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Rabid bat reports increasing, prompting state advisory

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon could exceed a record number of rabid bats this year, according to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

The two agencies are urging people to prevent exposure to rabies while highlighting the importance of bats and other wildlife to the state’s ecosystems.

So far, 22 bats have tested positive for rabies in 2026, according to OHA data. That numbers illustrate that the state has matched – and is poised to surpass – its record for the number of bats that test positive for

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As of July 31, 22 bats have tested positive for rabies in 2026, according to OHA data. (Benton County Health)



The investigation centered on electrical vehicle charging equipment at the Lincoln City Outlet Mall. (Courtesy photo)

Suspects arrested following investigation

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Two people have been arrested and face multiple criminal charges following a theft investigation at the Lincoln City Outlet Mall.

According to the Lincoln City Police

Department investigators, a concerned citizen witnessed subjects actively cutting electric vehicle chargers at the Lincoln City Outlet Mall at approximately 1 a.m. July 31 and immediately notified the LCPD.

Officers surrounded the Outlet Mall and

intercepted the suspects as they were leaving in a blue Honda Ridgeline, according to LCPD Sgt Erik Anderson.

“Both suspects were taken into custody without further incident,” Anderson said. “A search

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Historic Oregon lighthouse relit after repairs

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After months of being dark, the curtain was rolled back, and the light inside Heceta Head Lighthouse was relit on July 23. The historic lighthouse has been dark since mid-March, when it was discovered that the mechanism that rotates the Fresnel lens was worn down.

The light was turned back on in the morning without any fanfare.

“We are so happy to have this iconic lighthouse back up and running, and I invite everyone to come see it in person,” said Park Manager Hylah Furnish. “Maintenance is a constant at Oregon State Parks, and caring for a historic lighthouse adds unique challenges, requirements, and costs.”

The historic lighthouse was turned off because the supporting assembly needed new carriage wheels. The wheels hold



The Heceta Head Lightstation, south of Yachats, has been keeping watch over the Pacific Ocean since 1894. (Courtesy photo)

Toledo Public Library to receive \$10,000 grant

The Toledo Public Library will be one of 300 libraries to participate in the fourth and final round of

“Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities.”

The American Library Association (ALA) initiative that provides community engagement and accessibility resources to small and rural libraries to help them better serve people with disabilities.

The competitive award comes with a \$10,000 grant that will be applied to updating the library’s physical space and accessibility features, as well as improving programs and collections to better serve the needs of all the members of our community.

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The Toledo Public Library is located at 173 NW 7th Street in Toledo. (Courtesy photo)



Weather

Wednesday: High-71/Low-54
Mostly Sunny

Thursday: High-67/Low-52
AM Fog/PM Sun

Friday: High-67/Low-52
Partly Cloudy

Saturday: High-66/Low-53
Partly Cloudy

Sunday: High-64/Low-53
Mostly Sunny

Monday: High-64/Low-53
Mostly Sunny

Tuesday: High-64/Low-53
Mostly Sunny

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
28-Jul.....	0 "	59.59 °F....	70.82 °F
29-Jul.....	0 "	55.22 °F....	67.23 °F
30-Jul.....	0 "	53.55 °F....	68.11 °F
31-Jul.....	0 "	53.73 °F....	70.47 °F
01-Aug... 0.07 "		58.39 °F....	68.29 °F
02-Aug... 0.01 "		52.48 °F....	67.81 °F
03-Aug... 0.....		52.06 °F....	62.52 °F
Total rainfall from Jan. 1.....27.14"			

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

High.....	5:38 a.m.....	5.0
Low.....	11:03 a.m.....	1.9
High.....	5:35 p.m.....	7.3

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

Low.....	12:46 a.m.....	0.6
High.....	6:58 a.m.....	4.6
Low.....	11:53 a.m.....	2.6
High.....	6:27 p.m.....	7.4

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Low.....	1:59 a.m.....	0.2
High.....	8:34 a.m.....	4.6
Low.....	1:02 p.m.....	3.2
High.....	7:32 p.m.....	7.5

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Low.....	3:12 a.m.....	-0.3
High.....	10:05 a.m.....	4.8
Low.....	2:26 p.m.....	3.5
High.....	8:44 p.m.....	7.6

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Low.....	4:17 a.m.....	-0.9
High.....	11:12 a.m.....	5.3
Low.....	3:47 p.m.....	3.4
High.....	9:53 p.m.....	7.9

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Low.....	5:14 a.m.....	-1.4
High.....	12:02 p.m.....	5.8
Low.....	4:56 p.m.....	3.0
High.....	10:55 p.m.....	8.1

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

Low.....	6:04 a.m.....	-1.7
High.....	12:45 p.m.....	6.2
Low.....	5:56 p.m.....	2.4
High.....	11:51 p.m.....	8.2

Sunrise/Sunset

August 5	6:07 a.m.....	8:38 p.m.
August 6	6:08 a.m.....	8:36 p.m.
August 7	6:09 a.m.....	8:35 p.m.
August 8	6:10 a.m.....	8:34 p.m.
August 9	6:11 a.m.....	8:32 p.m.
August 10	6:13 a.m.....	8:31 p.m.
August 11	6:14 a.m.....	8:29 p.m.
August 12	6:15 a.m.....	8:28 p.m.
August 13	6:16 a.m.....	8:26 p.m.

Lottery

Friday, July 31
Mega Millions
4 • 18 • 26 • 43 • 51 • PB-4

Saturday, August 1
Powerball
6 • 17 • 27 • 48 • 50 • PB-5 • x3

Saturday, August 1
Megabucks
7 • 17 • 18 • 19 • 29 • 43

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Lincoln city animal abuse arrest

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Lincoln City Police detec-
tives have processed the arrest
of Nicholas Mumma, related to
charges of Animal Abuse in the
Second Degree.

Key information was provided
to Lincoln City Police Detectives
on by a previously unidentified

witness in the case, according to
a release from the LCPD. The
investigators did not publicly
release the information provided
by the witness.

The animal associated with the
charges is currently under the
care of Lincoln County Animal
Services. Specific details about
the abuse were also not publicly
released by the LCPD.

“LCPD encourages those with
information or video evidence to
contact the police directly. This
greatly increases our ability to
validate the source for evidentiary
purposes,” the release states.

When the Lincoln City Police
Department and Lincoln County
Animal Services Deputies receive
complaints related to animal
welfare or abuse, a thorough

investigation is completed includ-
ing investigation of all reports of
alleged abuse, reviewing all wit-
ness statements, video provided
by citizens, video available on the
internet, and through contact with
the animal’s owner, the LCPD
stated in an earlier release.

Anyone with information for
LCPD detectives, should contact
LCPD Dispatch at 541-994-3636.

Phone call leads to felony warrant arrest

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Cottage Grove Dispatch
from the son of an alleged
victim in the Lincoln
County investigation.

“The caller reported
that his now-deceased
mother had been vic-
timized by a man in
Newport over several
years and wanted to
ensure the suspect was
brought to justice,” the
Collage Grove Police
Department (CGPD)

stated in a social media
post. “After recently see-
ing the suspect posting in
the “What’s Going on in
Cottage Grove” Facebook
group, he believed the
man was living in or
around Cottage Grove.”

Officers identified the
suspect and discovered he
had a nationwide felony
warrant stemming from
an indictment through the
Lincoln County Sheriff’s

Office for multiple counts
of Sodomy, Sexual Abuse
in the First Degree,
and Unlawful Sexual
Penetration.

Officers developed
several possible addresses
associated with the sus-
pect, including one just
outside Cottage Grove
city limits. Since the
residence was outside
the city’s jurisdiction,
the information was

forwarded to the Lane
County Sheriff’s Office.

A Creswell deputy
responded to the location
and requested assistance
from Cottage Grove offi-
cers. The suspect was
located without incident,
taken into custody on
the outstanding felony
warrant, and lodged pend-
ing extradition back to
Lincoln County, according
to the CGPD post.

State issues life insurance fraud ring alert

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

The Oregon Division
of Financial Regulation
is warning people about
a recently detected fraud
ring that is signing up
people for life insurance
without their knowledge or
consent.

The fraud, which targets
mostly older adults, has
been found in multiple
states, including Oregon.

Here is how the fraud,
which involves licensed
insurance agents, works:

Victims receive mul-
tiple telemarketing calls
in which they tell the
telemarketer personal
information. The informa-
tion collected during these
telemarketing calls is then

shared with the insurance
agents participating in
the fraud ring. The agents
then cold call the victim to
obtain any additional per-
sonal information needed
to complete an application
for a life insurance policy,
which gets submitted with-
out the victim’s knowledge
or consent.

The life insurance
policy, or in many cases
multiple policies, is issued
and the agent is paid a
commission for the sale
of the policy, even though
the policy has not yet
been paid for at this point.

When the insurance com-
pany attempts to collect
the first premium payment,
the fraud is discovered.

“Because the insurance
company is paying upfront

commissions to the agents,
the companies are expe-
riencing high losses as a
result of this fraud ring,”
said TK Keen, Oregon
insurance commissioner
and DFR administrator.

“Additionally, the victims
of the fraud ring are being
targeted for other scams
and schemes, putting them
at risk for future fraud.”

DFR has a website
with tips to help protect
yourself from fraud.

Among those tips are the
following:

- Sign up for the National
Do Not Call Registry.
- Do not answer the
phone if you do not
know the caller. If
you do answer, hang
up if it is a robot, a
stranger, or someone
- pressing you.
- If you do not know the
sender, do not respond
to texts, emails, or click
on a link.
- Question everything.
If you do not under-
stand something, do
not sign it or agree
to it.
- Never give personal
identifying information
to strangers.
- Ask your credit card
company and bank
if they can put a
fraud alert on your
accounts.
- Monitor your
financial accounts
regularly.
- Consider enlisting a
trusted family member
or reputable bill-paying
service. Contact your

local Area Agency on
Aging for help with rou-
tine payments.

- Execute a power of
attorney only if you
have someone you trust
completely, and only
after consulting with an
attorney. Be sure to ask
about gifting clauses,
and limit the power you
give your selected per-
son. Only grant author-
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for financial services help.

State agency warns of wildfire fraud

STAFF REPORT

As Oregon communities
respond to widespread
damage from the 2026
wildfires the Oregon
Department of Emergency
Management (OEM) is
urging residents to stay
cautious and informed
to avoid falling victim
to fraudulent schemes,
particularly those involv-
ing online fundraising
platforms.

When disasters strike,
Oregonians come
together to support neigh-
bors and communities.
Unfortunately, scammers
may try to exploit that
generosity by creating fake
fundraising campaigns
or misrepresenting their
intentions. Fraud attempts

may come via phone calls,
mail, email, text messages,
or even inperson visits.
To help protect yourself
and your donations,
OEM offers the following
guidance:

- **Double Check Your
Charitable Donations**
- **Verify the campaign’s
authenticity:** Only
donate to fundraisers cre-
ated by people or orga-
nizations you know and
trust. Look for detailed,
transparent informa-
tion about how funds
will be used. You can
verify charitable orga-
nizations on the Oregon
Department of Justice
Charitable Activities
page.
- **Check for secure
websites:** Ensure the

fundraising platform
uses a secure connection
(“https://” and a padlock
icon). Avoid clicking
suspicious links shared
by email or social media.

- **Be cautious with per-
sonal information:**
Never share sensitive
details like Social
Security numbers or
financial data with
unverified individuals or
groups.
- **Monitor for identity
theft:** Check your credit
report regularly for
unfamiliar accounts or
changes. If you suspect
identity theft, file a com-
plaint at IdentityTheft.
gov and consider freez-
ing your credit accounts.
- **Report suspected
fraud:** If you believe a
fundraising campaign
or donation request is
fraudulent, contact the
Oregon Department
of Justice Consumer
Protection Hotline at
18778779392 or visit
OregonConsumer.gov.
- **Protect your donations:**
Avoid cash. Use checks
or credit cards to main-
tain a secure, trackable
record. Sign up for DOJ
Scam Alerts through
the Oregon Department
of Justice Scam Alert
Network.

Avoid Contractor Scams
During Wildfire Cleanup

and Repairs

As residents begin debris
removal, structural assess-
ments, and home repairs,
fraudulent contractors may
target those seeking quick
assistance. Keep these tips
in mind:

- **Research contractors
thoroughly:** Ensure the
contractor is licensed,
bonded, and insured.
Check reviews and ref-
erences through trusted
sources such as the
Oregon Construction
Contractors Board.
- **Get written estimates:**
Obtain multiple detailed,
written estimates. Avoid
contractors who demand
large upfront payments
or offer unusually low
prices.
- **Avoid highpressure
sales tactics:** Take time
to review contracts
and make informed
decisions.
- **Never pay in cash:** Use
checks or credit cards
to maintain a paper trail
and added security.
- **Beware of doortodoor
solicitations:** Scammers
may approach residents
with unsolicited “fire
recovery” offers. Always
verify credentials and
legitimacy.
Key Fraud Prevention
Reminders
- **Public aid is free:** There
are no costs to apply for
disaster assistance or
participate in inspections.
- **Verify government
workers:** Inspectors
and officials will always
carry identification and
will never request or
accept money.
- **Trust your instincts:**
If something seems off,
contact law enforcement
or your local emergency

management office to
confirm the validity of
claims.

