

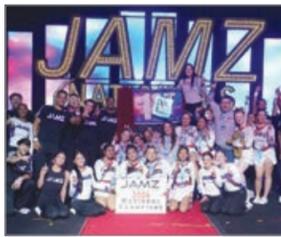


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## College, school district partner to expand college services in East County

**STAFF REPORT**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) and Lincoln County School District (LCSD) officials have announced a partnership that will expand college services in East Lincoln County through the use of the former Arcadia School building, located at 1811 NE Arcadia Drive in Toledo.

The collaboration will allow OCCC to use space in the building to deliver a variety of programming closer to where residents live, according to OCCC

President Dr. Marshall Mease Roache.

“This partnership marks a meaningful step forward in OCCC’s service to East Lincoln County,” Roache said. “In my first full year as president, I’ve been asked repeatedly how the College plans to expand its presence in East County. This collaboration with LCSD reflects our shared commitment to educational access and community development.”

OCCC has offered welding instruction at the Port of Toledo since 2020. Roache said

the availability of the Arcadia site will allow the college to broaden its offerings in the area.

This spring, the college’s Small Business Development Center will deliver workshops on entrepreneurship and marketing, while the

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**The expansion will occur in East Lincoln County through the use of the former Arcadia School building, located at 1811 NE Arcadia Drive in Toledo. (Courtesy photo)**



## Community dedicates new Yachats library

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

Community members and dignitaries helped dedicate Yachats Public Library, at 560 W. Seventh Street, during an open house Saturday, February 28.

The new 3,400-square-foot building replaces the city’s original library, built in 1973 at the same location. Funding for the \$1.35 million building was generated through grants, bequests, and fundraising efforts.

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Yachats Library Administrator Traci Altson said the new building is built for the future.

“Now we have a library that will allow us to grow,” she said. “We have a collection of just under 13,000 items, so

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The new public library is located at 560 W. Seventh Street in Yachats. (Courtesy photo)



Abandoned vessels in Port of Newport. (Courtesy from the Port of Newport)

## BOLI reverses derelict vessel removal ruling

**NIGEL JAQUISS**  
*Oregon Journalism Project*

The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries has reversed an earlier finding that the Port of Newport should

pay prevailing wages for the removal and disposal of derelict boats from port waters.

“On December 11, 2025, BOLI issued a determination that the prevailing wage rate (PWR) laws would apply to the project. The purpose of this letter is to notify you that BOLI has amended its determination,” Oregon Labor Commissioner Christina Stephenson wrote in a Feb. 19 letter to the port’s contractor.

“Upon further review of the project, BOLI has determined

the project is not subject to Oregon’s prevailing wage rate laws.”

The reversal is notable for a couple of reasons. First, it will save the Port of Newport a “significant” amount of money on vessel removal, which is budgeted at \$360,000, says Paula Miranda, executive director of the port. That savings will extend statewide in the future.

The Oregon Department of

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## SNAP recipients affected by federal work rules

Federal changes mean more people in Oregon who receive SNAP food benefits must now show they are working, looking for work or participating in training to continue receiving aid.

WorkSource Oregon centers offer free employment and training services to help people meet the requirement and stay eligible.

The Oregon Department of Human Services and the Oregon Employment Department, both WorkSource Oregon partners, are encouraging people who receive SNAP food benefits to take advantage of free job search and training at one of the 37 centers across the state.

Recent federal changes mean some adults who receive SNAP must now meet work requirements to keep getting benefits for longer than three months. These changes apply to more people than in the past, including some adults up to age 64 and some households with older children.

To help people meet these requirements, the state is

connecting SNAP participants with free employment and training services that can build skills, support job searches and create new career opportunities. Many people may already meet the requirement through work, volunteering or other activities they are doing now.

“Through case management and employment and training services, we work with each person to create a plan based on their interests, strengths, and abilities. This helps them meet requirements while moving toward a career path that fits their goals,” Oregon Department of Human Services SNAP Director Jessica Amya Hoffman said.

Staff from both agencies are available to help participants understand their options and stay eligible for benefits while working toward employment goals. Services include:

- Personalized support to develop a case plan that identifies all available options for meeting work requirements

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Table for Friday, March 6 with High and Low tide times and temperatures.

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Two surfers rescued at Cape Kiwanda

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Two surfers are safe after being caught in a rip current along the North Oregon Coast.

A Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District crew was dispatched to Cape Kiwanda Beach Saturday afternoon, February 21, for a possible high-angle rescue involving two surfers caught in a rip current.

One surfer was able to make it back to shore with assistance from other surfers in the area. The second surfer was pushed toward the rock cliff and was unable to climb all the way up, according to a release from the Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District.

"The rescue crew deployed our quick-rappel system — equipment obtained through a grant from Oregon State Parks — allowing firefighters to safely reach the surfer, assist him up the cliff, and escort him back down to the parking lot," the release states.

Both surfers declined medical care, and we are thankful for a positive outcome.

North Lincoln Fire & Rescue responding with Water Rescue 16 and provided downstream safety A U.S. Coast Guard also was called in to provide a helicopter to assist.

Rip Current Safety Reminder
Rip currents can form quickly and are often



Using a rope anchored from the top of a cliff, a member of the Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District works to rescue one of the surfers. (Courtesy photos from the Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District)

stronger than they appear. If caught in a rip current, remain calm, avoid fighting the current, and swim parallel to the shore until you are out of the current

before heading back in. Always check surf conditions before entering the water and never surf or swim alone, the release states.



A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter arriving at the scene of the rescue.

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"Every three months our office partners with a local coffee shop in Lincoln County to provide a time, space, and coffee for community members to meet our team and share what's on their minds," LCSO Public Information Officer Jess Palma said. "Coffee with a cop events

are a friendly and relaxed way for our communities to connect with the deputies that serve them."

Palma said these events offer a unique opportunity for community members to directly engage with law enforcement, ask questions, voice concerns, and build positive relationships.

"Whether you're a regular coffee drinker or simply curious about the work of law enforcement, this is a chance to connect with our team on a personal level, learn about each other's experiences, and share local feedback," Palma said.

# Legislation 'restores local decision-making authority' over transit lodging taxes

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

House Bill 4148, the LOCAL Act (Local Opportunities for Community Advancement and Livability Act) has passed the Oregon House of Representatives and will now move to the Senate for consideration.

The LOCAL Act restores local decision-making authority over transient lodging tax (TLT) revenues by modernizing how those dollars may be used, according to a release from State Representative Jules Walters (D-West Linn) and State Representative Cyrus Javadi (D-Tillamook).

Under current law, cities and counties are required to allocate 70 percent of TLT revenue to tourism promotion and just 30 percent to general

governmental services. HB 4148 updates that structure to a 60 percent general fund and 40 percent promotion split: better reflecting the realities faced by communities experiencing sustained tourism growth, the two state legislators said.

In addition to rebalancing the revenue ratio, the LOCAL Act creates a new, targeted opportunity within the promotional share. The bill allows cities and counties to directly award grants to small businesses in the restaurant and lodging industries to support infrastructure upgrades and building improvements. These investments will help locally owned establishments remain safe, accessible, and competitive while continuing to serve both residents and visitors.

"Tourism promotion



**Under current law, cities and counties are required to allocate 70 percent of TLT revenue to tourism promotion and just 30 percent to general governmental services. (Metro Creative Connection)**

has worked," Linn said. "But the success of that promotion has increased demands on local infrastructure, public safety, and services. The LOCAL Act recognizes that communities need flexibility

to reinvest in the places and people that make tourism possible in the first place."

According to State Representative Cyrus Javadi (D-Tillamook), healthy tourism isn't just about ads and glossy brochures. It's about towns with safe Main streets, small businesses with safe buildings, working utilities, and communities that feel livable year-round.

"If we want people visiting the Oregon coast, Central Oregon, the Crater Lake region, and main streets across this state twenty years from now, we have to think beyond next quarter's marketing plan," Javadi said. "HB 4148 keeps a strong commitment to promotion while giving local communities the flexibility to reinvest in the infrastructure and services that make this place worth

visiting in the first place. That's not a retreat from tourism. It's how you sustain it."

The bill maintains a strong commitment to tourism marketing while acknowledging that mature destinations require a more balanced approach - one that supports community livability, small businesses, and the public services relied on by residents and visitors alike, according to Javadi and Walters.

Lincoln City Mayor Susan Wahlke has been pressing state officials for a more flexible approach to the lodging tax system.

"We need a broader definition of tourist-related facilities. Not just helping to build restrooms, but to maintain them, maintain beach access that currently is not allowed. We can build new things, but we can't use lodging

taxes to maintain those things. With the coastal weather, we need maintenance money," she said in a published Lincoln County Leader interview in February 2025.

Wahlke added that her push for more flexibility for the lodging tax isn't just for Lincoln City.

"We have it so much better than the cities whose lodging tax is more recent," she said. "We have the grandfathered flexibility, but the state's 70-30 split is just really difficult for most cities. "I just want that definition of tourism-related facilities expanded so that we can use lodging taxes for maintenance of things that the tourist use," she said.

Follow developments online at the Lincoln County Leader website and in the Wednesday print editions of The Leader.

# Draft of Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap available

*Public review, public meetings scheduled*

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) has released a draft of an Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap for public review.

The public may comment through April 3, 2026. DLCD is hosting a series of virtual and in-person meetings to provide information about the Roadmap draft and inviting community members to comment. The Roadmap will be completed by mid-2026 and submitted to the Oregon legislature as recommendations.

DLCD was directed by House Bill 4080 (2024) to develop an Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap on behalf of the state that defines standards to be considered in the processes related to offshore wind energy development and approval.

The draft Roadmap defines standards around environmental protection, community interests, workforce development, economic opportunities, tribal and cultural resource protection, and the achievement of the state's energy and climate goals. It also identifies actions and opportunities that could move the state responsibly along the path toward a future that includes offshore wind energy for Oregon," according to a release from the DLCD.

The Roadmap process is not a formal rulemaking effort and will not directly create or change enforceable laws or policies. Instead, it will help guide future decisions, research, and investment related to offshore wind energy in Oregon.

"Even as federal priorities for offshore wind energy evolve, Oregon wants to be ready," DLCD official state in the release.

**The Roadmap will help the state:**

- Prepare for possible offshore wind energy development
- Understand community priorities
- Improve state policies and processes

The draft Roadmap considers four alternative



**The Roadmap will be completed by mid-2026 and submitted to the Oregon legislature as recommendations. (Courtesy photo)**

futures for Oregon and its coast—two include offshore wind turbines, and two do not. The Roadmap defines four pathways to these two futures with different benefits and tradeoffs. For the two futures that include wind energy development, there are "checkpoints" where a project would be reviewed to determine whether it should move forward, gather more information, or a different pathway should be chosen. The DLCD officials said the Roadmap outlines recommended standards and actions to support the interests of the state and coastal communities related to the different pathways.

**Public Comment Period Open:**

Members of the public are invited to provide comments on the draft Roadmap through April 3. Comments may be submitted in a number of ways:

1. Send an email to [dlcd.oswroadmap@dlcd.oregon.gov](mailto:dlcd.oswroadmap@dlcd.oregon.gov)
2. Provide feedback by using the DLCD Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap survey
3. Provide comments at one of DLCD's virtual or in-person meetings (see below)

Community Meetings for the Roadmap

DLCD invites community members to comment at public meetings, which are designed to provide information about the Roadmap draft and be held virtually and in-person.

**These meetings are a chance for the public to:**

- Learn about the status of offshore wind energy in Oregon
- Hear about the contents of the draft Roadmap
- Ask questions and provide formal comments

The DLCD has scheduled a meeting for March 9, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the North Bend Community Center 2222 Broadway Avenue in North Bend. Another meeting is scheduled to be held in Reedsport March 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Reedsport Community Center Gym 451 Winchester Avenue in Reedsport.

You can access the roadmap online via the official DLCD page at: [www.oregon.gov/lcd/OCMP/Pages/Offshore-Wind-Roadmap.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/lcd/OCMP/Pages/Offshore-Wind-Roadmap.aspx)

## BACKGROUND

In July of 2025, The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announced it was rescinding all designated Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), including proposed projects off the Oregon Coast.

The proposed locations off the Oregon Coast included two lease areas totaling 194,995 acres — one in the Coos Bay Wind Energy Area and the other in the Brookings Wind Energy Area — which have the potential to power more than one million homes with clean, renewable energy. WEAs were originally established to identify offshore locations deemed most suitable for wind energy development.

By rescinding WEAs, BOEM ended the federal practice of designating large areas of the OCS for speculative wind development and is de-designating over 3.5 million acres of unleased federal waters previously targeted for offshore wind development across the Gulf of America, Gulf of Maine, the New York Bight, California, Oregon, and the Central Atlantic, the

back."

State Rep. David Gomberg told KOIN Portland that the Oregon Caucus cannot support future wind development steps off the Oregon coast by BOEM until the state develops its Offshore Wind Road Map.

"The federal government owes the people of the Oregon coast the due diligence required to ensure that these turbines won't disrupt both our coastal economy and its ecology," Gomberg told KOIN. "The Coastal Caucus stands in firm opposition to lease auctions at this time."

The Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua

and Siuslaw Indians said the acreage in the proposal is within the tribe's ancestral territory and are important areas for tribal fishing.

"The tribe has consistently urged that BOEM delay moving forward with wind energy development until a better understanding is made of the impacts to fish, wildlife, the marine environment, and cultural resources important to the tribe," Tribal Council Chair Brad Kneaper said in a release. "No one, including BOEM, has an understanding on how wind development will impact the fragile marine environment."




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# Kotek launches 'roundtable' to create blueprint for universal pre-K in Oregon

ALEX BAUMHARDT  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek is bringing together a group of early learning experts to create a plan to provide “affordable, universal preschool access for 3- and 4-year-olds” in every Oregon county.

Kotek announced the Early Childhood Care and Learning System Roundtable in a news release Tuesday. In it, she emphasized the costs to the state’s economy and Oregon families due to a lack of affordable child care and pre-K options.

“This is a conversation we need to have in the state,” Kotek said at a news conference Tuesday afternoon. “How do we support our working families? How do we support our economy by making sure parents have affordable early learning care so they can go to work and support their kids? And, at the end of day, also, what’s best for our children is when they have high quality care.”

The average cost of child care for an infant in the state is about \$18,000 per year, according to the Washington-D.C. based First Five Years Fund. Oregon parents forced to choose between working and paying for child



Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek announced the formation of a new group that will create a roadmap for Oregon to offer universal preschool. (Rebecca Rivas / Missouri Independent)

care or forgoing careers altogether will lose more than \$3 billion in wages during the next decade, according to an analysis from the Bipartisan Policy Center and the Buffet Early Childhood Institute at the University of Nebraska. The tax loss impact to the state is projected to be roughly \$1 billion.

Despite millions of dollars in investment in early learning programs through the Student Success Act since 2019, meant to help subsidize the cost of care for low-income families, Oregon still suffers from

child care deserts, including six counties that are considered “severe” deserts where there are no publicly-funded child care options.

Kotek in the news release did not share details about how many people would be on the roundtable but said it will be made up of state and national early learning leaders. Kali Thorne Ladd, CEO of the Portland-based nonprofit Children’s Institute, and Sara Mickelson, a former leader of the state’s Early Learning Division and most recently a leader at the New Mexico Early

Childhood Education & Care Department, will chair it.

In New Mexico, Mickelson helped manage the rollout of an expanded Pre-K program between early 2023 and early 2025, according to her LinkedIn profile. She quit to open a consultancy shortly before the state in November became the first in the nation to guarantee no-cost, universal child care.

“Scaling an early learning system that truly works for every family, regardless of where they live in the state, is

a critical undertaking,” she said in a statement. “This starts with getting the plan right, creating a roadmap that is not just ambitious but sustainable and grounded in the reality of what Oregon parents need.”

Thorne Ladd has been a member of the state’s Early Learning Council for eight years, tasked with trying to create cohesive statewide pre-K standards and programs, and served as the Education Strategies Director in the Portland Mayor’s Office from 2008 to 2012. Prior to that, she worked as a policy analyst at the Oregon Department of Education, according to her LinkedIn profile.

