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## Now is the time to PREPARE

*Oregonians urged to get COVID, flu and RSV vaccinations*

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Paul Cieslak, Oregon Health Authority

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LYNN TERRY | *Oregon Capital Chronicle*  
*News Guard Guest Article*

As the latest COVID boosters dribble into Oregon, state health officials urged residents to get vaccinated to protect themselves against an expected rise in respiratory infections in the months ahead.

Dr. Paul Cieslak of the Oregon Health Authority and Dr. Katie Sharff of Kaiser Permanente Northwest are urging residents to protect themselves by getting shots against COVID, the flu and respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, which often causes cold-like symptoms. Those who don't get vaccinated could end up with a trifecta of respiratory infections – and even land in the hospital, they said.

“The potential for another respiratory surge that swamps our hospitals and health care system still exists,” said Cieslak, the health authority's director for communicable diseases and immunizations. “Even before COVID-19, influenza and RSV could overwhelm hospitals in some regions of the state.”

The number of Oregonians infected with COVID has steadily increased since late spring, from about 4% of COVID tests being positive in late May to 15% by mid-September and hospitalizations for the disease have doubled since the end of June, Cieslak said during a media briefing Sept. 21.

The number of people infected with the flu and RSV remains relatively low, though that's expected to change, he said.

“Straining of hospital capacity will be an issue nationwide, and perhaps more so in Oregon, where we are additionally challenged by the fact that we have relatively few hospital beds per capita,” Cieslak said.

The health authority no longer maintains its COVID data dashboard. Providers at Oregon Health & Science University, which posts a daily update, are treating 18 people with COVID, including four people in intensive care and three on a ventilator, according to a post on Sept. 21. The patients are a mix of those who've not been vaccinated and those who have, including people who have received booster shots.

**Ramping up protection**

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention approved the updated shot in early September. It recommended that everyone at least 5 years old get it, with other recommendations for those who are younger or have compromised immune systems. The booster is free, the health authority said, and is designed to fight strains that are currently causing 95% of illnesses.

**What to expect**

The Omicron subvariant XBB.1.16 had become the predominant COVID-19 variant across Oregon and the United States, making up 14.8% of all cases nationally.

As of last week, another subvariant—Omicron EG.5—has taken over as the country's predominant strain, accounting for 17.3% of COVID-19 cases nationally, though it is not predominant in Oregon at this time. This variant is one of many evolutions of previous Omicron strains and is not expected to behave differently than other circulating variants.

The new COVID-19 vaccine will target the Omicron XBB strain, and because EG.5 is an offspring of XBB, the new vaccine should provide decent protection against severe disease from EG.5.

A small increase in the COVID-19 hospitalization rate in Oregon and the U.S. has been seen, and is primarily affecting individuals 65 and older. CDC forecasts do not predict a significant increase in COVID-19-related hospitalizations in Oregon in the short term. There is more COVID-19 circulating in Oregon now than in the spring, but circulation was at an all-time low in the spring, and overall transmission remains modest.

Source: Oregon.gov

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North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District water rescue crews attempt to pass a vehicle stuck in the sand at the bottom of the 15th Street beach access June 7, 2014. The congestion at this location has been a concern from emergency crews and the City of Lincoln City.

## Vehicle beach access decision issued

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“I’m grateful for our partners in Lincoln City and around Oregon who voiced their concerns and helped find a solution that balances the needs of our visitors at the Oregon Coast,” Central Coast District Manager Preson Phillips said. “This rule change provides a safer experience at the beach access points in Lincoln City.”

The Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission has voted to allow beach driving to continue in fall, winter, and spring at one access point in Lincoln City and to prohibit it year-round at the other starting Oct. 1 due to ongoing safety issues.

The new rules were adopted in cooperation with Lincoln City Council, which voted earlier to support the proposal based on its staff recommendations. Fire and rescue crews encouraged the city and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to make the changes for public safety.

**The decision**

Motor vehicles will be allowed to access the ocean shore at NW 15th Street and drive 150 feet in either direction from Oct. 1 to April 30.

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## City Council approves funds for winter shelters

*One shelter will be in Lincoln City, the other will be in Newport*

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The Lincoln City Council has agreed to provide \$50,000 to Lincoln County for the 2023-2024 Lincoln County Winter Shelter project.

The council awarded the funding during its Sept. 25 public meeting.

**Background**

Earlier this year, the city council heard a report from Lincoln County Commissioner, Kaety Jacobson, and Human Services Director, Jane Romero, concerning a proposal to operate county-wide winter shelter for 2023 in Newport and Lincoln City.

The county has hired a coordinator to develop a winter housing program from October 1 through March 31. The shelter will be open from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. each day and will be managed and supervised by paid county employees.

The shelter will provide low-barrier or no-barrier

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COAST MOMENT



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A view from shoreline along the Oregon Coast. See more Coast Moments at thenewsguard.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Oct. 4**  
**Emergency Alert Test**  
Between 11:20 a.m. and 11:50 a.m. our time, every TV, radio, and cellphone in the United States will “blare out the distinctive, jarring electronic warning tone of an emergency alert along with the following: This is a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, (FEMA), covering the United States.” This is only a test. No action is required by the public, according to FEMA.

**Oct.**  
**7 Day of Service**  
The Lincoln City and Newport Rotarians will be conducting a day of service at the Yakona Natural Preserve (YNP). Meet at 8:45 a.m. at the locked gate at the end of SE 40th and Harborton in Newport, just past Wolf Tree Brewery and Taproom. Participants will carpool in. Pets are not allowed in the Preserve. YNP is a leave no trace property. Please pack out what you pack in. The event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Rotarians will conduct light rail maintenance in the coastal fog-belt forests of the Yakona. Bring water/snacks and gloves. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Yaknoa will provide hand tools.

**Octoberfest Dinner**  
The annual event is from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the St. Peter and

the Fisherman Lutheran Church, SW 14th and Highway 101 in Lincoln City. Menu includes sausage, sauerkraut, baked potato, German potato salad, Waldorf salad and special oatmeal cake. Adults \$12, children aged 6 and under \$6. All proceeds to the church mission projects.

**On Going**  
Veterans Free Homemade Soup and Sandwich offered twice monthly from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Lincoln City B.P.O. Elks # 1886 located at 1350 S.E. Oar Avenue in Lincoln City.

**Lincoln City Senior Center Events**  
Dementia Caregiver Support Group meets at 10 a.m., first and third Thursdays.  
Tai Chi 8:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. No membership required. Donation to instructor suggested.  
Folk Music Circle to begin meeting Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. beginning in April.  
Weekly Walk on LCCC track. No charge or membership required. 10:30 a.m. Mondays.  
Chair Yoga 11:30 a.m. Mondays. No membership required. Donation to instructor suggested.

**Central Coast Word Surfers**  
Writing group 1 to 3 p.m. every second Saturday of the month. Free. Driftwood Public Library, 801 SE Highway 101 in Lincoln City

Luminous Soul Center hosts fall retreat, marks anniversary

**SUBMITTED**  
Luminous Soul Center is hosting a fall retreat on Oct. 14 and 15. This retreat is a celebration of Luminous Soul Centers’ one-year anniversary and is held on the ring of fire solar eclipse which begins in Oregon.

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sion of your potential. You can take the sessions and classes individually or you can join the whole retreat for a discounted rate and a special gift. Free activities are also offered throughout the weekend. Space is limited.

The boutique will be having an anniversary sale through Oct. 15 and offers:

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Medicare Plan Changes in Lincoln and Tillamook Counties

The Medicare Annual Enrollment period begins on October 15, 2023 and for 2024, both Regence Blue Cross of Oregon and MODA Health have announced they will no longer offer their Medicare Advantage plans in Lincoln County and MODA Health will no longer offer their Medicare Advantage plan in Tillamook County.

This is a sweeping change for Medicare beneficiaries in both counties. It is estimated over 2,000 beneficiaries will be

affected by the departure of these carriers.

If you have either the Regence or MODA Medicare Advantage plan, you have some important choices to make in the coming weeks. You will receive letters from Regence and MODA informing you of this change, and explaining you are entitled to a “Special Enrollment Period” under Medicare. Be sure to read and keep the letters you receive as you may need them to enroll in new plans.

The Special Enrollment Period will last from October 1 to

February 29, 2024. During this time, you may enroll in 1) Medicare Advantage plan offered in your zip code, 2) Enroll in a Medicare Supplement (Medigap) plan plus a stand-alone Medicare Drug plan, or 3) Enroll in a Medicare Drug plan without a Supplement plan.

The good news is in Lincoln County, Samaritan Health will continue to offer their Premier and Premier Plus Medicare Advantage plans for 2024. In Tillamook County, there will be no other carriers offering Medicare

Advantage plans. This means if beneficiaries who want health and drug plan benefits in addition to Medicare, they will need to purchase a Medicare Supplement and/or a stand-alone drug plan.

These changes come on the heels of significant contract changes between Samaritan Health Services and United Health Care, another event which will affect Lincoln County residents.

If you have questions, you may contact our office, Charlotte Lehto Insurance Agency, at 541-994-2884 or your agent.

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**Medicare Annual Enrollment Period begins October 15 and ends December 7.** During this period you can review your Medicare Advantage or Prescription Drug Plan and change to a plan that better meets your needs! Plan changes will be effective on January 1, 2024.

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SHERIFF’S TIPS OF THE WEEK

Driving in the rain

**LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Along with the official start of fall brings comes our rainy season.

For some, driving in the rain, especially in the dark, causes anxiety. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, “nearly 5,700 people are killed and more than 544,700 people are injured in crashes on wet pavement” each year.

But being behind the wheel while its raining doesn’t have to be a nerve-racking experience. Here are some tips for driving in a downpour:

**1 Think.** Drivers need to stay alert and focused on what’s going on around them, especially during rain and other stormy weather.