- **Follow trusted informa-
tion sources:** Monitor
local media outlets and
official state and county
emergency management
channels for accurate
updates.

**Nonprofit
Organizations Collecting
Monetary Donations to
Support Oregon Disaster
Response**

Financial gifts remain
the most effective way
to assist people affected
by wildfires. They just
take a bit more diligence.
Monetary donations allow
disaster response organiza-
tions to purchase exactly
what is needed, when and
where it is needed. People
seeking trusted organiza-
tions currently involved in
wildfire response can dial
211 or visit 211info.org.
See additional links with
this story at the Lincoln
County Leader website.

All trusted state partners
and agencies remain com-
mitted to supporting wild-
fire survivors and prevent-
ing the fraudulent activity
that slows recovery.

Together, we can protect
our communities, ensure
donations reach those who
need them most, and safe-
guard survivors from fraud
and identity theft.

For more information
about wildfire recovery
resources in your area,
contact your local or Tribal
Office of Emergency
Management. If you have
questions or concerns
about donation requests
you’ve received, contact
your local law enforcement
agency.

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

Sudoku answers



A “closed” sign sits at a counter at the DMV office in Albany. Since Jan. 1, 2026, there have been 34 full day office closures across Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle division offices because of staffing shortages. (Mia Maldonado / Oregon Capital Chronicle)

Oregon transportation agency faces \$200 million budget gap

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon’s beleaguered transportation agency is staring down a \$200 million budget gap for the 2027-29 budget cycle and layoffs unless the state Legislature intervenes, according to agency officials.

The Oregon Department of Transportation’s budget gap largely stems from inflation and declining gas tax revenue as more people drive electric vehicles, and it means the agency will likely experience its fourth budget cycle in a row having to make reductions, agency deputy director Travis Brouwer said in a virtual presentation Friday, July 31, to the Oregon Transportation Commission, the group charged with setting transportation policy.

That’s unless the Oregon Legislature finds a way to provide additional revenue to the agency.

Democratic lawmakers in 2025 passed a law that would bring \$4.3 billion in new tax revenue to the agency over the next decade, but voters in a May referendum overwhelmingly rejected most of those new revenue streams, including increases to gas and payroll taxes and car registration and title fees.

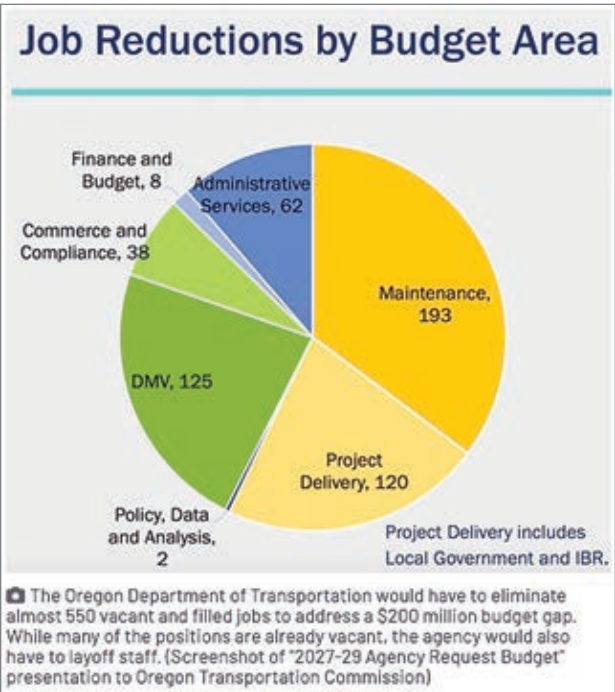
The agency by law can’t move money from one division’s budget to another without legislative approval, and federal funding the agency receives cannot be used toward maintenance, leaving officials with few options for closing the budget gap.

‘Tragic for the state’: Agency leaders faced with cutting nearly 550 positions

The transportation agency has made significant progress in addressing its budget gaps, Brouwer said, reducing its spending by over half a billion dollars since 2019 by moving staff out of leased buildings into state-owned buildings, implementing more information technology systems to reduce staff and eliminating at least 11 vacant senior executive positions.

But those budget reductions come at a cost, he said.

Without new revenue, the agency will need to eliminate almost 550 vacant and filled jobs, or 11% of its workforce, he said. The agency’s maintenance and operation’s branch would get hit the hardest, with 193 jobs cut, followed by 125 jobs within the Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division, 120



project delivery jobs, and dozens of jobs within administrative services, commerce and compliance and the finance and budget division.

“The risk of these cuts is truly tragic for the state in the long term,” said Tova Peltz, the agency’s chief engineer.

If the legislature doesn’t find new revenue streams, Peltz said the agency would have more than half of its road maintenance crews operating with five or less people — putting both Oregonians and those staff at risk.

It means less people plowing roads in the winter, less vegetation removed from roads, less clearing ditches or culverts and fewer pavement repairs. It also means fewer crews available to respond to severe weather events, she said.

At the Oregon Driver of Motor and Vehicle Services Division, budget cuts mean closing even more of its offices. The division already grapples with severe staffing shortages, especially in rural areas.

“We’ve got about the same number of budgeted positions at DMV as we did 25 years ago, but there are 800,000 more Oregonians, and of course nearly all of them need to come to DMV for our services,” division administrator Amy Joyce told the commission.

The Commerce and Compliance Division, which tracks commercial driving and rail operations, would look to close some of its weight locations and redirect its focus to more popular interstate highways, Division Administrator Carla Phelps said.

As for the division that handles the agency’s facilities, human resources and IT, cuts would result in deferred facility maintenance, aging technology in a time with greater cybersecurity risks because of artificial intelligence, and possibly more workforce management issues, according

to Thomas Amato, the Support Services Division interim administrator.

The meeting somberly closed with Oregon Department of Transportation Interim Director Chief Chris Warner apologizing to agency leaders for having to consider cuts to their staff and services.

“For anyone who has a public service ethic, it must really be painful to present those kinds of scenarios and to be thinking about those,” Warner said. “Thank you, and I’m sorry.”

A 12-member group of business and transportation stakeholders appointed by Gov. Tina Kotek has since May been working on recommendations for solving the Oregon Department of Transportation’s impending funding shortfall. The group will present recommendations to lawmakers before the next Legislative session in 2027.

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16.7%.....yes

83.3%.....No

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• Yes

• No

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Dreams of Childhood: The Musical Reflections of a New Father
Music by Mozart, Schumann, Villa-Lobos, Debussy, and Prokofiev.
Mei-Ting Sun, piano.

Friday, August 14

7:30PM at Lincoln City Cultural Center
Triumph Over Melancholy
Chamber music takes us on a journey through dark to light with works by Hindemith, Beethoven, and Reineke.

Saturday, August 15

7:30PM at Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, Newport
Romance at the Bay
A passionate Sonatabend (or “Evening of Sonatas”) with pieces by Bowen, Faure, and Rachmoninoff.

Sunday, August 16

4:30PM at Lincoln City Cultural Center
MUSICAL TAPAS
A cornucopia of tasty musical treats and light bites. Our featured musicians dazzle with Festival favorites and some new twists.

Monday, August 17

7:30PM at Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, Newport
Coastal Crosswinds
For the first time, we return for a second concert in Newport with chamber music by Rozsa, Bernstein, Beethoven, Milhaud, and Newport’s own Ernest Bloch.

Tuesday, August 18

7:30PM at Lincoln City Congregational Church
A Musical Gift - FREE CONCERT
Chamber music by Ravel, Ives, Muczynski, and Brahms.

Wednesday, August 19

7:30PM at Lincoln City Congregational Church
Sweet and Spicy
Chamber music by Shulamit Ran, Brahms - and the Mendelssohn Octet.

Thursday, August 20

7:30pm at Lincoln City Cultural Center
Welcome to the Club
A Very Special Night of Jazz! An homage to John Coltrane and Miles Davis for their centenary (both born in 1926). Led by Noah Simpson, trumpet.

Friday, August 21

6:30PM at Lincoln City Cultural Center
Benefit Concert
Scrumptious snacks and the spunky sounds of Soul Proprietors. A night of music and the presentation of the Dick Hyman “For the Love of Music” Award.

Saturday, August 22

2:30pm at Schooner Creek Discovery Park
Free Family Concert
Francis Poulenc’s “The Story of Babar the Little Elephant” arranged for wind quintet and narrator. Johann Stuckenbruck conducts.

6:15pm Pre-Concert Discussion with Mei-Ting Sun and Johann Stuckenbruck at Taft 7-12 / 7:30pm Concert
A Night at the Symphony
Johann Stuckenbruck conducts the Siletz Bay Music Festival Orchestra. Music by Kodaly, Wagner, Bach/Webern, and Beethoven.

Sunday, August 23

4:00pm at Taft 7-12
SOUNDS OF THE AMERICAS
Johann Stuckenbruck conducts the Siletz Bay Music Festival Orchestra.

Oregon sees record wildfire season

Officials urge precautions

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

As of Aug. 3, Oregon has set a new wildfire record for total acres burned, at approximately 2 million acres, according to the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center (NWCC).

The NWCC is the Geographic Area Coordination Center for the Northwest Region which includes the States of Oregon and Washington.

The NWCC serves as the focal point for inter-agency resource coordination, logistics support, aviation support and predictive services for all state and federal agencies involved in wildland fire management and suppression in the region. Cooperating agencies include the: Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, Oregon Dept of Forestry, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington Dept. of Natural Resources and the National Park Service.

The majority of the wildfires have been in Central and Eastern Oregon. Several of the fires were sparked by lightning.

Due to Oregon’s increasing drought and new heat waves forecasted for much of the state, the state’s public safety services, natural resource agencies, and tourism office are encouraging residents and visitors to practice wildfire prevention, prepare their home and a go-bag for evacuation, and know where to go for real-time alerts and information.

According to the NWCC’s predictive services, each year the Pacific Northwest is at elevated risk of significant fires from now until October. With fire crews responding to new fire starts every day, Oregonians and our visitors need to be prepared for wildfires, help prevent future ones, and be aware of up-to-date conditions as they travel across the state.

How can people help prevent wildfires?

The Oregon Department of Forestry is urging the



The 2026 summer wildfires have scorched approximately 2 million acres in Oregon. (Courtesy photo)

public to actively practice wildfire prevention as the state continues to put out new fires every day. Additional human-caused fires on the landscape will draw the firefighting efforts away from the lightning-caused fires and put extra strain on ground and aviation resources, which are already spread thin. YOU can help prevent wildfires by:

- Checking and following your local fire regulations. The majority of the state is either in high or extreme fire danger right now, meaning even the smallest of sparks could start the next large wildfire.
- Debris burning may be prohibited where you live.
 - Check local restrictions or contact your local ODF office.
 - Return to check on your burn site if you burned earlier in the year.

- Make sure your car has been recently serviced to avoid faulty parts throwing sparks.
- Don’t drag tow chains.
- Avoid parking vehicles on tall, dry grass.
- Recreate responsibly. Where campfires are allowed, make sure your campfire is DEAD OUT before leaving it by drowning it with water, stirring it with a shovel and repeating that process until it is cold to the touch. If there is heat coming off it, there are still embers that could reignite.

Take Simple Steps to Protect Your Home from Wildfire

The Oregon State Fire Marshal cautions

Oregonians that summer is not the safest time to tackle large landscaping or defensible space projects. Hot, dry conditions increase the risk of starting a fire from using tools or equipment. There are small, safe steps you can take now to reduce wildfire risk around your home. The Oregon State Fire Marshal encourages everyone to plan ahead and do light cleanup tasks that protect your property without increasing fire danger.

Easy tasks to reduce risk in the first five feet around your home:

- Clear leaves, pine needles, and other debris from your roof, gutters, and under decks.
- Trim plants and bushes that are touching your home or growing under roof eaves. Give trees and shrubs space from each other and from structures.
- Remove dead plants and wood mulch. Use nonflammable materials like rocks or gravel near your home. Avoid bark mulch or dry grasses right next to buildings.
- Move firewood, propane tanks, and other flammable items at least five feet away from your home.
- Cover attic vents, soffit vents, and spaces under decks with 1/8-inch metal mesh to block embers.

Avoid using power tools or equipment that could spark a fire, especially during the heat of the day. Summer is a good time to plan defensible space projects, so you’re ready to work safely once wildfire season ends.

