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# Lincoln County Leader

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

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## Great white shark sand image takes first-place

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

A sand image of a great white shark is the winner in the annual South Beach State Park's annual sandcastle competition

"Team Parker were our first-place winners with their beautifully sculpted great white shark," Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) South Beach Management Unit Park Ranger Patrick Newhall said. "We had 19 teams with 68 participants and approximately 200 attendees overall. It was a great morning to be out at the beach, and we had some spectacular sculptures!"

The competition was held along the South Beach at Newport from 10 a.m. with judging conducted at noon Saturday, July 26.

Anyone can compete as an individual or as a team for a chance to win first, second

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These young ladies, holding their prize basket represent Team Parker, the first-place winners at the Newport sandcastle competition held July 26. (Courtesy photo from the OPRD)

## Drought triggers local water curtailment efforts

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

City and county officials from Toledo, through Newport and Lincoln City, and across the state, are urging residents to take steps to conserve water.

Oregon's hot, dry summer has led to heightened concerns about the impact of drought. Both the environmental impact and the economic impact.

For much of the year, Lincoln County benefited from normal to



The drought has triggered water use restrictions and conservation requests in cities in Lincoln County. (Metro Creative Connection)

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## Bear encounters advisory issued

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

There has been an increase in the number of bear encounters in Lincoln County recently, according to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

The two agencies are urging Oregonians to respect wildlife and do their part to ensure that wildlife, including black bears, and people coexist.

According to the ODFW, bear's strongest sense is smell. This means



Back bears have good memories. They remember where they have found food before, including in trash, according to the ODFW. (Courtesy photo from the ODFW)

## Transportation plan includes 6-cent gas tax increase, registration fee hikes and doubled transit tax

**JULIA SHUMWAY**  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Gov. Tina Kotek's plan to prevent layoffs at the Oregon Department of Transportation and local governments around the state relies on a 6-cent gas tax increase, hikes to title and registration fees and doubling the payroll tax that funds transit.

Kotek laid out the basics of her plan during a press conference Wednesday, a day after announcing she would postpone planned layoffs for 45 days and call lawmakers back for a special session on Aug. 29.

"I am confident that next month, legislators are going to show up, they're going to approve the necessary funding for the state's transportation needs, and I truly appreciate their partnership right now to address the crisis that is facing the state when it comes to transportation," Kotek said.

The plan she laid out on Wednesday includes:

Increasing the state's 40-cent gas tax to 46 cents, splitting that difference between the state

transportation department and local governments. The state would receive 50% of the increase, Oregon's 36 counties would get 30% and cities would receive 20%.

A \$42 increase to

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**Gov. Tina Kotek**  
answers questions  
from reporters during  
a press conference  
on Jan. 16, 2025.  
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Cloudy  
**Friday:** High-64/Low-52  
Partly Cloudy  
**Saturday:** High-63/Low-50  
Partly Cloudy  
**Sunday:** High-63/Low-53  
Mostly Cloudy  
**Monday:** High-63/Low-53  
Partly Cloudy  
**Tuesday:** High-64/Low-54  
AM Clouds/PM Sun

## Past Weather

## On the Coast

|                            |        |      |
|----------------------------|--------|------|
| Rain                       | Low    | High |
| May 17                     | 0.01   | 52.5 |
| May 18                     | 0.00   | 50.4 |
| May 19                     | 0.27   | 49.5 |
| May 20                     | 0.12   | 48.1 |
| May 21                     | 0.00   | 43.2 |
| May 22                     | 0.00   | 51.1 |
| May 23                     | 0.00   | 46.8 |
| Total rainfall from Jan. 1 | 32.20" |      |

## Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

|      |            |     |
|------|------------|-----|
| High | 4:27 a.m.  | 6.3 |
| Low  | 10:28 a.m. | 1.4 |
| High | 5:07 p.m.  | 7.7 |
| Low  | 11:36 p.m. | 2.0 |

## THURSDAY, JULY 31

|      |            |     |
|------|------------|-----|
| High | 5:27 a.m.  | 5.7 |
| Low  | 11:01 a.m. | 2.3 |
| High | 5:43 p.m.  | 7.7 |

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

|      |            |     |
|------|------------|-----|
| Low  | 12:38 a.m. | 1.8 |
| High | 6:44 a.m.  | 5.1 |
| Low  | 11:38 p.m. | 3.1 |
| High | 6:23 p.m.  | 7.6 |

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

|      |            |     |
|------|------------|-----|
| Low  | 1:44 a.m.  | 1.6 |
| High | 8:21 a.m.  | 5.0 |
| Low  | 12:26 p.m. | 3.8 |
| High | 7:10 p.m.  | 7.6 |

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

|      |           |     |
|------|-----------|-----|
| Low  | 2:51 a.m. | 1.2 |
| High | 9:58 a.m. | 5.2 |
| Low  | 1:33 p.m. | 4.2 |
| High | 8:05 p.m. | 7.7 |

## MONDAY, AUGUST 4

|      |            |     |
|------|------------|-----|
| Low  | 3:50 a.m.  | 0.8 |
| High | 11:04 a.m. | 5.5 |
| Low  | 2:50 p.m.  | 4.3 |
| High | 9:03 p.m.  | 7.8 |

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

|      |            |     |
|------|------------|-----|
| Low  | 4:40 a.m.  | 0.3 |
| High | 11:49 a.m. | 5.9 |
| Low  | 3:55 p.m.  | 4.2 |
| High | 9:57 p.m.  | 8.2 |

## Sunrise/Sunset

July 30 ..... 6:00 a.m. ..... 8:45 p.m.  
July 31 ..... 6:01 a.m. ..... 8:44 p.m.  
August 1 ..... 6:03 a.m. ..... 8:43 p.m.  
August 2 ..... 6:04 a.m. ..... 8:41 p.m.  
August 3 ..... 6:05 a.m. ..... 8:40 p.m.  
August 4 ..... 6:06 a.m. ..... 8:39 p.m.  
August 5 ..... 6:07 a.m. ..... 8:37 p.m.  
August 6 ..... 6:08 a.m. ..... 8:36 p.m.  
August 7 ..... 6:09 a.m. ..... 8:35 p.m.

## Lottery

Friday, July 25  
Mega Millions  
14 • 21 • 25 • 49 • 52 • PB-7  
  
Saturday, July 26  
Powerball  
8 • 31 • 57 • 65 • 67 • PB-23 • x3  
  
Saturday, July 26  
Megabucks  
6 • 11 • 24 • 33 • 38 • 46

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## ODF warns of target shooting fire hazards

STAFF REPORT  
Lincoln County Leader

are right."

There is a long list of state forest shooting regulations and simplified dos and don'ts while target shooting that are good to follow for any area of the state, according to Beall, who added that they are all important but there are some critical ones during fire season.

"The two most pressing problems are people bringing out and shooting exploding targets and shooting into stumps, logs or other debris," said Beall.

Exploding targets are banned year-round in all of Oregon's state forests. Materials such as Tannerite can scatter hot debris in a large area quickly igniting dry fuels. But it's not only

exploding targets that are a concern, the hot lead of regular rounds that hits stumps and other natural backstops or targets can smolder for hours leading to fire starts long after the shooter has left the area, according to ODF's Recreation Operations Manager Ben Burns.

To minimize this hazard shooters should not put targets on or in front of logs, stumps or grassy areas.

"People are required to use manufactured targets on all state forests, with the exception being paper targets printed at home." ODF's Recreation Operations Manager Ben Burns said. "Do not place targets on live trees, stumps, logs or in any dry

brushy areas."

ODF has built several shooting lanes throughout the state forest system but even those can be a fire hazard if not used properly.

"The Wolf Creek shooting lanes have ranges from 20 - 70 yards," Burns said. "It is important that people use the designated backstops and do not shoot beyond these borders into the vegetation beyond."

Another rule of which many recreational users are not aware, Burns noted, is that anyone using a vehicle in state forests during the regulated use portion of fire season must have a shovel and either a gallon of water or a 2.5-pound (or larger) fire extinguisher in that vehicle.

As someone who enjoys target shooting, I keep fire in mind as part of shooting safety," Beall said "I buy manufactured targets, lay down a tarp to catch my brass and check the area for garbage when I'm done."

Taking fire risk into consideration as part of any recreation activity is one of ODF's education focuses when talking to the public.

"You can ask our recreation staff or any ODF employee to clarify the rules if you are unsure," Burns said. "We are here to help everyone safely enjoy the forests no matter what activity they choose from hiking, biking, OHV riding, target shooting, camping and many other outdoor opportunities."

However, for repeat offenders and forest users who put people in imminent danger, local law enforcement officers do patrol state forests and can issue citations on the

spot and more.

"The Tillamook County Sheriff's Office has three dedicated officers to patrol the Tillamook State Forest thanks to funds that come from the state's ATV registration fees and matching grant funds from ODF," Burns said. "We meet regularly with them to discuss issues and areas to patrol more frequently, and target shooting is an area of emphasis right now."

But the emphasis remains on education and compliance.

"As someone who enjoys target shooting, I keep fire in mind as part of shooting safety," Beall said "I buy manufactured targets, lay down a tarp to catch my brass and check the area for garbage when I'm done."

Although not following the rules can endanger people and the forest itself, ODF's emphasis is on education before enforcement.

"You can ask our recreation staff or any ODF employee to clarify the rules if you are unsure," Burns said. "We are here to help everyone safely enjoy the forests no matter what activity they choose from hiking, biking, OHV riding, target shooting, camping and many other outdoor opportunities."

If you see a fire call 911. Also if you are a witness to the start of a fire and can provide information, eye-witness statements, video, photos or any other data, you can assist investigators by emailing them to odf.firetips@odf.oregon.gov.

This information helps ODF investigators in creating a full picture of what happened and identify a responsible party if there is one.

## Newport robbery suspect arrested

## STAFF REPORT

cigarettes, before fleeing on foot."

At approximately 8 a.m. Newport officers contacted 31-year-old Joshawa Greenleaf

Devries, of Newport, at Highway 101 and SW Angle Street, where Devries was ultimately arrested for the robbery. Devries was lodged at the Lincoln County Jail on the following charges: Robbery in the first degree, Menacing, Unlawful use of a weapon, Theft in the second degree.

Officers and a Lincoln County Sheriff's Office deputy searched the area and were unable to locate the suspect.

The incident remains under investigation as of July 28. Anyone with any information regarding this case is asked to contact Newport Police Department Officer Sam Clark at 541-574-3348. The Newport Police Tip Line is available at 541-574-5455, or Text-a-Tip at 541-270-1856 or [tipline@newportpolice.net](mailto:tipline@newportpolice.net)

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# LCPD to conduct pedestrian safety operation

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

The Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) plans to conduct a Pedestrian Safety Operation Tuesday, Aug. 5, in the 2900 block of North Highway 101, in the vicinity of the new Wecoma Place Apartments.

The safety enforcement operation is scheduled to be conducted between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Warning signs will be posted prior to entering the pedestrian safety operation zone. Officers in chase cars are positioned adjacent to the pedestrian safety operation ready to stop violating drivers after they receive an alert from the LCPD officer overseeing the operation from a side street along Highway 101.

101.

The primary focus of the operation is to raise pedestrian safety awareness, according to LCPD Sgt. Erik Anderson.

"With the use of a decoy pedestrian, the Lincoln City Police Department hopes to raise awareness of drivers and pedestrians through education and enforcement of pedestrian right-of-way laws," Anderson said.

The LCPD conducted a similar safety enforcement operation June 18 in the 2900 block of SE Highway 101. During that effort, police issued 13 citations, including tickets or warnings to several drivers violating the use of mobile devices (cellphones) while operating a motor vehicle.