**2 Turn on headlights.** It’s the law in all states to turn on headlights when visibility is low. Many states also require having headlights on when the windshield wipers are in use. While Oregon does not require motorists to turn on headlights when wipers are used, this can help increase visibility. Well-working wipers are a essential when driving in rain.

**3 Beware of hydroplaning.** Hydroplaning is what occurs when your tires are getting more traction on the layer of water on the road than on the road itself and the result is your car begins to slide uncontrollably. It’s easy enough to hydroplane: All you need is one-twelfth of an inch of rain on the road and a speed of more than 35 miles per hour.

If you start to hydroplane, let off the accelerator slowly and steer straight until you regain control. Before rain, snow, or freezing temperatures begin, it is important to have quality tires for increased traction and safety.

**4 Turn off cruise control.** On rain, snow, ice, or other slick surfaces, cruise control may cause you to lose control. If you hydroplane while in cruise control, your car will actually go faster.

**5 Slow down.** Speed limits are designed for ideal conditions. That means driving when there is little traffic and good visibility. Plan for more time to get to your destination when it is raining.

For more information and tips visit [www.lincolncounty-sheriff.net](http://www.lincolncounty-sheriff.net).



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K9 helps nab burglary suspects in Albany

STAFF REPORT  
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Even during training time, a Lincoln County Sheriff’s K9 is all business.

Wednesday, Sept. 20, the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office’s K9 team Deputy Z. Akin and K9 Ghost were

participating in regional K9 training in the Albany area when Albany Police (APD) were investigating an active commercial burglary of a gated storage unit complex located at 2887 Ferry Street SW in Albany.

During that investigation, three subjects fled the loca-

tion on foot. APD captured one subject quickly but requested assistance from the K9 teams in training to help locate the outstanding subjects.

Deputy Akin and K9 Ghost were deployed. Akin and Ghost picked up a scent north of the location where

they had been searching and tracked the two subjects to another commercial building nearby and ultimately located the subjects hiding under a loading dock.

The subjects were challenged by Deputy Akin and K9 Ghost and quickly surrendered to APD officers.

POLICE BLOTTER

Lincoln City Police

Sept. 10

1:13 p.m.

Reports of a vehicle crashing into other vehicles at NW 22nd Street and Highway 101. Possible medical emergency. North Lincoln Fire & Rescue and Pacific West Ambulance responded. One subject was transported to Samaritan north Lincoln Hospital for medical emergency.

2:14 p.m.

Caller reports a male suspect entered business in the 4100 block of NW Logan

Road shoplifted items and left in vehicle with female.

6:44 p.m.

Medical call response in the 95 block of SW Highway 101. Report of a male barking like a dog. North Lincoln Fire & Rescue and Pacific West Ambulance came to scene and transported subject to Samaritan north Lincoln Hospital.

9:36 p.m.

Theft reported in the 1700 block of NW 44th Street. Caller reported theft of cashier’s tip jar. One person taken into custody.

Sept. 11

9 a.m.

Caller in the 1600 block of NW Highway 101 reports two males ran up a \$100 tab, refusing to pay. One person arrested for Theft of Services.

9:29 a.m.

Caller in the 3000 block of NW Highway 101 reports that an assault occurred. One person was arrested and transported to jail with charges of Assault and Harassment.

Sept. 12

6:35 a.m.

Officers responded to the 2100 block of NE Oar Place locating a subject previously issued a 30-day exclusion from city property.

12:13 p.m.

Officers conducted a traffic stop at NW 21st Street and Highway 101, issued a citation for the subject driving with no insurance. Vehicle impounded by Menefee Towing.

6:38 p.m.

One subject taken into custody at NW 33rd Street and Highway 101 for Criminal Failure to Register as a

Sex Offender and Municipal Urination in Public, transported to police department, cited and released.

Sept. 13

12:23 p.m.

Caller in the 2000 block of NE Highway 101 reports ex-girlfriend pounding on door. Female was able to force her way in. Medical called for possible injury. Female taken to hospital for clearance then taken to into custody for Burglary I, Trespass I and Attempted Assault IV, transported to jail.

Sept. 14

7:55 a.m.

Caller ion the 1200 block of SE Oar Avenue reports gas tank door on vehicle open.

8:29 a.m.

Caller in the 4000 block of NE West Devils Lake Road reports damage to business sign, additional signs stolen.

10:08 a.m.

Police served a search warrant in th 2000 block of Port Avenue. One subject was cited and release for Disorderly Conduct. Another person was transported to jail charged with Disorderly Conduct and Stalking.

3:59 p.m.

A report of a vehicle versus a pedestrian crash at SW 48th Avenue and and SW Highway 101. Driver cited for Failure to Yield to a Pedestrian. Victim transported to Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital.

10:17 p.m.

A crash reported in the 3900 block of SE Highway 101. Caller reported she had to slam on the brakes to avoid hitting kids riding bikes. The vehicle behind her rear-ended her vehicle.



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# Veterans Quilt Project to open Oct. 12

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The Pacific Maritime Heritage Center (PMHC) in partnership with the Lincoln County Veterans Resource Center, the Oregon Coast Quilters Guild and the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, will host an opening reception for the Veterans Quilt Project.

This two-part exhibition is featured in the mezzanine gallery at the PMHC, and includes 20 quilts made for veterans by members of the Oregon Coast Quilters Guild and a digital version of the I Am Not Invisible (IANI) exhibition from the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs.

The exhibit is open from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 12 through Jan. 14, with a reception open to the public.

The exhibit commemorates the lives of veterans

through quilts made for and presented to veterans serving in all branches of the military. Twenty veterans are represented in The Veterans Quilt Project which shares veteran's personal stories of life after the military. The digital version of the IANI exhibit features stories of Oregon women veterans to raise awareness of the diverse women veteran community and their contributions to our military.

The Pacific Maritime Heritage Center is located at 333 SE Bay Blvd in Newport. It is one of two historic properties operated by the nonprofit Lincoln County Historical Society.

For more information visit: [oregoncoasthistory.org](http://oregoncoasthistory.org) or call 541-265-7509. Follow on Instagram @lincolnco.historicalsociety or Twitter @maritime\_center.



# OBITUARY

## Oscar Escalante, Jr.

“Blessed are the peacekeepers, for they shall be called the children of God. (Matthew 5:9)”

Oscar Escalante Jr., age 68, of Lincoln City, Oregon, went to be with the Lord on September 7th, 2023.



He was born to Mary (Sanchez) and Oscar Escalante Sr. in Chula Vista, California.

Oscar, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, dedicated his life to Christ and helping others. He served his community as a police officer for 33 years, 22 of which he spent with the Lincoln City Police De-

partment as a patrol officer, School Resource Officer and later a Sergeant. Oscar was passionate about his work and found great joy in public service. He found serenity in nature and loved his outdoor hobbies and sports, hunting being his favorite.

Oscar is survived by his wife Samantha; children, Micah (Alia) Escalante, Shonna (Joe) Howry, Ryan Fisher, and Stefanie (Edwin) Fisher; grandchildren, Karisa (Chadd) Fromm, Kody Howry; Liam, Caleb, Declan, and Jaden Escalante; great-grandchildren, Paisley Howry, Kolt and Kasenn Fromm; five sisters; brother; and many nieces, nephews and other family members.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. on

# As the rains move in regional landslide risks increase

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State agencies and the National Weather Service are urging travelers to be aware of the potential for landslides triggered by fall and winter heavy rain events.

Moderate to heavy rain may result in landslides in areas of steep terrain, as well as debris flows in and near burn scars from recent wildfires.

Travel danger

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) urge travelers and residents to be aware of the potential flood and landslide dangers during and after such heavy rain events.

Landslides are caused by a combination of factors, including the type of geology, the slope, and usually water, according to the DOGAMI, repeating rainstorms saturate soils, which do not have

enough time to drain. The water builds up in the soil and leads to failure or a landslide.

According to a DOGAMI study, landslides and debris flows are common in the Oregon Coast Range due to the combination of high precipitation, steep slopes, and landslide-prone geologic units.

People, structures and roads located below steep slopes in canyons and near the mouths of canyons may be at serious risk. Dangerous places can include:

- Canyon bottoms, stream channels and areas of rock and soil accumulation at the outlets of canyons.
- Bases of steep hillsides.
- Road cuts or other areas where slopes of hills have been excavated or over-steepened.

• Places where slides or debris flows have occurred in the past.

Debris flows are rapidly moving, extremely destructive landslides. They can contain boulders and logs transported in a fast-moving soil and water slurry down steep



Courtesy photo

State geologists, the Oregon Department of Transportation and law enforcement agencies are urging drivers to be aware of the increasing landslide risks following heavy rain events. This photo is from a previous slide in Oregon following a heavy rain event.

hillsides and through narrow canyons.

Debris flows can easily travel a mile or more and can often move faster than a person can run. People, structures, and roads located below steep slopes in canyons

and near the mouths of canyons may be at serious risk.

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

- **Stay alert.** Track the flood watch by radio, TV, weather radio or online. If told to evacuate, do so immediately.

diately.

- **Listen.** Unusual sounds might indicate moving debris, such as trees cracking or boulders knocking together. A trickle of falling mud or debris may precede larger landslides. If you think there is danger of a landslide, leave immediately.

- **Watch the water.** If water in a stream or creek suddenly turns muddy or the amount of water flowing suddenly decreases or increases, this is a warning that the flow has been affected upstream. You should immediately leave the area because a debris flow may soon be coming downstream.

- **Travel with extreme caution.** Assume roads are not safe. Be alert when driving, especially at night. Embankments along roadsides may fail, sending rock and debris onto the road.

According to DOGAMI's A Homeowners Guide to Landslides, a landslide is the downward slope movement of rock, soil or debris. Debris flow, earth flow, rock

fall, mudflow, mudslide, and slump are also terms for landslide.

