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Yaquina Bay Bridge in Newport crosses the Yaquina Bay estuary, where fishing charters pass daily to catch halibut, tuna, salmon, rockfish and crab. (Mia Maldonado / Oregon Capital Chronicle)

Incoming Newport ICE action revealed: 'Something's going on,' Gomberg says

SHAANTH NAAGUNERI
Oregon Capital Chronicle

A federal contractor representing U.S.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement told Oregon officials in late November that they are preparing an analysis

of an unspecified project that would have significant environmental

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Newport business works to reduce Oregon's fish waste

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Each year, Local Ocean Seafoods buys 100,000 pounds of fresh whole fish from the fishing vessels across its street along Yaquina Bay. The Newport restaurant opened in 2002 in the town's historic bayfront. It has become a local staple known for serving locally-caught seafood to tourists visiting Oregon's Central Coast. But in 2025, the

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Frozen fish scraps held in a freezer by Local Ocean Seafoods in Newport. (Mia Maldonado / Oregon Capital Chronicle)

Holiday toy, food drive is a labor of love

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader


The Lincoln City Eagles Lodge and the North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District have partnered again this year for the annual holiday toy and food drive.

For insight into this caring event the Lincoln County Leader spoke with NLF&R District #1 Deputy Chief Operations/Fire Marshal Cody Heidt.

The Leader: NLFR has been involved with the Toy Drive for years. Why is this project important to you and your team?

Cory Heidt: North Lincoln Fire & Rescue's mission extends beyond emergency response — we're here to serve our community in every way we can. The annual Toy Drive is one of the most rewarding ways we get to do that. Our crews see firsthand how difficult the holidays can be for some families. This project gives us a chance to bring a little hope and comfort to our neighbors while strengthening the community bonds that make our district such a special place to live and work.

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Donated toys and clothing items fill a large room at St. Peter the Fisherman Lutheran Church Activity Building in Lincoln City during a previous holiday collection campaign. (Photo by Jeremy C. Ruark)

Newport resident sentenced to 10 years in child sex abuse case

A Newport resident faces 10 years in the Oregon Department of Corrections following his conviction for disseminating child sexual abuse material, more commonly known as child pornography, in 2024.

Lincoln County Circuit Court Presiding Judge Sheryl Bachart sentenced 36-year-old Kurtis Fegulia, Jr. following his plea of guilty Nov. 25, according to a release from the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office.

BACKGROUND

In August 2024, the Oregon Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force received a CyberTip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) that a social media user had uploaded files that contained videos of child sexual abuse material on a social media platform.

Investigators were provided with information regarding the user's identity and tracked the location of the uploads to Newport, Oregon. The case was then assigned to the Newport Police Department

and investigated by Detective Darren Cicerone.

Through a series of extensive investigative tools, Detective Cicerone was able to identify Fegulia, Jr. as the individual responsible for uploading multiple videos through the social media platform. Fegulia, Jr. later admitted to uploading child sexual abuse material and indicated the ages of the children involved in the videos were as young as five.

On November 25, 2025, Fegulia, Jr. entered a guilty plea to 5 counts of Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse in the First Degree,

felony sex crimes, for knowingly disseminating a visual recording of sexually explicit conduct involving a child while knowing the fact that the creation of the visual recording involved child abuse.

Over the course of the investigation, the Newport Police Department received over 33 CyberTips linked to Fegulia, Jr.'s residence, which showed over 700 videos of child sexual abuse material were disseminated by Fegulia, Jr. online in 2024 and 2025.

Prior to imposing the 10-year prison sentence, Judge Bachart emphasized that these types of cases are not just videos.

"The State classifies these cases as a person crime because they involve real children," Bachart said. "Even

though you did not touch them, these children are being abused, and you watch the abuse and are aroused by it."

Bachart stressed that if there was not a demand for these types of videos due to people like Fegulia, Jr., the abuse would not happen.

This case was prosecuted by District Attorney Jenna Wallace and investigated by Newport Police Department Detective Cicerone.

"The District Attorney's Office would like to thank Detective Cicerone for his commitment to investigating crimes against children and for prioritizing the dissemination of child sexual abuse material to protect children from predators living in our community", the release states.



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Community Christmas tree brightens the holiday

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

It wasn't easy. The crew from Weyerhaeuser, Garcia Reforestation, and Table Mountain Forestry, partnered with the staff at the Lincoln City Cultural Center (LCCC) to find, cut, transport, and put into place Lincoln City's Community Christmas Tree in late November.

The 27-foot noble fir was selected from Weyerhaeuser property at Riley Peak, carefully loaded up for the ride to its new resting place at the LCCC along Highway 101. Long time resident and LCCC member Bill Porter stood quietly at the front of the center, watching the crew unload the tree and put it into place.

"The way the wind was blowing, I was a bit apprehensive in how this tree would be able to be moved upright and to keep upright," he said. "The crew has done a wonderful job in raising it into place." Porter said the Community Christmas Tree is an important part of the holidays in Lincoln City. "It brings the

community together to show the grace of the Christmas season, people working together, volunteers and all, to make events like this happen." Lincoln City Cultural Center's Judy Hardy snapped photos as the crew worked carefully to center the tree and pull it into place. "This tree is the Cultural Center's gift to the community for the

holidays," she said. The tree was decorated by Fiber Arts Studio Gallery Curator Krista Eddy and volunteers. It was the highlight of a winter festival Friday night, Nov. 28, with a community lighting event.



Above, Fiber Arts Studio Gallery Curator Krista Eddy, in front, pulls on the strap helping guide the large 27-foot tree into place. Right, The Lincoln City Community Christmas tree shining bright. (Photos by Jeremy C. Ruark)



Hall recall decision could be revealed Dec. 3, Lincoln County Clerk says

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

A critical decision about a recall effort against Lincoln County Commissioner Claire Hall may be revealed Wednesday, Dec. 3, according to Lincoln County Clerk Army Southwell.

Supporters attempting to have Hall recalled needed 3,945 to qualify a recall. The group submitted a petition said to contain 4,882 signatures to Southwell's office Monday, Nov. 3.

"But there were many of the signatures that were not valid," Southwell told the Lincoln County Leader Monday, Dec. 1. She said her staff had finished its check of the petition signatures, and she was completing her own review this week and would announce the results on Dec. 3.

According to Southwell, if the signatures are verified, Hall would have five days to either resign from office or issue a statement of justification of why she should remain as a county commissioner.

A special election would be scheduled if Hall chooses to remain in office, allowing voters to decide if she should be removed from office, according to Southwell.

A recall election could take place in mid-January. If Hall is removed from office her position as commissioner would become vacant, and Commissioners Casey Miller and Walter Chuck would appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the term.

On the day the signatures were submitted to Southwell, The Lincoln County Leader reached out to Hall for her response to the petition signature filing. "I will not resign now. The question is premature given that we don't even know if they will reach the threshold of enough verified signatures to force a vote," Hall said.

Commissioner Hall was first elected in 2004 and



Clare Hall

is currently serving her sixth term, making her 22 years in office one of the longest-tenured county officials in Oregon. Hall narrowly won her last election against opponent Depoe Bay resident Rick Beasley in 2024.

Hall has come under fire from opponents for the way she has conducted the board of commission meetings.

VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE FUNDING MEASURE

Southwell said it is likely a hand recount of the results from the Nov. 4 Special Election Veterans Services Office Ballot

will be held next week. The final unofficial results show 7,029 yes votes to 7,014 no votes. Under Oregon law, a recount would be necessary if the difference is less than one-fifth of 1 percent of the

total number of votes cast in a specific race. Voters were asked in the Nov. 4 election to approve funding for the county's Veterans Services Office through a five-year local-option levy.



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ICE

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ramifications for the coastal city of Newport.

The Virginia-based environmental services company Solv, LLC on Thursday inquired with the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development about initiating a “proposed action” under a 1972 federal law, the Coastal Zone Management Act. The message offers the clearest indication yet that an immigration detention center could be coming to the fishing city in the coming months, a possibility that has been met with resistance for weeks from residents and Oregon’s local, state and federal lawmakers.

The exact type of proposed project was not specified in the email, according to conservation agency spokesperson Sadie Carney, who said in a statement that the department responded with answers to “procedural questions” the contractor had. She was not immediately able to comment on whether the contractor had since Thursday provided Oregon with a more concrete or official plan.

Since early November, several Oregon Democrats have speculated that the Coast Guard facility in Newport’s Municipal Airport could be converted to an ICE center, pointing to the unexplained relocation of a life-saving Coast Guard rescue helicopter from

Newport to North Bend, a city located about 95 miles away.

Newport’s city leaders went public with their concerns on Nov. 10, and clues from job listings for detention officers to an inquiry from a federal defense contractor seeking to lease land by the Coast Guard facility have since fueled suspicion. John Fuller, a spokesperson for the city of Newport, said in statement that the contractor is now reaching out to hotels up and down the Oregon coast as recently as Tuesday morning in search of up to 200 rooms for a year.

Oregon is one of the few states without a long-term immigration detention facility, a reflection of its decades-long status as America’s first sanctuary state. State law prohibits state or local resources from being used to help enforce federal immigration law.

The environmental contractor’s email, reviewed by the Capital Chronicle, was written by a scientist with Solv, LLC and offers no specific details about the project or its location in Newport.

Solv, LLC, however, received more than \$5.6 million in federal contracts from 2021 to June 2025, with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security tapping its expertise in “ICE sustainability program support services.” In December 2020, the company produced an evaluation report for the federal agency when it sought to expand its operations at an ICE

processing facility in El Paso, Texas.

The email’s author did not respond to a request for comment Tuesday, but she wrote that ICE “is beginning the process of initiating” a consultation and is “developing a federal consistency determination for a proposed action in Newport Oregon.” She asked about how best to submit those findings and for more information about the timeline in which she should provide other documentation.

