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## Lincoln County Commissioners pass temporary moratorium on short-term rental licenses

Hilary Dorsey  
Editor

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners passed Friday, Dec. 3, a temporary moratorium for short-term rental (STR) licenses after a temporary restraining order was implemented Wednesday, Dec. 1, against Ballot Measure 21-203. Voters passed Ballot Measure 21-203 in the Nov. 2 special election, which would phase out short-term rentals in residential areas of unincorporated Lincoln County and halt the issuance of new licenses.

The ballot measure states, "The people of Lincoln County find that within low density residential zones R-1-A, R-1 and R-2, a major purpose of these provisions is to control, manage and limit vacation rentals in single-family dwellings to protect the character of neighborhoods for residents. Short term rentals in dwelling in unincorporated Lincoln County require special consideration so they operate with respect to the comprehensive plan and the objectives of the underlying

zone districts."

Election results were certified Nov. 19, with 10,080 voters in favor of the measure and 7,338 voting against it.

Because of the restraining order, the moratorium was not in effect, Chair Doug Hunt said during a special meeting Dec. 3.

Hunt said on Wednesday, Dec. 1, a temporary restraining order was granted by the Lincoln County Circuit Court against enforcement of the ballot measure. The order is effective now and will expire Saturday, Dec. 11, at 5:07 p.m. unless further extended by the court or dissolved.

"As a result of that court order, the moratorium against new STR licenses is not in effect," Hunt said. "We're here today to discuss reestablishing a moratorium against new licenses in the zones R-1, R-1-A and R-2, which are the zones that are identified in the ballot measure."

This is a new moratorium against new licenses, Hunt added.

"The moratorium that we allowed to expire in our meeting on Tuesday,

Nov. 30, was encompassing for all zones in the unincorporated area of the county," Hunt said. "The ballot measure does not prohibit new licenses in zones other than the R-1, R-1-A and R-2."

Hunt recommended prohibiting new licenses in the R-1, R-1-A and R-2 zones. The commissioners agreed to add language to the draft order that states that new license applications that were accepted between the temporary restraining order and the county's decision will not be processed. In the county's resolution passed Dec. 3, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office will not issue an STR license to any currently pending applications for licenses in these zones.

The board agreed to suspend all processing of STR licenses until a final



determination is made by the Lincoln County Circuit Court on the validity of the ballot measure. The commissioners expect to have an update this week

after court proceedings.

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## Death investigation of remains found of female child identified

On Dec. 10, 2020, detectives from the Oregon State Police Major Crimes section responded to the H.B. Van Duzer Scenic Corridor in Lincoln County for the report of human remains discovered just outside the rest area. An individual walking in the area discovered the remains of a female child, concealed inside a duffel bag, then hidden in the forest. Based on the level of decomposition, it appeared she had been deceased between 30-60 days before her discovery.

Anthropological and forensic dental examinations of the female child recovered at in the H.B. Van Duzer State Forrest Scenic Corridor determined she is between 6 and a half and 10 years old. She stood between 3'10" and 4'6" tall. She had long black or dark brown hair and died at least 30 days prior to her discovery on Dec. 10, 2020.

Investigators and experts at the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office collected samples from the child's remains for DNA testing by a specialty DNA laboratory. This analysis is able to provide investigators additional information regarding the race, origin, eye color, and other genetic details.

Parabon Nano Labs extracted DNA from the samples submitted, and on Oct. 4, 2021, notified OSP investigators they identified the deceased child.

The deceased was identified as Haley Mae Coblentz. She was 9 years old at the time of her death. Haley was born in Colorado. She was living with her biological mother and mother's girlfriend in multiple places in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest since 2015. She was not reported as a missing person at the time of her death.

On Nov. 30, with the assistance of the Detroit FBI, OSP Investigators located Haley's mother, 29-year-old Shawna Browning, and 34-year-old Lauren Harrison in Detroit, Mich. Investigators arrested Browning and Harrison and served a search warrant on their vehicle and hotel room.

Browning and Harrison were arrested on a Lincoln County warrant and charged with:

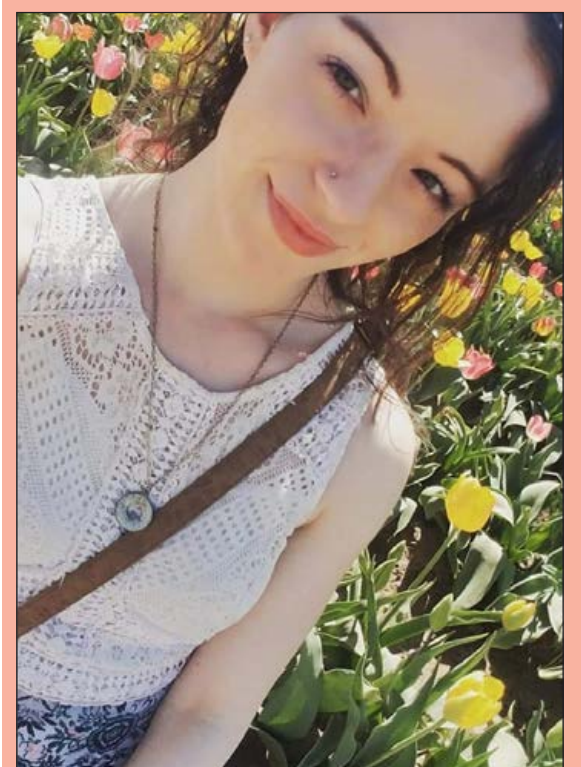
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Browning and Harrison were lodged in detention facilities in Wayne County, Mich., and are being held without bail.

