold in Dungeness crab meat.

Serve in a sourdough bread bowl, top with additional crab meat and enjoy!



Calendar of EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JAN 31

TRIVIA NIGHT

Enjoy Trivia Night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Beachcrest Brewing, located in suite E5 at the Salishan Marketplace, 7755 Highway 101, Gleneden Beach. Free. Show off your knowledge for the chance to win prizes. Teams of up to six allowed.

'GOOD' ON SCREEN IN HD

National Theatre Live's West End-captured production of "Good" will be shown on screen in HD at 7 p.m. at the Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive St. Info: www.coastarts.org/ntlive

THURSDAY, FEB. 1

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

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 or www.newportdancetango.com

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.

DAVID ROGERS AT THE DRIFT INN

David Rogers performs a variety of music, including original compositions, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

TEEN NIGHT IN LINCOLN CITY

Teen night at the Lincoln City Community Center, 540 NE Highway 101. 4 to 6:30 p.m. Take part in games, activities, socializing, snacks, arts and crafts and homework help. To learn more, call 541-994-9994.

IAN SMITH AT THE DRIFT INN

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

TOLEDO BUTTER TUB COOPERAGE

Oregon author Ted Cox presents the history of the Toledo Butter Tub Cooperage during the next meeting of the Lincoln County Genealogical Society, 11 a.m. to noon, Toledo Public Library, 173 NW Seventh St.

FIRST WEEKEND ART CELEBRATION

On the first weekend of every month, Toledo celebrates its vibrant arts community in a citywide event at local galleries and studios. Noon to 4 p.m. at various locations. For info, visit www.yaquinarivermuseumofart.org

SONS OF BEACHES

Sons of Beaches perform rock with a coastal flavor. 6 to 8:30 p.m., The Drift Inn, 124 Hwy. 101 N, Yachats. 541-547-4477.

FOULWEATHER STRINGBAND AT BEACHCREST

The Foulweather Stringband plays Americana, folk and Celtic music from 6 to 8 p.m. at Beachcrest Brewing, located at the Salishan Marketplace, 7755 N Highway 101, Gleneden Beach.

SUNDAY, FEB. 4

'BROADWAY, MOVIES AND FUN'

The Spotlight on the Teachers Benefit Concert - "Broadway, Movies and Fun!" - presented by the Lincoln County District of the Oregon Music Association, 2 p.m., Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive St.

JOHN & SPARK DUO AT THE DRIFT INN

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

PANCAKES WITH A COP

The monthly pancake breakfast at the Gleneden Beach Community Club (110 Azalea St.) will feature guest servers from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage or ham, eggs, orange juice and hot beverages. In addition, there's a book and puzzle sale. Tips go to Shop with a Cop. \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids 6-12 and kids under 6 eat free. Cash only. 8 to 11 a.m. Info: glenedenbeach.org.

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MONDAY, FEB. 5

MATT NEELY AT THE DRIFT INN

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

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

BRINGETTO JAZZ DUO AT THE DRIFT INN

Classic jazz favorites from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

ABSTRACT EXHIBIT IN NEWPORT

Opening reception for "Color, Texture, Passion," featuring the abstract work of local artist Victoria Biedron, at the Olive Street Gallery, inside the Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive St. 5:30 to 7 p.m. Free admission. Info at www.coastarts.org/events/ctp

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THURSDAY, FEB. 8

QUILTING TALK IN NEWPORT

The Oregon Coastal Quilters Guild presents pattern and fabric designer Karen Walker at 12:30 p.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2315 N Coast Highway, Newport. Walker will share her tips for successful piecing. Info: www.oregoncoastalquilters.org.

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MIKE TOLLE PERFORMS ON ACOUSTIC GUITAR

Mike Tolle performs on acoustic guitar from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

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CONCERT

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not be able to continue in lessons.

“We are delighted that we will have our alumnus, Milo Graamans with us this concert. It’s been a while since he has joined us on stage. You’ll have to come to hear which rag he will perform and get news of his new projects,” said Treon.

