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Body of missing Siletz child recovered from river

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

The body of a missing 2-year-old-boy was recovered from the Siletz River on March 11, 10 days after he first went missing. The cause of death was determined to be drowning.

Dane Paulsen disappeared on the afternoon of Saturday, March 1, while playing in the yard of his residence located near milepost 21 on Highway 229, north of Siletz. Immediately after being notified, emergency personnel

began searching the residential property and surrounding areas. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and partnering agencies had watercraft searching the river beginning the morning of Sunday, March 2, through March 11, when Dane was recovered. Divers began searching the river on Monday, March 3, and remained active through Tuesday, March 4.

In addition to official agencies and their volunteer groups, community volunteers showed up in mass to help search

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Lincoln County Sheriff Adam Shanks addresses members of the media on Thursday, March 14, regarding details of the search for 2-year-old Dane Paulsen, whose body was found in the Siletz River on March 11. (Photo by Steve Card)

A great place to experience nature



The Beaver Creek State Natural Area, located a little over a mile east of Ona Beach and Highway 101 on North Beaver Creek Road, is a great place to see nature up close. Whether you hike through upland forest or paddle through the lush marsh, signs of life are everywhere. This observation dock and paddle craft launch site can be found at a small park located just east of the Beaver Creek Interpretive Center. (Photo by Steve Card)

Kotek introduces bill to boost student outcomes, support schools

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Gov. Tina Kotek is outlining the legislative lynchpin of her 2025 Education Initiative, a plan to renew Oregon's education accountability system and make sure state education investments translate into high-quality instruction for every student across the state.

The governor introduces this legislation as she proposes a historic \$11.36 billion State School Fund (SSF) investment and legislation to provide school districts with more financial predictability for future budget cycles. In a release, Kotek said she believes the state has a responsibility to make sure increased funding is used in ways that deliver the best education for every Oregon student.

"Getting public education right is one of the biggest promises we make to Oregonians. Students and families want a quality public education that works for them," Kotek said. "When schools aren't delivering for students, we all have to step up. It's time to be clear-eyed about our numbers and change how the state and districts work together on improving student outcomes."

"Pairing additional resources with strong accountability measures will help support our schools as we all work together to improve educational outcomes for our students," Senate President Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego) said. "To secure Oregon's future economic strength, we must prioritize educating our students today."

"We need to be clear-eyed about the challenges facing Oregon's K-12 system and treat



Gun magazines that can hold more than 10 bullets are banned under Oregon's new law. (Photo by Connor Radnovich/Oregon Capital Chronicle)

Oregon appeals court rules in favor of voter-approved gun control law Measure 114

JULIA SHUMWAY
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon's second-highest court affirmed Wednesday that the voter-approved gun control law Measure 114 is constitutional, potentially clearing the way for the law to take effect after being on hold for years because of a Harney County judge's ruling.

Voters in 2022 narrowly approved Measure 114 to limit sales of some ammunition magazines and require a permit and completed background check before purchasing a gun. Two

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County commissioners discuss short-term rental moratorium

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

The moratorium on approving new short-term rentals (STRs) in unincorporated areas of Lincoln County is set to expire on March 31, and the county commissioners discussed earlier this month whether or not to let that moratorium expire.

The moratorium was put in place quite some time ago to put a halt on any new STRs while the county commissioners tried to address issues that had arisen from STRs already in existence. There had been numerous complaints made to the county by people who live near STRs who said STRs were having serious impacts on their quality of life — everything from traffic impacts and overcrowding in small neighborhoods, to late-night noise, to garbage strewn around and more.

After going around and around on this issue for quite some time, trying to balance neighborhood livability with the rights of property owners to operate STRs, the county commission settled on a plan to break the county into seven regions, with each region being allowed a certain number of STRs, based on a variety of factors. That concept was approved in early 2023.

These regions do not include any property within city limits. Regions one and two, which are in north county, are divided by the Depoe Bay Bridge. The western and eastern regions are divided by Highway 101. Regions two and three are divided by the Yaquina Bay Bridge, regions three and four are divided by the Beaver Creek Bridge, regions four and five are divided by Alsea Bay Bridge and regions six

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Showers

Sunday: High-56/Low-47
Showers

Monday: High-58/Low-48
AM Showers

Tuesday: High-61/Low-48
Foggy

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
March 8	0.00	42.0	57.0
March 9	0.40	44.6	56.4
March 10	0.12	43.0	44.7
March 11	0.04	40.3	50.2
March 12	1.15	43.3	49.8
March 13	0.07	42.0	50.5
March 14	0.04	39.4	43.1
Total rainfall from Jan. 1	18.24"		

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

High..... 3:22 a.m.7.9

Low..... 10:20 a.m.0.8

High..... 4:54 p.m.5.9

Low..... 9:39 p.m.3.4

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

High..... 3:55 a.m.7.85

Low..... 11:12 a.m.1.0

High..... 6:02 p.m.5.4

Low..... 10:14 p.m.3.9

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

High..... 4:36 a.m.7.6

Low..... 12:1 p.m.1.0

High..... 7:34 p.m.5.2

Low..... 11:0 p.m.4.2

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

High..... 5:33 a.m.7.3

Low..... 1:29 p.m.1.0

High..... 9:06 p.m.5.4

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Low..... 12:35 a.m.4.4

High..... 6:48 a.m.7.2

Low..... 2:39 p.m.0.7

High..... 10:02 p.m.5.7

MONDAY, MARCH 24

Low..... 2:15 a.m.4.2

High..... 8:09 a.m.7.3

Low..... 3:36 p.m.0.2

High..... 10:39 p.m.6.2

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Low..... 3:29 a.m.3.7

High..... 9:20 a.m.7.6

Low..... 4:23 p.m.0.1

High..... 11:09 p.m.6.7

Sunrise/Sunset

March 19.....	7:21 a.m.....	7:27 p.m.
March 20.....	7:20 a.m.....	7:28 p.m.
March 21.....	7:18 a.m.....	7:29 p.m.
March 22.....	7:16 a.m.....	7:30 p.m.
March 23.....	7:14 a.m.....	7:32 p.m.
March 24.....	7:12 a.m.....	7:33 p.m.
March 25.....	7:10 a.m.....	7:34 p.m.
March 26.....	7:08 a.m.....	7:35 p.m.
March 27.....	7:07 a.m.....	7:37 p.m.

Lottery

Friday, March 14
Mega Millions
3 • 17 • 39 • 42 • 70 • PB-1 • x3

Saturday, March 15
Powerball
12 • 28 • 33 • 36 • 54 • PB-5 • x3

Saturday, March 15
Megabucks
3 • 12 • 19 • 35 • 39 • 47

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Record \$76.8M heading to local school districts

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon’s K-12 public schools will receive a record \$76.8 million from the Common School Fund in 2025, according to state officials.

“Across the country, school districts are facing budget shortages caused by the expiration of federal pandemic relief dollars, declining enrollment, increasing costs due to inflation, and many other factors,” Gov. Tina Kotek said. “Here in Oregon, we are lucky to have the Common School Fund — a critical and reliable resource in our shared goal to give students the best shot to succeed.”

Every one of Oregon’s 197 school districts receives money from the Common School Fund, which has supported public education since statehood, every year. How much each district receives depends on the number of students served.

The Siuslaw Schools will see \$193, 969. Lincoln County School District will see \$861,710 and the Tillamook School District gets \$271,257. Bandon Schools will see \$79, 904. The



Every one of Oregon’s 197 school districts receives money from the Common School Fund, which has supported public education since statehood, every year. (Metro Creative Connection)

Coos Bay School District will receive \$382,092. The Central Curry Schools will get \$57,779. Portland Public Schools, the state’s largest district, will receive \$6.6 million in 2025.

The average 2025 distribution is \$389,607.

“The Common School Fund is consistent and can be used for anything, from keeping the

lights on to providing instruction,” Bethel School District’s Willamette High School teacher Benjamin Dodds said. “That’s what makes it such a helpful funding source for schools across Oregon.”

The Common School Fund has contributed to schools since Oregon became a state, when the federal government granted nearly 3.4 million acres “for the use of schools.” The State Land Board — Oregon’s governor, secretary of state, and state treasurer — was established to oversee these school lands dedicated to generating revenue for the Common School Fund.

Valued at \$2.38 billion as of February 2025, the Common School Fund is managed by the Oregon State Treasury, with oversight from the Oregon Investment Council. The fund achieved a 9.7 percent return in 2024.

Annually, 3.5 percent of the fund is distributed to schools. The 2025 distribution of \$76.6 million is \$2.4 million more than the 2024 distribution of \$74.2 million and \$4.4 million more than the 2023 distribution of \$72.2 million.

“Schools are the foundation of

healthy families and communities,” State Treasurer Elizabeth Steiner said. “We’re committed to safeguarding the Common School Fund and ensuring that our responsible investment strategies continue to generate returns that put more educators, counselors and other staff in front of students across Oregon.”

Today, about 681,000 acres of school lands in all 36 Oregon counties are managed by the Department of State Lands on behalf of the State Land Board. Ranchers and farmers, tribal governments, businesses, and more work with DSL to lease and buy lands, plan for future community needs, and keep lands healthy. School lands generated \$7.2 million in revenue during fiscal year 2024.

“This is a historic investment and a smart one,” Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read said. “Oregonians value education because we know our tomorrow depends on the students and teachers in classrooms today. We must continue to manage these lands wisely so Oregonians can keep benefitting from this valuable resource for generations to come.”

Four school board positions up for election

The Lincoln County School District announces that four positions on the LCSD Board of Directors will be up for election in the upcoming election cycle.

The following positions will appear on the ballot:

- Zone 1 (North Area)
- Zone 3 (West Area)
- Zone 4 (East Area)
- Zone 5 (South Area)

Community members interested in serving on the school board must file with the Lincoln County Clerk’s Office by March

20 to appear on the ballot. Prospective candidates should check with the clerk’s office regarding specific zone boundaries to confirm their eligibility before filing.

School board members play a vital role in shaping educational policies, approving budgets, and making decisions that directly impact students, staff, and community members throughout Lincoln County. The elected board members from Zone 1 will serve

two years of an unexpired term, and Zone 3, 4, and 5 board members will serve four-year terms. Board members are expected to attend regular monthly meetings as well as special sessions and committee meetings as needed.

For more information about the election process or board member responsibilities, contact the Lincoln County Clerk’s Office at 541-265-4131 or visit their website at www.co.lincoln.or.us/176/ Clerks-Office.

Fatal crash on Highway 34

A Corvallis woman was killed Monday, March 10, when the car she was driving crashed on Highway 34 in Lincoln County. The Oregon State Police responded at around 4:40 p.m. to a report of a single-vehicle crash near milepost 27.

The preliminary investigation indicated an eastbound Honda Civic, operated by Brandy Amber Damm-Winningham, 42, lost control, left the roadway and rolled approximately 300 feet down a steep embankment. She was ejected from the vehicle as it rolled over and

was declared deceased at the scene. It was believed that she was not wearing a seatbelt.

A passenger in the Honda, Becky Jean Damm, 62, also of Corvallis, suffered reported minor injuries and was transported to an area hospital.

The highway was impacted for approximately four hours during the on-scene investigation.

OSP was assisted by the Benton County Sheriff’s Office, Alsea Fire Department, Central Lincoln Fire & Rescue, and the Yachats Fire Department.

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MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners: 10 a.m., commission meeting room, county courthouse, Newport. For info, go to www.co.lincoln.or.us.
Yachats City Council: 1 p.m., Yachats Commons.
Lincoln City Parks & Recreation Board: 2:30 p.m., Lincoln City Community Center, 2150 NE Oar Place.
Oregon Coast Community College Board of Education: 6 p.m., 400 SE College Way, Newport.
Newport Parking Advisory Committee: 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.
Toledo City Council: 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

MONDAY, MARCH 24
Waldport Planning Commission: 2 p.m., council chambers, city hall.
Siletz City Council: 5:30 p.m., city hall.
Newport Planning Commission: 6 p.m. work session, 7 p.m. regular session, council chambers, city hall.
Lincoln City City Council: 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26
Depoe Bay Harbor Commission: 6 p.m., city hall.
Toledo City Council: 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

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ODOT to pause curb work for spring break

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon Department of Transportation crews have been working to bring hundreds of curb ramps to Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) standards along Highway 101 in Lincoln City.

“These curb ramps help make it easier for everyone to move between the sidewalk and road, whether you have a disability or not,” according to a media release from ODOT.

With spring break taking place over the next several weeks, people can expect to see an increase in pedestrians and traffic. During spring break, ODOT is planning to pause the ramp work in the general downtown area and will continue to work near Lincoln Beach. Work in the general downtown area will resume after spring break.

ODOT is continuing to

work on the traffic signals through town and asks that everyone please use caution and be patient. People should use the designated crossings for the safest way to cross the street. While ODOT crews are working on the sidewalks and ramps, some crossings may be closed for the safety of both pedestrians and drivers.

“This is a great time to remember to use the zipper merge, drive with caution and continue to support local businesses that are open during construction,” the ODOT release states.

“Many drivers were taught to merge early and believe they are being ‘cut off’ by vehicles merging from the lane that is ending. But sharing the road with a zipper merge means being patient and taking turns,” ODOT states. “As you see the ‘lane closed ahead’ sign, stay in your current lane up to the point of merge. Then take turns



Oregon Department of Transportation crews have been upgrading the curb ramps along Highway 101 in Lincoln City. (Photo by Jeremy C. Ruark)

with other drivers to ease into the remaining lane. It is safer for motorists to use both lanes until reaching the defined merge area and then take turns continuing in the open lane, like the teeth of a zipper.”