For more tips or help

with defensible space, visit www.oregondefensiblespace.org or <https://preventwildfires.oregon.gov>.

How can I prepare myself in case I need to evacuate?

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) urges everyone to prepare for wildfires and other emergencies by knowing evacuation levels, staying informed, having a plan, and having a go-kit ready.

Evacuation Levels

- Oregon follows a three-level evacuation notification system, each structured around safety threat level.
- Oregonians should become familiar with “Be Ready, Be Set, Go!” evaluation levels to make informed decisions when receiving evacuation notices.
- OEM urges people to evacuate whenever they feel unsafe, conditions can change rapidly; individuals should always make the best decision for their safety.
- Following evacuation, people should not return to the area until public safety officials state it is safe.
- Stay Informed
 - Stay informed, sign up to receive evacuation at, ORAlert.gov remember to update information if need be.
 - Find the website for your county emergency management, sheriff’s office, or tribal police and follow them on social media.
 - Check your photo settings to ensure wireless emergency alerts are turned on.
 - Build redundancy into

how you can access alerts. Have a personal C.E. Plan for what you will do if your cell phone stops working. A good place to start is a hand-cranked NOAA radio.

- If you use a third-party app for alerts and situational awareness and notice discrepancy information, default to the information provided by your local emergency management office.

Have a Plan

- Do you know what to do during an evacuation? See the evaluation checklist with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website that explains what to do before, during and after an evacuation.
- Establish a communication plan with a list of important contacts and a safe place for loved ones to meet if they are separated during an emergency.
- Identify multiple evacuation routes from home, work, or school and plan for transportation needs.
- People with disabilities should consider individual circumstances and specific needs when planning for evacuation, such as special equipment, transportation, and service animals.

- Then plan extra time, when possible, this may mean treating a level 2 notice like a level 3 notice.
- Have an evacuation plan for pets, make a pet evacuation kit in a tote bag or pet crate, and plan for transportation and sheltering of large animals such as horses and other livestock.

Make a Go-Kit

- Assemble an emergency kit of essential supplies that can be grabbed quickly.
- Pack an easy-to-carry backpack or bag for each household member with health and safety items such as food, water, medication, flashlights, phone chargers, clothing, and important documents. Visit American red Cross to learn more.
- Find more information and resources at Wildfire.Oregon.gov.
- Recreate Responsibly
 - Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) encourages

visitors to know before they go when it comes to campfire restrictions. OPRD coordinates with local fire officials throughout the summer and bans open flames in high-risk areas around the state until conditions improve. Please check park webpages or the current fire restrictions list before your next visit. Thank you for helping to reduce the risk of wildfires.

Additionally, many waterways in eastern Oregon are currently being used by firefighting aircraft. Stay clear of the center of major waterways. Recreational boats can block aircraft from accessing the water, which means they will not be able to retrieve water to help put out nearby wildfires.

Occasionally, OPRD will need to evacuate a state park. Evacuations occur at level 2 or earlier depending on fire conditions and the time required to get in and out of the park. Please follow park ranger instructions to pack gear and evacuate. Any park closure information will be posted on the park web page and OPRD social media.

How do I know if I should change my vacation plans?

Oregon is a large state, and while wildfires can disrupt travel in some regions, those impacts are often localized and can change rapidly as conditions improve or deteriorate. Because of this, it’s important to check current alerts at the resources below to see whether your destination is affected. If you’re looking for general guidance about traveling during wildfire season, read travel Oregon’s Wildfire Travel FAQ.

Before You Go:

- Check road conditions at Tripcheck.com or by calling 511.
- Review and follow all local fire restrictions and closures.
- Be aware of air quality conditions that could impact health and visibility.
- View real-time hazard updates, maps, and fire information through OEM’s Wildfire Dashboard.
- Sign up for emergency alerts at ORAlert.gov and ensure Wireless Emergency Alerts are enabled on your mobile device.

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‘E pluribus unum’ is not a slogan. It’s a choice.

**TIM STOREY
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Like two sides of a coin imprinted with the nation’s motto, “e pluribus unum” — out of many, one — America’s political factions are cast in opposition, but they are intrinsically bound together as parts of a larger whole.

From the beginning, the United States has aspired to build a more perfect union. When our founders convened the Constitutional Convention in 1787, they disagreed about the structure of government, the balance of power and the protection of individual versus collective rights. But when they debated — and they often did, with great conviction and intensity — they honed their arguments on what they thought was best for the entire country, guided by the shared vision of a new nation established on the ideals of individual freedom, equality and opportunity.

Today, that shared commitment to America’s founding creed is under strain.

Most Americans feel exhausted by politics, and a growing number are unhappy with the way the political system

is working. Worse, this unhappiness is showing up in unhealthy ways, with low trust in government and each other — a sense that the other side is the problem.

We are painfully aware that partisanship and distrust have grown. We see this too often, when people are reduced to disparaging labels, states are cast as simply red or blue, and the hostility in our politics produces no progress, leaving us all no better off, or worse than before. Our political parties appear deadlocked in a struggle for power, forgetting that they are inseparable sides of the nation’s democratic system, which depends not on who wins but on a shared commitment to the common good. Central to that commitment is a willingness to listen to opposing views, not simply to respond but to understand.

Disagreeing is one thing — it is rooted in our pluralist republic. But when we cannot find ways to work together, it becomes impossible to solve our problems. The founders understood this. They argued passionately, but they shared a deeper allegiance to the nation’s success and its posterity, and they were partners in creating and safeguarding

a system that we all continue to rely on.

Whether we choose to engage in political warfare or civil debate is up to each of us. That’s as true in statehouses and city councils as it is at the family dinner table, in the community center, on the debate stage, or standing on opposite sides of a free speech zone. In each of these venues, we can choose to practice democracy by engaging in debate that is spirited, healthy and rooted in strong arguments rather than name calling — or worse, heeding the impulse to withdraw from political engagement altogether.

There are glimmers of hope.

Here in Chicago, as part of the nation’s largest public policy gathering of state legislators and staff from all 50 states and U.S. territories, our organizations, the National Conference of State Legislatures and The Pew Charitable Trusts, are working together to build connections across the political spectrum and share policy ideas and best practices that strengthen legislatures and serve communities nationwide. This follows a series of events held around the country, including a

February “America at 250 Forum,” to bring people with opposing views together to discuss issues that matter to everyone. All of the events demonstrate a serious commitment to strengthening our democratic muscles at this historic moment for the country.

Legislators from different parties sitting together to discuss not only their politics but also their human connection and shared belief in the country demonstrates that, despite the spotlight on our divisions, the time is ripe to unite for a common cause. We need to see more unity from our leaders — and be willing to try it ourselves.

Today, Americans must recognize that our political differences are not inevitably divisive, because our futures are fundamentally connected. Politics are difficult, yes, but they do not need to be ugly. Finding common ground is welcome, but at a minimum, Americans need to find the space to connect with one another and the courage to engage in healthy and substantive discussion. We can do that by building up state and local institutions where individuals get to know each other personally and by overcoming the silos

and sides we’ve allowed to define us. A far better approach is to deal with people face-to-face and with respect, even when we profoundly disagree.

In a time when polarization and mistrust are treated as inevitable, we encourage all Americans to recommit to the principles and institutions that bind us together: a common belief in individual rights and equality, the rule of law, the legitimacy of representative democracy and our shared pursuit of national prosperity.

As America honors its 250th anniversary, it’s important to say, unequivocally and collectively, that we’re grateful to our country’s founders for starting this great experiment. We care about each other, and we want our fellow citizens to be successful. And we are proud to be part of this diverse, complicated and hopeful country.

Shared beliefs like these are central to the American experiment. E pluribus unum — out of many, one — if we so choose.

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At-will piece work for those Short-Term Rentals

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Guest Column*

You may recall the animus throughout Lincoln County:

Unleashed dog(s), dog poop, people unloading boxes of food, children, and bags. Clicking their car alarms, on and off, on and off. Then they use adjacent driveways: loading unused boxes of food, leaving trash to blow around, more dog poop, and loud parties.

“Bayshore Board and Committees ignore this and these situations of STRs. None will approach to fix, they ignore it, as Full Time Residents deal with vulgar mouth STR transient tenants - disrespecting other people’s private property.”

Ahh, that’s an old Facebook post, and alas, I just got sacked by one of those evil vacation home STRs, not for doing anything badly, but ironically, because a Bayshore “Karen” supposedly took a video of me making a California stop – rolling stop – at a stop sign.

I got zero recourse from the multimillionaires who own the STR outfit. There were no moving violations, and no second chance for me to, well, slow my roll and stop at stop signs. Terminated.

This is a tale again of the haves and have-not – and at \$17 an hour, delivering laundry/supplies throughout the county and picking up dirty laundry, bags weighing 80 pounds, well, it is a mad dash to get to the dozens of SRT’s before check in.

Now, think of the optics – I was fired on hearsay, and if a video exists, it’s not evidence enough to have me sacked. But rich people breathe from a

different atmosphere than the rest of us.

Mostly Mexican housekeepers rush to clean their rentals, from bottom to top, with white-glove inspections. It’s an endless battle with sand, dirty renters, and canine guests.

Three huge vacation homes in a day some of the Latinos clean in teams, so they can “make bank.”

And what a racket. Many of the homes have rickety, cracked wooden stairs. Storm doors are unlatched. In basements where linens and supplies sometimes go, I came across spider-infested rafters. I know my brown recluse and wolf spiders by sight.

Homes in disrepair, many places have rodent traps set up all over, out of sight from guests, who pay, gulp, from \$260 to over \$600 per night, with larger beachfront properties pushing \$1,000+. A cleaning fee is added on.

The Oregon coast short-term rental fight entered a new chapter three years ago with a state ruling by the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals overturning a citizen-approved ballot measure phasing out vacation rentals in unincorporated Lincoln County.

Remember? 15neighborhoods was the coalition of citizens who garnered more than 10,000 Lincoln County residents to vote to phase out STRs.

STRs create jobs, though, as this most recent bitter experience was ramified to me, a union organizer going way back. At \$17 an hour, one laundry driver comes from Depoe Bay to Waldport to start her shift. Another worker lived in an RV but was forced to leave the county when rental slips doubled.

Rich folk don’t like workers’ tales, one of

which included a college student living in a van. She was sacked because of her “poor tone.” This multimillion-dollar family-owned outfit has no second or third chances in its blood.

The outfit doesn’t just manage other people’s homes. They have purchased many properties: single-family homes, condos, and apartments.

Now, sure, the person who turned me in is, well, a good German in my book. Many workers in this outfit have told me of their own travails with the rich company owners and their HR staff.

Back to the spiders. Brown recluse spiders, like most others, don’t go after humans, but they nest, so when someone rubs up against them, say in bed, the short fangs come out, and venom is injected. Caution should be observed when grabbing stored items—such as boxes in the attic, garden tools, or old gloves.

Short-term rental cleaners are always grabbing things out of these spider-infested locations. One cleaner told me she got bit at one of the SRT’s. She went to the ER, and \$1000 later, after they abraded the wound and drained it, and prescribed a course of expensive antibiotics, she went back to cleaning.

She failed to file a workman’s comp claim, received no assistance from her supervisor, and, alas, the millionaire owners allegedly told her she couldn’t prove she was “bitten at one of OUR rentals,” so they decided zero compensation for ER and med bill would be best practices.

Ahh, the stone hearts of rich business owners.

I attempted to get unfired, but I got a boilerplate response back from

the millionaire. Rules are rules, but this rich SRT impresario, who is fixing up a conglomerate of single units, is employing a nice Spanish-speaking guy from Nevada. He’s doing wiring, plumbing, and construction work for the owner, without, I am sure, an Oregon contractor’s license.

Brown recluse spider bites can take a person down quickly, and while their venom is complex and can cause serious local tissue damage (necrosis), most bites like the one I got in Phoenix heal on their own. Complications occur with those with compromised immune systems, which currently is a hefty thirty percent of Americans.

Let this sink in: millionaires benefiting from our infrastructure see an injured worker as, well, not worthy of financial help. Millionaires sacking workers with no recourse

Capitalism is vicious, and while people should reject this transactional, bloody economic system, we see none of that in our little town of Waldport’s SRT outfits.

These millionaires have been quoted in the media as stating they know people do not like Short Term Rentals, but “just get over it.” I imagine these millionaires drinking their fancy Merlot with resentment since Oregon has a minimum wage of \$15.55 while the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour has remained unchanged since July 24, 2009.

I’m no bible thumper, but here I go: “He who oppresses the poor to increase his riches, and he who gives to the rich, will surely come to poverty.” (Proverbs 22:16)

PREFACE TO POSSIBLE CODE

CHANGES

“Social capital” broadly refers to those factors of effectively functioning social groups that include such things as interpersonal relationships, a shared sense of identity, a shared understanding, shared norms, shared values, trust, cooperation, and reciprocity.”