"Oregon State Police Detectives have worked diligently over the past year to identify the victim, Haley Mae Coblentz, and hold those responsible for her death accountable," OSP said in a statement provided to The News Guard. "Detectives will continue to work with the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office to works towards successful prosecution of this case."



## Dorsey named News Guard Editor



Hilary Dorsey has been promoted to Editor of The News Guard in Lincoln City. She has been with Country Media, Inc. for two-and-a-half years as a reporter at the Headlight Herald in Tillamook.

"We are so happy to have Hilary here at The News Guard," said General Manager Robyn Smith. "She's proven herself with our company in Tillamook and is a great fit here in Lincoln City."

Dorsey received her Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from University of Oregon in December 2018. After graduating, she took a remote internship for the San Francisco News before joining Country Media, Inc.

"We look forward to Hilary bringing her experience and hard work ethic to our team," Smith said. "We have a lot of plans for our paper in 2022 and Hilary is the final piece to our team we needed to accomplish all we want to do moving forward."

While at the Headlight Herald in Tillamook, Dorsey covered a wide array of stories, features and sports. She is well versed in delivering news and information on all platforms like the website, Facebook and Twitter. She also covered the COVID-19 Pandemic in Tillamook County for the past 20 months. Dorsey also wrote for Country Media's papers in Manzanita and Cannon Beach while she was in Tillamook.

"We're sorry to see Hilary leave us in Tillamook, but happy she is advancing her career with Country Media at our sister paper in Lincoln City," said Joe Warren, publisher of the Headlight Herald in Tillamook. "We wish her luck in her new position."

Dorsey and her husband Zach have two dogs.

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# Christina Harkness at the Fiber Arts Studio Gallery, Lincoln City Cultural Center

The Fiber Artisans' Market welcomes Christina Harkness, who joins Hegira, her magnificent fiber hunchback whale, and brings other friends like Ishmael, the Giant Squid, for a day of knitting, crocheting, mentoring, and sharing for the Community Fiber Coral Reef Project, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11.

Harkness will share patterns, experiences, inspiration, and yarns and invites you to become part of something wonderful by contributing fiber coral and other sea life. All experience levels are welcome, worldwide.

The Fiber Artisans' Market presents wearables, hangables, giftables, usables and treasures from more than 25 regional professional fiber artists in the Fiber Arts Studio Gallery, just opposite the main entrance from the Chessman Gallery inside the Lincoln City Cultural Center at 540 NE Hwy. 101, in Lincoln City. Lincoln City Cultural Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday through Sunday. Masks and social distancing required in the building.



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## COVID-19 cases remain steady, expected increase after Thanksgiving gatherings

**HILARY DORSEY**  
Editor

Both at the state and in Lincoln County, the number of COVID-19 cases have hit a

plateau. Lincoln County's peak was at the end of August, and since then, started to decline and have now remained steady since the end of October.

"We're holding at about 15 cases per day in Lincoln County," Interim Public Health Director Florence Pourtal stated during a board of commissioners meeting Tuesday, Nov. 30. "When we were at the height of the surge last fall and winter, we were at 15 cases per day."

Portal stated the health department expects an increase in cases after the Thanksgiving holiday.

As of Wednesday, Dec. 1, public health reports 31 new COVID-19 cases since Monday, Nov. 29, two local hospitalizations, and two individuals currently in the ICU.

A new variant of concern has been identified by scientists in South Africa, Pourtal said. The Omicron variant is being researched now. Scientists are specifically looking at how the current vaccines' effectiveness is holding up against the new variant. Public health encourages people to get vaccinated, get the booster shot and wear a mask.

"What we need to do right now is be patient and wait for the scientists to give us more information when they have it," Pourtal said.

The mass vaccination on Fridays at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds will end after Dec. 17 due to a decrease in the demand for vaccines.

"We're going to go back to our outreach and mobile clinic model," Pourtal said. "This time around, we want to set up a very clear calendar of clinics."

Portal said this model has helped break barriers to access. The clinics will have all vaccines available, including the pediatric Pfizer vaccine.

Find an upcoming vaccine clinic at <https://bit.ly/3rwjPmV>

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# Health Matters

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## Young racer uses determination to heal and get back on the track

It didn't take long for Curtis and Lauren Norton to recognize a competitive streak in their son.

"Brody turns everything into a race," said Curtis. "It doesn't matter if it's getting dressed or whatever. He'll turn it into a competition."

When he was 2 years old, Brody's grandfather put him on a lawn tractor and turned him loose. It was then and there the family knew he was going to be a wheel man.

At the age of 4 his parents gave him his first go-kart, and at age 5 he started racing. The young man from Albany has been racing year-round ever since — at outdoor tracks during the summer and indoor tracks during the winter. His exploits have taken him to races in Oregon, California and Idaho, winning three championships at three different tracks.

### Off-track injuries sideline racing

However, his fledgling career was nearly red flagged by injuries suffered off the track — not once, but twice — and that's how the Norton family met Erin Campaigniac, MD, at Samaritan Medical Group Hand to Shoulder Orthopedics – Corvallis.

Dr. Campaigniac first saw Brody when he was 7 years old, after he took a spill and broke his thumb while learning how to ride a bicycle. He told her about his racing and he learned that she had also raced as a young girl, participating in "meatball derbies" in a downhill race car built by her grandfather.

Brody asked Dr. Campaigniac if he could still race with his broken thumb. After discussing various equipment and safety considerations with the family, she made a special adjustment to his cast so he could hold the steering wheel comfortably and continue racing without missing a lap.



Customized treatment helped Brody Norton return to racing to beat the competition.

"She's really nice and she listened to me," said Brody. "That was the best part."

One year later, Brody and some friends were playing on a hammock. Brody was pushed out of the hammock and broke his left ring finger. After being seen at Samaritan Urgent Care Walk-In Clinic – North Albany, Brody was once again referred to Dr. Campaigniac.