Landslides can take human life. However, even a few inches of slope movement can disrupt septic, sewer and water lines and crack foundations severely damaging or destroying your home, according to the guide.

If you live on or near a steep slope, the guide encourages you to look for warning signs of landslides by evaluating your property for signs of landslide movement. Many, but not all, signs of landslide activity are listed below.

Inside Your Home:

- Cracks in walls
- Nails popping out of walls
- Bulging walls
- Separation of chimney from walls
- Creaking/popping noises
- Light switches coming out of walls
- Doors/windows hard to shut
- Twisted beam

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# News & Views



## Oregon will get \$157M to expand broadband access

Nearly 1.7 million Oregonians live in areas without broadband access

JULIA SHUMWAY  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*  
*News Guard Guest Article*

Oregon will receive \$157 million from the federal government to help connect about 17,000 homes and businesses to the internet, the White House announced Wednesday, Sept. 27.

The money, which comes from the \$1.9 trillion pandemic relief package passed by Congress in 2021, follows an earlier allocation of \$688 million for broadband in Oregon through the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure law, also passed in 2021.

“Between those two programs, I would expect that we’re going to get all Oregonians that are currently unserved access to service,” Oregon broadband director Nick Batz said during a news conference with the White House announcing the new funding. Several Oregon congressional members and Gov. Tina Kotek also took part.

An early 2020 study found that an estimated 1.7 million Oregonians lived in areas without broadband access or with outdated basic services that don’t meet current demands. The pandemic brought a shift to remote work and school and more telehealth services, highlighting the need for reliable internet access.

“During the pandemic, it just became game-set-match clear that if a family did not have strong, affordable broadband so that a parent could work from home, that several children could learn from home, we could just not say there was equal economic and educational and health opportunity in our country,” said Gene Sperling, a senior adviser to President Joe Biden and coordinator of the COVID relief funding package.

Close to \$8 million of the new funding will go toward administrative costs, with the remaining \$149 million paying to connect Oregonians who don’t have access to internet with download speeds of at least 100 megabits per second and upload speeds of at least 20 mbps. Those are enough to run multiple smart devices, stream video in 4K, download large files quickly and play online games, according to internet service providers.

Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon, compared expanding internet access to the stories his mother told about how life

changed when her home got electricity.

“Broadband today is as important as electrification was a century ago,” he said. “Running a small business, seeing a doctor, paying bills, attending class, chatting with friends, shopping for merchandise, even hosting meetings like this press call, all are so much part of modern life. You need high-speed broadband to do it.”

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, said the new funding will mean Oregon kids and parents won’t have to drive around in bad weather to find a school or business with wifi so they can do homework or other basic tasks.

While rural Oregonians are less likely to have access to the internet at home than their urban counterparts, U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Oregon, noted that some Oregonians in larger cities also lack reliable, affordable high-speed internet.

The Biden administration has secured commitments from internet service providers who cover a combined 80% of the U.S. population to offer plans that cost no more than \$30 a month for eligible low-income families. Oregonians can check whether they qualify and sign up at GetInternet.gov.

Rep. Andrea Salinas, D-Oregon, said tens of thousands of her constituents lack internet access. Her district includes Salem and Portland’s southwestern suburbs, as well as farming communities in Polk, Yamhill and Marion counties.

“That lack of reliable broadband in rural communities like mine isn’t merely an inconvenience,” she said. “It’s a serious problem with true negative ramifications across all facets of life, from health care, as we saw during the pandemic, to employment, education and farming.”

<https://oregoncapital-chronicle.com/2023/09/27/oregon-receives-157-million-to-expand-broadband-access/>

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## THIS THING CALLED LIFE

### The sands of time continue to march on

MICHELLE PIERSON YOUNG  
*News Guard Guest Column*

Watching the sands move on our beautiful beaches is one of the pleasures of living on the Oregon coast. I love waking up in the mornings to find the beach has become a



**Michelle Young** times think the ocean is healing in part, because its immensity and unrelenting nature are a reminder of those things we cannot

change, that time moves on and does so without our consent or input. You get a rocky beach sometimes.

One day as I meandered down the philosophically sandy path of time, I mentally surrendered to the changes we all experience with the passing of time. My hair is gray, and I wear reading glasses. I enjoy classical music and staying home, characteristics I’ve considered old people’s.

All of these things are true, and time moves on and we either make our peace with how things feel different for us as we move through life, or we’re pissed about it.

But then it occurred to me as I surrendered mentally to the sands of time, I am not sand. No need to sit by the side of the ocean and let

it erode me. Time will move forward, but I can choose how I interact with it.

I’m not going to sit by the sea and die. I might sit, I might rest, I might enjoy Yoyo Ma more than hard rock these days, but that’s just changing interests. I get to choose what I want to do now. I get to choose how I interact with the facts of aging. I can put things in place to make my life less rocky as I move forward in life. And, die. We’re all gonna do it. It’s just a matter of what we’re doing *before* we do *that*.

It occurs to me this perspective is relevant whatever your age, it’s a worthy exercise. We’re all choosing how we move with the rhythm of time, but sometimes unaware that how we do it is a choice.

The beach, the ocean, it never acts its age. Depending on what you want to notice, there is indeed death and decay, but each day there is new life, new green, a fresh start.

Let’s salute the sands of time and dance in the changes. Let’s recall that those grains of sand were tossed about by time and changed by weathering, so are we, even those of us here for but a few years as yet. But we are not sand. We are sentient, we can move and choose.

Let’s not get old, let’s rise up to meet our adventures in time. I’ll be seein’ ya at the beach.

*Michelle Pierson Young is a Lincoln City life coach. She may be reached at Michelleatplay.com.*

## Oregon 2024 rent increases will be capped

JULIA SHUMWAY  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*  
*News Guard Guest Article*

Landlords subject to Oregon’s rent control law can increase rents 10% in 2024, the Department of Administrative Services announced Tuesday.

That’s the maximum allowed under a new law passed this year that sought to prevent most double-digit rent increases in years of high inflation. A 2019 law capped rent increases at 7% plus inflation, but high inflation in 2022 meant tenants received rent hikes as high as 14.6% this year.

The new law added a

Fast Fact

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10% cap. It only applies to buildings that are at least 15 years old and doesn’t apply to subsidized housing. Property managers in newer buildings can increase rent as much as they see fit, and there’s no limit on how high a landlord can set rent for new tenants.

Tenant advocates and Sen. Wlnsvey Campos, D-Aloha, initially tried to keep rent increases lower. Campos’ original bill would have capped rent hikes at 8% or 3% plus

inflation, whichever was lower. The most recent West Coast consumer price index, which the state uses to calculate inflation, is 5.6%, meaning rent increases would have been limited to 8% under Campos’ original bill.

Median rent in Oregon is around \$1,820, according to the real estate website Zillow.

Landlords are only allowed to raise rent once in a 12-month period, can’t raise rent during the first year of

tenancy and must give 90 days written notice before raising rent. Landlords who increase rent beyond the allowed amount or evict a tenant in order to raise the rent are liable for paying their tenants three months rent plus actual damages.

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## Lawmakers search for Measure 110 fixes

BEN BOTKIN  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*  
*News Guard Guest Article*

State Sen. Floyd Prozanski is searching widely for ideas that will shape Oregon’s response to the drug addiction crisis to build accountability into the system.

The Eugene Democrat chairs the state Senate Judiciary Committee, and he’s planning to have a bill in the 2024 session that would recommend changes to Measure 110, the voter-passed law that decriminalized possession of small amounts of hard drugs and put a share of cannabis revenue into programs to help addicts.

The plan to tweak Mea-

Fast Fact

Oregon officials want to change the system to motivate people to get help

sure 110 comes amid a deadly epidemic of fentanyl overdoses and hundreds of deaths a year and growing criticism that the law is not getting people into treatment as intended.

On Wednesday, he listened to law enforcement officials speak to his committee about struggles to combat open drug use and addiction, a problem in Portland and smaller cities like Grants Pass. In late October, he will be part of an Oregon group of lawmakers, advocates and others that will travel to Por-

tugal, a nation with a two-decade history of drug decriminalization work.

Prozanski also is gathering information from other states to look for useful ideas to incorporate into Oregon’s Measure 110, which faces a well-funded effort to recriminalize hard drugs and require treatment.

In an interview with the Capital Chronicle, Prozanski said he’s in a learning phase. He said it’s too soon to know what changes might be made. But he’s clear on two points:

Oregon cannot return to the old way of doing things and put drug addicts in prison. And the state also needs to hold people accountable and look for ways to get them into treatment, he said.

“We need to look at things outside of the traditional war on drugs approach,” Prozanski said. “That’s been going on for 50 years. And I ask everyone, so what do we have to show for this? And it’s 50 years and how many billions, if not trillions, of dollars have been spent?”

He’s heard plenty of ideas, ranging from confining addicts for 72 hours to direct them to detox and treatment

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# Health Matters

by Samaritan Health Services

## When choosing life over fear, woman survives breast cancer

It was a normal day in early 2020 for Maria Diaz of Corvallis. Wake up, get ready, head to work. On this day however, while applying deodorant, Diaz felt a hard lump in her left armpit. Feeling fine, though, she continued as usual.

Some time had passed, and while she wasn't experiencing pain or sickness, her husband, Genaro Martinez, persuaded Diaz to see her family doctor.

"My doctor believed right away it was cancer," said Diaz. "To be sure, I was referred to Samaritan to get a biopsy."

Days later at a follow-up appointment, Diaz received the news. The biopsy confirmed she had locally advanced breast cancer, specifically, triple positive invasive ductal carcinoma. This is a condition in which tumor cells have positive estrogen receptors, progesterone receptors and abnormal HER2 receptors.

