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State begins road to recovery after wildfires

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After a week of fire fighting efforts across the state of Oregon, Governor Kate Brown said Oregonians have been pushed to their limits.

"It's really hard for all of us to wrap our heads around the devastation that these fires have caused and the pain and the suffering that so many Oregonians endured over the past few days," Gov. Brown said during a Sept. 14 press conference.

So far, the Oregon State Medical Examiner has reported 10 fire related fatalities and 22 missing persons. Those statistics will continue to be updated daily.

But on a positive note, Gov. Brown said fire crews are feeling optimistic with the current forecasted weather, which should provide help to their efforts as temperatures drop and winds subside. Additionally, calls for assistance are being answered and resource crews from all over the country and Canada have been coming to help.

"We expect structural fire fighting teams from North Dakota and Michigan to join our response this week," Gov. Brown noted. "Michigan, California and Washington are

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Dense smoke filled the air throughout the state of Oregon, including Lincoln City, during a mass wildfire event.

Echo Mountain Complex Fires burn nearly 1,500 acres

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Lincoln County went into a state of emergency last week and a Red Flag

warning due to strong winds contributed to the spread of several wildfires.

The two largest fires were at Echo Mountain and Kimberling Mountain, both off Highway 18 near Otis/Rose Lodge. The highway closed due to fire on both sides of the road and multiple homes received level two and level three evacuation orders.

Transit services began shuttling residents to evacuation points, Chi-

nook Winds Casino and Faith Baptist Church in Lincoln City on Sept. 8.

"I am impressed with our local response which has been swift and agile," County Commissioner, Claire Hall said last week. "Our inter agency partnerships and our Emergency Management team are working diligently to save lives, property and coordinate

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Community members team up to raise funds for victims

MIKAYLA SOLBERG
Guest Contributor

The fires burning across the State of Oregon, as well as in Lincoln County have have been both structurally destructive, as well as emotionally wounding for many families.

These types of disasters have left people with absolutely nothing. Although the devastation to the community is disheartening, it has also shown how groups can come together to help one another out.

This is exactly the goal of Pete Hume and Lori Arce-Torres. The pair have partnered to create a GoFundMe account that will help assist victims of the

Echo Mountain Complex fire.

Arce-Torres, the Executive Director of the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce, plans to help Hume get the funds to those who are in most need, and Hume intends to have 100 percent clarity on where these funds will go as well.

"I will be getting these funds to the local community relief organizations that can get the money directly to those affected," Hume said. "Every dollar collected will go directly to people who need it. I will post what donations go to what organizations as I move the funds to them. I will not withdraw funds from the Go Fund Me account without saying exactly where they went."

The tragedy of the Echo Mountain fires hit home for Hume, who grew up as a member of the community. His father, John Hume, is an administrator at the Panther Creek Water District and was one of the hundreds who had to evacuate the Otis/Rose Lodge area.

"We will get through this as a community, and reaching out to help one another is crucial at this time," Pete said.

Action for those displaced needs to be taken now, and Pete recognizes this need.

"Many are renters, with no insurance, and no hope of relief immediately available," he said. "Some don't even have enough money to pay for a single

night in a motel while they flee their homes. Lincoln County has a high rate of unemployment and poverty as it is. For many, this means homelessness for them and their children."

His goal is to get these funds to organizers who can distribute them immediately to those who have nowhere to go. Pete is also working with Kiwanis in Lincoln City, The Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce, Angels Anonymous, The Food Bank and Lincoln County Rescue Organizations.

Currently the GoFundMe page has raised over \$3,000, with donations of the hundreds from a few individuals. To donate, visit <https://bit.ly/3mu30Jx>.

Samaritan staff to celebrate community at drive-by parade

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Planning, designing and constructing a large project – such as the new Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital – usually culminates with a grand opening celebration. Because of the constraints of COVID-19, this key event has pivoted into a physically safe celebration of the Lincoln City community, to honor residents' support and patience throughout this multi-year project.

The drive-by parade celebration will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 23, from

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Community members are invited to drive by the front entrance of the new hospital where staff members and key stakeholders will wave, cheer and greet passersby. The first 125 participants will receive a small token of appreciation.

"What a fun way to celebrate our friends and neighbors who helped make our new hospital possible," said hospital CEO Lesley Ogden, MD. "So many people contributed to the success of this project. It would be impossible to express adequate appreciation

with mere words, but I want everyone who played any part in this project to know: We are profoundly grateful for you!"

The hospital is located at 3043 NE 28th St. in Lincoln City. To join the parade, enter on the driveway closest to the front of the building.

About the new Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital: The \$45-million project was funded entirely by the nonprofit Samaritan Health Services with support from the North Lincoln Health District, the North

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An aerial view of the new Samaritan North Lincoln hospital.



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Locals hope to rebuild animal sanctuary

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What had come to be a sanctuary for the unwanted, hurt and misplaced cats, birds, bunnies, dogs and anything else that came its way, was the home of Stacy and Jim Kerr in Otis.

Unfortunately, in the aftermath of the Echo Mountain Complex fire, that sanctuary has been lost and several rehabilitating animals perished.

Stacy and Jim are long time members of the North Lincoln County community. They moved to Lincoln City as small business owners, and then went on to both work for North Lincoln Sanitary, says Stacy's sister Lesley Crowe.

"You'll find Stacy at the front desk and Jim driving his routes," Crowe said.

After living on the Siletz Bay in a renovated fishing cabin, the couple bought their dream property atop Highland View lane, above Otis.

Jim is an avid and well known kite surfer and is often seen on the Lincoln City beaches. And according to Crowe, he is even a local hero that has saved children and adults from drowning in the ocean.

"When rescue crews were unable to be available in time, Jim didn't think twice about diving in and swimming out," Crowe said. "He brought a mama her boy back to shore... and did it all with a smile, wanting nothing more than a high five from the boy... no kudos or special recognition required for someone like Jim."

On their property, Jim and Stacy built a sanctuary for animals. They worked with local



A collection of photos of locals Stacy and Jim Kerr of Otis.

animal clinics and provided a caring home to numerous hurt, broken, abandoned and homeless animals in the community. Crowe said their animals have been their greatest joy, which made last week's evacuation all the more difficult.

"They lost multiple pets

that they didn't have time to get out the house before fleeing," Crowe said. "My sister didn't even grab her purse. Everything they love is gone. They are lucky they made it out at all... and amidst their trauma, their hearts break most for the animals they couldn't save."

However, Crowe said the Kerr's are a resilient couple and are already making plans to rebuild their sanctuary as soon as they are able to return to their property.

"They will continue to care for the hurt and discarded creatures even as they are trying to rebuild their own lives," Crowe said. "But they might need some help. And while they truly do not want help for themselves, I think they could use help to continue their stewardship of the animals they love."

To help the Kerr's North Lincoln Sanitary has set up a GoFundMe account with hopes of funding their sanctuary rebuild. The page can be found at <https://bit.ly/3khP7qM>.

"I know the community they love and support will rebuild and get through this," Crowe said.

Chinook Winds plans modified Celebration of Honor

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For the past 17 years, Chinook Winds Casino Resort, owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, has spearheaded the Annual Celebration of Honor, a public event that honors active-duty personnel, military veterans, and their families.

This year the unforeseen circumstances of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Echo Mountain Wildfire, has caused the activities to be modified for safety of everyone. Chinook Winds Casino Resort is proud to continue the tradition of honoring our men and women who have served, and are serving, our country, in a safe way.

Starting September 25, Explore Lincoln City will kick off the celebration virtually with a Facebook giveaway where five winners will receive a red, white and blue float, oceanfront room and a custom face covering.

On Wednesday, September 23 Veterans and active-duty personnel can stop by the Winners Circle

to register and show proof of military service (DD-214 or other Military ID), to receive a free \$15 dining voucher valid through September 30th, 2020.

