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## Finding Closure In Death



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The Last Words Mailbox Alters can be found around Lincoln City at Josephine Young Memorial Park, Siletz Bay Park and Nesika Park. The mailboxes will remain in town from May until the end of June.



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Has someone you love died? What were your last words together? Do you wish you would have said something different, said more, or said less?

These are some of the questions Activate Arts hopes to bring closure to with its latest project: Last Words.

Crystal Akins, Activate Arts Founder and Executive Director, helped place the Last Words Mailbox Alters around Lincoln

City this past week. The art installations are located at Josephine Young Memorial Park, Siletz Bay Park and Nesika Park in Lincoln City and are meant to be interactive art that comes to life through communicating with the dead. Akins detailed the ways you can interact with this altars.

"You can write a letter of Last Words to a person you love that has died, you can leave an offering like a flower, a picture, a feather, sage, sweetgrass, a rock, or even write

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## Cases up, vaccinations going down

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Guest Contributor

Public Information Officer Susan Trachsel of the Lincoln County Public Health Department provided a comprehensive COVID update to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on April 26.

While there was a small decrease in the number of cases of COVID for the two-week period ending April 24, the overall number of cases increased in April, though Lincoln County remained in the High Risk category, even as many Oregon counties moved to Extreme Risk.

"Our positive rate is 5.5%, Up past last fall's levels, but not quite at the rate of the surge in December and January," Trachsel said, noting that Oregon cases, hospitalizations and deaths are trending upward.

Trachsel called the commissioners' attention to Governor. Kate Brown's statement April 23. "Right now, in the race between vaccines and variants, the variants are gaining ground and have the upper hand. Today's cases topped 100, with Oregon now rating 2nd in the nation for having the most rapid growth of infection

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## City tasked with filling vacant councilor seat

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As the City of Lincoln City prepares to fill the position of mayor during the May Special Election, next month the City Council will also be tasked with filling the vacant seat in Ward 1, left recently by Diana Hinton.

Hinton was re-elected to the city council position during the November 2020 election. The term lasts from Jan. 1, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2024.

Hinton made the emotional resignation announcement at the end of the regularly scheduled April 12 city council meeting. At the meeting, Hinton read aloud a letter she had

wrote to the community.

"City council, staff, friends, neighbors and good citizens of Lincoln City," Hinton began. "Tonight is my last city council meeting as my husband Joe and I have decided to move out of the area. This decision has been hard to make. After a year of COVID, which was followed quickly by the Echo Mountain fire, the importance of proximity to our family became even more evident. Our sons and their families have encouraged us to move closer to them so we can spend more time together.

"To our citizens: in these uneasy times it can be easy to slip into unkind words and posts. It is so important to care for each other with kindness. I saw you come



Diana Hinton

together after the wildfire event to share what you had with those who lost so much.

"Consider, if you are able to and haven't yet, to join others on the city's committees. There is always a welcome mat out for you

to step up to serve your city.

"As a small city, we are fortunate to have excellent staff who do their best to serve every day. We have a fabulous library, terrific trails and recreation facilities, excellent IT experts, strong financial stability (even now), public works that works, visioning for the future, visitor welcome mat, a new police building; all because of our dedicated employees who work with city council to make good decisions.

"Serving Lincoln City and my community has been a great pleasure and honor. I will miss all that it entails. I will greatly miss our friends, city staff and volunteers, community members and the beautiful environment in which we

live. I will miss the council members greatly as we all are devoted to good debate, camaraderie, good humor and good governance. I ask that as council makes future decisions to, please—oh-please, consider livability as you deliberate.

"So after almost a decade of living here, another couple of years of owning a second home and before that over 30 years of visiting, it is time to leave. I have received so many heartfelt good wishes. Thank you for those and thank you for having me. Goodbye."

After her letter, council members fought back tears and Council President Judy Casper read a poem she had wrote for Hinton. That poem is available to view

here.

"We can't quite say goodbye... It's been wonderful working with you," Casper said.