"I felt sick. I didn't want anyone to see me," said Diaz. "When I got home, I went straight to my room and cried."

It was in that moment Diaz knew she had to fight this cancer. She decided to stop working and focus solely on her health.

Accompanied by her husband and one of her sons, Miguel Martinez, Diaz began the first of six rounds of chemotherapy in early 2021.

"Chemotherapy was tough," said Diaz. "My appetite was gone and I'm usually a good eater. I lost my hair, and in an ugly way. I just felt bad."

Very little sounded good to eat while receiving chemotherapy. Finally, her daughter-in-law,

Yesi Martinez, discovered that freshly made tortillas and menudo, a traditional Mexican soup and family favorite, settled well.

Finding a food that settled her stomach during chemo was a big win. But her family wanted to do more. They wanted to help bring a sense of normalcy to their loved one during this difficult time.

"My family took me in for a wig fitting. It wasn't for me, though. I just didn't feel like myself," Diaz said. "One of my sons then found these lovely hats. They came in many different colors. Oh, how I loved these hats, and I even received many compliments from my care team!"

Chemotherapy was but one step in Diaz's treatment plan, surgery was next.

"This was even more terrifying," Diaz said. "I knew my surgery date was approaching, but I didn't want to discuss it – not with family – not with my care team either. I was afraid that I would be put to sleep (with anesthesia) and not ever wake up."

Needing to find calmness within her storm of emotions, Diaz would go on walks. This helped slow her racing mind and ease her nerves and fear.

After the left breast lumpectomy, Diaz started the third phase of her treatment plan, radiation therapy for a total of 28 rounds.

Now, as a cancer survivor, Diaz expresses her gratitude for family, the cancer care team and life.

"Getting cancer brought my family closer than ever. I felt so much love and support at every



Maria Diaz smiles after completing treatment for breast cancer.

step. And, I cannot say enough about my care team – the doctors, nurses, assistants – they were all so kind," Diaz said. "Cancer changed me, too. It is as though I was born again, that God gave me another life to live. As I see it now, life is too beautiful to waste it."

*Learn more about Maria Diaz, her outlook on life and journey as a cancer survivor at [samhealth.org/MariaD](https://samhealth.org/MariaD) (para espanol, en [samhealth.org/MDiaz](https://samhealth.org/MDiaz)).*

## Understanding what breast density means for your mammogram

Yarrow McConnell, MD, FACS, Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center Breast & Surgical Oncology

Some women who have a mammogram may be told they have dense breast tissue, but what does this mean?

Having dense breast tissue is very common and varies from person to person. Based on the mammogram, breast density is grouped

into four categories and can range from almost entirely fatty tissue (category A), to extremely dense (category D). While most breast cancers can be seen on a mammogram, having dense breast tissue can make it harder to detect because cancers and dense breast tissue both appear white on the scan. Women with dense breast tissue may also be at slightly higher risk of developing breast cancer, but the link between these two is not proven.

Whether you have dense breast tissue or not, it is important that you know what feels normal for your breasts and to stay current on your mammograms.

If you have questions about your breast density, your personal risk for breast cancer and when to schedule your next mammogram, talk with your health care provider – and especially so if you notice any changes in your breasts, especially a new lump.



### Learn about advancements in breast cancer care

You are invited to join a free webinar on **Monday, Oct. 16, from noon to 1 p.m.**, as Dr. McConnell and Radiation Oncologist Alexander Bagley, MD, PhD, discuss the role of genetics, and innovations in surgery and radiation, in helping breast cancer survivors achieve longer, healthier lives. Register at [samhealth.org/BeHealthy](https://samhealth.org/BeHealthy).

*Yarrow McConnell, MD, FACS, is a breast specialist and surgical oncologist. She sees patients with varying breast cancer care needs, as well as patients with other cancer diagnoses. For an appointment, call 541-768-1252.*

### Livinghealthy

Community classes to keep you healthy

- Cancer support available online**  
Wednesday, Oct. 4 and 18 | 3 to 4:30 p.m.  
This online cancer support group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month. It provides a safe place to share feelings, learn ways to overcome challenges and to foster a sense of community. It is open to anyone living with cancer and cancer survivors. For information, call Amy Coppa at 541-574-4684.
- Samaritan offers drive-thru flu shot clinics**  
Saturday, Oct. 7 | Noon to 1 p.m.  
Center for Health Education in Newport, 740 SW Ninth St.  
Samaritan Lincoln City Medical Center, 2870 NE West Devils Lake Road  
The primary care clinics of Samaritan Health Services will host flu vaccination clinics on this day for Samaritan patients at least 6 months of age. High-dose vaccine will be available, too, for those age 65 and older. Insurance will be billed. No appointment is needed.
- Prepare for childbirth with online class**  
Tuesdays, Oct. 10, 17 and 24 | 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
Those who are expecting are invited to attend this three-week series with their partner to learn about and prepare to meet the challenges of labor, delivery and postpartum care. It is recommended for those who are in week 30 to 33 of pregnancy. To register for this free class, enroll at [pollywogfamily.org](https://pollywogfamily.org) or call 541-917-4884.

In-person activities are held at the Center for Health Education, 740 SW Ninth St., Newport.

- Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop to begin**  
Thursdays, Oct. 12 to Nov. 16 | 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
The six-week Living Well virtual workshop offers techniques to help people with ongoing physical conditions learn to break the symptom cycle and deal with frustration, pain, fatigue, isolation, sadness and poor sleep. This workshop is offered periodically through the year so there will be other opportunities if these dates are not convenient. For more information email [SHSHealthEd@samhealth.org](mailto:SHSHealthEd@samhealth.org) or visit [samhealth.org/HealthEdHub](https://samhealth.org/HealthEdHub).
- Grief support offered online, in person**  
Online: Thursday, Oct. 12 | 3:30 to 5 p.m.  
In person: Thursday, Oct. 26 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.  
Adults who have experienced the death of a loved one can benefit from this group led by a trained medical social worker. Topics include coping with grief, understanding family dynamics, getting through special days and reinvesting in life. To register, call Samaritan Evergreen Hospice in Newport at 541-574-1811.
- Advance directive workshop held monthly**  
Wednesday, Oct. 18 | 3:30 to 5 p.m.  
Explore your health care decisions that are important to document and complete an advance directive. This is a legal document that allows you to express your wishes for end-of-life care. This free workshop is offered on the third Wednesday of each month. To register, call 541-996-6100.
- Wellness seminar: Fall Prevention for Older Adults**  
Monday, Oct. 30 | 10 to 11:30 a.m.  
Learn from the experts on how older adults can stay physically and mentally strong for improved health. All are welcome to attend this free, in-person seminar that will include discussion and demonstrations of strength and balance exercises. For more information, contact Amy Conner at [aconner@samhealth.org](mailto:aconner@samhealth.org) or call 541-574-4952.



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NG23-555 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CITY-INITIATED ZONING CODE AMENDMENT ZOA 2023-08 Housing Legislation Updates The Lincoln City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider ZOA 2023-08 on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The Lincoln City City Council will hold a public hearing to consider ZOA 2023-08 on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The public hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City, Oregon. Persons who may be affected are invited to participate in the hearing and present written and/or oral testimony concerning the project. The hearings will be televised live on Channel 4 and streamed live on the City's website. Citizens requesting to give testimony via Zoom or telephone must email [planning@lincolncity.org](mailto:planning@lincolncity.org) no later than noon on the hearing day. The request must include the person's name and the screen name the person intends to use for the meeting. Instructions will be sent to the person requesting prior to the meeting. ZOA 2023-08 is proposed in order to incorporate recently enacted state legislation relating to the provision of housing. Text amendments are proposed within the following portions of the Lincoln City Municipal Code (LCMC) Title 17 Zoning: Chapter 17.08 Definitions, 17.16 Single Unit Residential (R1) Zone, Chapter 17.17 Single-Unit Residential Roads End (R1RE) Zone, Chapter 17.18 Vacation Rental (VR) Zone, Chapter 17.20 Multiple Unit Residential (RM) Zone, Chapter 17.24 Professional Campus (PC) Zone, Chapter 17.28 Recreation Commercial (RC) Zone, Chapter 17.29 Resort Community

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ferred by operation of law to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: R176210 / M357680 14-12-11-DC-00800-00-01 14-12-11-DC-00800-00-02 LOT 25, 26, BROADVIEW, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 580 NE NEVADA ST, YACHATS, OR 97498- 9357 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$13,222.88 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$60,845.68 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 3/25/2022, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 1/2/2024 at

the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, At the front entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse located at 225 West Olive, in the City of Newport, OR 97365 County of LINCOLN, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as 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 obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest COLLEEN KREKLER 580 NE NEVADA ST YACHATS, OR 97498 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 1-866-539-4173 or Login to: [www.Servicelinkauction.com](http://www.Servicelinkauction.com) In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and 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 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. 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 Benefi-



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ciary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. 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 TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-22-943185-BB Dated: 8/24/2023 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 ID-SPub #0187993 9/26/2023 10/3/2023 10/17/2023

NG23-553 Lincoln City Storage, 3796 SE Hwy 101, Lincoln City, Or. 97367, 541-996-3555. The following unit will be sold at Public Auction Starting 10/17/2023 at 9:00am Ending 10/24/2023 at 9:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Auction to be pursuant to Auction Rules and Procedures for Truax Holdings. Rules are available at the facility office. All bidding will take place ONLINE at bid13.com. Unit#B265 Linda Paci.