Winners Circle membership is required to pick up a voucher and custom face covering. The Veteran Services tent will not be open this year due to social distancing concerns, instead a brochure of Veteran Services will be available for pick up. A video by the Director of the Portland VA, Darwin Goodspeed will be available on the Chinook Winds YouTube channel, Facebook and website for viewing throughout the week.

Although the celebration is modified for safety, the celebration will include vintage and current day military vehicles, displayed and provided by the American Infantry Soldier Group, as well as military flags on display for safe outdoor viewing.

Chinook Winds is sponsoring Bijou Theatre popcorn from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. September 23-26 to all Military and their families as well as those



COURTESY PHOTO

This year's Celebration of Honor will be kicking off Sept. 23 and last until Sept. 26.

affected by the Echo Mountain Fire including firefighters, law enforcement, Power, Gas and Internet employees as a thank you for all of their hard work in fighting the fire, keeping everyone safe and restoring the landscape for return.

Saturday, September 26 the Lincoln City Kiwanis Parade of Flags will line the streets of Lincoln

City with flags to celebrate the weeklong dedication.

Ceremonies are gatherings that are not safe at this time; however, in order to honor the men and women for the annual Memorial celebration veterans will read the names of the men and women on the Desert Storm Memorial at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 26 with a live video on the

Chinook Winds Facebook page. This annual dedication is meant to not only honor those names on the wall, but all the men and women who lost their lives serving our country.

Please contact Heather Hatton at 541-996-5766 or heatherh@CWCResort.com for more information on how to get involved.

There are many ways

for individuals, families, youth groups, businesses, and organizations to become involved with the Celebration of Honor. A fundraiser for a Veteran's group; a special or discount at your business for Veterans and their families; red, white, and blue decorations at your store; flying red, white, and blue kites; displaying the American flag at your home or business; offer a Veteran or active-duty person a "Welcome home" or "Thank you"; or planning an event are just a few ways you can become part of this year's celebration. Whether it's a big event or a small fundraiser - every effort contributes to make the 17th Celebration of Honor more meaningful and personal.

"By working together during this praiseworthy event, we maintain our distinguished reputation and provide a successful city-wide event. We continue this seventeen-year-old tradition to honor those who have selflessly guarded our freedom," CWCRC staff said.

Recovery

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providing resources to our emergency coordination center. Vermont

and Nevada have reached out asking how they can help."

Also, FEMA, is also on the grounds of Oregon assisting with response.

Gov. Brown said she recently sent a letter to President Donald Trump

asking to declare a State of Disaster in Oregon, which will free up even more resources for state officials.

Oregon is also working with the National Guard to distribute 250,000 N95 masks to agricultural workers and impacted tribes statewide as soon as possible. The masks will provide a certain level of protection to outdoor workers across the state.

"The smoke blanketing the state is a reminder that this tragedy has not yet come to an end," Gov. Brown said.

Gov. Brown is encouraging everyone to donate to Red Cross and the Oregon Food Bank for

victims of these wildfires. To assist recovery efforts, the state is asking three foundations: Ford Family, Meyer Memorial Trust, and the Oregon Community Foundation, to help in the recovery efforts by kickstarting the 2020 Community Rebuilding Fund. Other organizations will also be encouraged to donate.

"We will have a long road ahead, but I'm so heartened by these foundations and all Oregonians that are coming together right now," Gov. Brown said. "The only way out of this crisis is through it and we'll only get through it together."

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Man arrested in grocery store during evacuation

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On September 10, Christian Martin Berry was arrested for Criminal Trespass II, Criminal Mischief II, Burglary II, Interfering with a Peace Officer and Theft I (for theft committed during an emergency in an area affected by fire, catastrophe or emergency).

Berry was lodged at the Lincoln County Jail with a total bail of \$127,500.

At about 9:15 p.m., the Lincoln City Police Department responded to a report of a broken window and a male inside Grocery Outlet, 4157 NW Highway 101. At the time, this location was part of a Level 3 mandatory evacuation zone as a result of ongoing firefighting efforts with



Christian Martin Berry

the automatic front door was broken out. A sleeping bag and backpack were laying near the damaged entrance door. Additional LCPD officers responded and set up a perimeter. Officers had difficulty seeing inside the darkened store as the power was currently out in the area. The Lincoln County Sheriff's

Office (LCSO) K9 team was requested.

LCPD officers made multiple announcements over the PA system commanding anyone inside the building to exit, but no response was received. A short time later LCSO's K9 handler Deputy Akin and K9 Bonnie arrived on scene and began making additional announcements that a K9 was on scene, but still no response was received.

At about 10:08 p.m., the K9 team along with LCPD officers made entry into the building and began searching the store for intruders. During the search the suspect, identified as Christian M. Berry, was located sitting on the floor at the south end of the store drinking beer

and listening to music on his cell phone.

Berry refused to obey verbal commands by officers to drop the beer bottle and stand up. A team of officers were able to place Berry in handcuffs and walk him to the front of the store.

Berry then refused to exit the store through the broken front door and was placed in a "WRAP restraint device, which allowed officers to carry Berry through the opening in the door. The "WRAP" was then removed.

Officers noticed Berry had a cut on his back and called for medical care, but Berry refused assistance. Berry was subsequently transported to the Lincoln County jail and lodged

there on the listed charges.

It should be noted that on July 22, 2020, Berry was cited and released (due to COVID-19 jail restrictions) by the Lincoln City Police Department for Burglary II, Theft I, Criminal Mischief III and Criminal Trespass II for entering and stealing merchandise from the Zuhg Life Surf Shop in Lincoln City.

The Lincoln City Police would like to express our thanks to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office for their assistance with this incident along with a special thank you to Deputy Akin and K-9 Bonnie for their help in locating and capturing the suspect.

Information submitted By Sergeant Jeffrey Winn

Lincoln City horse stable crew helps evacuate animals, people during fire event

MIKAYLA SOLBERG
Guest Contributor

Living in a coastal town and evacuating a home due to a dangerous fire is not something we often think about.

When an emergency strikes, the number one priority is to keep ourselves, family and pets safe. House pets such as dogs and cats are much easier to pick up and take to safety, opposed to those with bigger animals such as horses.

This was a major problem for many residents in Lincoln County.

With the threat of a fire coming in quickly, time to prepare and

evacuate is a luxury many residents claim they were not able to receive. Justin Alderman, Owner of Rock Creek Stables in Lincoln City, felt there was not enough warning to get their horses loaded and out of the stables.

"We were basically trapped and unable to get out of the fire that cut us off," Alderman said. "The county gave us no warning, despite us being proactive through the night of the (Sept.) 8th and morning of the (Sept.) 9th, repeatedly calling the Lincoln County Emergency Management Office for updates and being given bad information

on multiple occasions."

Preparing to evacuate can take time, especially with large animals, unfortunately it wasn't just the animals that were trapped it was several people as well.

"It turned into a 6-hour ordeal while the fire was coming our way," Alderman said. "It was an incredible effort that absolutely saved the lives of people and animals. Many people on East Devils Lake got trapped and it was not just us due to trying to get the horses out."

Emergencies also have an interesting way of bringing people together and helping out one another. Alderman



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The Rock Creek Stables crew from Lincoln City helped evacuate both horses and residents of East Devils Lake during last week's fire.

also mentioned, "The response from people all over the valley and Newport area who brought horse trailers, as well as a contractor who had taken the road out for a works project between us and the outlet malls that quickly built a temporary bridge, was nothing but amazing and saved lives."

Alderman and his employees will continue to take care of their evacuated horses in three different counties, and are the ones who primarily are staffing the livestock evacuation center located in Newport where most of the horses are.