"She recognized him right away," Curtis recalled. "She said, 'Hey, you're that kid that races!'"

Dr. Campaigniac reviewed Brody's X-rays with the family and determined that a cast would be the best option to allow Brody's hand to heal without affecting its growth as he got older. Racing season was to begin in just a few weeks and Brody wasn't shy about speaking up.

"You let me race last time, so I'm racing," he insisted.

Knowing his determination, Dr. Campaigniac once again customized a treatment plan for her young patient. She put his hand in a cast for two weeks, then replaced it with a removable splint that Brody could take off only while racing.

The following weekend Brody was back on the track and won every one of his races.

At a follow-up appointment a few weeks later, Brody and his parents were happy to learn his hand was as good as new. To show his appreciation, Brody gave Dr. Campaigniac a signed hero card and an autographed photo from his big weekend.

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### Cancer support available virtually

This online Cancer Support Group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month. It provides a safe place to share your feelings, learn ways to overcome challenges and to foster a sense of community. It is open to anyone living with cancer and cancer survivors. The next meetings are **Dec. 1 and Dec. 15, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.** For information, contact Amy at 541-574-4684.

### Prepare for childbirth at three-week class

This free three-week class series will help expectant women and their partners prepare for the upcoming labor and birth. It takes place online on **Tuesdays, Dec. 7, 14 and 28, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** To register, call 541-917-4884 or enroll at [pollywogfamily.org](http://pollywogfamily.org).

### Learn adult, child and infant CPR

Designed for people with little or no medical training, this Community Heartsaver adult, child and infant CPR and AED class will take place **Tuesday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at the Center for Health Education in Newport. Students will learn how to: perform CPR, how to use an automated external defibrillator and how to help someone who is choking. All required COVID-19 health and safety precautions will be followed, including physical distancing and wearing masks. For information, to register and to learn about 2022 class dates, contact Amy at 541-574-4952. The \$45 cost includes a student workbook and a two-year certification.

### Parents invited to Early Years class

This free workshop for parents with children ages birth to 3 years will be offered **Wednesday, Dec. 8, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** Key topics include communication, emotions and brain development, routines and positive discipline. Access to an internet device with a camera and microphone is needed. To register, call Pollywog at 541-497-4358.

### Online grief support offered bimonthly

Adults who have experienced the death of a loved one can benefit from this group led by a trained medical social worker. Topics include coping with grief, understanding family dynamics, getting through special days and reinvesting in life. The group meets online the **second and fourth Wednesday from 3:30 to 5 p.m.**, with next dates being **Dec. 8 and Dec. 22**. To register, call Samaritan Evergreen Hospice in Newport at 541-574-1811.

### Breastfeeding Basics class offered

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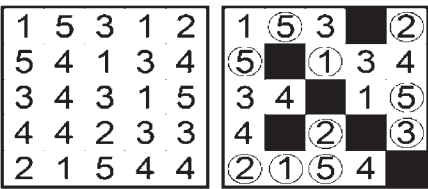
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by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- Moderate Challenging
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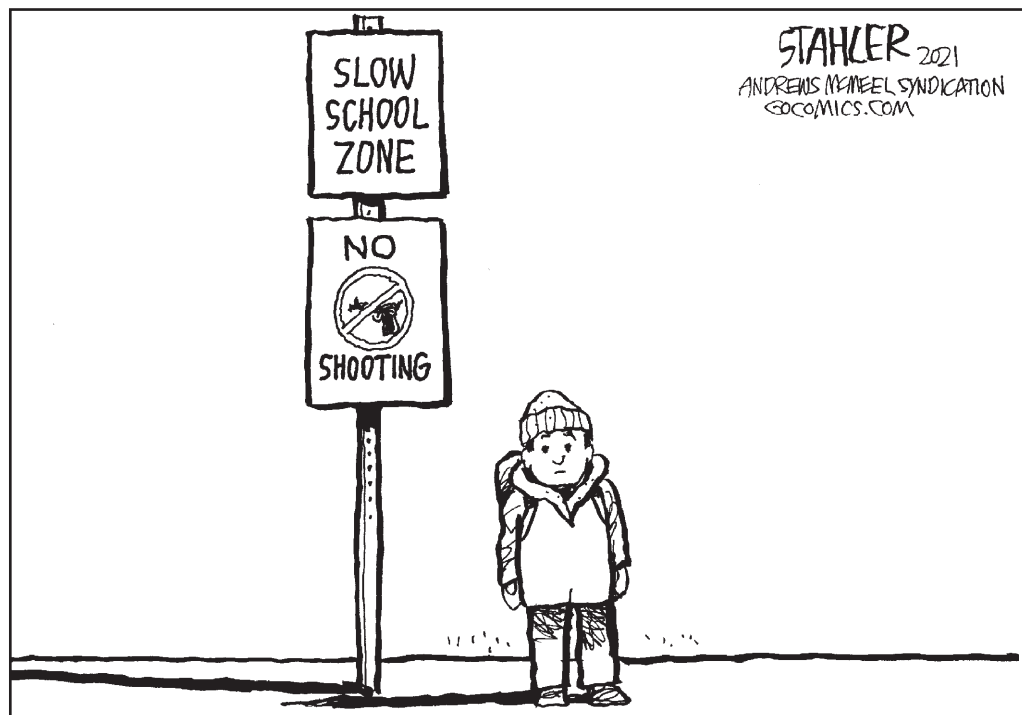
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The Cottonwood RV Park in Bluff, Utah, was not free and ready to close for the season. It's near the Navaho Nation and many people were wearing masks. Nancy, the manager, tells us from a safe distance that she personally knew 40 people who died of COVID-19 in the in the last two years. She also gave us directions to the semi-secret petroglyph panels in Bears Ears National Monument; the same panels that the Friends of Cedar Mesa group would not mention.