According to ODOT, safer driving habits benefit travelers and workers alike by preventing crashes and

keeping traffic moving smoothly.

To help drivers see where to go, ODOT is using blue signs and markers to show business entrances or accesses to parking lots.

“Businesses are open during construction — and your support during this dusty time is appreciated,”

the release states. “When in doubt, look for blue to help guide you to a nearby business.”

During construction, people can expect:

- Crews working Monday through Friday, from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Shoulder and lane closures as needed.
- Delays with flaggers helping direct traffic as needed.
- Construction noise — using saws to cut concrete can be loud and dusty.
- Businesses to remain open during construction.

Surfside Village forms co-op



The residents of Surfside Village Co-Op, Nye Beach in Newport recently celebrated the purchase of their manufactured home park. Also pictured (back row-center) are State Sen. Dick Anderson and State Rep. David Gomberg. (Courtesy photo)

Recently, the residents of Surfside Village Co-Op, Nye Beach in Newport celebrated the purchase of their manufactured home park.

Those living there had considered becoming a resident-owned community in 2014, but the purchase price was too high. Ten years later, the residents have come full circle and realized their dream of homeownership.

A resident-owned community is a neighborhood of manufactured homes owned by a cooperative of homeowners who live there, as opposed to an outside investor. Surfside Village Cooperative, Nye Beach, located at 392 NW Third St., is a 55+ community consisting of 33 manufactured homes. It officially became a co-op in January.

On the occasion of this

momentous milestone, Surfside Board President Sandy Blackman said, “I am grateful for the valuable assistance that CASA (Community and Shelter Assistance) of Oregon provided through the process. This model provides permanent housing to low-to middle-income individuals, brings stability, provides security for our elderly, and encourages residents to work cooperatively within our living space. We are grateful!”

Bonnie Good, vice-president of the Surfside Board of Directors, added, “CASA of Oregon took us under their wing, guiding us through many obstacles with experience, expertise, encouragement, logic, law and love. We could not have done it without them.”

Good also thanked others involved in making the

cooperative a reality. They include:

- The previous owners who offered a price we could navigate and had the patience to allow the process to unfold.
- ROC (Resident Owned Community) secured the grants, making it affordable to move ahead.
- NOAH (Network for Oregon Affordable Housing) worked to navigate the financials for a low interest loan enabling us to reach our goal of stabilized rents.
- Dick Anderson, our state senator, and David Gomberg, our state representative, along with other legislators, worked tirelessly in every conceivable direction to stabilize affordable housing for us and many more. It couldn’t have been done without their commitment.
- Cooperative

Management, Inc., our property managers who manage 15 of the 20 co-ops in Oregon that include manufactured home, RVs and tiny homes with care and compassion, which is the backbone of co-operative living.

“Lastly, we thank the residents and interim board of directors who voted to move forward and work diligently to make this happen,” said Good. “It takes a village. Thanks to all of you.”

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State agencies issue scam alert regarding unpaid tolls

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) are warning residents of a new scam.

“Scammers posing as DMV and ODOT are texting cellphones about unpaid toll fees,” a release from the two state agencies states. “The messages vary, but essentially claim you have a past due toll balance that must be paid immediately to avoid DMV fines or having your license suspended. These are fake messages and phishing scams trying to get payment information from unsuspecting Oregonians.”

ODOT officials said the agency does not have a toll program.

DMV does send text messages for actions initiated by the customer, but the messages never include links to verify personal information, according to the DMV.

“For example, when a customer establishes a DMV2U account, a security code may be sent by text to establish verification,” the release states. “Customers may also receive a DMV appointment reminder or cancellation notice by text.”

DMV officials recommend that if you receive such a fraud text, you should immediately delete the text message and block the number.

“Clicking on a suspicious text message or payment link will take



Scammers posing as the Department of Motor Vehicle and Oregon Department of Transportation are texting cellphones about unpaid toll fees. (Metro Creative Connection)

you to a website where you are at a high risk of getting your personal and financial information stolen,” the state agencies warn. “ODOT and DMV staff members are unable to provide technical assistance with a customer’s phone.”

HOW THE SCAM WORKS

- Urgency and threat — The texts often create a sense of urgency, claiming unpaid tolls and threatening fines or penalties if you don’t pay immediately.
- Links to phishing sites — They include links that, if clicked, lead to fake websites designed to steal your personal and financial information.
- Impersonation — Scammers impersonate ODOT or other tolling agencies, making the texts seem legitimate.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- Don’t click links — If you receive a text about

unpaid tolls, do not click on any links or provide any information.

- Verify with ODOT directly — Contact ODOT through their official website or phone number to confirm if you owe any tolls.

- Report the scam — Contact the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Hotline at 1-877-877-9392 or file a complaint online. You can also file a complaint with the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center and the Federal Trade Commission.

- Be cautious of suspicious texts — Be wary of any text message that demands immediate action or asks for personal information or payment.

- Delete the text — Once you’ve reported the scam, delete the text message and block the number to prevent further potential harm.

If you click a link or provide your information, secure your personal information and financial accounts and dispute any unfamiliar charges.

You can also verify a message’s legitimacy by contacting ODOT at 1-888-Ask-ODOT and DMV at 1-855-540-6655. For more information about fraud prevention, visit Oregon DMV.

County Democrats meet March 26

The Lincoln County Democratic Party will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 26, from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at the Newport Recreation Center, located at 255 SE Avery St.

All are welcome to attend.

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VIEWPOINT

Ahh, Julius Caesar, the Ides of March

BY PAUL HAEDER

The good news is that young people are resisting the giant knives of 10 million cuts deployed by a South African pro-apartheid fellow with his doggy DOGE.

We have multiple prong crises in the United States, and that unelected “death by 10 million cuts” Musk is just the tip of the spear in this next iteration of a dying empire.

Yes, think empire for the USA, and forget about Hollywood versions of what “empire” might mean.

The case can be made in many ways, first with the dispossession of Native Americans and relegation of many to reservations and theft of millions of acres is pretty imperialist. The U.S. fought a war with Mexico in the 1840s and stole a third of it. Fifty years later, it fought a war with Spain and claimed the majority of Spain’s overseas territories.

But this idea of empire isn’t just about stolen land. Many see the enslavement and then economic chains put upon Africans and African Americans as empire on steroids. That amazing U.S. intellectual W.E.B. Du Bois argued that Black people in the U.S. looked more like colonized subjects than like citizens. Malcolm X and the leaders of the Black Panthers agreed.

Oh, empire is also about sanctions — economic warfare to many in the global south. Currently, the European Union is splintering because of the drawdown of support by Trump and company. Europe (I lived and worked there, including UK) was swamped by U.S. commerce/advertising/junk.

Soft power of the empire.

There are ironically many other March celebrated dates to consider in regard to the eviscerating of safety nets undertaken by the billionaire class working with and for Trump.

Take Women’s History Month. It’s celebrated throughout the month to recognize the role of women in American history, but the Trump Administration is largely soldiered by white men.

Then, this National Reading Month is supposed to celebrate reading throughout the month. Trump is not a reader of books, for sure, as many biographers and close people to him have said. The recent state of the union address was replete with lies and complete upside down false information from Trump. So, National Read Across America Day (March 2) and International Women’s Day (March 8) has taken up no space on Trump’s sixth grade reading level social media posts.

Finally, think hard about another March recognition — National Employee Appreciation Day.

The death by thousands of cuts come close to my home, to this county, and to many of the professions I have worked under with various levels of intensity. My current work with adults with developmental disabilities is now fraught with clients fearful of Medicaid and housing assistance cuts.

And support staff cuts.

This is the chaos Musk and his henchmen are unfolding. Many in the developmentally disabled community are going to Salem to lobby for holding the line on the measly amounts of public (safety nets) assistance they receive.

This is what five-time presidential candidate Ralph Nader recently said on a radio program after Trump’s address to Congress: “Trump’s administration is going to move to slash Medicaid, which serves over 71 million people, including millions of Trump voters, who should be reconsidering their vote as the days pass because they’re being exploited in red states, blue states, everywhere, as well. Yeah, they have to cut tens of billions of dollars a year from Medicaid to pay for the tax cut. That’s number one. Now they’re going after Social Security. Who knows what the next step will be on Medicare? They’re leaving the American people defenseless.”

A war on American workers, for sure, and I doubt anyone in the Trump coterie could stand two minutes in a real debate with 91-year-old Nader without screaming, lying and stomping off. Nader’s history has been to protect the American citizen against ruthless corporations. He’s a fighter for workers’ rights and protections. He wants protections for the American family and those less fortunate. Trump favors the super-rich and giant corporations.

One favorable bit of news is that I will be hosting my radio show on Lincoln County’s KYAQ-FM, 91.7. It’s on at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, and I’ll be getting into many topics not typically covered on local shows. I’ll talk to the dispossessed and laid off National Parks workers. I’ll talk to our coastal people, too, and for one of my shows in April, I will talk up National Poetry Month with our state’s literary jewel, Kim Stafford.

Finding Fringe: Voice from the Edge will celebrate our activists and social and economic justice warriors. Expect science and sociology, as well as politics and arts and letters on my show. Now that’s how we celebrate reading and workers — highlighting authors and our local workforce. Deaths by a million cuts we all must fight here and now, and there are

Renewal by Anderson

Public Infrared Heaters

• And the Democrats, so I’ll end with Ralph: “The Democratic leadership doesn’t know how to deal with a criminal recidivist, a person who has hired workers without documents and exploited them, a person who’s a bigot against immigrants, including legal immigrants who are performing totally critical tasks in home health care, processing poultry, meat, and half of the construction workers in Texas are undocumented workers. So, as a bully, he doesn’t go after the construction industry in Texas; he picks out individuals.”

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



A Navy blimp patrols the waters over Newport’s Agate Beach in June of 1945 as people enjoying the surf look on. (Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Historical Society, oregoncoasthistory.org and www.facebook.com/pacificmaritimewportor)

VIEWPOINT

This is not normal

BY SUSAN ELIZABETH REESE PAINTER

Never in our history have we:

Had a president who is a felon, convicted on 34 counts by a jury of his peers;

Had a president who displays his mug shot at the Oval Office;

Had a president who was impeached twice;

Had a president who sought to overturn the free and fair election that placed his predecessor in office;

Had a president who was found liable for millions in civil damages for sexually abusing a woman in a fancy department store;

Had a president who boasts that women let him grab their genitals “because he is famous;”

Had a president who tried to deceive the American people about his sexual relationship with a porn star by paying to keep her quiet about it;

Had a president who freed 1,500 people convicted of crimes —

including violent assaults on police officers — his first day in office;

Had a president who used bone spurs to avoid the draft and labels those who fought, suffered and died in service to our country as “suckers and losers;”

Had a president who spent his first long, rambling speech of 2025 spewing lie after lie about the nature of our country, its people and the state of our economy;

Had a president who turns our neighbors in Canada against us by imposing harsh tariffs and boasting about making it our 51st state;

Had a president who fired DOJ lawyers who refused to violate their oath to the Constitution and their professional ethics to do his bidding;

Had a president who installed the least qualified people in our history as his Cabinet simply because they are loyal to him;

Had a president who violates the law and makes our country less safe by firing thousands of loyal,

experienced, nonpartisan civil servants;

Had a president who disparages science and takes down websites with truthful information to help our citizens;

Had a president who installs his biggest campaign contributor in a job neither authorized by Congress nor sanctioned by our Constitution;

Had a president who falsely claims a country victimized and invaded by Russia was instead the aggressor and unworthy of our support;

Had a president who denigrates a war hero for wearing his combat uniform to the Oval Office as his own T-shirt clad billionaire buddy’s kid spreads his boogers on the Resolute desk;

Had a president who alienates our allies and offers appeasement to dictators;

Had a president who thwarts efforts to fight centuries of racism and inequality, insisting we ban books and re-write history;

Had a president who

wants us to ignore our eyes and accept his world of “alternative facts.”

Ursula Le Guin points out, “The test of a fact is that it simply is so — it has no alternative ... a lie is a non-fact deliberately told as fact. ... lies are seldom completely harmless, and often very dangerous. In most times, most places, by most people, liars are considered contemptible.”

This president — this liar — is contemptible. There is no “other side” when he defies the rule of law and ignores our Constitution. He deserves neither respect nor “cooperation from across the aisle.” He must be resisted: loudly, consistently and fully by every possible lawful means.

Protest. March. Speak out. Write to Congress. Work to elect the two House Democrats on the ballot right now in Florida. Stop the lawless rampage by the liar who would be king!

Susan Elizabeth Reese Painter is a resident of Newport.

From golden age to recession: Trump’s first 50 days

BY GILBERT SCHRAMM

It is only about 50 days into the new Trump administration, and we can already see dangerous trends. In that short time, we went from Trump’s announcement of a “golden age” to his warnings of “recession.”

The best analysis of the current state of affairs I have seen came from former Republican congressman David Jolly, of Florida, who does political analysis for MSNBC. Jolly noted that if you want to destroy a country from within, you work on three main points. First, you disable the government to the extent that it is unable to perform basic tasks. Trump has taken a big step in this direction. Second, you disable the international treaties, alliances and other arrangements that help provide security for the nation. By withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accords, the World Health Organization, betraying Ukraine, and threatening NATO, Trump has taken big steps in this direction. Third, you try to bring down the economy from within. It looks like Trump is headed that way. Confusion over tariffs, tax policy, etc. has seriously

disrupted the markets; they are tanking.