The pedestrian safety



**The latest LCPD Pedestrian Safety Enforcement is scheduled for Aug. 5. (Courtesy photo from LCPD)**

operations are held frequently throughout the year by the LCPD traffic

enforcement team. The operations are designed to stop drivers who violate

the pedestrian safety rules, and/or are distracted while operating their vehicles by talking on their cellphones or using other electronic devices, or are driving aggressively by speeding, following too closely, making dangerous or un-signaled lane changes, or running stop signs.

LCPD Sgt. Torin Liden said the agency's primary purpose isn't to ticket drivers, but to educate them about the need for safe driving.

"That's one of the reasons we put up the warning signs and we put out the press releases alerting the public about the safety enforcement operations," Liden said. "We are not trying to give people tickets; we are just trying to make sure people are safe."

Liden said he believes over the years that the pedestrian safety operations have made a difference.

"We ran the last one at south 29 and highway 101, which is now a protected crosswalk with a rectangular rapid flashing beacon system, and I think that these are showing that we are convincing the Oregon Department of Transportation that by making these crossings more safer for pedestrians, we are not getting more crashes and injuries at those locations, Liden said.

The LCPD pedestrian safety operations are funded through a grant provided by the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Impact.

## Oregon's Bynum, Merkley and Florida Republicans target microplastics with new bill

**JULIA SHUMWAY**  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

The average human brain now contains enough tiny plastic fragments to equal the weight of a plastic spoon, a 50% increase in the past decade.

Those sobering statistics, included in a February study from researchers at the University of New Mexico, spurred a bipartisan, bicameral and bicoastal congressional team to introduce legislation Thursday to require the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to study the health impacts of microplastics.

U.S. Rep. Janelle Bynum and Sen. Jeff Merkley, both Oregon Democrats, and U.S. Sen. Rick Scott and Rep. Greg Steube, both Florida Republicans, introduced the Microplastics Safety Act. Bynum told the Capital Chronicle it's an example of the type of "low-hanging fruit" she aims to tackle as a first-term congresswoman in the minority party.

"The (Trump) administration has indicated an interest in making America healthy again, so this was the perfect opportunity to marry the interests of Oregonians with the interests of the administration," Bynum said.

The three-page bill would require Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to identify the major causes of microplastic exposure and study the impact of exposure to microplastics on children's health, hormones, cancer, chronic illness and reproductive health. Kennedy would need to submit a report to Congress within a year.

Scott, the chairman of the U.S. Senate's Special Committee on Aging, said in a statement that he was especially concerned about the long-term harm microplastics pose to older Americans. The University of New Mexico study found a clear correlation between people diagnosed with dementia and plastic — brain tissue from dementia patients had up to 10 times as much plastic than brain tissue from others — but it couldn't

determine a causal link.

"The Microplastics Safety Act is a critical step toward understanding the full scope of these risks," Scott said. "As exposure continues to grow through food, water, air, and everyday products, this legislation will help ensure we're guided by sound science to protect public health and our next generation."

Merkley added that microplastics threaten human health and the environment.

"Most of us have been taught the three Rs: reduce, reuse, and recycle. Too often, the reality for plastics is really the three Bs — buried, burned, and borne out to sea — as dangerous chemicals are seeping into our soil, air, and water," he said in a statement.

Bynum said it's not a coincidence that the bill's first four sponsors hail from coastal states: People who live near the coast, or by rivers or lakes, are more likely to see large plastic washing up on beaches.

"This is a real issue that people can see every day in their communities, and they're also probably a lot more focused on making sure that those waterways and those areas of recreation and areas where we are harvesting our food, are clean, are safe to eat and are not environmentally contaminated," she said.

She also hopes that a federal study will help more people understand the reasoning behind policies like Oregon's laws to phase out the use of plastic bags, straws and disposable tableware. As a state representative, Bynum voted for 2019 laws to ban single-use plastic grocery

"Ultimately, I think it is important for us to ask the question about what microplastics are doing to our bodies and to our environment, and we should continue pushing on that, whoever's in charge of the administration," she said.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2025/07/17/oregons-bynum-merkley-and-florida-republicans-target-microplastics-with-new-bill/>

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**Microplastics, about the size of a grain of rice, have been found in Oregon waterways, and have been shown to cause damage to human and animal cells. (Courtesy photo from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)**

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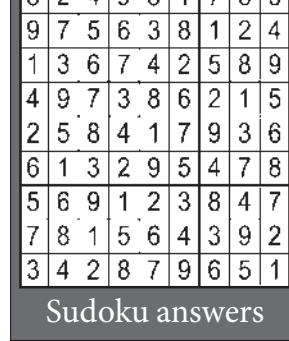
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# OPINION

Jeremy Ruark, Opinion Page Editor

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## WHO WE ARE

### County's youngest elected official takes on funding cutbacks

ELIOT SAKULER  
Leader Guest Article

Elected to the Siletz Rural Fire Protection District Board in May with almost 64% of the vote, 29-year-old Katie Saaty, is believed to be Lincoln County's youngest elected official.



#### Katie Saaty

In her new capacity, she is already preparing to grapple with funding shortfalls for emergency management resulting from cutbacks in federal assistance to state and local emergency service providers.

"Coming into this new role, I'm aware that the actions of the new administration are really having a ripple effect on the financial realities of our fire district in terms of regulations and climate change denial," Saaty said, as she sworn into her new post on Tuesday, July 15.

Earlier this year, federal grant funding was cut for several programs, including training of volunteer firefighters, new equipment and emergency staffing. Some of those cuts were reversed, but Washington's actions resulted in confusion and an atmosphere of uncertainty among many rural fire districts, especially those, like Siletz, that rely upon volunteers who require free or low-cost training to augment their professional staff. Fire departments, especially in rural areas, already operate on tight budgets, and many rely on federal programs to train personnel. Reductions or cutoffs in federal grants could lead to fewer trained firefighters, longer response times, and higher risks for communities facing fires and other disasters.

According to the district's website, the Siletz fire department responds to an average of 300 emergency calls per year, with the majority entailing emergency medical services. The department also responds to motor vehicle crashes, water rescues, and provides for prevention and education services. Siletz firefighters respond to mutual aid requests from other agencies and take part in fighting regional wildfires. Many of those services would be jeopardized by cutbacks in emergency response funding. As a newly elected Fire District board member, Saaty said she hopes to help find workarounds for budget shortfalls while making the public aware of the impacts of administration decisions.

The potential of those impacts is what drove her to become involved in the political process and to seek public office. Saaty, a Siletz resident, is a first-time office holder.

"We all could see what was happening and what was going to be coming (in the wake of the November election) and were keeping an eye out for ways to get involved," she said.

Satty attended a Newport rally co-sponsored by the Indivisible group and the county's Democratic Party. The party's county chairperson, Mary Infante, engaged her in conversation and asked if she would be interested in running for office in May's special election.

Although Saaty had no experience in elected office, her day job as a Water Quality Monitoring Specialist with the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District imparted a good working knowledge of the interaction between supervisory boards and staff in public agencies.

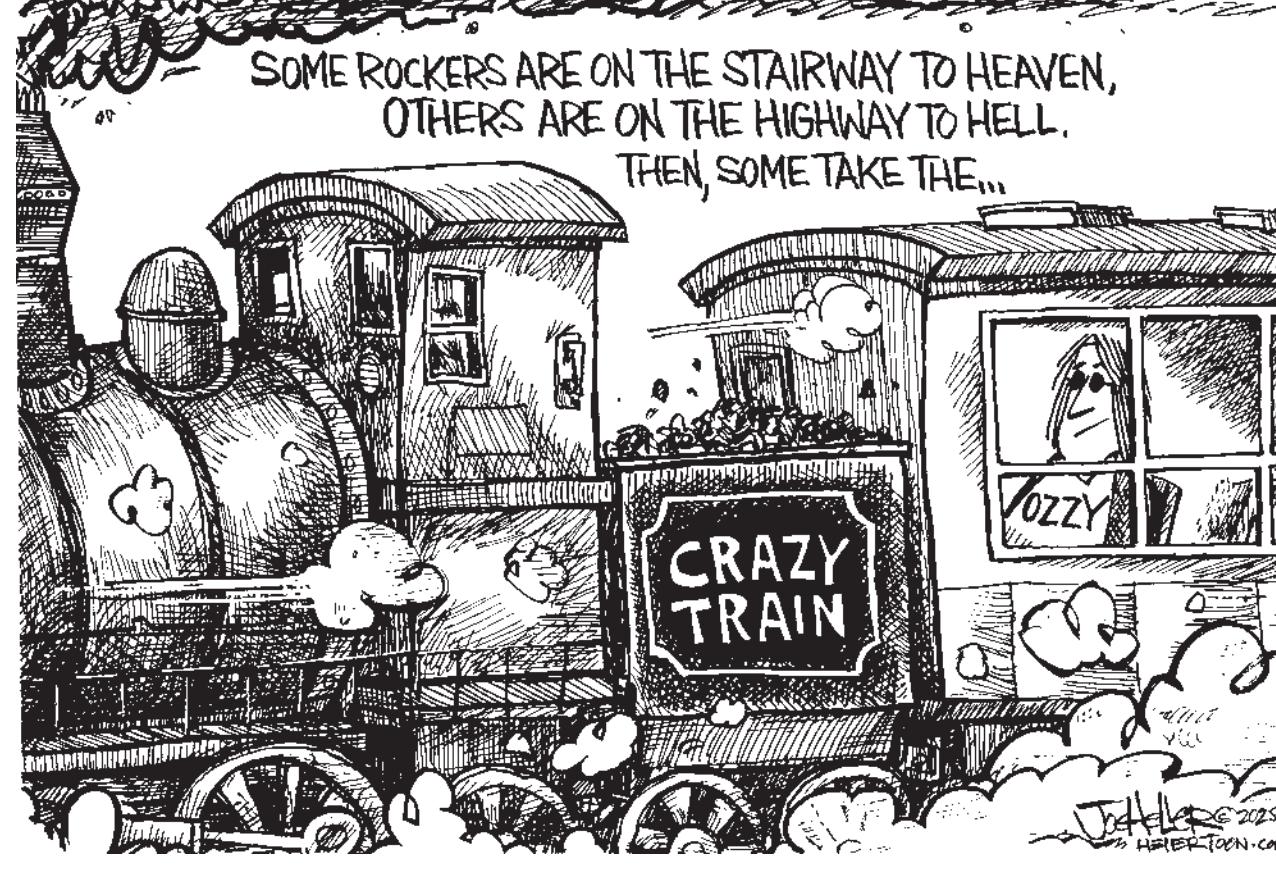
Satty said she hopes to be using her new position to inform the public about the dangers posed by environmental threats, especially the dangers posed by climate change.

"I was living here at the time of the Echo Mountain fire, and I know that some people in the area may not believe in the reality of climate change or may not be aware of the hazards a changing climate will pose even to us here in this part of the state," she said.

Although she's enthused about assuming her new role in public office, Saaty doesn't nurse ambitions toward higher office.

"I'm not especially interested in going after positions of authority, but if something came along for which I'd be a good fit, I'd certainly consider it," said Saaty, who majored in fisheries science while studying for her degree from California's Humboldt State University. "It would be especially interesting if it were something in the environmental sector, aquatic environment or aquatic wildlife. I'd like to be of help in areas I'm well-suited for."

Contributor Eliot Sakuler is a Lincoln County resident. Who We Are is a Lincoln County Leader feature highlighting the people in our community.



### How socializing protects cognitive health in older adults

RACHEL MARTY  
Leader Guest Article

As we get older, keeping our minds sharp becomes increasingly important—and fortunately, one of the best ways to protect our brain health is also one of the most fulfilling: building and maintaining meaningful social connections.