Other things seemed normal. By the sounds of the accents on the sidewalks complaining about Utah coffee and liquor laws, European, Asian and Florida tourists appear to be back. Canadians were also back in their massive RVs, taking all our prime campsites and feasting on the cheap American electrical hook-ups at the RV resorts.

A lot of people bought a lot of decked-out adventure vans and pricey travel trailers during the pandemic, probably so they could have their own bathrooms. Whether they will

be a passing pandemic fancy remains to be seen, but more people were taking to the back roads.

Travelers through the rural West could still find quirky or sacred things of more recent history than petroglyphs. I wanted us to visit the former mining town of Tonopah, Nevada, not least because it was the terminus of the country song "Willin'" - "Tucson to Tucumcari, Tehachapi to Tonopah" is one of its memorable lines.

Wandering among headstones, we realized that the current pandemic's death toll had historic echoes of loss. Unlike most cemeteries, the one in Tonopah lists not just the year but also the cause of death. Historical society volunteers told us that although the tintage epitaphs are relatively new, they were reasonably accurate, based on death certificate records and the way death was described in the early twentieth century. Cemeteries often tell fascinating stories; this one seemed to specialize in blunt facts about sudden deaths: A father died in a mine fire. His daughter, born two months later, died after one day. I can't imagine the grief of the widow and mother.

## A. Glenn French

God's sense of humor was shown when A. Glenn French was born on Dec 3rd, 1942. A fun loving, mischievous jokester, he was born to Archie and Vivian French in Detroit, Michigan. He is survived by sister Charlene Stegner, brother Dan French, wife Esther, sons Derek and Lon, and grandkids Darin, Lexi, Daniel, and Jensen. Glenn grew up in Meauwataka, MI, graduated from Mesick high school and moved



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I don't believe in ghosts, just the bits of untold stories that leave you wanting more information. In another graveyard epitaph, "Life became a burden" was the only explanation for a woman's death, the wording a euphemism for suicide a century or so ago. She was 30 and had come to the remote town from France. What was she doing in Tonopah and how did life become so brutal? Only ghosts know the true tale

of these lives so quickly lived, just as quickly gone.

We moved on to another small town, wanderers through the West and its ever-repeating history.

Dennis Hinkamp is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, *writersontherange.org*, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. He lives and works in Logan, Utah.

to Pasadena, CA to attend Point Loma Nazarene College. On July 6th, 1962, he married his high school sweetheart Esther Harwood, and moved to Compton, California to teach junior high school, before moving to Oregon to horse log for 32 years with his wife and two sons. In 2004 he helped start House of Yeshua Messianic Fellowship and continued as leading teacher until his passing.

He enjoyed teaching, riding

his horses, watching slapstick comedy, watching his grandkids at sporting events, and was able to attend three of his grand-kids' weddings. His parting words to his wife of 59 years were, "I'm glad you asked me out on the high school hayride," and then he passed away while praying with his family on November 16, 2021 at the age of 78.

An informal open house memorial will be held on Sunday, December 12th.



Peace be still...

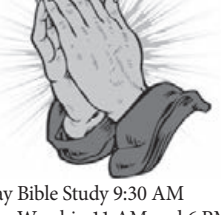
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## Lincoln City Police Nov. 29

## Holiday workshops held in Toledo, Tillamook

This Saturday, Dec. 4, the final Free Holiday Workshop will be held at the Toledo Public Library from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Follow the signs once in Toledo to the library on old Hwy 20 and turn left on A street and follow the signs.

This is the 15th annual event supported by patrons and foundation support. Family groups can make holiday cards, snowmen mobiles, and ceramic ornaments. Social distancing measures will be in place and patrons are asked to wear masks. Allow for about 30-45 minutes to participate.

For those who do not want to do in-person instruction you can come by and pick up a free holiday gift pack and fill up with a smorgasbord of

2:10 a.m. Police took a report of a man with a handgun threatening another in a parking lot. Man left the scene in car, which the police was unable to locate.

7:50 p.m. Police took a report of theft of services totaling \$225. Suspects are unidentified at this time.

## Nov. 30

5:33 p.m. Police took report of a two-vehicle crash with injuries on SE Hwy 101/SE High School Drive. Pacific West Ambulance and North Lincoln County Fire responded and

transported one of the drivers to the hospital.

10:01 p.m. Police responded to the report of a man in a gray hoodie was taking something off a work van near the 1000 block of SE Oar Avenue. A catalyst converter was taken off the vehicle.

## Dec. 1

4:45 p.m. Police performed a welfare check of a man at the 21000 block of NW Mast Place. Man was found dead. Pacific View Memorial Chapel took the body.

9:12 p.m. Report taken of a hit and run on the 5000 block of SW Hwy 101. A vehicle struck construction fencing at a business. Left in a black Ford with heavy front end damage. Toledo Police Department located the suspect, cited and released for criminal mischief in the second degree and failure to perform duties of a driver and causing property damage.

## Oregon State Police

## Nov. 26

5:30 p.m. OSP assisted the Lincoln City Police Department and North Lincoln Fire and Rescue with a reported sea lion on the roadway of SE 51st Street approaching Hwy 101. The group led the sea lion away from Hwy 101 and into Schooner Creek, which connects with Siletz Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

## Dec. 1

5:05 p.m. OSP responded to the report of a white truck

that the driver had drove into oncoming traffic, causing a black SUV to drive off the road on Hwy 101, mile post 111. The truck continued driving, hitting another white truck and a silver van before crashing into a ditch. The vehicle on the embankment was towed by the owner and the truck in the ditch was waiting to be towed by owner. The other two vehicles were able to drive away. The driver of the truck was evaluated at the Lincoln City hospital and was issued a citation for careless driving.