“Ahead of submitting our letter and adjoining documentation, we would like to clarify a few of the consult requirements of the Oregon Coastal Management Program,” wrote Amber Carter, a scientist for Solv LLC. Her Linkedln shows that she leads a team of six environmental scientists and energy engineers “on an environmental compliance, energy, and sustainability contract.”

Under federal law dating back to 1972, nearly all states bordering an ocean or Great Lake set federally approved plans to protect their coastlines. Whenever a federal agency wants to act in a coastal zone in Oregon, it must wait at least 90 days before the project can break ground.

During that time, Oregon’s Department of Land Conservation and Development conducts a 60-day review to determine how that activity would impact the coast, as well as a 30-day public comment period. Notable

recent uses of the program have been offshore wind energy and the canceled Jordan Cove Energy Project, which would have added a liquified natural gas export facility near Coos Bay.

The process allows for Oregon to make recommendations or offer support under certain conditions for a project. But a federal agency can overrule an objection from state officials if it finds its efforts are “consistent to the maximum extent practicable” with state law. The federal agency must inform Oregon of that decision, opening the door for potential litigation that Oregon would need to file should it disagree with the outcome.

Rep. David Gomberg, D-Otis, told the Capital Chronicle that the latest inquiry from the ICE contractor “makes it clear that something’s going on.” The federal defense contractor seeking to lease land withdrew its inquiry on Nov. 12, but he has been reticent to take that as a sign the plans for an ICE facility are over. Other private companies have also been contacted for local land, he added.

“All we know is that they are making inquiries about a proposed action in Newport and making sure it’s consistent with Coastal Zone Management Act requirements,” he said. “I just take that as one more piece of evidence that this proposed action is far from over.”

The other state legislator for Newport, Sen. Dick Anderson, R-Lincoln

City, previously wrote in a Nov. 14 email to a constituent shared with the Capital Chronicle that the “rumor of an ICE detention facility in Lincoln Co. has been debunked.” He also wrote to the homeland security department last week seeking the immediate return of the rescue helicopter to Newport’s Municipal Airport.

Anderson did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment Tuesday. Bryan Iverson, his chief of staff, told the Capital Chronicle on Nov. 12 that Anderson’s office “won’t comment on speculation or rumors just to fear monger.”

In the meantime, local residents with ties to the fishing industry and boat workers scored a major legal victory for their helicopter, which was stationed in Newport back in 1987. U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken on Monday, Nov. 24, issued a 14-day temporary restraining order in response to a lawsuit from Lincoln County and a local nonprofit supporting fishermen, ordering the return of the helicopter to the Coast Guard’s facility in Newport’s municipal airport.

Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield filed a similar lawsuit in federal court on Monday, though the state is seeking to combine its lawsuit with a local nonprofit’s challenge. Aiken wrote in her ruling that federal law requires Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem to “follow notice

and comment procedures for the public and provide notification to Congress before closing or even significantly reducing the use of a Coast Guard air facility.”

Fuller said that a rescue helicopter has landed at Newport’s airport on Tuesday “at least for refueling.” He added that he was not able to confirm if it has “officially returned to our airport at this time.”

ICE, DHS and the U.S. Coast Guard did not immediately respond to the Capital Chronicle’s requests for comment on Tuesday. In a statement to The Oregonian/OregonLive.com, Tricia McLaughlin, a spokesperson for the homeland security department, said the Coast Guard is “always ready to respond to search and rescue needs on the Oregon Coast, just as it always has been. Any suggestion otherwise is an insult to the hard, heroic work the men and women of the Coast Guard put in every day.”

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WASTE

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restaurant began a new mission focused on uplifting the “blue economy” — or using sustainable

ocean resources to grow the local economy.

On average, about half of the weight of the fish the restaurant buys is cut into fillets, leaving nearly 50,000 pounds of fish byproduct to go to waste.

In May, the restaurant launched its 100% Fish Program to reduce the amount of fish waste the restaurant was sending to the landfill and turning its fish scraps into high quality products such as

dog treats, cat jerky, bone broth and plant spray.

Rep. David Gomberg, D-Otis, said the program is a pathway to bringing more jobs and eliminating waste along the Oregon Coast.

“The essence of the 100% Fish Program is that we get a fish that’s worth \$12 and we throw most of that fish away, but if we can use the oils for anything from cosmetics to medicinal uses, if we can use the bones, the skin of the fish for everything from fish leather to skin grafts for burn victims, we can turn that \$12 fish into a \$2,000 fish,” Gomberg said.

Gomberg sponsored legislation to fund the program this spring, but it didn’t make it to either chamber’s floor, given this year’s budget constraints, Gomberg said. However, there’s still interest in the program.

Since launching, the program has 12 wholesale accounts in Lincoln County, and in early November it launched its

Faire account so it can do nationwide shipping for wholesale customers.

ADDING TO NEWPORT’S REPUTATION AS AN OCEAN STEWARD

The program brings economic value to Newport, Darlene Khalafi, the program’s business innovation specialist, told the Capital Chronicle.

It’s an employee-owned-trust with more than 70 employee owners that work for Local Ocean. More than 60% of them are people of color, and more than 55% of them are women in the restaurant and hospitality industry, Khalafi said.

“By adding the 100% Fish Program as an additional revenue stream to our business model, we are able to stabilize our income throughout the year outside of the super busy tourism season here,” she said.

Khalafi said the program also aligns with the town’s reputation as a steward of the ocean.

“We have the National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration here, Oregon State University’s Hatfield Marine Science Center here, Pacific Seafoods here, our entire fishing fleet here, we’re the Dungeness crab capital of the world and the pride of Newport is that we are one of the first sustainable fisheries in the world,” she said. “I think people around here want to continue paving that path and being pioneers, showing that the blue economy is the future.”

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Joyce Kate Waldroup McNelly

March 18, 1944 - November 21, 2025

Joyce Kate Waldroup McNelly, 81, of Lincoln City passed away Friday, November 21, 2025. She was born March 18, 1944 to Sally Kate (West) and Hoyt Waldroup in Murphy, North Carolina.

Joy lived in Brasstown, North Carolina during her early years and attended Cherokee County Schools where she graduated with the class of 1961. After graduation, she attended Western Carolina College in Cullowhee, North Carolina. She moved to Oregon in 1965 and settled in Lincoln City in the 1970’s where she lived since.

She was an excellent seamstress who also loved crocheting and other handwork. She had a wonderful singing voice and enjoyed singing at Little Brasstown Baptist Church in Brasstown, NC where



she was a member before she moved to Oregon.

Joy is survived by son Jeffrey David McNelly (Katie) of Hillsboro, Oregon; grandson Jordon McNelly (Aubrey) of Hillsboro, Oregon; granddaughter Natasha Irish (Josh Nussbaum) of Otis, Oregon; brother Stephen H. Waldroup (Beth) of Lincoln City, Oregon; nephew Christopher S. Waldroup (Jennifer) of Carlton, Oregon and their families. She is preceded in death by her parents Hoyt Waldroup (1996), Sally Kate (West) Waldroup (2024).

At her request no services will be held. Sweet Home Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. www.sweethomefuneral.com.

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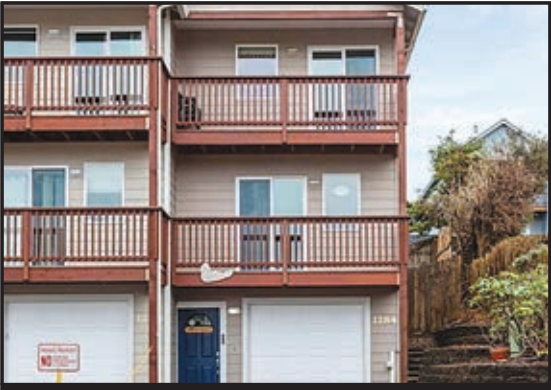
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COMMENTARY

It takes a Village to...

SHAR WALBAUM
Leader Guest Column

For a moment, think about the people who lived and worked in towns outside of Auschwitz, Buchenwald, or Treblinka during World War II. To bring it closer to home, think about those who lived near the Portland Assembly Center, the repurposed Livestock Exposition Center used for Japanese residents in Portland.

In high school, I first learned that friends’ parents and grandparents had been herded up and sent there. They were forced to walk away from homes and possessions. I knew the livestock center – it was just 3 miles from my home at the northern edge of town. But, no one ever talked about it. Even though, like many regular people in many “villages” across our country, some of them made it possible. In the end, 100,000

U.S. citizens who were also Japanese were gathered up, concentrated in one place, and interred in camps like Manzanar. Afterwards, the livestock center went back to be just for cattle. Village inhabitants forgot. I am sure that some of the people who lived near Auschwitz or the Portland Assembly Center were ignorant of what was happening. Still others must have been uncertain or felt confused. But some helped

these places get built and others worked to keep them functioning. We are responsible for helping others know the facts about the proposed internment camp here in Newport. DHS may not be forthcoming, as we have been told by Senator Wyden, Representative Gombert, and Newport City Council. Nonetheless, the evidence is clear. Our business neighbors are being approached to rent rooms, deliver water, and

carry away waste from such a camp. Business owners and operators are part of the community in Lincoln County We are interdependent. Because of that, we must tell them that establishing a detention facility in Newport will jeopardize the entire coastal economy. More importantly, it will destroy families. One has only to listen to the young woman who spoke at the recent Special Meeting in Newport or at Wyden’s Town Hall to

understand that. As consumers, we should hold our business neighbors to account and require them to be transparent about who they are serving. We need to make sure that everyone’s eyes are wide open. We must also inform those who are ignorant and talk with those who are uncertain It takes a village to raise a child, to allow a concentration camp, or to prevent it. Shar Walbaum is a Lincoln City resident.