Dr. Sudi Neukam, a geriatrician at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), has seen firsthand how social engagement supports cognitive and emotional health in older adults across the state. "Social interaction isn't just something nice to have," she says. "It plays a central role in brain function, emotional resilience, and even longevity."

#### Why Social Engagement Matters

Research suggests that older adults who maintain active social lives are less likely to develop cognitive impairment and dementia. Dr. Neukam compares socializing to brain exercise: "When we connect with others—talking, laughing, problem-solving—we're strengthening memory, attention, and executive function."

It's not just about the quantity of interactions, either. Quality matters. Sustained relationships, meaningful activities, and feeling needed all contribute to what psychologists call eudaimonic well-being—a sense of purpose that has been directly linked to improved brain health.

"If we don't have a reason to get out of bed," Neukam notes, "we often start losing our ability to get out of bed. Social purpose is protective."

#### The Hidden Toll of Isolation

Social isolation and loneliness have profound

biological effects. Studies have shown that isolation triggers stress responses in the body, increasing inflammation and reducing brain resilience.

"When we're disconnected, our cortisol levels rise, and chronic inflammation can set in," explains Neukam. "That inflammation affects vascular health, which in turn is tied to brain health. What's good for the heart is good for the brain—and isolation is bad for both."

Beyond the chemistry, isolation can lead to depression, anxiety, and apathy—symptoms that are themselves risk factors for cognitive decline. "We often see apathy or withdrawal before other signs of cognitive change," she adds. "These early warning signs should never be ignored."

#### Creating Connection: What Works Best?

Dr. Neukam encourages older adults to think creatively and personally when seeking connection. "There's no one-size-fits-all solution. The best activity is the one you're going to enjoy and stick with."

Here are some categories of social engagement shown to boost cognitive health:

Creative and Leisure Activities: Book clubs, art classes, music groups, and even knitting circles stimulate the brain and create bonds.

Physical Activity with Others: Group exercise, like tai chi or walking groups, combines physical and social benefits.

Cultural and Faith-Based Involvement: Attending plays, concerts, or services builds both community and purpose.

#### Volunteering and Advocacy: Meaningful service can fill the "purpose gap" left by

retirement, and supports cognitive resilience.

#### In-Person, Virtual, or Both?

While in-person interaction is the gold standard, virtual and phone-based options still offer real value—especially in rural or transportation-limited communities. Neukam advises a flexible approach: "Perfection isn't the goal. If you can't get to an in-person event every week, mix it up with virtual activities or phone calls. Something is always better than nothing."

She adds that, "thanks to the pandemic, there's now a rich menu of virtual offerings across Oregon."

#### Oregon Resources to Know

Oregon offers a wide range of virtual classes, community-building events, and volunteer opportunities statewide.

But Dr. Neukam also points to lesser-known local programs making a big impact:

Virtual Resources: AARP Oregon's Virtual Community Center – a hub for in person and online events, plus free digital tools like cognitive assessments and more. Join here: AARP Virtual Community Center.

Phone Lines: Free phone-based companionship via landline or cell.

The David Romprey Oregon Warline is available 24/7 at 1 800 698 2392, led by trained peers.

Senior Loneliness Line (Lines for Life) – available to Oregon adults 60+ daily from 5:30 am–11:30 pm at 503 200 1633 or 800 282 7035.

VIEWS (Portland area): Conversations on Aging (formerly VIEWS) – in person drop in peer groups for older adults to connect casually and

regularly. Learn more: Conversations on Aging

#### Lane County Senior Companion Program:

A volunteer program matching older adults in Lane County with trained companions for ongoing social engagement. More info at Lane Community College's site: Senior Companion Program – Lane CC To participate or volunteer, call 541 463 6260.

Community Connection of Northeast Oregon (CCNO): Serving Baker, Union, Wallowa, and Grant Counties, CCNO provides transportation and organizes enriching for older adults. Visit their site: Community Connection of Northeast Oregon Contact the La Grande office at 541 963 3186.

Club 60 Senior (Josephine County): A grassroots response offering coffee hours, games, Tai Chi, chair yoga, and meaningful connection at the Josephine County Senior Resource Center in Grants Pass. Details: Club Sixty

Papa: A national program active in Oregon that pairs older adults with younger companions—so-called "Papa Pals." They support both companionship and errands, and may be covered through insurance benefits. Explore here: Papa Companion Care

Neukam encourages Oregonians to explore local community centers, which are often underutilized gems.

"Even if it's a youth-focused center, ask what's available for seniors. You might be surprised," Neukam said.

Find events at <https://local.aarp.org/virtual-community-center/>

Rachel Marty is a Communications Intern with AARP Oregon.

## Online Poll

### PREVIOUS POLL

How would you rate your community's overall livability?

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| Excellent  | 15.9% |
| Good       | 33.3% |
| Needs work | 30.8% |
| Poor       | 20%   |

### NEW POLL

Do you support Gov. Kotek's tax and fee hikes, or do you support Rep. Christine Drazan's call to use existing revenue from the emergency board to prevent massive layoffs with the Oregon Department of Transportation and to fund transportation needs?

- Kotek's plan
- Drazan's idea

**DROUGHT**

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above normal streamflow conditions. However, recent conditions have declined to well below normal levels with some stream gauges recording record low conditions. Declining streamflow conditions have persisted despite precipitation that occurred during June. Streamflow conditions are likely to remain below normal without sustained precipitation, according to Lincoln County and state water monitoring agencies.

**DROUGHT EMERGENCY**

Gov. Tina Kotek declared a Drought Emergency July 10, following declarations from the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and the Baker County Board of Commissioners. See that story at the Lincoln County Leader website. Union and Morrow counties in northwest Oregon and Douglas County in southern Oregon have made similar requests to the state for assistance due to the drought.

Drought is likely to have a significant economic impact on the farm, ranch, recreation, tourism and natural resources sectors,

as well as an impact on drinking water, fish and wildlife, and important minimum flows for public instream uses and other natural resources dependent on adequate precipitation, stored water, and streamflow in these areas, according to a release from Kotek's office.

"Extreme conditions are expected to affect local growers and livestock, increase the potential for wildfire, shorten the growing season, and decrease water supplies," the release states.

The drought declaration unlocks a number of drought-related emergency tools, including assistance to local water users. Drought declarations also allow the Oregon Water Resources Department to expedite review processes and reduce fee schedules.

**WATER CURTAILMENT MEASURES**

The Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium (MCWCC) includes Newport, Lincoln City, Toledo, Seal Rock, Waldport and Yachats. The MCWCC members' curtailment plans list a range of restrictions in an effort to conserve essential public water supplies. The water conservation ranges from voluntary steps to

specific restrictions.

Newport is the latest Lincoln County city to ask the public to conserve water.

The City of Newport issued Notice of an Alert Stage 1 – Water Curtailment on July 28, requesting community members to conserve water while the city experiences below normal precipitation, above normal temperatures, low streamflow, and soil moisture conditions.

"These are not restrictions at this time, but rather a request to our community to begin implementing conservation methods if they aren't already," Newport Assistant Public Works Director and Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Steve Stewart said. "We will continue to monitor conditions and water levels to assist our community throughout this drought."

The City of Newport has four curtailment alert stages which have increasing levels of recommendations and restrictions. A stage 1 alert was last issued in 2023. The city has never issued beyond a stage 2 alert, according to Newport Communications Officer John Fuller.

"This is a proactive

approach to continue working with our community on the awareness of the drought conditions and declarations, and how they can help ensure our water supply lasts throughout the year," Fuller said.

Newport has been working with Lincoln County and the Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium to monitor drought conditions closely for several weeks.

"There are a number of factors that are included in making a decision regarding curtailment, including water levels, weather forecasts for rain and temperatures, and streamflow," Fuller said, adding that under the Level 1 Water Curtailment Level, residents and businesses in Newport can take specific conservation actions.

"We recommend a limit to watering lawns and plants or washing cars, decks, fences, sidewalks and buildings," he said. "Even minor adjustments to daily routines such as reducing shower time or making sure your laundry is a full load can help. And always monitor your water bill for any unusual spikes in use, which may potentially be a sign of a leak."

An even more restrictive level has been imposed by the City of Siletz. That rural area near Lincoln City issued an Emergency Water Curtailment Level 3 on July 18. The Siletz resolution 751-25 limits households to 10,000 gallons of water per month.

"Failure to adhere to the restrictions will result in fines," a statement issued by the City of Siletz reads.

On July 16, the City of Toledo also issued a Water Curtailment advisory.

"The City of Toledo asks that folks please conserve water as we all navigate through this dry spell. Because of this, the Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium (Mid-Coast Water) encourages the Lincoln County community to take action to reduce water waste," the Toledo advisory states. The action steps recommended include:

Restrict irrigation to the evening hours or early mornings.

Minimize or avoid washing cars and boats.

Minimize or avoid washing outdoor surfaces such as pavement, decks, fences, and buildings.

Position your sprinklers so that they water your plants, not pavement.

Cut back lawn watering to once a week, if at all.

Delay draining/filling pools and hot tubs.

Fix indoor leaks.

Check with your water provider about the availability of free water conservation items.

Run the dishwasher and washing machine with full loads only.

Minimize your shower time.

**DROUGHT HISTORY**

Drought and its impacts vary from region to region due to differences in climate. The Pacific

Northwest is an ecologically diverse region where water supplies are heavily reliant on snowpack, precipitation, groundwater, and highly managed rivers, such as the Columbia River. The region is primarily wet in winter but dry in summer, and has experienced multiple droughts in the early 21st century. These droughts affect agriculture, water supply, hydropower, tourism and recreation, fisheries, wildland fire regimes, and public health.

In 2001, 2015, and beginning in 2020, virtually the entire region was in drought. In 2015, levels of drought across western Washington and Oregon were particularly severe.

Over the last several years, single-year droughts in coastal regions were extreme, whereas drought persisted for multiple years in central and southern Oregon and Idaho.

**RESOURCES**

The Oregon Water Resources Department maintains a drought website that provides the status of current water conditions and state drought declarations, as well as information on what people can do to use water wisely.

For more information, visit [www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/climate/droughtwatch](http://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/climate/droughtwatch).

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

## Sharon Bell Roberts "Red"

February 11, 1947 - January 15, 2025

In loving memory of Sharon Bell Roberts "Red" who is now dancing in the Great Hall of Heaven with her loving husband Thomas Ray Roberts

Sharon passed away on January 15, 2025, she was 77 years old. She was born February 11, 1947, in Eugene, OR to Walter Earl Bell and Amy Pauline Daniel (Bell). She had two sons Jason and Travis White.

Sharon and Tom Roberts were married on July 9, 1990, under the apple tree in front of their beloved home and a new beautiful family was formed with bonus children Shannon Roberts and Heather (Roberts) Adams.

Sharon grew up in Veneta, OR, where she graduated from Elmira High School and went on to graduate from Beautician School. She owned two salons "Fox &



Hare" and a pool hall chain called the Tricky Dicks.

Her many hobbies included hunting and fishing, water and snow skiing, painting and drawing and Rock hounding. She was a loving wife and mother and a doting grandmother. She was a beautiful soul and the life of the party!

Please join us for a Celebration of life, 8/16/25, 12-3 p.m. 25192 E Broadway Ave, Veneta, OR 97487

*"It is more blessed to give than to receive" Acts 20:35. "Honor her for all that her hands have done and let her works bring her praise at the city gate" Proverbs 31:31*



One of 2025 sand sculptor designs at South Beach. (Courtesy photo from the OPRD)

## SAND

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## Barbara Helen Moody Owen

April 13, 1949 - July 1, 2025

Barbara Helen Moody Owen passed away in Redmond, Oregon on July 1, 2025 at the age of 76 years. A graveside service for Barbara will be at 12pm on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at the Terrebonne Pioneer Cemetery and will be followed with a Celebration of Life at 1:30 PM at the Grange Hall located at 707 SW Kalama Ave., Redmond, Oregon.