Since the resignation, council has not yet publicly discussed how they plan to fill the vacant seat. During the April 26 meeting, mayoral candidate Susan Wahlke submitted a public comment to the council urging them to postpone the decision until after the May election.

"That decision should not be made without a city mayor," Wahlke said. "As a resident of Ward 1, I thank you for your consideration of my request."

The next city council meeting is scheduled for May 10 at 6 p.m.



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## Democrats Endorse

**Susan Wahlke**  
for  
**Lincoln City Mayor**

Zone 3, Lincoln County  
School District Board

**Mike Rawles**

Zone 4, Lincoln County  
School District Board

**Peter Vince**

Zone 5, Lincoln County  
School District Board

**Senitila McKinley**

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# ‘I chose to save lives’: Brown defends lockdown

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Oregon Gov. Kate Brown defended her decision to impose more COVID-19 restrictions on some parts of the state the same day 15 Oregon counties were forced to close indoor dining and recreation.

“Cases are widespread, driven by new, more contagious variants. Oregon leads the nation for our rate of increase in cases over the last two weeks,” Brown said Friday. “I was presented with data showing two paths Oregon could take.”

Brown explained last week’s decision to cancel a warning period and force the counties into the extreme-risk category of virus restrictions as the choice between those two paths: One path without restrictions and with additional virus deaths, and another path with more restrictions and fewer deaths.

“As your governor, I chose to save lives,” Brown said.

Since she announced her plan to re-impose the restrictions on indoor dining and recreation, the governor has faced significant opposition from impacted businesses and local government leaders concerned about the damaging economic effects of the plan.

Earlier this week, dozens of county officials from across the state signed onto a letter from the Association of Oregon Counties and the Oregon Restaurant &



FILE PHOTO

**Gov. Kate Brown responded to several Oregon county officials who were unhappy with the upcoming lockdowns.**

Lodging Association, calling on the governor to pull back on her plan.

“The variants are indeed troublesome, and we share your concern for their spread. But shutting down our restaurants and further depriving Oregonians of their right to make calculated community engagement risks when the virus continues to spread elsewhere will not result in success,” the 78 county commissioners wrote in the letter.

The county leaders pointed to the toll the pandemic’s restrictions have taken on their communities and economies, saying the restrictions are dividing communities “rather than bringing Oregonians

together” and asking for greater local control over pandemic restrictions.

In response, Brown pointed to the state of the virus.

“What I would respond to in terms of the elected officials and businesses is that COVID is surging across Oregon right now,” Brown said. “It takes community-wide measures to make sure that we can protect our most vulnerable Oregonians.”

While showing no signs of letting up the extreme-risk closures, Brown offered one concession for businesses impacted by the current closures: A plan with state legislators to provide \$20 million in relief funds.

Those funds will be passed to the 15 counties in the extreme-risk category for distribution to businesses, the governor said.

“Economic relief is something I can do as your governor to help Oregonians impacted by this fourth surge. What I can’t do is bring back someone’s life lost to this virus,” Brown said. “That’s why, as hard as this is, we must act immediately.”

State health officials also placed a timeline on the closures, saying Friday the counties in the extreme-risk category will stay there for a maximum of three weeks if case rates follow predicted trends.

Those trends are the basis of the extreme-risk closure policy, said Peter Graven, the Oregon Health & Science University data scientist who helps the state predict how the virus will spread.

“The good news is, when we pair these data together, it shows us that we have just three to four more weeks until we are in good shape,” Graven said. “That’s when cases will fall and our vaccine levels will be high enough that — with basic preventive measures — the virus cannot effectively grow.”

The state officials again pointed to the data to explain why the current spike pushed them to force more closures.

“I think what we’re seeing now is similar to what we saw in the fall. We are seeing an increase in cases across the state, traced to

multiple different sources,” said Dr. Dean Sidelinger, the state epidemiologist. “We’re also seeing an increase in hospitalizations like we saw in the fall: A curve that became very steep and pushed us close to not having the specialized care in intensive care units that every Oregonian deserves, whether they have COVID, or a heart attack or motor vehicle crash.”

Graven said that last point, the increase in hospitalizations, is the state’s main concern, since hospital capacity is limited.