In the news release, Kotek indicated that she also formed the roundtable in response to federal funding freezes to child care and early education programs under President Donald Trump and his administration.

The announcement also comes on the coattails of the governor’s criticisms of Multnomah County’s Preschool for All program for not reaching more kids despite taking in far more revenue than expected from a marginal tax on individuals earning more than \$125,000 and households earning

above \$200,000.

Since 2022, child care providers taking advantage of the program have been able to increase capacity and enroll 700 new toddlers, a number that is growing each year, program officials have said. But county officials say to meet demand and reach a 2030 promise of free, universal preschool, the program will need to offer closer to 11,000 new openings for toddlers and kids.

The early childhood learning group will start by “assessing current state-funded early learning programs to identify gaps and recommend improvements, strengthen alignment,” according to the news release.

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# Hepatitis B infant vaccinations, birth parent screenings decline

OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY

The number of newborns vaccinated at birth against hepatitis B has fallen slightly over the past four years, according to the new Infant Hepatitis B Immunization Data dashboard launched by Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

Likewise, the number of birth parents who are screened for hepatitis B during pregnancy has also decreased, the dashboard

shows.

“It’s very concerning to see the number of babies getting a dose of hepatitis B vaccine after birth going down while the number of birth parents screened for hepatitis B is also decreasing,” OHA’s Public Health Division State Health Officer Dean Sidelinger said. “This dangerous combination puts more babies at risk for the devastating effects of hepatitis B, which can impact them throughout their lifetimes.



**Up to 90% of infants infected with hepatitis B at birth develop chronic infection, and about 25% of infected children will eventually die from cirrhosis or liver cancer if left untreated, according to the OHA. (Metro Creative Connection)**

According to Sidelinger, the hepatitis B vaccine has been extremely successful at almost eliminating these illnesses, and with decreasing vaccination rates, more children get sick.

OHA and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend all babies receive a dose of hepatitis B vaccine (HepB) within 24 hours of birth, regardless of the birth parent’s hepatitis B status.

The new dashboard tracks data going back to

2020, including:

- The percentage of infants who have received a birth dose of HepB statewide and by county.
- HepB birth vaccination rates reported by individual birth hospitals.
- Rates of hepatitis B screening of the birth parent by facility.

In 2024, 82% of infants born statewide received the HepB birth dose, down from 86% in 2022, with county-level rates ranging from 60% to 90%. Statewide, the rate of

birth parent hepatitis B screening was 94%, down from 96% two years earlier.

If a pregnant person is infected with hepatitis B, they can spread it to their newborn during childbirth.

Screening for hepatitis B during pregnancy is critical and guides treatment of infants born to people with the virus.

Most Oregon hospitals reported screening rates exceeding 90% or higher in 2024. Some facilities reported rates below 80%.

**Facts about hepatitis B**

Hepatitis B is a highly infectious virus that attacks the liver and can lead to chronic liver disease, liver cancer, liver failure and death.

It spreads easily, even without visible blood or body fluids and can survive on surfaces for up to seven days.

Before the United States adopted a recommendation for universal infant hepatitis B vaccination in 1991, thousands of children were infected each year—at birth and during childhood.

Infants and young children are especially vulnerable: up to 90% of infants infected at birth develop chronic infection, and about 25% of infected children will eventually die from cirrhosis or liver cancer if left untreated.

The vaccine is effective,

well tolerated, and decades of global data support its safety. In December, the West Coast Health Alliance (WCHA) strongly recommended the hepatitis B vaccination continue to be routinely offered to all newborns, with the first dose given within 24 hours of birth for newborns weighing at least 2,000 grams (4 pounds, 7 ounces), followed by completion of the vaccine series.

HepB vaccination of all newborns within 24 hours of birth, followed by completion of the HepB vaccination series, is essential to protecting infants and young children, who are at greatest risk from complications from hepatitis B.

OHA’s new Infant Hepatitis B Immunization dashboard will be updated annually every April. Data for 2025 will be available in the coming months.

**What you should know:**

- Vaccinations against hepatitis B at birth have fallen over the past four years.
- Rates of hepatitis B screening of the birth parent have also fallen over the same period.
- Up to 90% of infants infected with hepatitis B at birth develop chronic infection, and about 25% of infected children will eventually die from cirrhosis or liver cancer if left untreated.

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## JOBS Act could make small, important changes for Oregon economy

**TODD MUSTARD  
JOSH TOMPKINS**  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*

Senate Bill 1586 is proof that even in today’s highly partisan political climate, legislators from both major parties will sometimes lend their support to good policy. At a time when Oregon’s economy is struggling and good job opportunities are becoming more scarce, this bill would help provide the support and land businesses in targeted sectors need to grow in Oregon.

It makes so much sense that 36 legislators — 40% of the Legislature — have signed on as sponsors, including Democrats such as Sen. Janeen Sollman, D-Hillsboro, and Republicans like Sen. Bruce Starr, R-Dundee. It deserves support from their 54 colleagues.

Known as the Jobs, Opportunity, Build-ready Sites (JOBS) Act, SB 1586 would make a small number of important changes to tax and land-use policy. It would expand eligibility for state research and development tax credits to clean tech and life sciences businesses as well as those in advanced manufacturing and semiconductor production. It would create a local-option property tax waiver for new machinery and equipment in advanced manufacturing. And it would bring land into



**Construction was ongoing near Hillsboro's urban growth boundary on Feb. 27, 2023. The city of Hillsboro is seeking state approval to allow the semiconductor industry to build outside the urban growth boundary. (Jordan Gale / Oregon Capital Chronicle)**

Hillsboro’s urban growth boundary for advanced manufacturing and semiconductor development. This land was identified by the Oregon CHIPs Act approved by the Legislature in 2023.

Policies that affect taxes and land use can be controversial, particularly in Oregon. But it’s worth bearing a few things in mind.

First, tax credits for research and development and property-tax waivers for equipment are tools used by states across the country to encourage innovation and job creation. Such targeted incentives tend to be particularly meaningful in states with otherwise difficult tax environments. And few states provide tax environments less

hospitable to innovation and job creation than Oregon. In its 2026 State Tax Competitiveness Index, the nonpartisan Tax Foundation ranks Oregon’s corporate tax structure the second worst in the nation.

Second, Oregon’s chronic shortage of shovel-ready industrial land makes it difficult for businesses to expand even in sectors like advanced manufacturing and semiconductor production in which the state excels. Rather than leveraging its strengths to provide high-paying jobs — and generate tax revenue — Oregon pushes successful businesses to invest elsewhere.

In 2025, Business Oregon — the state’s economic development

agency — released a report highlighting Oregon’s vulnerability to business-recruitment efforts mounted by other states. Of Oregon businesses surveyed, 24% said they’d been recruited by other states. And of these, 68% said they either moved or expanded outside of Oregon. A Business Oregon economist later called this an “insane success rate.”

Among the Oregon challenges cited by participating businesses were tax policy, the state’s regulatory climate and the cost and availability of land. Not coincidentally, the two most common types of incentives offered by business-recruitment entities were tax incentives and land. By addressing these two

challenges, SB 1586 will keep more Oregon businesses in Oregon.

More importantly, the bill will help retain the jobs such businesses create. Jobs in manufacturing — the sector upon which SB 1586 focuses — are among the state’s most lucrative and equitable. According to OBI’s 2024 manufacturing report, each job in manufacturing adds nearly 60% more to the state’s gross domestic product than jobs in other industries. This productivity supports higher wages, and the median income for manufacturing jobs exceeds the median in other industries by 17%. As explained in OBI’s 2021 manufacturing report, manufacturing jobs pay more than jobs in other industries regardless of race, gender and education level.

Unfortunately, Oregon’s manufacturing sector has struggled in recent years. Between June 2023 and June 2024 — the period covered by the 2024 manufacturing report — Oregon ranked only 45th nationally in manufacturing growth. And for every year from 2020 through 2024, manufacturing employment in Oregon grew more slowly — or declined more dramatically — than the national average.

Largely for policy reasons, Oregon now finds itself at the bottom of a deep economic and competitive hole. Its economy

grew more slowly than the national average every year from 2021 to 2024.

Employment growth has trailed the nation since 2019. This weakness has been captured by ranking after ranking, from the Tax Foundation’s competitiveness index to CNBC’s America’s Top States for Business, which now ranks Oregon 39th. The state ranked 17th as recently as 2017.

SB 1586 won’t by itself lift the state from the competitive and economic depths, but it represents several rungs on the ladder to the surface. It deserves to pass, and Oregonians deserve the jobs it will create.

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## Everyone likes to complain about the weather and the news

**PAUL HAEDER**  
*Lincoln County Leader  
Guest Column*

This could be a requiem for this dwindling newspaper, owned now by Country Media. But the real big boys are called vulture capitalists, and at the end of February, eight U of O journalism students and their mentor, Andrew DeVigal, director of Agora Journalism Center, came to Newport to inculcate a listening and talking session at the Atonement Lutheran Church.

There were about 25 Lincoln County residents engaging in a mini-town hall on the future of local journalism, and the power of printed or digital news to embrace a community’s trust and envelop a deep understanding of the issues that make a city or county work or not work.

The famous Bill Moyers puts us at the 35,000-foot perspective: “It’s up to you to tell the truth about what’s happening to this country we love. It’s up to you to tell the truth about the struggle of ordinary people. It’s up to you to remind us that democracy only works when citizens claim it as their own. It’s up to you to write the story of America that leaves no one out.”

DeVigal has had 30 years in the trenches at various newspapers like the Contra Costa Times, New York Times and with the Poynter Institute. He’s now working with aspiring journalists, and these students representing half his current class, Engaged

Journalism, helped participants in facilitated conversations on just what makes a good and vibrant informed citizenry “engage” with news.

We are at a crisis point, that is, crises, in terms of education, participation in governance, political literacy and finding the news that a community needs to become better citizens.

Andrew’s classes have learned the power of Generative Dialogue Framework — a tool that could “help reimagine the future of engaged journalism.”

We know about food deserts, and healthcare deserts, but who reading this knows about news deserts? Go to the website, usnewsdeserts.com, and you will find more 350 interactive maps allowing the user to drill down to the county level to understand the state of local media in communities throughout the United States.

The number of news desert counties rose to 213 in 2025. Research shows that 1,524 counties have one remaining news source. That’s more than 50 million Americans having limited to no access to local news. The rise in news deserts was accompanied by an increase in newspaper closures, which ticked up to 136 this past year, a rate of more than two per week.

Here’s a pivotal point Andrew made in a recent editorial: “To do better, we must first understand journalism not simply as an industry, but as a form of civic infrastructure that

helps communities navigate crises of misinformation, disinformation and democratic instability.”

This listening session stressed the need for businesses to up the ante to strengthen civic health. Holding institutions accountable is one pathway that an engaged citizenry can build trust in news and information ecosystems.

There are four pillars to assessing a community’s civic health, according to the Press Forward organization:

- News and Information: Availability and accessibility of local news outlets.
- Civic Participation Ecosystem: Metrics like volunteer rates and voter turnout.
- Equity and Justice: Structural determinants including historical racial and economic discrimination.
- Health and Opportunity: Social determinants such as medical debt, housing insecurity, and health insurance coverage.

Andrew stresses that more actors in the business and non-profit communities “can co-invest in community information hubs, local media collaboratives, libraries, nonprofits and cultural organizations that gather, share and contextualize trusted news and expert resources for their communities. They can also sponsor coverage that meets public needs and partner with universities to grow a diverse pipeline of civic media makers and journalists.”

The three-hour event in the early afternoon was centered around a survey that went out to Lincoln County, the same survey that has been conducted in other Oregon communities: Harriston, Salem, Oakridge, La Pine, Rogue Valley and Florence.

The second part of Saturday’s civic engagement was a showing of a 2024 documentary, “Stripped for Parts: American Journalism on the Brink.”

The film lays bare the crimes of hedge funds, those so-called vulture capitalists buying up newspapers for the real estate they encompass. There have been billions of dollars stripped from some of the more well-known newspapers. Alden is the second-largest newspaper owner in the United States, controlling approximately 200 newspapers through its subsidiaries, MediaNews Group (also known as Digital First Media) and Tribune Publishing.

Imagine 75 percent staff reductions, taking us into a new phase of the “ghost newspaper” — no regular beat reports, just papers running syndicated “news.”

In 2024, Alden closed eight weekly newspapers in Minnesota, including the *Shakopee Valley News* (160 years old) and the *Jordan Independent* (140 years old).

When I started in the newspaper arena, first in college 1974-79, the writing was on the wall: “Don’t expect to get a full-time job with a daily

that has a Sunday edition. You’ll have to go to small towns and work for a daily or twice-a-week or weekly newspaper.” The loss of over 2,100 newspapers between 2004 and 2020 is one reason we have such an uninformed public.

The digital landscape is still evolving. We have the Lincoln Chronicle, a non-profit on-line news outlet. But my contention is we have to support as many hardcopy newspapers in a mid-to-large city. Newport needs at least two newspapers, and this once-a-week Leader just doesn’t cut it.

Cutting jobs, gutting newsrooms, and believing in this so-called creative destruction are the death knell of America.

“Whatever they say about us, they can’t control us. We’re out to serve the public. That’s a red-blooded, virile statement, and by God, it’s true,” stated Harry Grant, Milwaukee Journal, 1963. More wise proof from

238 years ago why newspapers count? “Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.” — Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“In the midst of chaos, there is also opportunity.”

*Sun Tzu*

### ONLINE POLL

#### PREVIOUS POLL

**Do you believe Oregon should move to an open primary system?**  
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No.....52.4%

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# Day use visits dip slightly in 2025, but state parks remain 'a beloved destination'

Oregon State Parks welcomed an estimated 51.46 million day-use visits\* in 2025, a slight decrease from the record-breaking 53.85 million visits recorded in 2024, but visitation remains historically strong and widespread across the state.

While parks along the coast and in the Willamette Valley saw modest declines, Central and Eastern Oregon parks recorded a small increase, reflecting continued demand for outdoor recreation in every region, according to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD).

## BY THE NUMBERS

The Oregon Coast remains the system's most popular destination, with 362 miles of publicly managed beaches. Day-use

visits there dropped from 32.5 million in 2024 to 30.65 million in 2025. Willamette Valley parks also saw a decline, from 11.44 million to 10.71 million. In contrast, the Central and Eastern Oregon park visitation climbed to 10.09 million visits up from 9.89 million the year before.

Overnight stays followed a similar trend. Visitors logged 2.6 million camper nights\* in 2025, down from 2.83 million in 2024. Temporary campground closures at popular parks like Collier Memorial, Silver Falls, Fort Stevens, and Nehalem Bay contributed to the decrease as critical maintenance and infrastructure work moved forward.

At the same time, OPRD continues to face high and rising costs to operate, maintain and

protect park lands, facilities and visitor services. Aging infrastructure, increasing maintenance needs, and higher operating expenses have put sustained pressure on the system. While the agency has updated fees to better reflect current costs, those fees do not fully cover the cost of running and caring for Oregon's state parks.

OPRD is also navigating a projected budget shortfall, which means every visit, every pass, and every act of stewardship matters. Unlike many public services, OPRD does not receive general fund tax dollars. The system relies on user fees, a portion of the Oregon State Lottery revenue, and a share of recreational vehicle (R.V.) registration fees to keep parks open,

safe and welcoming.

"Even with small year to year changes in visitation, the love people have for Oregon State Parks is clear," OPRD Interim Director Stefanie Coons said. "We want to do everything we can to continue to provide high quality experiences and create treasured memories for our visitors. Every visit and every supporter truly make a difference in helping us care for these special places."

Looking ahead in 2026, Fort Stevens State Park is scheduled to complete its campground utility this spring. Two more projects, safety upgrades at Cape Lookout and visitor center completion at Silver Falls, will break ground in 2026.