Jolly left out what I think is an important fourth plank of this kind of program: that is the attempt to discredit, disrupt, disable and intimidate any political opposition. That would include attacks on the media, the opposition party, academia, and the legal and judicial system. Trump has already done all of that.

The prestigious writer James Fallows, of the Atlantic Monthly, noted two things that made America particularly appealing when it was compared with other countries. The first was our relatively open immigration system, and the second was our extremely well financed universities and their high-tech research facilities. These two things made America a magnet for some of the world’s greatest talent. Trump’s policies have obviously degraded both of these attractions.

A lot of ink has been spilled about why Donald Trump might be motivated to attack our country in this way. Explanations go from the idea that he is actually a real foreign agent (probably Russian) or that he is merely a criminal on the make, a

megalomaniac, a narcissist, or suffers from some other personality disorder or psychological pathology. In my view, these are all possible explanations, but I have never been a fan of conspiracy theories. It is hard to prove or disprove any of the above charges. They all rely on speculation, but the way that Trump has degraded the capabilities of the American nation is not a matter of speculation, it is a matter of fact. Whatever Trump’s motivations, the results are the same. Putin couldn’t be happier.

Trump has made billionaire Elon Musk the point man for implementing “efficiency” in the U.S. government. Instead, Musk is taking a chainsaw to departments and agencies he knows little about. The cuts to USAID will cause millions of deaths across the world. Most of the victims will be children. There could hardly be a worse choice for “efficiency czar” than Elon Musk. (The same could be said about many other Trump Cabinet picks — they mostly seem to be charged with destroying the departments they are in charge of.) Musk’s famous Tesla cars seem to be riddled with problems. His SpaceX

corporation just blew up its second major multi-million-dollar missile on launch, with dangerous debris raining down over the Caribbean. I hope some air traffic controllers were still on the job. Perhaps Musk should work on making his own companies more efficient.

In terms of efficiency, the firing, rehiring, and training of personnel is highly inefficient. In the end, after an enormous expense, you arrive about where you started.

Musk recently said that in destroying government agencies he is “pulling up weeds.” He pointed out there was no point in simply cutting them back — they needed to be “pulled up by the roots.” Think about that. If our government and the agencies it has properly created and funded are just “weeds,” then the roots are the Constitution itself.

The bottom line is that under Trump and Musk, America is far weaker, not stronger, than Biden left it 50 days ago. The only solution is for serious people to help Democrats take back the House and Senate in the upcoming midterm elections.

Gilbert Schramm is a resident of Newport.

MISSING

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during the initial effort.

After three full days of search and investigation, all evidence was pointing to the Siletz River, according to information provided by the sheriff's office. This evidence included the surrounding land being as thoroughly searched as possible, leads from scent-tracking dogs that tracked Dane's scent down to the river, and shoe prints comparable to Dane's size down at the river's edge. On March 4, this evidence led responders to primarily focus search efforts on the river.

Investigators continued to pursue leads by interviewing, investigating, and following up on community tips. Throughout the investigation and search, teams used additional personnel with specialized training and equipment.

During the search

period, diver Juan Heredia, with Angels Recovery Dive Team, connected with Dane's family. Using information provided by emergency personnel, and with the help of a local river guide, Heredia began his search and was successful in finding the body.

During a press conference held by the sheriff's office on Thursday, March 14, at the Siletz Valley Grange, Jess Palma, public information officer for the sheriff's office, said, "On March 11, at approximately 11:13 a.m., Juan located a small child in the river downstream of where official divers had phased their search. Multiple sheriff's office responders immediately dispatched to the scene, including the marine team that was actively searching the river. After confirming the child was Dane Paulsen, and ensuring Dane's family was informed, our office then notified our community

and media."

The Lincoln County Medical Examiner's Office was notified and responded to the scene. They transported Dane to the State Medical Examiner's Office, where an autopsy was completed on March 12. Results from this autopsy confirmed the cause of death to be drowning, and there was no evidence indicating additional trauma to his body.

"At this time, no criminal charges have been filed regarding the death of Dane Paulsen," Palma said during the press conference. "The investigation is ongoing. As is standard with all death investigations, the sheriff's office is working in coordination with the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office to review this case in its entirety."

Sheriff Adam Shanks also spoke during last Thursday's press conference. "Dane's

disappearance has been absolutely heartbreaking. Recovering his body has given his family some closure and answers, but I know the grief and processing of this tragedy is ongoing and will be overwhelmingly difficult," he said.

Shanks said the child's body was recovered about three miles downstream from the family's property. This area of the river had been searched from the surface several times by multiple watercraft operated by first responders, as well as by community volunteers, he said. Divers from multiple sheriff's offices and search and rescue teams had searched an approximate two-mile stretch of the Siletz River beginning from the property where Dane went missing and moving downstream.

"These areas were determined to be the highest probability areas, meaning they were deemed the most likely

place Dane would be found based on several factors such as river height, flow and speed of current, the time frame Dane had been missing, and body composition," said Shanks.

Using information provided by emergency personnel, Heredia, the diver with Angels Recovery Dive Team, and the river guide began checking areas further downstream from where divers had previously searched.

"We are very grateful for Juan's assistance in locating Dane," Shanks said. "We are also incredibly grateful for our communities' continued support and service throughout this response."

Also speaking during last week's press conference was Sgt. Nick Vaille, who was involved in leading the investigation and search efforts.

"The responsibility for investigating any missing person case is immense within our office, but

when the person missing is a 2-year-old boy like Dane, and the search area involves terrain like our rugged, coastal valleys, the stakes are even higher and the complications are multiplied," he said.

All of those involved in the search efforts, from emergency personnel to community volunteers, logged a total of nearly 700 miles on foot and traveled extensive lengths of the river in hopes of finding the child.

"Detectives combed through hundreds of community tips, from in-person contacts to social media posts and messages," added Vaille. "Law enforcement has conducted hundreds of interviews, including those of Dane's family and members of his community. Investigators continue to finalize documentation in preparation for review by the district attorney's office, a standard practice in any death investigation."

GUN CONTROL

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Harney County residents, joined by national gun rights groups, promptly sued in Harney County, and Judge Robert Raschio blocked the bill from taking effect.

A three-judge panel of the appeals court, led by

Presiding Judge Darlene Ortega, found Wednesday that Raschio erred and that the law didn't violate Oregon's constitution.

"We conclude that all of Measure 114 is facially constitutional," Ortega wrote in a 25-page opinion.

Plaintiffs have a little more than a month to challenge the appeals court's decision, and an appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court is expected.

Measure 114's backers also prevailed in a federal case filed by an eastern Oregon sheriff, a Keizer gun store owner and a pro-gun group. Judge Karin Immergut ruled last summer that the law didn't violate the federal Second Amendment

because it doesn't protect large-capacity magazines and Oregon's restrictions are consistent with a long history of firearm regulation.

Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield, whose justice department defended Measure 114, said it was time to move ahead with "common-sense safety measures."

"Today's decision is a big step forward for gun safety in Oregon," Rayfield said. "This measure gives us the tools to make sure gun buyers go through background checks and get proper permits, helping to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and making our communities safer."

Supporters of Measure

114 sought to prevent circumstances that contributed to some of the deadliest mass shootings in recent years, including the 2017 Las Vegas shooting at a country music festival, the 2016 Pulse night club shooting in Orlando, Florida, and the 2007 Virginia Tech shooting.

Shooters in all three locations had large-capacity magazines, allowing them to keep firing bullets into crowds. The Las Vegas shooter killed 60 people and wounded more than 400 others, the Pulse night club shooter killed 49 people and the Virginia Tech shooter killed 32 people.

In other mass shootings, including the 2012 Sandy Hook shooting in

Newtown Connecticut, and a 2019 synagogue shooting in California, people were able to run or overpower the shooter when he stopped to reload his weapon.

Requiring a completed background check is meant to close the "Charleston loophole," named after the 2015 incident where a shooter killed nine people at a church in Charleston, South Carolina. In that case, the shooter had a criminal record that would have disqualified him from buying a gun, but his background check was delayed, allowing the purchase.

Lawmakers' efforts to pass parts of Measure 114 through the Oregon Legislature

in 2023 contributed to Republicans' six-week quorum-denying walk-out, and Democratic leaders abandoned most gun restrictions as part of negotiations to bring Republicans back and finish the legislative session.

This year, lawmakers are considering House Bill 3075 to provide deadlines, fees and other structure to pre-purchase permit applications if Measure 114 takes effect.

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Sudoku answers

Earl Hueth

07/22/1930 - 01/12/2025

Earl Hueth, a longtime resident of Siletz, Oregon, passed away on January 12, 2025, at the age of 94. Born on July 22, 1930, in Plentywood, Montana, to Fred and Louise Hueth, Earl lived a full and hardworking life dedicated to his family, community, and many passions.



job, and friendship over the years made him a captivating storyteller.

Earl was deeply involved in the Siletz community. As a member of the Jaycees, he contributed to numerous local projects. He was a volunteer firefighter and served on the Search and Rescue team. Earl also built and owned the Little Chief Drive-In, a well-loved

establishment in Siletz.

A lover of country music, he spent hours listening to classic country legends. Earl was also a talented handyman and craftsman, known for his ability to fix just about anything. His passion for rocks and petrified wood led him to a lifelong hobby of tumbling and polishing stones, amassing a stunning collection that brought him years of joy.

Earl is survived by his children: Twila Porter of Springfield, Glenda Nielsen (Bob) of Siletz, Darla Zagel (Jon) of Newport, and David Hueth (Kelly) of Siletz.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Herman Hueth, Sue Reed, Al Hueth, Elsie McClure, Margie Callahan, and Lloyd Hueth.

As per Earl's wishes, no formal memorial service will be held. He will be laid to rest this spring at Eureka Cemetery in Newport, Oregon.

Earl will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his family, his hardworking nature, and the warmth he brought to those around him. His legacy of love, craftsmanship, and storytelling will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

DEATH NOTICES

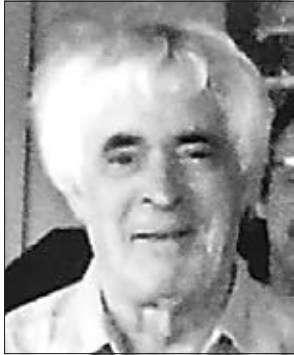
RAYMOND LEE SHEARS
Raymond Lee Shears 82, passed away Jan. 30, 2025.
He was born on April 21, 1942, to

John and Elsie Shears in Brawley, California.
A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Otto Barmettler

Otto Barmettler, 91, of Newport Oregon, died in his sleep in February.

He was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and after high school, with a desire to see the world, joined the military. He served 22 years with the US Navy and Air Force and was stationed in places like Japan. He was also a veteran of the Vietnam War. In 1979 he worked for Pan Am in Iran and was on the last flight to safety during the Hostage Crisis. He also worked



at Ben Franklin in Newport for many years. Despite all his adventures, Otto was a down to earth, soft spoken, funny and kind person. He is survived by his wife Myrna of 30 years and her family, his twin brother John, half-sisters and a half-brother, cousins, nieces and nephews. His was a life well lived. He will be missed.

Ashes interred at Riverside National Cemetery in California, with a military funeral in the future.

Robert Eisler

August 10, 1936 - March 4, 2025

Robert Richard Eisler was born in Freewater, Oregon on August 10, 1936 to Elsie and Fred Eisler, joining his brother Freddie and sister Donna. He passed away peacefully at 88 years old on March 4, 2025 from complications due to cancer and heart disease.

Robert went to high school in Sheridan where he met his future wife Flora Wilder, to whom he would be happily married for 67 years in Toledo. Together they would have three children - Sunnetta, Sandra, and Jeffrey. He worked for Georgia Pacific for 20 years, owned "Ike's Union 76" service station and later Sav-on-Gas



& Car Wash. Robert was a member of the Newport Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints and was a member of the bishopric for a number of years.

Robert loved classic cars, classic timepieces, and classic Looney Tunes. For decades it

was common to see him and his buddies out on motorcycle rides, or driving his always-pristine Cadillac--sometimes with a bit of a lead foot. Later in life he spent winters RV-ing in desert states because the sunshine made him feel better. Wherever he was, he quickly won people over with his intellect, humor and kindness. Even his in-home caretaker and hospital nurses became very fond of him.

Robert is survived by his wife, three children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held at their home in Toledo on May 31st.

OBITUARY POLICY

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This Week in History

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

This Week in History

25 YEARS AGO (2000)

WEATHER STATION, CAMERA TO BE INSTALLED ON YAQUINA BAY BRIDGE

A weather station and traffic camera are scheduled for installation Thursday on the Yaquina Bay Bridge in Newport.

The Oregon Department of Transportation’s Newport bridge crew announced plans to close one lane on the bridge Thursday. Bruce Erickson, ODOT assistant District 4 maintenance manager, said the main reason they are installing the equipment is to be able to better monitor weather conditions on the bridge.

DIATOMS, NOT OIL, APPEAR ON LOCAL BEACHES

The U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office in Portland has recently received numerous reports of bands of “oil” impacting the beaches of Oregon and southern Washington

Officials have determined that the “oil” was a natural occurrence of surf zone diatoms.

The appearance of these diatoms can resemble oil that has been churned in the surf zone to produce a light and frothy mass that stays on the beach when the tide recedes. The easiest way to check if you have found oil is to see if the material produces a rainbow sheen on the water or sand.