A time for solidarity

MARY INFANTE
Leader Guest Column

Recently, hundreds of people packed a City Council meeting and Senator Wyden’s town hall in Newport to express their opposition to a detention facility that ICE is planning to construct at the current site of the Newport Airport. Local residents made statements that were both practical and passionate. Some described the negative impact the

ICE facility would have on Newport’s economy, driving away workers that local businesses depend on. Others said that the millions of dollars to be spent on the detention center could be better invested in health-care, housing, education, infrastructure and other pressing needs in Lincoln County. Parents pleaded that the fear the ICE facility would instill in their children would keep them away from school. One young lady tearfully

described the detention of her father by ICE and the family’s inability to learn about his status or future. What united many of the speakers, and what people at all points on the political spectrum can agree with, is that the tactics ICE is employing both nationally and in Oregon are unacceptable. The indiscriminate seizing of people off the street by masked, uniformed agents without warrants or probable cause and

their subsequent detention and/or deportation without due process are clear violations of the Constitution. The focus, not on known criminals, but on people with jobs and families, is misguided, destructive and divisive. This is stark government overreach. It is not liberal, it is not conservative, and it is not American. In the coming weeks, leadership of the Lincoln County Democratic Party will reach out across our

communities in an effort to establish a broad coalition in opposition to the proposed ICE detention center. We want to work across partisan lines. We want to stand shoulder to shoulder in every sphere of public activity, from schools to churches, business and industry, libraries, food pantries, legal aid providers and communicators in every medium, at every level. We will work with anyone, regardless of their political affiliation. Our

community is facing a threat to its economy, its social structure and its values that must be met. It’s a time for all of us to come together to defend what makes us who and what we are. We have both the moral imperative and the opportunity to band together in solidarity on this issue. We hope you will join us. Mary Infante is a Depoe Bay resident and Chair of the Lincoln County Democratic Party Central Committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LET’S BRING BACK COOPERATION IN LINCOLN COUNTY

Lincoln County deserves leaders who listen generously, work collaboratively, and treat differences of opinion as part of healthy civic life—not as grounds for personal attacks. Recent letters have framed the recall as a “right-wing power grab,” but that doesn’t reflect how our county actually works. First, if Commissioner Claire Hall is recalled, her replacement isn’t chosen by engaged constituents: it’s chosen by the two remaining Commissioners, Casey Miller and Walter Chuck. When Commissioner Jacobson resigned in February, Hall and Miller appointed her replacement, and every finalist was a Democrat. The process has long been nonpartisan in practice. Second, in November 2024, Hall won re-election by only 115 votes, while the other six Democrats on the ballot won by an average of over 4,000 votes. When asked what

message she took from that result, Hall said she was “always open to new things, new concerns, new initiatives.” But her recent public posts needlessly attacking Miller and our District Attorney suggest the opposite—a growing unwillingness to work constructively with those who may hold different views. While Hall now claims Miller is “MAGA-led,” in 2022 both Hall and the Democratic Party heartily endorsed him. Hall even campaigned for Miller, praising his collaborative leadership after 14 years of working with Miller as

our County’s PIO. That history makes today’s “MAGA power grab” narrative both inaccurate and needlessly polarizing. The recall is not about ideology. It’s about restoring respect, cooperation, and accountability at a moment when our county needs all three. Get the facts: recallhall.com Christine Jamison Otter Rock

OUR COMMUNITIES MUST CHOOSE WHAT THEY STAND FOR

As plans advance for a new ICE detention center on the Oregon Coast, communities across

Oregon face a defining question: What kind of place do we want to be? This decision won’t be made only by policymakers or federal agencies. It will also be shaped by the choices of local businesses—and by whether residents are willing to ask how those choices affect our neighbors. Many Oregonians worry about the moral cost of expanding immigration detention and the shadow such a facility would cast over a region that prides itself on fairness, hospitality, and respect for all. Indivisible Lincoln City is launching a

publicaccountability effort to provide clear, verifiable information about which companies choose to supply goods or services that would support an ICE detention center. This is not about punishment. It is about transparency. People deserve to know how local economic power is being used and what it enables. Businesses involved in projects with serious social consequences should expect public scrutiny. Some may reconsider their participation when they hear from customers; others may feel their involvement aligns with

their values. Either way, the public has a right to know. We encourage residents to engage respectfully with local businesses, ask questions, and make informed decisions about where they spend their money. We also welcome the opportunity to publicly recognize businesses that decline detentioncenter contracts and choose to stand for humane treatment and community wellbeing. The Oregon Coast belongs to all of us. Joseph Youren Lincoln City

ONLINE POLL

Previous Poll

Will you be shopping local this holiday season?

66.7%.....Yes
33.3%.....No

New Poll

Will you be decorating a real Christmas tree or a fake tree this holiday season?

- Real tree
- Fake tree



Career and Technical Education in Oregon

NELSON GOMES
Leader Guest Article

Career and technical education (CTE) provides students with the academic and technical skills, knowledge and training to succeed in future careers and be valuable workers in Oregon’s workforce.

In the U.S., over 11 million high school and college students were enrolled in CTE courses during the 2022-2023 school year. CTE courses introduce students to workplace competencies and make academic learning available in a hands-on environment.

For the 2023-2024 school year, high school graduation rates in Oregon for students that take CTE courses was 90.3%, nearly 8 percentage points higher than Oregon’s 81.8% graduation rate for all students. The graduation rate for students concentrating in CTE was 97.7%.

CTE courses are offered at Oregon’s high schools from A to Z. Actually, from Adrian High School to Yoncalla High School. Evidently, we don’t have any high schools in Oregon that start with the letter “Z.”

In 2022-2023, there were 184,360 secondary career and technical education (CTE) participants in Oregon. Of the students reporting as male or female, secondary CTE participants were 53.69% male, and 45.67% were female.

There are many good paying jobs in Oregon that do not require a four-year college degree. These jobs do, however, require advanced training and specialized skills beyond a high school diploma. A CTE program



For the 2023-2024 school year, high school graduation rates in Oregon for students that take CTE courses was 90.3%, nearly 8 percentage points higher than Oregon's 81.8% graduation rate for all students. The graduation rate for students concentrating in CTE was 97.7%. (Metro Creative Connection)

can provide the skills and training necessary to work in careers that pay well but do not require a four-year college degree.

Postsecondary CTE is offered at Oregon’s 17 community colleges that prepare students for the workplace. Students may earn associate degrees and/or a certificate of completion.

CTE is organized by a national framework called “Career Clusters.” The Career Clusters are designed to expose students to a range of different career options. The Career Clusters are found within six broader career learning areas. The six career learning areas are:

- Agriculture, Food and Natural

- Resource Systems
- Arts, Information and Communication
- Business and Management
- Health Sciences
- Human Resources
- Industrial and Engineering Systems

Within the six career learning areas, Oregon has 17 Career Clusters. For example, within industrial and engineering systems, there are five Career Clusters a student could select to study. Those clusters are:

- Architecture and Construction
- Automotive and Heavy Equipment
- Engineering Technology
- Manufacturing
- Transportation, Distribution

and Logistics

A list of all 17 of Oregon’s Career Clusters, as well as the focus areas offered within each cluster, can be found on the Oregon Department of Education’s website.

PARTNERSHIPS IN CTE IN OREGON

CTE can provide a great opportunity for partnerships between school districts, community colleges, private industry, and economic development entities to work together providing Oregon employers with the trained workforce they need and providing Oregon’s students with the skills, knowledge, and real-world experience they need

to obtain and succeed in high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand careers.

One example of these partnerships is found in Oregon’s capitol city. In Salem, a public-private partnership between Salem-Keizer Public Schools and Mountain West Investment Corporation has resulted in the Career Technical Education Center (CTEC). Mountain West was able to purchase and renovate a former manufacturing facility. The center offers nine different CTE programs at the CTEC facility.

Salem-Keizer Schools develop the program curriculum and hire faculty and staff. They also register the students and provide transportation to CTEC. CTEC programs align with high school graduation requirements as well as industry certifications and standards.

This is just one example of the innovative public-private partnerships that are taking place in Oregon to train tomorrow’s workforce with the skills and knowledge they need to work in the high-skill, high-wage jobs that will be in high demand by employers in Oregon.

Anyone interested in enrolling in CTE should get in touch with career counselors in their area, whether in high school or the local community college. They will know about programs, training centers, and other CTE resources that are available in their local area.