Other performers in this program include OMTA members Cathy Champion-Predmore, piano; Ramona Goddard, piano; Christine

McKenney, piano and voice; Mary Morganti, piano; and Jessica Treon, piano. Guest performers include Charmaine Leclair, cello; Gidget Manucci, voice; Alesha Orton, voice; and Asia Richardson, voice.

“This concert has some of the most varied music we have ever programed,” said Cathy Champion-Predmore, treasurer. “There will be standbys like Carmichael’s Stardust, a Disney composition, and a selection from ‘Fiddler on the Roof,’ next to works by Chick Corea, Pete Townshend, Liz Story, and Guns N’ Roses. It will be

great fun. We also have two new singers on our stage. Asia Richardson will be performing with one of our frequent guests, Gidget Manucci and Alesha Orton will duet with Christine McKenney our vocalist member. Come for a pleasant and unique program of music and come support our students through the Scholarship Fund.”

For more information about the concert or the scholarship fund, call Treon at 541-961-0959, visit omta-lincolncounty.org or go to Lincoln County Oregon Music Teachers Association on Facebook.



COURTESY PHOTO

Charmaine Leclair, cello, and Ramona Goddard, piano, will be two of the performers during this Sunday’s Spotlight on the Teachers Benefit Concert at the Newport Performing Arts Center.

TOOTSIE ROLLS

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Bay to pull at the heart-strings of passersby, with these 8-Large-Tootsies-to-a-Ziplock baggies.

Ten thousand rolls were passed out to net \$5,850, Capri said, emphasizing it was the best fund drive ever.

K of C’s Candy Drive History goes back to 1970, where the Chicago Council determined the other organizations — Lions, Shriners and Elks and other fraternal organizations — had

successfully carried out outreach programs.

First, the Chicago Knights determined the money would go to those with intellectual disabilities because one member had a daughter with developmental disabilities.

Chewy chocolates have been a financial boom for charity fundraising, with some of the 1,600 worldwide K of C councils representing two million members participating.

Capri lamented the Tootsie drive had been put on hold during the COVID lockdown years, and in past years, the Newport Seafood and Wine

Festival also was another K of C venue for fundraising, as well as a now defunct golf tournament.

Tens of millions of dollars have been raised from Tootsies. The K of C has donated more than \$600 million to those with intellectual and physical disabilities. One of the largest recipients of aid has been Special Olympics for which the Knights have been involved since the first games in 1968.

The candy has a good shelf life, is brand attractive and touches the taste buds of folks entering and leaving grocery stores.

Capri’s council also raises funds for Samaritan House, Habitat for Humanity and respective Catholic churches in Lincoln County. They’ve put on breakfasts and dinners, including a “line of fire” breakfast that raised \$6,400.

The 70-year-old Newport native, who’s been a fisherman for 52 years and Knight for 33 years, mentioned his family members living with developmental disabilities.

“We need these people in the world,” he said of people with intellectual and learning disabilities. “They help keep us real, more down to earth and more compassionate.”

Donna and Eric Thorpe and I are basketball coaches mentoring four teams this season. The lifeblood of all the sports rotations is the volunteers, parents and friends of the athletes. This year’s tourney is March 14 in Beaverton, and all athletes are motivated to work on team cohesion, fair play and loads of fun.

The Knights of Columbus was founded by Connecticut priest Fr. Michael J. McGivney in 1882. He founded the K of C at a local parish to serve as a mutual aid and insurance

organization, particularly for immigrants and their families.

More than 140 years after K of C was founded, our Special Olympians can count on hundreds of volunteers putting on competitions, but still, one of my athletes states – “I believe we have angels that come to us and watch over us.”

Yes: “A wing and a prayer & K of C’s chocolate rolls, too!”

Paul K. Haeder is a novelist, journalist, educator and author of “Wide Open Eyes: Surfacing from Vietnam,” Cirque Press.

TOLEDO

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work and more originals at Michael Gibbons’ Signature Gallery located at 140 NE Alder Street, open from noon to 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday during First Weekend. For more information, visit michaelgibbonsart.net or call 541-336-2797.