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Donations at St. Peter the Fisherman Lutheran Church

St. Peter the Fisherman Lutheran Church announced this week that they will be sorting donations they have received for displaced residents of the Echo Mountain Complex fire. Those donations will be available starting today, Sept. 16 for anyone in need. Please call the church for pickup hours: 541-994-8793.

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representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published on September 16, 2020. William F. Hoyt, III Personal Representative. ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Maria C. Schmidkofer, OSB No. 075169 Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, P.C. Equitable Center 530 Center Street NE, Suite 730 Salem, OR 97301 Telephone: (503) 540-4265 Fax: (503) 796-2900 Email: mschmid@schwabe.com.

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In the Matter of the Estate of: KENNETH EDWARD GETGEN, Deceased. Case No. 20PB05059 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RUSSELL GETGEN has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Personal Representative, RUSSELL GETGEN, at the address below, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative. ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: c/o Attorney David V. Cramer, OSB #992479 Andrews Ersoff & Zantello 2941 NW Highway 101 Lincoln City, OR 97367 DATED and first published: September 09, 2020 /S/ DAVID V. CRAMER David V. Cramer, Attorney for Personal Representative

NG20-132 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

In the Matter of the Estate of Kevin Arthur Nahler, Deceased. Case No. 20PB03538 INFORMATION TO HEIRS TO: HEIRS of above-named Decedent: Devin Lee Nahler 860 W Rider Drive Kanab, Utah 84741 Kimberly Ann Nahler 4310 N Bulldog Road Cedar City, Utah 84721 Oregon Health Authority

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Oregon Dept. of Human Services Consolidated Notice c/o Estate Administration Office PO Box 14021 Salem, Oregon 97309-5024 The following information is given to you as an heir of the above-named Decedent who died at Otis, Oregon on February 14th, 2020. So far as known, the Decedent left no will and none has been proved in the proceedings. Estate proceedings in the Decedent's Intestate Estate, bearing the clerk's file number 20PB03538 have been commenced and are now pending in the above-entitled Court. On May 27th, 2020, the undersigned was duly appointed and is now serving as Personal Representative of the Estate. Your rights may be affected by this proceeding; additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the undersigned Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the attorney for the Personal Representative are: ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Paul Janzen, OSB #176240 4550 SW Hall Blvd Beaverton, Oregon 97005 Telephone: 503-520-9900 Fax: 503-648-3604 E-mail: Paulgruggedlaw.com PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Mary E. Vannice c/o Attorney Paul Janzen Janzen Legal Services, LLC 4550 SW Hall Blvd Beaverton, Oregon 97005 Telephone: 503-520-9900 Fax: 503-648-3604 E-mail: Paul ORS 113.075 provides that any person may assert an interest in the Estate for the reason that there exists a will that has not been alleged in the Petition or that the Decedent agreed, promised, or represented that the Decedent would make a will or devise. Such an action must be commenced before the later of four (4) months after the date of delivery or mailing of the information described in ORS 113.145, or four (4) months after the first publication of Notice to Interested Person. Dated this 9th day of July 2020 Respectfully, Paul Janzen, OSB No. 176240 Attorney for Personal Representatives.

NG20-131 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LINCOLN COUNTY Case No. 20PB04472 NOTICE TO INTERESTED

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PERSONS in the matter of the Estate of JAMES ALAN BIXMAN, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ronald L. Sperry III has qualified and been appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present them, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative, Ronald L. Sperry III, c/o DC Law, McKinney & Sperry, PC, P.O. Box 1265, Roseburg, OR 97470, or the claims may be barred. Dated and first published this 2nd day of September, 2020. Personal Representative: Ronald L. Sperry III, OSB #091525 DC Law McKinney & Sperry PC PO Box 1265 Roseburg, OR 97470 Telephone: 541-673-4451 Fax: 541-673-1202

NG20-130 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

[Probate Department] In the Matter of the Estate of MARJORIE A. OLSON, Deceased. Case No. 19PB06222 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to you of the following: Wayne A. Olson passed away from cancer on January 4, 2020. On April 6, 2020, Patricia L. Olson was appointed as the successor personal representative and is now serving as personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at the following address within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred: Christopher C. Blattner Jeremy G. Tolchin Motschenbacher & Blattner

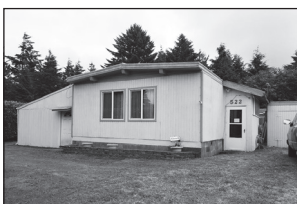
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

In the Matter of the Estate of: MICHELLE MONTCLAIRE, Deceased. Case No. 20PB05787
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RONALD FLEMING has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Personal Representative, RONALD FLEMING, at the address below, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative.

ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:

c/o Attorney David V. Cramer, OSB #992479

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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Linda L. Pearson has been appointed Personal Representative (PR) of the estate of Merle Albert Ratliff, deceased, by the Circuit Court, State of Oregon, Lincoln County, Case No. 20PB05247. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the PR at 204 SE Miller Ave, Bend, OR 97702, within four months after the date of September 02, 2020, the first publication of this notice, or the claim may be barred. Additional information may be obtained from the records of the court, the PR, or the lawyer for the PR, Patricia Nelson.



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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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

IGYWQ CWDNYGO WGY DZQ
IGYWQ SYNWFOY ZM QEYXG
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SYNWFOY ZM QEYXG BWOOXZD.
— KWGQEW IGWEWK

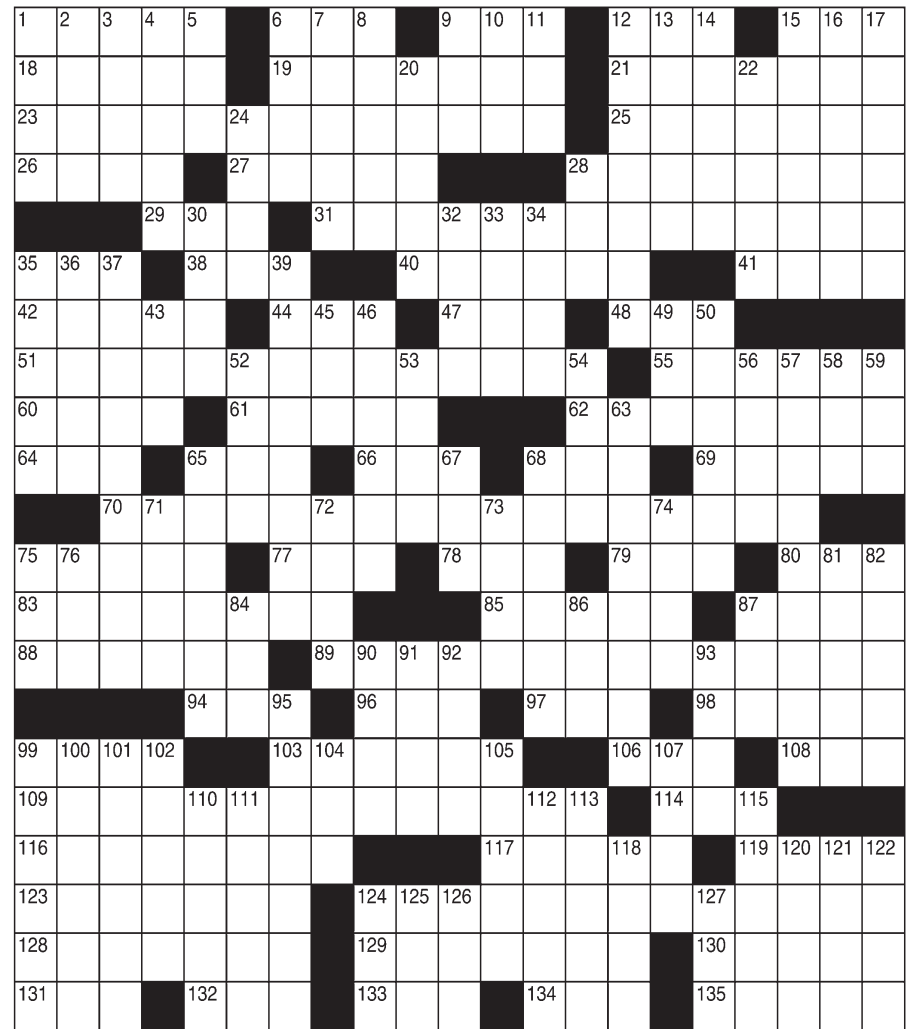
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Super Crossword