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Oregonians urged to ‘Rethink the Drink’ this holiday season

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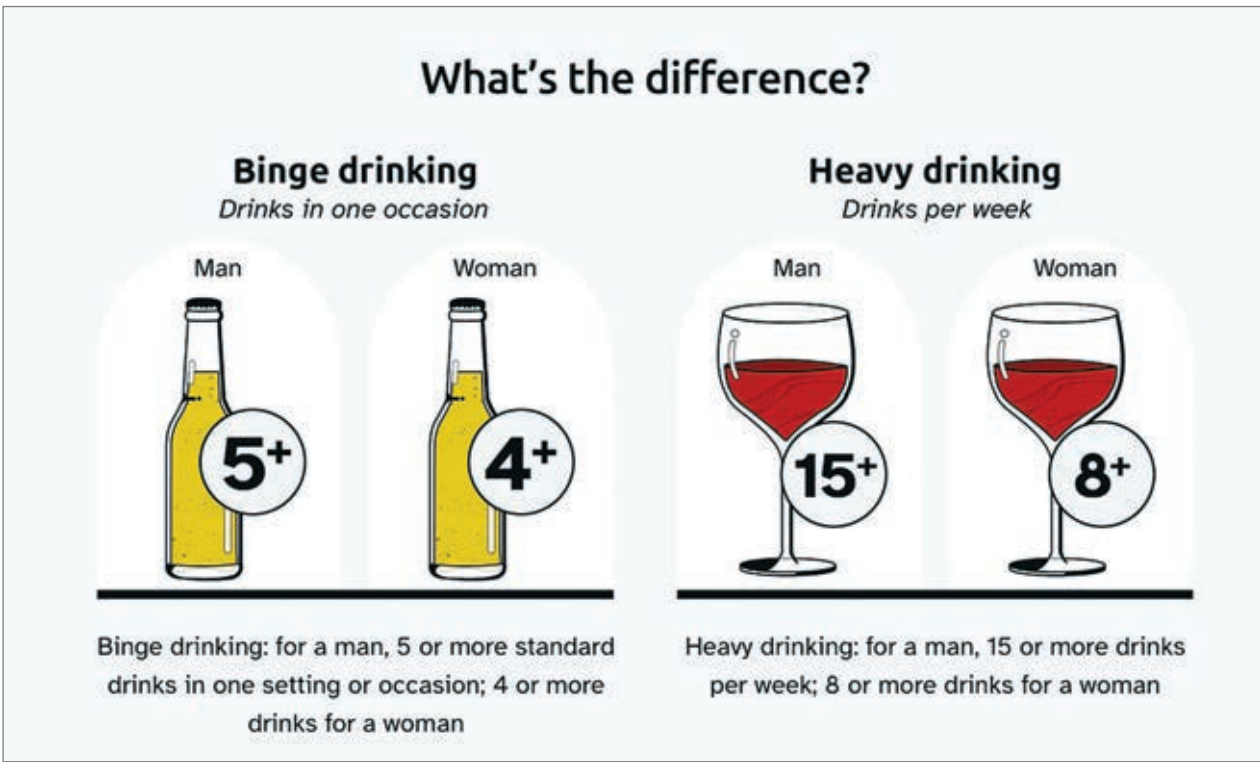
As Oregonians prepare to celebrate, gather and reconnect with loved ones this holiday season, state agencies renew their call to “Rethink the Drink” - encouraging people to pause, reflect and make mindful and healthy choices when it comes to their alcohol consumption.

Leading this effort is Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Alcohol & Drug Policy Commission (ADPC) Oregon Liquor & Cannabis Commission (OLCC) and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Through statewide community outreach, they hope to shift the holiday drinking culture in Oregon to reduce the pressure to drink alcohol during family gatherings or holiday parties.

This year, Rethink the Drink is encouraging people to come together to help one another be healthy and care for their communities. That includes creating healthy environments that support people in their efforts to drink less.

“During celebrations, it’s easy to drink more than we intend to,” OHA Deputy State Health Officer Dr. Tom Jeanne said. “We can support each other by having honest, compassionate conversations about our drinking - not judging, but looking out for one another.”

Holiday events and binge drinking sometimes go hand in hand. That can contribute to unsafe driving and other



Holiday gatherings often involve social drinking, which can lead to binge and heavy drinking, patterns of drinking associated with injury, impaired driving and long-term health risks. (Courtesy graphic from the OHA)

dangerous behavior. Binge drinking impairs judgement, slows reaction times and increases the likelihood of making fatal decisions.

“We see the consequences of impaired driving all year, but the risks increase around the holidays,” ODOT Impaired Driving Program Analyst Ryan Stone said. “If you plan to drink, plan your ride. A text, a call, or a quick rideshare request can prevent a crash, a DUII, or a tragedy. The people you share the holidays with want you to get home safely.”

More Oregon adults drink excessively than most of us realize, more than 1 in 5. Most people in this group are not affected by alcoholism or an alcohol use disorder. However, by drinking excessively, people increase their odds of

developing an alcohol use disorder later in life.

Holiday gatherings often involve social drinking, which can lead to binge and heavy drinking, patterns of drinking associated with injury, impaired driving and long-term health risks. Each year, more than 2,500 Oregonians die from alcohol-related causes including eight types of cancer, liver disease, heart disease, memory and mental health issues, sleep disruptions and more.

WHAT PEOPLE CAN DO TO CELEBRATE MINDFULLY

To help people enjoy the season with their health in mind, the “Rethink the Drink” campaign offers practical strategies:

- **Healthy Hosting:** Provide non-alcoholic

- beverage options.
- Provide ample food since people drink more when they’re hungry.
- Avoid asking people why they aren’t drinking or pressuring them to drink more.

Pace your drinks:

- Set a personal drink limit before you arrive.
- Alternate alcoholic drinks with water or non-alcoholic ones.
- Consider diluting drinks with ice or low-sugar mixers.

Count and plan:

- Decide ahead of time how many drinks feels “safe” for you.
- Track how many drinks you have; consider using an app.

Plan for a safe ride:

- If you plan to drink, arrange a designated driver, use a ride-share, or take public transportation.
- Impaired driving isn’t

limited to alcohol. If you’re going to use anything that affects how you feel or think, make a transportation plan and line up a sober driver or another safe way home.

Talk about it:

- Encourage open conversations and ask loved ones how they feel about drinking.
- Avoid pressuring others to drink; support those who choose not to.
- **Supporting Everyone:** Not everyone drinks, and not everyone who drinks wants to drink a lot. It’s important to create holiday environments that feel safe and inclusive for all.
- If you or someone you know is struggling with alcohol dependence or misuse, confidential help is available: 1-800-923-4357 (Oregon’s substance

use support line).

THE RISKS OF IMPAIRED DRIVING

Alcohol continues to play a major role in fatal and serious-injury crashes across Oregon, especially during the holiday season. Even small amounts of alcohol can affect decision-making and slow reaction time.

But alcohol isn’t the only concern. Impairment can come from any substance that makes you feel different — including cannabis, prescription medications, or combinations of substances. All can affect your ability to drive safely.

That’s why agencies are encouraging Oregonians to make a transportation plan before they drink or use any impairing substance. Planning ahead protects you, your loved ones, and everyone else on the road.

ABOUT RETHINK THE DRINK

Rethink the Drink is a health communications initiative led by the Oregon Health Authority, in partnership with ADPC, OLCC, and ODOT. The campaign invites Oregonians to have mindful conversations about when, how much and why they drink - for themselves, their families and their communities. There are several resources at RethinkTheDrink.com to help people who want to drink less, or to support individuals or their loved ones who might have an alcohol use disorder. You can also find Rethink the Drink on Facebook and Instagram.

At the Library: Wrap Party! Seven Capes Bird Alliance December Bird Walk details

NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Need to wrap those holiday presents away from prying eyes? Tired of gift wrapping in the bathroom?

Then Newport Public Library’s Holiday Wrap Party is the place for you! We supply the gift wrap, tape, ribbons and bows and you bring the gifts and do the wrapping.

Feeling crafty and/or hungry? You can decorate gift tags and enjoy holiday snacks in a festive atmosphere. We’ve got lots of paper, but feel free to bring some along to swap if you’d like. The event is open for all ages - there will be an area for the kids to keep them busy while you do the wrapping, or you can let them help! Or come alone to get things done without the little helpers.

Whether you are a wrapping pro or just want a fun way to get it done, join us at Newport Public Library’s Holiday Wrap Party to relax, socialize and get into the festive mood!

The Holiday Wrap Party takes place from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 in the McEntee Meeting Room of Newport Public Library, 35 NW Nye Street in Newport.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information about this and other upcoming programs, please visit www.newportlibrary.org or contact the Newport Public Library at 541-265-2153.

Seven Capes Bird Alliance welcomes birders of all abilities to experience the variety of winter birds on Siletz Bay.

From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5 at Siletz Bay: Taft Waterfront and Siletz Bay.

EXPLORIENCE

Siletz Bay! The bay is a winter resting grounds for thousands of waterfowl including Northern

See **BIRD**, page B2



The spirit of the season: Angel Ball, Festival of Trees

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Lincoln County Leader

The Angels Anonymous holiday tradition, Festival of Trees and Angel Ball, begins Wednesday, Dec. 3, and culminates with the formal Angel Ball on Saturday, Dec. 6, held at the Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th Street in Lincoln City. All proceeds from the event will go to support Angels Anonymous and its mission.

The Festival of Trees offers the public a chance to view beautifully decorated Christmas trees throughout the week. The viewing hours are from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6.

The trees are uniquely decorated and donated by local businesses, organizations, and individuals, with each offering a different theme and an assortment of unique items. In addition to the Christmas Tree Auction, there will also be a silent auction featuring beautifully designed wreaths and a special raffle table filled with donated items, from tools and jewelry to prized glass floats. Raffle tickets are only one dollar each. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present for photos and to hand out candy to children from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5.

The festivities will conclude

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All of the trees are uniquely decorated and donated by local businesses, organizations, and individuals, with each offering a different theme and an assortment of unique items. (Lincoln County Leader photo)



Horse and buggy at Proposal Rock. (Courtesy photo from Neskowin Historical Foundation)

Jim Affolter to present “Neskowin: A Book of Found Photos 1880-1980” at NLCHM

SUBMITTED

The North Lincoln County Historical Museum (NLCHM) will host Jim Affolter for a special talk from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec.13. The museum is located at 4907 SW Highway 101 in Lincoln City.

Affolter will share the fascinating collaborative process behind creating Neskowin: A Book of Found Photos, a richly assembled visual history drawn from decades of community-sourced images.

During this presentation, Affolter will discuss how the project began, what it revealed

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Program at Newport Public Library: Why Estate Planning? Why Now?

SUBMITTED

The Newport Public Library is presenting “Why Estate Planning? Why Now?” from 5:30 p.m. to 6:40 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 and from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, in the McEntee Meeting Room of the library, 35 NW Nye Street in Newport.