He said his mathematical models show the state could have lost 178 additional lives by the end of summer without the added restrictions, with most coming in the next several weeks.

The governor is still optimistic about lifting restrictions, saying the economy could see a reopening to pre-pandemic life by the end of June.

But that’ll only happen if vaccination rates finally outpace virus spread and hospitalizations, the OHA officials said Friday.

“The balance we’ve had in fighting this disease has really been it’s not policy that drives the change, its policy with people following that policy,” Sidelinger said. “The vast majority of Oregonians are doing what they can to protect themselves and their loved ones, but over these next few weeks, we need more Oregonians to join us.”

# Lincoln County focuses on wildfire preparedness

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The Lincoln County Fire Defense Board, Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office and Lincoln County Public Health are partnering together to prepare community members, business owners, and visitors on local wildfire threat conditions, public safety evacuation response procedures, and efforts individuals can take to be ready for wildfire season.

May 1 is Wildfire Community Preparedness Day; May is a great time to develop a list of the items you can do around your home or property for wildfire mitigation.

Over the next several weeks you will see that many of Lincoln County’s state partners have already or will be kicking off wildfire readiness programs. The county will try to share these when

they are referred to them and post on their local “What’s happening now” webpage.

Locally, due to continued physical distancing, the outreach campaign will be offered in a virtual format until they can be with you again for in person events. Lincoln County is expanding their 2-hour Lincoln County Wildfire Readiness presentation into six modules and adding an additional session for each Fire District/Department of Lincoln County. These sessions, split up into modules will give more flexibility to the community members to pick and choose those sessions of most interest to them.

Wildfire Readiness Community Presentations - Virtual:

All presentations are scheduled from 7-8pm; the recordings and presentation slides will be posted to the

website for access.

The presentations will incorporate specific topics to assist in the planning, mitigation, response, and recovery from wildfire events for both rural and city neighborhood areas.

- Wildfire history and seasonal fire conditions
- How to prepare your home, property, & family
- Evacuation Levels (Be Ready, Be Set, Go Now)
- What to expect if you receive an evacuation order
- Assistance after you evacuate
- How to minimize health effects of smoky conditions

“Coordinating evacuations of neighborhoods for Lincoln County is not a regular occurrence for our public safety agencies,” Sheriff Curtis Landers remarked. “The North County devastating wildfires from last September showed us how extremely important these readiness events are to make sure our community members are ready to pack up their valued belongings, pets, and family members, and leave their

homes quickly.

“These wildfire readiness events are the best way we, as public safety officials, can educate our community members of the three evacuation levels, what to expect when they receive a call from Lincoln Alerts to “GO NOW” or when a Deputy knocks on their door to notify them of a wildfire threat and the best route to take to safety.

“Our Sheriff’s Office has worked hard to mirror our evacuation directions, public messaging and notification processes of our sister counties who experience these conditions every year”.

Chief Rob Murphy, Lincoln County Fire Defense Board Chief remarked, “Wildfire threat is not just a risk for rural areas of Lincoln County; each property owner should take the time to look at their yards and properties and build a defensible space to protect their homes and structures. Lincoln County is generally considered to have a lower threat for wildfire compared to other central and eastern



FILE PHOTO

**Lincoln County is expanding their 2-hour Lincoln County Wildfire Readiness presentation into six modules.**

counties. However, with our expected seasonal weather conditions, our local risk increases.

“Our cooperation as a community to reduce our fire risk, adhere to fire safety rules and stay aware of current conditions are some of the important steps community members can do to protect themselves and assist public safety with seasonal

wildfire risk reduction.”

Lincoln County Emergency Manager, Jenny Demaris, remarked, “Working hand in hand with our public health, fire, and law enforcement partners for emergency evacuation is critical to ensure public safety. As representatives of public health emergency preparedness, we take care to:

- consider the requirements of community members with access and functional needs in our evacuation planning efforts.
  - ensure shelters are available for displaced persons.
  - provide educational resources to minimize the health effects from anticipated smoky conditions.”
- If you are unable to attend one of the sessions or want additional information you can check out the Wildfire Readiness page at <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/emergencymanagement/page/seasonal-hazards-wildfire>.