COUNTY
EXTENSION

- | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 61 Mix up | 103 Provide with a new outfit | DOWN | 45 Plus | 87 Mo. #10 |
| 1 Singer Judd | 62 "It's my guess ..." | 106 Not-so-great grade | 1 Unclad | 46 Postpones | 90 Paul Anka's "Eso —" |
| 6 1960s war zone | 64 Workshop | 108 La. neighbor | 2 Bone-dry | 49 Hub: Abbr. | 91 Butter-and-flour mixture |
| 9 Old Glory's country | 65 Ending for opal | 109 Laurel and Hardy film | 3 Certain woodwind | 50 Grow incisors, e.g. | 92 "Dream on!" |
| 12 Morse click | 66 "Quantic" network | 114 "Woof!" | 4 Divine food | 52 Nation | 93 — do-well |
| 15 For each | 68 Overwhelm | 116 Effective use of language | 5 B&B, e.g. | 53 Jack of "Dragnet" | 95 Glorified |
| 18 City-related | 69 Be inviting to Lou Grant | 70 Former Fleetwood Mac guitarist | 6 Pond dweller | 54 Fuzzy fruit with "up" | 99 Diva Streisand |
| 19 He played | 77 They often show DOBs | 75 Belt holders | 7 "Robin —" (Irish ballad) | 56 Voyaging | 100 Resounded |
| 21 Haifa native | 78 — chi | 80 Greek "H" | 8 Senator Rubio | 57 Feeling blue | 101 Turtles' tops |
| 23 "Allie" singer | 79 Not-so-great grade | 83 Zagreb native | 9 Bi-less one | 58 Energize, with "up" | 102 Private pupil |
| 25 Boasted of | 85 Part of a flight of steps | 87 Aesir god | 10 Min. division | 59 Figure out | 104 "That kinda thing": Abbr. |
| 26 Idyllic spot | 88 Walk shakily | 89 Follower of James Buchanan | 11 La. neighbor | 63 Written with a #2, say | 105 Rich cake |
| 27 City east of Syracuse | 89 Follower of James Buchanan | 94 Energize, with "up" | 12 Very varying | 65 Foot arch | 107 "Piece of cake!" |
| 28 Not inert | 96 Dawn deity | 97 You, in Germany | 13 Designer Mizrahi | 67 Loin or chop | 110 Virtuous |
| 29 See 71-Down | 97 You, in Germany | 98 Piano exercise | 14 Fight stopper | 68 Watchdog breeds | 111 It isn't poetry |
| 31 Longtime porcelain brand | 99 Optimal | 99 Optimal | 15 Pint-size | 71 With 29-Across, new Apple product of 2013 | 112 Travel plan |
| 35 Hitter Ripken | | | 16 Nine and two star Bening | 72 Author O'Brien | 113 Body tubes |
| 38 Fish-fowl link | | | 17 Bill add-ons (1985 film) | 73 Coins or bills | 115 Smart-alecky |
| 40 Some linens | | | 20 Vacillates | 74 Pop singer Halliwell | 118 Bearly earns, with "out" |
| 41 Desires | | | 22 Restless | 75 PC monitor type | 120 Intro painting class, maybe |
| 42 Typeface option | | | 24 Irish money | 76 Jorge's gold | 121 Rival of Lyft |
| 44 Gave birth to | | | 28 Decompose | 81 Diacritical squiggle | 122 Old stringed instrument |
| 47 Put — show | | | 30 "To Live and Die —" (1985 film) | 82 Attach | 124 Singer Starr |
| 48 Outer: Prefix | | | 32 Sailor's call | 84 Great anger | 125 Suffix with ethyl |
| 51 City on the eastern shore of Lake Erie | | | 33 Joker Jay | 86 Friend in France | 126 Florida-to-Indiana dir. |
| 55 Pouch near a kettle | | | 35 Plotters' plot | | 127 Moines lead-in |
| 60 Aid in crime | | | 36 Caribbean island | | |
| | | | 37 Vital factor before 1979 | | |
| | | | 43 Asten | | |



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Police Blotter

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LINCOLN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:01 a.m. Disturbance, 1409 NW 14th Street. Originally came in as a medical call for a fall, turns out to be a fight between juveniles. Medical continued for injuries, one juvenile transported to North Lincoln Hospital via ambulance.

8:47 a.m. Theft, 591 SW 24th Drive. Two bicycles stolen from location overnight.

10:23 a.m. Found Property, 1503 SE Devils Lake Road Lincoln City Police Department. Wallet found in Taft area.

3:06 p.m. Fraud, 1777 NW 44th Street Chinook Winds Casino. Counterfeit bill, subject traded bill with victim who then attempted to cash at the window.

8:05 p.m. Found Property, 1503 SE Devils Lake Road. Caller reporting her daughter found a cellphone up against a stop sign in Neotsu.

11:47 p.m. Disturbance, 1501 40th Place Chinook Winds Casino Suites. Security reporting possible domestic violence in front of hotel. Douglas R. Singer, born 1/19/1963, taken into custody with Assault IV Domestic and Menacing Domestic and transported to Lincoln County Jail.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

3:19 p.m. RO Violation, 4675 NE Johns Avenue #8. Caller reported suspect called and messaged her last night.

4:44 p.m. Assist on Arrest/Vehicle Impound, SE East Devils Lake Road/SE Port Street. Traffic stop performed, diver code 10 x 5, DWS, and no insurance. Vehicle impounded by Lincoln City Towing.

10:18 p.m. Stolen Vehicle, 3510 NE Highway 191 Sea Echo Motel. Caller reporting suspect drove off in his vehicle while he was letting her charge her phone. She appeared to be heading northbound from location.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

6:29 p.m. Found Animal, NE 19th Street/NE West Devils Lake Road. Dog brought to Lincoln City Police Department and returned to owner.

11:04 p.m. Disturbance, Lincoln City Community Center 1250 NE Oar Avenue. Report of a male and female fighting in a vehicle. Officer responded and subjects contacted.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:44 a.m. Burglary, 1745 SW Highway 101 Pipedreams. Silent alarm activation at location. Open door discovered, entry made. Did not appear anything was missing.

1:23 p.m. Found Property, 1955 NE 12th Street. Generator found sitting on the street.

9:14 p.m. Burglary, 4157 N Highway 101 Grocery Outlet. Officers responded to report of someone breaking out windows at location. Christian M. Berry, born 7/23/1991, was located inside the business. He was taken into custody with assistance from LCSO K9. Transported to Lincoln County Jail on charges of Burglary II, Criminal Mischief I, Trespass II, Theft I, and interfering with a police officer.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:40 a.m. Theft, 860 SW 51st Street. Anonymous report of a subject trying to break into the coin operated binoculars on the deck by

Mo's. Subject taken into custody and transported to Lincoln County Police Department. Subject cited for Criminal Mischief II and possession of Burglary tools.

10:57 a.m. Burglary, 1207 SW Harbor Avenue. Caller reporting residence was broken into after evacuation. Front door damage and open upon return. Miscellaneous property reported stolen.

12:20 p.m. Disturbance, 1515 NE 11th Street. Report of a disturbance over property exchange. Report taken for suspicious circumstances.