Lori Ellingson from Agate Financial Advisors will provide information to get started on creating or updating an estate plan. The workshop will cover issues such as:

- Why an outdated estate plan could be worse than no estate plan
- What you need to know before naming an IRA beneficiary
- How changing tax laws could blindside you or your heirs
- How to know if your estate plan needs to be updated
- How to get started creating or updating your estate plan

This program is free and open to the public. For more information about this and other upcoming programs, please visit www.newportlibrary.org or contact the Newport Public Library at 541-265-2153.



CHRISTMAS ON THE COAST

NSO
Adam Flatt, conductor
December 10
2 & 7:30pm
First Presbyterian Church in Newport
newportsymphony.org

Red Cross issues holiday fire safety advisory

The holidays are a wonderful time to get everyone together. Unfortunately, they can also bring a greater risk of a home fire.

In a typical November and December, nearly 400 people in the Cascades Region will rely on the Red Cross after a home fire. December is also the peak month for home fires caused by candles and festive decorations, according to a release from the American Red Cross.

As you prepare your home for the holiday season, remember fire prevention is key. To help prevent holiday decoration-related home fires, follow these safety tips from the American Red Cross:

- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both. Check to make sure you have the right lights for where you are decorating.
- Replace any light strings with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for the number of light-strings you can safely connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.

TREE SAFETY

- If you plan to decorate with a real tree, pick one with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched. Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2” from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights, and make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree every day.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree and always turn off the tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

- If you buy an artificial tree, look for a fire-resistant label. When putting it up, keep it away from fireplaces, radiators and other sources of heat. Never use electric lights on metallic trees.

CANDLES AND HOME FIRES

Candles are cozy, but they can also cause home fires. Remember, a candle is an open flame — it can easily ignite anything that can burn. Think about using flameless candles — they can look and smell like real candles.

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Avoid using candles in bedrooms or other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least 1 foot away from anything that can burn.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy and won’t tip over easily. Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully.
- Don’t burn a candle all the way down — put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.

SMOKE ALARMS

Place smoke alarms on each level of your home, including inside and outside bedrooms and sleeping areas. In addition to testing your smoke alarms once a month, change the batteries at least once a year, if your model requires it. Check the manufacturer’s date of your smoke alarms. If they’re 10 years or older, they need to be replaced because the sensor becomes less sensitive over time. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions.

To learn more about the campaign and how you can get involved, visit redcross.org/homefires.

5 Tips for strengthening social bonds during holidays

DR. KRISTINA PETSAS
Leader Guest Column

For many, the holiday season provides a unique opportunity to pause from daily responsibilities and focus on the people who matter most.

While gift-giving and festivities are often the center of celebrations across Oregon, the true value of the season lies in nurturing meaningful connections with friends, family, and community. Research shows that strong social ties are associated with improved mental and physical health, making connection powerful and lasting gifts we can share in Oregon and beyond.

Additionally, UnitedHealthcare’s recent College Student and Graduate Behavioral Health Report found that 60% of college students reported that they or a peer encountered a behavioral health concern over the past year, far more than most parents believe. This gap underscores why intentional connection may matter now more than ever.

Here are a few ways to help foster connection during the holidays:

Engage in Intentional Conversations: High-quality conversations, actively listening, asking open-ended questions, and validating feelings, may reduce stress and build resilience. Research finds that strong communication supports both emotional well-being and strengthens relationship quality. For young adults especially, data highlights that those who talk more frequently with their parents about mental well-being report feeling more supported, understood, and connected. Taking time to ask thoughtful questions and truly listen may make a lasting difference this season.

Revisit or Create Traditions: Shared rituals and traditions, whether large or small, may help promote belonging and strengthening of family bonds as routines and traditions may provide structure, enhance resilience, and support children’s mental health. Therefore, consider reviving old traditions or creating new ones in Oregon, such as cooking together, storytelling or neighborhood walks.

Reach Out to Those Who May Feel Lonely: Loneliness and isolation are linked to increased risk of depression and anxiety. The holidays can be particularly difficult for those living alone or far from friends or family. A phone call, card or small gesture of inclusion may help someone feel remembered and cared for.

Move Together: Physical activity supports both body and mind, and it’s even more powerful with friends. Research shows that exercise in general reduces stress, boosts mood, and strengthens focus, while group activities, such as walking with others, may also sharpen memory and thinking skills. Whether it’s a walk, run, or casual game, shared movement creates space for conversation, laughter, and healthy connection during the holiday season.

Utilize Support Resources: If you or a loved one finds the holiday season overwhelming, remember that help is available. Talking with a primary care provider or a mental health professional can be an important first step in addressing stress, loneliness, or other concerns. For everyday support in Oregon, digital tools and virtual resources through your health plan may also provide convenient ways to help boost well-being. For example, some insurers such as UnitedHealthcare offer Calm Health, virtual behavioral coaching, and 24/7 in the moment support lines. Checking in with these resources can help you or your family members feel more supported and connected throughout the season.

The holidays are about more than gifts or busy schedules. They are a reminder of the power of human connection. Whether through meaningful conversations, family traditions or leaning on available resources, even small acts of connection can leave a lasting impact in Oregon and help make this season brighter for ourselves and those around us.

For more health and wellness information, visit UHC.com

Dr. Kristina Petsas is chief medical officer of UnitedHealthcare of Oregon

BIRD

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Pintails, Green-winged Teals, American Wigeons, and the possibility of Eurasian Wigeons. Bald Eagles often put on a show, and Great Blue Herons and Great Egrets are always present. We will observe from the Taft dock and then, if time permits, drive south along the bay, ending at Salishan Nature Trail. Meet in the Taft

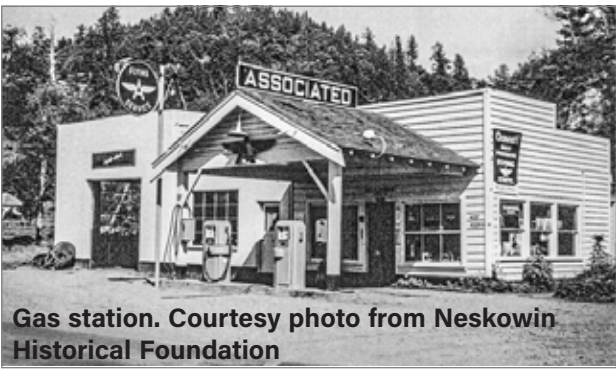
Waterfront parking lot in Lincoln City. Sponsored by Explore Lincoln City All Seven Capes Bird Alliance outings are free, family-friendly, easy to moderately easy, and open to the public; no pre-registration or experience is required. Binoculars and guidebooks are provided. Outings are held rain or shine. Dress appropriately for coastal weather and muddy trails. Be sure to carry water. Look for the Seven Capes sign at the

meeting site. For details and any cancellations, check our website (sevendecapes.org) or Facebook (@sevendecapesbirds). Seven Capes Bird Alliance was founded as Audubon Society of Lincoln City in 2005. A nonprofit membership organization and chapter of the National Audubon Society, Seven Capes is active in education and advocacy for protection of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats in Lincoln and Tillamook Counties.

MUSEUM

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about the region’s past, and why preserving everyday photographs can reshape our understanding of local history. A Q&A will follow, with books available for purchase at the event directly from the Neskowin Historical Foundation. The event is free and open to the public. Donations are appreciated. For more information,



Gas station. Courtesy photo from Neskowin Historical Foundation

contact NLCHM at 541-996-6614, or see <https://northlincolncountyhistoricalmuseum.org/jim-affolter-to-present-neskowin-a-book-of-found-photos-1880-1980-december-13th-2025/> Learn more about the project, or purchase books at: <https://neskowinhistoricalfoundation.org/>

BALL

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on Saturday, Dec. 6, with the much-anticipated Angel Ball. This elegant evening begins with a cocktail hour at 5 p.m.,

followed by a formal dinner and the highly anticipated Christmas Tree Auction. Guests will then be able to dance to the soulful and funky sounds of the horn band, Sole Proprietors, featuring the music of Aretha Franklin,

Tower of Power, Stevie Wonder, Earth Wind and Fire, and more. Tickets for the event are on sale and can be purchased online at www.angels-anonymous-lc.org or in person at the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce.

ABOUT ANGELS ANONYMOUS

Angels Anonymous was founded in Lincoln City more than two decades ago by a group of local businesspeople who saw

full-time residents “falling through the cracks” and in need of immediate assistance. Since then, the non-profit foundation has grown and raised over a million dollars to help hundreds of families each year. Completely volunteer-run with a 17-member board, the organization maintains operating expenses at less than 3 percent. The organization provides immediate and basic services for those in need

in north Lincoln County, from Depoe Bay to Rose Lodge. All names of those assisted are kept anonymous. Angels Anonymous has provided critical aid in emergency situations, such as offering financial assistance to more than 125 survivors of the Echo Mountain Fire in 2020. The generosity of the community and funds raised at annual events allow Angels Anonymous to provide a “hand up” to those who have exhausted all other avenues of assistance, making a critical difference for families facing homelessness, utility shutoffs, or needing medical care, according to a release from Angels Anonymous.

ANGELS HISTORY

Former Lincoln City residents Ed and Nancy Bacom created Angels Anonymous after inviting Roger Robertson, Jim Davis, Mike Holden, and Roger Sprague to build an annual fundraiser to help the needy. “We really didn’t have an idea, or full appreciation, of what we were creating when we started Angles Anonymous,” Robertson said in a published report in the Lincoln City News Guard in 2017. “It’s been amazing. The gifts keep coming and because of that, we get to keep helping the people of North Lincoln County.” Roger Sprague told the News Guard in an interview in 2015, that the project began as a worthwhile business operators’ outreach to help people in need. “Ten of us actually formed the Angels,” he said. “We were all businesspeople at that time. Some of us older ones have retired. We just felt like there are too many people with immediate and basic needs and that we could help out with that. We have and it’s proven to keep a lot of people off the streets.” Robertson said that over the years, the one-time payments have made a positive difference in the lives of those in need. “Whether it’s helping pay their utilities, pay for their food, or pay for their rent, it has made a difference,” he said. “We’ve even paid to help people repair their cars.” If you’d like to donate to Angels Anonymous or to find out more information visit www.angels-anonymous-lc.org

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

SUDOKU

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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.