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# Lincoln County Democrats endorse local candidates

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The Lincoln County Democratic Party Central Committee and the Lincoln County Democratic Club by the Sea have endorsed four candidates for the May 18 special election: Susan Wahlke for Lincoln City Mayor and, in the Lincoln County School Board races, Mike Rawles (District 3) Peter Vince (District 4) and Senitila McKinley (District 5).

Michael Gaskill, Lincoln County Democratic Party Central Committee chairman, noted that all four candidates are running on platforms that reflect the progressive values of the Lincoln County Democrats.

“Local elections matter, but despite our voices and votes having more impact in these races, many people don’t take an active role or even vote for these important offices,” Gaskill said. “We hope to change that pattern by encouraging Democrats and progressive independents to take an active interest in these decisions that will have a direct impact on their lives and, in the case of the school board elections, on the lives of our county’s children.”

Susan Wahlke, a 30-year Lincoln County resident, has served on the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce board, as chair of the

Urban Renewal Agency and Lincoln City Budget Committee and as a Lincoln City Ward 1 City Councilor. She was elected by her peers as Council President.

Mike Rawles served as Data Acquisition Program Manager (DAPM) at the National Weather Service and has taught in the Lincoln County School District’s after school programs. He earned his MBA degree from Willamette University. During his tenure with the National Weather Service in Montana, he served as liaison with local, state, tribal and federal entities, seeking to improve severe weather alerts to rural areas and teaching citizens and the authorities how to respond to each crisis such as blizzards, flood, tornados, high wind warnings and prairie fire

Peter Vince is a retired teacher with 33 years’ experience, including 28 years teaching English, Spanish, and journalism at Toledo High School, where he developed innovative programs that included video production, the integrated, project-based systems and cycles class, and positive climate building leadership classes. He holds a master’s degree in secondary education from Eastern Oregon University and has served as District Board Vice President of the Greater Toledo Pool Recreation District.

Senitila McKinley is the founder and Executive Director, of Seashore Family Literacy. She has served as a Lincoln County School District Special Education teaching assistant family advocate, as a 21st CenturyCommunity Learning Centers District Coordinator, and as District Homeless Liaison. An ordained Episcopal minister, she was a 1995 National Institute for Literacy Fellow and served on the steering committee of Laubach Literacy (now known as ProLiteracy Worldwide), an international organization supporting programs helping adults learn to read and write. From 2001 - 2004, she served on Oregon’s Department of Education Special Education Council.

In keeping with the Democratic Party’s mission to promote the election of Democratic candidates at every level with technical and volunteer support, providing opportunities for all Oregon Democrats to participate fully in our political process, Lincoln County’s Democrats are urged to assist in phone banking, postcard mailing and in spreading the word in support of the Democratic endorsees.

Information can be accessed at [www.LincolnCountyDemocratsOregon.com](http://www.LincolnCountyDemocratsOregon.com) or email to [Dems@LincolnCountyOregon.com](mailto:Dems@LincolnCountyOregon.com)



# Samaritan opens vaccine clinics to walk-ins

THE NEWS GUARD

COVID-19 vaccinations are available and free to every person age 16 and older regardless of citizenship status.

To help ensure that even more Lincoln County residents receive the vaccine, Samaritan Health Services has opened its regular weekly community vaccine clinics to walk-ins – no appointment needed.

The Samaritan vaccination clinics in Lincoln County are held:

Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Samaritan Coastal Clinic, 825 NW Hwy. 101 in Lincoln City

Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Center

for Health Education, 740 SW Ninth St. in Newport.

You are encouraged to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins are welcome and will be accommodated as quickly as possible.

Please note that while the vaccine is being given to anyone age 16 years and older, only the Pfizer vaccine is authorized to be given to anyone who is 16 or 17 years old. The kind of vaccine available at each vaccination event is posted online.