4:29 p.m. Burglary, 4615 NE Johns Avenue. Caller reporting residence was broken into after evacuation. Front door damage and open upon return. Unknown if any property is missing at this time.

6:23 p.m. Found Property, SE 19th Street. Officer received a found social security card from a citizen who found it on the sidewalk.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

11:09 p.m. Crash,

1040 SE Spyglass Ridge Drive. Two callers reporting a vehicle had crashed into their house. David Jr. P. Williamson, born 5/6/1989, taken into custody and transported to Lincoln County Police Department. Car Care responded for impound tow. Cited and released for Reckless Driving and Criminal Mischief I, investigation ongoing.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:16 a.m. Found Property, SE 51st Street. Wallet and ID found at location.

2:28 p.m. Theft, 3425 NW Jetty Avenue. Caller reported theft of building materials from job site at location during fire evacuation.

2:50 p.m. Burglary, 1220 SE Oar Avenue #305. Caller reporting neighbor's apartment broken into, damage to door frame and door by prying. No sign of theft/ransacking. Apartment manager attempted contact with tenant who evacuated earlier in the week.

9:50 p.m. Theft, 1616 NW 36th Street. Vehicle broken into overnight.



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		5	4			9		6
3				2			5	
	7	1			3			2
		8			7			3
	5			1			6	
4			5			2		
7				3			8	
		6			5	3		
	8		9					1

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!

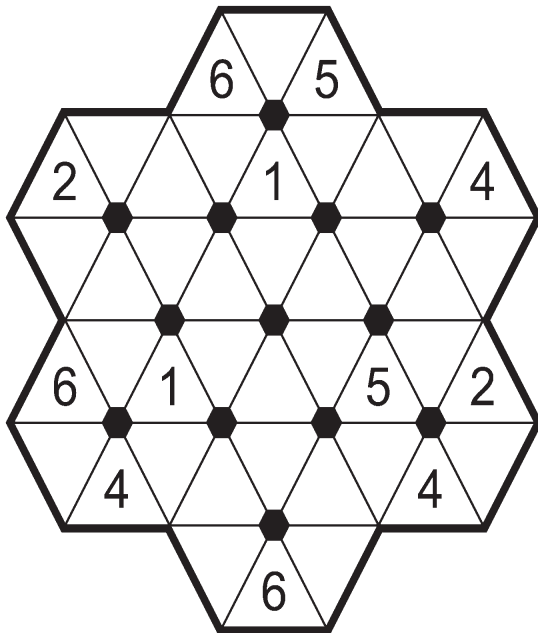
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



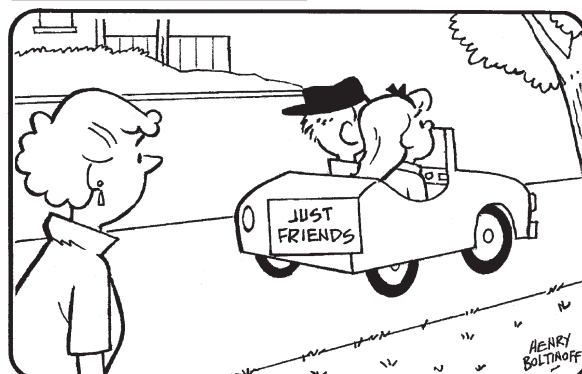
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

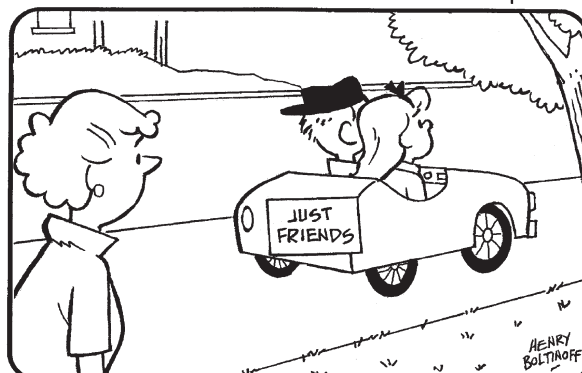
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tree is larger. 2. Fence is missing. 3. Hubcaps are different. 4. Earring is different. 5. Windshield is gone. 6. Wall has been extended.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: S equals G

R'DH WHYRPRMHEO JHHP SNRPS
JTEW ETMHEO. MN JH GNPHIM, R
YRPW MGMTM DHXO WRI-MXHIIRPS.

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Answers for Last Week's Puzzle

Super Crossword

Answers

C	H	A	D	G	A	G	S	S	T	A	F	F	A	B	B	A	S
R	O	M	E	A	B	A	T	A	R	I	A	L	M	A	R	C	O
U	B	E	R	B	O	N	A	L	O	N	D	O	N	B	R	O	I
M	A	L	I	F	U	D	G	E	O	T	E	R	O	D	I	D	O
B	R	I	D	G	E	T	H	E	G	A	P	I	N	A	N	R	A
S	T	E	E	R	S	I	D	O	L	E	N	D	E	D	L	O	C
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Answers for Last Week's Puzzle

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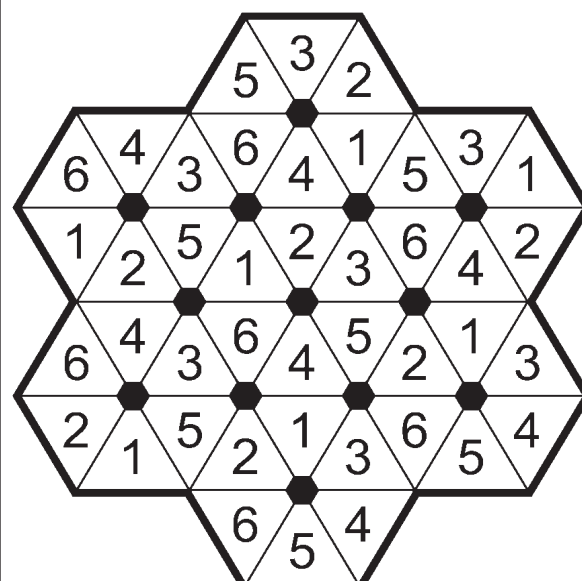
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8	1	5	2	9	3	4	7	6
6	3	2	8	7	5	9	1	4
4	5	8	3	1	9	2	6	7
9	7	1	4	6	2	8	3	5
5	8	6	9	2	1	7	4	3
1	4	9	5	3	7	6	2	8
3	2	7	6	8	4	1	5	9

Answers for Last Week's Puzzle

SNOWFLAKES

solution



OPINION/OBITUARIES

ONLINE POLL

This week

Did you evacuate during the Echo Mountain Complex fire?

- Yes
- No

Last week's results

Do you believe Lincoln County is ready for Phase 2 of reopening?

47% Yes
53% No

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VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY

Thank you Mayor Anderson

Wednesday when the smoke was so bad, and the evacuation orders were coming out, I asked my wife to take our daughter to Clackamas County.

By the time they made it to NE 22nd street, traffic was at a total standstill.

I walked down to the traffic light at 22nd and Highway 101 as I saw a Department of

Transportation truck there.

As I waited for the ODOT employee to finish talking to another motorist, a masked man walked up to me and said, "you look like someone with a question."

I said, "are you Mayor Anderson?"

Mayor Anderson kindly advised me to have my wife wait for a few hours until the traffic started moving, noting we were in Level 2 in the Oceanlake area.

I think that is pretty great that Mayor Anderson took the time to go out and help others.

He didn't have a sign, or say who he was, he honestly was only there to help.

We need more people like Dick Anderson, everywhere.

R. Rowlett,
Oceanlake

Fireworks Issue

I hope you had a safe and sane Labor Day Weekend. Ours was less so.

Fireworks around West Devil's Lake, near us. It frightened our dogs. The way it always does.