NG23-554 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN DEPARTMENT OF PROBATE In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN K. FORTUNE, Deceased. No. 23PB07148 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that David Fortune has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative of the above Estate. All persons

having claims against the Estate are required to present their claims, with proper vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative at P.O. Box 827, McMinnville, Oregon, 97128, within four months after the date of first publication of this Notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, CAROL J. PRAUSE LAW OFFICE, LLC , P.O. Box 827, McMinnville, Oregon, 97128, telephone number(503) 434-5575. Dated and first published: September 26, 2023. David Fortune, Personal Representative. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: David Fortune, 6519 Lemon Tree Drive, Lakeland, FL 33813- 3995, Telephone: (863) 337-1016. ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Carol J. Prause, OSB #882903, CAROL J. PRAUSE LAW OFFICE, LLC, P.O. Box 827, McMinnville, Oregon 97128, Telephone: (503) 434- 5575, Fax No.: (503) 435-4897, Email: cprause@pplp.net.

NG23-536 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-22-947719-BB Reference is made to that certain deed made by, WALTER R RICKS AND DIXIE A RICKS as Grantor to U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as trustee, in favor of U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Beneficiary, dated 5/15/2006, recorded 6/23/2006, in official records of LINCOLN County, Oregon as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 200609706 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: R366335 06-10-34-CB- 00800 BEGINNING AT THE QUARTER CORNER BETWEEN SECTIONS 33 AND 34, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON; THENCE SOUTH 719.7 FEET; THENCE EAST 893.9 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND CONVEYED TO A.L. MCLANE AND ANN MCLANE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY DEED RECORDED OCTOBER 5, 1965, IN BOOK 260, PAGE 64, DEED RECORDS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, SAID NORTHEAST CORNER BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE EAST 100.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 921.04 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH LINE OF MARKET ROAD NO. 2; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID ROAD A DISTANCE OF 100.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID MCLANE TRACT; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID MCLANE TRACT A DISTANCE OF 938.34 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 2691 N NORTH BANK RD, OTIS, OR 97368- 9754 The under-

signed hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$24,652.28 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$84,930.92 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 11/14/2021, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due (if applicable) for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 12/27/2023 at the hour of 9:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, At the Public Entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, located at 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365 County of LINCOLN, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the

execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as 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 obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest WALTER RICKS 2691 N North Bank Rd Otis, OR 97368 Original Borrower DIXIE RICKS 2691 N North Bank Rd Otis, OR 97368 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 800-280-2832 or Log-in to: www.auction.com In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and 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 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. 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. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. 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 TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-22-947719-BB Dated: 8/15/2023 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 ID-SPub #0187770 9/19/2023 9/26/2023 10/3/2023 10/10/2023

NG23-551 TS No. OR07000137-23-1 APN R124540 | 13-11-19-DB-01600-00 TO No 230221983 -OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, BERNARD C. HOLT, AN ESTATE IN FEE SIMPLE as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN as Trustee, in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION as Beneficiary dated as of December 29, 2008 and recorded on January 6, 2009 as Instrument No. 2009- 00110 and the beneficial interest was assigned to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series 1 Trust and recorded March 6, 2023 as Instrument Number 2023-01317 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R124540 | 13-11-19- DB-01600-00 LOT 1, BLOCK 2, CRESTVIEW HILLS NO. 2, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON. (Plat Volume 10, Page 37) Commonly known as: 535 S CRESTLINE DRIVE, WALDPORT, OR 97394 Both the Beneficiary, Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay the principal balance which became all due and payable based

upon the death of all mortgagors, pursuant to paragraph (7)(A)(I) under the Note, and pursuant to paragraph (9)(A)(I) of the Deed of Trust. By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$236,272.93 together with interest thereon from January 5, 2023 until paid; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on January 23, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the Olive Street entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive, Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 9/7/23 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 Order Number 95569, Pub Dates: 9/19/2023, 9/26/2023, 10/3/2023, 10/10/2023, THE NEWS GUARD



# Landslide

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Cracks in floors  
Water seeping into basement

**Outside Your Home:**  
Changes in surface drainage

Bulges in retaining walls or tilting of walls  
Cracks developing in the soil

Pistol-butted or bent trees  
Broken water, utility, or sewer lines

Cracks in sidewalks or foundation  
Stretched or leaning utility lines

The guide also recommends actions property owners can take to reduce the chances of landslides, which include:

Draining water from surface runoff, downspouts, and driveways well away from

slopes.  
Planting native ground cover on slopes.

Consulting with a professional before significantly altering existing slopes uphill or downslope of your home.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is also keeping a close watch on the landslide potential.

During periods of heavy rainfall, travelers should recognize that there is a higher likelihood that slides can happen, according to ODOT officials, who said drivers need to slow down, drive carefully, pay attention to their driving, avoid distractions, and watch for hazards.

According to DOGMI, average annual repair costs for landslides in Oregon exceed \$10 million, and severe winter storm losses can exceed \$100 million, according to DOG-

MI. As population growth continues and development into landslide susceptible terrain occurs, damage and loss from this natural hazard will continue to grow.

For more information visit <https://www.oregongeology.org/Landslide/landslidehome.htm>

View the DOGAMI web map to see landslide areas <https://gis.dogami.oregon.gov/maps/slido/>

View the homeowner's guide to landslides at [https://www.oregongeology.org/Landslide/ger\\_homeowners\\_guide\\_landslides.pdf](https://www.oregongeology.org/Landslide/ger_homeowners_guide_landslides.pdf)

Courtesy photo from ODOT  
**Right: Flaggers were able to direct traffic through this landslide area last year on U.S. Highway 18.**



# Prepare

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Millions of doses have been shipped across the country, though many pharmacies are waiting for their orders to arrive. The health authority said the supply should be more plentiful next week.

The White House has announced it was sending \$600 million to COVID test man-

ufacturers and is reopening the free testing program. Go to [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov) to request as many as four tests per household.

The CDC recommends that those at least 6 months old also get a flu shot. Officials only recommend that those 60 and older get an RSV shot. An RSV vaccine for babies and toddlers, called nirse-

vimab or known commercially as Beyfortus, is expected to be available this fall.

Providers say it's acceptable to get two or all three shots at once. Masking also provides protection against respiratory viruses, health officials say. Although masks are no longer required in Oregon, Cieslak strongly recommended people wear them

in health care settings around vulnerable patients. Those with compromised immune systems, with underlying health conditions or aged 65 and older are the most susceptible to becoming severely ill.

"I urge all Oregonians to consider the tools available to them to prevent respiratory infections this season," Sharff said.

## Where to get a shot

You can get the COVID and flu shots by contacting your health care provider, county public health clinic or federally qualified health center. You can also search for a clinic by ZIP code by visiting [vaccinefinder.org](https://vaccinefinder.org), or by calling 211 or visiting [211info.org](https://211info.org).

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# Shelter

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access focusing on getting people out of the winter weather.

One shelter would be located in Lincoln City and the other shelter would be in Newport.

According to a release from the Commissioner's office, the shelters would provide a safe, supervised overnight abode to un-housed people for a full six months, with no temperature or weather condition requirements.

"The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has long helped fund the efforts of local organizations operating winter shelter programs that open when the temperatures outside are forecast to drop below a certain threshold," the release states. "One problem with that approach is that

forecasts are often wrong; and even temperatures higher than the threshold – usually 40 degrees – can pose a danger to people sleeping outside or in a vehicle, especially in the wet, windy conditions on the coast."

The Commissioners also point out it the release, that local organizations have largely relied on hotel rooms for use as shelter in recent years, which can be in limited supply depending on the number of visitors to the area. During late February's snowstorm, all local hotels were booked due to a large annual event in Newport.

According to county documents, an example of how to configure a facility given previous pandemic public health spacing suggests it would require an estimated 350 square feet for 9 people, or approx-



Metro Creative Connection  
**Lincoln City is awarding \$50,000 to the project. Specific details about the shelter locations are pending.**

imately 2500 square feet for 50 people in any composition of singles, or families. With

the need for restrooms and showers along with kitchen and office space, the need for

5,000 to 7,000 square feet for each facility is reasonable.

## By the numbers

The cost of standing up one facility serving 50 individuals per night is estimated at \$344,000. The cost of standing up two facilities is estimated at \$580,000 or \$291,000 per facility. Spreading the coordinator position expense across two facilities lowers the cost per facility.

The total proposed budget for the program is \$580,290 the first year for two locations, or \$290,145 per shelter. The county has allotted American Rescue Plan Act funds toward the program, some funds have been identified in the existing Behavioral Health budget, grants are being pursued with other organizations, and the county

also hopes for some buy-in/contribution from cities.

The county is requesting financial assistance from the cities based on a contribution of \$4.50 per city resident. The county originally had asked for \$44,167.50 from the Lincoln City to support this program for this winter.

The Lincoln City staff recommended funding the county's request from the \$300,000 currently in the FY23-24 budget for Outside Agency Contributions.

Specific details about the shelter locations are pending. The city and county are working together in developing long-range homelessness solutions.

Follow this developing story at [thenewsguard.com](https://thenewsguard.com) and in the Tuesday print editions of The News Guard.

# Access

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Motor vehicles are prohibited at all other times except for emergency vehicles.

Motor vehicles will be prohibited year-round from driving on the ocean shore at NW 34th Street in Lincoln City. Safety concerns included crowding, a lack of separation of pedestrians and vehicles and the risk of injury to visitors playing in the stream directly below the access point.

## Safety concerns

The concerns by city officials and first responders center around the vehicle congestion and public safety on the beach, especially in the summer. Access by emergency ve-

hicles is slowed. High waves and sneaker waves along the beach have also raised concerns.

Over the years, vehicles have gotten stuck in the sand, and on several occasions, been swamped by the incoming tide. Pulling the vehicles from the rising tide can be dangerous and expensive, according to officials.

In a published report in February, The News Guard outlined the Lincoln City Police Department's (LCPD) concerns, such as vehicle congestion on the beaches, which increases life and safety issues. Over the past several years, the 15th Street beach access area has been experiencing a substantial increase in the amount of vehicular

traffic accessing and parking on the beach, according to LCPD Lt. Jeffrey Winn.