TAP TURNED ON AT AQUARIUM EXHIBIT

The tap was turned on this week and seawater began filling the Oregon Coast Aquarium’s newest exhibit, “Passages of the Deep.”

The last vestiges are gone of the tank that once held Keiko, the movie star killer whale. Created in its place are three large ocean habitats, connected by a 200-foot underwater tunnel.

SOUTH COUNTY HOMES HIT IN VANDALISM SPREE

No arrests have been made, but police are following leads into the identity of those responsible for damaging vehicle tires and mailboxes in south Lincoln County last weekend

An estimated 12 separate incidents were reported Sunday and Monday in Waldport and Yachats, according to Lt. Ed Stallard, of the Lincoln County Sheriffs Office.

50 YEARS AGO (1975)

DUO ARRESTED IN BURGLARY TRY

A Kaiser man and a 16-year-old youth were arrested Monday morning while entering a local drugstore in Lincoln City, which had been the subject of a burglary the day before.

Both were arrested at gunpoint by Lincoln City Police Officer Dalla Poage while the pair walked through a broken window at the Rexall Drug Store. Poage had been inside the building following up on a report that the pharmacy’s window had been broken and over \$640

worth of drugs had been stolen.

DEPOE BAY PREPARES FOR FILM CREW

Film crews are expected to arrive next week to start shooting on location at Depoe Bay.

The city was selected as an ocean site for the motion picture “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest,” which is being done by Fantasy Films. The entire movie is being done in Oregon, with most of the picture taking place in an unused ward at the Salem State Hospital.

HARVESTING OF SALMON STARTS AT AQUA-FOODS

Harvesting of plate-sized salmon at Oregon Aqua-Foods’ rearing operation at Newport are now in full swing as the firm prepares for its first major marketing thrust.

About 10 additional persons have been employed to harvest and process from 2,000 to 3,000 pounds of fish per day. Harvesting is expected to continue at this level until September.

SHOULD COUNTY VOTE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT?

County commissioners plan to hire a private attorney to help them develop a procedure for submitting to a vote the question of reorganization of the Lincoln County School District.

The action came as a result of petitions submitted by Hugh Grondin of Lincoln City. The petitions ask that the question of forming a North Lincoln School District be put to a vote.

75 YEARS AGO (1950)

ANOTHER GLASS FLOAT GARNERED THE EASY WAY

Enthusiastic Depoe Bay visitors this week were Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Chapman, of Portland, who found their first glass float in the several years they have been coming to Lincoln County beaches.

The glass ball, 14 inches in diameter, covered with barnacles, was still in its original netting with rope handle. They spotted it from their apartment window and were delighted to be able to secure it.

CORNERSTONE FOR LIBRARY NOW IN PLACE

The cornerstone for the new Newport memorial library was put in place last Saturday by a committee representing the library association.

The association was formed in 1945 and has worked since that time to give the community a public library that will also be a permanent memorial to the men who participated in the war of this nation from this community.

A large bronze plaque has been made, which will be placed in the building when completed.

BING CROSBY RUMOR MAKES ROUNDS AGAIN

For some time past, the drivers of the Greyhound buses have been giving out information at various points of interest along the coast, and local passengers have been somewhat amused at the positive statement made in pointing out that the Banfield place at Otter Rock as having been just recently purchased by Bing Crosby.

This rumor dates back several years and is apparently without any foundation, other than the sale price would

limit it to someone in the higher income bracket.

LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER SOLD TO WASHINGTON MAN

Announcement was made early this week by Kenneth Epley of the sale of the Lincoln County Leader to Elmer R. Price, of Seattle, Washington.

The new publisher states that no change will be made in the personnel of the paper.

Mr. Epley purchased the Leader about two years ago from M. H. Jones, and during this time the plant has steadily grown until now it is recognized as one of Oregon’s better weekly newspapers.

100 YEARS AGO (1925)

PRISONERS HAVE BIG SPREE; MOONSHINE PASSED TO THEM

When you are unfortunate enough to be the guest of the county and are spending time in the “jug” it’s nice to be in the kind of jug where your friends will have perfect freedom to come and make you a visit and you can swap the time of day between the bars, and if your friends happen to be sociable chaps, they can slip you a bottle or two, and you can have a glorious spree.

This is what happened last Sunday night when three of the men who are serving time in the county jail became gloriously drunk, and the only possible way they could have gotten the stuff was through one of the windows of the jail, according to Sheriff G. W. Horsfall.

TRIO ARRESTED ON FELONY CHARGE

Oliver Phillips, William Terry and Earl Andrew are locked in the county jail and are being held for the grand jury under bonds of \$500 each, following their arrest Monday by Sheriff Horsfall and Deputy Sheriff Roy Plank.

They were charged with stealing a calf from Andrew Nye.

Mr. Horsfall had searched the cabin where the three men live and was about ready to give up when he spotted freshly overturned dirt. Upon digging down between 3 and 4 feet, the hide, head, legs and entrails of the lost calf were found wrapped in a canvas. The men were arrested and confessed their guilt. The meat was found hid in a canyon a considerable distance from the house.

BILL TO RELIEVE LINCOLN COUNTY NOT ACTED UPON

Once more, Lincoln County’s efforts to have the United States government, through an act of Congress, reimburse her for the back taxes on government-owned timber land in this county has come to naught so far as any immediate relief is concerned.

A wire received by Judge C. W. James from Senator McNary at Washington states that the bill was reported favorably by the committee on the claims, but that the measure came up during the jam of Congress, and no action was taken.

Judge James was bitterly disappointed when the senator’s telegram reached him. He had hoped, as well as many other citizens, that the bill was going to become law at this session, and that Lincoln County would get immediate relief from the excessive tax burden here.



“Oregon students can’t wait for us to get this right down the road — they need genuine accountability and real results now,” House Speaker Julie Fahey (D-West Eugene and Veneta) said. (Courtesy photo)

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the current situation with the urgency it demands,” House Speaker Julie Fahey (D-West Eugene and Veneta) said. “Oregon students can’t wait for us to get this right down the road — they need genuine accountability and real results now.”

The governor said her proposal to renew the accountability system:

- Builds on existing metrics embedded in the Student Success Act (2019) and adds two new metrics to Oregon’s accountability system that research shows are strong predictors of student

success.

- Standardizes the use of “interim assessments,” which measure student performance growth over the course of the school year, allowing Oregon to better understand what is working as well as allow educators to make real-time adjustments.
- Takes a more hands-on approach to supporting districts when their metrics are not improving over time, including required coaching and support, and eventually state directed spending of up to 25 percent of State School Fund (SSF) and Student Investment Account (SIA) dollars if necessary.
- Allows schools more

time to focus on students by requiring the Oregon Department of Education to identify and streamline duplicative reporting, programs, and processes.

Kotek also said she believes the Oregon Department of Education must deliver for students, be responsive, and operate with best practices. In tandem with legislative action, the governor has directed the agency to take action to consolidate grants to ease the workload for school districts, strengthen data collection and public transparency, improve internal operations, and elevate existing best practices and responsive support for school districts across Oregon.

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and seven are divided by Highway 20.

All except regions six and seven have more than the allowed number of STRs already operating. In fact, at the time the concept of regions was approved a couple of years ago, the new ordinance allowed for 181 STRs altogether, but there were a total of 505 licenses already issued at that time. What that meant was no new licenses would be issued for an area that exceeded the maximum number until that number dropped below what is allowed in that particular region.

As of the commission meeting on March 5, only two regions would be able to add more STRs if the moratorium is lifted. All other regions still exceed the limit.

“The only regions that we have licenses available are in six and seven,” said Lincoln County Counsel Kristin Yuille. “We have three available in region six, and we have 14 available in region seven.”

Yuille also told commissioners that the trend of violations involving

STRs has declined. “I think that the trend is that we’re seeing the decline significantly from 2023 to 2024, and this is regarding reports of violations for people that have current licenses and complaints of non-licensed STRs. But essentially, we’ve seen a sharp decline in the numbers, so the regulations are working, enforcement’s working.”

Commission Chair Claire Hall said, “I’m not 100 percent decided, but I’m leaning at this point to thinking maybe it’s time we let the moratorium go. We’re talking about 17 new licenses, and then realistically, if you compare the allowed licenses with actual licenses in each zone, barring something totally unforeseen, it will be perhaps several years before we see new licenses issued.”

Hall said she is encouraged with the headway made in terms of enforcement of violations. “At the same time, I really want to encourage us as a board to continue to monitor this situation, to make sure that things don’t creep back up when we’re not looking ... I’d just like to keep this on a

middle burner, not all the way on the back burner.”

Commissioner Casey Miller said, “I’m generally thinking, too, that we need to let those people acquire those licenses. I would like for us to consider what does an overview of the ordinance look like, how has it been working, maybe putting that somehow as a bookmark. Are we accomplishing what we intended to accomplish? Things have changed, so what does that mean? Those are my preliminary thoughts.”

The county’s new commissioner, Walter Chuck, said, “I’m always concerned about the impact to the community. These are going to happen. If we need to look at this again, I’d be willing to look at it in the future to make sure it’s working. We can always make it better.”

Because the STR moratorium is scheduled to expire at the end of this month, the commissioners decided March 5 to hold further discussion and take a formal vote on the matter at their meeting set for today (Wednesday), March 19. That meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the commissioners’ meeting room at the county courthouse in Newport.

Packed house at Lincoln County Economic Summit



Paul Schuytema, executive director of the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County, gave opening remarks during the Lincoln County Economic Summit. (Photos by Steve Card)



A crowd packed the Spyglass Restaurant at the Inn at Otter Crest on Thursday, March 13, for the third annual Lincoln County Economic Summit.

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

It was sold-out seating at this year’s Lincoln County Economic Summit, the third such gathering organized by the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County. It was a day-long event held Thursday, March 13, at the Spyglass Restaurant at the Inn at Otter Crest.

Paul Schuytema, executive director of the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County, kicked things off with some opening remarks around 9 a.m. The theme of this year’s economic summit, he said, is “New, Blue & Buoyant,” intended to provide those attending with some fresh perspectives and a focus on the Blue Economy in an uplifting atmosphere

The “blue” in the theme signifies the many ocean-aligned businesses in Lincoln

County, Schuytema said, “and buoyant, not only because of the ocean, but because in challenging times like these, being resilient means being buoyant and collectively keeping our heads above water.”

And the business environment is facing some significant challenges right now, primarily as a result of the change in administration at the White House.

“What I want to do is sort of address the 800-pound gorilla in the room, which is the rapid and seemingly haphazard cuts in our federal programs in funding and changes in federal policies and entire departments,” Schuytema said. “Already those cuts are being felt here in Lincoln County, those impacts are being felt in our friends, our communities, our businesses and our most at-risk populations.”

The implications of it all are not yet known. “Right

now, it’s really too soon to tell what the long-term effects are going to be and what’s going to stick, what’s going to be deemed constitutional, unconstitutional, all of that,” he said. “But we just want to let you know that your local and regional partners — we call them ESOs, economic support organizations — we’re communicating, we’re working together, we’re trying to work to understand these changes, help mitigate the harm, and try to find the opportunities and silver linings of the changes that are coming. I just wanted to let you know and just wanted to address that.”

In addition to focusing on issues of local entrepreneurship at this year’s Lincoln County Economic Summit, Schuytema said, “We want to acknowledge that the economic health of a community is based on some foundational

elements, and we’re talking about things like housing and access to housing, education, health care, child care. So throughout the day we’re going to be seeing some short videos ... with some leaders in our county, to share what they’re doing and what’s going on in those foundational areas just to give us a sense of the baseline that everything else we do is based and built upon.”

The day’s panels featured an overview of the growing Blue Economy from regional experts and updates from municipal representatives, as well as engaging perspectives from local business owners as they shared their insights into the local business economy. The keynote speaker for the day was Marty Alvarado, a passionate advocate for equity and transformative education, with more than two decades of experience driving

impactful change across education and workforce development systems.

The Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County is an independent Oregon 501(c)(6) nonprofit economic development organization. EDALC members work every day to attract, support and grow businesses in Lincoln County to ensure community-wide economic wellbeing and an improved quality of life. EDALC has served Lincoln County for more than 30 years and is governed by a local board of directors. It receives funding from local governmental units, the local business community and grant dollars.

People can learn more about the alliance and its activities, and also view some of the information shared during the Lincoln County Economic Summit, by going online at BusinessLincolnCounty.com

Top 10 consumer complaints of 2024

As part of National Consumer Protection Week, Attorney General Dan Rayfield released the top 10 consumer complaints in 2024 to the Oregon Department of Justice. The number of complaints to the Consumer Hotline doubled, showing the increased need for the work being done in the Consumer Enforcement Division at DOJ.

“Having spent almost two decades in private practice working on consumer protection cases, ensuring every Oregonian has a place to turn when they’ve been harmed is a top priority for our team — and that continues to be a priority for me as attorney general,” Rayfield said. “The Oregon Department of Justice will keep pushing forward on cases that help our citizens and hold the people who take advantage of them accountable. If you think you’ve been scammed, report it right away — the sooner we know,

the sooner we can help.”

There were numerous significant settlements in 2024 that directly impacted Oregon consumers. In one case, the state received \$2.1 million from Marriott involving a data breach that exposed millions of guest records. The funds will go toward supporting the Oregon DOJ’s investigative, consumer protection and consumer education efforts. In addition to the monetary payment, Marriott agreed to strengthen its data security going forward.

In another high-profile case, DOJ sued Camping World and will recover \$3 million for customers who paid more than the advertised price for an RV.