We actually had a paying guest in our Airbnb who told us she was "on the spectrum" (autism) so the noises were particularly distressing, and besides, she needed her sleep for the long drive to the airport on Sunday.

I texted her that I would call Police non-

emergency. I must say, the dispatcher was both prompt and sympathetic.

Eventually the racket quieted down. Then comes Sunday night and it started up again. I called the police, and again got a good response from the dispatcher. The officer even called me while he looked for the perps: friendly and very professional--that was great. He hung up when he caught them.

During our conversation, the officer told me that this has been an ongoing problem this summer, and he revealed

that the vast majority of the perps were tourists. Mostly from Washington State, by the way.

I told him that as a long time Portlander, I always noticed how WA drivers tended to be more aggressive and selfish on the highways. He laughed and told me his wife was always saying the same thing.

So let's go over this, because it's really not very complicated. (1) It's bad for residents. (2) It's much worse for dogs and wildlife. (3) It's bad for business, as I mentioned above. (4) Outside of Fourth of July, it's illegal

and punishable by law. (5) We are in the middle of long High Fire Danger season, so it's INSANE. I won't even try to explain that although it's understandable kids want to have some fun, it's selfish and irresponsible to the community.

So: what are City Council, the Mayor, and City Manager doing about this? I was told that they recognize that it's a real problem. But I don't see a single step being taken to send a strong message against this nuisance - in the media, in city communications, in marketing from Explore

Lincoln City, and in city signage. Are all of you just ok with this?

Business can also play a role in this. Our tiny Airbnb listed NO FIREWORKS in its house rules. Every hospitality venue in town could follow suit--and the city could mandate this, if necessary.

If all else fails, divert some of that Border Protection funding to seal off the selfish crazies in Washington State, where they belong.

Mitch Gould,
Lincoln City

Lincoln City Urban Renewal Project

The North Lincoln Health District is concerned about a group identified as "Be a Lincoln City Hero" that is opposed to the formation of a new Urban Renewal District in Lincoln City. This group has presented spokespeople who claim increased taxes, loss of services, increased rents, all of which is not true or valid. Another concern regarding this group is their use of the Health District's name without permission or consulting us.

The Health District has requested the removal of all references to the Health District in "Be a Lincoln City Hero" campaign material, web pages and social media postings.

Opponents of the Lincoln City Urban Renewal Plan claim taxing districts will be affected by tax revenue loss that will diminish current services such as healthcare claiming, "cuts to doctors, nurses and front-line staff". From a North Lincoln Health District standpoint, this is not a valid argument as the Health District does not employ any health care staff. All staff of the North Lincoln Hospital and

supported services are affiliated with Samaritan Health Services and their associated firms.

Of major concern by the District is the practice of the Urban Renewal opponents assuming each taxing District does not support Lincoln City's efforts. The North Lincoln Health District does support the Urban Renewal effort as it provides a greater benefit to the community than neglecting to develop our infrastructure for the future.

There are NO new taxes created or collected by forming a new Urban Renewal District. Urban Renewal Districts are funded through the collec-

tion of a portion of the taxes the citizens already pay to the overlapping tax districts such as Hospitals, the City, the County, School District and Fire District. No new taxes are imposed by the Urban Renewal District. None of the special taxing districts will have a decrease in their current property tax revenue.

This makes you wonder about the accuracy of the information delivered by this group.

Terry Buggenhagen,
Chairman,
North Lincoln Health District Board

IN MEMORY

Submission deadline for Obituaries is 12 p.m. on the Friday before publication.

David Shafer

June 24, 1950 -
Sept. 4, 2020

Dave Lawrence Shafer (DLS) age 70, of Glenden Beach formally of Kansas City, MO and Portland, OR passed away.

Dave was a graduate of Parkrose High School in 1968 and received his BS from Portland State University in 1972, MBA 1978.

Since retirement Dave's passions have included gambling, fishing, Kansas City Chiefs football, and supporting the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

While attending college in Portland, Dave began working nights at banks specializing in check clearing operations processing centers.

In 1980, Dave responded to an ad in the newspaper that Arthur Young had placed looking for someone to start up a National Cash Management Consulting Practice based in Kansas City, MO. He got the job, and he and his wife Julie relocated to Kansas City where they would call their home until 2005, making it



their adopted home. For 25 Years Dave ran Ernst and Young's (EY) Cash management Consulting Practices, which to this day, continues to be one of the most profitable parts of the practice.

Dave retired from EY in 2006. While at EY, Dave flew almost daily for those 25 years managing projects all over the USA.

For years he was Delta Airlines #1 Frequent Flier, and was the first person ever to achieve 10 million frequent flier miles on Delta. When the

movie "Up in the Air" with George Clooney was filmed, the rumor was that the producer called Dave to ask what that lifestyle was really

all about.

Thousands of successful business professionals throughout the world were fortunate to have Dave as their first leader. From traders in New York, Compliance Consultants in Dallas, Chief Operating Officers of Banks in North Dakota, CFO's in Asia, Sales and Risk Managers in Atlanta, and countless others, they all began their first jobs out of college working for Dave.

Dave taught the values of integrity, hard work, and embodied the work hard/play hard mindset.

Dave was preceded in death by his mother, Julia Holman Shafer Kunz Larson; by father, Jack Spenser Shafer; and by brother,

Douglas Holman Shafer.

He is survived by his high school sweetheart Julie, to whom he was married for 48 years. She is/was and will always be his rock.

Due to the current COVID 19 crisis there are no plans for a public memorial service at this time. If desired friends may make donations in Dave's name to the Oregon Coast Aquarium, 2820 SE Ferry Slip Road, Newport OR 97365. Condolences to the family may be sent to Julie Shafer: P.O. Box 252, Glenden Beach OR 97388

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• **Premium** Obituary: Often used by families who wish to include multiple photos with a longer announcement, or who wish to run a thank-you. Cost varies based on the length of the announcement.

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Fire

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together."

A smaller fire on Highway 34 at milepost four, which had threatened three homes, was quickly contained last Tuesday. Highway 101 closed north of Little Whale Cove due to numerous downed tree limbs and power lines. Many local access roads were also blocked.

Power outages became extensive throughout the county; an estimated 10,000 homes and residences in North County went without power and Toledo's 9-1-1 dispatch center lost power and calls are being transferred to the Lincoln City dispatch center.

The following day, Sept. 9, the fire increased quickly and traveled to over 1,000 acres as the Echo Mountain fire and Kimberling Mountain fire

combined, spurring a Level 3 evacuation for the majority of Lincoln City. The Echo Mountain Complex Fire started on the north side of Hwy 18 near the mile marker 7-8 and crossed over and started burning in a southwardly direction.

"Basically, the fire was burning at will," said Matt Thomas of Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF).

North County residents began evacuating to Oregon Coast Community College in Newport as Hwy 101 north of Lincoln City was shut down. Hwy 101 began jammed and traffic was at a standstill for several hours.

Fortunately, fire crews were able to quickly divert the flames from entering city limits and Hwy 101 opened briefly before it was shut down again Wednes-

day night. Displaced residents found shelter in Newport, Siletz, Toledo and other parts of South Lincoln County. The Lincoln County Commons was also set up to receive horses and livestock, and 4H youth will assist owners in caring for their animals.

"This community has come together in an amazing way to protect lives and property," said Kaety Jacobsen, chair of the Board of County Commissioners. "This is unprecedented situation, but we will get through this together."

The night of Sept. 9, weather patterns shifted and fire crews from across the county were able to significantly reduce the spread. The Echo Mountain Complex fire had extended to the northern end of East Devils

Lake Road yesterday, Sept. 9, and hopped Highway 101 near the Chinook Winds golf course. Damage on the west side of Hwy 101 was quickly contained.