Most nonresident owners/investors of Short-Term Rentals (STR) are not residents of Lincoln County. Most do not share these values. This is based on our review of the Public Comments submitted by Proponents of STRs during the Workshops in 2019, 2020, and 2021, media reporting, and even social media accounts.

The Lincoln County Business License model for STRs was adopted without a qualitative and quantitative study of the countywide infrastructure and services’ impacts. We now know from the widely reported experiences during the wildfires and recent bond measures for increased Emergency Services that infrastructure has been affected. Other examples include waste management (septic v sewer), availability of long-term workforce housing, roads, public health and safety, and emergency preparedness. Even the supply of volunteers needed to a variety of government agencies and nonprofits has been affected. We need more volunteers even as fewer are available.

Through personal experience and County records, 15neighborhoods (we) know that the STR Regulation was designed to rely on Neighborhood Reporters. However, licensing STRs in single-family Residential

Zones that include pockets of residential areas or neighborhoods was short-sighted. The lack of a robust enforcement program that has allowed the Industry a “pass” for over four years is proof that the Industry cannot self-regulate.

We urge the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners (Board) to look at the record of problems that have been reported in the Public Comments submitted for 2019-2021 Workshops, the Public Testimony provided at the 2019-2021 Workshops, and the Public Input provided during the Board’s pre-COVID meetings. We ask the Board to consider the residential neighborhood problems that prompted you to review the STR Amendments in 2019. Finally, we ask the Board to consider the threats made by property managers and owners, including threats of litigation, against Neighborhood Reporters who report violations. Do not be lulled into believing STRs will ever be good neighbors to permanent residents in single-family areas, regardless of the number of restrictions that you will enact or whether STRs are managed by professional property managers. -- 15neighborhoods

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Journalism largely consists in saying ‘Lord Jones is dead’ to people who never knew Lord Jones was alive.”

G.K. Chesterton

Funding cut puts Lower Columbia fisheries, coastal jobs at risk

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

State Representative Cyrus Javadi (D-Tillamook) is calling on the Bonneville Power Administration to reconsider its decision to end funding for the Select Area Fisheries Enhancement Program, known as SAFE, in the Lower Columbia River.

According to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), the decision would take effect September 30 and leave a \$2.4 million funding gap among Oregon, Washington, and Clatsop County. It could also put more than 7 million hatchery salmon currently in production at risk.

“This may sound like one more fight over a government program with a long name,” Javadi said.



The commercial fishery produces roughly \$5 million a year in value paid directly to fishermen at the dock, before counting the work created for processors, restaurants, hotels, marinas, fuel docks, boat builders, mechanics, and other local businesses,

“But for people who live and work along the Lower Columbia, it is much simpler than that. It is about whether there are fish to catch, jobs to work, and paychecks to bring home.”

According to Javadi, the SAFE program supports hatchery production and terminal fisheries in the Lower Columbia River.

on weaker wild salmon stocks.

SAFE fish account for nearly all spring Chinook and most coho caught by the Columbia River commercial fishery. The commercial fishery produces roughly \$5 million a year in value paid directly to fishermen at the dock, before counting the work created for processors, restaurants, hotels, marinas, fuel docks, boat builders, mechanics, and other local businesses, Javadi said in a release.

“People sometimes talk about the fishing economy as though it begins and ends with the person holding the rod or standing on the boat,” Javadi said. “It does not. When the fish disappear, the effects travel quickly. The deckhand loses hours. The processor handles less product. The restaurant buys less seafood. The marina sells less fuel. The hotel has fewer guests.”

BPA has helped fund SAFE for more than 30 years as part of regional efforts to address the effects of the federal Columbia River hydro-power system on fish and wildlife.

“There is a basic principle here,” Javadi said. “When federal decisions impose costs on local communities, the federal government should not simply hand those costs back to the people who had the least say in creating them.”

Members of the bipartisan Oregon Coastal Caucus are working with fishery partners, state agencies, the Governor’s Office, and Oregon’s federal delegation to urge BPA to reconsider its decision.

Oregon State Marine Board approves Siletz River rules

The Oregon State Marine Board has approved the following rule language for the Siletz River in Lincoln County:

Siletz River:

- a) No person shall use a motor in excess of 15 horsepower and in excess of slow-no wake speed to propel a boat between Jack Morgan Park boat ramp and Old Mill Park boat ramp.
- b) All motor use is prohibited upstream of Old Mill Park boat ramp.
- c) All motor use is prohibited on all Siletz River tributaries upstream of Jack Morgan’s Park boat

ramp.

The Board added a fourth component for a smoother rule implementation to avoid negatively impacting anglers and the local community for scheduled angling opportunities this fall and winter: (d) Rule becomes effective on March 31, 2027.

The Board also directed staff to promptly work with the City of Siletz on permitting and facility design improvements at Old Mill Park. Improvements include the parking



The Board also directed staff to promptly work with the City of Siletz on permitting and facility design improvements at Old Mill Park. Improvements include the parking areas, replacing the boat ramp and adding a new vault toilet. (Courtesy photo)

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The Board agreed to delegate out-of-cycle funding authority to Director Warren for Old Mill Park’s improvements, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000 in boating facility grants. Staff was also directed to develop educational and safety signage in advance of the rule’s implementation and to conduct a standard one-year review in 2028 to determine the rule’s effectiveness.

The Board also

opened rulemaking for two agenda items:

Amending personal flotation device (PFD) definitions in Marine Board administrative rules to align with U.S. Coast Guard terminology; and

Creating a reciprocity rule between Oregon and Idaho Outfitter Guides operating on the Snake River, which intersects both states. The purpose of the rule is to ensure uniformity of laws between Oregon and Idaho, clarifying registration, license, or permit requirements. A reciprocity rule already exists between Oregon

REPAIRS

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the majority of the weight of the lens and rotating steel framework. Staff found that the old ones were worn to the point of causing misalignment in the machinery.

Since no one manufactures parts for lighthouses, a machinist had to be found to engineer new ones from stock metal.

Furnish previously said the roadbed, which is essentially round tracks, had also become worn.

“Over time, they’ve developed a weird beveled angle,” she said, “so, instead of a smooth, solid 50-degree angle, it wore out in two different directions.” She said the machinist who made the wheels was able to locate another machinist with the necessary equipment.



The light inside the Heceta Head Lighthouse. (Courtesy photo)

Etched into the new carriage wheels is “Welch’s Machine Works,” along with the date 7-20-2026 and “Materials C510 Phosphor Bronze Full Hard.”

Park Ranger Ben Ervin said the repairs and installation of the new carriage wheel and roadbed (track ring assembly) went remarkably smoothly, and that OPRD personnel had

been activating the rotating assembly to monitor it and ensure that it was working well.

“It went in much better than any of us expected,” he said, noting that the installer had to use custom jacks to slightly raise the lens assembly.

The light has been off since mid-March, and a curtain has been used to

shield the lens from sunlight while repairs were being made.

As a point of interest, Ervin used a timer to determine the lighthouse makes one revolution every 80 seconds.

The cost of the repairs came to about \$35,000, according to the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department.

History and near future

While captains no longer need lighthouses to safely navigate along the coastline, the Heceta Head Lighthouse remains the brightest on the Oregon Coast, casting a beam 21 nautical miles (24 miles). According to hecetalighthouse.com, the cape owes its name to Don Bruno de Heceta, who in 1775 embarked on a secret voyage for the Queen of Spain to sail up the West Coast.

“Due to the onslaught of scurvy, Heceta and his crew turned back just before the Columbia River, but not before he noted the shallow waters and rocky headland that

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Dick Parks
March 26, 1940- July 21, 2026

<https://www.bateman-pacificview.com/obituaries/dick-parks/#/>

Obituary

A graveside service was held Wednesday, July 29th at Eddyville Cemetery. A gathering to celebrate the life of Dick is being planned. Further details will be announced soon

Gasoline prices up 67 cents per gallon over last year

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Average gasoline prices in Oregon have risen 5.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.62/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 1,307 stations in Oregon.

Prices in Oregon are 9.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 69.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 7.1 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$5.326 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Oregon was priced at \$3.99/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$6.95/g, a difference of \$2.96/g. The lowest price in the state



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The national average price of gasoline has fallen 0.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.05/g today. The national average is up 28.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 93.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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

- August 3, 2025: \$3.93/g (U.S. Average: \$3.11/g)
- August 3, 2024: \$3.87/g (U.S. Average: \$3.46/g)
- August 3, 2023:

\$4.61/g (U.S. Average: \$3.82/g)

- August 3, 2022: \$5.01/g (U.S. Average: \$4.12/g)

- August 3, 2021: \$3.75/g (U.S. Average: \$3.19/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

- Eugene- \$4.54/g, up 7.9 cents per gallon from last week’s \$4.46/g.

- Salem- \$4.55/g, up 4.0 cents per gallon from last week’s \$4.51/g.

- Portland- \$4.71/g, up 3.2 cents per gallon from last week’s \$4.68/g.

“Average gasoline prices were a mixed bag across the country last week as oil markets went on a wild ride, surging on geopolitical tensions before pulling back Sunday night after President Trump signaled a potential deal may be in the works,”

said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

“However, even as oil prices ease on deal optimism, continued Ukrainian attacks on Russian oil infrastructure are driving refined product prices higher as output plummets, keeping upward pressure on what Americans pay at the pump.

According to De Haan, by later this week, the national average could reach its highest level ever recorded for this point in the calendar year, a sobering milestone even as prices remain well below the all-time record set in 2022.

“Motorists should keep a close eye on developments both in the Middle East and in Ukraine, as either front could quickly shift the outlook,” De Haan said.

State agency issues well advisory

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Residents experiencing dry wells during this summer’s drought – or anytime – are encouraged to report issues via the website owrd.info/drywell.

Dry well reports help the state track ongoing and emerging shifts in groundwater supplies, and impacts on people who rely on groundwater. Residents who provide reports contribute to a greater understanding of conditions specific to their area.

The Oregon Water

Resources Department maintains the state’s Dry Well website, including an interactive map where reports can be tracked by county and basin, along with highlighting hotspots with higher numbers of reports.

The website also includes valuable information for well owners, such as maintenance tips, how to find licensed and qualified personnel to service their well, and links to potential financial assistance.

“As Oregon continues to face constrained water supplies, understanding

groundwater trends across the state becomes even more important,” said Ivan Gall, Director of the Oregon Water Resources Department.

Dry well reporting is required as part of qualifying for financial assistance through OWRD’s Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund (WARRF), except for wells damaged by fire. WARRF provides grants to low- to moderate-income homeowners or members of a Federally recognized Tribe to help with the cost of repairing or abandoning and replacing a

dry well or a well damaged by wildfire.

The well must no longer provide enough water for essential in-home uses like drinking, cooking or bathing, and the applicant must live at the property full-time. A majority of program funding is dedicated to applications from drought-declared counties or for wells impacted by wildfire. Find more information and apply at owrd.info/warrf.

With bipartisan support, the Oregon Legislature’s Emergency Board recently allocated \$1 million in

additional state dollars to WARRF to ensure families continue to have access to water in their homes.

About the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD): The Oregon Water Resources Department works to assure sufficient and sustainable water supplies are available to meet current and future needs. The agency administers laws governing management and distribution of Oregon’s surface and groundwater resources.

For more information, visit oregon.gov/owrd.

State Forests Annual Operations Plan for timber sales finalized

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) has finalized its Annual Operations Plans (AOP). The Plans describe projects planned for state forests in the 2027 fiscal year that began July 1 and runs through June 30, 2027.

These include:

- Planned timber sales for each district.
- Recreation projects, such as the installation of a bridge.
- Other types of forest projects, such as stream enhancement or restoration projects.

ODF received 1,515 written comments during the public comment period that was open from April 3 to May 18.

“We received many thoughtful and constructive comments from the

public,” ODF’s State Forests Division Deputy Chief Nick Palazzotto said. “These represent diverse perspectives and demonstrate a high level of interest and engagement in State Forests. The comments help us in the challenging work of trying to balance ODF’s legal obligation to manage state forests for timber production to meet economic goals as well as social and environmental outcomes—a concept referred to as Greatest Permanent Value.”

State forests provide:

- Outdoor recreation
- Forest education
- Clean water
- Critical fish and wildlife habitats
- Sustainable harvest volumes that produce jobs and revenue that funds

vital services in rural counties

The majority of timber sales are on Board of Forestry lands, where about two thirds of the resulting revenue is split with the counties. In turn, the counties share those revenues with special districts that support local schools or provide other essential community services. ODF retains one third of the revenue to fund management of state forests. A small portion of the timber sales are located on Common School Forest Lands and generate revenue for the state’s Common School Fund.