Oregonians also now have another tool to protect their consumer rights. The Oregon Consumer Privacy Act went into effect in 2024, giving consumers more control over their personal and sensitive data. Under the new law, certain businesses

must limit the collection of personal information, keep it secure, and provide extra protection for the data of children and teens. DOJ recently updated its consumer privacy website with new materials to educate consumers about their Oregon privacy rights, including FAQs, templates to help consumers make privacy rights requests, and a privacy rights complaint form.

Rayfield plans to proactively work to take on predatory lenders, scam artists, identity theft, credit fraud, and abusive practices by insurance companies, and improve and expand the state’s efforts to make sure consumers are treated legally and fairly in the marketplace. He also plans to establish a Working Families Unit at DOJ — a new labor enforcement team to ensure all Oregonians’ rights are protected in the workplace.

“We want to protect people,

whether that be safeguarding their health, their safety or their wallets,” Rayfield said. “Every year we recover more money for Oregonians who’ve been ripped off or scammed by companies or organizations. This top 10 list helps us identify patterns, prioritize areas that need attention, and spread resources effectively.”

The top 10 list of consumer complaints in 2024 were:

- Telecommunications (1,229)
- Fraudulent entity/imposter scams (1,135)
- Auto sales and repair (1,050)
- Financial credit and lending (741)
- Health/medical (569)
- Travel services (525)
- Grocery food and beverage (290)
- Real estate (274)
- Construction contractors (219)
- Manufacturing (211)

The Attorney General’s Office Consumer Hotline received

22,436 calls and 9,241 written complaints. For the fifth year in a row, telecommunications, imposter scams and auto sales and repairs all landed in the top three. Towing was the only category to drop off, replaced by health and medical complaints at number five.

Download Oregon Department of Justice’s free materials on scam and fraud prevention at www.doj.state.or.us/consumer-protection/sales-scams-fraud/more-scams-fraud-resources

Sign up for Oregon Department of Justice’s free Scam Alert Network at www.doj.state.or.us/consumer-protection/scam-alert-network

If you have fallen victim to a fraud or scam, contact the Oregon Department of Justice online at www.oregonconsumer.gov or call the Attorney General’s Consumer Hotline at 1-877-877-9392.

Latest report shows highest jobless rate since 2021

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon’s unemployment rate was 4.4 percent in January and 4.3 percent, as revised, in December, after rising gradually over the past year from 4.1 percent in January 2024, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

Oregon’s 4.4 percent unemployment rate

was the highest since September 2021, when the rate was also 4.4 percent. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in December 2024 and 4.0 percent in January 2025.

JOB GAINS

In January, Oregon’s seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 2,400 jobs, following a revised decline of 2,000 jobs in

December.

January’s gains were largest in professional and business services (+1,400 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+1,200); retail trade (+900); and private educational services (+900).

Oregon’s private sector added 12,700 jobs, or 0.8 percent, between January 2024 and January 2025. Job gains during 2024 were less than previously indicated, as annual data

revisions resulted in an average reduction of 15,600 jobs per month during the second half of 2024.

During the past three years, health care and social assistance was by far the fastest growing sector of Oregon’s economy, adding 15,100 jobs, or 5.2 percent, in the 12 months through January. However, a large strike at a major health care

provider contributed to the one-month drop of 1,300 jobs in this industry during January.

Industries that grew moderately during the most recent 12 months included other services (+2,100 jobs, or 3.2 percent); private educational services (+1,100 jobs, or 3.0 percent); professional and business services (+2,900 jobs, or 1.1 percent); and construction

(+900 jobs, or 0.8 percent).

JOB DECLINES

Declines were largest in manufacturing (-2,200) and health care and social assistance (-1,300).

Manufacturing continued its decline of the past two years, cutting 6,900 jobs (-3.7 percent) in the 12 months through January, while retail trade shed 2,300 jobs (-1.1 percent) during that time.

Registration open for performing and visual arts day camps

The Oregon Coast Council for the Arts has announced that registration is now open for this summer’s performing and visual arts day camps. Students entering grades K-12 (this fall) are invited to take part.

First up, Shakespeare Camp, led by Milo Graamans, will take place June 16-27 at the Newport Performing Arts Center. A dramatic offering for youths entering grades 6-12, this summer’s camp will culminate in a performance of the Bard’s masterpiece, “Hamlet.” With love, death, revenge,

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Young people have an opportunity to attend visual arts camps at the Newport Visual Arts Center. Learn more and register www.coastarts.org/camps (Courtesy photos)



Registration is now open for this summer’s performing and visual arts day camps, which are being organized by the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts.



The Festival of Illusions returns to Lincoln City starting this Sunday, March 23, and continuing through March 30. For information of tickets, visit lincolncity-culturalcenter.org or call the office at 541-994-9994. (Courtesy photos)

Festival of Illusions returns

The Lincoln City Cultural Center is excited to announce the return of its whimsical, weatherproof, wacky, wonderful Spring Break tradition: The Surftides Festival of Illusions. This year’s festival presents eight days of family fun, including daytime workshops, evening shows, and more, starting this Sunday, March 23, at the cultural center, located at 540 NE Highway 101 in Lincoln City.

This year’s festival features five of the top-selling acts in festival history: Jeff Evans, Louie Foxx, Joe Black, Alex Zerbe and The Amazing Bubble Man, plus the premieres of Professor DR Schreiber, The Historical Conjurer, and the hilarious physical comedian Tony Steinbach. There are cookie decorating and ceramics

workshops, along with a pop-up escape room. Tickets are on sale now at www.lincolncity-culturalcenter.org/festival-of-illusions.

This year, the cultural center is extending a special invitation to all elementary school students in Lincoln City schools: come join the festival fun. With help from a grant from the Lincoln County Cultural Coalition, the center is offering the following for all students in grades K-8 in Lincoln City schools:

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Alex Zerbe, “The Zaniac,” will be performing again this year at the Festival of Illusions, which takes place March 23-20 at the Lincoln City Cultural Center.



Newport Symphony Orchestra performs this weekend

Award-winning pianist David Korevaar will appear this Saturday and Sunday with the Newport Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Maestro Adam Flatt.



David Korevaar

The program, “Magnificent Beethoven, Majestic Prokofiev,” features Korevaar performing Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 37. The concert also includes Wojciech’s Kilar Orawa and Prokofiev’s Symphony No. 5.

Hailed for his “wonderfully warm, pliant, spontaneous playing” by the Washington Post, Korevaar is in demand as a soloist, chamber musician and collaborator and has performed and given master classes throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, and Central and South America. Recent and upcoming performances include a tour of Brazil, appearances with the Broomfield Symphony, Fort Collins Symphony, and Littleton Symphony, a performance at Rocky Ridge Music Center, concerts with the Boulder Piano Quartet, and as the featured soloist in Stravinsky’s Capriccio for Piano and Orchestra for the Colorado Ballets’ production of George Balanchine’s Rubies. He performed at the Music in the Mountains Festival, where he was in residence, and performed with the Carpe Diem String Quartet at the Snake River Music Festival. Korevaar

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Spring Whale Watch Week begins Saturday

Oregon State Parks will host Spring Whale Watch Week along the Oregon coast from this Saturday, March 22, through Sunday, March 30.

Trained volunteers will be stationed at 14 locations along the coast to help visitors spot whales and their calves and answer questions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily, March 22-30. The sites are some of the best places to watch for whales on the Oregon coast. Cape Foulweather will not be

included this year because it is closed due to construction.

“Spring is a great time for whale watching because the gray whales are usually closer to shore on their return trip, typically around a mile or so out, and they might have calves in tow,” said Park Ranger Peter McBride.

An estimated 19,260 gray whales are expected to swim past Oregon’s shores from late

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Spring Whale Watch Week begins this Saturday, March 22, and runs through Sunday, March 30, with trained volunteers stationed at various locations along the coast from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily to help people spot the migrating whales. (Courtesy photo)



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SWAFFORD ON WINE

Here is the news from the front. I am talking about the battlefield in the trade wars, specifically the very close-to-home wine trade relations between Oregon and Canada. Over 80 percent of foreign exports of Oregon wine traditionally have been to Canada. With tariff viruses coming out of the White House, Oregon wine and other U.S. products are now absent from Canadian store shelves.

That Oregon bottle of Pinot will have to find another store shelf somewhere, and the price will be higher. We don't know how long this chaos will continue, but we must find ways to wage war against

the disruptors as a show of support for the small Oregon wine producer.

On a lighter international note from the world of wine: the region of Mendoza is Argentina's premier red wine production area, and you can find there certain well-known food purveyors recognizable by the golden arches out front. During harvest — which is right now, there in the southern hemisphere — a can of Malbec comes with a McDonalds' double burger and a scoop of fries. Now I call that

restoring order to civilized living.

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Among the many good reasons that Christina and I have enjoyed living in Oregon for more than 40 years, two stand out: Oregon wine, which is celebrated by the annual Newport Seafood and Wine Festival, and the Newport Symphony Orchestra, whose quality would be the envy of cities more than 10 times the size of our little coastal community.

As a wine merchant for over 30 years, I became involved with the talented

men and women who pioneered the modern wine era here in the Northwest. I got to know, both in my wine shop and their wineries, Dick Erath, David Lett, Richard Sommer, Joe and Pat Campbell, Lynn Penner-Ash, David Adelsheim, Bill Fuller and many others who raised my knowledge and appreciation of these world-class wines.

Similarly, my appreciation of, education in, and access to, the world of great classical music has benefited greatly from my association with Orchestra Music Director and Conductor Adam Flatt; Resident Conductor David Ogden Stiers; Musicians

Ken Combs, Alicia Charlton and Adrian Dee; fellow members of the board of directors John Lavrakis, Michael Dalton and Brian Hanna — again, this is only a small partial list of the many from whom I've benefited.

So, it pleases me to be able to bring my two passions — great music and fine wine — together for a good cause. The Newport Symphony Orchestra is staging a fundraising gala at the Best Western Agate Beach on Saturday, March 29. This will be an evening of good food, music and two auctions — one silent and one live. (Go online for info and tickets at [newportsymphony.org/annualgala](#)).

As the Seafood and Wine Festival came to an end last month, I made the rounds and asked wine vendors to each contribute a bottle to our symphony fundraiser. Twenty-two bottles were handed to me — enough to make up a full case auction lot that includes the Best-of-Show winner Trella Vineyards 2018 Pinot noir, plus two smaller lots. If you didn't get across the bridge for last month's festival, here is your chance to catch up — and do some good for your orchestra.

Cheers!
Joseph Swafford
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Museum receives \$700,000 donation

The North Lincoln County Historical Museum (NLCHM) has received a \$700,000 donation from the Jones Living Trust. This contribution will provide vital funding for the museum's ongoing efforts to preserve and share the rich history of north Lincoln County.

The donation will support the museum's educational programs, preservation initiatives, and the expansion of exhibits, allowing the museum to further engage the local community and visitors alike.

The Jones Living Trust donation is especially meaningful due to the longstanding involvement of Sheridan Jones and Crichton Jones. Both Sheridan and Crichton were among the first supporters of establishing a museum in Lincoln City.

Even before they moved to Roads End, they visited the area regularly and participated in early planning meetings during the mid-1980s. They became

members of the museum, which was established in 1987, and soon began volunteering and joined the board of directors. Sheridan and Crichton's passion for the museum's mission has played an integral role in ensuring the continued success of NLCHM. Their dedication to preserving local history and their countless hours

spent volunteering have left an indelible mark on the institution.

"We are deeply grateful to the Jones Living Trust for their unwavering support," said Christopher Melton, executive director of NLCHM. "Sheridan and Crichton were a vital part of the museum for so long, and this donation is a testament to

their commitment to our community's history. It will empower us to create more educational opportunities, safeguard historical artifacts, and continue to serve as a hub for learning and cultural exchange."

For more information about the North Lincoln County Historical Museum, visit [www.nlchm.org](#).

Sheridan Jones is a long-time supporter of the North Lincoln County Historical Museum, which recently received a \$700,000 donation from the Jones Living Trust.

'Whale-y Family Fun Day' Sunday

Join the American Cetacean Society-Oregon Chapter for a Whale-y Family Fun Day this Sunday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hatfield Marine Science Center Visitor Center, located at 2030 SE Marine Science Drive in Newport. This event is included with admission to the visitor center, which is \$5 for ages 5 and older.

Whale-y Family Fun Day is a Spring Whale Watch event to learn

about whales, dolphins, and porpoises, collectively known as cetaceans. Following the Whale Tail Trail will lead to fun activities, from "Whale Trivia," "Can you hold your breath like a whale?" and seeing the various sizes of cetaceans with the "As Big As That" demonstration.

There will also be interactive displays on the Whale Tail Trail, such as feeling how cetaceans stay warm in cold

waters with "Beautiful Blubber," viewing and learning about "Whale Lice," touching real baleen, and being able to take your photo with an orca cutout.

Activities will be available for all ages. Spring Whale Watch provides an opportunity to get out and witness the gray whales traveling off the Oregon coast on their northbound migration, from their breeding and birthing grounds in Baja California, Mexico to

their feeding grounds in the Arctic. Information on whale watching and maps of Spring Whale Watch sites will also be available.

The American Cetacean Society is recognized as 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, awarding research grants and conservation actions. Information on the American Cetacean Society can be found online at [www.acsonline.org](#).

Learn about estate planning

The Newport Public Library is presenting a program titled "Why Estate Planning? Why Now?" on Wednesday, March 19, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the McEntee Meeting Room at the library, located at 35 NW

Nye St.