On Sept. 10, Thomas, examined their progress and determined the fire activity to be low.

"Today's weather is allowing the fire fighters to gain traction and make progress towards extinguishing this fire," Thomas said last Thursday.

Hwy 101 reopened on Sept. 11, allowing residents to travel north of Lincoln City. The fire grew to 2,435 acres in total and has damaged or destroyed at least 100 structures as of Sept. 14. As of Monday the fire was 25 percent contained and fire crews continued to take advantage of the cooler temperatures and the dissipated winds.

Evacuations were reduced again on Monday, as residents east of Rose Lodge, South of Rose Lodge and several others were given the OK to return home.

It is always advisable to do a safety check of your home and property when you return.

Continue to monitor local media sources, county website and your telephone devices to receive further information and updates.

Any additional questions can be forwarded to the Lincoln County Emergency Public Information Call Center at 541-265-0621, www.co.lincoln.or.us/echomountainfire.

Visit thenewsguard.com for the latest updates on the Echo Mountain Complex fires.

Hospital

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Lincoln Hospital Foundation and countless generous donors. The result is an efficient, innovative, patient-centered and flexible 16-bed critical access hospital to replace the original and outdated hospital. All inpatient rooms in the new state-of-the-art hospital are private and most have forested views of Devils Lake.

Along with building a 52,000-square-foot hospital, the project included the complete interior remodel of a former nursing home building located on the campus. That building has been transformed into administrative and business office space, as well as the new home to Samaritan Physical Rehabilitation – Lincoln City, offering physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. The final phase of the project was completed in mid-June, with demolition of the original hospital building and construction of a centrally located and environmentally friendly main parking lot to serve the hospital and other medical buildings on the 12-acre campus.

"This has been a crazy year. We opened our incredible new hospital on Feb. 4 with such high hopes. Within weeks, we faced the shutdown of all but emergency procedures because of mandated coronavirus restrictions," Ogden said. "Fortunately, we have been able to resume all normal medical services, although with visitor restrictions still in place. We don't want to delay our celebration any longer. So, please join us as we celebrate."

Created by the design-build team of HGA Architects and Skanska USA Building, the hospital design inside and out has a Northwest feel reflecting the coastal forests and Pacific beaches of Lincoln City.

At a formal gala held for donors and other key stakeholders in early January, before the hospital opened its doors to patients, Dr. Ogden stated: "We now have a facility that reflects the best health care that can be offered – from its beauty, technological advancements, earthquake resiliency and flexibility of use to its focus on the patient, our community and wellness. This hospital will keep our community safe and will be a hub of health care for another 50-plus years."

HELPING OUR CUSTOMERS NAVIGATE THESE CHALLENGING TIMES

Apparently, Bob Dylan was right: *"The times they are a-changing."* Hopefully someday, we'll get back to normal. But until then, we all have to adjust. It's certainly not a complete list, but here are some of the ways that Oregon Coast Bank is helping customers navigate these challenging times.

HELPING LOCAL FAMILIES

As coastal residents face an array of new financial conditions, Oregon Coast Bank is providing solutions.

- ◆ Many families have needed adjustments to their mortgage terms. Others are taking advantage of very low rates and refinancing. Some of our customers are buying new homes so that they can downsize. Still others, wary of the stock market, are purchasing real estate as an investment.
- ◆ A number of local families have asked to open lines of credit. Some are consolidating debt. Others desire a financial cushion in case of further challenges. For customers having trouble paying existing personal loans, we've offered tailored individual solutions.
- ◆ Perhaps it's because so many people are at home and have additional time for projects, but we've recently been arranging an increasing amount of construction and remodeling loans. Often those projects have included new home offices.
- ◆ Even the way we vacation is changing. We've been helping customers purchase RVs, which may be the perfect way to travel and social-distance simultaneously.

HELPING LOCAL BUSINESSES

No question, the pandemic and economic restrictions have created extreme challenges for business owners. Some are adjusting to new financial realities with altered staffing levels, others have had to restructure their business models, some are attempting to embrace new pandemic-related opportunities.

- ◆ For businesses struggling to stay current with existing loans, we've provided solutions like extended maturity dates, payment deferrals, or interest only payments. We've also opened dozens of lines of credit for existing and new business customers.
- ◆ We've recently financed business property and buildings, fishing vessels, logging equipment, commercial vehicles, new inventory and facility improvements. When local businesses need funding, it's still business as usual at Oregon Coast Bank.
- ◆ Government stimulus programs have helped and continue to evolve. We successfully completed hundreds of SBA Paycheck Protection Program loans for existing and new customers. We're helping those same businesses take advantage of the forgiveness clauses included in those loans. As new government programs emerge, we'll help our customers take advantage of them.

EASY ACCESS TO YOUR BANKERS

- ◆ We're happy to announce that all of our Lincoln and Tillamook County bank lobbies are now open 8-5 Monday through Friday. Of course, our drive-up windows continue to provide touch-less service at all our locations.
- ◆ We now also offer great curbside service. If you're old enough to remember car hops, you get the picture. We're delivering coin orders, cashier's checks, loan documents, new account applications for signing, and more to customers waiting in our parking lots. And if it wasn't for our masks, you'd see we're smiling while doing it.
- ◆ Call during normal business hours and talk directly to a real person who really is in the office you are calling. No annoying automated *phone trees*. Our bankers will take the time to listen, understand your needs, and offer realistic solutions as quickly as possible.

It's reassuring to know that over the past 18 years, Oregon Coast Bank has provided more than \$800 million in financing to local families and businesses. During the pandemic, our lending has actually increased. Times will get better. But until they do, by working together, our communities can persevere. We're doing our best to do our part.



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Register



to

VOTE

County Clerk confident ballots will be mailed in on time

THE NEWS GUARD

Lincoln County Clerk Dana Jenkins and his team are gearing up for the November general election. Jenkins wants to reassure the public that they are fully prepared to record Lincoln County's votes.

Oregon became the first state in the country to go an exclusively vote-by-mail system more than two decades ago. In a recent newsletter, Oregon Secretary of State Bev Clarno said the state's long relationship with the United States Postal Service helps give her confidence that the Oregon vote will go smoothly.

Jenkins has served as Lincoln County Clerk since 1991 and has been in charge for every local election during the mail ballot era.

"We are confident that our ballots will be in the hands of



COURTESY PHOTO

Lincoln County Clerk Dana Jenkins in Newport.

Lincoln County voters by October 16th and 17th," Jenkins said.

The county's mailing service will deliver local ballots to the Portland USPS processing

plant on October 14th.

If a voter is planning to return the ballot through the Postal Service, Jenkins recommends mailing it by October 27. Ballots left at drop boxes

anytime until 8 p.m. on November 3 will be collected and counted.

The USPS has told Clarno's office that Oregon should have "sufficient time for voters to receive, complete, and return their ballots by the state's Election Day return deadline."

Under a law passed by the Legislature in 2019, ballots dropped at Post Offices no longer require postage. However, voters continue to have the option of using several ballot drop boxes that the Clerk's Office maintains during election cycles.

Recently, Jenkins has been refurbishing and placing ballot drop boxes at the Courthouse and around the county.

Boxes are available at city halls in the following communities—Lincoln City, Newport, Depoe Bay, Siletz, Waldport and Yachats. Toledo's ballot box

is located in the Toledo Police Station parking lot. Additionally, a drop box is offered at Eddyville School on Election Day. All boxes are secured and their contents are picked up by elections staff.

The Secretary of State's newsletter adds: "If any Oregon voter is concerned about the upcoming election in November, there are multiple steps they can take to ensure their ballot is received in time to be counted. Every ballot envelope has a unique barcode so voters can track their ballot on our My Vote website. We also encourage voters to take advantage of the hundreds of conveniently located drop sites throughout the state to drop off their ballot in person."