Support these Local Nonprofit Organizations!



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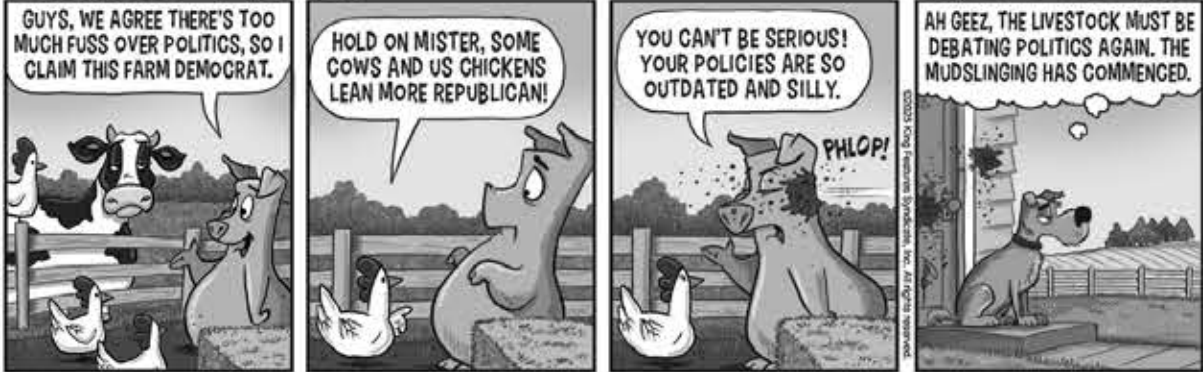
Sam House

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Out on a Limb



The Spats



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OLIVE & POPEYE



Just Like Cats & Dogs



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!

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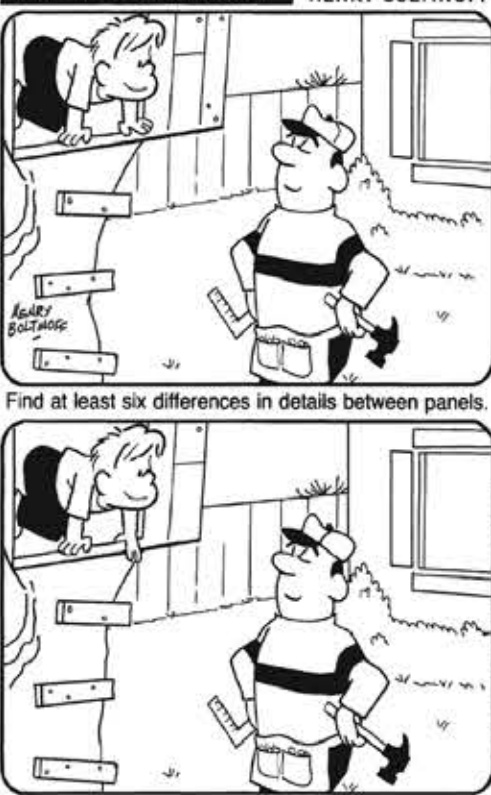
by Jeff Pickering

by BUD BLAKE

By Randy Milholland

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Hammer is longer. 2. Treehouse is not as wide. 3. Tree trunk is different. 4. House is wider. 5. Cap is different. 6. Hand is moved.

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: I equals S

AVYJ AFNDO EFN ZYDD LBDXBM
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JVXSQI? IFNGZBGE.

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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.

JADGQF CE QJ CFFHECAJ.
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Trivia
test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features a French bulldog named Stella?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Algeria?
- MUSIC: Which famous song starts with the line, "I read the news today, oh boy ...?"
- MOVIES: Who wrote "Hedwig's Theme," the main music in the Harry Potter movies?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the origin of popcorn?
- HISTORY: Where was Napoleon Bonaparte exiled to after his defeat in 1815?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Sound and the Fury"?
- ANATOMY: What are the smallest blood vessels called?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In what year did the international version of TikTok launch?
- SCIENCE: What substance makes plants green?

Answers

- "Modern Family."
- Algiers.
- "A Day in the Life," The Beatles.
- Composer John Williams.
- Indigenous people in the Americas mastered the art of popping corn.
- The remote island of St. Helena.
- William Faulkner.
- Capillaries.
- 2017.
- The pigment chlorophyll.

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What would you call belief
in a magical ability to
determine the origins of
things? Sourcery.
answer
CryptoQuip

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Clue: I equals S
CryptoQuip

NERVOUS

Today's Word

- Valor; 2. Humane;
3. Obscure; 4. Impel

solution

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LCL25-579 INVITATION TO BIDS, CITY OF LINCOLN CITY.

Structural & Electrical For Installation Of Generator at NE 36th Dr. & NE Quay Ave. Bids Due: 2:00 PM, January 8, 2026. WORK - The general nature of work, described in detail in this Contract and in the basis of payment, includes furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials necessary for the construction of the project. Primary items of work include: Construct a concrete pad and retaining wall, install a City furnished generator, install an Automatic Transfer Switch, perform all electrical work and miscellaneous other items. BID SUBMITTAL - Sealed bid proposals will be received by Public Works Department, PO Box 50, 801 SW Hwy 101 - City Hall, Lincoln City, OR 97367 until 2:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (PST) on the 8th day of January, 2026. Late bids will not be accepted. Within two working hours of the bid closing time, bidders must submit the First-Tier Subcontractor Disclosure Form. Submittal of bid proposals shall be in a sealed envelope with identification plainly marked on the outside including project name, bid date, and time. "Bid Proposal, Bid Bond and Certificate of Responsibility" and bidder's name. Bid proposals shall be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter. Each bid proposal must be submitted on the forms prescribed by the City and accompa-



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nied by a Proposal Guaranty (certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond) in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the total amount bid. The ten percent Proposal Guaranty shall be forfeited to the City if the bidder fails to enter into a contract with the City of Lincoln City within fifteen (15) days after the date of the Notice of Award. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond equal to one hundred percent of the amount bid for faithful performance of the Contract. BID DOCUMENTS - Bid documents shall be obtained by sending an email to Amanda Sawyer (asawyer@lincolncity.org). The official Planholder's list will be kept by the City and any addenda will be issued by the City. PRE-BID MEETING - There will not be a pre-bid meeting or site visit conducted by the City. Bidders are required to conduct a field review of the project area on their own to acquaint themselves with pertinent conditions prior to preparing and submitting their bid proposal. QUESTIONS - All questions or requests for clarification shall be directed in writing to the Terry Chamberlin, Project Engineer, via email: tchamberlin@lincolncity.org, or by regular mail to Lincoln City, PO Box 50, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367. All written questions must be received by the Project Engineer by 5 PM PST on December 30, 2025, 9 calendar days prior to the Bid Due date. The Project Engineer will determine appropriate responses, if any, and if necessary an Addendum will be issued to all plan holders of record at least 5 calendar days prior to the Bid Due date. Any verbal response(s) obtained from any source by bidders will be considered informational and shall not be relied upon by bidders. OTHER BID INFORMATION - Bidders must possess a current set of the Oregon Standard Specifications for Construction and the Oregon Standard Drawings (English), published jointly by ODOT and Oregon APWA. For obtaining a copy Website: www.oregon.gov/odot/Business/Specs/2024-STANDARD-SPECIFICATIONS.PDF. The Contractor must comply with the provisions required by ORS 279C.800 to ORS 279C.870 (PREVAILING WAGE RATE). City may cancel this procurement or reject any bid that does not comply with all prescribed public bidding procedures and requirements, including the requirement to demonstrate the bidder's responsibility under ORS 279C.375 (3)(b) and that City may reject for good cause all bids after finding that doing so is in the public interest. ADVERTISED: December 1, 2025, Daily Journal of Commerce; December 3, 2025, Lincoln County Leader

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herein; and 3. For interest on the sum of paragraphs B1 and B2, at the contract rate of 14.34 percent per annum, from the date judgment is entered, until paid in full. C. ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF: 1. For such other relief as the court deems just and proper. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ CAREFULLY!! YOU MUST "APPEAR" IN THIS CASE OR THE OTHER SIDE WILL WIN AUTOMATICALLY. TO "APPEAR" YOU MUST FILE WITH THE COURT A LEGAL PAPER CALLED A "MOTION" OR "ANSWER". THE MOTION OR ANSWER (OR "REPLY") MUST BE GIVEN TO THE COURT CLERK OR ADMINISTRATOR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION SPECIFIED HEREIN ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED FILING FEE. IT MUST BE IN PROPER FORM AND HAVE PROOF OF SERVICE ON THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY OR, IF THE PLAINTIFF DOES NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY, PROOF OF SERVICE UPON THE PLAINTIFF. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD SEE AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU NEED HELP IN FINDING AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OREGON STATE BAR'S LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE ONLINE AT WWW.OREGONSTATEBAR.ORG OR BY CALLING AT (503) 684-3763 (IN THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA) OR TOLL-FREE ELSEWHERE IN OREGON AT (800) 452-7636. This summons is published by order of Circuit Court Judge Lindsay R. Partridge of the above-entitled Court made on the 18th day of November, 2024, directing publication of this summons once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Marion County, Oregon. Date of first publication: November 12, 2025 Date of last publication: December 3, 2025. Michelle M. Bertolino, OSB #912130 Of Attorneys for Plaintiff, FARLEIGH WADA WITT, 121 SW Morrison, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97204-3136, (503) 228-6044, mbertolino@fwwlaw.com 11/12/25 11/19/25 11/26/25 12/3/25