Lori Ellingson, from Agate Financial Advisors, will provide information to get people started on creating or updating their estate plan. The workshop will cover issues such as:

- What your family could face if you die without an estate plan;
- Why an outdated estate plan could be worse than no estate plan;
- What you need to know before naming an IRA beneficiary;
- How blending tax laws could blindside you or your heirs;
- How to know if your estate plan needs to be updated;
- How to get started creating or updating your estate plan.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information about this event and other upcoming activities, visit [www.newportlibrary.org](#) or contact the Newport Public Library at 541-265-2153.

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• Free admission to an evening magic show, one “two-fer (one student and one adult) ticket per student. Shows at 7 p.m. every evening from Sunday, March 23, through Saturday, March 29. Paper tickets and codes will be distributed at school.

• A free daytime matinee of “WATER the Musical” at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 26. A joyful, live concert with kiddie rock band Your Song My Song that uses puppets and music to teach about the magic of marine life and conservation. No reservations required.

• Drop-in Abracadabra Magic Art Studio, 2 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, March 24-28, \$5 per child. No reservations required.

• Magic-themed take home art kits, by donation, available at the cultural center and at the Driftwood Public Library while supplies last.

In addition to support from the Lincoln County Cultural Coalition, the local arm of the Oregon Cultural Trust, the festival is made possible by event sponsors Amy Graham, (Taylor & Taylor Realty Co.) and Surftides Hotel in Lincoln City.

ACTIVITIES FOR VISITORS, TOO

You don’t have to be a local to enjoy the Festival of Illusions. The schedule is open to visitors, with events and prices to fit every budget, offering a

weatherproof way to have fun during Spring Break.

In the evenings, you’ll find the magic shows. Reserved theater-style seats for the evening stage shows are \$19 for adults, \$17 for seniors and students, \$11 for youth ages 6-18 and free for kids ages 0-5. Purchases of four festival tickets or more receive a 10 percent discount on the whole order. LCCC membership discounts and comp tickets will be accepted.

There will be plenty to do in the daytime, for all ages. In addition to the famous drop-in Abracadabra Magic Art Studio, the cultural center will also host a Cookie Decorating Workshop with My Petite Sweet and a Youth Ceramics Workshop.

On Wednesday, March

26, at 11 a.m., there will be a special, free presentation of “WATER The Musical” with the kiddie rock band Your Song My Song. With full body puppets, songs, dances and participation, “WATER The Musical” offers families and caregivers an indoor arts activity with plenty of room to move.

There’s a new display of Diagon Alley Lego builds (along with the Hogwarts Lego Castle with its popular scavenger hunt) and a sale of special “magic gear” like wands and capes, along with art exhibits in the Fiber Arts Studio Gallery and PJ Chessman Gallery.

The Shaky Grounds Cafe, a pop-up escape room about emergency preparedness, will be on site and open for business March 23 through March

28. On the afternoon of Monday, March 24, City Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Cassidy Boyle will be on hand with information about being safe and prepared. Stop by her booth between 1 and 5 p.m. to enter the drawing for a free hour in the Shaky Grounds Café.

Families can even take a little of the magic home: themed art kits, made by a team of volunteers and the LCCC Visual Arts Director Krista Eddy, will be available while supplies last. Members of the public are invited to “shop” the art kit room, located next to Margaret’s Meeting Room, upstairs at the LCCC. Art kits are by donation — pay what you can and enjoy crafting with the little ones in

your life.

While you’re at the center, check out the outdoor art installations of the Cultural Plaza. If the weather is nice, you can head out to give Pete Beeman’s abstract “Poppy” a push, read the poem on the Poetry Path, sit a while on Gary the Octopus in the Kiwanis patio or play a tune on the Rotary Harmony Notes instruments.

The Lincoln City Cultural Center is located at 540 NE Highway 101, inside the historic Delake School. The center will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day, and for all the evening shows, throughout the festival week. For inquiries or ticketing, visit lincolncity-culturalcenter.org or call the office at 541-994-9994.

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a play-within-a-play, a choreographed duel, and some of the most memorable lines in all of Shakespeare’s lexicon, this is a great opportunity for teens to try their hand at performing a classic.

Next up (and new for this year) is Arts 101 Camp, led by Kirk Robert Paulson, which will take place June 23-27 at the Newport Visual Arts Center. Creative teens entering grades 6-12 are invited to participate in a weeklong series of classes and take an in-depth look at the basic foundations of art and design. No art experience is necessary. Students will be encouraged to experiment with a variety of mediums as they develop their understanding of the elements of art, such as line, shape, color, space,

value, movement, pattern, variety, and unity in their work. Each class will include instruction, creation, and reflection time.

OCCA’s Creative Arts Camp for kids returns to the Newport Visual Arts Center in July, led by Crystal Akins Meneses. Youths entering kindergarten through second grade can participate July 14-18, with a second camp for youth in grades 3-5 taking place July 21-25. Participants will explore a variety of creative arts — music, dance, and visual art-making — during this week-long camp. Activities will include drumming, marimbas, ukulele, singing, dancing, mosaic painting, drawing, sculpture, poetry, and shadow puppets.

And finally, Theatre Camp returns July 21–Aug. 1 at the Newport Performing Arts Center. Led by Jennifer Hamilton, youths entering grades

3-11 are invited to take part in this performing arts experience, where they’ll mount full productions as they make new friends, find out about the Happy Box, enjoy camp dress-up days, and earn prizes from the camp treasure chest. Students will be cast in one of three shows based on age. The youngest group (Act One Players) will perform “Willy Wonka Kids,” the middle group (Take Two Players) will perform “Mythically Mythical Myths,” and the older group (Prime Time Players) will perform “Attention Detention.”

Tuition for these camps ranges from \$200-\$490, and scholarships may be available — if funds are a barrier to learning, parents/guardians are encouraged to apply for financial assistance. To learn more about any of these camps or to register, visit www.coastarts.org/camps

WHALE WATCH
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winter through June as part of their annual migration back to Alaska.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced an end to an Unusual Mortality Event impacting gray whales in 2023. Since then, the estimated population has increased by roughly 30 percent, from 14,530 in 2023 to 19,260 last year, according to NOAA. The numbers are on the rise overall, but the calf count is still low as the population continues to rebound.

Whale Watch Week

provides an opportunity to see not only the gray whales but other coastal wildlife, including birds and other marine mammals with help from trained volunteers and rangers.

A map of volunteer-staffed sites is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/y4xsuvpx>

The Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 22-30. Visitors to the center can enjoy interactive whale exhibits and take in the panoramic ocean views. Binoculars are provided. Rangers from Oregon State Parks will also be on hand to answer questions about

the whales.

All Whale Watch Week visitors are encouraged to dress for the weather, to bring binoculars and to follow beach safety guidelines such as remaining out of fenced areas, knowing the tide schedule and keeping an eye on the surf at all times. Go to <https://visitthetheoregoncoast.com/beach-safety/> for a list of safety tips.

For more information about coast parks and campgrounds, visit state-parks.oregon.gov.

Visitors are encouraged to share their photos and videos from Spring Whale Watch on social media using #OregonStateParks and #ORWhaleWatch.



Calendar of EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

‘PERCH & POUR’ AT SALISHAN

Seven Capes Bird Alliance will hold a “Perch & Pour” event at 3 p.m. in The Attic at Salishan Coastal Lodge, 7760 Highway 101, Gleneden Beach. The group holds these gatherings on the third Wednesday of each month.

LINCOLN CITY CRIBBAGE CLUB

The Lincoln City Cribbage Club meets at 4 p.m. every Wednesday at Pioneer Joe Coffee Co. in the Marketplace at Salishan, 7755 Highway 101, Gleneden Beach. \$9 entry, six games. Forget the rest, come play with the best. Info: Jack Shumate, 541-574-7668.

LEARN ABOUT ESTATE PLANNING

The Newport Public Library, 35 NW Nye St., presents “Why Estate Planning? Why Now?” from 5 to 6 p.m. in the McEntee Meeting Room at the library. Free. Info: www.newportlibrary.org or 541-265-2153.

LIVE MUSIC BY BOX AND BUCKET

Box and Bucket, featuring renowned Nashville guitarist Porter McClistter and electric washtub bass player Barbara LePine, performs from 5:30 p.m. to close every Wednesday at Luna Sea Fish House, 10111 Pacific Coast Highway 101, Seal Rock. Info: www.lunaseafishhouse.com

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

TEA AND TALK AT VAC

Join the Coastal Arts Guild for Tea & Talk at 2 p.m. at the Newport Visual Arts Center, 777 NW Beach Drive. This month’s event features Sara Gibson talking about dyeing with mushrooms and lichens. Free. For more information, call 541-961-5959.

THEE HONEYBUDS AT THE DRIFT INN

Thee Honeybuds play Americana for the people 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.

BIG BAND DANCE

Enjoy the sounds of the Big Band era with the Lincoln Pops from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Gleneden Beach Community Club, 110 Azalea St., Gleneden Beach. Admission: \$10 at the door. Refreshments available. Info: 503-949-8222 or on Facebook.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To submit an announcement for your event, email lcleditor@countrymedia.net. Space is limited, so submissions may be edited for length.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

IAN SMITH AT THE DRIFT INN

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

‘LIVE @ THE PAC’

Broken Compass Bluegrass performs as part of the series “Live @ the PAC,” at 7:30 p.m. at the Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive St. Info: coastarts.org/events/broken-compass

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

YACHATS ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

The Yachats Arts & Crafts Fair takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Yachats Commons, 441 Highway 101 N, with the Friends of the Library hosting their annual book sale downstairs.

SPRING WHALE WATCH

Oregon State Parks hosts Spring Whale Watch Week with trained volunteers available to help people spot whales at 15 sites along the Oregon coast. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn more at orwhalewatch.org

BLING YOUR EGGS

Don’t disappoint the Easter Bunny, come and decorate eggs for the holiday. We supply the eggs and the bling – you add the creativity! 10 a.m. to noon. \$10 per person, includes four eggs. Gleneden Beach Community Hall, 110 Azalea St. Info: glenedenbeach.org.

FESTIVAL OF FLAVORS

Enjoy food, drinks, shopping, music, and raffle prizes at Festal of Flavors at the Newport Recreation Center, 225 SE Avery St., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

RICHARD PARIS AND DONNA JOSE AT BEACHCREST

Richard Paris and Donna Jose perform a variety of music on multiple instruments from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Beachcrest Brewing Company at Salishan, 7755 N Highway 101, 541-234-4013.

NEWPORT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Newport Symphony Orchestra presents “Magnificent Beethoven, Majestic Prokofiev” at the Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 Olive St. 7:30 p.m., with a 6:45 p.m. pre-concert talk. Tickets: www.coastarts.org, in person at the PAC box office, or call 541-265-2787.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 23

FESTIVAL OF ILLUSIONS

Annual Festival of Illusions at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101, featuring magicians, concerts, workshops, photo opportunities and a mobile escape room. Full details at lincolncity-culturalcenter.org, or call 541-994-9994.

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MONDAY, MARCH 24

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LIVE MUSIC AT THE DRIFT INN

Young Jim Carr 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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

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LCL25-0097 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSON On March 9, 2025 the Lincoln County, OR. Circuit Ct. appointed Heidi K. Anderson as the Personal Representative (PR) in the Estate of Myrna L. Shaw Case #25PB01114. Claims against the estate must be presented to the PR, with proper vouchers, within 4 months from the 1st publication date or they may be barred. All persons whose right may be affected by this proceeding may get add'l info from the court, the PR or the Attorney for the PR. PR and Attorney for PR: Heidi K. Anderson c/o Dean Gibbons Law, 205 SE Spokane St. Ste 300, Portland, OR 97202. First published: March 19, 2025. /s/ Dean J. Gibbons, Dean J. Gibbons QSB# 912835, Attorney for Personal Representa-

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LCL25-0096 SELF-STORAGE PUBLIC SALE

On Tuesday 4/1/25 ending at 12:05pm self-storage will be held online at StorageTreasures.com by Safe & Sound Storage 833 NE 3rd Street Newport OR 97365 for unit E5-Gabrielle Stevenson. M19 M26

LCL25-0095 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Glenden Sanitary District, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, will be held at The District Office, 6595 Glenden Beach Loop. The meeting will take place on the April 09, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. To attend the meeting by phone using Microsoft Teams, call 971-319-4988 and enter Conference ID 725 897 122# The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. Written comments received by 3:30 pm on April 08, 2025 will be read during the public comment section of the meeting on April 09, 2025. Comments by phone will be taken on a scheduled basis during the public comment section of the meeting on April 09, 2025. Comments, both written and phone in, will be subject to a three-minute limit per community member. To schedule public comment, please provide your name, phone number, and address with the district via phone message at 541-764-2475. Public comment must be scheduled no later than 3:30 pm on April 08, 2025. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may

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be inspected or obtained by mail with your request by phone at 541-764-2475 on or after April 1, 2025 between the hours of 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. M19 M26

LCL25-0080 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS

No.: 128316-OR Loan No.: *****4916 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by WILLIAM NAYLOR and CARRIE NAYLOR, as Grantor, to WESTERN TITLE & ESCROW, as Trustee, in favor of FIRST HORIZON HOME LOAN CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, dated 12/8/2006, recorded 12/15/2006, as Instrument No. 200619008, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Lincoln County, Oregon: A TRACT OF LAND IN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE INITIAL POINT OF THE WAKONDA BEACH PLOT #2, RECORDED IN VOLUME 8, PAGE 37, PLAT RECORDS FOR LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON; THENCE SOUTH 0° 02' EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID PLAT, 104.23 FEET TO AN IRON ROSETTE THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 0° 02' EAST, 220.63 FEET; THENCE NORTH 85° 40' EAST, 189.70 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF PROPERTY DEEDED TO STATE OF OREGON (BOARD OF AERONAUTICS) RECORDED IN BOOK 16, PAGE 1470, MICROFILM DEED RECORDS FOR LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON; THENCE NORTH 4° 24' 30" EAST ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 222.59 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85° 40' WEST,