Go online to [samhealth.org/GetTheVaccine](http://samhealth.org/GetTheVaccine) and scroll down to Lincoln County for information and to make an appointment. You may also call the Samaritan COVID-19 vaccine scheduling assistance line at 855-441-2311.

# COVID-19

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spread,” said the governor.

There were six cases of the B.1.1.7 variant in our county, Trachsel said of the more transmissible virus with increased severity, particularly among younger people.

“Masking, hand washing and physical distancing will work to prevent the spread. What’s difficult is it can spread easier, so even a little bit of relaxing precautions and more people will get infected,” Trachsel told the commissioners. The variant is 50% more transmissible.

Previously the Oregon county with the highest vaccination rate, Lincoln is now second behind Benton. However, with a little more than half of the county’s 48,260 residents vaccinated, the rate of vaccinations is slowing, Trachsel explained.

Even though we’re doing really well with vaccinations in Lincoln County, and have been for a while, it doesn’t mean that is the case in other counties and

other states. It’s a whole community effort, a whole state effort, a whole country effort and a whole world effort,” Trachsel continued. “Even a little bit of relaxing pf upper precautions and more people will get infected.”

Trachsel explained, “We have been in tourist season, so we’re seeing more people. Our goal is to encourage people to continue with prevention measures.” Spring break was a contributor, she said. “We’re seeing more cases in young people.”

Explaining the danger of the statewide increase, Trachsel suggested viewing all hospitals in the state as a single system, as patients who need more extensive care are often transferred, and patients must travel when there are no hospital beds available locally. “We’re concerned that if we don’t take action now, [the number of hospitalizations] will rise even further, which can make people with other medical condi-

tions be at risk.

“The only way to get this stopped is to get vaccines into people,” she said, pointing out that people are tired of the precaution measures.

Trachsel provided the commissioners with information regarding the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, as Oregon approved the resumption of that vaccine with a warning of blood clots and low platelets in a very small percentage of people. “The risk is 7 per million in women 50 years

of age or younger, 0.9 cases per million doses in women older than 59 and less than one case per million does in men,” Trachsel said.

The risk, though minute, should be considered, Trachsel said. “It’s still an excellent vaccine. It’s still great. The vaccine prevents hospitalization and death far more than it causes these side effects. She pointed out that there are two other vaccines available in the county.

Commissioner Claire Hall expressed, “There

is still a significant vocal minority of the population that is suspicious or downright resistant to being vaccinated. Unfortunately, the publicity around these small number of cases seems to feed into the rumor mongering and fear. I’m glad there’s going to be an aggressive effort to get the truth out.”

Trachsel praised the

incredible effort by so many volunteers to staff the vaccine clinics offered throughout the county, some of which will be closing down due to lack of demand.

Walk-ins are welcome at all vaccine clinics as the county and its partners continue the effort to provide vaccinations.

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## 999 Public Notices

NG21-72 The Lincoln City Planning and Community Development Department has scheduled a public hearing for the project described below. The Lincoln City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the request on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. on the Zoom online platform. Any person who may be affected is invited to attend and participate in the hearings and present written and/or oral testimony concerning the project. Description of Project: VAR 2021-01 is an application requesting a variance from Lincoln City Municipal Code Section 17.17.070 (Lot Requirements), Part E. The requested variance would allow a proposed structure on the project site to be built closer to the side lot line than the required 10 ft side yard. The project site is addressed as 5340 NE Logan Rd (Assessor's Map 06-11-35-CC, Tax Lot 800) in the Single-Family Residential, Roads End (R-1-RE) zone, consisting of 4320 square feet. The applicants and owners are James and Catherine Markin. (File VAR 2021-01) Public Hearing Criteria: The applicable criteria by which the variance application will be evaluated by the Planning Commission are Lincoln City Municipal Code Chapter 17.17 Single-Family Residential, Roads End, and Chapter 17.77.140 Variances. Appeals to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) are limited to only persons who have presented written and/or oral testimony at the hearing(s) before the Lincoln City Planning Commission and/or City Council. The failure to raise an issue at the public hearing(s), in person or by letter, or the failure to provide sufficient specificity to allow the Planning Commission and/or City Council an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes an appeal to LUBA on that issue. Unless there is a continuance, if a participant so requests, the record shall remain open for at least seven (7) days after the initial evidentiary hearing. For More Information: A copy of the application, all documents and evidence submitted by or on behalf of the applicant, and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided to any person upon request at reasonable cost. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost seven days prior to the hearing and will be provided to any person upon request at reasonable