Across the street at the Yaquina River Museum of

Art, the permanent collection exhibition opens to the public. Select paintings from the museum’s permanent collection will be on display in the Schoolhouse Exhibit Space. New art will also be offered in the museum’s gift shop from well-known local artist Marion Moir, known for her advocacy and teaching within the arts community as well as her iconic watercolors of life on the Oregon coast. See her prints

and cards now offered at the Yaquina River Museum of Art. Also on display is the woodcarving art of Rusty Brown, born in Myrtle Point, living and working in Portland, featuring his hand tooled wooden Celtic carvings.

Through presenting exhibitions like the “Permanent Collection,” YRMA provides related educational services for the purpose of increasing and enriching

public knowledge through periodic exhibitions of its collections. The Yaquina River Museum of Art, located at 151 NE Alder St., will be open from noon to 4 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information, go to www.yaquinarivermuseumofart.org or call 541-336-1907.

On Main Street, Crow’s Nest Gallery & Studio will showcase the works of more than 20 artists.

The gallery-space, run by assemblage artist Janet Runger, always features new and exciting works for viewers to see. Ceramist and mosaic tile artist Val Bolen’s art is the harbinger of spring in the gallery’s space as nature still tries to shake off the cold of winter. Bolen’s command of color and light through her mosaics creates reflected spectrums through Crow’s Nest’s windows. Veta

Bakhtina, features her folkloric oil paintings; Alice Haga, fused glass; Sylvia Hosie, award winning photography; Paula Teplitz, sculptural jellyfish mobiles; Jeff Gibford, digitally manipulated photographs; Tish Epperson, watercolors; and Susan Jones, woven fiber jellyfish. Crow’s Nest Gallery & Studio is located at 305 N Main Street and open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

DOLPHINS

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skills and experience, and not all dolphins regularly participate in the cooperative foraging. The variation in the behavior of dolphins has led to fishers perceiving some dolphins as “good” and some as “bad.” But if such differences exist, what makes a “good dolphin?” In his talk, Machado will discuss the latest findings on the influence of environmental conditions and the role of individual differences among dolphins on the outcomes of this rare human-dolphin mutualism.

Machado has a bachelor’s degree in Biological Sciences, a master’s degree in Ecology and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in ecology. His research interests are at the

intersection of behavioral and population ecology. He combines multiple platforms of data collection, computational tools, and quantitative methods to investigate the multifaceted dimensions of ecological interactions.

The American Cetacean Society is the oldest whale conservation organization in the world, founded in 1967. The mission of this all-volunteer, nonprofit is to protect whales, dolphins, porpoises, and their habitats through public education, research grants, and conservation actions. Information on the ACS can be found at www.acsonline.org and on Facebook at American Cetacean Society Oregon Chapter.

For more information, contact Joy at 541-517-8754 or marine_lover4ever@yahoo.com

EXHIBIT

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deep emotions and expressions from within to the canvas (or other material, including birch board), providing an evocative experience for the viewer.

“We’re excited to present Victoria’s work in our Olive Street Gallery,” said Chasse Davidson, director of the Newport Visual Arts Center. “With her trademark palette that incorporates vibrant turquoise, teals, and purples, she creates abstract work that is

deeply stirring. Bold, intense compositions with textures that add depth, interest, and intrigue.”

An opening reception will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Admission is free, and light refreshments and wine will be served.

For more information, visit www.coastarts.org/events/ctp.

Exhibits at Olive Street Gallery are free to the public and can be viewed from 10 a.m. to p.m., Tuesday through Friday, at 777 W Olive St. in Newport. Artwork is also on display and

available for viewing beginning one hour before all public performances at Newport Performing Arts Center.

Olive Street Gallery is a rotating exhibit gallery located in the lobby and reception area of Newport Performing Arts Center. It is managed by Newport Visual Arts Center (www.coastarts.org/vac).

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The roughly 160 members of the guild live throughout Lincoln, Linn, Benton, and Lane counties and beyond. Additional information can be found at www.oregoncoastalquilters.org.