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for the marine life that is dependent on them. Find out where these places are located and how to enjoy them in a responsible manner so their bountiful resources are available for generations to come.

Start out 2022 with learning about mysterious undersea kelp forests. The Jan. 12 "Beyond the Beach: Mysterious Undersea Kelp Forests" webinar will fascinate you with descriptions of what Oregon's kelp forests used to look like, how are they doing today, and how Oregonians can influence what our kelp forests will look like 100 years into the future.

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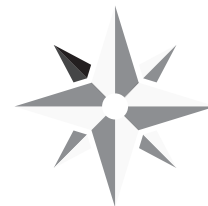
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Tanja, who spells it that way, let us in the Circleville, Utah, RV Park and Country Store for free. "It's my campground and I can do what I want," she said before making her rounds on her ATV.

The Cottonwood RV Park in Bluff, Utah, was not free and ready to close for the season. It's near the Navaho Nation and many people were wearing masks. Nancy, the manager, tells us from a safe distance that she personally knew 40 people who died of COVID-19 in the in the last two years. She also gave us directions to the semi-secret petroglyph panels in Bears Ears National Monument; the same panels that the Friends of Cedar Mesa group would not mention.

Other things seemed normal. By the sounds of the accents on the sidewalks complaining about Utah coffee and liquor laws, European, Asian and Florida tourists appear to be back. Canadians were also back in their massive RVs, taking all our prime campsites and feasting on the cheap American electrical hook-ups at the RV resorts.

A lot of people bought a lot of decked-out adventure vans and pricey travel trailers during the pandemic, probably so they could have their own bathrooms. Whether they will

be a passing pandemic fancy remains to be seen, but more people were taking to the back roads.

Travelers through the rural West could still find quirky or sacred things of more recent history than petroglyphs. I wanted us to visit the former mining town of Tonopah, Nevada, not least because it was the terminus of the country song "Willin'" - "Tucson to Tucumcari, Tehachapi to Tonopah" is one of its memorable lines.

Wandering among headstones, we realized that the current pandemic's death toll had historic echoes of loss. Unlike most cemeteries, the one in Tonopah lists not just the year but also the cause of death. Historical society volunteers told us that although the tintage epitaphs are relatively new, they were reasonably accurate, based on death certificate records and the way death was described in the early twentieth century.

Cemeteries often tell fascinating stories; this one seemed to specialize in blunt facts about sudden deaths: A father died in a mine fire. His daughter, born two months later, died after one day. I can't imagine the grief of the widow and mother.



BY DENNIS HINKAMP

I don't believe in ghosts, just the bits of untold stories that leave you wanting more information. In another graveyard epitaph, "Life became a burden" was the only explanation for a woman's death, the wording a euphemism for suicide a century or so ago. She was 30 and had come to the remote town from France. What was she doing in Tonopah and how did life become so brutal? Only ghosts know the true tale

of these lives so quickly lived, just as quickly gone.

We moved on to another small town, wanderers through the West and its ever-repeating history.

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## A. Glenn French

God's sense of humor was shown when A. Glenn French was born on Dec 3rd, 1942. A fun loving, mischievous jokester, he was born to Archie and Vivian French in Detroit, Michigan. He is survived by sister Charlene Stegner, brother Dan French, wife Esther, sons Derek and Lon, and grandkids Darin, Lexi, Daniel, and Jensen.

Glenn grew up in Meauwataka, MI, graduated from Mesick high school and moved

to Pasadena, CA to attend Point Loma Nazarene College. On July 6th, 1962, he married his high school sweetheart Esther Harwood, and moved to Compton, California to teach junior high school, before moving to Oregon to horse log for 32 years with his wife and two sons. In 2004 he helped start House of Yeshua Messianic Fellowship and continued as leading teacher until his passing.

He enjoyed teaching, riding

his horses, watching slapstick comedy, watching his grandkids at sporting events, and was able to attend three of his grand-kids' weddings. His parting words to his wife of 59 years were, "I'm glad you asked me out on the high school hayride," and then he passed away while praying with his family on November 16, 2021 at the age of 78.

An informal open house memorial will be held on Sunday, December 12th.



# Police Blotter

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## Lincoln City Police Nov. 29

### Holiday workshops held in Toledo, Tillamook

This Saturday, Dec. 4, the final Free Holiday Workshop will be held at the Toledo Public Library from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Follow the signs once in Toledo to the library on old Hwy 20 and turn left on A street and follow the signs.

This is the 15th annual event supported by patrons and foundation support. Family groups can make holiday cards, snowmen mobiles, and ceramic ornaments. Social distancing measures will be in place and patrons are asked to wear masks. Allow for about 30-45 minutes to participate.

For those who do not want to do in-person instruction you can come by and pick up a free holiday gift pack and fill up with a smorgasbord of

2:10 a.m. Police took a report of a man with a handgun threatening another in a parking lot. Man left the scene in car, which the police was unable to locate.

7:50 p.m. Police took a report of theft of services totaling \$225. Suspects are unidentified at this time.

## Nov. 30

5:33 p.m. Police took report of a two-vehicle crash with injuries on SE Hwy 101/SE High School Drive. Pacific West Ambulance and North Lincoln County Fire responded and

transported one of the drivers to the hospital.

10:01 p.m. Police responded to the report of a man in a gray hoodie was taking something off a work van near the 1000 block of SE Oar Avenue. A catalyst converter was taken off the vehicle.

## Dec. 1

4:45 p.m. Police performed a welfare check of a man at the 21000 block of NW Mast Place. Man was found dead. Pacific View Memorial Chapel took the body.