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cost. The public may view application materials on the City of Lincoln City website at www.lincolncity.org (search for "Land Use Applications in Process"). If you have questions concerning the project, please contact David Mattison, Senior Planner, Planning and Community Development, at the Planning and Community Development Department, 801 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City, Oregon, 97367, by phone at 541.996.1227, or email at dmattison@lincolncity.org. Planning Commission meetings are televised live on Charter Channel 4 Lincoln City and re-broadcast at various times. They are streamed live on the internet through a link on the City of Lincoln City website, and can also be viewed following the meeting. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, for a hearing impaired device, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to Cathy Steere, City Recorder, at 541.996.1203.

NG21-2171 The Budget Committee of the City of Lincoln City, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, will conduct a public hearing on Monday May 17th at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers, Third Floor, Lincoln Square, 801 SW Highway 101, for the purpose of receiving citizens comments on use of State Revenue Sharing funds for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Due to the COVID-19 Emergency, the Budget Committee meeting will include electronic or telephonic attendance by members of the committee. Any person may send comments to publiccomment@lincolncity.org, which will be read during the meeting. Any person may appear at the meeting but social distancing will be strictly enforced.

NG21-2169 NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1 will hold its regular meeting of the Board of Directors on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 4:00pm at the Bob Everest Station, 2525 NW Highway 101, Lincoln City. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct regular fire district business. An agenda and related documents will be posted on the District's webpage (www.nlfr.org)

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prior to the meeting. This is a public meeting; however, seating will be extremely limited due to the COVID-19 mandates regarding social distancing. Members of the public may attend electronically; see the agenda on our website for further information.

NG21-2168 Public Auction at Anchor Storage 1673 SE East Devils Lake Rd, Lincoln City OR 97367. 541-921-9878. The following unit(s) will be sold at Public Auction on May 21st 2021 beginning at 11:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Unit #A7 Martin Davis.

NG21-2164 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of HELEN CAROL WEST Deceased. Date of death: November 9, 2016. Case No. 21PB01616 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at 5677 Oberlin Drive, Suite 210, San Diego, California 92121, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative, Darren J. Devlin. Dated and first published on April 20, 2021. /s/ Darren J. Devlin, Personal Representative. Personal Representative, Darren J. Devlin, OSB 971211, Law Offices of Jason C. Tatman APC, 5677 Oberlin Drive, Suite 210, San Diego, California 92121, (760)500-9393. Attorney for Personal Representative, Tony Kullen, OSB # 090218, Wright Finlay & Zak, LLP 121 S.W. Morrison, Suite 1100, Portland, Oregon 97220, (503) 479-8871.

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## Answers for Last Week's Puzzle Super Crossword

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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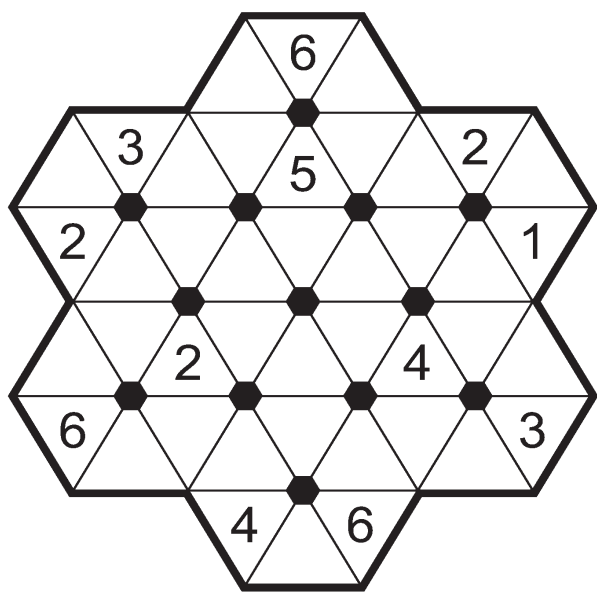
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Super Crossword

HANGING FRUIT

ACROSS

1 Muscat dweller

6 Imitate Daffy Duck

10 Chest muscles, informally

14 Coalition

18 Billiards shot

19 Not duped by

20 Folk legend

21 Not-yet-final software

22 Involving three parties

24 One of the Clue suspects

27 1971 Stanley Kubrick film

29 "Shop — you drop!"