Some comments resulted in edits to specific timber sales while others are addressed in a high-level summary of

comments received highlighting the major themes, topics, and agency responses.

“We read and consider every comment,” Palazzotto said. “However, we do not respond individually to each one. Sale specific comments are considered by the field and technical specialists and changes are documented in the plans. We also develop a summary with broad categories that capture the high-level comments and provides our responses to the public commentary.”

The comment summary document has the following sections:

- Recreation
- Timber Harvest
- Climate Change and Fire Mitigation
- Young Stand

Management

- Aquatic, Water Quality, Wildlife
- Roads and Slopes
- Process and Document Improvement
- Specific Sales
- Out of Scope

The Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Operations Plan documents are available for ODF’s Astoria, Forest Grove, Klamath-Lake, North Cascade, Tillamook, West Oregon and Western Lane districts. These are located on the same webpage as the summary of comments and agency response document.

“Because we manage state forests for the Greatest Permanent Value, we have to consider how our decisions impact all Oregonians, not just

a single commenter,” Palazzotto said. “This means individual members of the public or stakeholder groups may be disappointed with some choices made and satisfied with others. We recognize that and seek to be as transparent as possible in our decisions. We know Oregonians care about their forests as we received more than fifteen-hundred comments this year. Given the high interest in how state forests are managed, ODF will continue to work on improving communications with landowners, neighbors and concerned citizens. Our goal is to raise awareness of our AOP process and how people can connect with us to have their concerns heard.”

Emergency alert system more popular in rural areas than metro area

SHAANTH NANGUNERI
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Participation in Oregon’s voluntary statewide emergency alert system designed for natural disasters and public safety threats has been far higher in rural counties than in the Portland metro area, according to a new study.

Researchers from the Ohio-based Miami University published their findings July 27, in Disaster Prevention and Management: An International Journal. They found that the OR-Alert system has “surprisingly” high enrollment rates above 100% from counties such as Clatsop, Curry,

Douglas, and Lincoln, while the Multnomah County area had an enrollment rate of 13% that mostly included “internal Portland employees.” The rates above 100% are likely due to people signing up for the alerts more than once.

“Enrollment also varied geographically, with some rural counties reporting surprisingly high participation rates, while urban areas like Multnomah County showed low participation, leaving large populations more vulnerable,” the study reads.

That’s a reflection of the fact that natural disasters such as landslides and floods are more common in rural Oregon

in comparison to the Portland metropolitan area.

The OR-Alert system kicked off in Oregon in 2021 and allows people to visit a statewide portal to connect with local emergency alert systems in all 36 counties and tribal governments across the state who rely upon a universal mass notification service. The system allows for local emergency notification managers to coordinate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, which can send alerts to all cell phones in a given area.

While more than 50% of the alerts the system sent out use text messaging, push

notifications were “underutilized” at 2%, posing “substantial barriers for time-sensitive earthquake warnings,” according to researchers. They said the geographic and notification-type disparities represent barriers to risk reduction.

“Institutional coordination between emergency management, public health, and community organizations can build the engagement and trust necessary for effective warning response,” the study reads.

The U.S. Geological Survey offers another tool that delivers automatic notifications to people on their cellphones ahead of damaging

earthquakes at their locations. That is not an opt-in tool, but recipients must allow their cell phones to receive emergency alerts in their settings.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/briefs/oregon-emergency-alert-system-more-popular-in-rural-areas-than-metro-area-study-says/>

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Fort Stevens State Park near Astoria is Oregon’s largest public campground. The 4,300-acre property has beach access, a freshwater lake, trails and the Peter Iredale shipwreck. (Courtesy photo from Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department)

Oregon lawmaker says he’ll introduce bill to make state parks free to residents

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

An Oregon lawmaker wants to make visiting state parks cheaper for

residents.

Rep. Cyrus Javadi, D-Tillamook, last week floated the idea of introducing a bill to make parking at Oregon State

Parks free for state residents.

Javadi, who is up for reelection in November

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Whale Watching Center to close for repairs



This temporary closure will allow the contractors to complete essential roof replacement work. (Courtesy photo from the OPRD)

STAFF REPORT

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department’s Whale Watching Senter and viewing area around the building in Depoe Bay has closed for repairs this summer, according

to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD).

“This has been an ongoing need for the building, and we’ve just recently been able to secure funding,” ODPH Park Manager Burke

Martin said. “We appreciate the community’s patience and support as we work to protect and preserve this unique coastal facility.”

The whale watching

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Imagination on the Beach

Sand building contests at Lincoln City

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The Lincoln City Sandcastle Contest at Siletz Bay is a wondrous, fun-filled day celebrating one of Lincoln City’s best adventures—playing on the local beaches, according to organizers.

The public is encouraged to participate in the Sandcastle Contest, held at Siletz Bay in the Historic Taft District presented by Mo’s Restaurant Lincoln City. Head to SW 51st Street and watch the sand come to life with categories like mermaids, chowder heads, cruise ships, and more.

In a published report in the former Lincoln City News Guard, Alex Ward, the former President of the Bay Area Merchants Association said the sand building contests are a positive community connector.

“If the whole town embraces an event like this, or like the kite festival, it helps create a momentum that is a critical mass that really lifts up the whole town.”

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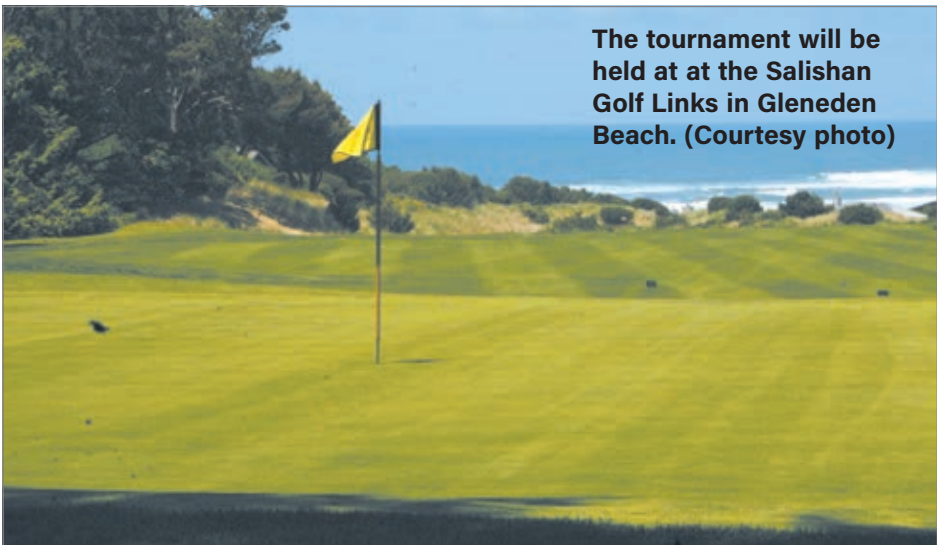
A sand witch at a previous Lincoln City sand building contest. (Photos by Jeremy C. Ruark)



Dog on the sand from the 2013 Lincoln City sand building contest.



Cool off time at the 2014 Lincoln City sand building contest.



The tournament will be held at at the Salishan Golf Links in Gleneden Beach. (Courtesy photo)

Salishan 2026 Booster Bash Golf Tournament registration opens

Registration is now open for the 2026 Booster Bash Golf Tournament at the Salishan Golf Links

in Gleneden Beach. We hope you’ll join us for a great day of golf, fun, and community support!

Please click the registration link below to sign

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\$488,500 ‘highly rural’ transportation grant to assist local military veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded \$488,500 in grants to 2026 Highly Rural Transportation Grant to support local Veterans with transportation needs.

The Highly Rural Transportation Grants (HRTG) program helps Veterans living in highly rural areas with free transportation to VA and VA-authorized health care facilities.

“Transportation should never be the reason a Veteran misses needed care,” said Karla Azcuy.

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Veterans in highly rural areas can visit www.va.gov/resources/transportation-to-va-health-appointments-in-highly-rural-areas/ to locate resources in their area. (Metro Creative Connection)

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“These grants will help us reach Veterans in remote areas and make sure they can get to their appointments safely, reliably and without added stress.”

The HRTG program provides funding to Veteran Service Organizations and State Veterans Service Agencies that serve

counties with fewer than seven people per square mile. This year, VA awarded more than \$6.1 million in grants through HRTG. The program reduces transportation barriers for rural Veterans so they can get essential medical care, including primary care, specialty appointments and mental health services.

Since the HRTG program launched in 2014, VA has awarded more than \$46 million to

organizations in 15 states, U.S. territories and tribal lands. These grants help ensure that Veterans in remote communities can reach health care services despite long distances, limited public transportation and other geographic challenges.

Veterans in highly rural areas can visit www.va.gov/resources/transportation-to-va-health-appointments-in-highly-rural-areas/ to locate resources in their area.

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up for the tournament: <https://www.newportboosterclub.org/blank-1>

Registration closes on Friday, August 14, so be sure to reserve your spot before the deadline!

Every dollar raised through the Booster Bash directly supports

the student-athletes of Newport High School by helping provide equipment, uniforms, training opportunities, and other resources that enhance their athletic experience.

If you know friends, family members, coworkers, or fellow golfers who would enjoy a great tournament while supporting a great cause, please forward this email and invite

them to join us. The more participants we have, the greater the impact we can make for Newport High School students.

Newport Booster Club organizers thanked supporters for their continue support.

“We truly appreciate your generosity and look forward to seeing you on the course,” the organizers stated in a release.

SAND

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Ward said. “These events really illustrate a community working together toward a common goal. It’s pretty awesome.”

The 2026 event registration begins on August 8, outside Mo’s Restaurant in Lincoln City.

There will be prizes awarded to the best sand sculptures.

- 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Registration
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Castle Building
- 12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. - Judging and Prizes

Only sand, water, shells and other natural beach materials found on the beach that day can be

used for construction. Forms can be used in the construction process but cannot support the final structure. Hand tools are allowed, but not power tools. This is an amateur competition—professional “sand artists” are disqualified from winning prizes.

The organizers said there will be pre-contest activities this year, including games, and more.

Art on the Beach & Sand Art Competition

Celebrate creativity on the Oregon Coast with a day of beachside art for all ages.

The public is invited to the Art on the Beach and Sand Art Competition from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday,

August 15, on the beach in front of Chinook Winds Casino Resort, at 1777 NW 44th Street in Lincoln City.

The event is Cascade Head Biosphere Collaborative.

Watch professional artists and skilled volunteers create a spectacular giant sand art graphic, then enjoy a family-friendly sand art competition where teams transform the beach into works of art inspired by the coast and the Cascade Head Marine Reserve.

Whether you’re competing or simply watching, it’s a fun way to experience art, community, and the beauty of the beach together, according to organizers.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TIP OF THE WEEK

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

While many of us welcome the warmer weather, we must remember that some of our loved ones may find themselves in an uncomfortable predicament. It could even result in their death.

Pets regularly accompany many people on trips and errands, which often leaves them alone in a vehicle. Pets should not be left unattended in a parked car. On warm days, and even cloudy days, the temperature in a car can rise to dangerous levels in minutes, even with the windows left open.

A brief stop at a store or another errand can quickly turn into 15 minutes or more before we know it. Leaving pets in a car for this time could be a mistake that takes their life. Leaving the windows cracked won’t cool the car enough to protect your beloved pet, even if they have water available.

Oregon was the 11th



state to pass a Good Samaritan Law, which allows anyone – not just law enforcement – to enter a vehicle (by force or otherwise) to remove an unattended domestic animal without fear of civil or criminal liability.

If you come upon a scenario where you believe an animal could perish, please contact our dispatch center at 541-265-0777 before deciding to enter the vehicle. Be ready to convey your location, the vehicle description, and a description of you. Our Animal Service Deputies will make every effort to respond quickly.

If you determine that

more immediate life-saving action is necessary, please ensure you do all of the following:

- Have a reasonable belief that the animal is in imminent danger
- Notify law enforcement or emergency services either before or soon after entering the vehicle
- Use only the minimum force necessary to enter the vehicle
- Stay with the animal until law enforcement, emergency services, or the owner or operator of the vehicle arrives.

For more information and tips, visit www.lincolncountysheriff.net

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Center is located just off Highway 101 in Depoe Bay.

The postwar-era building was built in 1956 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2012. This temporary closure will allow the contractors to complete essential roof replacement work. Construction will repair leaks from the promenade deck, replace the original roofing membrane and drains, according to the OPRD.

Construction was to begin as early as Aug. 1

depending on the contractor’s schedule and mobilization plans. Because this is a roofing project on the Oregon coast, construction during the summer months will allow work crews to take advantage of typically drier weather. This timing helps reduce the risk of weather-related delays and protects both the structure and contractor safety, according to the OPRD.