OPRD is also recruiting for

its 2026 seasonal workforce, with park ranger and park ranger assistant positions open statewide. Park rangers and support staff play a vital role in keeping parks clean, safe, and enjoyable while offering educational and recreational opportunities for millions of visitors. Apply today on the Oregon State Parks website! (<https://bit.ly/oregonparkjobs>)

\*Day use estimates are based on car counters and multipliers; overnight camping estimates are based on occupied sites and multipliers. Car counters occasionally require maintenance or replacement, which may affect individual park totals. The overall figures represent OPRD's best estimates for tracking long-term trends.

# AI-based tool developed to protect freshwater fish

## SEAN NEALON

Lincoln County Leader  
Guest Article

Researchers spent five years developing an AI-based model to protect freshwater fish worldwide from extinction, with a particular focus on identifying threats to fish before they become endangered.

"People sometimes go in to protect species when it's already too late," said Ivan Arismendi, an associate professor in Oregon State University's Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Sciences. "With our model, decision makers can deploy resources in advance before a species becomes imperiled."

Nearly one-third of

freshwater fish species face possible extinction, threatening food supplies, ecosystems and outdoor recreation. The new model uses a machine learning framework to identify potential threats to more than 10,000 freshwater species worldwide. The majority of species accounted for in the model may still be safeguarded before becoming endangered.

The model identifies threats beyond traditional assessments by analyzing 52 variables, including damming, habitat degradation, pollution, economics and invasive species. Using publicly available data, the tool can make identifying and protecting freshwater fish more

cost-effective.

"This uses new metrics to identify what is working to keep species from being listed," said Christina Murphy, a U.S. Geological Survey assistant unit leader for the Maine Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and a University of Maine assistant professor. "Managers may be able to protect a lot of fish."

The tool allows for more proactive conservation by recognizing ecological, environmental and socioeconomic patterns that are working for fish, helping wildlife stewards implement targeted protections that benefit multiple species at once.

"The big takeaways are the socioeconomic impact

on conservation potential, and that we are better at identifying what works for species than what doesn't," Murphy said. "Managers can set up new conservation programs based on what has worked in the past because a lot of species share what works."

Researchers incorporated data from 12 publicly available sources, the majority from the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

They developed and trained an artificial intelligence system capable of analyzing millions of nonlinear relationships among species to identify those at immediate risk and the factors driving those threats. The platform allows users to explore the

conditions contributing to vulnerability and evaluate whether similar risks may affect species not yet in urgent danger. The research team also validated the model against existing conservation assessments.

They believe their tool can be used in conservation and regional planning efforts and hope it can be leveraged to design new models for protecting birds, trees and other flora and fauna.

"Our results suggest conservation works like human health: the signals of 'well-being' are often more consistent than the many pathways to illness," said J. Andres Olivos, a post-doctoral scholar at Oregon State.

"For freshwater fishes, safe conditions tend to be predictable, while extinction risk can come from countless combinations of threats."

Murphy began the project in 2020 as a postdoctoral researcher at Oregon State, where she worked with Arismendi and Olivos in collaboration with scientists from the USGS, the U.S. Forest Service and the University of Girona in Catalonia, Spain.

Findings are published in the journal *Nature Communications*.

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## COLLEGE

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College's Community Education program will deliver workshops on

topics ranging from planning for end-of-life to playing Mah Jongg.

Collage officials hope to offer adult basic education — possibly including GED courses and English

for Speakers of Other Languages — as early as fall term, according to a release from OCCC.

"We're excited to collaborate with Oregon Coast Community College

on this important effort," LCSD Superintendent Dr. Majalise Tolan said. "This partnership reflects our shared commitment to maximizing existing public resources. By putting the Arcadia building back into service for educational purposes, we're supporting local students and communities without asking taxpayers to fund new construction. It's a smart, sustainable way to strengthen

access to education across every corner of our 1,200-square-mile county."

Arcadia School includes original buildings constructed around 1963, with a main building added in 1978. While the site has not been a full-time school since 2006, Arcadia has remained in active use, supporting after-school programs, temporarily housing students during nearby

school construction, and serving as home to several district departments. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the facility was adapted to support distance learning and continues to house records, special education resources, and other district operations like Nutrition Services.

"OCCC is grateful to Lincoln County School District for its spirit of collaboration," Roache said. "As we begin to plan and prepare the Arcadia site for new college services, we look forward to working closely with residents and partners in East County to ensure the opportunities we deliver are responsive to local needs."

East County residents who may be interested in leading Community Education workshops in the facility should reach out to the College's Office of Engagement via email at [communityed@oregoncoast.edu](mailto:communityed@oregoncoast.edu) or by phone at 541-994-4166.

Learn more about Oregon Coast Community College and its growing network of instructional sites at [oregoncoast.edu](http://oregoncoast.edu).

## Joan Anselone

10/22/1929- 2/11/2026

Joann M. Anselone (Smith) passed away February 11, 2026, in Portland, Oregon.

Joann was born October 22, 1929, in Tacoma Washington, just one week before the stock market crash that preceded the Great Depression. Despite those early hardships, her parents sent her to the University of Puget Sound, where she met her future husband, Phil Anselone. They married in 1951 and spent several years in Maryland, Washington and Wisconsin while Phil earned his PhD, and she completed her bachelor's degree. They eventually settled in Corvallis, OR, where Phil was a professor and she managed the household with skill and dedication.

When Phil retired, they moved to the Oregon Coast and spent many happy years there. Joann and Phil were both passionate



supporters of classical music, attending concerts and serving on several boards including Bay Music Association in Newport, OR.

Joann and Phil were avid bridge players, earning the ranking of Life Master from the American Contract Bridge League. Joann loved classic movies, traveling, and spending time outdoors.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Phil and brother, Jess Smith. She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Anselone.

Joann's legacy will endure through her lived values of integrity, flexibility, and respect for the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Donations in memory of Joann can be made to the Newport Symphony Orchestra.

Arrangements to be determined.

## Gerald Julian Smallwood

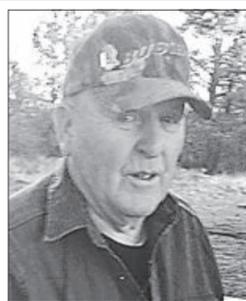
January 20, 1934 - February 3, 2026

Beloved husband, father, grandpa, great and great-great grandpa. Gerald Smallwood passed peacefully at home in Tidewater, OR on February 3, 2026, at the age of 92, surrounded by family.

Gerald was born January 20, 1934 in Tidewater. His family briefly moved to eastern Oregon before returning to Tidewater. Gerald graduated from Waldport High School in 1952. He was drafted into the service to help with the Korean War clean up. In 1953, he married Barbara Sonntag-Bamber.

Gerald returned from the military and started working with his father. Gerald purchased a log truck and a few years later started Gerald Smallwood Logging. Smallwood Logging grew fast with the help of his sons. Today, Smallwood Logging is owned and operated by the 3rd generation, grandson Tyler Smallwood.

Besides logging, he participated on the Waldport Fast Pitch softball team. As his sons grew, he coached them in Waldport's Little



League Baseball teams, being recognized as the "Grand" coach. Gerald shared his passion for hunting with his family on their yearly hunting get-togethers. In 1967, Gerald began participating in trap shooting. He was inducted into the "Hall of Fame" and was a member of the All-Star Team for 25 years. He was the Vice-President of the PITA and served as Director of the Oregon State Amateur Trapshooting Association.

Gerald was the oldest of two sons born to Julian and Dorothy Smallwood. Gerald was preceded in death by his father, Mother, brother Carman and wife Barbara. He is survived by wife Patty, sons Larry (wife Shelly), Steve (wife Kay), Mike (wife Darlene), and David (wife Shawna), blessed with 10 grandchildren and several great and even great-great grandchildren.

A private Celebration of Life will be held by the immediate family at a later date.



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## Elsie Clair Finnigan

January 9, 1944- February 9, 2026

Clair, as everybody knew her, was born on January 9, 1944 in Newport, OR. She was the 2nd of 4 daughters born to Ronald and Olive Triplett. Clair was raised in Newport and graduated from Newport High School in 1962.

In 1964 she married and had 2 daughters. In 1968 she and her family moved to Corvallis, where she raised her daughters and worked for many years in Admitting for Good Samaritan Hospital. She and her husband divorced in 1980 and later she met David Finnigan and they were married in 1984. After Clair's retirement in 1990,



she and David moved back to her hometown of Newport. After David's passing in 1993, Clair kept very busy volunteering, working in her yard, being very involved in the Presbyterian Church and spending endless amounts of time with her 8 grandchildren. She is survived by her 2 sisters, Susan (Mike) Harris and Patricia (Paul) Jones, daughters Kim (Dave) Critser and Debbie Donaldson (Carl), 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren and many, many friends.

No service at this time. There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date.

# LIBRARY

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this will allow us to add a large percentage above and beyond that. It is bigger. It is better and kit has a community room, which is something that we have never had before. So, we have space for the community to hold meeting.”

Altson said the library is also adding a paid children’s librarian.

“The idea is to expand our children’s programming,” she said. “We want to get back into doing things like having Story Time, and because we now have the community room, we also have a large children’s area. I’d like to see art projects, and possibly using the community room space for authors to come in, or presentations for children.”

According to Altson, engaging children with the library is important.

“The library offers free books. Books at every reading level” she said.



**The new library has new shelving to store the facilities collection of books and other materials. (Courtesy photos)**

“We have such a great collection. It is a great way to support children’s literacy, so if a child is struggling in that area, it can make things difficult for many years to come.

So, I think it is really important that libraries exist for children in fun and different ways to engage children in what we have in reading materials.’



**The new Yachats Public Library features a community room and children’s area.**

The materials include what Altson describes as box books.

“A box book can read to a child as they read the book,” she explained. “There is a built-in audio portion of the book. The

child can press a button, and it will read to them as they try to read.”

Alston was hired as the Yachats Library Administrator three-and-a-half years ago as the first paid staffer. She

comes well prepared having a Master of Business Administration degree. She said she’s seeing more and more, young and old, interest in reading.

### BACK TO BOOKS

“We live in a time where people are turning more and more to books,” she said. “In some cases, primarily books, in others case online. We subscribe to an online category of books. We are seeing a resurgence of interest in books, so having a community space like this gives people a place to go and a comfortable place to sit,” she said. “We have computers if they need them. It’s just a great meeting place and also a great place to relax and to enjoy some good reading.”

The new Yachats Library was designed by M/D Architect + of Coburg, Vancouver, Washington based Unitus Services constructed the building.

# SNAP

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- Job search assistance includes identifying openings and submitting applications
- Resume development and interview preparation through one-on-one coaching and workshops
- Job readiness workshops focused on workplace expectations and professional skills
- Connections to education and training programs such as GED completion, short-term training and industry recognized certifications
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be successful in the program  
“WorkSource Oregon staff are ready to help SNAP participants look for meaningful work, meet SNAP requirements, and stay eligible for the benefits they rely on while moving toward their professional goals,” OED’s Workforce Operations Director Jim Pfarrer said. “Just like any job seeker that comes to one of our centers, they can get career coaching and help with resume writing, practice interviewing, and job search strategies—all at no additional cost.”

Some areas of Oregon are not required to meet these work rules because they do not have a nearby WorkSource Oregon center. This includes people



**SNAP is an assistance program designed to help approximately 1 million eligible, low-income families and individuals in Oregon, including many older adults and people with disabilities, with emergency food allotments and other benefits. (Courtesy photo)**

living in Crook, Gilliam, Jefferson, Lake, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler counties.

Anyone who has questions or thinks these changes may apply to

them is encouraged to contact ODHS. Staff can help determine whether a person already meets the requirement or qualifies for an exemption.

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- ABAWD Team:**
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### For more information about SNAP benefits:

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- For more information about WorkSource Oregon:**
- Online: WorkSourceOregon.org
- Phone and address: WorkSource Oregon

### Center Contact List About WorkSource Oregon

The Oregon Employment Department and the Oregon Department of Human Services are partners in WorkSource Oregon, a consortium of state agencies and local workforce boards, and operates 37 WorkSource Oregon centers across the state. WorkSource Oregon offers a wide range of free services to job seekers, employers, and businesses, including personalized career coaching, resume writing, job search strategies, support for job postings and hiring incentives, and access to labor-market data. *Visit [worksourceoregon.org](http://worksourceoregon.org) for more information.*

# VESSEL

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State Lands, which regulates the state’s public waterways, says hundreds of derelict vessels pose both navigational and environmental hazards at the state’s 23 public ports and numerous lakes and rivers.

The Legislature appropriated \$19 million for removal of junk boats in 2023, but everybody involved agrees the long-term cost of removing all those vessels will be much higher than that—so the cost savings from the Newport ruling will have a multiplier effect across the state, Miranda says.

“It is a significant savings for all ports,” she says. “There are going to be a lot of vessels

removed and they just keep coming.”

While the reason for the change in BOLI’s position remains unclear, OJP first shined a light on the issue in January, when it reported on BOLI’s initial determination that Newport must pay prevailing wages for boat removal.

BOLI regulates workplace laws, including prevailing wage. That law requires, in part, that publicly funded projects involving the construction or demolition of “structures” pay prevailing wages, which are typically union wages and substantially higher than nonunion wages.

In response to BOLI’s initial determination, an attorney representing the Oregon Public Ports Association submitted a letter to the

agency disputing BOLI’s premise.

“Removal of derelict vessels does not involve work on a ‘structure’ as a vessel is not a ‘structure’ under state or federal maritime law,” Oregon Public Ports Association attorney Darien Loiselle wrote in a December letter.

BOLI apparently agreed, although the agency did not include an explanation in its Feb. 19 amended determination. (BOLI did not respond to a request for comment for this story.)

“All of a sudden they changed their mind, but they never gave us a reason,” Miranda says. “In any case, we are thrilled.”

The Newport case marks a rare instance in which BOLI reversed an initial determination,

according to a review of past findings and people familiar with the agency. As OJP has reported, the large increase in state funding for affordable housing projects has made the agency a flash point for builders who believe BOLI’s prevailing wage interpretations are adding unnecessary costs to projects and, in some cases, preventing them from being built. BOLI disagrees with critics, saying it is merely following the laws the

Legislature writes.

Senate Bill 1566, which would have clarified some of the most contentious aspects of prevailing wage law, died in committee this month after spirited debate between housing developers and social service providers on one side and trade unions, whose members benefit from prevailing wages, on the other.

Oregon Public Broadcasting reported last week that a chief

co-sponsor of the bill, state Sen. Dick Anderson (R-Lincoln City), is so frustrated by the agency’s stance on prevailing wage law that he is considering giving up his Senate seat to challenge incumbent BOLI Commissioner Stephenson’s reelection later this year.

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## A conversation with the Congresswoman

*Hoyle talks about the PCIP, Epstein, Midterms*

**NATE SCHWARTZ**  
Country Media, Inc.



**Oregon Congresswoman Val Hoyle. (Courtesy photo)**

During her most recent visit to the South Coast, I sat down with Congresswoman Val Hoyle at the Port of Coos Bay office in Downtown Coos Bay to talk about her legislative priorities, the current administration, and the upcoming midterm elections.

In addition to visiting the port to talk about the Pacific Coast Intermodal Port (PCIP) project, Hoyle's visit to her constituent areas in Oregon Congressional District 4, which stretches from Lincoln down to Curry County, included meetings with local governments, tribes, and women in leadership.

"When I'm back home, I work hard to go to each part of the district... I think it's important not just to talk to people when there's something to do, but to get to know people. To catch up," said Hoyle.

Given we were there in their conference room, I asked about where the port's PCIP project stands in terms of funding. Hoyle, alongside both Oregon senators, has been a proponent of the project which has stayed an infrastructure priority through the change in administration.

"We have the opportunity right now to invest. We have four grants that are in process, and I feel really good about those opportunities. Those will be worth over \$100 million. We have bipartisan support from the legislature; we have support from the governor. Fundamentally, the investment and jobs that will come into this region are going to be substantial," said Hoyle.

"We do have to address the housing issue, so workforce housing is an important aspect, given that we have a 0.5% vacancy rate at this point. We have to make sure that the hospital stays solvent, given that we are at a 16% commercial payer rate. I talked to the governor last week about the

have to export their kids to find the good jobs that used to be here. That's not fair, that's not right. We made a promise to people that live here... There is a balance. We have to have environmental protections and we have to have economic development. We deserve to have a strong economy and not just wait for the Portland-Metro area to send down scraps."