She was born April 13, 1949 to Sinclair and Dorothy Moody in McMinnville, Oregon. Barbara was the youngest of seven siblings, Eloise Lancaster (Moody), Kenneth Moody, Charles Moody, Marilyn Day (Moody), Richard Moody and Rosemary Conrad (Moody).

Barbara attended all of her school years in Toledo, Oregon where she graduated from Toledo High School.

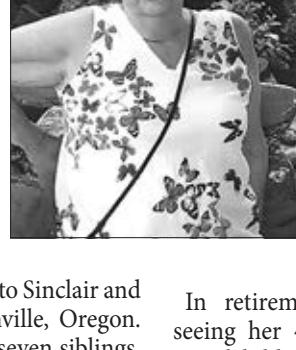
She married David Owen December 31, 1966 and they lived together in the Harrisburg area - eventually moving to the coast with their two children, Jennifer, Murtha (Owen) and Jonathon Owen.

In the early years of their marriage, she and Dave loved to pack up the old El Camino and head to Canada on camping trips. Equally adventurous, she and her coastal friends would drive to Reno - all stuffed into an overloaded minivan for a weekend of gambling.

Ever faithful in her attendance, she was at every one of her son's basketball games and all of her daughter's cheerleading events.

After working for the State of Oregon, she completed required basic training from the Oregon Police Academy and served as a corrections officer for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department.

In the early 90's, Barbara and Dave moved



back to Siletz River area where she enjoyed their small hobby farm with cows, chickens, a dog, a cat, and a big beautiful garden of vegetables and flowers.

Barbara also loved vacationing in Maui, Hawaii with Rosemary and Jim, and Jennifer and Pat. She even got to enjoy a trip to New York City with Richard and Carl.

In retirement, she looked forward to seeing her 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren in Central Oregon, whether it was attending their sports events, birthday parties, or family holiday parties.

During Dave's courageous two year cancer battle, she was faithfully at her husband's side, day and night.

She enjoyed playing cards and mahjong with her friends in her beloved retirement community and especially loved going out for meals and shopping with them.

Barbara was also an excellent quilter. She made special quilts for many family members, and the quilts will forever remain cherished heirlooms.

Barbara is survived by her son Jonathon and his partner Toni Lange; her granddaughters Caitlyn Owen, Hannah Owen, Sarah Hobbs and her husband Scott; her grandson Lucas Gustafson and his wife Lexa; Toni's son Tyler Lange; Pat's son Chip Murtha; her great grandchildren Mason Wilderman, River and Jaxson Hobbs, and Llewlyn Gustafson; and her sister Rosemary Conrad.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband Dave, her beautiful daughter Jennifer and son-in-law Pat Murtha, her parents and her siblings, Eloise, Ken, Charles, Marilyn and Richard.

or third place. Prizes included baskets with an assortment of beach-themed prizes with the first-place basket stocked with four tickets to the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

"It's a great opportunity for visitors to share their sand sculpting skills and connect with park volunteers and rangers," Newhall said.

Last year, 20 teams with a total of 65 competitors vied for the top spots. And as many as 190 visitors watched the sandcastles take shape.

**LOCATION**

Situated next to the Yaquina Bay Bridge, South Beach State Park begins in south Newport and stretches several miles down the Oregon coast. According to the OPRD, the historic park offers access to miles of broad, sandy ocean beach and trails for walking and bicycling.

## James "J.D." Barnes

February 12, 1969 - July 21, 2025

James "J.D." Douglas Barnes, age 56, husband of Brenda Barnes, passed away Monday, July 21, 2025, at Frankfort Regional Medical Center in Frankfort, Ky. Born in Newport, OR on February 12, 1969, James was the son of Mary Alena Gatens Wilkinson and the late Clark Douglas Barnes.

James was a hard worker; he'd worked since he was seven years old and worked as a construction worker for 30 years. He prided himself on his ability to fix just about anything; if he didn't know how to fix it, he'd learn how. He was a dedicated fisherman and hunter. James also spent many hours chainsaw sculpting. He loved his family more than anything; when it came to them, he was a selfless father and grandfather. James prided himself on being a good role model for his children and grandchildren. He was described by his family as being an early bird, a big talker, he'd never met a stranger, very patriotic, funny, creative, and very adventurous.

James is survived by his wife, Brenda Dianne Kukul Barnes; his seven children, Johnathan Harmon, Tyler Harmon, Amber Barnes, all of OR, Jacob Denson (Shaunda Stella) of TN, Alisha Amos, David Wolverton (Stephanie) and Travis Wolverton (Allie) all of KY; a



brother, Timothy Barnes of OR; eleven grandchildren, Adrianna, Kaiden, Brayden, McKinley, Colton, Daniel, John-David, Nevaeh, Jensen, Connor, and Nora; and cousins, Mike Gatens (Brandi) and Joey Gatens of OR, Karl Miller (Julie) of GA, Suzie Miller of CO, and numerous other cousins; several aunts and uncles; and a mother-in-law, Betty Kukul of KY.

Including his father, James was preceded in death by his son, Lane Barnes; his step-father, Mike Wilkenson; and his father-in-law, Jimmie Kukul.

Memorial visitation will be held at 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Services will be Wednesday, July 30, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home, Lawrenceburg, KY.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Oregon Wildlife Foundation, 2337 NW York St #201c, Portland, OR 97210 or at <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/oregon-wildlife-foundation>

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home, Lawrenceburg, KY. Condolences to the family may also be expressed at [www.ritchieandpeach.com](http://www.ritchieandpeach.com).

# This Week in

# HISTORY

## LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER STAFF

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

### 100 YEARS AGO (1925)

#### TO FINISH ROOSEVELT HIGHWAY TO NEWPORT DURING 1926 PLAN

Members of Highway Commission Declare Most Scenic Route Lies Between Yaquina Bay and Siletz River; Bridges to replace Ferries.

Bridges will replace ferries on the Roosevelt coast highway whenever practicable between Newport and the north terminal according to announcement made by the state highway commission today, says Monday's Oregonian. Furthermore, the commission is determined to have all the highway in Lincoln County finished from Yaquina Bay north next year. This means that the highway will be completed next season from Portland to this beautiful harbor.

#### LOST BOY HEARD FROM

Sidney Robertson, whose mysterious disappearance last week, aroused the whole community, has been heard from, it is appearing that the youthful desire to get from under parental direction and make a start in life for himself, ended in his leaving for parts unknown. He stopped at the Davis ranch at Blodgett Wednesday morning asking for work, but no word has been received from him personally.

#### CUT WORMS DOING DAMAGE TO CROPS IN WESTERN STATES

Experiment Stations Flooded With Requests For Relief From Pest; Poison Bran Is Best Eradicator

Variegated cutworms are making serious raids on field, garden and flower plants in most parts of western Oregon, and in some parts of Eastern Oregon. They eat every part of some plants-leaf, stem, and root-and also gnaw into such fruits as apples and tomatoes. Calls for help have come by the hundreds to the experiment station and to county agents. Poison bran mash, as follows is the control recommended: Mix 15 pounds of coarse bran with ten ounces of paris green and 1 pint of salt. Dilute 1 pint of syrup with enough water to make a moist crumbly mash such as will fall apart when dropped from the hand. Scatter this mash about the plants and over the invested ground, where the worms will find and eat it on their way to the plants.

### 75 YEARS AGO (1950)

#### NEW LUTHERAN CHUCH TO BE DEDICATED 30TH

The new AH Nations Lutheran chapel on Highway 20 in Newport will be dedicated next Sunday, July 30 to a service beginning at 11 a.m. with the Rev. John E. Simon, pastor of the church performing the dedicatory rites.

#### WOMAN DIES AS HOMES BURN AT TIDEWATER

Mrs. J.D. Wells, about 50, resident of Tidewater died Wednesday afternoon following a fire which completely destroyed two of her neighbors' homes. Fearing for the safety of her own home, she passed into a coma and died without regaining consciousness. Further details of the tragedy of the woman's death were unavailable in Newport at press time.

#### 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL AT YACHTS CORNERS THE FISH BAIT BUSINESS

Barbara Bamber, 14, who recently finished grade school has virtually cornered the bait business in Yachts-this without benefit of the Chamber of Commerce or help from any business tycoon. And businessmen concede that this school girl, possibly the youngest merchant in the county, with a very small investment has established herself in a most lucrative business.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1975)

#### ADVISORY GROUP MAKES LANDOWNER CONCESSIONS

If the requirements for a septic tank permit in Tillamook County can meet the same standards as Lincoln County a total of 78 land owners may have been given a reprieve to build in the Cascade Head area. By a vote of 7-3, the Cascade Head Scenic-Research advisory committee, decided to recommend the U.S. Department of Agriculture allow land owners with the permits in hand to build.

#### PLANE CRASHES CLAIM THREE

Three persons were killed and one injured in two separate plane crashes this week eight miles away from each other. Heavy fog in the Van Duzer Corridor area was blamed for both mishaps. The

Federal Aviation Agency is conducting an investigation into both crashes.

#### ATTORNEY PROPOSES CHANGES IN NUISANCE ORDINANCE

"I will not declare martial law but used wisely they could nip the problem in the bud," said City Attorney Mike Dowsett Tuesday in summarizing proposed changes in the city's nuisance ordinance. Dowsett presented his proposals during a joint meeting of the Lincoln City Council and Planning Commissions. The meeting was called by the new planning director, Carol a. Lindberg.

#### CITY GIVEN \$2,000 PLAN GRANT

A \$2,000 grant was awarded to Lincoln City recently by the Housing and Urban Development Division. The funds will be used for planning the city's "basic housing element." Two separate programs will be carried on with the funds. One will be used to work on the housing element of the city's comprehensive land plan. The other will be used for a housing assistance study.

### 25 YEARS AGO (2000)

#### CHILD CENTER SET TO EXPAND

North Lincoln Hospital Child Development Center Director Val Moore

took a major step this week toward meeting local child care needs by discussing the formation of a consortium with Lincoln County employers. The hospital's day care center is set to move into Delake Elementary School in Lincoln City next week, enabling the facility to double the number of children it serves.

#### POPULATION GROWTH SLOWS IN COUNTY

After nearly a decade of steady population growth, Lincoln County's ability to attract new people seems to be slowing. According to figures from the Oregon Employment Department, this county has between 300 and 1,000 people moving in each year since the early 1990s. Last year, the number of new people in Lincoln County totaled 150.

#### DEPOE BAY GETS GRANT TO BUY OCEANFRONT LAND

The city of Depoe Bay received a boost this week in its efforts to raise funds to purchase, for scenic protection, 10 ocean view lots along U.S. Highway 101. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department announced that Depoe Bay's application for the Local Government grant Program ranked seventh out of the 67 applications submitted.

## Mary Ann Carlucci

February 28, 1940 - June 12, 2025

MaryAnn Carlucci died on June 12, 2025.



Born February 28, 1940, MaryAnn was the second and only daughter to John and Marietta Fitz of Toledo, OH. After enjoying a typical childhood with her older brother, Robert, and younger brother, Ray, she graduated from Scott High School in 1958. She attended Miami University of Ohio, where she met her first husband, David Supowitz. MaryAnn moved to Las Vegas, NV in May 1962 where she gave birth to her oldest child, Deborah, shortly thereafter. MaryAnn married her second husband, Eugene Beisner, with whom she had her second child, Robert Joseph. When she and Eugene divorced, MaryAnn supported herself and her young children by working as a cocktail waitress and casino cashier at the Horseshoe Hotel and Casino. She had a brief third marriage to Joseph Carlucci. When asked why she stayed in Las Vegas, MaryAnn responded that it was a great place to make a decent living while raising two children on her own.