Anyone who has a story about the Cooperage or the men and women who worked there is encouraged to attend Cox's presentation on Feb. 3 or email Searchlightlcs@gmail.com

Photographed in 1903 is Milton Charles Cooper, son of Charles Cooper, who was corporate manager of Toledo Cooperage. The Cooperage will be the topic of a Lincoln County Genealogical Society presentation on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Toledo Public Library.

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SWAFFORD ON WINE

WINE FESTIVAL SEASON IS HERE

It started in Salem with wine and local foods presented at nearly 100 booths at First Taste Oregon on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26 and 27, at the Oregon State Fair Center. Then on Feb. 22 through 25, Newport unveils the 47th edition of the Newport Seafood and Wine Festival across the bridge in South Beach. Salem’s First Taste Oregon awarded 15 gold medals with Best-in-Show Red Wine going to Stone Griffon Vineyard’s 2020 Petit Verdot and Best-in-Show White Wine to Shumaker Vineyard’s 2022 Sparkling.

I recently renewed an old acquaintance with a friend who used to attend our Champagne Patio wine dinners when he and his wife would come up from Waldport. (I will call him Dan, not his real name, to protect his privacy.) Dan had contacted me to ask about attending the Newport Symphony Orchestra, so I sent him the concert schedule, and he was able to get his son to bring him over in his wheelchair from Eugene where he now lives in

an assisted care facility. Sadly, his wife was not able to join him at the concert from the separate memory center where she lives with no recognition of Dan, family or any of their basic routines anymore.

We enjoyed the concert and the chance to visit after. Then Dan reminded me of a time shortly before we closed the Champagne Patio Restaurant and Wine Shop in 2010. He said he happened to come by when I was being offered samples of an excellent Oregon Pinot noir by a visiting winemaker, and I invited him to sit in. The winemaker was Geoffrey Crowther of Toluca Lane, and I quickly chose to buy some of this rich, velvety textured wine for the shop and myself. Though I had forgotten, Dan said I even gave him a bottle, as well.

Dan and I talked about getting his son to bring him back over to the coast for more orchestra concerts, which he found so enjoyable. And then an idea struck me. What if I tracked down a bottle of that Pinot so we could all enjoy it once again after