30 Sully

31 Middling

32 Old Italian painter

36 Singer

37 Honcho

41 Gruesome

44 Louvre, e.g.

46 False names

50 Explorer — de León

51 Shakers or Quakers

52 Most malicious

53 Tiny fraction of a joule

54 Heroine in Nintendo's Mario games

59 State boldly

60 Lisa of pop

62 More than friendly

63 Rock

66 Dictator Idi

68 Have control over

70 Hawaii's Mauna —

71 Lindsay of "Mean Girls"

72 Come to

73 New York City is said to be one

75 "Beetle Bailey," e.g.

77 Stuck — rut

78 Attain

79 "Quit it!"

80 Home pest

81 Mexican folk musician

86 WWII-era British gun

88 Collins of rock and pop

90 Fluorescent green

92 Period

93 Slaved away

97 Some Korean cars

98 The Antilles, e.g.

100 Tangle up

101 Some shiny plastics

104 Private college in the Bay State

106 Chew like a rodent

107 Ending for acetyl

108 Legendary hero of Athens

110 Regatta gear

114 "In case it's true..."

116 Hotel phone abbr.

117 It may follow "Use by" on a label

124 Of no value

128 Irvine locale

129 Swamp grass

130 Prefix with present

131 Contends

132 Singer

133 Concoted

134 "Auld — Syne"

135 Apropos of

136 Lauder of perfume

DOWN

1 Nona- minus one

2 Painter

3 Edible pomegranate part

4 Court plea, in brief

5 Desktops since 1998

6 Bygone theater chain

7 Like some hotel dining

8 Antares, e.g.

9 Tyler's successor

10 Infant food

11 Transgress

12 Attire

13 Capital of Bulgaria

14 Small pellets of shot

15 Not including

16 Peter of "Masada"

17 Len of stage and screen

23 Ref's ring decision

25 Krypton, e.g.

26 See

24-Across

28 See

27-Across

33 "Speechless" airtel

34 Set up, for short

35 Actress Susan

37 Scott's cap

38 Bullring shout

39 Zadora of "Hairspray"

40 See

37-Across

42 Resembling a gorilla

43 Crowns for nobles

45 Spring (from)

47 Fourth prime

48 Suffix of languages

49 Sipping aid

51 Transgress

55 Fab Four drummer

56 Actress

57 Hayek

57 Impassive

58 See

54-Across

61 "Against the Wind" singer

63 Gunky stuff

64 Pitch-related

65 United Airlines hub

67 Houdini's skill

69 Looker-on

74 See

73-Across

75 Tots' beds

76 Dark

Chinese tea

82 Cunky

83 Slanted

84 Uninvited partygoer

85 That fellow's

87 "Thy Neighbor's Wife" author

89 Solo of "Solo"

91 See

90-Across

94 Flew on foot

95 Period

96 Glistening grass stuff

99 Mu — chicken

101 Blood carrier

102 Give knowledge

103 Lipton rival

104 Respiratory woe

105 One slaving away

109 Laud

111 Spring (from)

112 U.K. mil. branch

113 Grocery, e.g.

115 Due, as money

118 96, in old Rome

119 Ache

120 Nest eggs for srs.

121 Doing the job

122 Evening, in adpeak

123 See

117-Across

125 Praiseful poem

126 "Raggedy" plaything

127 See

124-Across

Answers for Last Week's Puzzle

Weekly SUDOKU

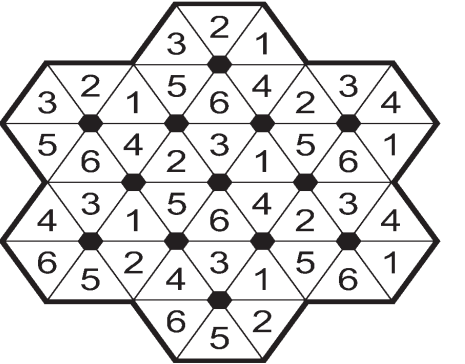
Answer

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4	8	2	9	6	5	7	1	3
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