LCL25-560 TS NO. OR05000039-25-1 APN R19234 II 08-11-28 CB-10900-00 TO NO 250260740-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by OVERTON L HALL-FORD, A SINGLE PERSON AND GERALDINE M HALLFORD, A SINGLE PERSON as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INS CO as Trustee, in favor of WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. as Beneficiary dated as of June 18, 2012 and recorded on June 20, 2012 as Instrument No. 2012-05926 and the beneficial interest was assigned to NEWREZ LLC DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING and recorded February 6, 2025 as Instrument Number 2025-00743 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R19234 || 08-11-28-CB-10900-00 PARCEL 1 LOT 7, BLOCK 5, PACIFIC PALISADES, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PORTION DEEDED TO THE STATE OF OREGON, BY AND THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY DIVISION BY DEED RECORDED MAY 1, 1990 IN MICROFILM VOLUME 216, PAGE 1030, LINCOLN COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly known as: 3740 SEA MIST AVENUE, DEPOE BAY, OR 97341 Both the Beneficiary, NewRez LLC (DBA Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Monthly Payment(s): 5 Monthly Payment(s) from 10/01/2024 to 02/01/2025 at \$626.40 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 03/01/2025 to 03/01/2025 at \$564.81 7 Monthly Payment(s) from 04/01/2025 to 10/01/2025 at \$612.89 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at \$41.76 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 \$22,858.33 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.50000% per annum from September 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 February

17, 2026 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Public Entrance, Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 10/02/2025 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP047965 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 11/12/2025, 11/19/2025, 11/26/2025, 12/03/2025

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Calendar of EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3	LINCOLN CITY / DEPOE BAY CRIBBAGE CLUB	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
PRESCHOOL STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Newport Public Library, 35 Northwest Nye Street Newport. Preschoolers and their grown-ups can enjoy lively stories followed by a themed craft.	Meets 3 pm every Wednesday at Pioneer Joe Coffee in the Salishan Marketplace, 7775 N Coast Hwy, Gleneden Beach. \$9 entry, 6 games. Forget the rest, come play with the best. Info: Jack Shumate, 541-574-7668.	YAQUINA BAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE 2025 This annual event is held the first Saturday of December each year, this is a fantastic tradition and a great way to start your holiday season. Best places to view the Boat Parade are on the Historic Bay Front at a number of Restaurants and businesses or from the Piers.
GENTLE YOGA SESSIONS 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lincoln City Cultural Center, Northeast Highway 101 Lincoln City. This New Moon Yoga class features slow, gentle movements guided by the breath and awareness for flexibility in body, mind and spirit. Safe and appropriate for all levels. Noon, 540 NE Hwy. 101.	HOLIDAY TREE FESTIVAL Chinook Winds Casino Resort, 1777 NW 44th Street in Lincoln City, The Festival of Trees offers the public a chance to view beautifully decorated Christmas trees throughout the week. The viewing hours are from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. On Friday, Dec. 5, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present for photos and to hand out candy to children. The festivities will conclude on Saturday, Dec. 6, with the much-anticipated Angel Ball.	HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Connie Hansen Garden, 1931 NW 33rd Street, in Lincoln City. Ten artisans and complimentary coffee, cider and cookies. For more information, call 541-994-6338 or visit conniehansengarden.com.
FANTASY OF TREES 12:00 - 8:00 p.m. Chinook Winds Casino Resort, 1777 Northwest 44th Street Lincoln City. Admire the lushly decorated trees that will form the centerpiece of this year's Angels Ball.	TAI CHI 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Lincoln City Community Center, 2150 Northeast Oar Place Lincoln City.	HOLIDAY CRAFT MARKET 9 a.m. To 2 p.m. At the St. Anthony's Church Parish Halkl, 685 NE Broadway St. in Waldport.
SHUT UP & WRITE! 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pioneer Joe Coffee, 869 Southwest 51st Street Lincoln City. Break through your writer's block and overcome procrastination. 2:30-4 pm, 869 SW 51st Street. FMI, contact CJ at 541-224-6498.	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHAMBER LUNCHEON & RAFFLE From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Best Western Agate Beach.	ANGEL BALL Chinook Winds Casino Resort, 1777 NW 44th Steet in Lincoln City, The Festival of Trees offers the public a chance to view beautifully decorated Christmas trees throughout the week. The viewing hours are from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. On Friday, Dec. 5, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present for photos and to hand out candy to children.
BINGO 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Panther Creek Community Center, 655 North Wayside Loop Otis. Food served from 4:30 pm. Bingo runs from 5-7 pm, 655 N Wayside Loop, follow the signs from the Otis junction. FMI, email pcsacc@centurylink.net.	NORTH LINCOLN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 4907 SW Hwy. 101 in Lincoln City, in the museum's conference room for two festive days of shopping and cheer. Browse a beautiful variety of handmade treasures—from soaps, windchimes, ornaments, and seashell magnets to jewelry, knitted goods, and more—all crafted by local artisans. Stock up on holiday décor, discover one-of-a-kind gifts, and support your museum at the same time. For more details, visit https://nlchm.org/2025-craft-bazaar/	NORTH LINCOLN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 4907 SW Hwy. 101 in Lincoln City, in the museum's conference room for two festive days of shopping and cheer. Browse a beautiful variety of handmade treasures—from soaps, windchimes, ornaments, and seashell magnets to jewelry, knitted goods, and more—all crafted by local artisans. Stock up on holiday décor, discover one-of-a-kind gifts, and support your museum at the same time. For more details, visit https://nlchm.org/2025-craft-bazaar/
TRIVIA NIGHT 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Beachcrest Brewing, 7755 U.S. 101 Lincoln Beach. Show off your knowledge for the chance to win prizes. Teams of up to six allowed. 6 pm, at Salishan, 7755 N. Highway 101, 541-234-4013.	OREGON COAST AQUARIUM SEA OF LIGHTS 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. 2820 SE Ferry Slip Rd. in Newport. Call 541-8670-3474 for more details.	OREGON COAST AQUARIUM SEA OF LIGHTS 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. 2820 SE Ferry Slip Rd. in Newport. Call 541-8670-3474 for more details.
MUSIC BINGO 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The Pines Dine, 5040 Southeast Highway 101 Lincoln City. Have fun and get in the running for great prizes while raising money for the Taft Senior Drug & Alcohol-Free Grad Night. Every Wednesday through May 2026.	14TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. , 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Central Coast Assembly of God, 236 NE 6th St. in Newport	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH ELF 8 - 11 a.m. Come and take your photo with our resident Elf! On the menu: pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage or ham, orange juice and hot beverages. \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids ages 6-12, under six eat free with an adult. Bring a non-perishable food donation for Food Share of Lincoln County. Gleneden Beach Community Hall, 110 Azalea St. FMI, visit glenedenbeach.org.t
KARAOKE 8:30 p.m. - 11:55 p.m. Zeller's Bar & Grill, 1643 U.S. 101 Lincoln City	ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHAMBER LUNCHEON AND RAFFLE 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Samaritan Center for Health Education. Catered by Local Ocean Seafoods. Come early to mingle and network with fellow community members. Registration is now open to attend with or without a lunch. Guests are welcome too, but please register ahead of time. Raffle tickets can be purchased ahead of time too, with your registration. There will be so many great items! All are welcome.	
KARAOKE 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. 2 Broke Bartenders, 636 Southwest Hurbert Street Newport. With KJ/DJ Prince of Pop InsaSpence. 8:30-1130 pm, 636 SW Hurbert Street, 541-264-8363.		

Lincoln County boys basketball primer

WILL LOHRE
Lincoln County Leader

It’s time for Lincoln County boys basketball to get out on the hardwood again, and there’s no shortage of early-season action lined up for this December. It’s not just about three-pointers and scoring; many teams this season will be defined by the effort and hustle they bring to the court. With the 2025/2026 season set to tip off, let’s take a look around the Lincoln County landscape to see how teams did last season and what that may tell us about their prospects this winter.

EDDYVILLE CHARTER SCHOOL

Despite having only one senior last year, the Eagles were flying high for much of the season, posting 22 wins while losing just six games. Playing in the Mountain West League, the Eagles stood head and shoulders above the rest of the competition with a 13-1 record, with Triangle Lake a distant second at 7-7. After bashing Triangle Lake in the league playoffs, Eddyville advanced to the state playoffs, where they bested St. Paul in the first round 44-23. Ultimately, the Eagles’ season ended in the second round when they lost to Crane on March 1. With a host of returning talent from last year, the Eagles will be hoping to make the playoffs for the second consecutive season and continue to build off a winning season. Upcoming games on the schedule are against:

- 12/4 – Yoncalla – Yoncalla High School – 7:00 p.m.
- 12/5 – Crosspoint Christian

- Days Creek High School – 4:30 p.m.
- 12/6 – Country Christian – Days Creek High School – 11:30 a.m.
- 12/9 – North Clackamas Christian – North Clackamas Christian High School – 7:00 p.m.
- 12/11 – Dufur – Dufur High School – 7:30 p.m.

SILETZ VALLEY

The Warriors are looking to build this season, after a 5-14 season saw them finish at the bottom of the Mountain West League last year. They weren’t far off McKenzie and Mohawk in the league, as both teams finished with a slightly better record (4-10) than Siletz Valley (3-11). The Warriors also showed they can hang with other league rivals, as they beat Triangle Lake, McKenzie, and Mohawk during the season, but it just didn’t ultimately pan out in the standings. In preparation for league play this season, Siletz Valley will play seven non-conference opponents to get bearings before playing Eddyville Charter on Jan. 13. Upcoming games on the schedule are against:

- 12/4 – Open Door Christian Academy – Open Door Christian Academy – 7:30 p.m.
- 12/10 – Falls City/Kings Valley Charter – Siletz Valley Early College Academy – 7:00 p.m.
- 12/12 – Waldport – Waldport High School – 7:30 p.m.
- 12/16 – Falls City/Kings Valley Charter – Falls City High School – 7:00 p.m.
- 12/18 – Livingstone Adventist Academy – Siletz Valley Early College

Academy – 7:00 p.m.