Economic stagnation is not a problem that is exclusive to the South Coast. In rural areas around the country, minimum wage has struggled to keep up with rising costs. These same areas are amongst the highest in the utilization of social services, services that are seeing massive cuts under Trump's Big Beautiful Bill. In that context, I asked what our area will need to brace against.

"This administration wants to break the federal government. Wants to sell it off bit by bit. Privatize agencies to the highest bidder, sell off our public lands to the highest bidder... Whether you're a democrat or republican, we need to have a functioning government," said Hoyle.

"We had the DOGE crew come in saying they were fighting waste, fraud, and abuse. Well, firing the only people that knew how to operate the tsunami warning system was not waste, fraud, and abuse. Gutting our social security processors was not waste, fraud, and abuse. That is trying to keep people from accessing their social security.

"All so they can say, 'Well, government isn't handling this so we're going to sell it off'. Just like the private prisons that they're using to intern immigrants. This is all a grift. But the bottom line is that we need to be prepared that there is going to be less support from the federal government. That things are not going to happen in a rational way.

"What's happening in this administration is just bat sh— crazy. Day-to-day we're working with people that are running into issues with agencies trying to get the benefits they earned, like Veterans benefits... The American people deserve government that works well, that are good

stewards of our tax payer dollars. Government isn't the answer to everything, let's be clear, but we need a functioning one. We should be doing the job and following the constitution. This administration is doing neither of those things."

The next chance to change course will be the Midterm elections in November. Hoyle was feeling confident about her campaign, with the added caveat that the election is free and fair to being with. She spoke to the fact that there have been repeated attempts to undermine the integrity of the voting process, between calling into question the veracity of past elections or attacks on vote-by-mail, which has been a cornerstone of voting in Oregon since the 80's.

"Ultimately, I'm focusing on working on my district. I'm in one of the few districts where you can't get elected by just democrats or just republicans. 42% of my voters are not democrats or republicans. So, what I do is, put my head down, do the work, and represent the district in the best way I can. Which is not to be loud and performative, but rather to do the work no matter where, no matter who, at any time. And call out things that are wrong, whether they are democrat or republican."

According to Hoyle, one of those things worth calling out is the handling of the Epstein investigation. As a member of congress, she was able to view the unredacted files, a process that she said the Department of Justice was not making easy. The 3 million files are not clearly labeled, you can only stay to read for two hours, and representatives can only make hand-written notes about what they read, rather than be able to print or make copies.

"I don't understand how anyone, no matter what party they are in, with the evidence that is there, could not stand up and find their backbone to hold every single person that was accountable for raping children. For trafficking children. We have Gislaine Maxwell being put in a nicer prison. Why? Because she might make some men in

power have to be accountable for raping children? That woman deserves to rot in hell. What kind of country are we if we can't protect our children?"

"There are issues that are not democratic issues or republican issues. Investing in our bridges, ports, and roads. Our basic social safety net, taking care of our veterans, and holding pedophiles accountable should be things we all agree on in a bipartisan way... The evidence is so clear."

To close the conversation, I asked to look ahead toward 2028, and what the priority of the democratic party should be in choosing a candidate.

"My issue with the democratic party is: when the republicans have a one vote majority, they govern like they have a mandate. When democrats had all three branches of government, we nibbled around the edges and refused to make big changes that make a difference for working people. That's why we lost union members in the last elections, whether it was NAFTA, or working to prevent jobs from being shipped off shore, or not raising the minimum wage.

"We have to be focused on rebuilding the middle class. We have the highest income inequality in the history of our country, even more than in the 1920's. And when you have that kind of distribution of wealth, where people don't have a path to the middle class, things don't work. There's disproportionate power."

Hoyle touched back on her own efforts and re-election at the end of our conversation.

"I'm a work horse more than a show horse. I think the work that I have done in these communities going back 26 years, mostly without a title, has earned me the respect and support of a lot of people... I'll continue to work for my community whether I'm in office or not. I'm going to continue working hard, and leave nothing on the field, but I feel good about my chances," closed Hoyle.

*Nate Schwartz is the editor of the Coos Bay World, a County Media publication.*

## Prices at the pumps soaring

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

Gasoline prices have jumped significantly in the past 30 days in Lincoln County and across Oregon.

The price for regular unleaded went from \$3.09 per gallon in early February to 3.83 per gallon this week in Lincoln City. In the Portland area, one station posted regular unleaded at \$4.21.

A closure of the Olympic Pipeline sent gas prices skyrocketing in Oregon and Washington, at the same time that refineries in California started the transition to summer-blend fuel.

A spokesperson for BP said that the pipeline resumed operations February 19, after being shut down for maintenance and repairs. Wholesale prices in the Pacific Northwest shot up and consumers were hit with double-digit increases at the pumps. Higher crude oil prices due to geopolitical tensions between the U.S. and Iran are also putting upward pressure on pump prices, according to Marie Dodds, Oregon / Idaho AAA Public Affairs.

The West Coast region continues to have the most expensive pump prices in the nation

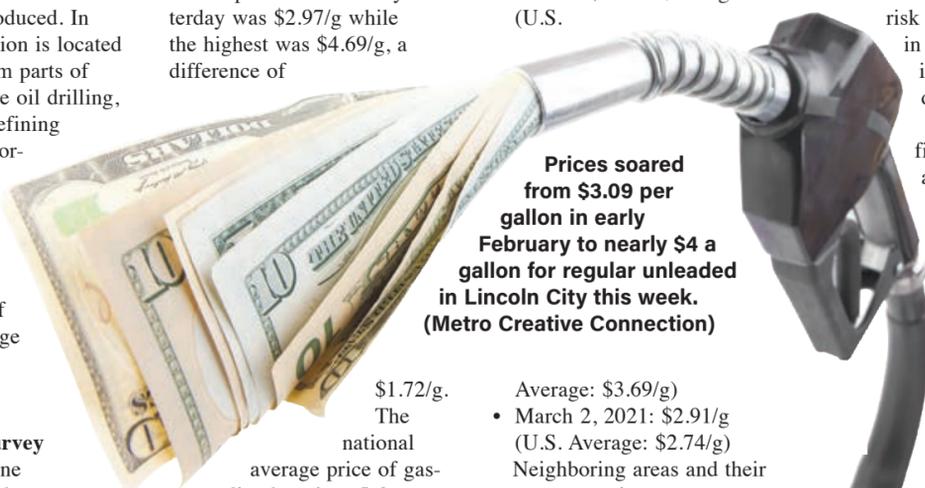
with all seven states in the top 10. It's typical for the West Coast to have six or seven states in the top 10 as this region tends to consistently have fairly tight supplies, consuming about as much gasoline as is produced. In addition, this region is located relatively far from parts of the country where oil drilling, production and refining occurs, so transportation costs are higher. And environmental programs in this region add to the cost of production, storage and distribution, according to the AAA.

**GasBuddy Survey**  
Average gasoline prices in Oregon have risen 7.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.85/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 1,307 stations in Oregon.

Prices in Oregon are 44.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 16.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 5.4 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$3.740 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Oregon was priced at \$2.97/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.69/g, a difference of \$1.72/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.97/g while the highest was \$4.69/g, a difference of

- March 2, 2025: \$3.69/g (U.S. Average: \$3.04/g)
- March 2, 2024: \$3.81/g (U.S. Average: \$3.34/g)
- March 2, 2023: \$3.84/g (U.S. Average: \$3.35/g)
- March 2, 2022: \$4.08/g (U.S.



**Prices soared from \$3.09 per gallon in early February to nearly \$4 a gallon for regular unleaded in Lincoln City this week. (Metro Creative Connection)**

\$1.72/g. The national average price of gasoline has risen 5.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.94/g today. The national average is up 7.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 10.1 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Oregon and the national average going back five years:

- Average: \$3.69/g
- March 2, 2021: \$2.91/g (U.S. Average: \$2.74/g)
- Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
- Eugene- \$3.84/g, up 10.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.74/g.
- Salem- \$3.75/g, up 4.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.71/g.
- Portland- \$3.96/g, up 8.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.87/g.

dynamics," GasBuddy Head of Petroleum Analysis Patrick De Haan said. "Looking ahead, markets will now begin reacting to this weekend's U.S.-Iran attacks, which have elevated geopolitical risk premiums even in the absence of immediate supply disruption"

Oil prices have firmed as traders assess the potential for further escalation, and while fundamentals such as inventories and refinery activity remain important anchors, the risk of broader instability— particularly involving key transit routes— has injected fresh uncertainty into energy markets," according to De Haan.

"In the week ahead, gasoline prices are likely to face heightened upward pressure as seasonal trends continue and markets navigate this evolving geopolitical landscape, with the national average poised to reach the \$3-per-gallon mark for the first time this year.," he said.

## SOLVE Oregon Spring Cleanup registration open

As global attention turns toward environmental awareness in April, the Oregon Spring Cleanup provides a way to translate that momentum into tangible results.

Registration is now open for the annual Oregon Spring Cleanup, in partnership with Portland General Electric. This year, SOLVE is expanding its largest spring volunteer initiative to span the entire month of April, turning Earth Month into coordinated

action across Oregon and Southwest Washington.

The Oregon Spring Cleanup is SOLVE's largest spring volunteer initiative, bringing together individuals, families, schools, businesses, and community groups to care for beaches, neighborhoods, parks, natural areas, and waterways. Projects include litter cleanups and habitat restoration efforts such as native plantings, invasive species removal, and mulching. In April 2025,

the initiative supported 214 projects, engaging nearly 4,500 volunteers who removed 26,077 pounds of trash and cleared more than 22 acres of invasive species across Oregon and Southwest Washington.

With 65 events already open for registration, volunteers can sign up for projects taking place throughout April. SOLVE is aiming for 200+ projects across the region

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As global attention turns toward environmental awareness in April, the Oregon Spring Cleanup provides a way to translate that momentum into tangible results. (Courtesy photo)

## 'Enchanted Garden' comes to the PAC in Newport



Kids silk. (Courtesy photo)

ArtFit Oregon is excited to be performing for the first time in the Alice Silverman Theatre at the Newport Performing Arts Center (PAC) Saturday, April 4 at 2 p.m.

The show will be an aerial and dance extravaganza, titled "Enchanted Garden" which will not only include ArtFit Oregon's local aerial and dance talent but will also include two headliner aerial performers from Portland, Oregon, Sarah Patrinnellis and MirCat Dragon Fae. This show will be a journey into an Enchanted Garden focusing on dance and aerial movements to tell a magical and eye-catching story.

ArtFit Oregon Instructors, Sharon Jones and Rowan Bender have spent much time over the last few months choreographing the Enchanted Garden Show which highlights many types of group routines that have not been seen before at the Newport Performing Arts Center. Tickets for the show are \$20 for adults and \$10 for ages 3 - 18 and can be purchased at the Newport Performing Arts Ticket Office by calling (541) 265-2787 or by scanning the below barcode.

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Post 4227 Commander Jim Buisman presents certificate to Voice of Democracy awardee Jeff Winchester. (Courtesy photo)

## Lincoln County students earn awards in VFW Essay Competition

Since 1947 the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) have hosted the "Voice of Democracy" essay competition every year, providing high school students a chance to win a \$35,000 scholarship.

Competition starts at the individual VFW post-level, and this past fall Post 4227 in Toledo

reached out to all the Lincoln County High Schools and Middle Schools to let them know of the opportunity.

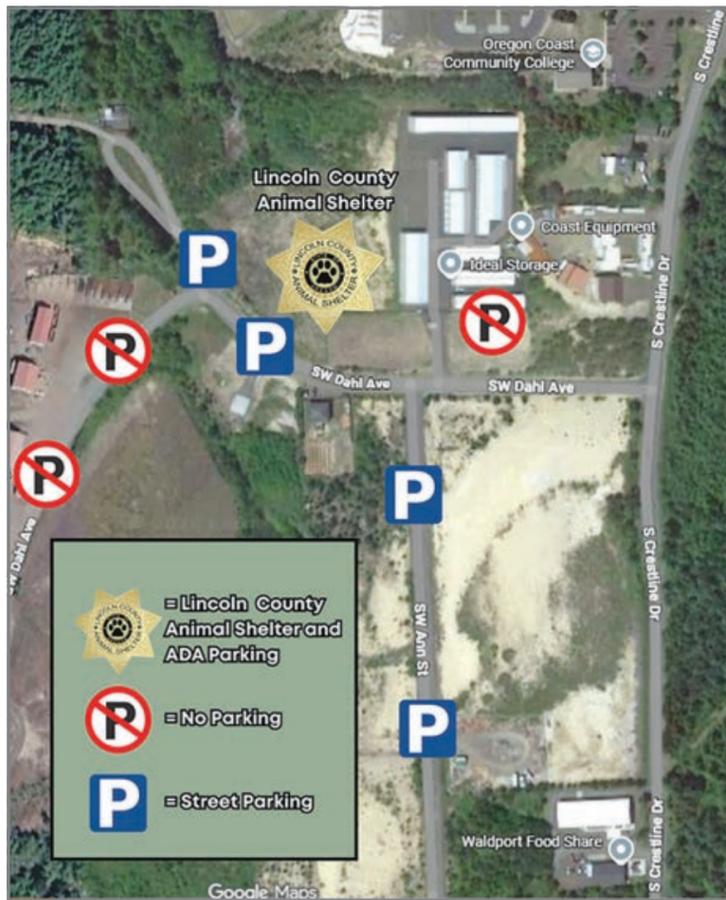
Two high-school students from Lincoln County have earned recognition for their replies to this year's essay question, "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"

On 24 January, at the Toledo VFW Post, Commander Jim Buisman presented Jeff Winchester, a Newport HS student, with a certificate and a check for \$200 for his efforts.

Vera Kyei, also a Newport High School student, traveled to the

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## Animal Shelter Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. March 5, at the new Lincoln County Animal Shelter in Waldport. The parking lot at the shelter, located at 220 SW Dahl Avenue in Waldport, will be available for ADA parking and the ribbon cutting event. Street parking is available for those attending the ceremony. Guided tours of the new shelter will be conducted. For more details, call 541-265-0720.

COMMENTARY

# Tips and Clicks: Photography Essentials

**BOB GIBSON**

Lincoln County Leader  
Guest Column

It's so exciting to open the box on a new camera or pull an existing camera out of the closet.

Often that excitement turns to confusion when you start looking at the buttons and dials. And then, you bravely turn on the menu. Oh my, "option overload" starts to create a wave of panic. That's when the Auto or Program selection button comes to your rescue.

First, let me assure you, there is nothing wrong with using the Auto function in your camera. Contemporary cameras have powerful computers on board. You can create successful images by letting the camera carry much of the load. That can get you started. This column is about going to the next level.

I am not going to suggest that to be a proficient photography you must shoot in manual mode. Quite the contrary, if you understand the basics of



Bob Gibson is a Lincoln County photographer. (Courtesy from Bob Gibson)

how photography exposure works, you can make good use of the auto modes on your camera.

There are three things that determine the exposure of a given photograph. They are aperture, shutter speed and ISO.

These three "settings" are used to determine the exposure of every photograph the camera makes. Either you or the camera's computer and light meter will adjust the settings. If you turn over the responsibility to the camera,

the image will be okay (maybe not great) most of the time.

Aperture refers to the size of the opening in the lens. Of course, the size determines how much light gets to the camera's sensor. Shutter speed

refers to the length of time the shutter is open. Again, the speed of the shutter determines how much light gets to the sensor. ISO is a measure of sensor sensitivity. As the sensor is set to be more sensitive, it needs less light to make



Kids dance. (Courtesy photo)

## PAC

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Located at 831 NE Avery Street in Newport, ArtFit Oregon is the only place on the Oregon Coast that offers aerial, dance, and exercise classes all in one studio.