9:12 p.m. Report taken of a hit and run on the 5000 block of SW Hwy 101. A vehicle struck construction fencing at a business. Left in a black Ford with heavy front end damage. Toledo Police Department located the suspect, cited and released for criminal mischief in the second degree and failure to perform duties of a driver and causing property damage.

## Oregon State Police

## Nov. 26

5:30 p.m. OSP assisted the Lincoln City Police Department and North Lincoln Fire and Rescue with a reported sea lion on the roadway of SE 51st Street approaching Hwy 101. The group led the sea lion away from Hwy 101 and into Schooner Creek, which connects with Siletz Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

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5:05 p.m. OSP responded to the report of a white truck

that the driver had drove into oncoming traffic, causing a black SUV to drive off the road on Hwy 101, mile post 111. The truck continued driving, hitting another white truck and a silver van before crashing into a ditch. The vehicle on the embankment was towed by the owner and the truck in the ditch was waiting to be towed by owner. The other two vehicles were able to drive away. The driver of the truck was evaluated at the Lincoln City hospital and was issued a citation for careless driving.



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Ceramic Christmas ornaments, greeting cards made by staff and students of OCCT/OCCEA.

## Beyond the Beach: Webinar series for winter 2021-2022



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On Dec. 8, "Beyond the Beach: Oregon's Rocky Coast" will be a panel discussion on the ways noteworthy places along the Oregon coast are designated to be protected

for the marine life that is dependent on them. Find out where these places are located and how to enjoy them in a responsible manner so their bountiful resources are available for generations to come.

Start out 2022 with learning about mysterious undersea kelp forests. The Jan. 12 "Beyond the Beach: Mysterious Undersea Kelp Forests" webinar will fascinate you with descriptions of what Oregon's kelp forests used to look like, how are they doing today, and how Oregonians can influence what our kelp forests will look like 100 years into the future.

All webinars are one hour beginning at 6:30 p.m. To learn more, visit <http://www.lincolncity-audubon.org/webinars.html> or visit <https://oregonshores.org/engage/featured-events>

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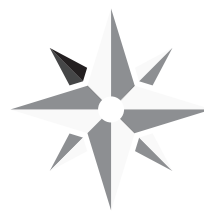
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# Celebrating Bruce Fockler

Roughly three weeks ago we lost a foundational piece of our family. On November 13th, Bruce Fockler, a longtime resident of Lincoln City, died unexpectedly at his home in Howard City, MI. If you knew Bruce and are hearing this news for the first time, know that we are sorry and that we hurt with you. We would have loved to reach out individually to every person whose life he impacted during his time on the coast. An impossible task, of course.

For the inclined, we will have an informal gathering to celebrate Bruce at the Cornelius Pass McMennamins Roadhouse Octagonal Barn in Hillsboro on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2pm. Just old photos and good company. Anybody from the community interested in attending has our full and sincere invite. Feel free to contact the family through Stephanie at 541-921-9732 or [srenefockler@gmail.com](mailto:srenefockler@gmail.com).

In addition to being a father, grandfather, and husband, Bruce was a gifted designer and artist. As a young man, while working the assembly line for a boat manufacturer, this artistic ability and eye for detail got him off the production floor and behind a drafting desk. After several years as a boat designer and draftsman, familial obligations brought him out west. Here he began the difficult task of translating his still raw drafting talent to the cliffs and stilted houses of the Oregon coast. There's no tougher canvas on which to learn and he spent the next two decades perfecting his craft on these shores. If you live in a house along this coastline built or renovated in the last twenty-five years, there's an excellent chance you'll find Bruce's fingerprints in the design. He was as prolific as he was talented. His work is spread across several design, construction, and engineering companies in the area, but he was always most proud of Seabrook. A young town, and company, to which he remained dedicated until his last day. If you find yourself along the coast of Washington, I encourage you to visit. It is thriving.

Truthfully, being born and raised in central Michigan, he wasn't the west coast type. At least, he never intended to be. On the weekends he would playfully scoff at the caravan of sedans spilling in from the I-5 corridor. "Flatlanders," he would call them. At once an indictment of intrusive city folk and words of veiled affection for this town that had endeared itself to him. He loved it here, and in his more vulnerable moments you could even get him to admit it outright. He wasn't fooling anybody.

If you knew Bruce, it could be from anywhere. His interests were varied and scattered. Perhaps you met him professionally and he sketched for you a five-minute rendering of a far more convoluted design, immediately making the concept *click*. Maybe you interacted after a church service where he was always at his softest, speaking almost in a whisper. Or it's possible you heard him at a softball game or at a track meet, well, *not* whispering. Even if you didn't know him, you heard him. You may have caught one of his elbows during pickup basketball in the mornings. He loved playing with the "young bucks" half his age. He would brag about his fundamentals and rebounding, then always concede to one or two boneheaded plays he wants to correct for next week. Or maybe you shared a quiet conversation about his time in the Marine Corps. A topic he spoke of with reverence and discretion. However you knew Bruce, and even if you didn't, understand that his time in Lincoln City shaped him irrevocably. Our family has a deep appreciation and affection for the community that cared for and nurtured him for nearly twenty years. And while all remaining family have since moved from the area—his daughters Stephanie and Sophia, his son Sean, and his wife Olga—we have not forgotten the city nor its impact. The feelings of each of us have informed these words.

Bruce is buried in Lake City, MI, the town in which he was raised. Though that is where his body rightfully belongs, a large piece of him will forever be here at the beach. In the wraparound porches and oceanside picture windows. In the city parks and open gyms. And in every hand-painted pickup truck that struggles up the highway.