The Whale Watching Center will remain open until construction officially begins. OPRD anticipates completing repairs by the end of October – well ahead of the annual gray whale migration in the winter.

“We acknowledge that this temporary closure may be inconvenient for visitors and the Depoe Bay community, and we appreciate everyone’s understanding as we complete these essential improvements,” Martin said.

The turn out about a block north of the Whale Watching Center will remain open.

There are still plenty of places along the Oregon Coast top see whales from Astoria to Brookings.

Nearby parks such as Boiler Bay, Rocky Creek and Cape Foulweather also offer fantastic views for whale watching.

PARKS

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in a politically split district along the North Coast, framed the idea as a way to make enjoying public land more affordable, particularly for low-income Oregonians. His district is home to several state parks, including Cape Lookout, Fort Stevens and Bob Straub.

“The idea is that state parks are a public good, a place that Oregonians can go and enjoy without additional fees, if possible, especially the Oregonians who don’t have a lot of extra disposable income,” he told

the Capital Chronicle.

State parks already face budget constraints

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department oversees 250 state park properties across more than 113,000 acres, including 362 miles on the coast. It’s one of the country’s most popular state park systems, receiving the third most visitors for day-use out of any state park system, according to the agency.

The agency mostly relies on lottery funds and user fees, including day-use parking fees of \$10 for in-state residents and \$12 for out-of-state visitors at many popular sites.

“Free parking would create a substantial gap in the agency’s budget that would have to be filled by a stable source of funding that can address current and future needs,” agency spokesperson Lauren Wirtis said in an email. “The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is not aware of any such source.”

About half of the agency’s \$393.4 million two-year budget comes from lottery funds, a funding system voters passed in 1998 when they voted in favor of a ballot measure splitting 15% of state lottery proceeds between state parks, beaches and wildlife conservation efforts. A third of the agency’s budget relies on money generated through camping, day-use and RV registration fees. Federal funds make up the remainder of the budget.

Last summer, the agency faced a 14%

budget shortfall because of increasing costs, record visitation, and declining lottery funds. In response, it increased several of its fees, including day-use fees that only exist at the most visited parks.

It’s too soon to tell whether these changes have stabilized the budget, Wirtis said, but it’s the only option the agency has to address budget constraints.

Javadi doesn’t have a concrete proposal yet, but he said he doesn’t want to defund the agency either.

“Oregon’s state parks are underfunded, so I do not think we can simply eliminate parking fees without replacing that revenue,” he said.

He said he’s open to realigning the programs that receive lottery funds, using the transient lodging tax lawmakers recently increased to fund

state park operations or potentially increasing or adding day-use and camping fees for out-of-state residents at all of Oregon’s state parks. Another option he said he’d consider is making state park access free during the week.

Past proposal looks to other states

Residents in at least a dozen states, including Montana, Idaho and Michigan, can buy an annual state parks pass at the time of registering a vehicle.

Oregon doesn’t have an option to buy a state parks pass while registering a car. Instead, it offers an annual day-use state parks pass for \$60 for state residents and \$75 for out-of-state residents for purchase on the agency’s website or in person at some parks.

Rep. Rob Nosse, D-Portland, introduced a bill in 2025 offering to eliminate day-use state park passes with an option for Oregonians to donate \$19 to the park system. The bill didn’t receive a hearing and died in the committee process. In an interview, Nosse said the bill wasn’t a priority then as the Oregon Legislature grappled with an impending transportation budget crisis.

The goal of the bill wasn’t necessarily to make state parks free, but to support a more robust funding system for the agency as long as Oregon could maintain a certain threshold of participation, said Justin Boyle, a conservation advocate for Environment Oregon who worked on the bill.

“It is really just a more

convenient way to purchase an annual pass,” Boyle said, adding that he’s planning to work on legislators in 2027 for a similar proposal.

Existing free options to visit Oregon State Parks

More than 150 of Oregon’s 250 state parks are free to visit.

Additionally, the agency last month launched a Library Pass Program, allowing families to borrow any of the 200 day-use parking permits handed out to 82 libraries statewide. Each participating library has at least four parking permits, while libraries closest to state parks have more passes.

The agency also offers special access passes for free camping four nights per month and free parking year-round for foster families, veterans with disabilities and active-duty military on official leave.

Javadi said he is considering ways to expand free state park access to Oregonians who qualify for the Oregon Health Plan or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

<https://oregon-capitalchronicle.com/2026/07/30/oregon-lawmaker-says-hell-introduce-bill-to-make-state-parks-free-to-residents/>

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lic hearing to consider
VAR 2026-02 5100 NW
Keel on Tuesday, August
18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
The public hearing will
be held in the council
chambers at City Hall,
801 SW Hwy 101, Lin-
coln City, Oregon. Any
person who may be
affected is invited to
attend and participate
in the hearing and pre-
sent written and/or oral
testimony concerning
the project. The Lincoln
City Planning and Com-
munity Development
Department received an
application for a vari-
ance from the minimum
lot size requirements in
the Roads End Zone.
The subject property is
addressed as 5100 NW
Keel Ave, and is iden-
tified as Assessor's Map
06-11-34-DD-0400-00.
The property owners and
applicants are Robert
Alton and Linda Alton
Cotrustees. The applica-
ble criteria governing this
review are: Lincoln
City Municipal Code
(LCMC) Chapter 17.17
Single-Unit Residential,
Roads End Zone (R1RE);
Section 17.76.050 Type
III Procedure; and Sec-
tion 17.77.140 Variance.
A copy of the staff report
will be available for
inspection at no cost at
least seven days prior to
the hearing and will be
provided at reasonable
cost to individuals who
request it. The complete
file may be reviewed
online at www.lincolncityor.gov by
going to Departments in
the top bar, then Planning
& Community Develop-
ment, then Land Use
Cases, then Variance,
and then VAR 2026-02
5100 NW Keel. The appli-
cation, all documents and
evidence submitted by
or on behalf of the ap-
plicant, and applica-
ble criteria are available
for inspection at no cost
and will be provided at
reasonable cost upon
request at Lincoln City
Planning and Commu-
nity Development, 801
SW Hwy 101. For addi-
tional information,
please contact Weston
Fritz, Senior Planner, at
wfritz@lincolncityor.org
or 541.996.1226. Future
of an issue to be raised
in a hearing in person,
or by letter/email, or failure
to provide statements
or evidence sufficient
to afford the Planning
Commission and/or City
Council an opportunity
to respond to the issue,
precludes appeal to the
Land Use Board of
Appeals (LUBA). Please
email your comments to
Planning@lincolncityor.org
or mail to Lincoln City
Planning and Commu-
nity Development, PO Box
120, Lincoln City, Oregon
97367. This meeting will
be rebroadcast on Char-
ter Channel 4 Lincoln
City at various times.
This meeting will also
be available for viewing
at www.lincolncityor.gov/publicmeetings.
The meeting location
is accessible to persons
with disabilities. A
request for an interpreter
for the hearing impaired,
or for other accommoda-
tions for persons with
disabilities, should be
made at least 48 hours
in advance of the meet-
ing. Contact the City's
ADA Coordinator, Kevin
Mattias, at 541-996-1221
or kmattias@lincolncityor.org
to request information
in an alternate format
or other assistance. Those
requesting to give public
comment via telephone
must email Planning@lincolncityor.org
no later than noon on
the meeting day. The
request must include the
speaker's name, the case
the person wishes to ad-
dress, and the phone num-
ber the person intends to
use. Instructions will be
sent to the speaker. 8/5/26

LCL26-377 TRUSTEE'S
NOTICE OF SALE. TS
NO.: 25-76695

Reference is made to that
certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred
as the Trust Deed) made
by SARAH D. COG AND
TRISTIN JOHN SMITH,
NOT AS TENANTS IN
COMMON, BUT WITH
THE RIGHTS OF SUR-
VIVORSHIP as Grantor
to WESTERN TITLE AND
ESCROW, as trustee,
in favor of Mortgage
Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc. ("MERS"),
as designated nominee
for CORNERSTONE
FIRST MORTGAGE,
INC., beneficiary of the
security instrument, its
successors and assigns,
as Beneficiary, dated
12/13/2021, recorded
12/14/2021, as Instru-
ment No. 2021-15554,
in mortgage records of
Lincoln County, Oregon
covering the following
described real property
situated in said County
and State, to-wit: LOTS
AND 8, BLOCK 1,
PETERSON PARK NO. 4,
IN THE CITY OF WALD-
PORT, COUNTY OF LIN-
COLN, STATE OF ORE-
GON. The street address
or other common desig-
nation, if any for the
real property described
above is purported to be
1360 SOUTHEAST
BIRGINIA PLAZA, WALD-
PORT, OREGON 97394.
The Tax Assessor's
Account ID for the Real
Property is purported to
be: R509649 & R53110
Both the beneficiary
and the trustee, ZBS
Law, LLP have elected
to foreclose the above
described Trust Deed,
and sell the said real
property to satisfy the
obligations secured by
the Trust Deed and a
Notice of Default and
Election to Sell has been
recorded pursuant to
ORS 86.752(3). All right,
title, and interest in the
said described prop-
erty which the grantors
had, or had power to
convey, at the time of
execution of the Trust

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Deed, together with any
interest the grantors or
their successors in inter-
est acquired after exe-
cution of the Trust Deed
shall be sold at public
auction to the highest
bidder for cash to satisfy
the obligations secured
by the Trust Deed and
the expenses of sale,
including the compen-
sation of the trustee as
provided by law, and
the reasonable fees of
trustee's attorneys. The
default for which the
foreclosure is made is:
The monthly installment
of principal and interest
which became due on
7/1/2025, late charges,
and all subsequent
monthly installments of
principal and interest.
You are responsible to
pay all payments and
charges due under the
terms and conditions
of the loan documents
which come due sub-
sequent to the date of
this notice, including,
but not limited to, fore-
closure trustee fees and
costs, advances and late
charges. Furthermore, as
a condition to bring your
account in good stand-
ing, you must provide
the undersigned with
written proof that you
are not in default on any
senior encumbrance and
provide proof of insur-
ance. Nothing in this
notice should be con-
strued as a waiver of any
claim or claim being
owed to the Benefici-
ary under the deed of
trust, pursuant to the
terms and provisions of
the loan documents. The
amount required to cure
the default in payments
to date is calculated as
follows: From: 7/1/2025
Total of past due pay-
ments: \$24,190.76 Late
Charges: \$190.08 Addi-
tional charges (Taxes,
Insurance, Corporate
Advances, Other Fees):
\$2,183.12 Trustee's Fees
and Costs: \$1,829.50
Total necessary to cure:
\$28,393.46 Please
note the amounts stat-
ed above are subject to
confirmation and
review and are likely to
change during the next
30 days. Please contact
the successor trustee
ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain
a "reinstatement" and
or "payoff" quote prior
to remitting funds. By re-
ceipt of said default the
beneficiary has declared
all sums owing on the
obligation secured by
the Trust Deed due and
payable. The amount
required to discharge
this lien in its entirety
to date is: \$378,762.48
Said sale shall be held
at the hour of 10:00
AM on 10/23/2026 in
accord with the standard
of time established by
ORS 187.110, and pur-
suant to ORS 86.771(7)
shall occur at the fol-
lowing designated place:
At the south entrance
of the Lincoln County
Courthouse, 225 S. Olive
St, Newport, OR 97365
Other than as shown of
record, neither the said
beneficiary nor the said
trustee have any actual
notice of any person hav-
ing or claiming to have
any lien upon or interest
in the property described
above subsequent to the
interest of the trustee in
the Trust Deed, or of any
successor(s) in interest
to the grantors or of any
lessee or other person in
possession of or occupying
the property, except:
NONE. Notice is hereby
given that any person
named in ORS 86.778
has the right, at any time
prior to five days before
the date last set for sale,
to have this foreclosure
proceeding dismissed
and the Trust Deed rein-
stated by payment to the
beneficiary of the entire
amount then due (other
than such portion of the
principal as would not
then be due had no default
occurred) and by curing
any other default complai-
ned of herein that is
capable of being cured
by tendering the perfor-
mance of the obligation(s)
under the obligation(s)
of the Trust Deed, and
in addition to paying
said sums or tendering
the performance neces-
sary to cure the default,
by paying all costs and
expenses actually in-
curred in enforcing the
obligation and Trust
Deed, together with the
trustee's and attorney's
fees not exceeding the
amounts provided by
ORS 86.778. The mail-
ing address of the trust-
ee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5
Centerpointe Dr., Suite
400 Lake Oswego, OR
97035 (503) 946-6558
In construing this notice,
the masculine gender in-
cludes the feminine
and the neuter, the sin-
gular includes plural,
the word "grantor" in-
cludes 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 "trust-
ee" and "beneficiary"
include their respective
successors in interest,
if any. Without limiting
the trustee's disclaimer
of representation or
warranties, Oregon law
requires the trustee to
state in this notice that
some residential prop-
erty sold at a trustee's
sale may have been
used in manufacturing
methamphetamine, 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.
Without disclaiming the
Trustee's disclaimer
of representations or
warranties, Oregon law
requires the Trustee to
state in this notice that
some residential prop-
erty sold at a Trustee's
sale may have been
used in manufacturing
methamphetamine, the
chemical components of
which are known to be
toxic. Prospective
purchasers of residen-
tial property should be
aware of this potential
danger before deciding
to place a bid for this
property. In construing
this notice, the mascu-
line gender includes the
feminine and the neuter,
the singular includes plu-
ral, the word "Grantor"
includes any successor
in interest to the Grantor
as well as any other per-
sons having an obliga-
tion, the performance of
which is secured by said
Trust Deed, the words
"Trustee" and "Bene-
ficiary" includes their
respective successors in
interest, if any. Effective
March 1, 2026, new fed-
eral regulations (89 Fed.
Res. 1258) will apply to
residential real property
(1-4 residential units) title
transfers to covered enti-
ties trusts, with report-
ing requirements unless
exempt. [https://www.federalregister.gov/docu-
ments/2024/08/29/2024-
19198/24-19198-1](https://www.federalregister.gov/docu-
ments/2024/08/29/2024-
19198/24-19198-1) mon-
ey-laundering-regula-
tions-for-residential-re-
al-estate-transfers
Dated: 06/18/2026 By:
Nathan F. Smith, OSB
#120112 Successor
Trustee Malcolm & Cis-
neros, A Law Corpora-
tion Attention: Nathan
F. Smith, OSB #120112
c/o TRUSTEE CORPS
17100 Gillette Ave.,
Irvine, CA 92614 949-
252-8300 NPP0491007
To: LINCOLN COUNTY
LEADER 07/29/2026,
08/05/2026, 08/12/2026,
08/19/2026