"The situation becomes a safety issue when there are so many vehicles in the area that it becomes overly crowded and vehicles begin driving and parking past the areas where it is allowed," Winn said. "This substantial number of vehicles operating in the small area amplify the safety concerns because you have people, including children, walking, playing, exploring, and relaxing in the same areas where vehicles are now driving around them in very close proximity, increasing the likelihood that someone is going to get hit or a child running and playing will get run over."

Winn added that when the

area is so crowded and congested with vehicles, emergency services have a difficult to impossible time trying to get rescue equipment and personnel down onto the beach and through the area to provide quick and appropriate rescue services in the event of an emergency on the beach.

"LCPD does not have the staffing to have police personnel at the site all day to direct traffic up and down what essentially is a one-lane access road, as well as deal with the overcrowded parking issues, keeping a clear lane for emergency service vehicles, and address the dangerous driving issues that have occurred at the location," Winn said. "The closing of the access to vehicular traffic is a

way for the city to mitigate the hazards created by the ever-increasing vehicle traffic and congestion, thereby substantially reducing the risk of injury or death to persons on foot in the area. The goal is to maximize the safety of all who are enjoying our beautiful ocean beaches and shore."

## Education and enforcement

OPRD will install signs that communicate the rule changes to the public. The agency will also work to improve signage and communication around both access locations regarding where individuals with disabilities can access the ocean shore.

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and local

law enforcement, including the city of Lincoln City Police Department, are responsible for enforcing rules on the ocean shore, according to OPRD Government Relations and Policy Manager Katie Gauthier.

"OPRD rangers have the authority to issue a violation," she said. "Per ORS 390.990, someone driving in a closed area could be subject to a class A violation with a presumptive fine of \$440."

The commission adopted the new beach access rules Sept. 20.

Read a series of previous stories and see vehicles swamped by the ocean with this story at [thenewsguard.com](https://thenewsguard.com).

# Measure

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services when they start going through withdrawal to a program that reaches out to people right after they survive a near-fatal drug overdose with an offer of help.

Prozanski said those and other ideas are "on the table." "I have not done all the background research, and that's why I'm not going on a lot of TV shows and everything because for me, what we have to do right now is do our due diligence," he said.

## Police officer perspective

Like Prozanski, law enforcement officials who spoke before his committee want accountability. Measure 110 put in place a citation system that allows police to give \$100 citations to people with low-level drug possession. The fee is waived if they take an assessment of their needs.

But those tickets rarely lead to assessments, Jackson County Sheriff Nate Sickler

told the panel.

"We've seen a massive increase in open-air drug use in our communities," said Sickler, also a co-petitioner on a ballot initiative to prohibit public drug use and make possession of hard drugs a misdemeanor. "We see our communities impacted in a negative way because of this. We see needles left in parks, thoroughfares and other places that present hazards to our community members."

Sickler stopped short of entirely blaming Measure 110 for the rising crime in his southern Oregon county, but said he believes it's a "very strong contributor."

Grants Pass Police Chief Warren Hensman told lawmakers that law enforcement wants to be part of the solution and help communities weary of widespread drug addiction. He said the system needs to jolt people into seeking treatment.

"I am not for one second saying we need to send people to prison because they suffer from illness or sub-

stance use disorder," he said. "What I am saying is we need some sort of a consequence. Maybe that's a day or two in our county jail to provide some sort of an incentive, some sort of a kickstart, some sort of encouragement to get people to seek the aid that is here."

Hensman, like others, said Oregon needs more facilities to help people in recovery, including detox centers where people can receive care while going through drug withdrawal.

Whatever changes are made, public health needs to remain at the forefront, Prozanski said.

"I, too, want to be moving into a model that the voters have agreed to, and that is to use the public health and medical model to deal with addictions and not to use our jail system and our criminal justice system," he said. "What I don't think is appropriate at this point is to throw the baby out with the bathwater and go back to a system that has been shown this has



Ben Botkin / Oregon Capital Chronicle  
**Grants Pass Police Chief Warren Hensman talks to the Senate Judiciary Committee in Salem about the drug addiction crisis on Wednesday, Sept. 27.**

not worked right."

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# Hunters can help prevent fatal disease outbreak

**STAFF REPORT**  
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During the 2023 deer and elk hunting seasons, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) will increase sampling efforts for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) throughout the state by providing hunters with quick and easy opportunities to have their harvested animal tested.

As a reminder to hunters, CWD check stations are mandatory to stop at if you pass one along the highway or interstate while transporting a harvested deer or elk.

For a list of CWD check station locations, ODFW offices and other ways to get your deer or elk tested, such as at a taxidermist or meat processor, visit: <https://myodfw.com/CWD>.

CWD was detected in northern Idaho in 2021, just 30 miles from the Oregon border. It is always fatal to deer and elk and there is no cure. The more animals that are tested, the more certain ODFW can be that the disease is not in the state. If it is detected, ODFW can implement its response plan to contain the spread of CWD.

“With the disease detected in multiple species so close to Oregon, we are concerned it could already be here,” said Dr. Colin Gillin, ODFW state wildlife veterinarian. “That’s why we are asking successful hunters to please get their animal tested.”

Deer and elk that have CWD can be shedding it in

soil and spreading it for years before showing any symptoms. That is why ODFW has surveilled deer and elk herds for CWD for more than 20 years by testing approximately 27,000 hunter-harvested, road-killed, and other deceased animals and not yet detecting it in Oregon.

“There is no cure, no treatment, or vaccine for the disease, and it is fatal to all animals that become infected,” continued Gillin. “But if we catch it early, we will have the best chance of minimizing its spread and impact on Oregon’s big game herds.”

How to get your deer or elk tested and see results online.

1) Check stations (mandatory to stop if you pass one while transporting harvested deer or elk): It takes about 10 minutes for staff to sample your animal with the collection of lymph nodes and associated hunter information. Failure to stop could result in a citation. Highway signs will be posted to alert hunters to check stations.

2) Taxidermy/Meat Processing option

Several taxidermy and meat processing businesses have agreed to collect CWD samples from deer or elk they receive from their clients and provide it to ODFW. See the list of participating businesses online or ask your taxidermist or meat processor to collect a sample.

3) Make an appointment at a local ODFW office or use a drop-off barrel

Successful hunters can

also contact some field offices to have a biologist collect a sample. Call the office to make an appointment in advance as biologists are often in the field. ODFW will collect the sample from the animal’s head so please keep your deer or elk head cool prior to sampling if possible.

Some offices will have drop-off barrels outside so hunters can submit a head after hours; use bags and ID card to provide ODFW ID number and contact information. See list of ODFW offices taking samples.

Test results are expected to take up to a month.

If an animal tests positive for CWD, a biologist or veterinarian will contact the hunter directly. Test results will be posted by ODFW ID number or roadkill salvage confirmation number online at [https://www.odfw.state.or.us/wildlife/health\\_program/CWD-testing/](https://www.odfw.state.or.us/wildlife/health_program/CWD-testing/).

**What is CWD and can humans get it?**

Chronic Wasting Disease affects members of the cervid family such as deer, elk, and moose. It is an always fatal, infectious disease caused by a protein called a prion. It is spread by nose-to-nose contact between animals and through urine, feces, blood, and saliva. The more animals are congregated, the easier it is for CWD to pass from one animal to another, which is why baiting and feeding deer and elk is a risky practice and highly discouraged to pre-



*Courtesy photo*  
ODFW staff sample a deer for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) at the Celilo Park check station 2022 which takes about 10 minutes.

vent disease spread.

The disease-causing prions are shed in feces and urine by live infected animals or in the carcasses of animals who died infected with the disease. Prions can also persist in soil for years, potentially infecting other animals into the future.

Many states, including Oregon, ban the import of certain animal parts, such as brain and spinal column, from other states (see Parts Ban for more info). This regulation limits the chance that infected brain or spinal column will be discarded on

the landscape to potentially infect an Oregon animal.

Infected animals can spread the disease for several years before showing symptoms which include loss of balance, drooling, emaciation or wasting.

Testing apparently healthy deer and elk early in the course of the disease when they are not showing symptoms is the most effective method of detection before an animal has spread the disease across the landscape and to other animals.

There is currently no evidence that humans can

contract CWD from eating or handling meat from an animal infected with the disease. However, humans are susceptible to other similar diseases such as Mad Cow disease (from the cattle form of this prion disease) and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), which is a naturally occurring human-form of a similar prion disease.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends caution and provides information on preventative steps hunters can take to be as safe as possible.

# Siuslaw National Forest offering firewood permits

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Firewood cutting permits are now available on the Siuslaw National Forest. Commercial and personal use permits are required and must be on-hand when harvesting or transporting firewood. Rules, restrictions, and locations for firewood cutting are specific to each district.

**Central Coast Ranger District:** Personal use and commercial firewood permits are available beginning at the Central Coast Ranger Station in Waldport (1130 Forestry Lane, Waldport) and in Reedsport (855 Highway 101, Reedsport). For more information, contact Mitch Lachapelle at 541-305-3869 or [mitchell.lachapelle@usda.gov](mailto:mitchell.lachapelle@usda.gov).

The ranger stations in Waldport (541-563-8400) and Reedsport (541-271-6000) may also be contacted for more information.

**Hebo Ranger District:** Personal use firewood permits will be available beginning Tuesday, Oct. 10 at the Hebo Ranger Station (31525


Highway 22, Hebo). Due to staffing shortages, no commercial firewood permits will be offered this year. For more information, contact Jessica Hudspeth at 503-392-5131 or [Jessica.hudspeth@usda.gov](mailto:Jessica.hudspeth@usda.gov).