To reach Lincoln County Clerk, Dana W. Jenkins: 541-265-4131

Voting Instructions:

EXAMINE THE BALLOT

Locate the candidates for each office and the YES or NO choice for each measure.

FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BALLOT, mark your choice for each office or measure. (USE A PENCIL or PEN)

TO VOTE YOU MUST FILL IN THE OVAL () COMPLETELY! TO VOTE for a candidate WHOSE NAME IS NOT ON THE BALLOT, write the full name of the candidate in the space provided and fill in the oval next to that write-in space.

AFTER VOTING – SEAL the ballot in the ballot secrecy envelope.

PLACE the sealed secrecy envelope inside return envelope and seal the return envelope.

SIGN THE RETURN ENVELOPE in the space provided, and mail it in time to be received in the office of the County Clerk by Election Day, or drop it off at a designated drop site (see drop site locations, this topic).

REMEMBER TO VOTE BOTH SIDES OF YOUR BALLOT (IF APPLICABLE)



Making sure your ballot is secure

THE NEWS GUARD

Lincoln County Elections protects the privacy of your vote and works closely with the Oregon Secretary of State's Office to ensure the security of the elections process in our community.

In Oregon, all voting is conducted by mail and has been for 20 years. The concerns expressed across the country about the security of voting simply do not apply in our state.

Each eligible registered voter in Lincoln County will be mailed a ballot as long as that person has an up-to-date voter registration.

Each year, Lincoln County files a security plan with the Secretary of State that details the tools and processes used to secure elections.

Some of the most important security measures being taken to protect your vote include:

Each day a copy of

the voter registration database maintained by the Secretary of State is backed up and saved to ensure accurate information is preserved should an unauthorized party gain access.

Prior to any ballots being counted, our voting system is tested three separate times for logic and accuracy.

This testing entails marking test ballots and running them through the vote counting machines to ensure results match how the test ballots were marked. This same process is followed after the election to confirm there was no change to the programming.

All ballots are counted in a secure room at the Elections Office. Security cameras are in place wherever ballots are processed.

No voting systems are connected to the Internet.

All voting systems (machines and programs) used to count ballots have

been certified by a federally accredited voting system test laboratory and have been further analyzed to ensure the system is secure.

After a general election and prior to certification of the results, an audit of randomly sampled ballots is conducted. This audit requires human beings to review every ballot in the random sample to prove that results produced by the vote counting machines accurately reflect the marks made by voters.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigations have confirmed that no vote tally systems in Oregon, or anywhere else in the country, have been hacked.

You can have confidence that your ballot will be counted as you mark it and that there will be no tampering with your ballot at any step in the election process.

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SPORTS

LC angler goes old school en route to top 10

THE NEWS GUARD

Bassmaster Elite Series angler Jay Yelas, of Lincoln City, launched his pro career in 1989 by living in a van as a tournament fishing vagabond when gas was \$1 a gallon.

Now age 54, he is truly one of professional bass fishing's living legends.

Yelas dominated the Bassmaster Classic in 2002 en route to victory, won the Bassmaster Angler of the Year title in 2003 and was recently voted a 2020 inductee to the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame. A consistent performer, this pro has notched a Top 10 B.A.S.S. finish in five different decades

At the recent YETI Bassmaster Elite at Michigan's Lake St. Clair, the former Oregon State forestry major finished ninth and taught the bass fishing universe that even now in the strangest of times, it's not all about super high-tech sonar and drop shots. Instead, Yelas proved the old school technique of burning skirted blade baits in shallow water still gets the attention of meaty small-mouth.

"We used to catch them here in the 1990s by burning spinnerbaits on shallow flats, but in recent years that pattern



COURTESY PHOTO

Legendary angler Jay Yelas, of Lincoln City, Ore., reels in a bass for the ESPN2 cameras during the recent YETI Bassmaster Elite at Lake St. Clair.

hasn't worked very well," said Yelas. "But man, it worked this week!"

"I fished in 5 to 7 feet of water all week on a flat with scattered vegetation that had current flowing across it. I put my trolling motor on high, made a ton of casts and burned that vibrating jig on a fast 7.5:1 Lew's baitcasting reel, and the smallies smashed it like they did in the good old days," revealed Yelas.

The vibrating jig known best as a ChatterBait was invented

by Ron Davis Sr. in South Carolina, but it didn't hit the market until 2004. So Yelas' weapon of choice this past week on St. Clair wasn't even available in those "good old days" 30 years ago. But they are now, and Yelas pays \$17 each for them, just like you and me.

He doesn't pay for their trailers however, as his long-time sponsor Gary Yamamoto makes both a Zako swimbait-style trailer and a Zako Kicker paddletail trailer for vibrating jigs. Yelas used both versions

of the highly effective trailers on St. Clair and chose a heavy 3/4-ounce vibrating jig so he could make long casts in clear water and be able to burn it back to the boat.

"I may not have won, but I'm proud of my Top 10 finish," said Yelas. "I'll promise you, nobody had more fun than me on St. Clair. That pattern is just so awesome, it's addicting."

"(Bassmaster LIVE host) Mark Zona watched me fish for a while out there on the water and said, 'Man, Jay, you're going old school on us this week.'

"I told him, 'Heck yeah, I am old school!'"

Yelas was part of a historic footnote during the Michigan derby. Championship Sunday at the 2020 event on Lake St. Clair was the first time two anglers from Oregon made an Elite Series final. The other half of the Beaver State duo was rookie Cody Hollen, of Beaverton, who finished just ahead of Yelas in eighth place.

About B.A.S.S.

B.A.S.S. is the worldwide authority on bass fishing and keeper of the culture of the sport, providing cutting edge content on bass fishing whenever, wherever and however

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Golfers visit Salishan Golf Links for OGA Tour Event

LINDA REID

Seventy golfers from clubs around the state spent the day at Salishan Golf Links last Wednesday as part of the Oregon Golf Association Tour Series. The OGA Tour events are open to OGA members who are interested in playing a variety of courses in Oregon and southwest Washington. Participants can earn modest prize money for top gross and net scores in their flights.

The OGA Tour series runs from April to September with 17 events scheduled. This year, the early part of the season had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 but the last 10 events were played, with COVID precautions in place. Salishan was the last stop on the Tour.

"This Tour stop is a great opportunity for us to showcase our golf course," said Tom Graves, Head Golf Professional at Salishan. "Players really enjoy the scenery, the beach climate and the skill challenge at Salishan."

Salishan golf member David St. George took top honors in the Senior Division Flight 1, firing a 3-over-par 74 and earning the \$75 gross winner's prize. Don Bruzzi finished 3rd in the net (handicapped) competition, with a net 76 and \$45.

David Veit, also representing Salishan, shot a 94, which earned him 4th place gross in the Senior Division Flight 2 and \$25.

Other Salishan participants were Bill Hermann and Erik Barton, who finished

out of the money.

Results

Open Division, Flight 1

Gross winner: Jarrett Johnson, U-30 (OGA Young Players club), gross score 75
Net winner: Matt Clemo, Langdon Farms Golf Club (Aurora, Ore.), net score 75

Open Division, Flight 2


Gross winner: Michael Bien, Quail Valley Golf Club (Banks, Ore.), 82
Net winner: Robert Kvisto, Salem Golf Club, 73

Senior Division, Flight 1

Gross winner: David St. George, Salishan Golf Links, 74
Net winner: DeWayne Ledbetter, NW Golf Guys Players Club (Portland area), 75

Senior Division, Flight 2


Gross winner: Joe Murray, (no club listed), 87
Net winner: Frank Gray, NW Golf Guys Players Club, 69



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Trees tumble at Salishan



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Dave Hess, Salishan resident, works to clear large trees blocking Salishan Drive at 10:15 a.m. on Sept. 8.

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