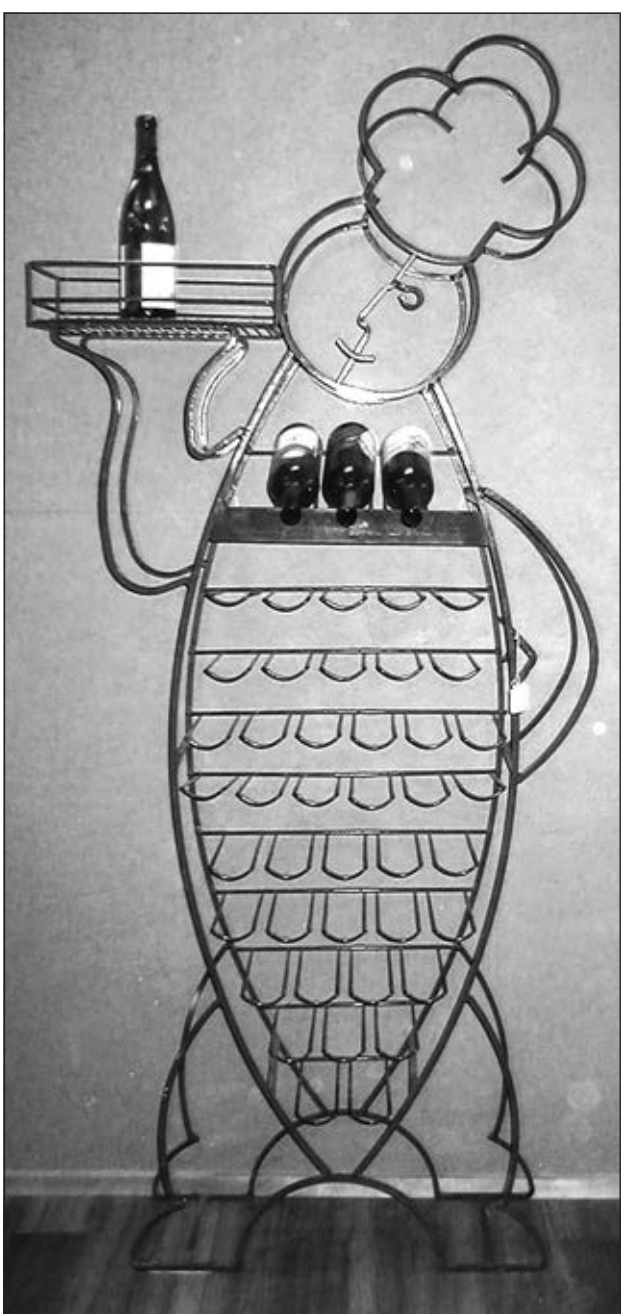
Joseph Swafford

an NSO concert? I hadn’t heard much about the very small Toluca Lane Winery in the years since we had closed the shop, so I did some research on the internet. When I explained in an email what my plan was and could I come to the winery and get the wine from them, they thought it was a great idea but, alas, there was no more winery, nor even a bottle of wine from their library. Geoffrey Crowther and his wife Lane grew their grapes on less than seven acres in the Amity/Eola Hills west of Salem and depended on an annual Solstice festival open to the public to sell their wine. Unfortunately the pandemic closed down that event, and they now lease the tiny vineyard to four different winemakers. Their last vintage of Pinot noir was 2019. With the help of the Crowthers, I may still get wines from the source, though made by other winemakers (whose names I recognize). More later.

Speaking of the Newport Symphony Orchestra, I am extremely proud — as we

all should be — to have a group of musicians more talented than orchestras in cities with 10 times the population of Newport. An opportunity to benefit the NSO has come my way. A whimsical wine rack made of sturdy metal wire in the fanciful likeness of a rotund chef whose body has racks to hold over three cases of wine bottles, has been donated to the symphony. While once in the Wood Gallery on the Newport Bayfront, this wine guy now hangs out at Pirates Plunder in South Beach. The Wood Gallery’s Chris Torp, who said he wanted no credit for donating this “wine guy” to the NSO — so we will not give him any — consulted with me, and we decided that the first person that writes a check for at least \$100 to the NSO can help our great orchestra and take home a new member of the family. The rack is empty, but it is possible that it might contain a bottle from the cellar of a champion of the NSO — the late David Ogden Stiers. Contact me at 541-265-3076 or at the email below.

Cheers!
Joseph Swafford
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“The Wine Guy.”



The Arc Achievement Program participant Chris uses a wheelchair ramp purchased with funds from a grant from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund.

Arc Achievement program receives tribe’s donation

The Arc Achievement Program of Lincoln County expressed appreciation to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians for two grants awarded through the tribe’s Charitable Contribution Fund in 2023.

One, in the amount of \$6,000, provided a scholarship fund for individuals that do not qualify for Medicaid services to attend day support programs. To date, this grant has allowed seven different individuals to attend day support programs at no cost. Two of these individuals attend day support programs on a regular, ongoing basis.

The other grant of \$594 funded the purchase of equipment and supplies to allow full access to activities for all participants. Equipment purchased included a wheelchair ramp, toilet assist and safety aid, magnifier, tripod and

shutter button, loom knitting machines and other small supplies. All of these items enabled participants with various needs to fully access our programs.

The Arc is a nonprofit organization providing advocacy and programs for individuals living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc of Lincoln County has recently officially become a chapter of The Arc and serves 36 individuals. This program provides support to help adults with disabilities have access to different community experiences, while working to improve their social skills, life skills, safety skills, and increase their self-advocacy.

For more information on how to become involved in The Arc of Lincoln County, contact Nikki Holland at nholland@arcbenton.org



THE SILVER SCREEN

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Guy in the Beatles’ “I Am the Walrus”

7 Brand of bottled water

13 Holy places

20 Yacht basin

21 Old Missouri natives

22 Arranged, as a page for printing

23 2001 Josh Hartnett war film

25 Not macho

26 “— little!” (“Have some fun!”)