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31 CFR § 1031.320(n)
(10-11), you may be
required to provide evi-
dence of the exemption
supported by a declara-
tion under penalty of
perjury. If the Trustee's
Deed Upon Sale cannot
be issued due to a qual-
ified transferee's failure
or inability to provide
the necessary reporting
information, the qual-
ified transferee will be
responsible for all fees
and costs to re-notice
the trustee's sale. Dated:
6/9/2026 ZBS Law, LLP
By: Amber Labrecque,
Esq., OSB#24593
ZBS Law, LLP Authorized
to sign on behalf of the
trustee EPP 48232 Pub
Dates 08/05, 08/12,
08/19, 08/26/2026

LCL26-376 IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE STATE
OF OREGON FOR
THE COUNTY OF
LINCOLN PROBATE
DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the
Estate of LEATRICE LIEL
LILY, Deceased. Probate
Case No. 26PB05650
NOTICE TO INTEREST-
ED PERSONS NOTICE
IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the undersigned has
been appointed personal
representative. All persons
having claims against
the estate are required
to present them within
four (4) months after the
date of the publication
of this Notice, or their
claims may be barred.
Claims are to be pre-
sented at the address
of the attorney for the
Estate, the personal rep-
resentative, set forth below. All per-
sons whose rights may
be affected by this estate
proceeding may obtain
additional information
from the records of the
Circuit Court, the per-
sonal representative, J.F.
Ouderikirk, attorney for
the personal representa-
tive. Date of publication:
August 5, 2026 J.F.Oud-
erikirk, OSB # 752903
Attorney for the Personal
Representative 541-574-
1630 P.O. Box 1167 615
SW Hubert Street, Suite
A Newport, OR 97365
Amanda Wilcox, Person-
al Representative, P.O.
Box 1167 Newport, OR
97365 Telephone: 541-
574-1630 8/5/26

LCL26-385 IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE STATE OF
OREGON FOR THE
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
Probate Department

Case No. 26PB0348
NOTICE TO INTER-
ESTED PERSONS In
the Matter of the Estate
of MARY ELIZABETH
CONSOR NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that
Capella Lapham has
been appointed Per-
sonal Representative of
the Estate. All persons
having claims against
the Estate are required
to present them to the
undersigned attorney
for the Personal Rep-
resentative at 1271 NE
Highway 99W Ste 514,
McMinnville, OR 97128.
Within four months after
date of publication of
this Notice, as stated
below, or the claims may
be barred. All persons
whose rights may be
affected by the proceed-
ings in the Estate may
obtain additional infor-
mation from the records
of the Court, the Per-
sonal Representative or
the attorney for the Per-
sonal Representative. Dated
and first published on
August 5, 2026. Capella
Lapham Personal Rep-
resentative Sean Dunning,
OSB #210647 Dunning
Litigation LLC Attorneys
for the Personal Rep-
resentative 1271 NE Highway
99W Ste 514 McMinn-
ville, OR 97128 Phone:
(971)237-8312 Email:
sean@dunninglitigation.com
8/5/26

LCL26-384 PUBLIC
LIEN SALE: U-STORE
SELF STORAGE

Auction to be held online
at storageauctions.com
Auction will run from:
08/11/2026 10am &
ends 08/12/2026 10am
05 NE 73rd St Newport,
OR 97365 Vicki Lanegan
#528, Steven Perry
#1706, Lynda Prust
#247303 GOODS OF
EVERY DESCRIPTION
SOLD BY STORAGE
LOT, CASH & CRED-
IT CARD ONLY 8/5/26
8/12/26

LCL26-372
FORECLOSURE SALE

At The Storage Place/
South Beach Mini Stor-
age, 4822 S Coast Hwy
South Beach OR 97366.
Starting at 10:30am on
8/07/25 for unit #B13
rented by Robert Har-
vey, unit #B27 rented
by Steve Lamb 7/29/26
8/5/26

LCL26-371 PURSUANT
TO ORS CHAPTER 819

Notice is hereby given
that the following vehicle
will be sold, for cash to
the highest bidder, on
8/10/2026. The sale will
be held at 10:00am by
ROWLEY'S TOWING
4822 S COAST HWY
23, BEACH, OR 9735
TOYOTAC LIL VIN =
3TMAZ5CN1PM219720
Amount due on lien
\$6675.70 Reputed own-
er(s) > MITCHELL A &
SHANNON M PARSONS
TOYOTA MOTOR CRED-
IT CORP 7/29/26 8/5/26

LCL26-369 TS NO.
OR06000002-26-1 APN
R504599-11 08-11-21-
AD-00501-00 TO NO
260001360-OR-MSI

Reference is made to that
certain Trust Deed made
by SCOTT C. MUM-
FORD, AN UNMAR-
RIED MAN as Grantor
to FIDELITY NATIONAL
TITLE INSURANCE as
Trustee, in favor of U.S.
BANK NATIONAL ASSO-
CIATION as Beneficiary
dated as of May 1, 2020
and recorded on May 4,
2020 as Instrument
No. 2020-04363 and re-
recorded on August 29,
2026 as Instrument No.
2026-03002 of official
records in the Office of
the Recorder of Lincoln
County, Oregon to-wit:
APN: R504599-11 08-11-
21-AD-00501-00 LOT 5,
BLOCK 1, SEAGROVE
IN LINCOLN COUNTY,
OREGON, ACCORD-
ING TO THE OFFICIAL
PLAT THEREOF FILED
ON JUNE 11, 1981, IN
PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE
39, LINCOLN COUNTY
RECORDS. Commonly
known as: 75 SCHOOL
HILLS LOOP LINCOLN
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the Beneficiary, U.S.
Bank National Associ-
ation, and the Trustee,
Nathan F. Smith, OSB
#120112, have elect-
ed to sell the said real

to present them to the
under-signed personal
representative at 2604
NE HWY 101, Ste B,
Lincoln City, OR 97367,
within four months after
the date of first publica-
tion of this notice, or the
claims may be barred.
All persons whose rights
may be affected by the
proceedings may obtain
additional information
from the records of the
Court, the personal rep-
resentative, or the lawyer
for the personal repre-
sentative. DATED AND
PUBLISHED ON: August
5, 2026. /s/ Marilee Mil-
lan, Personal Representa-
tive 8/5/26

LCL26-386 IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE STATE
OF OREGON FOR
THE COUNTY OF
LINCOLN PROBATE
DEPARTMENT

ESTATE OF THEODORE
HERBERT WILCOX,
DECEASED CASE No.
23PB03317 NOTICE TO
INTERESTED PERSONS
Notice is given pursu-
ant to ORS 113.155 that
Amanda Wilcox is the
appointed personal
representative of the
above estate. All persons
having claims against
the estate are required
to present them within
four (4) months after the
date of the publication
of this Notice, or their
claims may be barred.
Claims are to be pre-
sented at the address
of the attorney for the
Estate, the personal rep-
resentative, set forth below. All per-
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ings in the Estate may
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mation from the records
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Lapham Personal Rep-
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OSB #210647 Dunning
Litigation LLC Attorneys
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said Trust Deed and
notice has been record-
ed 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 pay-
ments which became
due Monthly Payment(s):
8 Monthly Payment(s)
from 07/01/2025 to
02/28/2026 at \$1,462.14
4 Monthly Payment(s)
from 03/01/2026 to
06/30/2026 at \$1,494.81
Total Late Charges(s):
Total Late Charge(s):
Total Late Charge(s):
at \$43.07 By this reason
of said Default the Ben-
eficiary has declared all
obligations secured by
said Trust Deed imme-
diately due and payable,
said sums being the fol-
lowing, to-wit: The sum
of \$2,202,054.00 together
with interest thereon at
the rate of 2.99000%
per annum from June
1, 2025 until paid; plus
all accrued late charges
thereon; and all Trustee's
fees, foreclosure costs
and any sums advanced
by the Beneficiary pur-
suant to the Trust Deed
(("Deed of Trust"), in
Trust Deed. Wherefore,
notice is hereby given
that, the undersigned
Trustee will on Novem-
ber 10, 2026 at the hour
of 01:00 PM, Standard
of Time, as established
by Section 187.110, Ore-
gon 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 execu-
tion of the said Trust
Deed, together with any
interest which the Grant-
or or his successors in
interest acquired after
the execution of said
Trust Deed, to satisfy
the foregoing obliga-
tions thereby secured and
the costs and expenses
of sale, including a reason-
able charge by the Trust-
ee. Notice is further given
that any person named
in Section 86.778 of Ore-
gon Revised Statutes
has the right to have the
foreclosure proceeding
dismissed and the Trust
Deed reinstated by pay-
ment 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
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other default complained
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Default by tendering the
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under the obligation
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Health FACT:

This refreshing fruit is an excellent source of lycopene, which helps keep the heart healthy.

Answer: Dog

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.
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	3		28
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16		6	24
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Solution

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

LCESI FO MNOEL

Answer: Slice of melon

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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1610: During Henry Hudson's search for the Northwest Passage, he sails into what is now known as Hudson Bay.

1776: The signing of the United States Declaration of Independence takes place.

1939: The space shuttle Atlantis is launched to deploy the TDRS-5 satellite.

NEW WORD

HYDRATE

cause the body to absorb water

How they say that in...

English: Watermelon
Spanish: Sandía
Italian: Cocomero
French: Pastèque
German: Wassermelone

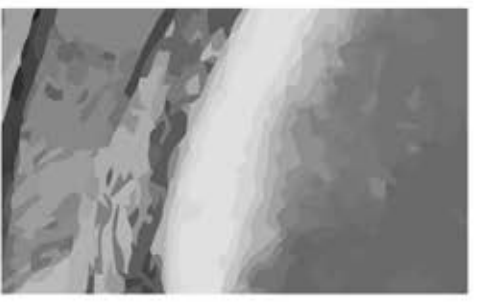


Did You Know?

Watermelon contains 92 percent water. That means that watermelon is both tasty and can help keep the body hydrated.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Watermelon

FAIR DAYS

WORD SEARCH



U	I	K	C	O	T	S	E	V	I	L	Z	C	T	T	R	B	S	D	S
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

APPLES
BLUE RIBBON
CARNIVAL
CAROUSEL
CHURRO
COASTER
CONCERT
CORNDOG
COTTON CANDY
EXHIBIT
FERRIS WHEEL
FRIES
FUNNEL CAKE
GAMES
GRAND STAND
JUDGES
LEMONADE
LIVESTOCK
MIDWAY
POPCORN
PRIZE
QUILT
RACING
TRACTOR

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

AHH GEEZ, I LOOK ROUGH. I GOTTA MAKE SOME CHANGES.

HMM, MAYBE A NEW HAIRSTYLE AND FACELIFT FOLLOWED BY A IRIGOROUS WORKOUT REGIMEN?

YEP, THAT WOULD DO IT. THROW IN SOME FANCY NEW DUDS AND I'LL LOOK LIKE A MILLION BUCKS.