MaryAnn loved the rain and would often "chase" rainclouds on weekends and vacations. One such trip took her to the Oregon coast where she found her happy place. When her grown kids moved back home to Las Vegas, she handed them the

keys, told them to pay the bills and, in 1985, she moved to Newport, OR. She worked as a bartender until she purchased "The Trolley Car" - a hamburger and hot dog stand - which she ran successfully for several years. After selling the Trolley, MA bartended at the Barge Inn until she became a school bus driver which she continued to do until she retired.

MaryAnn loved to travel and visited Australia, Europe, Morocco and the British Isles. Her domestic travels took her across the US, including Alaska and Hawaii. She loved to play cards and was a jigsaw puzzle expert. Anyone who met her was immediately charmed by her wit and her sense of humor. Mary Ann was a very caring and supportive mother who loved her children deeply. MaryAnn had a wonderful network of friends and neighbors in Oregon; after losing several friends and being impacted by COVID, she moved to Las Vegas to be closer to family. MaryAnn is survived by her beloved daughter, Deborah, and her son, Joseph and his wife, Esther, her brothers, Robert and Ray, her sisters-in-law, Sally and Pam; her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

In keeping with her wishes, MaryAnn will be cremated. A private memorial is planned for a future date.

## Eva Marie Read-Wiese

May 13, 1943 - July 10, 2025

Eva Marie (White) Read-Wiese passed away on July 10, 2025, at 82 years old.

Eva Marie was born May 13, 1943 to Dorothy Belle (Cobb) and Lester Alfred White in McMinnville, Oregon. She had one older sister, Delores. Her mother was an elementary school teacher and her father worked in the lumber industry.

She grew up in Sheridan and was also a resident of Salem, Springfield, and Seal Rock, Oregon. Her final years were spent in Siletz, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington.

Eva graduated Salutatorian of Sheridan High School class of 1951. She received her Associate's degree from Portland State University in 1995.

She had a diverse career, including the School of Journalism at the University of Oregon; Vocational Rehabilitation of Newport, Oregon; and Senior Services in Toledo, Oregon.

Eva was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served in many church callings, including working with children and youth as a primary teacher and seminary teacher for many years. She loved learning and teaching about the gospel of Jesus Christ. She supported her seminary students by attending their local school and

sporting events.

She enjoyed many hobbies, including crafts such as knitting, sewing, beading/jewelry making, rock and wood painting, and many others. She was an avid reader and especially loved a good mystery. She loved sharing crafts and adventures with her friends and family.

Eva is survived by three of her children: Leona (Read) and John Anderson, William and Arya (Hyde) Wiese, and Jaclyn (Wiese) Womack. Her Grandchildren: James Aaron Read and Stephanie Copley, Kevin and Zara (Ahmadi) Moore, Nicole (Anderson) and Ricky Olson, Brittany (Anderson) and Aaron Conard, Aaron Wiese and Tabby Young, Sam Wiese, Percival Wiese, Myrna Wiese, Emily Midnight, Cody Womack, Brock Womack and Chelsea Womack. And her Great-grandchildren: Korianna Martin, MacKyle Copley, Alissa Cisneros, Kya Olson, Cooper Williamson, Tucker Conard and Theodore Moore.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Dorothy (Cobb) and Lester White, her sister Delores (White) Geedey, and her oldest son Floyd Read.

A celebration of life will be held in Vancouver, Washington on August 2nd. Arrangements are being entrusted to Bateman Funeral Home of Newport, Oregon.

## OBITUARY POLICY

**Country Media offers several options for submitting obituaries, each catering to different needs and preferences:**

**1. DEATH NOTICE:** This option includes basic information such as the deceased's name, age, town of residence, and details about any funeral services. There is no charge for this service. If you wish to add a photo, there is a \$35 fee.

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# Spring 2025 hiring unchanged from Winter 2025

**ANNA JOHNSON**  
Leader Guest Article

Each quarter, the Oregon Employment Department surveys private employers from all industries and areas of the state to ask about the job vacancies they are actively trying to fill.

Oregon businesses reported 51,000 vacancies in spring 2025. Vacancies stayed flat from the winter and decreased 12% from spring 2024. After reaching elevated levels of close to 100,000 job vacancies in spring 2021 through summer 2022 in the rapid hiring following pandemic re-openings, spring 2025 had the second-lowest level of job vacancies in Oregon since summer 2020.

As of April 2025, there were 7.1 million private-sector job openings in the United States, as measured by the Job

Openings and Labor Turnover Survey, and 6.8 million people were unemployed, resulting in a U.S. ratio of about 1.0 unemployed people per job opening. This is the 17th straight quarter at or below a ratio of 1.0. The number of private-sector job openings in the U.S. peaked at 11.5 million in April 2022. Since spring of 2021, openings have met or exceeded the previous high of 7.0 million seen in April 2019.

There were 90,000 unemployed Oregonians in April 2025 and 51,000 job vacancies, leaving roughly 1.8 unemployed persons for every job opening. As job vacancies in Oregon have fallen since the record high peaks and unemployment has continued at a low level since late 2021, Oregon's unemployed-to-job vacancy ratio has been slowly increasing.

Most Oregon openings in spring 2025 were for full-time, permanent positions. Education beyond high school was required for 32% of spring vacancies. Prior work experience was required for 62% of vacancies, up from 57% in spring 2024. Employers reported a majority of their vacancies as difficult to fill, accounting for 58% of vacancies in spring 2025.

The average starting wage among this group of vacancies was \$28.38 per hour, an inflation-adjusted increase of 6% from spring 2024, and an 11% increase from winter 2025. The number of vacancies offering a starting wage below \$20 per hour decreased 11% over the year. The number of vacancies offering between \$20 and \$30 per hour decreased 16% and vacancies paying above \$30 per hour decreased 3%.

Hiring demand existed throughout different industries and occupations, though it was concentrated in the private health care and social assistance industry. Ten out of 14 major sectors were hiring for more than 2,000 positions at any given time in spring 2025. Health care and social assistance represented over one-fifth of all spring vacancies, with 11,100 vacancies. The professional, scientific, and technical services industry followed with 6,800 vacancies.

Employers reported vacancies in 200 different occupations. The occupation groups with the most vacancies in spring 2025 were installation, maintenance, and repair (5,500), production (4,500), and food preparation and serving (4,500) occupations. Detailed occupations reported most frequently included

personal care aides, retail salespersons, and fast food and counter workers.

Spring vacancies were distributed across the state, with the Portland Tri-County area (Portland-Metro and Clackamas County, combined) accounting for nearly half (47%). Over the year changes in vacancies varied across the state. Portland-Metro vacancies grew the fastest over the year (+13%) while Lane County vacancies declined by 42%.

*More details about Oregon Job Vacancies are available on QualityInfo.org, on the publications page under Job Vacancy Survey.*

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## Governor made deal with Nvidia to get AI education in Oregon schools

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Months after Oregon signed an agreement with the computer chip company Nvidia to educate K-12 and college students about artificial intelligence, details about how AI concepts and "AI literacy" will be taught to children as young as 5 remain unclear.

An April agreement signed by Gov. Tina Kotek, Higher Education Coordinating Commission Executive Director Ben Cannon and Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang, directs \$10 million of state money be spent on expanding access to AI education and career opportunities in colleges and schools in partnership with Nvidia.

Despite the agreement encompassing K-12 schools, questions and requests for comment on the deal from the Oregon Department of Education went unanswered.

A spokesperson for the Oregon Education Association, the state's largest teacher's union, did not provide comment on the agreement with Nvidia but sent a 2024 group resolution on artificial intelligence that states that the use of AI tools should be transparent in schools, that data security and privacy should be a priority and that teachers should be trained in use of the tools.

Cannon said in a statement that the agreement will "position Oregon higher education institutions and workforce training providers to lead in preparing students for responsible application of AI and cutting-edge technologies needed in Oregon."

California-based Nvidia is the world's largest supplier of computing chips used for artificial intelligence systems processing, and Huang has deep Oregon connections as a graduate of Aloha High School and Oregon State University. Huang recently donated \$50 million to develop a supercomputing research center at the university, which in 2023 also got more than \$70 million in state taxpayer funding.

Nvidia chips are used in generative AI systems like ChatGPT that are trained on troves of text and data taken from the internet and used to provide text, image or other outputs based on user prompts. The system has drawn the ire of many teachers and college professors, who see it being used deceptively by students to do their research and writing work for them. Many writers and publishers also distrust AI tools that take their work from the internet without pay or credit and use it to train the AI systems.

But as such AI tools gain users, there's a growing push



**Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek and Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang at the groundbreaking of the Jen-Hsun Huang and Lori Mills Huang Collaborative Innovation Complex at Oregon State University on April 13, 2024. The center, created with \$50 million from Huang and more than \$70 million from the state, will employ a Nvidia supercomputer. Photo courtesy of Oregon State University. (Courtesy photo from Oregon State University)**

to teach younger and younger students in the country's public schools and colleges about how they work, and how they could be applied in an increasingly technocentric future.

### "Fast moving"

Just a week after Kotek signed the agreement with Nvidia, President Donald Trump issued an executive order "advancing artificial intelligence education for American youth" by establishing an artificial intelligence education task force.

Such announcements reveal a clear concern from politicians — without investing in AI education, Oregonians and Americans will be uncompetitive for the jobs of the future and get left behind.

"Nvidia is collaborating with the state of Oregon on workforce training and upskilling to address the rapidly growing demand for AI skills, foster economic growth, and ensure Oregon's workforce remains competitive in the evolving tech landscape," Nvidia spokesperson Liz Archibald said in an email.

Oregon's agreement with Nvidia followed one made with California in August 2024 that is specific to higher education and job training. After Kotek signed Oregon's agreement, Mississippi and Utah also signed agreements.

According to Oregon's agreement, college faculty will be able to train to become "Nvidia ambassadors" on campus, and the Oregon Department of Education will work with Nvidia and K-12 schools to "introduce foundational AI concepts."

"The MOU is intended to be broad and inclusive of Oregon's workforce and training education ecosystem — which includes K-12 education — so Oregon can train and prepare students for high-paying jobs in a fast moving, crucial industry," Kotek

spokesperson Roxy Mayer said in an email.

### Applications unknown

The agreement does not offer a lot of granularity about how AI lessons, concepts, ethics and literacy will be integrated into K-12 and college classrooms. It lists a number of industries that would be engaged and positively impacted, including renewable energy, healthcare, agriculture, microelectronics and manufacturing — specifically, semiconductor design and manufacturing.

Archibald, the company spokesperson, said that Nvidia will first focus on the "university ecosystem."

There are more than 600 "Nvidia ambassadors" at college campuses in the U.S. and abroad, according to the company. Faculty can get certified via a company training that then allows them to teach advanced AI and machine learning technologies.

"That's how we'll see new startups, new research breakthroughs and a workforce ready for the AI era," Archibald wrote.

A key metric of success for the private-public partnership is the number of ambassadors that colleges eventually have on their campuses. It is, Mayer of the governor's office confirmed, the first time a corporation has gotten the state's higher education agency to agree to promote its own "company ambassadors" on college campuses.

"We reject the premise that the company has coerced the state into allowing corporate actors onto college campuses to promote their company," Mayer said.

Kotek in 2023 established an AI advisory council, meant to analyze potential benefits and risks of broader AI adoption in state government and agencies. The council shared its action plan in February, which included establishing a roadmap for AI integration grounded in

protecting government ethics, privacy and security. But the Higher Education Coordinating Commission lacks any such framework or guidance for colleges and universities.

Oregon's department of education was among the first in the U.S. to offer guidance to K-12 schools in 2023. Agencies in at least 28 states and the District of Columbia have issued guidance on the use of artificial intelligence in K-12 schools since.