TOLEDO HIGH SCHOOL

Despite finishing 4-6 in league play, Toledo registered a very impressive OSAA ranking, finishing at #22 of the 41 2A teams in the state. The Boomers were helped along by a winning 12-11 overall record, but with a 16-team state tournament bracket, it was always going to be tough to break in. It should also be noted that last season marked a huge improvement over recent Toledo basketball teams. Last season, the team nabbed more wins than it had since 2021/2022, and the 12 wins marked an 11-win improvement from the previous season. The Boomers will hope to continue that trend this season. Upcoming games on the schedule are against:

- 12/3 – Vernonia – Toledo High School – 7:30 p.m.
- 12/5 – Siuslaw – Coquille High School – 2:30 p.m.
- 12/6 – Coquille – Coquille High School – 7:00 p.m.
- 12/9 – Chemawa – Chemawa Indian School – 7:30 p.m.
- 12/10 – Santiam – Santiam High School – 7:00 p.m.

WALDPORT HIGH SCHOOL

The Irish will be looking to bounce back this season after they went winless in the Valley Coast Conference last year. Waldport scored three wins during the campaign, beating out Triangle Lake, Myrtle Point, and Powers, but unfortunately, they ended the season on a 0-11 stretch. For the season, Waldport finished with a 3-17 record, but there were plenty of fine margins, as they lost seven of those games by 10 or fewer points. Three games were decided by

less than five points. If a few bounces go their way this year, the Irish should have no problems getting more Ws in the win column. Upcoming games on the schedule are against:

- 12/3 – Triangle Lake – Triangle Lake Charter School – 7:30 p.m.
- 12/5 – North Douglas – North Douglas High School – 7:00 p.m.
- 12/9 – Alsea – Waldport High School – 7:30 p.m.
- 12/12 – Siletz Valley – Waldport High School – 7:30 p.m.
- 12/15 – Siuslaw – Siuslaw High School – 7:00 p.m.

TAFT HIGH SCHOOL

A phenomenal season for the Tigers ended in heartbreak as the boys’ basketball team fell in the second round of the playoffs, despite being one of the best teams in the state last year. Taft compiled a 21-5 record overall and went 14-2 in the PacWest Conference, finishing as the #4-ranked team in the state. Unfortunately, De La Salle North Catholic pulled off a major upset in the state tournament, knocking out the Tigers in a 42-45 battle. While it was a disappointing end, it was also the best season a boys’ basketball team at Taft has had in more than a decade. Though the Tigers graduated many seniors, they will be hoping to replicate some of the 2024/2025 team’s exploits on the court this year. Upcoming games on the schedule are against:

- 12/3 – Siuslaw – Siuslaw High School – 7:00 p.m.
- 12/5 – Catlin Gabel – Catlin Gabel School – 5:30 p.m.
- 12/8 – Neah-Kah-Nie

- Neah-Kah-Nie High School – 7:30 p.m.
- 12/10 – Harrisburg – Harrisburg High School – 7:30 p.m. (Pending)
- 12/13 – Oregon Episcopal – Taft High School – 3:00 p.m.

NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL

Last year, the Cubs managed to make the state tournament after completing a masterful 70-41 victory over Cottage Grove in a play-in game on Feb. 28. Despite sporting a 6-4 league record, Newport ended the season as the #8 team in 4A basketball. The high ranking was indicative of the competitive conference they played in, and a reward for their exceptional 16-9 overall record. Playing in the Oregon West, five of the six teams in the conference were ranked inside the state’s top 10, with Cascade, Philomath, Stayton, and North Marion all turning in winning records in the most competitive league in the state. Though they ended up being bounced by Phoenix in the first round of the playoffs, the Cubs will be hoping to make the playoffs for the third year in a row this season. Upcoming games on the schedule are against:

- 12/3 – Cottage Grove – Newport High School – 5:30 p.m.
- 12/9 – Elmira – Elmira High School – 7:30 p.m.
- 12/11 – Westside Christian – Newport High School – 5:30 p.m.
- 12/12 – Tillamook – Newport High School – 5:30 p.m.
- 12/16 – Corvallis – Newport High School – 7:00 p.m. (Pending)

Lincoln County girls basketball preview

WILL LOHRE
Lincoln County Leader

December isn’t just part of the holiday season; it also marks the beginning of the high school winter sports campaign. Around Lincoln County, basketballs will be bouncing, and shots will be swishing through the nylon as hooping season gets into full swing. To get you ready for the girls basketball season, here is a brief overview of where teams from around the county placed last year and who they will face in the early season.

EDDYVILLE CHARTER SCHOOL

Last season, the Eagles managed a surprising run to the state championship bracket. The girls ended the regular season with a 6-19 record overall, but had scrapped in league play, earning a 5-5 mark in 1A Mountain West. To continue, the team’s postseason hopes rested on two league playoff matchups. In the first game, the Eagles beat Crow/City First Christian Academy to advance to a “win and in” game against Mohawk, who had beaten Eddyville twice during the regular season. In an inspired revenge game, the Eagles grabbed a playoff spot from the Mustangs, beating them 32-25 to advance to the postseason for the fourth

consecutive season. The Eagles will hope this year will mark their fifth trip to the playoffs in as many years. Upcoming games on the schedule are against:

- 12/4 - Yoncalla - Yoncalla High School - 5:30 p.m.
- 12/5 - Crosspoint Christian - Days Creek High School- 3:00 p.m.
- 12/6 - TBD - Days Creek High School - TBD
- 12/11 - Dufur - Dufur High School - 6:00 p.m.
- 12/13 - Trout Lake - Eddyville Charter School - 2:00 p.m.

TOLEDO HIGH SCHOOL

The Boomers ended league play on a high note last season, winning their final game against Waldport to notch their first Valley Coast Conference victory of the season. They will hope to improve on that 1-9 record this year. On the whole, the girls put together a solid season, going 9-13; it was just the pesky Valley Coast opponents that gave them a hard run. This season, the Boomers will hope to fare better against the likes of Central Linn, Crosshill Christian, East Linn Christian, Monroe, and Waldport. Upcoming games on the schedule are against:

- 12/3 – Vernonia – Toledo High School – 5:30 p.m.
- 12/5 – Siuslaw – Coquille

- High School – 4:00 p.m.
- 12/6 – Coquille – Coquille High School – 5:30 p.m.
- 12/9 – Chemawa – Chemawa Indian School – 6:00 p.m.
- 12/10 – Santiam – Santiam High School – 5:30 p.m.

WALDPORT HIGH SCHOOL

Last season, Waldport also had a 1-9 record in the Valley Coast, with that one win coming against the aforementioned Toledo High School Boomers. Like the Boomers, they will be hoping to notch a win against one of the other 2A teams in their league. Outside of conference play, the Irish played competitive basketball, and they put together a 7-6 record in non-league games. This year, Waldport has a solid lineup of tournaments and preseason games to get them prepped for the league opener against Toledo on Jan. 13. The Irish have a packed December schedule and will play eight games before the new year. Upcoming games on the schedule are against:

- 12/3/25 – Triangle Lake – Triangle Lake Charter School – 6:00 p.m.
- 12/5/25 – North Douglas – North Douglas High School – 5:30 p.m.
- 12/9/25 – Alsea – Waldport High School – 6:00 p.m.
- 12/12/25 – Siletz Valley – Waldport High School – 6:00

- p.m.
- 12/15/25 – Siuslaw – Siuslaw High School – 5:30 p.m.

TAFT HIGH SCHOOL

The Tigers put together an amazing year on the hardwood in 2024/2025. They recorded the most wins in program history with 18 in the regular season, breaking a record that had stood since 1979. Off the back of a 12-4 league record and an 18-5 record overall, the Tigers were ranked #10 in OSAA’s 3A rankings and qualified for the state championships. After beating Willamina in a league playoff showdown, the Tigers took down Corbett in a scrappy 45-41 win to advance to the state quarterfinals, and it was the first time the team ever made it to the final site. Though the season ended in the quarterfinals against Banks, it was a historic season to be proud of, and the Tigers will hope to build off it this season. Upcoming games on the schedule are against:

- 12/3 – Siuslaw – Siuslaw High School – 5:30 p.m.
- 12/5 – La Grande -Pendleton High School – 3:00 p.m.
- 12/6 – Pendleton – Pendleton High School - 2:00 p.m.
- 12/10 – Harrisburg – Harrisburg High School – 6:00 p.m. (Pending)
- 12/13 – Oregon Episcopal – Taft High School – 1:30 p.m.

NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL

The girls at Newport couldn’t quite win consistently, but across their 20-game season were five hard-earned, well-fought victories. The Cubs ended the season with a 5-15 record, but two of those victories came in league play against North Marion and Sweet Home, putting them at 2-8 in the Oregon West Conference. Newport is lodged in one of the toughest 4A girls’ basketball conferences in the state. Last season, opponents Stayton, Philomath, and Cascade ranked among the top five in OSAA’s rankings, making the league the only one to boast such a powerful top three. With league play starting on Jan. 20, the Cubs will have 15 games to get ready for the competition in the Oregon West. Upcoming games on the schedule are against:

- 12/3 – Cottage Grove – Newport High School – 7:00 p.m.
- 12/9 – Elmira – Elmira High School – 6:00 p.m.
- 12/11 – Westside Christian – Newport High School – 7:00 p.m.
- 12/12 – Tillamook – Newport High School – 7:00 p.m.
- 12/18 – Marist Catholic – Marist Catholic High School – 6:30 p.m.

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