Personal use permits will be free of charge and households are limited to a maximum of six cords of free personal use firewood per year. Commercial use permits cost \$120 for a six cord minimum and \$20 per additional cord. Both permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Permits are not transferable. A valid government ID is required at the time of purchase.

Persons interested in a firewood permit are encouraged to visit the cutting areas before requesting a permit. Maps and relevant information will be posted to the Siuslaw National Forest firewood cutting webpage as it becomes available.



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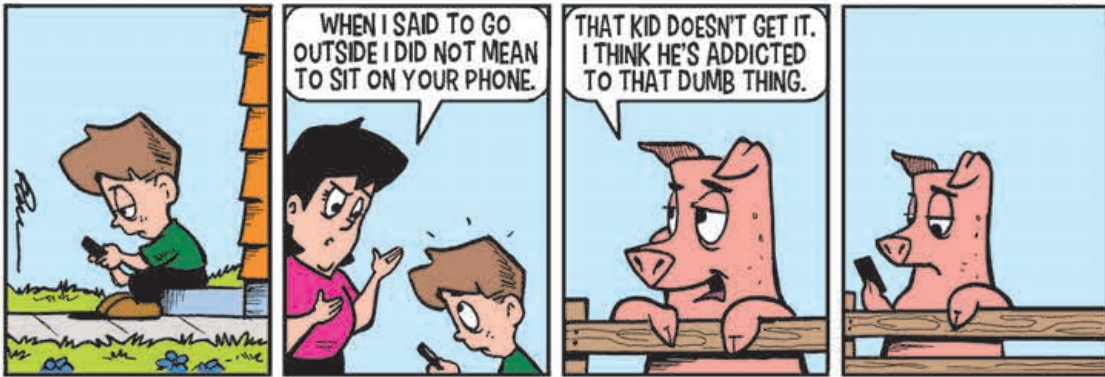
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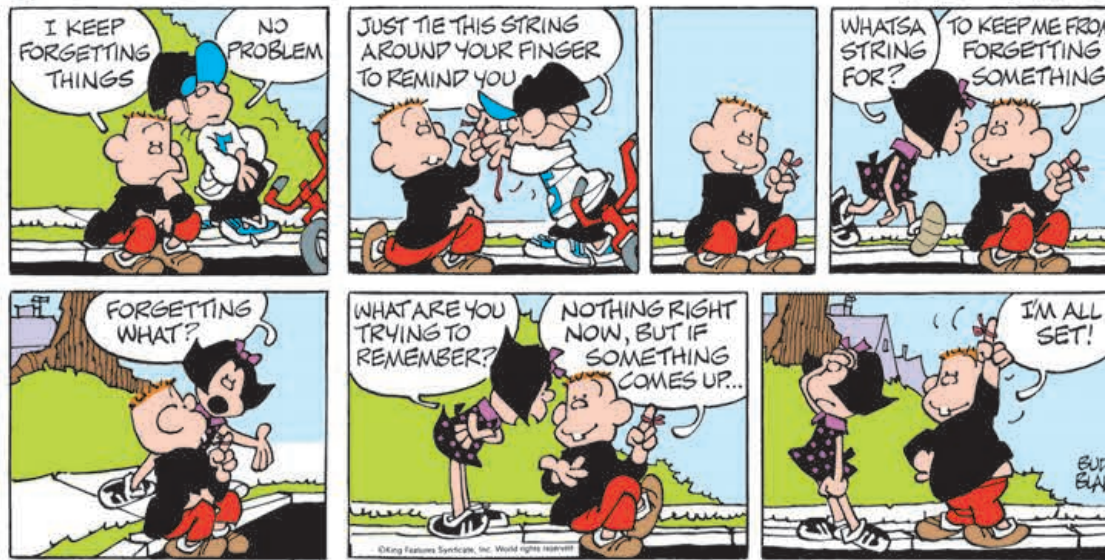
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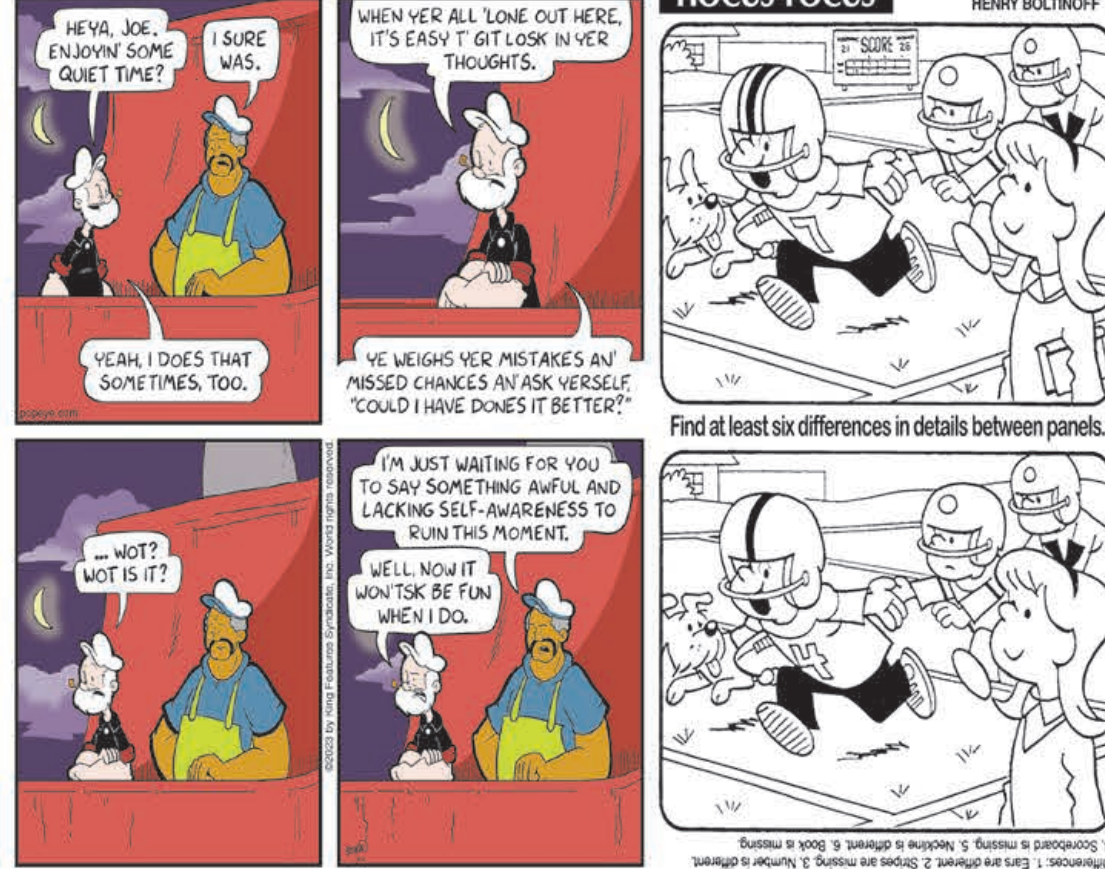
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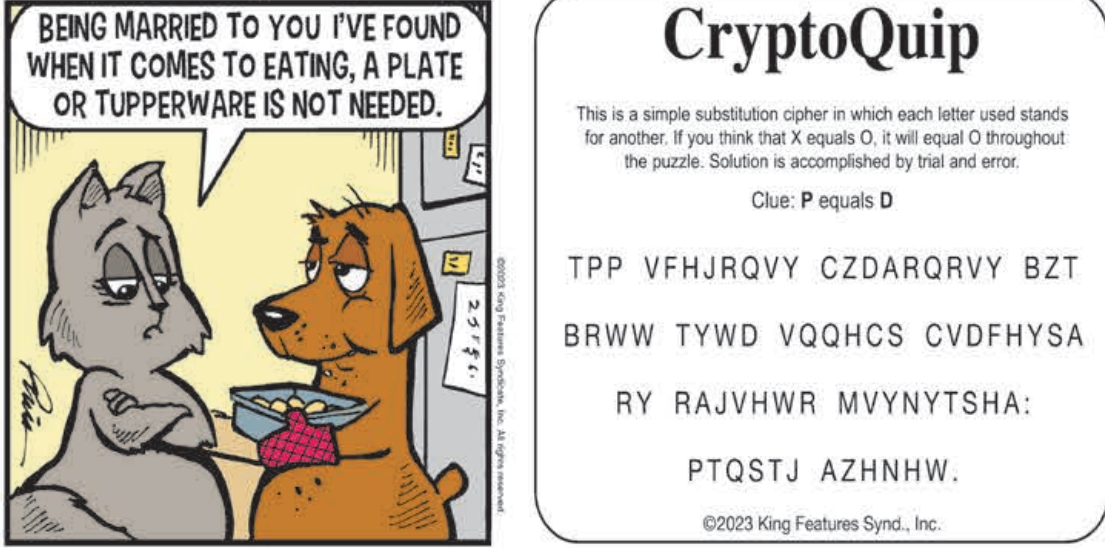
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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!

Reset

Accept

Protect

Remote

FINEST

TIMAD

ROBAHR

OFOAL

TODAY'S WORD

I can't \_\_\_\_\_ to relax!"

Answers

1. bought all this to help me relax and now I can't \_\_\_\_\_ to relax!"