"Because there is no existing law regarding the use of AI in schools, ODE's role is to provide guidance and support to school districts — not requirements," spokesperson Liz Merah wrote. Many of those guidelines are similar to media literacy guidelines, including teaching students to recognize biases, inaccuracies and plagiarism and understand copyright and licensing rights.

### Risks and rewards

Shiyan Jiang, an assistant professor at North Carolina State University in Raleigh who researches how AI concepts are being taught to students in K-12 schools, said there's a lot of variation in how schools and teachers handle that instruction.

"There is this huge gap in terms of how prepared different states are in terms of bringing topics to classrooms," she said.

It's important to have a common ground so students in Pennsylvania have the same knowledge to bring to arguments and conversations about the application of AI as students in California, she said.

"No matter what kind of attitude we have towards AI, I think that it's good for us to have some kind of foundation knowledge about it, so that we can make solid arguments and think deeply about how we can or cannot better leverage these tools," she said.

Tom Mullaney, a former public school history teacher and

ed tech consultant who writes the Critical Inkling blog about tech applications in classrooms, said an agreement like the one Oregon is entering into with Nvidia leaves more questions than answers.

"When we talk about education and generative AI, is Nvidia an unbiased source for that? They have a lot invested in you and I thinking that generative AI is going to transform everything from education to employment. Are they an unbiased source for education for children?" he said. "I think that if this is to be brought into schools, it should be done by people who are willing to be critical, or at least hear and understand critical perspectives. It should not be done by those with a financial interest in you being enamored of generative AI."

Mullaney pointed to start-ups in the AI and education space like the company School AI, that provides teachers and students with chatbots that imitate historical figures and AI-generated imagery of figures such as Anne Frank and George Washington Carver.

"For reasons of consent, of creepiness, of a white, male-dominated industry voicing people from marginalized populations, I mean there's a lot of reasons not to use generative AI as a guest speaker," he said.

Jiang said the best case scenario for AI in schools is that students at least learn enough "AI literacy," including concepts, and ethical implications of AI applications, that they can participate as an "active agent" in conversations and development of a future that includes AI, not just as a passive consumer of AI tools developed by others.

Mullaney said what most students need is media literacy, not "AI literacy." Students should be able to understand the quality of different source material and if an image is real or made by an AI program, he explained.

"We don't need to be teaching students about being excited for generative AI. We need to teach students to be critical thinkers. That's what we need, and that's what I'm not seeing," he said.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2025/07/23/oregons-governor-made-a-deal-with-nvidia-to-get-ai-education-in-oregon-schools-what-does-it-mean/>

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## Blessing "Bled" Chimanga to perform Aug. 5



Blessing "Bled" Chimanga in Concert, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5 at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101, Lincoln City. (Courtesy photos from the LCCC)

The Lincoln City Cultural Center invites you to experience the vibrant rhythms and uplifting energy of international music star Blessing "Bled" Chimanga, live in concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Known for his dynamic stage presence and infectious Afro-fusion sound, Chimanga promises an unforgettable night of music, dance, and cultural celebration.

Hailing from Harare, Zimbabwe, Blessing Chimanga is a master of the marimba and an acclaimed vocalist, percussionist, and composer. His music blends traditional Zimbabwean melodies with contemporary global influences, creating a sound that is both deeply rooted and joyfully modern. With his band, Dreams, Chimanga has toured across Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Americas, sharing messages of unity and hope through the universal language of rhythm.

"Blessing's music is pure joy," said Jason Corso, Programs Director at LCCC. "His performances are more than concerts—they're celebrations of life, culture, and community. We're thrilled to welcome him to our stage."

Chimanga's performance at LCCC is part of his 2025 U.S. tour and represents a unique

## Seminar to show how to give meaning to dreams

The Samaritan Center for Health Education will host a free wellness seminar on Friday, Aug. 15, from noon to 1 p.m. at 740 SW Ninth St. in Newport.

The topic of dreams will be presented in a free seminar by Oregon author David Rivinus.

After years of studying the phenomenon of dreams, Rivinus has discovered that the dreaming process does not stop when we awake. Dreams have meaning that offer helpful, gentle insights into one's life direction.

"Do you remember your dreams? Did you know that your dreams have meaning? Were you aware that they can easily be understood and interpreted? Even if you only recall a small part of one, or they appear to be nothing more than the invention of your imagination, they offer helpful, gentle insights into the dreamer's life direction and the motivations that led to that life course,"

Rivinus explains in the seminar description.

Rivinus will share his

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## New 'Puffin Plate' supports wildlife rehabilitation efforts

The Oregon Coast Aquarium (OCAq) has opened voucher sales for its "puffin plate" – a new license plate that's bound to fit the bill for Oregonians – featuring one of the state's iconic seabirds.

The new plate's design was created by Artist Cam Mullins, OCAq's Graphic Design and Marketing Coordinator.

It stars a tufted puffin floating atop the sea, golden brow feathers trailing through the water as it peers

at sardines swimming below, according to a release from the OCAq.

Tufted puffins are native to Oregon, nesting on rocky islands and headlands along its coast, and OCAq's Seabird Aviary sustains a flock of its own—fittingly, the new license plate will benefit both the Aquarium's animals and their wild counterparts.

Those aiming to be among the first to own a puffin plate can now purchase vouchers through

the Aquarium's website. The voucher covers the plate's \$40 surcharge fee, and after the deduction of DMV's administrative costs, funds will support the Oregon Coast Aquarium's rehabilitation and conservation efforts.

The Oregon Coast Aquarium is the only facility in the state of Oregon authorized to provide critical care to endangered marine animals like sea turtles,

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## Cassandra Brandt is featured at the YAA Showcase

Cassandra Brandt is the featured artist at Yaquina Art Association Gallery through Aug. 8.

She grew up in Wisconsin and Oregon. As her parents told her, she was an artist from the time she was drawing under the living room table in her diapers. She attended the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a major in ceramics and minor in painting.

Cassie moved back to Waldport, Oregon in 2017 to be closer to family. Her favorite pastimes are hiking and camping, exploring nature's duality of spectacular sweeping vistas and secret secluded spaces.

She is planning to write and illustrate a children's book that celebrates nature and these discoveries and to someday be a full-time artist.

"From the vast ocean to the temperate rain



Cassandra Brandt

forests, the variety and abundance of life on the Oregon coast is astounding. Every experience I have here affects and transforms my art,"

Cassie said. said.

She has worked locally as a busser, waitress, and even a banker, but feels most comfortable surrounded by art.

The Yaquina Art Association Gallery a 501c3 is located in Nye Beach at 789 NW Beach Drive. Hours of

## Pathways to Transformation Holistic Health, Psychic and Crafts Fair Aug. 2

The Pathways to Transformation 25th Annual Holistic Health, Psychic & Crafts Fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church, 360 W 7th Street in Yachats.

Enter off 6th St.

The 25th year is a milestone for any event, and this Fair is the largest and longest running event of its type on the Oregon Coast.

This family friendly, entertaining and educational event offers something for everyone interested in personal development, health and wellness, crystals, jewelry, handcrafts, authors and more. The Pathways Fair is family friendly, handicap accessible and there is free parking.

Twelve seminars educate and entertain and are included in the \$5 Weekend Pass donation at the door. Delicious food, coffee and other beverages by Chubby Lil'

Hand painted Mandala Stones by Nicole Mannon. (Courtesy photos)

Mermaid of Seal Rock will be available for sale in the Fellowship Hall. There are Free Books and a Free Information Table with news you can use. The Pathways to Transformation Event Program is available in selected locations around Lincoln County and beyond. It is also available online at www.chucklingcherubs.com.

### LOTS TO SEE AND DO AT THE FAIR

In over 30 booths, in three areas of the church and outside, find

incredible stones and crystals, authors with their books, jewelry, statuary, multicultural imports, visionary art, handcrafts, glass art, Feng Shui tools, and health and wellness aids.

Experience massage, energy healings, body-work, Reiki and more. Try different divination styles including astrology, tarot, stone readings and psychic readings. In Fellowship Hall find the Fair Cafe by Chubby Lil' Mermaid of Seal Rock offering up great food made with love at

reasonable prices. Visit the free book table and take home some books on health, wellness, spirituality, gardening, cooking and more. The free Info table has lots of important news that you can use.

Twelve seminars during the two day event will enlighten and educate on a wide variety of topics. Highlights include:

Life Coach DeBorah Beatty with Watch Your Mouth! Your

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# 'Understanding Artificial Intelligence' program at Newport Library

The Newport Public Library is hosting a program titled "Understanding Artificial Intelligence," from 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, in the Newport Public Library's McEntee meeting room, at 35 NW Nye Street in Newport.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is everywhere these days, from transcribing meetings and summarizing web search results to recommending movies, driving cars, and even



**Dr. Kiri Wagstaff**

serving as your virtual best friend.

Widespread deployment of powerful, fluent

generative AI systems has raised new questions about intellectual property, bias, liability, authorship, and more. Let's talk about how we can make savvy decisions about when (and whether) to use this technology. We'll discuss what AI is, how it manifests in our daily lives, and some common issues. Come with your questions and concerns so we can learn from each other!

The program will be

presented by OSU's Dr. Kiri Wagstaff, who is an artificial intelligence researcher, educator, and Special Advisor on Artificial Intelligence for the Oregon State University Libraries.

Wagstaff previously served as a principal researcher at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, with a focus on deploying machine learning systems that help us explore, understand, and learn about the universe.

She recently spent a year as an AI subject matter expert in the U.S. Senate through the AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellowship program. Wagstaff earned her Ph.D. in Computer Science from Cornell University, followed by an M.S. in Geological Sciences (University of Southern California) and an MLIS in Library and Information Science (San Jose State University). She

received the Lew Allen Award for Excellence in Research and two NASA Exceptional Technology Achievement Medals. Wagstaff is passionate about empowering people to make informed decisions about when and how to use AI in their daily lives.

This program is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit [newportlibrary.org](http://newportlibrary.org) or contact Newport Public Library at 541-265-2153.

## Oregon Blueberries: Fresh, flavorful, major economic force

Oregon's blueberry season is officially underway and it's more than just a delicious-summer treat – it's an economic powerhouse, according to the state Blueberry Commission.

With a harvest potential of more than 165 million pounds, Oregon is once again poised to deliver some of the best quality blueberries in the country, while generating significant economic impact for the state," the Commission states in a release.

As Oregon's blueberries continue to grow in popularity – both locally and globally – this season offers an ideal opportunity to explore what makes the state a leader in the blueberry industry.



Blueberries rank among Oregon's top ten most valuable crops. (Courtesy photo from the Oregon Blueberry Commission)

### ECONOMICS

Blueberries rank among Oregon's top ten most valuable crops, thanks to the state's ideal growing conditions and highly skilled growers. From large commercial exporters to small family farms, Oregon's diverse blueberry operations serve both global and local markets – including major export destinations like Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Vietnam and Singapore, according to Oregon Blueberry Commission Administrator Bryan Ostlund.

"Consumers are more discerning about their blueberries than ever," Ostlund said. "Oregon growers deliver exceptional fruit – large, sweet

and consistently high in quality. It's a story of passion, innovation and economic resilience."

The season typically runs from late June through September with fresh Oregon blueberries readily available at grocery stores, farmers markets, roadside stands and u-pick farms statewide.

### BY THE NUMBERS

- 153 million pounds of blueberries harvested in 2024.

- Top 10 in Oregon's most valuable agricultural commodities.

- Major export markets include Asia and Southeast Asia.

- Blueberries are certified Heart-Healthy by the American Heart

Association.

- One cup = 80 calories, 15% DV of Vitamin C, 11% DV of fiber.