Mike and Sharon Jones started ArtFit Oregon in Newport just over 2 years ago and has grown its class offerings to the

Central Oregon Coast with classes in aerial silks, aerial yoga, lyra, belly dancing, pole fitness, sound bath therapy, ballet, lyrical dance, contemporary dance, jazz dance, hip hop dance, creative conditioning, focused flexibility, and now the newly added mini and me aerial yoga and tiny tots ballet classes.

ArtFit Oregon can be followed at [artfitoregon.com](http://artfitoregon.com) and on social media.

## AWARDS

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VFW district headquarters in Sweet Home to receive two awards.

Toledo VFW Post Commander Buisman presented her with a certificate and check for \$300 for winning at the post-level. Additionally, District Commander David Welch and Scholarship Chairperson Theresa Dearman presented her with another certificate and check for \$300 for winning at the district-level. This qualifies her essay to go forward to compete at the state level for an even larger scholarship.

Information about VFW-sponsored scholarships can be found on the [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) website (<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/>



VFW District Commander David Welch, Scholarship Chair Theresa Dearman, Newport HS student Vera Kyei, and Toledo Post Commander Jim Buisman. (Courtesy photo)

youth-scholarships).

In addition to the "Voice of Democracy" scholarship for high school students, the VFW also sponsors the annual "Patriot's Pen"

competition for students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Submission deadlines for 2026 and the competition theme should be announced in the spring.

Applications, as well as information on hundreds of scholarships from organizations other than the VFW, are also available through the [Scholarsapp.com](http://Scholarsapp.com) website.

## CLEANUP

From Page B2

and continues to recruit additional event leaders to broaden statewide engagement. Expanding the initiative to a full month creates greater access and enables more communities to take part in coordinated Earth Month action.

"Earth Month is a powerful reminder that local action drives meaningful environmental

impact," said Kregg Arntson, Director of Community Impact at Portland General Electric. "Through our partnership with SOLVE, PGE deepens its commitment to helping Oregon's vibrant communities become climate resilient communities."

As global attention turns toward environmental awareness in April, the Oregon Spring Cleanup provides a way to translate that momentum into

tangible results. Each project contributes to protecting natural spaces, improving neighborhood livability, and preventing litter from entering rivers and the ocean ahead of peak recreation season.

SOLVE is actively seeking additional event leaders to host cleanup or restoration projects in April. Whether returning hosts or first-time leaders, participants receive planning support, free supplies, disposal assistance, and volunteer recruitment tools. Hosting a project can be as simple as identifying a site in need and completing the new leader orientation at [volunteer.solve.org/orientation](http://volunteer.solve.org/orientation).

### How to Get Involved

- **Volunteer:** Browse the event calendar and register yourself or a group at [volunteer.solve.org/oregon-spring](http://volunteer.solve.org/oregon-spring)
- **Lead your own project:** SOLVE provides all the necessary resources, including supplies and disposal funds, to make hosting a project easy for you.
- **Encourage participation:** Invite schools, workplaces, and community groups to take part in Earth Month action The Oregon Spring

Cleanup 2026 is made possible through the partnership with Portland General Electric and the generous support of Clean Water Services, Fred Meyer, Metro, Oregon State Park & Recreation, The Standard, AAA Oregon/Idaho, Intel, Kaiser Permanente, KOIN6, LAM Research, Lithia & Driveway, National Parks Recreation & Parks Association, and PepsiCo.

For more information or to register, visit [solve.org/oregon-spring](http://solve.org/oregon-spring)

**About SOLVE**  
SOLVE brings communities together to take care of our environment and enhance our waterways. Since 1969, the organization has grown from a small, grassroots initiative to a national model of volunteer action. Today, SOLVE mobilizes and trains thousands of volunteers of all ages across Oregon, and SW Washington, to clean and restore our neighborhoods and natural areas, while empowering a community of environmental stewards for our state. Visit [solve.org](http://solve.org) for more information or follow SOLVEPNW on Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn.

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

## SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

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# Park Volunteer Days

Newport Parks and Recreation invite community members to roll up their sleeves and give back to their local parks during four park volunteer days scheduled throughout 2026.

These hands-on events offer an opportunity to help maintain, beautify, and enhance Newport's public parks, strengthening the shared spaces where families play, neighbors gather, and community connections grow.

Volunteers will work alongside Parks and Recreation staff on a variety of projects, including play area improvements, weeding, planting, mulching, and general park maintenance. All activities will be supervised by Parks and Recreation staff, and safety vests, tools, trash bags, and water will be provided.

Participants must be at least 16 years old. Volunteers should wear closed-toe shoes and work clothes and are encouraged to bring work gloves and basic hand tools such as clippers or trowels. Sunscreen and insect repellent should be applied prior to arrival. For safety purposes, personal power tools are not permitted.

### 2026 Volunteer Workday Schedule

All events take place 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- **Saturday, April 25** – Big Creek Park
- **Saturday, June 27** – 60+ Activity Center



These volunteer days are about more than park maintenance – they are an opportunity for the Newport community to take pride in its shared spaces and invest in the places that make the city special. (Courtesy photo)

- **Saturday, August 29** – Literacy Park
  - **Saturday, October 24** – Sam Moore Parkway
- These volunteer days are about more than park maintenance – they are an opportunity

for the Newport community to take pride in its shared spaces and invest in the places that make the city special. Community members are encouraged to join in, meet their neighbors, and make a lasting,

positive impact on Newport's parks.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation Landscape Specialist Anita Albrecht at [a.albrecht@newportoregon.gov](mailto:a.albrecht@newportoregon.gov).

# Newport Pool Egg Dive

Are you ready to hunt for some eggs?

Then make sure you sign up for the Newport Parks Egg Dive on Sunday March 29. We'll have over 1,000 eggs in the Newport Pool that you can turn in for fun prizes

Bring your own basket. Inappropriate baskets, such as plastic bags, will not be allowed in the pool. Eggs must be individually placed in baskets, for example, no scooping with the basket. No adult help with gathering eggs for anyone 7-years or older. Anyone under 7-years-old must be accompanied by an adult in the water. Anyone in the water must be registered for the event. Pre-registration is recommended. Drop-ins are welcome if space allows.

See registration page for more attendance details.

To register, or for more information, visit: <https://secure.rec1.com/OR/newport-or/catalog/index/5b6ee0bf459f-98952f99a89a561a4100?filter=c2VhcmNoPWVn-ZyUyMGRpdMU=>

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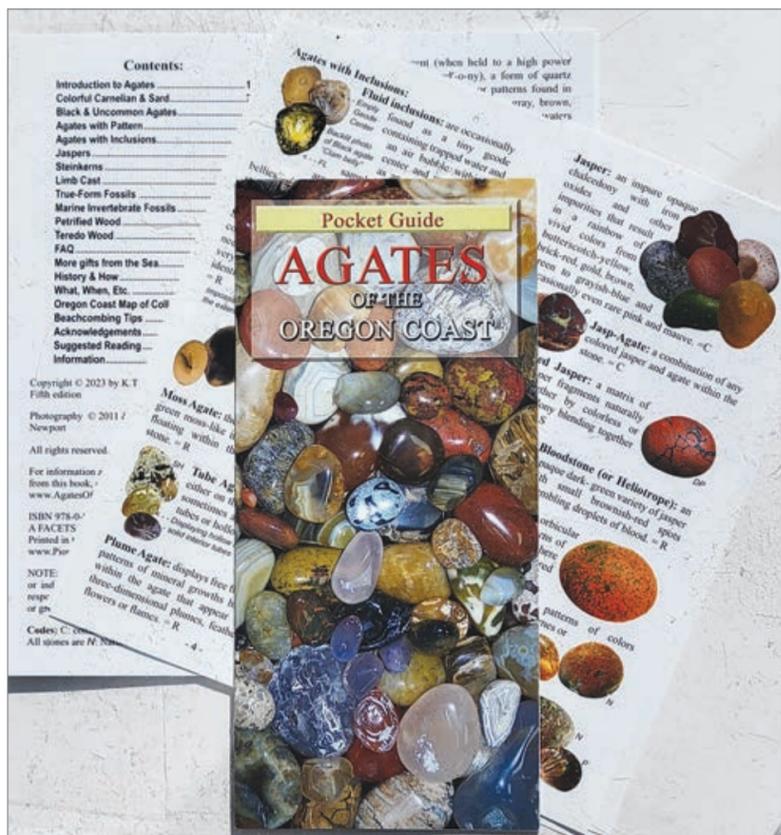
# 'Beachcombing 101: From Agates to Zeolites'

The Newport Public Library is presenting the program "Beachcombing 101: From Agates to Zeolites" with author K.T. Myers, aka "The Rock Doc."

The event is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, in the McEntee Meeting Room of the Newport Public Library, 35 NW Nye St., Newport.

Myers is the author of "Agates of the Oregon Coast" and will present an informative session on finding and identifying Pacific coast stones, from agates to zeolites, including tips for locating stones and an explanation of the differences between them.

The presentation will include a display of stones found on Oregon beaches. Attendees are welcome to bring one or two stones (not geologic rocks or fossils) that they have found on local beaches for identification. Copies of the 5th edition of the full color Pocket guide will be available for sale at the



presentation – cash only, please.

Author K.T. Myers comes from a long professional mineral and jewelry background,

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# Willamette Writers Meeting March 21

Please join us at Willamette Writers Coast Chapter March 21, meeting from 2-4 p.m. at the Newport Library McEntee Meeting Room, 35 NW Nye Street in Newport.

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### LCL26-087 SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

The Successor Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.745, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES. Grantor: 3 Parleys Inc., an Oregon Corporation. Trustee: Western Title & Escrow Company. Successor Trustee: Christopher B. Matheny, Attorney, Matheny Law, LLC. Beneficiary: Lincoln City Commercial, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company. 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY. The real property is commonly known as 1330 NE Hwy 101, Lincoln City, and located in Lincoln County, Oregon and further described as follows: LOT 3, BLOCK 20, RAYMOND TOWNSITE, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, EXCEPT THEREFROM THAT PORTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL LYING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF HIGHWAY 101. 3. RECORDING. The Trust Deed was recorded on June 16, 2023, as document no. 2023-03989, in the official records of Lincoln County, Oregon. 4. DEFAULT. The Grantor or any other person obligated on the Trust Deed is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for failure to make payments as required by the Trust Deed and the Promissory Note secured thereby, as more particularly described below. 5. AMOUNT DUE. The amount due on the

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Promissory Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is \$788,680.05 as of January 20, 2026. See below itemized calculations: Unpaid Principal: \$738,775.44. Interest: \$22,506.88. Security Penalty: \$3,000.00. Property Taxes: \$8,315.83. Insurance: \$3,283.50. Costs to date: \$1,782.40. Attorney Fees to date: \$2,940.00. The payments and late charges continue to accrue and additional advances may be made. The sums stated above are estimates only. Before attempting to pay the amounts due hereunder, call the Successor Trustee at (503) 581-1542 to determine the exact amounts of monetary defaults and actions required to satisfy possible other defaults. 6. SALE OF PROPERTY. The Successor Trustee hereby elects to sell the property and states that the property will be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed. 7. TIME OF SALE. Date: June 5, 2026, Time: 10:00 a.m. Place: Lincoln County Courthouse, main entrance, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, Oregon 97365. 8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE. Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time that is not later than five (5) days before the Successor Trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure dismissed by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount due, as set forth above, and by curing any other default that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the Note and Trust Deed, and by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the Note and Trust Deed, together with the Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amount

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provided in ORS 86.778. You may contact the Successor Trustee at 503.581.1542. DATED: March 4, 2026. /s/ Christopher B. Matheny, Successor Trustee, Matheny Law, LLC, 1644 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR 97302 3/4/26 3/11/26 3/18/25, 3/25/26

### LCL26-088 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the ESTATE OF DARRIE LEE PERRIN, DECEASED, Lincoln County Circuit Court Case Number 26PB00314. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365 or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date first published:

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March 4, 2026. Kameron Fender, Personal Representative of the Estate of Darrie Lee Perrin, Gary Lynn Lovejoy, Attorney at Law, Attorney for Personal Representative, PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365. 3/4/26

### LCL26-089 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the ESTATE OF ROBERT NELSON O'DELL, DECEASED, Lincoln County Circuit Court Case Number 26PB00105. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365 or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date first published: March 4, 2026. Charles Robert O'Dell, Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert Nelson O'Dell, Attorney for Personal Representative, PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365. 3/4/26

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representatives of the Estate of Robert Nelson O'Dell, Gary Lynn Lovejoy, Attorney at Law, Attorney for Personal Representative, PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365. 3/4/26

### LCL26-095 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS.

CPA ZC 2026-01. The Lincoln City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider CPA ZC 2026-01 on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The Lincoln City Council will hold a public hearing to consider CPA ZC 2022-01 on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Both public hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City, Oregon. Any person who wishes that they may be affected is invited to attend and participate in one or both of these hearings and present written and/or oral testimony concerning the project. The Lincoln City Planning and Community Development Department received an application requesting a comprehensive plan map amendment/zone change from Multiple-Unit Residential (RM) to Recreation Commercial (RC). The subject property is addressed as 1123 NW 2nd Drive and identified as Assessor's Map 07-11-15-AB-12800 and -13100. The proper-

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ty owners are Thomas and Barbara Breyer. The applicable criteria governing this review are: Lincoln City Municipal Code (LCMC) Chapter 17.20 Multiple-Unit Residential (RM) Zone; Section 17.76.050 Type III Procedures; Section 17.77.050 Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment; and Section 17.77.150 Zone Change. A copy of the staff report will be available for review at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearing and will be provided at reasonable cost to individuals who request it. The complete file may be reviewed online at www.lincolncity.org by going to Departments in the top bar, then Planning & Community Development, then Land Use Cases, then Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zone Change, and then CPA ZC 2026-01. A copy of the application and all documents and evidence submitted by or on behalf of the applicant, and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at reasonable cost at the Lincoln City Planning and Community Development Department, 801 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City, Oregon. For additional information, please call Richard Townsend, Director,

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LCL26-094 SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

The Successor Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.745, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES. Grantor: 3 Parties Inc., an Oregon Corporation; Trustee: Western Title & Escrow Company, Successor Trustee; Christopher B. Matheny, Attorney, Matheny Law, LLC, Beneficiary: Lincoln City Commercial, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company. 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY. The real property is commonly known as 1333 NE Keel Ave, Lincoln City, Oregon and located in Lincoln County, Oregon and further described as follows: The South 30 feet of Lot 2, Block 2, RAYMOND TOWNSITE, in Lincoln County, Oregon, EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion of the above described parcel lying within the boundaries of Highway 101. 3. RECORDING. The Trust Deed was recorded on June 6, 2022, as Instrument Number 2023-03992, in the official records of Lincoln County, Oregon. 4. DEFAULT. The Grantor or any other person obligated on the Trust Deed is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for failure to make payments secured by the Trust Deed and the Promissory Note secured thereby, as more particularly described below. 5. AMOUNT DUE. The amount due on the Promissory Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is \$374,842.48 as of January 20, 2026. See below itemized calculations: Principal Balance: \$345,350.34, Interest: \$14,305.41, Security Penalty: \$3,000.00, Property Taxes: \$6,167.61, Insurance: TBD, Costs to date: \$1,105.90, Attorney Fees to date: \$2,765.00. The payments and late charges continue to accrue and additional advances may be made. The sums stated above are estimates only. Before attempting to pay the amounts due hereunder, call the Successor Trustee at (503) 581-1542 to determine the exact amounts of monetary defaults and actions required to cure possible other defaults. 6. SALE OF PROPERTY. The Successor Trustee hereby elects to sell the property and states that

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the property will be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed. 7. TIME OF SALE. Date: June 5, 2026, Time: 10:30 a.m. Place: Lincoln County Courthouse, main entrance, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, Oregon 97365. 8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE. Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time that is not later than five (5) days before the Successor Trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure dismissed by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount due, as set forth above, and by curing any other default that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the Note and Trust Deed, and by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the Note and Trust Deed, together with the Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amount provided in ORS 86.778. You may contact the Successor Trustee at 503.581.1542. DATED: March 4, 2026. /s/ Christopher B. Matheny, Christopher B. Matheny, Successor Trustee, Matheny Law, LLC, 1644 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR 97302 3/4/26 3/11/26 3/18/26 3/25/26