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207 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. APN: R34433 / 14-12-02-AD-00302-00 Commonly known as: 5843 WALDFIELD AVENUE WALDPOR, OR 97394. The current beneficiary is: CITIZENS BANK, N.A. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which foreclosure is made is caused by the maturity of the Note on 1/1/2022 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$47,596.33 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$43,680.55 together with interest thereon in the total amount of \$3,446.78, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP whose address is 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 7/10/2025, at the hour of 10:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE OLIVE STREET ENTRANCE TO THE LINCOLN COUNTY COURT HOUSE, 225 W OLIVE STREET, NEWPORT, OR 97365, sell at public auction in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the

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costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to object to the foreclosure proceeding, dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for the sale. If the tentative budget for the Forest Protection District may be inspected during normal working hours. To ensure the broadest range of services to individuals with disabilities, persons with disabilities requiring special arrangements should contact Kris Freeman, at 541-929-9153 at least two working days in advance of the scheduled hearing. OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, KATE SKINNER, INTERIM STATE FORESTER. M19 M26

LCL25-0085 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS

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LCL25-0093 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PORT OF NEWPORT

claims a lien in the amount claimed below, pursuant to ORS87.152, for the reasonable and agreed charges for labor and materials, storage or services provided at the request of the owner or lawful possessor of the following described personal property: Personal property: Western Lumber Official number: OR 936 AFK Reputed owner: Scott Rhash; C/O Recovery Law Group; Last known address: 309 West 111th Street, Anderson, IN 46016; Security interest holder: None; Amount of claim of lien: \$26,358.42 (which includes storage of property and accrued late charges until sale date, and costs of lien foreclosure). The Port of Newport has retained the property for at least 60 days from the date when the charges for services provided were due. Notice is hereby given that unless the lien is paid prior to the date set forth for sale below, said property will be sold to the highest bidder. The successful bidder must pay 10% of the bid price in cash or certified check immediately upon being declared the successful bidder. The balance of the bid price is to be paid in cash or certified check within 24 business hours of offering the successful bid. The lien claimant may bid part or all of the lien amount claimed, plus storage and foreclosure sale expenses, which will be an offset against the lien amount. Minimum bid is \$26,352.42. Bids accepted until: APRIL 09, 2025. Email bids to: mbrown@portofnewport.com OR drop bid off at: Port of Newport, 600 S.E. Bay Blvd., Newport, OR 97365. Bid forms can be found online at www.portofnewport.com or at the address listed above. The sale of the property will be "as is, where is" and there are no representations by the lien claimant as to the condition of the property or its title. Any person wishing to inspect the property prior to the sale may do so during normal business hours, by contacting the Harbormaster at 541-270-5557. M19 M26

LCL25-0092 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Pursuant to ORS

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477.250, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at the West Oregon District office conference room in Philomath, Oregon, on Friday, April 3, 2025, at 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM, to receive oral and written comments from any interested persons with suggestions, advice, objections, or remonstrance's to the proposed budget for the forest protection district. Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing or submitted via USPS mail (Oregon Department of Forestry, 24533 Alsea Hwy, Philomath, OR, 97370 or email (Kristi.Freeman@odf.oregon.gov) no later than 5:00 pm on April 1, 2025. A copy of the tentative budget for the Forest Protection District may be inspected during normal working hours. To ensure the broadest range of services to individuals with disabilities, persons with disabilities requiring special arrangements should contact Kris Freeman, at 541-929-9153 at least two working days in advance of the scheduled hearing. OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, KATE SKINNER, INTERIM STATE FORESTER. M19 M26

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grantor as well as any other person owing obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed; the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by Prime Recon LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. 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 there is a default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the 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 methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS The property in which you are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for 06/06/2025 (date). The date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the owner that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property. After the sale, the new owner is required to provide you with contact information and notice that the sale took place. The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as a residential dwelling under a legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you if you own this property or if you are not a bona fide residential tenant. If the foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have the right to require you to move out. Before the new owner can require you to move, the new owner must provide you with written notice that specifies the date by which you must move out. If you do not leave before the move-out date, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing you will receive notice of the court hearing. PROTECTION FROM EVICTION IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR: 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE, OR AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT. If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more than 30 days left. You must be provided with at least 30 days' written notice after the foreclosure sale, before you can be required to move. A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement: Is the result of an arm's-length transaction; Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY BETWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLOSURE SALE: RENT YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR YOU OTHERWISE TELL US YOU DO NOT PAY RENT. YOU CAN BE EVICTED. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE. SECURITY DEPOSIT YOU may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only if the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE: The new owner that buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that the sale took place and giv-

ing you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, you must sign a residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise, you do not owe rent. The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf; and You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you. The new owner may offer you a new moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 30 or 60 days. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about who to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice. OREGON STATE BAR, 16037 S.W. Upper Boones Ferry Road, Tigard Oregon 97224, Phone (503) 620-0722. Toll-free 1-800-452-8260 Website: http://www.oregonlawhelp.org NOTICE TO VETERANS If the recipient of this notice is a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be available from a county veterans' service officer or community action agency. Contact information for a service officer appointed to the county in which you live and contact information for a community action agency that serves the area where you live may be obtained by calling a 2-1-1 information service. The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act requires that we state the following: this is an attempt to collect, 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. This letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Dated: 01/26/2025 Prime Recon LLC By: Devin Ormrod, Assistant Vice President Prime Recon LLC 27368 Via Industria, Ste 201 Temecula, CA 92590 Phone number (888) 725-4142

LCL25-0087 SELF-STORAGE PUBLIC SALE

Safe-Lock Storage 3639 SE Ash St South Beach, Oregon 97366. Saturday, 3/29/2025 @ 10:00am. B10F - Amy Dewesse, F49 - Nick Kamerer, C10 - Shawna Kline, C08 Rich Roush, L38 - Syllus Thomas. Sale Subject to Cancellation. Safe-Lock Storage reserves the Right to refuse any and all bids. M12 M19

LCL25-0084 NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR PROPERTY IF YOU DO NOT TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY

This notice is about your mortgage loan on your property at: Street address: 1209 NW Bayshore Dr City: Newport, State: OR Zip: 97394 Your lender has decided to sell this property because the money due on your mortgage loan has not been paid on time or because you have failed to fulfill some other obligation to your lender. This is sometimes called a foreclosure. The amount you would have had to pay as of 02/24/2025 to bring your mortgage loan current was \$ 13,979.64 . The amount you must now pay to bring your loan current may have increased since that date. By law, your lender has to provide you with details about the amount you owe, if you ask. You may call 1-866-867-0330 to find out the exact amount you must pay bring your mortgage loan current and to get other details about the amount you owe. You may also get these details by sending a request by certified mail to: Prime Recon LLC 27368 Via Industria, Ste 201 Temecula, CA 92590 THIS IS WHEN AND WHERE YOUR PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD IF YOU DO NOT TAKE ACTION: 07/08/2025, 1:00 PM THIS IS WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STOP THE SALE: 1. You can pay the amount past due or correct any other default, up to five days before the sale. 2. You can refinance or otherwise pay off the loan in full anytime before the sale. 3. You can call ServBank, SB at 1-866-867-0330 to find out if your lender is willing to give you more time or change the terms of your loan. 4. You can sell your home, provided the sale price is enough to pay what you owe. There are government agencies and nonprofit organizations that can give you information about foreclosure and help you decide what to do. For the name and telephone number of an organization near you, please call the statewide telephone contact number at 1-800 SAFENET (1-800-723-3638). You may also wish to talk to a lawyer. If you need help finding a lawyer, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503-

2025 LINCOLN COUNTY
ANNUAL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT NOTICE

As part of the County Road Department, the Vegetation Management Program utilizes Integrated Pest Management tools for control of vegetation along county roads and operates under the authority of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

Regular maintenance is performed for driver safety, visibility, road shoulder and ditch integrity, as well as noxious weed control. Our approach integrates preventive, cultural, mechanical, chemical, and biological control measures.

The County uses mowing, brushing, grading, manual weed-pulling/cutting and location-specific treatment with herbicides. Indiscriminate road spraying is not utilized in Lincoln County. Noxious and invasive treatments are specifically applied by state-licensed and trained staff utilizing effective formulations and methods. Treatment may occur on the county roads specified in our website.

Please note that we are no longer going to post roads with anticipated treatment dates as weather conditions frequently disrupt our scheduling and result in the need to re-post later, which is inefficient and causes confusion.

We will continue to post roads with orange signs on the day of treatment.

Adjacent property owners desiring an alternative to Lincoln County's Integrated Pest Management practices on their property frontage(s) may obtain a Private Maintenance Agreement permit application for the current year.

For a listing of county roads involved in this program and more information on the Private Maintenance Agreement option, please visit our website at <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/469/Vegetation-Management> or contact Lincoln County Public Works at (541)-265-5747.

Super Crossword CROSS WORDS

ACROSS	47 Get older	89 An ex-Trump	129 What nine	36 Dutch artist	78 Musical finale
1 Swing by	50 Give off	92 Fix typos. say	key words in	Jan	79 Somewhat
6 Sop up	51 Shaggy's nickname for his dog	93 Plus more: Abbr.	this puzzle	38 —Cat	80 Act of liturgy
12 Fez or beret	52 Pollen lover	94 \$5 bills, in slang	are syn- onyms of	39 From — Z	82 Film units
15 General — chicken	53 Actress Perilman	96 Intense controversy	DOWN	40 Lettuce type	83 Uses a trowel
19 Preface	54 "Life Is Good" rapper	99 "That doesn't ring —"	1 Panorama	42 Option list	85 Noodles in peanut sauce
20 "Hello" singer Lionel	55 Letter after pi	101 Regressed	2 Entomb	43 East Asian nanny	90 Battle (for)
21 Santa — winds	56 212 degrees Fahrenheit, for water	102 — la-la	3 Navigate	45 — Lodge	91 Additionally
22 Eight, in Berlin	61 "Yup"	103 Group of warriors in "Kung Fu Panda"	4 A Gershwin brother	46 Actor Harvey	92 Israel's Abba
23 Alternative to poststickers	63 Big Apple sch.	106 Church part for the clergy	5 Male tabby	48 Heredity unit	94 Vast stretch
26 Trevi	66 Alpha Sig, e.g.	110 Chant	6 Eve of old TV	49 Wofds down	95 Large tuna
27 Golf prop	67 Speaks from a soapbox	111 Boxing great	7 — one's time	52 Malaise,	96 Wild rants
28 Requiring lots of attention	68 Right after being baked	112 Flummoxed	8 Missile in the Gulf War	53 Horse colors	97 Gorilla, e.g.
29 L-P linkup	72 Fake: Prefix	115 Suffix with Motor	9 "Heavens!"	54 Platter	100 Olympic swimmer
30 — Up My Heart" (1997 "NSYNC song)	75 Stalagmite site	116 British prep school	10 Shred	55 Little — (the Ocean State)	91 Additionally
32 Call before the court	76 Camera type, in brief	117 Oxidizer in liquid rocket propellants	11 — Stakes (horse race)	57 Proposal	92 Israel's Abba
35 Touchy topic	77 Acting award	122 Swedish soprano	12 Kayak cousin	58 Original NYC subway line	94 Vast stretch
37 Skit-filled NBC show, in brief	81 Brand of hard cider	123 '50s prez	13 "Gemini Man"	59 State exec.	95 Large tuna
38 Texas-Louisiana border river	84 Google Play download	124 — Mae	14 Grazing land	60 Before surgery, in brief	96 Wild rants
41 Three, in Paris	86 Tokyo sash	125 Yo-yo part	15 "Proud Mary" star — P.	61 Before surgery, in brief	97 Gorilla, e.g.
42 H.G. Wells' Doctor Moreau, e.g.	87 Prefix with byte or ton	126 Lucy's guy	Henson	62 "Star Trek" lieutenant	100 Olympic swimmer
46 Penetrating	88 Suffix with Euclid	127 Toon	16 Makes the Billboard Top 40, e.g.	64 Agave plants	91 Additionally
			17 Of a resistance unit	65 Salt Lake City native	92 Israel's Abba
			18 Artery insert	66 Before surgery, in brief	94 Vast stretch
			24 Like Brits	67 Additionally	95 Large tuna
			25 Pertaining to	68 Fertilizable	96 Wild rants
			31 Black, to Poe	69 Gametes	97 Gorilla, e.g.
			33 Aide. Abbr.	70 Chimp's kin	100 Olympic swimmer
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				74 Dairy case containers	95 Large tuna
					96 Wild rants

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

HEY THERE, GIRL. HOW ARE YOU DOING TODAY? I'VE GOT SOME SEED.

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? COME ON, SAY SOMETHING. I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT!

OK, I'M LOSING MY MIND. I'M ACTUALLY EXPECTING A CHICKEN TO SPEAK.

WELL, IF I DID, I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T START BY USING A DOUBLE PREPOSITION.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

FOR THE LAST TIME, BENJAMIN... I'M TRYING TO TALK TO YOU. DO YOU THINK YOU COULD STOP SCROLLING FOR FIVE MINUTES?!!