Blueberries offer a unique combination of health benefits and versatility, making them increasingly popular among health-conscious consumers. Their natural antioxidants, low calorie count and brain-boosting properties make them a sought-after ingredient year-round, according to the Commission.

"Whether you're looking for healthy snack options, building summer recipes or creating new content around food trends, Oregon blueberries are in season and they're outstanding this year," Ostlund said.

## Newport Recreation Center Launches "Meet the Ocean!"

An Immersive, Family-Friendly Beach Safety and Exploration Class

The Newport Recreation Center announces, "Meet the Ocean!", a three-hour, hands-on (and in!) experience that introduces people of all ages to the wonders of the Pacific Ocean along

the Oregon coast in a safe, engaging, and empowering way.

Held at beautiful Agate Beach in Newport, this unique outdoor program combines ocean safety, science, and fun. Participants will learn how to survey a beach, identify

rip and longshore currents, and choose safe places to swim, all while enjoying a guided exploration of the Oregon coast. This class is taught by experienced instructor Kayli Jones, who brings extensive knowledge of ocean safety, environmental

education, and local coastal conditions.

Whether you're a curious visitor or a lifelong Oregonian ready to take the plunge, this class will leave you feeling more connected to, and better prepared for, your future trips to the beach.

### Class times and dates:

**Aug. 17**

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Aug. 24**

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Aug. 31**

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

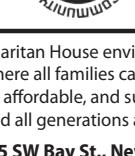
Participants should bring a properly fitted wetsuit, comfortable swimwear to

wear underneath, a towel, water and snacks.

Registration is now open online or in-person at the Recreation Center.

Visit <https://secure.rec1.com/OR/newport-or/catalog/filter=c2Vhcm-NoPTM3NTM5MTA> to register.

**Support these Local Nonprofit Community Organizations!**



Samaritan House envisions a community where all families can live together in safe, affordable, and sustainable housing; and all generations are able to thrive.

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Phone: 541-574-8898  
Sam House  
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**HOUSE**

### DREAMS

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method for simple dream interpretation and how to work with your dreams in your waking hours – and perhaps change your whole perspective on life.

The author of the book, "Always Dreaming," Rivenus hosts a monthly dream group and teaches both individuals and groups, including an upcoming 10-week course planned in Newport. Learn more at [teacherofdreams.org](http://teacherofdreams.org).

To reserve your seat for the wellness seminar, email Amy Conner at [aconner@samhealth.org](mailto:aconner@samhealth.org) or call her at 541-574-4952.

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Subconscious is Listening; Katrina Wynne, M.A. Tarot Counselor and educator with Saving Time and Money With Tarot; Mystical Author and Soul Translator, Elaine Correia, with Remember Who You Are: A Tale of Tails and Truth which includes a reading from her book and discussion time; John Thompson an energy educator, with Quantum Energy Secrets for Staying Healthy and Youthful; Nasha McClain, Intuitive Tarot Guide with an Experiential Workshop, Beauty is You! Generational Healing For Women. Men are welcome

and encouraged to attend; Ker Cleary from Minerva Wisdom Arts will present a Group Channeling with BlueStar & the Counsel of Light.

There are 6 seminars each day included in the Weekend Pass donation of \$5.

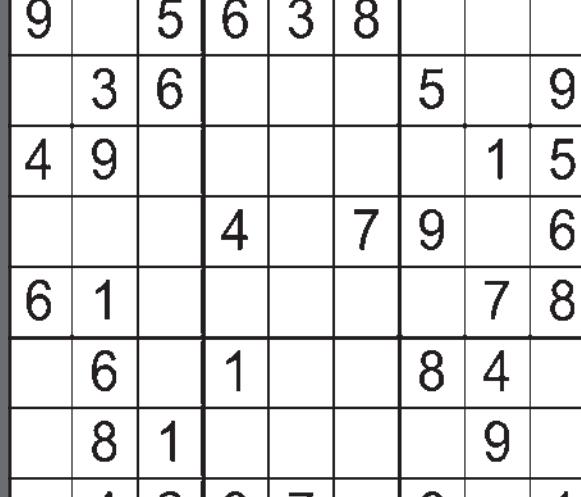
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Marie Wakefield, Nathan Angelo, Kiera Morgan, and Michael.

This is a family friendly, handicap accessible event with free parking. A \$5 weekend pass donation includes the 12 seminars. Food and beverages from Chubby Lil' Mermaid of Seal Rock will be available for sale at the Fair Cafe in Fellowship Hall. There are free books and a free Information table.

The Pathways to Transformation Event Program is available in selected locations around Lincoln County and beyond. It is also available online at [www.chucklingcherubs.com](http://www.chucklingcherubs.com). For more information, call 541-270-3669.

## Lincoln County Leader



**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers.

The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

### YAA

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operation are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day. Interested in becoming a member of the Yaquina Art Association? We offer free classes, too. Please visit our gallery in Nye Beach for more. YAA has been serving over 135 local artists for over 77 years.

### LCCC

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opportunity for Oregon audiences to engage with the rich musical traditions of southern Africa.

Tickets for this concert are \$15 and are available at [www.lincolncity-culturalcenter.org](http://www.lincolncity-culturalcenter.org) or by calling 541-994-9994.

#### Artist Bio – Blessing "Bled" Chimanga

Blessing Chimanga is an internationally recognized Zimbabwean musician, known for his vibrant marimba performances and energetic Afro-jazz compositions. A multi-instrumentalist, singer, and cultural

ambassador, he founded the band Dreams, which fuses traditional African instruments with global styles like jazz, soul, and funk. Chimanga has performed in over 30 countries, conducted music workshops around the world, and continues to advocate for cultural exchange and youth empowerment through music.

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# Jay Flewelling Comedy Showcase returns to Newport

Newport Performing Arts Center (PAC) announces the return of the Jay Flewelling Comedy Showcase at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16.

The event will feature a fresh mix of stand-up, sketch comedy, and surprises.

In June, Jay Flewelling brought Portland-based comedians to the coast, treating audiences to an uproarious evening filled with clever wit and captivating narratives. On Aug. 16, he returns – and with him a fresh lineup of comedic talent poised to deliver even more hilarious live entertainment.

Headlining the event, once again, Flewelling is an acclaimed Portland-based comedian known for his engaging storytelling and sharp observational humor. Flewelling has been a prominent figure in the Pacific Northwest comedy scene for years – a mainstage fixture at Curious Comedy Theater, and a frequent performer in the wildly popular improv troupe J Names (SF Sketchfest, Out of Bounds Comedy Festival, Vancouver International Improv Festival). Also set to appear are “Sardine” improv group member Aleah Liebenau, Portland’s Funniest semi-finalist Liam Gibler, Porch Hang host Ash



Jay Flewelling



Allen, and comedian, improviser, and storyteller



Aleah Liebenau



Kyle Kohlman.  
The Jay Flewelling



Kyle Kohlman

Newport, for a series packed with laughs, spotlighting the diverse voices and styles that make Portland one of the Northwest's top comedy hubs. Live performances will take place at the PAC on Aug. 16 and again on Nov. 8, with new comedians and fresh material at each event.

Tickets are \$20 when purchased by phone at 541-265-2787, or in person at the box office at 777 W. Olive Street in Newport Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Online ticketing is also available (additional fee applies).

Audiences should note that this event may contain profanity or suggestive content and is therefore recommended for individuals 18 years of age or older.

To learn more, visit [www.coastarts.org/events/jfcomedy-2](http://www.coastarts.org/events/jfcomedy-2)

Comedy Showcase brings some of Portland's most talented comedians to

The toll-free helpline number is 800-354-7319. It is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. (Courtesy photo)



## OSU Extension food safety, preservation helpline opens

**GRACE XUE**  
Leader Guest Article

The food safety and preservation helpline from Oregon State University Extension Service is up and running.

The toll-free helpline, 800-354-7319, is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The helpline will be staffed by certified Master Food Preserver volunteers in several Oregon counties until Oct. 10. After this date, the helpline will remain open and will be checked weekly for voice messages. In 2024, the volunteers fielded 723 calls.

“Preserving the summer harvest is a cherished tradition for Oregonians, but safely preserving and storing foods can be challenging to do well, and potentially dangerous if not done properly,” said Jared Hibbard-Swanson,

food security and safety program manager at OSU Extension. “The OSU helpline gives those folks who are canning, drying and freezing foods at home a chance to leave a voicemail with their questions and get a call back from a trained volunteer who can troubleshoot their preservation or food safety concerns.”

Most commonly, helpline callers ask about recipes for canned salsa and fruits, refrigerator usage and where to get a pressure canner gauge checked. OSU Extension offers these publications: Salsa Recipes for Canning, Canning Seafood, Canning tomatoes and tomato products and Use, Care and Operation of Your Pressure Canner.

Additional publications and fact sheets are available on the OSU Extension website.

Launched 1980 in Lane

County, the Master Food Preserver Program has grown to include more than 300 Master Food Preservers who complete an eight-week course to become certified, volunteer on the helpline and host workshops and information booths at fairs and farmers markets.

Ask Extension, an online question-and-answer service, is another way to get information. Extension experts can offer information about anything related to food preservation – from safety concerns to recipes – and strive to respond within two business days.

Additionally, several Extension offices offer free pressure canner dial gauge testing. Helpline volunteers can provide information specific to a county.

Grace Xue may be reached at 541-737-8654, [grace.xue@oregonstate.edu](mailto:grace.xue@oregonstate.edu)

forward into the production stage, OCAq must sell 3,000 vouchers. Once that goal is reached, the Division of Motor and Vehicle Services estimates a 6-7 month wait time until the plates will be available. About 90 days before the plates become available, OCAq officials said they will send the original vouchers to their purchasers, along with details on when and how to exchange them for their physical plates.

The sooner 3,000

vouchers are sold, the sooner production begins, the release states.

Find more information and purchase your puf-

fin plate voucher on the Oregon Coast Aquarium's Puffin Plate page.

## 20th Annual Wooden Boat Show at Toledo's Waterfront Park

The 2025 Port of Toledo Wooden Boat Show poster features Bill Pettis and the last commercial fishing vessel built in Bill's Boat Shop near Yaquina Bay.

Bill came out of retirement and together he and son Mike built the FV Challenge which launched in 1980 and is still actively fishing to this date.

Another of Bill's boats, the FV Little J will also be on exhibit.

During a career that spanned over 25 years, it is estimated that Bill built “Bill's Boat Shop,” while working almost entirely by himself, produced over 200 boats. This poster continues the Port of Toledo's Wooden Boat Show's tradition of creating unique posters that are a favorite of collectors.

The 20th Annual Wooden Boat Show is Aug. 16 and Aug. 17, at Waterfront Park in Toledo.

The Wooden Boat Show is a free, family-friendly festival celebrating Toledo's boat building heritage. There is something for everyone. A variety of boats will be on display.

The festival also features the Georgia Pacific Containerboard Boat Race, boat building demonstrations, live music, kids' activities, food, boat rides, a dog pageant, vendors, and lots more.

The schedule of events can be found on the Port's website. The festival is located at the Port's Marina and Waterfront Park at 127 NW A Street, Toledo. The hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17.

The Port would like to thank the major sponsors of the event: Georgia Pacific, Frans Paul VanDenBogaard Painting, NW Natural, Oregon Coast Bank, Dahl Disposal Service, Englund Marine, KYAQ, Accelerate Strategies, Table Mountain



Forestry LLC, and Lincoln County Historical Society.

Individual Wooden Boat Show posters will be available to purchase at the Port's booth at the Wooden

Boat Show.

To find out more about the event please go to <https://www.portoftoledo.org/wooden-boat-show> or call (541)336-5207.