LCL26-093 TS TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by KATHERINE DIETRICH FORNER, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN as Grantor to WESTERN TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for ANGEL OAK MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS LLC, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of April 14, 2022 and recorded on April 15, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022-03964 and the beneficial interest was assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of Angel Oak Mortgage Trust 2024-6, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2024-6 and recorded November 12, 2023 as Instrument Number 2025-09093 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to wit: APN: R337281 || 07-11-03-DC-71264-00 THAT CERTAIN UNIT NO. 264-C AS DESCRIBED IN THAT CERTAIN DECLARATION OF UNIT OWNERSHIP OF SURFTIDES PLAZA, RECORDED ON THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1974, IN VOLUME 47, AT PAGE 929, OF THE DEED RECORDS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, AMENDING INSTRUMENT RECORDED JULY 30, 1976, IN BOOK 66, PAGE 1717, AND BY INSTRUMENT RECORDED OCTOBER 17, 1977, IN BOOK 80, PAGE 708, APPERTAINING TO A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN COUNTY, LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, AS DESCRIBED IN SAID DECLARATION, WHICH IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF AS IF FULLY SET FORTH HEREIN, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED PERCENT OF THE GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN SAID DECLARATION APPERTAINING TO SAID UNIT, Commonly known as: 1415 NW 31ST PL UNIT 264, LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367 Both the Beneficiary, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of Angel Oak Mortgage Trust 2024-6, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2024-6, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, 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 Stat-

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utes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Total Monthly Payment(s): Total Monthly Payment(s) from 06/01/2025 to 01/01/2026 at \$19,646.32 Total Late Charge(s) at \$313.80 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 \$271,495.11 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.99900% per annum from May 1, 2025 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; 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 June 18, 2026 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the south entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, 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 has 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. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (69 Fed. Reg. 70,258) will impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Dated: 1/30/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm C Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0484615 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 03/04/2026,

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03/11/2026, 03/18/2026, 03/25/2026 LCL26-092 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT. In the Matter of the Estate of: SANDRA DUNN, Deceased, No. 25 PB10047. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the party stated below has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at P. O. Box 638 Yachats OR 97498, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court or the personal representative. Dated and first published: March 4, 2026. Linda Heltzer, Personal Representative, P.O. Box 638, Yachats, Oregon 97498 3/4/26 LCL26-090 GLENEADEN SANITARY DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING. 6595 Gleneden Beach Loop, March 11, 2026 at 2:00 PM. To Attend electronically Call 1-971-319-4988, Dates Conference ID 379 233 418#. AGENDA: 1. Opening 2. Pledge of Allegiance 3. Roll Call 4. Items from Audience 5. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting 6. Treasurer's Report: a. Review Cash Status & Financial Summary Reports, b. Payment of Bills, c. Reports from Depoe Bay 7. New Business: a. Reading of Ordinance 26-1 regarding Sewer Laterals which will Amend Ordinance 2-75. Copies of Ordinance 26-1 are available at the District office 8. Publisher's Packet: a. Capital Projects Update, 9. Old Business 10. Items from Directors: a. Adjourn to Executive Session: 1. Call to Order 2. "ORS 192.660(2)(h) to Consult with Counsel with Regard to Current Litigation or Litigation Likely to be Filed" 3. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Meeting 11. Adjourn 3/4/26 LCL26-096 NOTICE OF LAPSE OF DORMANT MINERAL INTEREST. Notice of Extinguishing Dormant Mineral Interest Pursuant to ORS 517.170 through 517.180. Name of Holder: Wineberg Properties, Inc. an Oregon dissolved corporation ("Holder"). Holder's Last Known Addresses: 201 NW 52nd St., Vancouver, WA 98663-1217 And: 910 NE Minnehaha, Ste. #7, Vancouver WA 98665. Name of Party Giving Notice: Homefront Enterprises, LLC, ("Owner"). Address of Party Giving Notice: 6910 Chakarun LN SE, Salem OR 97306. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Owner is the vested owner of the property described below (the "Property"). Holder holds an interest in the Property's mineral rights other than oil, gas, and other minerals and hydrocarbons. The original mineral interest was created in that certain Warranty Deed recorded on May 9, 1962, at Book 225 Page 9 in Lincoln County Records. The first date of publication pursuant to ORS 517.180 is on March 4, 2026. Holder must submit a Statement of Claim to the Lincoln County Clerk within sixty (60) days after the last date of publication of this Notice or the Holder's mineral interest will be extinguished. The last date of publication will be on March 18, 2026. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERT Y AFFECTED. Beginning at a point that is 18.04 chains North and 11.91 chains West of the Southeast corner of Section 4, Township 11 South, Range 11 West, Willamette Meridian, in Lincoln County, Oregon; thence North 10.97 chains; thence East to the North-South center line of said section; thence North on the North-South center line to its intersection with the East-West center line; thence West on the East-West center line to a point that is North of the point of beginning; thence continuing on said East-West center line 3.04 chains; thence South 21.94 chains to a point that is 3.04 chains West of the point of beginning; thence East 3.04 chains; thence North 21.94 chains to a point that is 3.04 chains West of the point of beginning; thence East 3.04 chains to the point of beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion conveyed to Robert M. Farrington, et ux by deed recorded December 13, 1996 in Book 329, page 1789, Lincoln County Records. 3/4/26 3/11/26 3/18/26 LCL26-099 SALE OF ABANDONED MANUFACTURED HOME One (1) 1977 Liberty Liberator manufactured dwelling, Home ID number 222250, Serial number 09L12059, HUD number ORS 025209, X-Plate No 156797, has been abandoned by James F. Pease. Said property is located at Bayview Mobile Home Park, 9-5 NE Mill Street, Space A-5, Waldport, OR 97394. Said dwelling shall be sold by private bidding, with sealed bids, and "as is." Bids to be delivered to: Sterling Properties Real Estate Services, 1111 Main Street, Suite 500, Vancouver, Washington 98660 no later than 5pm on the 13th day of March, 2026. Minimum bid shall be \$X,XXX.XX, which said amount includes unpaid taxes, all of which is to be paid by purchaser. Please contact Erik Hess for more information and/or questions at (360)546-3341. 3/4/26 3/11/26

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10.97 chains; thence East to the North-South center line of said section; thence North on the North-South center line to its intersection with the East-West center line; thence West on the East-West center line to a point that is North of the point of beginning; thence continuing on said East-West center line 3.04 chains; thence South 21.94 chains to a point that is 3.04 chains West of the point of beginning; thence East 3.04 chains to the point of beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion conveyed to Robert M. Farrington, et ux by deed recorded December 13, 1996 in Book 329, page 1789, Lincoln County Records. 3/4/26 3/11/26 3/18/26 LCL26-097 NOTICE OF LAPSE OF DORMANT MINERAL INTEREST. Notice of Extinguishing Dormant Mineral Interest Pursuant to ORS 517.170 through 517.180. Name of Holder: Starfruit Newsprint Corporation ("Holder"). Holder's Last Known Addresses: 427 Main St, Oregon City OR 97045 And: 419 Main St, Oregon City OR 97045. Name of Party Giving Notice: Homefront Enterprises, LLC, ("Owner"). Address of Party Giving Notice: 6910 Chakarun LN SE, Salem OR 97306. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Owner is the vested owner of the property described below (the "Property"). Holder holds an interest in the Property's mineral rights other than oil, gas, and other minerals and hydrocarbons. The original mineral interest was created in that certain Warranty Deed recorded on April 30, 1974, at Book 48 Page 1691, Lincoln County Records and later corrected on May 31, 1974 at Book 49 Page 1126, Lincoln County Records. Holder acquired its mineral interest under that Certificate of Merger recorded January 15, 1975 with the State of Oregon at Book 54 Page 545, reserving a mineral interest in favor of the Beneficiary of PROEPRTY AFFECTED. The surviving corporation being Publishers Paper Co. who later changed the name of its entity with the Oregon Secretary of State filed June 2, 1996 #446021-223090. The first date of publication pursuant to ORS 517.180 is on March 4, 2026. Holder must submit a Statement of Claim to the Lincoln County Clerk within sixty (60) days after the last date of publication of this Notice or the Holder's mineral interest will be extinguished. The last date of publication will be on March 18, 2026. DESCRIPTION OF PROEPRTY AFFECTED Beginning at a point that is 18.04 chains North and 11.91 chains West of the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 11 South, Range 11 West, Willamette Meridian, in Lincoln County, Oregon; thence North 10.97 chains; thence East to the North-South center line of said section; thence North on the North-South center line to its intersection with the East-West center line; thence West on the East-West center line to a point that is North of the point of beginning; thence continuing on said East-West center line 3.04 chains; thence South 21.94 chains to a point that is 3.04 chains West of the point of beginning; thence East 3.04 chains to the point of beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion conveyed to Robert M. Farrington, et ux by deed recorded December 13, 1996 in Book 329, page 1789, Lincoln County Records. 3/4/26 3/11/26 3/18/26 LCL26-098 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT. In the Matter of the Estate of DOUGLAS CARL ALM, Deceased, No. 25PB11287. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT DANA B. HICKS-ALM 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: (503) 434-5575. Fax No.: (503) 435-4897, Email: cprause@ppllp.net LCL26-084 ON MARCH 24TH 2026 AT 11 AM, A PUBLIC SALE WILL BE HELD AT Ideal Storage 235 Dahl Ave. Waldport, OR. 97394: Jonathan Klein-WE100, Jillian Northern-WB022. Minimum bid \$50.00, cash only. On March 26th 2026 at 11:00 AM, a public sale will be held at Ideal Storage 134 E Metcalf Ave. Siletz, OR. 97380: Michael Childs-S104, Reece Farley S005. Minimum bid \$50.00, cash only. On February 26th 2026 at 2:00 PM, a public sale will be held at Ideal Storage, 644 HWY 20, Toledo, OR. 97391: Robert Bassiri-T035, Cynthia Druba-T092. Minimum bid \$50.00, cash only. 2/25/26 3/4/26

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LCL26-100 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Probate Department. In the Matter of the Estate of KATHLEEN MARIE CABANAG, Deceased, CASE NO. 26PB 01402. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative at: c/o Melanie K. Hantze, Attorney at Law, 441 West Bay Drive NW, Suite 102B, Olympia, Washington 98502, 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 proceeding, additional information may be obtained from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. The date of publication of the notice: March 3, 2026, Melanie K. HANTZE, OSB 872379, ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: CHRISTOPHER CABANAG, 5034 SE KEEL AVENUE,

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LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367, 541-270-9736. ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Melanie K. Hantze, OSB 872379, Attorney at Law, 1441 WEST BAY DRIVE NW, SUITE 102B, OLYMPIA, WA 98502, 360-570-9999, mhantze@gmail.com 3/4/26

LCL26-101 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT.

ESTATE OF ROBERT WILLIAM EDWARDS, CASE NO. 25PB09660. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that Christine Bachtel has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four (4) months after the date of the publication of this Notice, or their claims may be barred. Claims are to be presented at the address of the attorney for the personal representative, set forth below. All persons whose rights may be affected by this estate proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Circuit Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Date of publication: March 4, 2026. J.F. Ouder Kirk, OSB # 752903, Attorney for the Personal Representative, 541-574-1630, P.O. Box 1167, 615 SW Hubert Street, Suite A, Newport, OR 97365; Christine Bachtel, Personal Representative, P.O. Box 1167, Newport, OR 97365, Telephone: 541-574-1630 3/4/26

LCL26-098 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT.

In the Matter of the Estate of DOUGLAS CARL ALM, Deceased, No. 25PB11287. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT DANA B. HICKS-ALM 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: March 4, 2026. Dana B. Hicks-Alm, Personal Representative. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Dana B. Hicks-Alm, 137 N Riverton Court, Otis, Oregon 97368, (509) 951-4533. ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: CAROL J. PRAUSE LAW OFFICE, LLC, P.O. Box 827, McMinnville, Oregon 97128, Telephone: (503) 434-5575. Fax No.: (503) 435-4897, Email: cprause@ppllp.net

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LCL26-079 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON; FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN; PROBATE DEPARTMENT;

In the Matter of the Estate of SHARREL ANN HOUFEK, Deceased; Case No. 25PB10172; NOTICE OF TIME FOR FILING OBJECTIONS FOR SETTLEMENT FOR UNLIMITED JUDGMENT REGARDING ESTATE PROPERTY. To: 1. Parties in possession or claiming right to possession of 1530 NW 31st Place, Lincoln City, Lincoln County, Oregon; 2. Bobby J. Shannon in his capacity as Trustee of the WR & AE Eiden-schink Trust; 3. Lincoln County, Oregon; 4. Heirs and/or devisees of Sharry Ann Houfek, aka Sharrel Ann Houfek, namely Kevin Brenneman, Ryan Brenneman, and Kristina Godfrey; 5. Oregon Department of Human Services, Estate Administration Unit; and 6. Daniel Eden. Notice is hereby given that the personal representative has filed herein a Petition for Instructions and Limited Judgment Regarding Estate Property (the "Petition"). The property is known as 1530 NW 31st Place, Lincoln City, Lincoln County, Oregon, and legal described as: Lot 12 and the East 25 feet of Lot 13 as cut off in a line drawn parallel with the East line of section 13, Block 27, WECOMA BEACH, in Lincoln County, Oregon. Copies of the Petition and all exhibits thereto are included with this notice. Any objections to the Petition must be filed in the estate proceeding in the above court or filed with Mattin 30, 2026. DATED: March 3, 2026. EVASHEVSKI ELLIOTT PC. By: Robert J. Welsh, OSB #115493, of