27 Vegas action

28 Darkens in the sun

30 Hammer, e.g.

31 Yalie

32 1971 Malcolm McDowell crime film

37 They’re fed after parking

40 “Energy healing” technique

41 Artist Neiman and Jim Croce’s Brown

42 1973 Charlton Heston thriller

46 Beginner, in gaming lingo

47 Use sand-paper on, informally

48 Ed. supporter

50 Brain wave tests, in brief

54 — -Ball (carnival game)

57 Lubbock-to-Laredo dir.

58 1986 Isabella Rossellini neo-noir film

61 WWW page

64 Musical inaptitude

67 Having arrived tardily

68 Choose (to)

69 1984 Gene Wilder romantic comedy

72 “— said before ...”

73 “The Lion in Winter” actor

75 Dawned

76 Certain English student

78 1984 Prince musical film

80 Psychic “gift”

82 Table scraps

83 Graf — (German warship)

84 Potent compound in marijuana: Abbr.

85 Sequence of episodes on the tube

89 Test of speed

92 1986 Molly Ringwald Cinderella story

96 6x9-inch book

99 Attach with cord, e.g.

101 Actor Patrick

102 1992 Wesley Snipes sports film

107 ABA mem.

108 Sol-do linkup

109 Meat spread

110 “Starpeace” singer Yoko

111 — voce (quietly)

113 Smart speaker from Amazon

115 Photos not in shades of gray ... or what eight answers in this puzzle are?

120 Precisely, with “on”

121 Retaliate

122 Czar called “the Great”

123 More impertinent

124 Actor Dick Van —

125 Evaluate

DOWN

1 Tokens

2 Telescope pioneer

3 Newton topic

4 Rats’ relatives

5 Crooner Paul

6 “Prob’ly not”

7 Carpentry rod

8 Invite out for

9 Hardly happy

10 Of yore

11 Unfamiliar

12 Fails to be satisfactory

13 Skulked

14 Sci-fi role for Harrison Ford

15 Cup edge

16 Muckraker who took on Standard Oil

17 “That’s all wrong!”

18 Funeral speech

19 Fashion trends

24 Jackson 5 hit

29 Meyers of “Dutch”

32 Comes — surprise

33 Tribe of Canada

34 Piercing

35 Come in first

36 Vintage auto

38 Someone — problem

39 Sleep stage

43 “I fail — the humor”

44 Some sporty autos

45 Orating skill

46 No, in Selkirk

48 Least ornate

49 Zig or zag

51 Major Taiwanese carrier

52 Implies

53 Pub mugs

54 Nosy sorts

55 Sustained

56 Automaker Bugatti

58 Part of N.B.

59 Lead-in to Cong or Minh

60 Lead-in to skeleton

62 “— cost you!”

63 You, quaintly

65 “Sign me up!”

66 Rapper Lil — X

70 Infant’s cry

71 Reimburse

74 Surgeries

77 Like sexist jokes

79 Road map abbr.

81 Tennis unit

85 1982 film and arcade game

86 Steam hole

87 Ninny

88 Bump — log

90 Road map abbr.

91 Write music

92 Pod veggie

93 Like Charlie Brown’s kite, inevitably

94 Seine users, e.g.

95 Result of a very-low-carb diet

96 Hooting baby birds

97 Latin dance

98 Gives 10%

99 Blast creator

100 Polar topper

103 Diner patron

104 1995-2011 Yankee Posada

105 Release, as from a corral

106 “Excusez—!”

111 Holy Mlles.

112 Excuses

114 “— have to?”

116 Female gametes

117 Allow to

118 Ottawa loc.

119 1040 pro

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COURTESY PHOTO
Milo Graamans will perform in Newport during the Spotlight on the Teachers Benefit Concert at the PAC.

‘Broadway, Movies and Fun’ concert at the PAC

The Spotlight on the Teachers Benefit Concert — Broadway, Movies and Fun! — will be presented by the Lincoln County District of the Oregon Music Association at 2 p.m. this Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Newport Performing Arts Center.