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# Celebrating Bruce Fockler

Roughly three weeks ago we lost a foundational piece of our family. On November 13th, Bruce Fockler, a longtime resident of Lincoln City, died unexpectedly at his home in Howard City, MI. If you knew Bruce and are hearing this news for the first time, know that we are sorry and that we hurt with you. We would have loved to reach out individually to every person whose life he impacted during his time on the coast. An impossible task, of course.

For the inclined, we will have an informal gathering to celebrate Bruce at the Cornelius Pass McMennamins Roadhouse Octagonal Barn in Hillsboro on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2pm. Just old photos and good company. Anybody from the community interested in attending has our full and sincere invite. Feel free to contact the family through Stephanie at 541-921-9732 or [srenefockler@gmail.com](mailto:srenefockler@gmail.com).

In addition to being a father, grandfather, and husband, Bruce was a gifted designer and artist. As a young man, while working the assembly line for a boat manufacturer, this artistic ability and eye for detail got him off the production floor and behind a drafting desk. After several years as a boat designer and draftsman, familial obligations brought him out west. Here he began the difficult task of translating his still raw drafting talent to the cliffs and stilted houses of the Oregon coast. There's no tougher canvas on which to learn and he spent the next two decades perfecting his craft on these shores. If you live in a house along this coastline built or renovated in the last twenty-five years, there's an excellent chance you'll find Bruce's fingerprints in the design. He was as prolific as he was talented. His work is spread across several design, construction, and engineering companies in the area, but he was always most proud of Seabrook. A young town, and company, to which he remained dedicated until his last day. If you find yourself along the coast of Washington, I encourage you to visit. It is thriving.

Truthfully, being born and raised in central Michigan, he wasn't the west coast type. At least, he never intended to be. On the weekends he would playfully scoff at the caravan of sedans spilling in from the I-5 corridor. "Flatlanders," he would call them. At once an indictment of intrusive city folk and words of veiled affection for this town that had endeared itself to him. He loved it here, and in his more vulnerable moments you could even get him to admit it outright. He wasn't fooling anybody.

If you knew Bruce, it could be from anywhere. His interests were varied and scattered. Perhaps you met him professionally and he sketched for you a five-minute rendering of a far more convoluted design, immediately making the concept *click*. Maybe you interacted after a church service where he was always at his softest, speaking almost in a whisper. Or it's possible you heard him at a softball game or at a track meet, well, *not* whispering. Even if you didn't know him, you heard him. You may have caught one of his elbows during pickup basketball in the mornings. He loved playing with the "young bucks" half his age. He would brag about his fundamentals and rebounding, then always concede to one or two boneheaded plays he wants to correct for next week. Or maybe you shared a quiet conversation about his time in the Marine Corps. A topic he spoke of with reverence and discretion. However you knew Bruce, and even if you didn't, understand that his time in Lincoln City shaped him irrevocably. Our family has a deep appreciation and affection for the community that cared for and nurtured him for nearly twenty years. And while all remaining family have since moved from the area—his daughters Stephanie and Sophia, his son Sean, and his wife Olga—we have not forgotten the city nor its impact. The feelings of each of us have informed these words.

Bruce is buried in Lake City, MI, the town in which he was raised. Though that is where his body rightfully belongs, a large piece of him will forever be here at the beach. In the wraparound porches and oceanside picture windows. In the city parks and open gyms. And in every hand-painted pickup truck that struggles up the highway.

We love and miss you, dad.

# Read. Watch. Engage.

# Temperatures rising, especially daily lows

**STEVE LUNDEBERG**  
Guest Article

Oregon State University's new maps of 30-year U.S. climate "normals" show the area east of the Rockies is getting wetter, the Southwest is getting drier, and temperatures are inching upward – with daily lows rising faster than daily highs.

"When we publish the new normals every 10 years, we're taking away one decade from a 30-year period and adding another, which means the changes we see are subtle," Geospatial Climatologist Chris Daly said. "But temperatures are definitely creeping up, and daily minimum temperatures are increasing faster than the maximums."

PRISM stands for Parameter-elevation Regressions on Independent Slopes Model, and the 30-year normals are the climate group's signature product, one that is "uniquely accurate and detailed," according to Daly, who is a professor in the OSU College of Engineering and the founding director of OSU's PRISM Climate Group.

"These maps are the flagship of our suite of digital weather and climate data sets that seamlessly cover the entire lower 48 states and are downloaded tens of thousands of times each day and used everywhere," he said. "PRISM data sets are used by many

government agencies including NOAA, the EPA and NASA and the departments of Defense, Energy and the Interior. The private sector relies on PRISM data too, in a broad range of applications that include agriculture, hydrology, engineering, ecology and economics."