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Attorneys for Personal Representative 2/25/26 3/4/26 3/11/26 LCL26-077 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing instrument shall constitute notice, pursuant to ORS 86.764, that the Grantor of the Trust Deed described below has defaulted on its obligations to beneficiary, and that the Beneficiary and Successor Trustee under the Trust Deed have elected to sell the property secured by the Trust Deed: DEED OF TRUST AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: This instrument makes reference to that certain Deed of Trust dated October 26, 2022, and recorded October 31, 2022, as Instrument No. 2022-10239, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, State of Oregon (the "Deed of Trust"), wherein OLALLA CENTER, an Oregon corporation, the Grantor, KEVIN P. MORAN, Attorney at law is the original Trustee, and WASHINGTON FEDERAL BANK, is the Beneficiary. The aforementioned Deed of Trust covers property (the "Property") described on Exhibit A, together with all existing structures, fixtures and other improvements now or hereafter located thereon (the "Improvements"), all Additional Collateral described in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and all other personal property described in the Deed of Trust. The undersigned hereby certifies that he has no knowledge of any assignments of the Deed of Trust by the Trustee or by the Beneficiary or any appointments of a Successor Trustee other than the appointment of BALLARD SPAHR LLP as Successor Trustee as recorded in the property records of the county in which the Property described above is situated. Further, the undersigned certifies that no asset of the Trustee has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the Deed of Trust. Or, if such action has been instituted, it has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). The name and address of the Successor Trustee are as follows: Ballard Spahr LLP, 601 SW Second Avenue, Suite 2100, Portland, OR 97204, The Successor Trustee has authorized Andrew J. Geppert, Esq., OSB No. 203744, an attorney at Ballard Spahr LLP, to act on behalf of the Successor Trustee. The Deed of Trust is not a "Residential Trust Deed" as defined in ORS 86.705(6), thus the requirements of Chapter 304 [S.B. 558], Oregon Laws 2013, Section 112 [S.B. 1552], Section 4a, Oregon Laws 2012, and ORS 86.771(10) do not apply. DEFAULT BY GRANATOR: There are continuing and uncured defaults by OLALLA CENTER, an Oregon corporation (the "Grantor") that, based on the provisions of the Deed of Trust and the loan documents executed in favor of WASHINGTON FEDERAL BANK ("Beneficiary"), for Loan No. 62765231766, including the Promissory Note dated and effective as of October 26, 2022 ("Loan Agreement") dated and effective as of October 26, 2022 ("Loan Agreement"), Commercial Security Agreement dated and effective as of October 26, 2022 ("Security Agreement"), and Forbearance Agreement dated and effective as of June 20, 2025 ("Forbearance Agreement") and together with the Note, Loan Agreement, Security Agreement, and other loan and security documents executed in connection therewith are herein to be referred to collectively as the "Loan Documents"), authorize the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust and the sale of the Property described above, which uncured and continuing defaults include but are not necessarily limited to the following: Grantor's failure to pay to Beneficiary monthly interest payments due, as provided under the Loan Documents, May 15, 2025 through November 15, 2025, including default interest, and other charges, is in the amount of \$57,743.61. Pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement Beneficiary agreed to conditionally forbear from enforcement of its remedies under the Loan Documents during the forbearance period set forth in the Forbearance Agreement (the "Forbearance Period"). The Forbearance Period expired on September 15, 2025. Consequently, Beneficiary is free to enforce its remedies including but not limited to issuing this Trustee's Notice of Sale. TOTAL UNPAID MONETARY (PAYMENT) DUE AS OF December 10, 2025, the amounts which must be paid to the Beneficiary to effect a statutory cure under ORS 86.778 and discontinue the trustee's sale are: Missed Monthly Interest Payments from 5/15/2025-10/15/2025 of \$24,447.51. Non default interest through 5/15/2025 @ 5.550% (per diem \$82.36); \$1,811.98, Default interest from 5/16/2025 thru 12/10/2025 @ 9.550% (per diem \$141.72); \$349,748.45, Late Charge; \$349,748.45, Return Charge; \$80.00, Legal Fees; \$1,576.35, Total Bring Current: \$57,743.61. The aggregate amount owing on the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust is \$567,542.57 as of December 10, 2025, subject to any default interest accruing on the unpaid principal balance at a rate of \$141.72 per diem, plus additional costs and expenses incurred by Beneficiary and/or the Successor Trustee (including their respective attorney's fees) and other expenses). ELECTION TO SELL: Notice is hereby given that the Beneficiary, by reason of the uncured

and continuing defaults described above, has elected and does hereby elect to foreclose said Deed of Trust by advertisement and sale pursuant to ORS 86.752 et seq., and to cause to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the Grantor's interest in the subject Property, which the Grantor had, or had the power to convey, at the time the Grantor executed the Deed of Trust in favor of the Beneficiary, along with any interest the Grantor or the Grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust as well as the expenses of the sale, including compensation of the Trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of Trustee's attorneys. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the sale will be held at the hour of 11:30 a.m., in accordance with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, on April 30, 2026, at the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St # 201, Newport, OR 97365. RIGHT OF REINSTATEMENT: Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five (5) days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by (A) payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due, other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred, together with the costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the terms of the obligation, as well as Successor Trustee and attorney fees as prescribed by ORS 86.778; and (B) by curing all such other continuing and uncured defaults as noted in this Notice. NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771(9): Without limiting the Successor Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Successor 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. DATED: December 17, 2025. BALLARD SPAHR LLP Andrew J. Geppert, OSB No. 203744, Successor Trustee. DANA B. HICKS-ALM, 601 SW Second Avenue, Suite 2100, Portland, OR 97204, Telephone: (503) 778-2200, Facsimile: (503) 778-2200, Email: Geppert@ballardspahr.com. EXHIBIT A. Legal Description Lot 5, WEST WYRTHS SUBDIVISION, in Nye and Thompson's Addition to Newport, in the City of Newport, County of Lincoln and State of Oregon. EXHIBIT B. Additional Collateral The Collateral located on the Property as detailed in the "Description" section as follows: (A) All accessions, attachments, accessories, tools, parts, supplies, replacements of and additions to any of the collateral described herein, whether added now or later. (B) All products and production of any of the property described in this Collateral section. (C) All accounts, general intangibles, instruments, rents, monies, payments, and all other rights, arising out of a sale, lease, consignment, or other disposition of any of the property described in this Collateral section. (D) All proceeds (including insurance proceeds) from the sale, destruction, loss, or other disposition of any of the property described in this Collateral section, and sums due from a third party which has damaged or destroyed the Collateral or from that party's insurer, whether that to judgment, settlement or other process. (E) All records and data relating to any of the property described in this Collateral section, whether in the form of a writing, photograph, microfilm, microfiche, or electronic media, together with all of Grantor's right, title, and interest in and to all computer software required to utilize, create, maintain, and process any such records or data on electronic media. 2/25/26 3/4/26 3/11/26 3/18/26 LCL26-076 PERSUENT TO ORS CHAPTER 87. Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 3/11/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by Power Motors, 1422 N Coast Hwy, Newport, OR. 2018 Ford Focus VIN = 1FA4P3K23JL282699. Amount Due: \$3755.74. Reputed owner's NAME NATHAN WILSON 2/25/26 3/4/26 LCL26-050 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE #26-0088. On March 12, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Room 203, in the City of Newport, Oregon, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 3705 Sea Mist Avenue, Depoe Bay, OR 97341. The court case number is 25CV15397, Willber, Inc., an Oregon corporation, plaintiff vs. Colin P. Coleman, defendant. This is a public auction, in which the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand, NOTICE TO PROSECUTE FORECLOSURE SALE BIDDERS AND BUYERS. WARNING - READ CAREFULLY BEFORE BIDDING: This foreclosure sale does not eliminate the 2024 Lincoln County Property Tax Lien Foreclosure Judgment or any other valid liens that are senior to Plaintiff's lien. The Lincoln County tax lien foreclosure judgment includes a statutory one-

FORM Notice of Supplemental Budget Hearing LCL26-091

OR-ED-SBH Oregon Department of Revenue

\* For supplemental budgets proposing a change in any fund's expenditures by more than 10 percent.

A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for Siletz Valley Fire District for the current fiscal year, will be held at 149 W. Buford Ave., Siletz on March 12, 2026 at 7:00 a.m. The hearing will take place on March 12, 2026 at 7:00 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the supplemental budget with interested persons. A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after March 5, 2026 at 149 W. Buford Ave., Siletz between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES. Table with columns: FUND, General, Resource, Amount, Expenditure, Amount. Rows include: 1. Beginning Fund Balance (\$108,839), 2. Property Taxes (\$252,000), 3. Donations & Grant Income (\$365,393), Revised Total Fund Resources (\$989,076). 4. Charges for Outside Services (\$198,000), 5. Loan Income (\$46,944), 6. Miscellaneous Income (\$17,900), Revised Total Fund Requirements (\$989,076).

together led to the substantial change in Charges for Services. Delays in receiving these expected increases in income, however, led us to take a loan to cover operating costs in the interim which we intend to repay within this fiscal year. The increase in Personnel Services expense is tied to the increase in Charges for Services while the increase in

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losses. Going through those tough times, we've kind of gotten through the whole rankings and all that stuff, the whole letting it get to us," Burghardt said. "After winning league, which was our first goal, I think the guys are just motivated. I don't really think they care what ranking they're at; they just want to play, and they want to win. They want to continue to build their legacy at this program and at this school."

The last time Newport was league champions was the 2017-2018 season, and the time before that was 2003. It's not a

stretch to say that before a possession has been played this postseason, this Cubs team has been historic.

The Cubs ended the regular season with a 19-4 record, going 8-2 in conference play. One of the defining moments of the season came after a gut-punch loss to North Marion on Feb. 10. After losing by 10 points to the Huskies, Burghardt and the coaching staff challenged the team to show their character, their commitment to the program, and what they want to get out of the season.

The way they responded was nothing short of special. After a disheartening loss, the Cubs went on the road to

Cascade and won 76-47, showing just exactly what they were made of.

"When we went to Cascade and put 50 points on them in the first half, it was unbelievable. Unbelievable. It just showed truly how much character these kids have, how much they care. Especially our leaders: Aaidyn Bokuro, Easton Herrmann, Collin Fierro, Aiden Brown. Those guys, they were playing mad," Burghardt said. "They were playing with anger; they were playing with purpose. Ever since that game, we've turned it on to another level, and we have not looked back. And I'm hoping we can continue to do that as we go into the tournament."

Seniors Bokuro and Herrmann have been a devastating duo this season for the Cubs. During league play, Bokuro has been dominant all around for Newport, averaging 17.9 points, 8.7 rebounds, 5.3 assists, and 3 steals per game. In the final six games of the season, he went to a higher plane, averaging 22.5 points, 10.5 rebounds, and 4 steals per game during that stretch. Herrmann led the team on offense, averaging 20 points per game in the Oregon West Conference, and shot a blistering 41% from three for the year. Herrmann was on fire all season, scoring more than 18 points in all but two league games this season. "They're

unbelievable," Burghardt said of the duo. "It's been so fun to watch them."

The last time the Cubs won the Oregon West, they advanced to the semifinals of the state championships. Burghardt is already proud of how well his team has played this season, but he's excited to see what the postseason brings his Cubs.

Newport will host its first-round matchup on Mar. 6, but the opponent has not been announced at the time of press. No matter who they play, Burghardt is hoping the community will show out for Newport's home game and be one of the difference-makers as the Cubs pursue a spot in the

quarterfinals.

"I appreciate [the community's] support throughout this whole year, especially on Senior Night, showing how much you truly care about the students and the team. I just hope that after seeing that environment, after seeing that atmosphere, how hard these kids play and how much these kids care about what they're doing, I hope it gave them a little more motivation to show up to that first round home game and give us that boost," Burghardt said. "I believe in home court advantage 100 percent, and I think that atmosphere got to our opponent last game, and it can get to them again in the first round."

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wrestlers finished with podium placements.

Kai Zimmerman took third in the 2A/1A 106-pound weight class, going 4-1, with each victory coming by way of pin. Reegan Peterson took fifth at 155 pounds,

registering a 202 record on the weekend.

Also wrestling for the Boomers were Mindy Blomstrom, Zoey Welch, and Cory Wilson. Blomstrom and Wilson each went 0-2, while Welch managed to grab a win, going 1-2.

**Taft High School**  
Taft sent four wrestlers to the state

championships, and though none ended up securing a podium placement, there were still some highlight moments.

Janelle Towers went 1-2 with a pin in her second match at 120 pounds. At 285 pounds, Kyren Carr also finished the weekend 1-2, scoring a pin in the first round to advance to the

quarterfinals before losing his final two matches.

Also wrestling for Taft were Braylen Evjen (126 pounds) and Selvin Fajardo (120 pounds), who each went 0-2.

**Newport High School**  
Newport sent six Cubs to the state championships, and one of the highlights of their meet was a third-place finish

from senior Camille Keck. Keck was the lone podium placer for the Cubs, wrestling her way to bronze at 140 pounds with a 4-1 record on the weekend, including two pins.

Evan Burbee (138 pounds) and Ivan Wagner (144 pounds) each finished their weekend at the Veterans Memorial

Coliseum with a couple of wins under their belts, each notching 2-2 records at state, but not finishing on the podium.

Newport was also represented by Evan Hernandez (150 pounds), Silas Moss (120 pounds), and Mysti Ferguson (170 pounds), who each went 0-2 in their respective weight classes.

Super Crossword

FUN 'N' GAMES

ACROSS: 1 Lack of vitality, 7 Neighbor of Florida, 14 Garlicky sauces, 20 In a rational manner, 21 Unexpired driver's license, e.g., 22 Well-spoken, 23 Whole bunch of baby felines?, 25 Regions, weatherwise, 26 Some reddish deer, 27 Sex educator, 28 Jokester Jay, 30 Viscous stuff, 31 DVD — (data holders), 32 Make angry, 33 Dogs that hunt egrets?, 37 Fade away, 38 B.A., e.g., 39 Corp. exec in charge of ads and branding, 41 Locale, 42 "Oh, gotcha", 43 Snacks that help physicists build atomic bombs?, 47 Campus digs, 49 Text-scanning device: Abbr., 50 French for "the king", 51 Head up, 53 1890s veep, 55 Back of an overseas ship?, 59 Entrepreneur, 63 Tan-colored, 64 "Ich bin — Berliner", 66 Actors, 67 Frigid, 68 Ladies who use Speed Stick?, 72 — Newton, 75 Shared a living space, 77 Water, in Lille, 78 2008 documentary about the national debt, 80 Cover girl from a city in central Georgia?, 84 Fire breather's parachute descent?, 88 Flabbergast, 89 Paddy food, 91 — Park (Edison's home), 92 Machinery wheel, 93 Unwell, 97 Package shipped to singer Dolly?, 102 From the top, 104 En — (in full court), 106 Free TV spot, in brief, 107 "I taut I — a puddly tat!", 108 Med. group, 109 Serenity in a rabbit colony?, 112 Woodsy den, 114 U-boats, e.g., 115 Feel unwell, 116 Andean land, 117 French essayist, 118 Singer Homer, 119 Nag, 122 Answer from poet, 126 Greek goddess of wisdom, 127 Phoenician goddess of fertility, 128 "Could be", 129 Deny, 130 Own, 131 Atlantic City hotel/casino, DOWN: 1 Request, 2 Capital of Kenya, 3 Buries, 4 Doles (out), 5 Specks in la mer, 6 "Anthem" author Rand, 7 Benefit worker, 8 Med. test, 9 Balm additive, 10 Playbill info, 11 Befuddle, 12 Some track runners, 13 Lymphoid throat mass, 14 Ravens' gp., 15 "Send me", 16 "Yes, yes!", 17 Food flatfish in France, 19 Roads: Abbr., 24 Bun worn at the back of the neck, 29 Savvy about, 31 Fight arbiter, 32 Co. shuffling, 33 Expectation, 34 That girl, 35 Unstimulating java, 36 Letter stroke, 38 Protest at which people lie down, 40 "Uncle" of old TV, 44 Whole lot, 45 U.S. spy gp., 46 "Uncle" of the U.S., 48 Singer, 52 "Of the day," on menus, 54 VIPs at raves, 55 DOJ agency, 56 Tolkien fiend, 57 Crooner, 58 Often-dinged car feature, 60 — o'-shanter, 61 Mao — -tung, 62 Ending for ball or bass, 65 DE-to-VT dir., 68 Dad's mate, 69 Angsty genre, 70 Flanders, 74 Hiatus, 75 Cartoonist, 76 Wallet bills, 78 Spouse's father, e.g., 79 Bad smell, 80 Kind of parrot, 81 Refrigerator brand, 82 Reluctant to be filmed, 83 Glass edge, 85 Latin "I love", 86 Non-Jewish, 87 Comparable (with), 90 Robin's wear, 94 "Son of," in Arabic, 95 Al who drew Li'l Abner, 96 Patella, 98 Natural gifts, 99 England-to-France connector, 100 Envoy's residence, 101 — Angeles, 103 Authors, 105 David of "NYPD Blue", 110 Justice, 111 Niche sects, 113 Buenos —, 114 Capital of South Korea, 117 Existed, 118 Meg Mallon's gp., 119 Wok, e.g., 120 Greek vowel, 121 Light beam, 123 Notes before tis, 124 Sis, e.g., 125 Swirly letter