“Our first Spotlight was held in 1999. We started out with just four pianists playing solos, duets, and piano quartets,” said Jessica Treon, district co-president, “Mary Lee Scoville, Suzanne Brown, Marcia Wilcox and I were the first performers. Later, we started having recitals twice a year, including group members and guests. This is our 25th anniversary year.”

This is also the 25th anniversary of the Suzanne Brown Student Aid fund, which is where donations raised through the concerts is directed. It is used to provide tuition for lessons, books or festival fees for those students whose families cannot afford the full costs of music education. The family contributes what it can, teachers discount their fees, and the fund makes up the difference. As time passes the expense of these concerts increases. Were it not for community support of these concerts, students would

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On a wing and a prayer and 10,000 Tootsie Rolls



COURTESY PHOTO
Knights of Columbus Council 7246 recently presented a \$5,850 check to Lincoln County’s Special Olympics sports teams. This money was gathered through a Tootsie Roll fundraiser.

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For The Lincoln County Leader

The beneficiaries of the most recent Knights of Columbus (K of C) fund drive are Lincoln County’s Special Olympics athletes.

“This is so great,” said one of my basketball athletes. “We’ll be getting uniforms and some other stuff for our tournaments.”

On Saturday, Jan. 20, Rex Capri, Grand Knight of Council 7246, and his other Knights showed up before our practice to deliver a \$5,850

check to Lincoln County’s sports teams.

Donna and Eric Thorpe, Special Olympic program coordinators, jumped with joy that all those candies brought to their program an opportunity to fund away games at tournaments enabling overnight

hotel stays, as well as uniforms, equipment and some party fun.

Capri and his blue-jacketed fellow Nights were in Waldport at Rays, McKay’s and Fred Meyers in Newport, and at Chester’s in Depoe

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New abstract exhibit in Newport

The Oregon Coast Council for the Arts is excited to present “Color, Texture, Passion,” featuring the abstract work of local artist Victoria Biedron. This exhibit will be on display from Wednesday, Feb. 7 through Sunday, March 31, at Olive Street Gallery, located inside Newport Performing Arts Center.

Biedron creates her “heartfelt abstracts” using a combination of materials and techniques, including acrylics, oil pastels, charcoal, paper- and mark-making, as well as scraping implements that help her to create unique and interesting textures.

“I love using acrylics for my abstracts because of its flexibility and ability to be layered, scraped, and drawn on,” said Biedron. “Painting is a never-ending journey of self-expression and style discovery.”