## PUFFIN

From Page B1

northern fur seals and snowy plovers. With construction of its new Marine Wildlife Center set to begin in 2025, the Aquarium anticipates doubling its capacity for these efforts.

In order to move

forward into the production stage, OCAq must sell 3,000 vouchers. Once that goal is reached, the Division of Motor and Vehicle Services estimates a 6-7 month wait time until the plates will be available. About 90 days before the plates become available, OCAq officials said they will

send the original vouchers to their purchasers, along with details on when and how to exchange them for their physical plates.

The sooner 3,000

vouchers are sold, the sooner production begins, the release states.

Find more information and purchase your puf-

fin plate voucher on the Oregon Coast Aquarium's Puffin Plate page.

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by the trustee or by the beneficiary and no appointments of a successor trustee have been made, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REIN-

STATE: \$42,796.00  
TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$429,954.15  
Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: 1. The installments of principal and interest which became due on May 1, 2024, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its

security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Affinia Default Services, LLC, the undersigned trustee, will, on October 27, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 AM (PST), as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, At the front entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse located at 225 West Olive, in the City of Newport, OR 97365, County of Lincoln, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors 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 be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. For Sale Information, contact Xome at (800) 758-8052 or [www.xome.com](http://www.xome.com). In construing this notice,

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Holdings. Rules are available at the facility office. All bidding will take place ONLINE at [bid13.com](http://bid13.com) Unit# B274 Danny Pratt, Unit# GRV12 Humberto Del Horro, Unit# L15 Zander Nyehart.

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE  
OF SALE

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, RACHEL MARIE MARRIOTT, MICHAEL DANE PALMER as Grantor to WESTERN TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for EVERGREEN MONEYSOURCE MORTGAGE COMPANY. Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of August 31, 2020 and recorded on September 3, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020-09063 and re-recorded on September 4, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020-09168 and the beneficial interest was assigned to Evergreen Moneysource Mortgage Company DBA Evergreen Home Loans and recorded March 26, 2025 as Instrument Number 2025-01860 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R322969 THE EAST ONE-HALF OF LOT 5, BLOCK 26, RAYMOND, IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY, COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF OREGON, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 3, 1924 IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 2, PLAT RECORDS, Commonly known as: 1523 NE 12TH ST, LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367 Both the Beneficiary, Evergreen Moneysource Mortgage Company DBA Evergreen Home Loans, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations

secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Total Payment(s): Total Payment(s) from 11/01/2024 to 04/15/2025 at \$7,786.08 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at \$156.60. 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 \$163,467.61 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.25000% per annum from October 1, 2024 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 August 20, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, Original sale date has been postponed to a future date, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, At the front entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse located at 225 West Olive, in the City of Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. For Sale Information, contact Xome at (800) 758-8052 or [www.xome.com](http://www.xome.com). In construing this notice, 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, and the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 04/03/2025 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0474833 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 07/09/2025, 07/16/2025, 07/23/2025, 07/30/2025

## Super Crossword

## Answers



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**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

**TIGER**

by Bud Blake

**OLIVE**

By Emi Burdge

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

Just Like Cats &amp; Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

**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: F equals W

WMOOXF UXWWIUSJWC FMSIO-  
FMQ SLMS'B YIUXHJWC IAIW  
WMOOXFIO HXWSL YQ HXWSL:  
M OIUIBBJAI BSOMJS.

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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.

QIKUQ CNKI FKQ, AYYR

QBINJPHF MDIQU DQ QBY

MDIQGNDIM. MNH'Q VPUQYH

QN QBY ZIPQPZU DHM CNK

JPVV WPFKIY PQ NKQ.

— JPVV WYIIVV

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1. MOVIES: Who is Luke and Leia's mother in the "Star Wars" movies?

2. GEOGRAPHY: The country of Suriname is on which continent?

3. HISTORY: Which 5th-century conqueror was known as "the Scourge of God"?

4. TELEVISION: Who is the creator of the quirky sitcom "Community"?

5. ANATOMY: What kind of blood vessels carry blood away from the heart?

6. MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, who turned everything he touched into gold?

7. U.S. STATES: Which state was the 50th and last to join the union?

8. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "A Clockwork Orange"?

9. FOOD &amp; DRINK: Which vegetable is used to make baba ganoush?

10. CHEMISTRY: What is the common name for acetic acid?

**Answers**

1. Padme Amidala.

2. South America.

3. Attila the Hun.

4. Dan Harmon.

5. Arteries.

6. King Midas.

7. Hawaii.

8. Anthony Burgess.

9. Eggplant.

10. Vinegar.

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A recessive trait.  
narrower mouth by mouth:  
way that's becoming even  
narrow connecting water-

answer

**CryptoQuip**

— Will Ferrell

will figure it out.

to the critics and you

throwing darts at the

dartsboard. Don't listen

trust your gut, keep

answer

CryptoQuote

**RECESSION**

Today's Word

solution

3. Scribble; 4. Niche

1. Chore; 2. Sonic;

solution

**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!

Task

ROECH

Sensory

COINS

Writer

BRISCE

Nook

INCEH

TODAY'S WORD



"We worked it out. My wife worries about inflation and I worry about the"

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## Newport swimmers make waves at Long Course State Championships

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Newport Swim Team may have only sent two swimmers to the OSI Arena 11 and Over Long Course Championships, but that didn't stop 12-year-old Zoey Chappell and 15-year-old Gwynn Postlewait from giving everything they had.

The competition took place at the Mt. Hood Aquatic facility in Gresham, July 24-27. Both swimmers made their hard work throughout the year translate to results. Both scored team points, qualified for finals in some events, set personal bests, and even made program history.

For their efforts, Postlewait and Chappell came away from the championships with a collection of medals for finishing within

the top 8 in Oregon swimming for the season. The size of the event made Postlewait and Chappell's achievements more impressive: NST was one of 39 teams at the meet, with 750 swimmers competing from



11 years old

to college-age. In a good impression of a two-person army (or navy, since they were in water), Chappell and Postlewait scored sufficient points to place 20th in girls team scores, registering 25 points.

Newport Head Coach Gavin Santiago is just settling into

the new position, and though NST was close to having other swimmers at the meet, it just didn't quite work out.

"We had a couple of athletes who were close to earning a spot in this competition, as well as one for the 10 and under state championships meet," Santiago said. "Some decided to not go due to timing

of the meets, or were just off their times enough to not qualify."

Despite having a small team, NST swam ferociously, with both swimmers posting plenty of excellent outcomes. Let's dive into the results!

Postlewait qualified for five events in the 15 and Over Girls division, and she put up some of her best performances on the biggest stage. She posted four personal best times, broke her own NST team record in the 100 Breast, and then made program history in the 200 Breast. That record was previously held by Katie Chapman and had stood since 2003. Postlewait placed 8th in the 100 Breaststroke and 14th in both the 50 and 200 Breaststroke. Her final achievement of the weekend was recording three qualifying times for the Senior Zones Championships in Clovis, California.

Chappell qualified for and competed in six events in the 12-year-old girls division, making the finals in each.

She placed 3rd in both the 400-meter Freestyle and the 100-meter Backstroke, earning two podium spots and a couple bronze medals to match. Each of her times marked a personal best, and she narrowly missed setting two NST team records by 0.15 and 0.24 seconds in the 100 Backstroke and 200 IM, respectively. Finally, she recorded 4 Age-group Zones Championship Q-times.

Though there were only two people representing Newport in the pool in Gresham, their performances were befitting of the stage, showing that the swimmers had saved the best for last.

As the new coach of NST, Santiago is still getting his legs under him. Though there's plenty more to learn, it's been fun to take on the challenge.

"Being the head coach has been a huge learning curve for me, but it has been both a fun experience as well as exciting learning all the things that go on behind the scenes that I never thought about or never knew," Santiago said.



Runners participate in the 2025 Ocean Edge 5K in Lincoln City. (Courtesy photos from Jeanne Sprague)



Summer soccer is just one of the ways kids can get active with Lincoln City Parks & Recreation.

## Lincoln City Parks and Rec focusing on summer fun

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Lincoln City Parks & Recreation (LCP&R) is always striving to make life better for community members, and summer is the perfect season to offer an array of activities that are fun for people of all ages. Throughout the first two months of summer, there has been a good mix of camps, classes, and events to keep community members engaged.

"From swim lessons to public community events, our summer programs have been going strong. Our swim lessons for youth are full, and our week-long themed camps, for ages 5-12 years, are very

popular with working families," Recreation Superintendent Teri O'Malley said.

Events included a Juneteenth Celebration, a 5k Race on the beach, and a Volunteer Beach Cleanup, among others. O'Malley has been happy with the turnout for the events. "Our events have from 100 to 800 people participating, which makes for great community fun," O'Malley said.

While it's been great to see so many smiling faces at events and classes, LCP&R is also committed to taking in ideas from the community and seeing what they can bring to life. One of the most popular summer programs the department put on this year was the new

Lion King Jr. Camp. It made for roaring fun.

"This camp was free to the public through a grant we received, which allowed youth to learn musical theatre," Recreation Manager Mike Davies said. "By the end of the two weeks of camp, the 25 youth who attended put on an amazing stage production of The Lion King Jr."

Other popular first-time programs were a new skateboard camp and a new garden workshop series.

"The public asks for new programs, and we try our best to deliver," Davies said.

While this summer has already seen plenty of action, there's still an abundance of

fun on the horizon for people to keep an eye out for. But these activities don't just appear; they're the result of careful planning by members of Lincoln City Parks & Recreation.

LCP&R Director Jeanne Sprague encouraged residents interested in future programs and events to check out LCP&R's social media pages and websites, so they won't miss a beat.

"There are SO many great programs and we want the public to know about them all," Sprague said. "Whether you're interested in cleaning up our beaches or parks, learning about gardening, participating in a summer camp, taking

swim lessons, or simply taking a hike in nature, we have it available for you!"

Some of the activities to keep an eye on to close out the summer include added theater classes, a new support group, and more Dungeons & Dragons sessions. O'Malley has been thrilled with the engagement in the free Young Adult Club, which is open to kids aged 12-17. The club's number has blossomed to almost 200 members. She was also excited about the new Yoga in the Park program that the department added, describing it as "new and fun." Going into the fall, O'Malley is enthusiastic about

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## Race the Coast: 2025 Newport Harbor Triathlon returns

Submitted by The CITY OF NEWPORT

The 2025 Newport Harbor Triathlon, hosted by Newport Parks and Recreation, is set to take place on Sunday, Sept. 28, inviting athletes of all ages and experience levels to compete along Oregon's stunning central coast.

This signature community event features scenic views, coastal challenges, and a strong mission to promote active lifestyles and raise funds for youth athletics in Newport.

Held at the Newport Recreation and Aquatic Center, the triathlon includes a controlled 500-yard pool swim, a 12-mile bike ride along the Yaquina Bay shoreline, and a 3.1-mile run that crosses the iconic Yaquina Bay Bridge. For those seeking alternative formats, the event offers several divisions

to accommodate all ages and abilities:

**Sprint Triathlon (Ages 13+):** 500-yard pool swim, 12-mile bike, 3.1-mile run

**Aquabike (Ages 13+):** 500-yard pool swim and 12-mile bike (no run segment)

**Youth Triathlon (Ages 5-12):** 100-yard swim, 3-mile bike, 1-mile run

**Open 5K Run:** A 3.1-mile course open to runners of all ages

All participants will receive a race bib, timing chip, and official triathlon t-shirt. Course support includes aid stations, clear signage, and safety personnel throughout. The transition area will be located in the Newport Recreation Center's parking lot, with staff and volunteers on hand to assist competitors.

Registration for adults is \$75. Youth entry is \$45.

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Runners participate in the 2025 Ocean Edge 5K in Lincoln City. (Courtesy photo from Jeanne Sprague)