999 PUBLIC NOTICES: year right of redemption. That redemption right may be exercised only by: 1. The record owner of the property (or anyone claiming through or under that owner) as of the date the tax-lien foreclosure judgment was entered; or 2. A lienholder of record (or anyone claiming through or under that lienholder) as of the date the tax-lien foreclosure judgment was entered. Redemption rights do not apply to interests or transfers recorded after the tax-lien foreclosure judgment was entered. The Lincoln County property tax lien foreclosed in 2024 remains senior to Plaintiff's judgment lien and may be redeemed only as provided in ORS 312.120-312.125. Sale proceeds from this sheriff's sale will NOT be applied to satisfy the tax lien or any other lien that is senior to Plaintiff's lien. If you bid at or purchase this property and you are not legally entitled to redeem the tax lien, you may forfeit the purchase money. Plaintiff's judgment lien is a junior lien. All valid and existing liens senior to Plaintiff's lien-including the Lincoln County property tax lien (subject to statutory redemption rights)-will continue to encumber the property after the sale and will not be paid from the sale proceeds. This supplemental notice is NOT LEGAL OR TAX ADVICE. Prospective bidders and buyers must conduct their own independent due diligence, including investigation of title, taxes, liens, zoning, and redemption rights, and should consult legal counsel and/or tax advisors of their own choosing before bidding or purchasing. BID AND BUY AT YOUR OWN RISK. For more details go to http://www.oregonsheriffssales.org/county/lincoln/ 2/11/26 2/18/26 2/25/26 3/4/26 LCL26-051 NOTICE OF UPCOMING PROJECT. INTRODUCTION: Highland Estates Homeowners Association (HEHA) is undertaking a project to improve its roadways. This notice is being posted in advance of the Request for Proposals to give contractors added notice about this project. This notice shall serve only to provide general information about the project. Anticipated publishing of Request for Proposals is expected to occur in the first week of April, 2026 and may be found at djoregon.com. The anticipated start of construction is May 4, 2026. The estimated construction completion day is June 30, 2026. Project specific inquiries may be directed to: Jacquie Puett, Program Coordinator, Columbia Pacific Economic Development District jacquie@nworegon.org, 971-203-6547 www.nworegon.org. Project Location: Otis, Lincoln County, Oregon. Starting at the intersection of NE Highland Rd and Highway 101 (milepoint 111.05), terminating approximately 1.6 miles uphill at the end of NE Highland Rd. Note that work is not expected along the entire 1.6 miles to the terminus. See Project Description for more detail. Project Description: This project calls for milling and repaving of approximately 100,000 sqft of damaged and aging existing paved roadway. NE Highland Rd is part of a road network used by HEHA residents and extends to a few side roads. Along NE Highland Rd, the roadway alternates from portions of pavement to crushed rock and back to pavement multiple times. For this project, only specifically outlined portions of the existing pavement will be worked on. Note that areas and construction details are subject to change prior to publishing the Request for Proposals. This notice is just meant to provide general project information. Note that work includes the access point to Highway 101. In coordination with ODOT it is understood that the proposed construction timeline imposes limited work windows on any work that would affect ODOT Right-of-Way traffic and would require traffic control. This includes no-lane-closure-days and limited work hours (7PM - 6AM only). These limitations are expected to apply for the westernmost portion of work only. All other portions of road improvements are expected to be completed without impact to ODOT Right-of-Way traffic. Furthermore, the selected contractor will be expected to have a certified inspector capable of performing DEQ ESC inspections related to the project's 1200-C permit. The project engineer will obtain the 1200-C permit prior to construction beginning but the related inspections and BMP maintenance will be the responsibility of the contractor. Further project specific details will be included in the official Request for Proposals. 2/11/26 2/18/26 2/25/26 3/4/26

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by Dave T. Phipps



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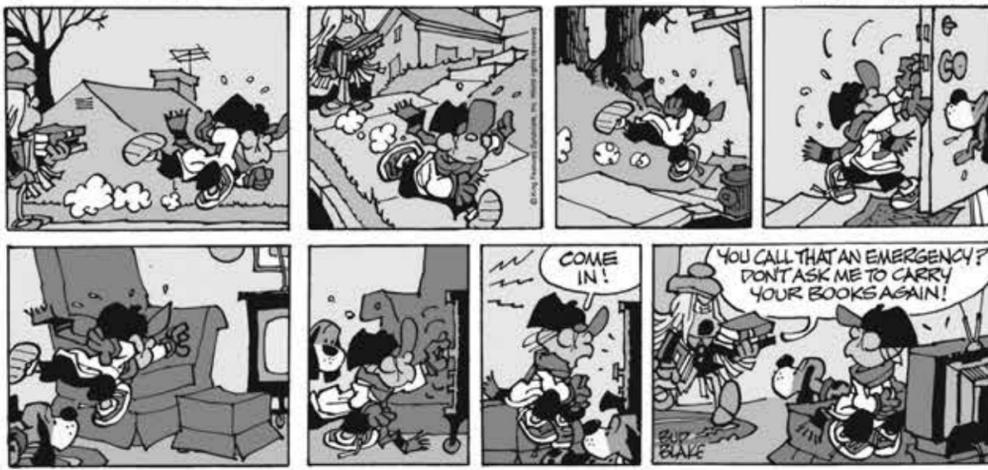
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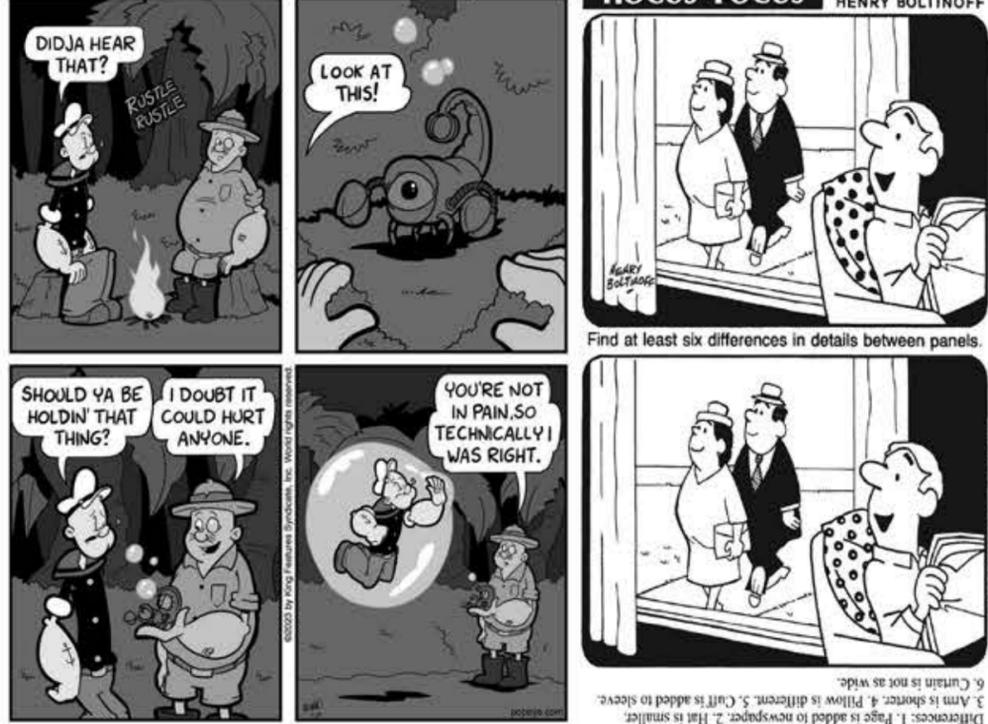


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### CryptoQuip

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: R equals H

IONYGBM YFPNYC CNQT GT  
 QRGWR FJFYXENBX ONJFP  
 PGTZGTZ PMWYFB RXLTP NI  
 DYMGPFF: DPMOL EFMWR.

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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.

VDH VMNH VC AHQGB MY  
 ODHL UCW RCL'V DGZH  
 VMNH JCA MV.  
 - YURLHU DGAAMY

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### Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Acadia National Park?
2. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was an avid dog breeder who gave his hunting hounds funny names like "Sweet Lips" and "Madam Moose"?
3. MOVIES: Who is the antagonist of "Shrek" in the first animated movie?
4. LITERATURE: What is the pseudonym of the 20th-century author who was born Adeline Virginia Stephen?
5. TELEVISION: What's the family's last name in the TV sitcom "The Middle"?
6. HISTORY: Which famous nurse was known as the Lady with the Lamp?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Ringgit is the common currency in which Southeast Asian country?
8. ANATOMY: Which human organ stores bile?
9. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "Cogito, ergo sum" mean in English?
10. MATH: What is the next prime number after 7?

#### Answers

1. Maine.
2. George Washington.
3. Lord Maximus Farquaad.
4. Virginia Woolf.
5. Heck.
6. Florence Nightingale.
7. Malaysia
8. The gallbladder.
9. "I think, therefore I am."
10. Eleven (11).

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### SCRAMBLERS

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

Bane  
 RESCU

Melody  
 DOHRC

Coach  
 ETCHA

Smell  
 THENC

TODAY'S WORD



"I'm not used to eating lunch like this - what's for?"

The time to relax is when you don't have time for it. — Sydney Harris

answer  
**CryptoQuote**

Florida resort town in which everybody loves singing sacred hymns of praise: Palm Beach.

answer  
**CryptoQuip**

### DESSERT

Today's Word  
 1. Curse; 2. Chord  
 3. Teach; 4. Stench

solution  
**SCRAMBLERS**

# Newport Cheer are National Champs, again!

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

The ending of Newport High School's cheer season was something straight out of a fairytale. Perseverance, resilience, desire, and a little bit of magic.

Just two weeks after finishing second in the OSAA State Cheer Championships, Newport cheer took a trip to Las Vegas to compete at the 2026

JAMZ School Cheer Nationals. The Cubs capped their season with their second consecutive national championship, making it a season for the history books under first-year Head Coach Alexandria VanOrder.

After winning a state and national championship in 2025, the Cubs maintained the standard that has made Newport one of the premier 4A cheer programs in Oregon and the country. A silver medal finish in this year's state championships was just the fuel the Cubs needed to get back on top of the national pyramid.

"I was beyond proud of the team. They've gone through every challenge you could imagine this year and still continued to push to the very end. We came home with way more than a second placement that day, and that's what I'll remember most," VanOrder said. "After the outcome we had at state, it made us so much stronger as a team for High School Nationals, where they came home with a back-to-back National Championship! An ending to a season we could only dream of!"

Taking over from long-time cheer head coach Jessica Arnsdorf, VanOrder came into her first season wanting to bring new ideas to further the legacy of an already established program. She's no stranger to the program; VanOrder had



The Newport Cubs after winning their second consecutive national cheerleading championship. (Courtesy photo from the Newport High Cheerleading Facebook page)

been an assistant coach in previous seasons.

Coming into the new role, VanOrder loved the challenge of adding new traditions, growing a team, and watching athletes buy in and thrive. Now with a successful season in the rearview, she's excited about what the future holds for this group.

"It was challenging at times, but also so incredibly rewarding. When you step into a head coaching role, you carry the full weight of the program, and with that comes a huge responsibility. You sacrifice time, energy, and sometimes parts of your personal life that people don't always see. But that responsibility is also what makes it meaningful," VanOrder said. "Knowing the athletes trust you. Watching them grow. Seeing the culture take shape because of the standard you set, that makes the sacrifice worth it. I'm proud of what we accomplished, and I'm even more excited about where we're headed."

From the outside, the medals

and the championships may be the most eye-catching, but those achievements aren't possible without the hundreds of hours the athletes put in throughout the season. The internal struggles and growth are what forge a champion.

Preparation for the state championships and nationals begins in the summer. Newport has a tradition of attending National Cheer Association camps in preparation for the long season.

"Cheer camp is honestly one of the top three things I look forward to every year. It really sets the tone for our season. With such a young program, the NCA camp was especially valuable this summer. It gave us the chance to start strong, establish expectations early, and build confidence as a team," VanOrder said. "We learned a lot, both technically and mentally, and it helped lay a solid foundation moving into the rest of the year. While every year feels a little different depending on the team, that sense of growth, bonding,

and momentum coming out of camp definitely felt similar and just as impactful."

For a VanOrder-coached team, the three main focuses are development, team growth, and school and community outreach. Using that as the main platform, VanOrder then assesses which area needs the most focus and adjusts her approach to serve the team as a whole.

The 2026 Cubs were a young team, with the roster largely composed of juniors and underclassmen. The program's four seniors were still the torchbearers and leaders, but the group as a whole still needed to hone the techniques of the sport and build confidence in their skillsets. Over the course of more than six months together, the Cubs found their pride and their stride on the road to defending their national championship crown.

While their performance on the mats and their exploits in the air earned them their medals, VanOrder said that it's the character lessons that provide

the most powerful takeaways.

"Judges don't define you. A routine doesn't define you. Your character, work ethic, and how you treat people, that's what lasts," VanOrder said.

Those lessons are shared across all levels of Newport cheer, and the Cubs hosted clinics throughout the season to pass along skills to the next generation of Newport High School cheerleaders. VanOrder said that participation in the Junior Cheer Clinics is typically 30-50 athletes, and that numbers have been rising as word spreads about the events.

"We love seeing the relationships form and build clinic after clinic. We have JR athletes who come to every clinic we host and improve not only in skills but in confidence and leadership," Van Order said. "We love seeing the memories built and the excitement the JR athletes have when performing."

With the 2025-2026 season now at an end, the Cubs now have some time to rest on their championship laurels. Much of the team is returning next season, and there's no doubt that great things are in store for the program. But that's for next season.

When VanOrder thinks back on this season, what she'll remember is the way the team came together and achieved their dreams. And they did it their way.

"Even with all the challenges that this season brought, it's still one of my favorites because it's our story. It's our fight, growth, and journey that we will always remember and look back on with a smile," VanOrder said. "I absolutely adore every athlete on this team and have come to love them like my own kids. We really are a family, and I will always be their biggest cheerleader no matter where they go in life."



Newport's Camille Keck (left) preparing to face off in the semifinals. (Will Lohre / Country Media, Inc)

## Lincoln County results from state

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

The Veterans Memorial Coliseum was abuzz with activity Feb. 26-27, and more than 300 teams came together to compete from the 1A through 6A levels.

Lincoln County was well represented among the ranks, with several wrestlers securing podium placements for their programs. Let's take a look at how some of the area's finest wrestlers finished their seasons.

### Siletz Valley Early College Academy

The Warriors sent two wrestlers to the state championships, with both finishing on the podium in their trip to the Rose City.

Micah Davis finished

second in the 2A/1A 144-pound weight class, going 2-1 on the weekend to earn silver. Both his first and second round wins were by technical fall and fall before being pinned in the final.

On the girls' side, Taylor Smith finished fourth in the 4A/3A/2A/1A 105-pound category. After losing in the opening round, she rebounded to win three straight matches to make the bronze medal match. She finished the weekend with a 3-2 record and in fourth place.

### Waldport High School

Waldport sent four wrestlers to state: three boys and one girl.

Gabriel Dooley posted the highest finish for the Irish, taking second at 175 pounds in the 2A/1A category. Dooley

won each of his first two matches in dominant fashion before being defeated in the final, finishing with a 2-1 record. Daniel Segaline took third place at 157 pounds. Segaline had an impressive 5-1 record on the weekend, with the one loss coming against the eventual state champion in the second round. After losing, Segaline achieved the highest placement he could, winning four consecutive matches to earn third.

Benito Matias also wrestled for Waldport's boys, finishing 2-2 at 113 pounds. Azura Stuart represented the girls for the Irish and finished 0-2 at 105 pounds.

### Toledo High School

Two of Toledo's five

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## #1 Newport preparing for playoff matchup



The 2026 Mountain West Conference Champion Cubs. (Courtesy photo from the Newport High School Facebook page)

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

Playoff basketball is about to tip off at the 4A level around Oregon, and the Newport Cubs enter the postseason atop OSAA's rankings after locking up the Oregon West Conference this season.

Newport cemented its first league championship since 2018 with a 76-58 win over runner-up Philomath in the season finale on Feb. 24, cutting the nets after the final buzzer in celebration. For Head Coach Will Burghardt, it was a special moment that brought a sense of community to the court.

"It was probably the most unified I've felt this team, or even this school, since I've been here. The crowd was unbelievable that night, it was Senior Night, league championship—the combination of the two—I've never seen the gym more packed. I've never seen the student body more into a game. They even got us a technical foul for being so into the game," Burghardt said. "It was just pure joy. It felt like happiness. The whole school, everyone: the parents, the fans, the kids, the coaches. It was a ton of hard work paying off and when you work so hard to reach a

goal, and you reach it, it just feels good."

It was a special occasion for several reasons. Playing on home court, the Cubs honored their seniors, secured the Oregon West Conference title, and added another magical moment to what has been a momentous 2026 campaign.

Despite earning the #1-overall ranking, Burghardt and the Cubs aren't getting too caught up in the numbers; their eyes are on the next game.

"We've been through some really down times this year, man. We've had a couple tough

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