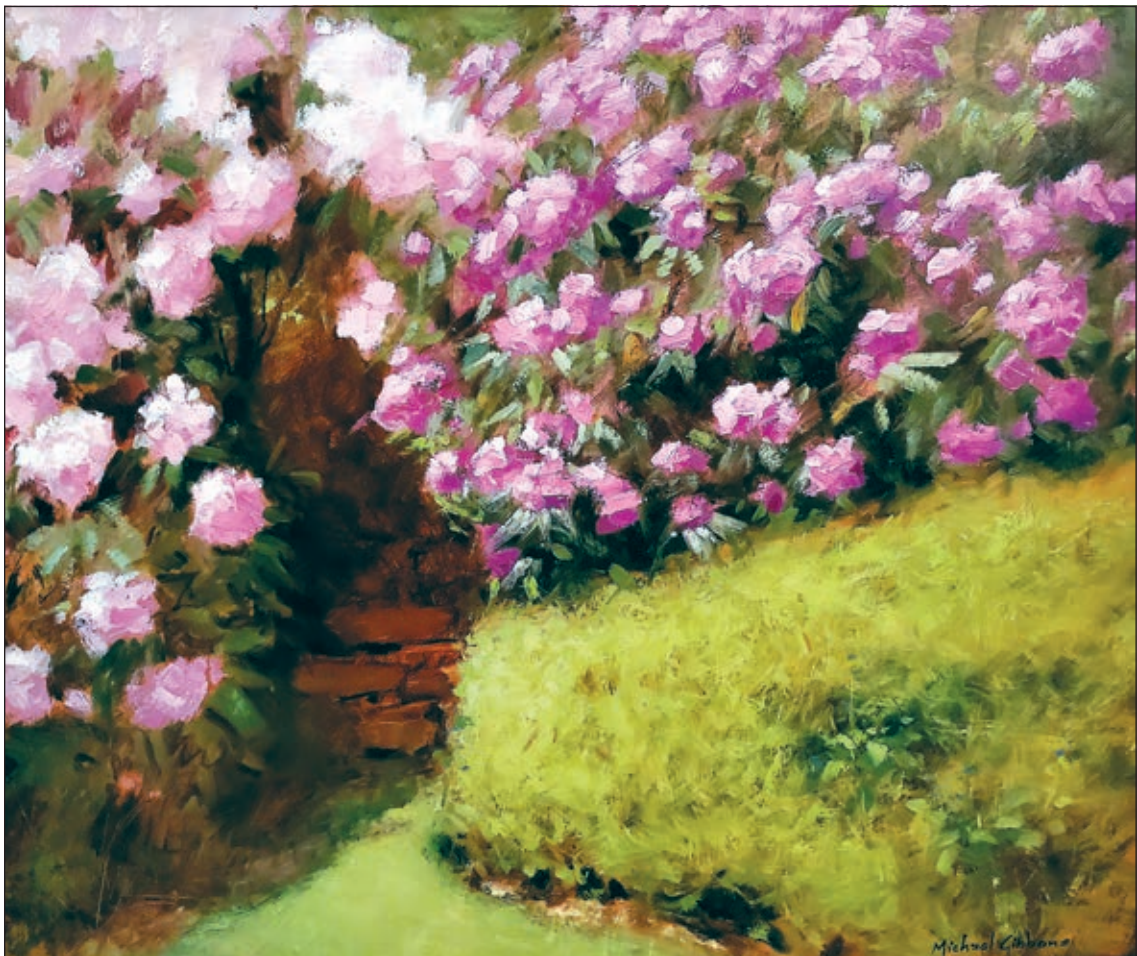
Relying on experimentation and introspection, Biedron transfers

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Abstract artwork by local artist Victoria Biedron will be on display in an exhibit called “Color, Texture, Passion” from Wednesday, Feb. 7 through Sunday, March 31, at Olive Street Gallery, located inside Newport Performing Arts Center.

Art flowers in Toledo this weekend



COURTESY PHOTO
“Grace’s Garden,” by the late artist Michael Gibbons, will be one of the featured paintings this Saturday and Sunday during Toledo’s monthly event called First Weekend Art.

Every month, the town of Toledo takes a weekend to celebrate their arts community and invite the public to join in. First Weekend is a monthly opportunity for the public to connect with its local artisans and see what’s new. February’s First Weekend will be held this Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 3 and 4.

At Michael Gibbons’ Signature Gallery, “Grace’s Garden” 15 by 18-inch oil, shown in a custom gold wood museum style frame, is a bright verdant piece to inspire the winter-weary as spring rounds the corner. The original oil, painted in 1996, is a testament to the regional flora that define area gardens and woodlands by prominently displaying the beauty of the Oregon Coast’s iconic rhododendrons.

The late artist enjoyed working near his home in Toledo and found an exquisite garden created by Grace Ross Carroll of pioneer family stock descending from John Graham, founder of Toledo. Gibbons never met Carroll, but he greatly admired her for the beauty she left in Toledo. See this

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Humans and dolphins is talk topic

The Oregon Chapter of the American Cetacean Society (ACS) will be hosting its next free speaker series meeting at the Newport Public Library, 35 Nye St., at 11:30 a.m. this Saturday, Feb. 3. The presentation will feature Alexandre M.S. Machado, a Ph.D. candidate at Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil.

Machado will talk about the role of individual differences in a rare human-dolphin mutualism. In southern Brazil, wild dolphins and artisanal net-casting fishers work together to catch mullet. Dolphins and fishers synchronize their behavior in a rare cooperative foraging tactic to overcome their respective challenges of foraging in the murky waters of Laguna. However, both human and dolphin partners can differ in their behavior. Anglers vary in their fishing

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