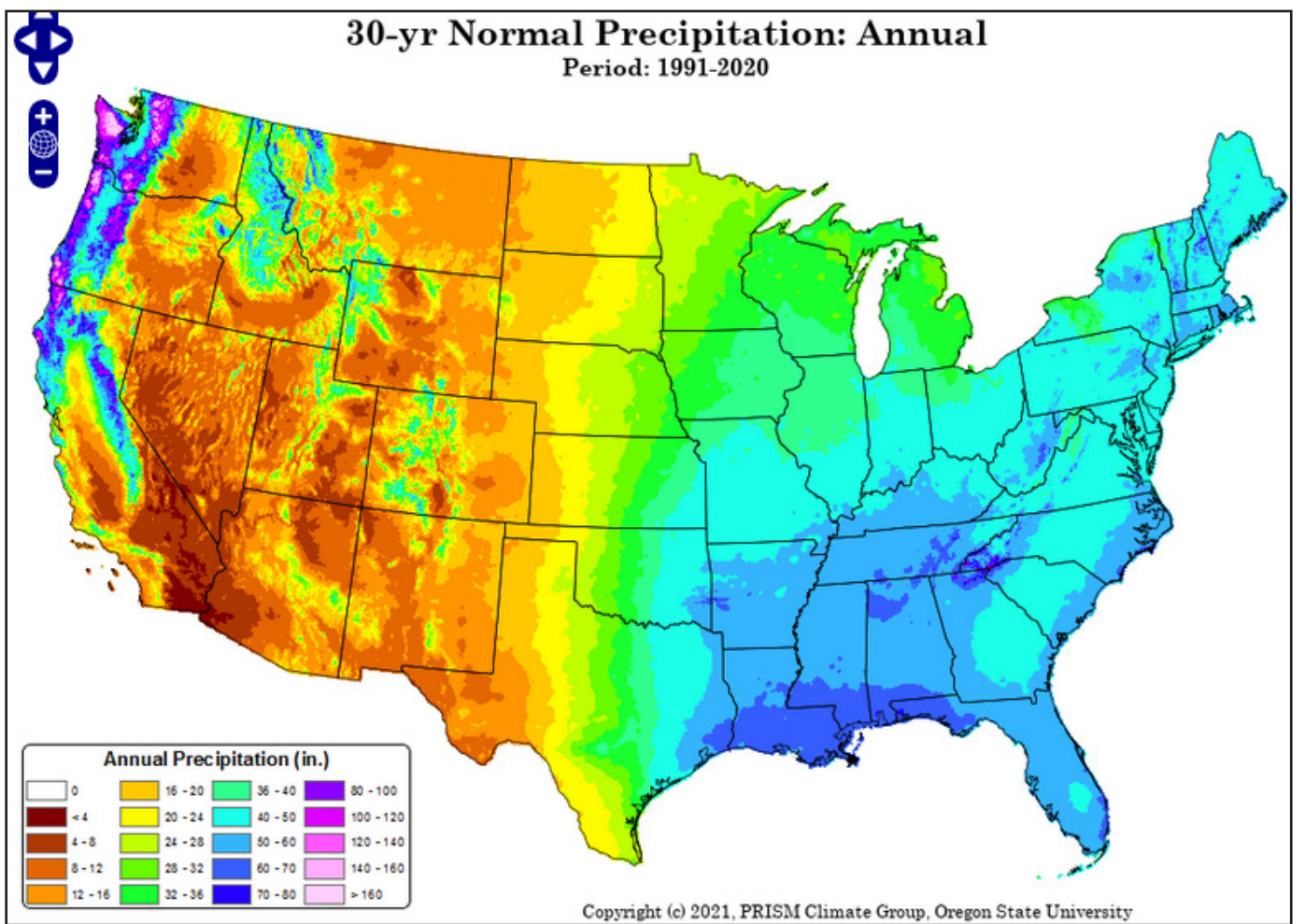
Private citizens can also use the maps to check average conditions in their hometown by going to the normals page and selecting the data and month of interest, and the applicable color-coded map pops up on the screen.

PRISM is a computer model, developed by Daly in 1991 when he was a Ph.D. student at Oregon State, that digitally mimicked the techniques used by 20th-century climatologists who hand-drew climate maps for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Working in concert with NRCS hydrologist/climatologist Phil Pasteris of Tigard, Daly helped "usher the USDA into the digital world" by creating a computerized replacement for a process so time-consuming that climate maps hadn't been updated in nearly 30 years, Daly said.

With funding from the NRCS, PRISM released its first 30-year normals, for the period from 1961 to 1990.

Since then PRISM, part of the OSU-based Northwest Alli-



This is an OSU map showing the climate trends.

ance for Computational Science & Engineering, has published updated normals every 10 years, each time adding data and modeling from the most recent decade and dropping the least recent. This latest update of the normals, which covers the years 1991-2020, was sponsored by the USDA Risk Management Agency, which oversees the federal crop insurance program.

"What we try to do every time is improve on the technol-

ogy and our data inputs to make the normals as close as possible to the current state of knowledge of the average spatial patterns of climate," Daly said. "NOAA is the official purveyor of climate change statistics and we stay out of that. Our focus is on the spatial aspect and creating a seamless coverage of climate patterns across the continental United States. This year, our fourth time doing it, we made a big push to add new data sources from new weather

station networks."

PRISM added 9,000 precipitation stations, for a total of 26,600; 3,000 temperature stations, bringing the total to 19,500; 2,400 dew point stations, for a total of 6,400; and 2,800 vapor pressure deficit stations, increasing that total to 6,400.

Solar radiation was added to the climate normals for the first time, thanks to a three-year collaboration between the PRISM group and David Rupp of the OSU College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences. Solar radiation data reached PRISM via a variety of sources, including state agricultural networks and the Citizen Weather Observer Program, a public-private partnership with more than 7,000 stations in North America.

Nearly 90% of the precipitation data comes from citizen science programs, with one of them, the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network headquartered at Colorado State University, sending the PRISM group thousands of reports from around the nation daily, according to Daly.

While PRISM uses many data sources, Daly said one of the beauties of the state-of-the-art algorithm is that it allows for

filling in gaps in information.

"We can interpolate where we have no weather stations; the PRISM modeling system accounts for how the Earth's features affect the spatial patterns of climate on the landscape," he said. "We have programmed in mountains, valleys, rain shadows, coastlines and water body sources, so we can make pretty accurate estimates on what average conditions are like across the lower 48. Our maps feature tens of millions of grid cells, half-mile by half-mile squares."

While the 30-year-normals are PRISM's trademark product, the group also has monthly climate maps of the same resolution back to 1895 and daily maps dating to 1981; those maps incorporate the same variables as the normals, whose information is ubiquitous in climate science.

"Anytime you see a detailed map showing percentage of average or deviation from average, most likely PRISM normals are underlying that calculation," Daly said.

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