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I ONCE GOT INJURED IN A "PEEKABOO" ACCIDENT.

WAS IT SERIOUS?

I'LL SAY, THEY HAD TO TAKE ME TO THE "I.G.U."

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

OLIVE

By Emi Burdge

WELCOME HOME!

HEYA SIS!

THANKS AGAIN FOR WATCHING THE HOUSE FOR US!

HOW WAS GAS FOR YOU?

IT TOOK A BIT...

BUT I THINK WE REALLY ENDED UP BONDING!

IT'S REALLY HARD NOT TO LOVE THE LITTLE GUY!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

REX, THE COMPANY LET GO OF SOME FOLKS WHO STOOD OUT AS EXPENDABLE. LUCKY FOR YOU WE FORGOT YOU EVEN WORKED HERE.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: H equals M

IKTDC GFOG HV YPD'Y RTLK
IPZZPRKB O XOZCK OHPQDG
PL HPDKV LZPH HK, TY YFK
HV BKIGPZ-TD-XOR?

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Spring
PALE

Deride
CORN

Degree
TEXTEN

Answer
LOVES

TODAY'S WORD

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

FKYD KA DFBPN HBKJD MA
KAN JWLADL WX NWVL
FMAI, KAI JLDKPMCMPN
QMSS MAHPKAPSN XMSS MP.
— IDD EWJY

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who was Time Magazine's First Man of the Year in 1927?
2. MOVIES: Who was the male lead in the film "Risky Business"?
3. LITERATURE: In which novel does the character of Emma Woodhouse appear?
4. LANGUAGE: What does the acronym "sonar" stand for?
5. TELEVISION: What was the name of the Dukes' car on the show "The Dukes of Hazzard"?
6. HISTORY: The first atomic submarine was built in which decade?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What modern-day country is in the area known in ancient times as Lusitania?
8. MEDICINE: What disease is caused by a deficiency of Vitamin A?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which U.S. president's image appeared on a dollar coin in 1971?
10. MATH: What does the symbol "r" stand for in geometry?

Answers

1. Aviator Charles Lindbergh.

2. Tom Cruise.

3. "Emma" by Jane Austen.

4. Sound navigation and ranging.

5. The General Lee.

6. 1950s.

7. Portugal.

8. Night blindness.

9. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

10. Radius.

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Cryptoquip

answer

Being that my son's wife borrowed a large amount of money from me, is she my debtor-in-law?

Cryptoquote

answer

Make an empty space in any corner of your mind, and creativity will instantly fill it.
— Dee Hock

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Leap 2. Scorn; 3. Extent; 4. Solve
Today's Word
TAXES

2025 Tigers leave basketball legacy

WILL LOHRE*Country Media, Inc.*

Taft's boys basketball team put together a special season this year, putting together a 14-2 league record and securing both the PacWest and District Tournament titles. Those achievements were products not only of tireless effort from the players and coaches but also the support of the wider community.

This was Tigers Head Coach Zach Lillebo's second season at the helm, and he said it's an "incredibly proud moment," especially considering the heights this squad reached are levels that have not been realized in almost two decades.

"This homegrown group of young men accomplished something they have never witnessed in their lifetime for Taft Boys Basketball. The last league title for boy basketball at Taft was in 2004, when none of them were born, 19 years ago," Lillebo said. "The PacWest League Title and District Championship symbolizes all the practices, holidays, and weekends sacrificed, early mornings, and long bus rides over the past two seasons; I personally like to think it's the legacy this group of student-athletes wanted to leave for our future Tigers."

Though Taft was defeated in the second round of the state playoffs in a heartbreaking 42-45 loss against De La Salle North Catholic on Mar. 1, the legacy the team leaves is about more than just results. The way the team played, shared the ball and competed every game made this group stand out.



The Tigers secured the first league title for the program since 2004, making it the first league championship in two decades. (Courtesy photo from Zach Lillebo)

LEARNING FROM LAST YEAR

Taft enjoyed a successful 2023-2024 season, going 15-13, but there was an understanding that the group had another tier they could reach. Lillebo said six to eight losses last year were "decided by little things."

This season, Lillebo's group fine-tuned their skills and found success focusing on the details. Doubling down on the defensive side of the game and taking a selfless approach helped guide the team's success. For the season, Taft averaged 17 assists per game while forcing opponents into 22 turnovers per game.

The combination of tenacious defense and a knack for finding open looks was a potent recipe for a Taft team that ended the league schedule as the 4th-ranked 3A team in the state.

"This season, my boys found ways to win through playing team basketball and taking care of the little things. There are not too many teams through the state of Oregon at any classification that share the ball like this group," Lillebo said.

"I personally believe this team has not only grown within the defensive realm of basketball throughout this year but have started to have fun and found their confidence within the game of basketball."

After the leap the team made, it was no surprise to see core members of the roster recognized with all-league honors. Lillebo said it's a "powerful feeling" to see the team so well represented among the league's top players, even if the players themselves always had their eyes on team achievements rather than individual awards.

Taft's All-League members, as well as their per-game season stats, were:

Junior Kol Tolan - 1st Team All PacWest - 14.1 pts, 6.4 rebs, 1.4 ast, 1.8 stl, .2 blks

Senior Kai Bayer - 2nd Team All PacWest - 9.3 pts, 3 rebs, 2.5 ast, 2 stls, .2 blks

Senior JJ McCormick - 2nd Team All PacWest - 8.1 pts, 4.9 rebs, 2.1 ast, 2 stls, .7 blks

Senior Jackson Nightingale - 3rd Team All PacWest - 9 pts, 4.8 rebs, 2 ast, 2.7 stls, .3 blks

Senior Trenton Battle - Honorable Mention PacWest

- 6.9 pts, 4.5 rebs, 2.3 ast, 1.8 stls

Junior Zack Hankins - Honorable Mention PacWest - 6.8 pts, 5 rebs, 3.8 ast, 2.9 stls, .2 blks

Lillebo said he would "preach weekly" that the only thing that mattered to him was having more points on the board than their opponent at the end of 32 minutes. While he would have liked to see some of his players higher on the all-league teams, the players have been less concerned about individual recognition.

"They have been team-oriented from the start of the season and continued to be about the team," Lillebo said. "It doesn't matter who scores as long as we are doing our jobs defensively and scoring more points than our opponents."

FINDING FUN

One of the lessons Lillebo learned this season was balancing the grind mindset with finding the fun in competition. Lillebo said the season has been tough on his coaching philosophy as the team focused on grinding "day in and day out."

During some especially compacted portions of the schedule, Lillebo realized "the grinding philosophy needed to take a step back and it needed to be about bringing joy to the kids through the game we are passionate about." With that in mind, the team put together a season that saw them lose just five of their 26 games.

With the season coming to a close, Lillebo is sad to say goodbye to the program's seniors (Bayer, McCormick, Nightingale, Battle, Ezra James, and Cooper O'Laughlin) but looking forward to what the future will bring for the team.

"We had a lot of fun this past season, and I will miss this group of young men as 6 of them graduate this June, but I look forward to summer basketball and getting back to the daily grind," Lillebo said. "We have created a foundation of success for boys basketball here at Taft and will put in the work to keep competing each year."

This season's milestones were a product of the players' hard work, dedication, and sacrifice throughout the season, off-season, and summer, but it's about more than just winning.

"Winning the PacWest League Title and District Tournament Title is a huge accomplishment for not only our athletes and coaches but the community, school, and the future tigers that supported our program," Lillebo said. "I love to compete, but for me, it's not just about winning... It's about the opportunities that we create as coaches to provide our players, families, and community lifelong memories they can cherish."

Weisz siblings making waves in competitive swimming

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Ilona and Ivan Weisz may only be 14 and 11 years old, but they're already diving headlong into the world of competitive swimming, sometimes even diving into pools on the international stage.

In December, Ilona competed at the Junior Championships in the Netherlands. Swimming in the under-16 age group, Ilona excelled at the competition. Ilona and Ivan have dual citizenship through their father, Sander, who moved to Oregon from the Netherlands in 2008. Sander said that the trip to the Netherlands to compete was "a very exciting and new experience for Ilona."

"Ilona swam for the first time with her new Dutch team ZPC, [and] met all her new teammates," Sander said. "They have beautiful

swim facilities, very professional national organized championships."

Ilona made quite the impression in the pool overseas, winning three gold medals and one silver in individual events, along with two gold medals in team relays.

WINNING WAYS

The Weisz family lives in Toledo, and competing at a high standard runs in the family. Sander and his wife, Randi, have always enjoyed sports and athletics.

"Sport has always been a passion for both me and my wife. I played soccer and studied Physical education in the Netherlands. Randi was a cheerleader and water skier on a national level," Sander said. "So it's natural for our family to be active, and we are used to the dedication it takes to succeed on a high level."

Ivan and Ilona started swimming in Newport for the Newport Swim



Ivan and Ilona Weisz have made the pool their second home, competing at the highest levels in their age group and even overseas. (Courtesy photo from Sander Weisz)

Team in 2021 during the pandemic. Sander said it started as something fun to do after morning homeschooling, but it quickly became apparent that the kids had a knack for it.

"Soon we realized at Ilona and lots of talent and started performing very well on [the] state level," Sander said.

Now, both siblings

swim for the Corvallis Aquatic Team (CAT), and they are coming off very successful showings at the OSI Arena 11-14 Short Course State Championships in Beaverton Feb. 27-Mar. 2.

Ivan had a strong showing in the 200-yard freestyle, posting a 2:07.08 time and taking home gold. He also raced well

in the 100-yard freestyle, securing a third-place finish with a time of 58.95.

For her part, Ilona put on a dominant display, walking away from the meet with a host of gold medals. Ilona posted first-place finishes in the 50 freestyle (26.42), 100 freestyle (52.36), 200 freestyle (1:53.96), and 500 freestyle (5:13.5), as well as in the 200 butterfly (2:06.13). She also won a bronze medal in the 100-butterfly competition.

In pursuit of their goals, both Ivan and Ilona make time for their training, even needing to cut school short by an hour on practice days to make the trek east. Sander said Ilona and Ivan drive to Corvallis five times a week to swim with CAT, the practices being about two and a half hours. They spend about 12 hours a week in the pool, and Sander said they are always sure to eat protein-filled nutritious meals

to fuel their performances.

With such a voracious appetite for swimming, Sander even said that the Toledo Swim Team often opens a lane for Ilona and Ivan so they can practice close to home.

"We really appreciate their kindness and support," Sander said.

Through the support of the community, family, and their own perseverance and hard work, Ilona and Ivan are constantly pushing the limits to pursue their next endeavor.

Ilona is competing at the NCSA Spring National Championships in Orlando Florida Mar. 17-Mar. 22, continuing to test herself on the biggest stages. Meanwhile, Ivan will be swimming on the other side of the country at the Southwest Age Group Regional Championships Mar. 20-23 in Sacramento. Both will be hoping to add a few more medals to their already impressive collection.

Ocean salmon season alternative released

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) met March 4-11 to develop three alternatives for summer and fall salmon seasons along the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California.

PFMC is hosting a virtual public meeting March 25 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. to get input on the proposed salmon management alternatives. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife staff will attend and be available to answer questions. PFMC's alternatives are available online.

Final salmon season recommendations will be determined at the next PFMC meeting April 10-15 in San Jose, CA. The final PFMC adopted fishing season recommendations will

be sent to the U.S. Department of Commerce for approval by May 15.

PFMC's Salmon Advisory Subpanel with support from the Salmon Technical Team considered and analyzed numerous fishing scenarios for summer and fall 2025 ocean salmon seasons, including off the Oregon Coast. The spring recreational fishing season (prior to May 16) was developed last year and begins on March 15 from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain.

Faced with low forecasts for depressed Sacramento and Klamath River fall Chinook salmon, commercial and recreational fisheries in both Oregon and California will be negatively impacted again.

ODFW's Deputy Fish

Division Administrator for Marine and Columbia River programs, John North, said that minimizing impacts on those California salmon stocks is key to marine fisheries planning.

"Seasons will need to be shaped to minimize harvest of depressed stocks while trying to access healthier coho and Chinook stocks destined to Oregon rivers," North said.

The PFMC's three alternatives for Oregon summer and fall salmon seasons vary by number of open fishing days and area and would allow moderate coho opportunity beginning in June and extending into September. Chinook fishing opportunities south of Cape Falcon to the Oregon/California border will be constrained in

the spring and summer due to the low forecasts for Klamath and Sacramento Chinook stocks. By September, most of these Chinook salmon have migrated closer to their native streams and may allow for modest Chinook opportunities along the Oregon coast.

A different mix of salmon stocks are present north of Cape Falcon, so season alternatives are different there. Current options include recreational Chinook and coho fishing opportunities beginning late June and extending into September.

Anglers are also encouraged to comment during the April PFMC meeting. Going through the PFMC e-portal is the best way to comment.

Golf is in the air, time to spring into action

Agate Beach Women's Golf Association invites new members to their upcoming season which starts Tuesday April 1, 2025. Agate Beach Golf Course is located at 4100 N Coast Hwy, Newport, OR. New and returning members of all skill levels are invited to attend, starting at 8am with breakfast from McKenzie at the club house café for \$15. Weather permitting we will tee off at 9:30am. We encourage all those interested in meeting a great group of ladies for golf to attend. Special complimentary group lessons will be available on April 8th & 15th addressing chipping and putting. If you are interested in a lesson please RSVP at Agate Beach Golf Course 541-265-5946.