AH HECK, WHY MESS WITH A CLASSIC.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

MY DOCTOR TELLS ME I'M OVERWEIGHT. I PREFER TO THINK I'M CALORICALLY UPSCALE.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

IT'S NICE OUT!!

I THINK I'LL LEAVE IT OUT.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

RIGHT HERE'S WHERE THAT SKUNK GOT STRIPE!

THIS IS WHERE WE GOT THE POISON IVY. REMEMBER?

HERE'S THE MUP HOLE WHERE I LOST MY SHOE

HERE'S WHERE THAT BIG SNAKE SCARED US!

THIS SWAMP IS BUG HEAVEN!

I KNOW WHY PEOPLE INVENTED INDOORS!

OLIVE & POPEYE

By Randy Milholland

DOT'S WOT YA GET FOR MESSIN' WIT' DA CROWN JEWEL OF DA SQUEEGEE ISLANDS!

BONK!

GUESS HE GOT THE DROP ON US. ARF! ARF!

NO WORD-PLAY. I'M SUFFERING ENOUGH.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

WE NEED TO GIVE UP AND ADMIT WE'RE NOT SMART ENOUGH TO FIGURE THIS OUT. MAYBE THE NEIGHBOR KID CAN COME OVER AND HELP.

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: G equals R

VL NZPGP QPGP S OVBRY

GPEVHVBR Y HGBRO LBRXCPC

AD BXP BL NZP APSNEPY,

QBREC NZPD AP EPXXBXVNPY?

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!

Avoid EGHED

Quench EATS

Lovely SCINCE

Follow ALIRT

TODAY'S WORD

"Bad news, Dad — my grades are pretty awful, but at least that shows that I'm not _____."

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.

DAB PUQPLDPNB MY KMFJXLN

UPE PLU LJNAD JO DAPD EMR

BPFL BLMRNA DM HPE DAB

UMWDMF KABL EMR TFBPX

UMKL. — OHBPXBF RLXLMKL

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries border Argentina?

2. GAMES: What is a perfect score in a bowling game?

3. TELEVISION: In the animated series "Family Guy," what kind of creature is often fighting with Peter?

4. COMICS: What is the name of Batman's butler?

5. FOOD & DRINK: What ingredient gives the Greek liquor ouzo its distinctive taste?

6. LITERATURE: What are the names of Nancy Drew's best friends in the detective novel series?

7. MOVIES: What brand-name underwear does Marty McFly have in the movie "Back to the Future"?

8. SCIENCE: What is the Prime Meridian?

9. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Carlsbad Caverns National Park?

10. ASTRONOMY: What is the largest moon of Saturn?

Answers

1. Five: Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil

2. 300.

3. Ernie, the giant chicken.

4. Alfred Pennyworth.

5. Anise.

6. Bess and George.

7. Calvin Klein.

8. An imaginary line at 0-degree longitude.

9. New Mexico.

10. Titan.

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CryptoQuote

down. — Speaker Unknown

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day and night is that you

The advantage of working

answer

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by one of the Beatles,

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If there were a pious

Cryptoquip

answer

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Hedge; 2. Sate

3. Scenic; 4. Trail

Today's Word

CHEATING



Matt Hager is no stranger to long trips, this one will see him cross the United States. (Courtesy photos from the Pedaling Pilgrim blog)



Hager, left, and his traveling companions, Geeto Reilly and Lecy.

Newport to Newport: Group prepped for cross-country bike ride

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

Three friends are about to set off on the journey of a lifetime, launching a coast-to-coast bike ride from Newport, OR, to Newport, RI, in fulfillment of a long-held dream.

Illinois resident Matt Hager has lived and traveled many places in the United States, but has long aspired to undertake the challenge of a continent-crossing bike ride.

“The inspiration is something that I’ve been thinking about since I was about 12 years old. I had a friend back at that time, and both of us had seen the Tour de France once or twice, and heard about some kind of cross-country bike ride that was going on, and thought that might be something that’d be cool to do someday,” Hager said. “For whatever reason, that seed that was planted when I was like 12 years old just never came about until recently.”

Hager’s youngest daughter is preparing to start graduate school in Corvallis, and with her

heading out to Oregon, he couldn’t resist following up on his dream trip. He decided he wanted to drive out to Oregon with his daughter, and return home by bike, jump-starting his pedal-propelled odyssey.

Rather than start from Corvallis, Hager elected to begin his journey in Newport, ensuring that the bike will get baptized in the Pacific ahead of the 3,730-mile traverse to Newport, Rhode Island. From there, the route will take them northeast into Washington, Idaho, and Montana. They’ll continue through North Dakota into Minnesota, and take some rest once they reach Batavia, a reset at home base.

“So that’s kind of the first two-thirds of the journey. That’ll be about 40 days or so getting back here,” Hager said. “And then, from [Illinois] to the East Coast is about another 20 days.”

But Hager won’t just be making the trip alone. Hager is biking with longtime friends Geeto Reilly and Mark Lecy. The three met in college and have stayed in touch since their university

days. All three are excited to get on the roads and see for themselves what the challenge of the ride will be, as well as seeing the country up close and personal. While Hager, 58, and Reilly, 60, are retired, Lecy, 58, is still working. Ahead of the trip, Lecy is still planning to work remotely on the road, though how that’s supposed to work with so much time in the saddle is not something Hager is going to worry about.

For Hager, the largest concerns come relating to more practical needs and safety on the road. The group will be spending time with friends at various stops on the way, like in Walla Walla, Minneapolis, and Bismarck, ND, but they’ll also be doing a mix of camping and hotel/motel stays. With some of the areas they are traveling through being less populous, Hager and his group are making sure to provision wisely. With sometimes more than 100 miles between towns, the group will need to plan their stops proactively. Especially considering the distances they’ll be cycling.

“On a hot day, I go through about five liters of water over 60 miles, and most of our days are gonna be like 65 miles or more. And if this heat kind of continues, then we better figure out where along the way we’re gonna make sure we can stock up for water and have water for the day that we’re in, as well as waking up with water the next morning to start our journey if we’re in the middle of nowhere,” Hager said. “And then just making sure that we’re carrying enough food along with us, in case we have to go for long stretches, but not carrying, you know, a 20-pound grocery sack because the weight just adds more work.”

Also important to note is that Hager is a type 1 diabetic, which Hager described as an “extra challenge, if it wasn’t hard enough already.” While it requires a little bit more planning, Hager said that it’s not a barrier that will keep him from chasing after his goals.

“I’ve done other things, and I guess some of this is just to prove to people that you can be a type 1

diabetic and still have a completely normal life and do all the challenging things that everybody else can do,” Hager said. “You just have to think a little bit more wisely and strategically about it.”

No stranger to long trips in the elements, Hager is excited to get the trip on the road. In scale, this trip is similar to a kayak trip from the source of the Mississippi to New Orleans. That trip was 2,100 miles over about 75 days. Hager said provisioning for that excursion was a challenge that has him feeling confident this time around.

For this upcoming journey, Hager and the crew will start in Oregon, and it’s his third time visiting the state. He saw some of the state visiting it before his daughter decided on grad school in the Pacific Northwest, and he described it as “beautiful.” He and his travel companions will be staying at the Elizabeth Oceanfront Suites in Newport on Aug. 6 ahead of their first leg, which will start on the morning of Aug. 7.

Hager and his friends

will make the entirety of their journey on standard bicycles, not E-bikes in sight. For this crew, the journey is as much about pushing through adversity and meeting the challenge as it is about enjoying a nice view.

“All pedal power,” Hager said. “If it wasn’t a challenge, I would not be so interested in it. If it’s just a sightseeing trip, then well, why don’t I just do that from the comfort of the car? So it’s not about a sightseeing, luxury tour. It’s about pushing yourself mentally and physically and seeing what you become as a result of that.”

If people are curious about how the journey progresses, they can follow Hager and his companions at pedalingpilgrim.blog. He will be posting daily updates about how their travels are unfolding, and he wants to let other people “share in the journey” as much as possible.

Keep an eye out for him, Lecy, and Reilly in Newport on Aug. 7, they’ll be making the first strides of their more than 3,000 mile trek that day.

Researchers look for clues about disappearance of old, female rockfish

ALEX BAUMHARDT

Oregon Capital Chronicle

Off the coasts of California, Oregon, Washington, Canada and Alaska, three species of female rockfish have largely disappeared in the last 40 years.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife scientists hope to learn why when they board an Oregon State University trawler Aug. 1 for two weeks — including a two-day journey westward across 322 miles of ocean — to the Cobb Seamount and the edge of the North Pacific Gyre to search for the old females.

The seamount is an inactive underwater volcano that has created a solid ocean shelf where marine ecosystems thrive, and the gyre is one of Earth’s five large, rotating ocean currents. It spans from North America to Asia and stops at the equator, where the currents of the South Pacific Gyre pick up.

Some records from federal scientists and fishing crews in the 1960s detail sightings of larger, perhaps old, female black, canary and yellowtail rockfish that have largely today disappeared from Oregon’s Coast.

They are three of 86 species of rockfish found in Oregon, and both male

and female black and yellowtails can live up to 60 years, while canary rockfish can live even a decade longer.

But commercial and recreational fishing crews and fisheries managers up and down the West Coast of the U.S. and Canada for the last few decades have caught very few females over 30 years old. Most of the female population begins to decline after 12 years, leaving almost exclusively males, explained Leif Rasmuson, who leads the rockfish research at ODFW’s Marine Fisheries Research Program.

For the department, knowing whether the old females exist, and whether they still reproduce, is helpful for managing fisheries and catch limits to balance ocean fish stocks. The rockfish are sexually mature at 6 years old, so the disappearance of the elder females off the Coast has not yet been detrimental to stocks managed by the state.

But Rasmuson said the research is also about alleviating concerns over unanswered, “disconcerting” questions about the future of the species and whether they are dying of causes set off by a toppling domino wall of human effects. If they find the older

females, he and the crew will study whether they are genetically related to nearshore populations of rockfish, and whether their diet differs from other populations and will tag and release some to learn about any migration patterns.

Hypotheses

Among the lesser possible explanations, according to Rasmuson, is that the older females are out in the ocean, clustered in spots along the West Coast from California to Alaska, but just in places that all researchers, commercial and recreational fishing crews and fisheries managers have just completely overlooked for the last four decades.

“That seems highly improbable to me,” he said. “Fishermen are really good at catching fish, and I just struggle to envision a way where females get this magical ability to avoid every type of fishing gear ever known to man on the entire West Coast.”

Another hypothesis is that fishing crews are catching and killing more young black, canary and yellowtail female rockfish than males, keeping the females from growing old. But, Rasmuson said, only those three rockfish species lack evidence of older females. The other 83 species of rockfish that

live off the Oregon Coast don’t have the same problem, indicating fishing is not cutting into the overall ratio of females in the overwhelming majority of species.

Another option is that aging females are swimming very far north or south somewhere. Researchers in Alaska have tagged some females that have gone as far as the Bering Sea, but they weren’t very old when they were found there, Rasmuson explained.

Still another possibility is that the females swim from shore and go out into the middle of the North Pacific Gyre as they age. He said that articles from the 1960s and later research from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration detail black rockfish in the gyre that were larger than most of their species, indicating perhaps advanced age.

If it is the case that the females go out to age in the gyre, it opens up even more questions for Rasmuson and the other researchers.

“The thing is, if it’s just old females that go out into the middle of the gyre and there aren’t a bunch of males, what does that mean? Is it just like a retirement home for old females?” he asked. “It’s hard to wrap your

mind around. Why is this evolutionarily stable? What’s the point? Is it: ‘Hey, we just go out there and hang out for the last 40 years of our lives?’”

To him, the most probable hypothesis is that the females are dying at younger ages of some sort of natural cause, which could still be human-influenced, such as the loss during the last century of an important food source they need.

Dicey international waters

It was not easy to get permission to go to the seamount to catch fish for research, according to Rasmuson. It’s located in international waters and regulated by an international intergovernmental group called the North Pacific Fisheries Commission that includes representatives from the United States, Russia, Korea, Japan, China and Canada, among others.

In those waters there is effectively a moratorium on commercial fishing, and growing international skepticism of the motivations of the U.S. government led other member nations to scrutinize the research and researchers more heavily, Rasmuson said.

Some commission officials shared concerns about the research boat possibly scouting deep

sea mining areas, and representatives from Japan and Korea threatened to come aboard the ship to ensure the researchers are not doing any illegal fishing, he explained. When he proposed the team be allowed to catch and take with them 50 fish, commission officials were shocked, he said, believing it was a proposal for 50 tons of fish.

He said representatives from the U.S. did not help to make the process smoother, but the Canadian delegation stepped in to vouch for the researchers.

“The United States kind of dropped the ball. We’ve just had to lean on Canada,” he said. “It’s still been an ongoing adventure on the policy side.”

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