Super Crossword

STARTING SUBGENRES

ACROSS

1 Worker welfare gp.

5 Bark syllables

11 Perform a dynamic crowd action in a stadium

20 Hospital bed attachment

21 Nomadic type

22 Turpentine, for one

23 1983-2014 periodical for adolescents

25 Reins are parts of them

26 The first task on the to-do list

27 Help-wanted, e.g.

29 Musician Nugent

30 Musician DiFranco

31 Africa's Sierra

33 No-problem advancement

37 What a bilingually sarcastic person has

41 Ostrich lookalike

42 Olympic swimmer Tom

43 Royal heirs, often

44 Veep's boss

45 NYC subway org.

46 Shocking fish, at times

47 Stuff causing a blowup

48 Conservative moral principles

55 Like Ikea assemblies, for short

56 Sitcom alien

57 Sloop, e.g.

58 Sch. group

59 Summits

62 Smell terrible

65 Splendid

67 Special times

68 Span rotating horizontally to allow ships through

70 Sci-fi guru

71 Natives of Palermo or Catania

73 Runs slowly

74 Peeled

75 Above, in poems

76 Meara of "Southie"

77 Photo lab blowup: Abbr.

78 Ryder vehicle

79 Alternative to bifocals

85 Naples loc.

88 Deep, as a voice

89 Month, to Manila

90 Put a rip in

91 Luau favors

92 De Mille of choreography

95 Game-aping channel

97 Welcome wind on a hot day

99 Entry at no charge

102 Key just above D

103 Tell untruths

104 Strike caller

105 "... boy — girl?"

106 Trial blasts, for short

109 They die hard, it's said

113 Bob Fosse film title relevant to the starts of eight answers in this puzzle

117 Distributes in shares

118 Shape-fitting game

119 For —

120 Young superhero of DC Comics

121 Off the mark

122 Road curve

DOWN

1 Globe

2 — Paulo

3 Coxa, more familiarly

4 Some nuts

5 Jason's ship

6 Horse hue

7 Perturb

8 Parisian bud

9 Title anew

10 One of the Corleones in "The Godfather"

11 Cry from Homer

12 City in Kansas

13 Actress Wright

14 Fit carmaker

15 Up 'til

16 "Cursed" director Craven

17 Really elected

18 Capital of Austria

19 Junior naval officer

24 Assist illicitly

28 More or less

31 Keep going

32 Business coll. topic

33 Rocker

34 Quatro

35 Lighter — air

36 Imagine

38 Grand Ole —

39 Firearm rights org.

40 H.S.-level exam

45 Popular dog biscuits

46 Shirk — the season ...

49 Sharp taste

50 Place to live

51 Pines

52 Willing to participate in

53 Musical exercise

54 Mixed greens

55 Lover of Lucy Fable

59 Fable

60 Town shouter

61 User's shortcut

62 Relatives of geese

63 Rake parts

64 Those elected

65 Rapper — Khalifa

66 Actress Meg

68 Tendon

69 Croissant, e.g.

72 Crooner Julius

74 Dads

77 "Yeah, but still ..."

78 Noun follower, often

80 Open delight

81 Devilkins

82 School in Berkshire

83 Natal lead-in

84 Bando of baseball

85 Sense no danger

86 Oscar winner Minnelli

87 Play — (enjoy some tennis)

91 Alternative to a right hook

92 Drifting at sea

93 Car part between headlights

94 Acupuncture item

95 NFL rusher Smith

96 Savor pekoe, say

97 Certain fuel-carrying ship

98 Take a break

100 Burj Khalifa locale

101 Super-angry

106 Razor brand

107 Skinny

108 Toward dawn

110 Sweetie

111 Make a move

112 IRS ID

114 Env. insert

115 Buddhist discipline

116 Brits' alphabet ender

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	7			3			2		
9				6			4		
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: How many noble houses are mentioned in "Game of Thrones"?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the high school in the musical film "Grease"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which southeast Asian country's monetary unit is the ringgit?
- MUSIC: The song "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" is from which musical?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to be impeached?
- ANATOMY: What is considered the "master gland" of the human body?
- PHYSICS: What does a newton measure?
- HISTORY: Which founding father wanted the turkey to be the national symbol of America rather than the eagle?
- SCIENCE: What is studied in mycology?
- U.S. STATES: What is Alaska's state animal?

Answers

1. Nine

2. Rydell High School

3. Malaysia

4. "Oklahoma!"

5. Andrew Johnson, 1868

6. Pituitary gland

7. Force

8. Benjamin Franklin

9. Fungi

10. The moose.

WORD LADDERS

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

MALES

TIGER

Answers

MALES, TALES, TILES, TIMES, TIGER, TIGER

WORD LADDER

Answer

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

AFFORD

1. Insect 2. Admit; solution

3. Harbor; 4. Aloof

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# Gov. Kotek directs Oregon State Police to crack down on fentanyl

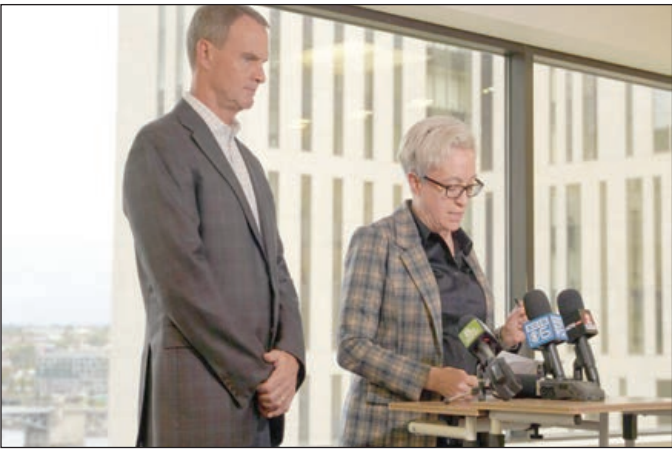
JULIA SHUMWAY  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*  
*News Guard Guest Article*

Oregon State Police will do more to crack down on fentanyl dealers under new direction from Gov. Tina Kotek, she announced Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Kotek shared the orders Tuesday at a second private meeting of her Portland Central City Task Force, a group that began meeting behind closed doors in August to come up with a plan to address Portland’s myriad problems, including homelessness, public drug use and a poor national reputation. She didn’t provide many details in a public news release announcing the new “strategic enforcement and disruption strategies” or in a post-meeting press conference.

“It’s about taking action right now and not waiting,” she said. “There are criminal elements who have poisoned our city with the distribution of fentanyl.”

Kotek said the new direction isn’t about putting more uniformed beat officers on the streets – Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler last month asked the state to assign 96 Oregon State Police officers to bolster the city’s police bureau. Instead, she expects Oregon State Po-



Julia Shumway / Oregon Capital Chronicle  
**Dan McMillan, CEO of the Standard, watches as Gov. Tina Kotek speaks during a press conference Sept. 26 in Portland’s Columbia Square.**

lice detectives to lend their expertise and the state police to help the city and Multnomah County work with the U.S. Attorney’s Office to bring federal charges.

State police are already doing some of that work, she said, but she expects the agency to act with more urgency and focus more on seizing drugs and going after dealers. So far this year, Oregon State Police has seized 62 pounds of powder and 232,962 fentanyl pills, according to the governor’s office.

“We’re going to see where we can pull focus off of other jobs to focus on this, because I also believe that if we can

send a message to dealers here in the Portland area, it will also benefit the rest of the state,” Kotek said.

Her directions to the agency include:

Reallocating staff to local and regional drug enforcement teams.

Leading interagency saturation patrols, or increased numbers of police officers in certain areas at certain times.

Partnering with the Department of Justice to make sure law enforcement officers have training to avoid unlawful searches and biased policing.

Continuing a program that started this summer that uses

data to identify people driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The task force and its community safety committee, led by Sen. Kate Lieber, D-Portland, plan to recommend that the Legislature pass bills making it illegal to use hard drugs in public. Lieber and others also want to address recent Oregon Supreme Court decisions that have made it hard to prosecute drug dealers, including the 2021 State v. Hubbell.

In that case, the court ruled that simply possessing large quantities of illegal drugs isn’t enough to prove the owner intends to sell those drugs.

The task force will present its recommendations at the December Oregon Business Plan Summit, not to the Legislature. That allows it to avoid public meeting laws and keep private meetings of both the 47-member task force and five subcommittees comprising more than 120 people.

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# OSU receives \$7.5M grant for zebrafish research

SEAN NEALON  
*News Guard Guest Column*

Oregon State University has received a \$7.5 million National Institutes of Health grant to modernize a lab focused on using zebrafish to address pressing human health challenges.

The Sinnhuber Aquatic Research Laboratory, led by Distinguished Professor Robyn Tanguay, a molecular toxicologist in the College of Agricultural Sciences, exploits the unique advantages of zebrafish to protect and improve human and environmental health. Zebrafish and humans have similar developmental processes and are similar on a genomic level, meaning zebrafish research can easily be applied to humans.

“Completing this modernization project will address bottlenecks limiting further growth of the OSU zebrafish biomedical research enterprise,” Tanguay said. “This is part of the long-term commitment to developing and maintaining advanced aquatic biomedical research facilities at Oregon State University, in the region and nationally.”

Researchers in the lab study how chemicals in the environment interact with genomes to produce disease and dysfunctions. The lab uses chemical and nanomaterial structural information, coupled with the biological



Courtesy photo from OSU  
**Zebrafish and humans have similar developmental processes and are similar on a genomic level, meaning zebrafish research can easily be applied to humans.**

responses they produce in zebrafish, as anchors for the research.

The lab has evaluated thousands of chemicals and mixtures including ethanol, flame retardants, nicotine, pesticides and pharmaceuticals. Recent studies from the lab have focused on everything from the toxicity of sunscreen to the health impacts of 5G wireless networks.

The NIH grant will allow for the replacement of an obsolete and undersized zebrafish life support system; installation of modern zebrafish housing enhanced by automated cleaning, feeding and remote monitoring; construction of specialty zebrafish rooms to support short- and long-term studies; addition of high-capacity tank washing

capabilities; and addition of engineering space to further seed technological innovations.

“Our NIH biomedical research base has grown exponentially over the past decade and renovation and modernization will ensure that it remains a critical resource to support research growth for

well-established NIH Centers, NIH-supported investigators and other partners,” Tanguay said.

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