NG21-2170

A public meeting of the North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1 Board of Directors will be held on May 12, 2021 at 4:00 pm at Bob Everest Station, 2525 NW Hwy 101, Lincoln City, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, as approved by the North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1 Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at the Bob Everest Station, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. This budget can also be viewed online at [www.nlfr.org](http://www.nlfr.org). This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Robert Dahlman, Fire Chief

Phone: 541-996-2233

Email: [rdahlman@nlfr.org](mailto:rdahlman@nlfr.org)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2019-20	Adopted Budget This Year 2020-21	Approved Budget Next Year 2021-2022
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	8,041,963	4,342,783	4,506,634
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	176,152	443,644	190,000
Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	447,721	808,107	160,000
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	0	30,000	30,000
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	313,056	160,325	159,500
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	4,179,750	4,175,471	4,340,134
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>13,158,642</b>	<b>9,960,330</b>	<b>9,386,268</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION

	Actual Amount 2019-20	Adopted Budget This Year 2020-21	Approved Budget Next Year 2021-2022
Personnel Services	2,618,579	3,713,132	3,116,916
Materials and Services	624,920	902,981	774,080
Capital Outlay	3,702,626	2,744,077	2,008,540
Debt Service	770,076	792,550	825,150
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
Contingencies	0	250,000	250,000
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	5,442,441	1,557,590	2,411,582
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>13,158,642</b>	<b>9,960,330</b>	<b>9,386,268</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM \*

Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program			
Fire and Emergency Services	6,946,125	7,360,190	5,899,536
FTE	18	20	21
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	6,212,517	2,600,140	3,486,732
FTE			
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>13,158,642</b>	<b>9,960,330</b>	<b>9,386,268</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING \*

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

	Rate or Amount Imposed 2019-20	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2020-21	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2021-2022
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit .6783 per \$1,000)	.6783	.6783	.6783
Local Option Levy	.84	.84	.84
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	875,000	795,000	819,076

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1.	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$8,630,000	
Other Bonds		
Other Borrowings		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,630,000</b>	

\* If more space is needed to complete any section of this form, insert lines (rows) on this sheet. You may delete blank lines.

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MAGIC MAZE ● — ORDER

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: **Order a Product Out of Stock**

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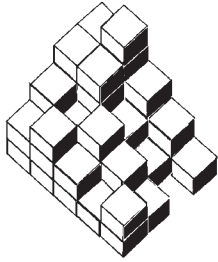
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STICKELERS  
by Terry Stickels

How many individual cubes are  
in the stack below? Assume each  
stack runs to completion.



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Support For  
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Lincoln City voters will choose their new mayor in the May 18 special election. I am writing to express my support for Councilor Riley Hoagland, who will bring a fresh perspective and new energy at a crucial time for our community. Riley cares deeply about Lincoln City, volunteering countless hours for a wide range of organizations in areas ranging from social welfare to economic development. His involvement

runs the gamut from strategic planning to boots-on-the-ground work, showing him to be a rare example of someone who not only talks the talk, but walks the walk, too. Dealing with complex issues under the glare of public scrutiny is no easy feat, but Riley has proven himself equal to the task. At council meetings, he combines effective preparation with an ability to engage in robust and constructive debate in pursuit of solutions. Our new city manager will require clearer direction and more accountability

than has been evident in recent years. Riley's clear communication style makes him the ideal candidate to lead council through the critical task of selecting and directing our new administrative chief. Please join me in voting Riley Hoagland for mayor this May 18.

Patrick Alexander,  
Lincoln City

Vote For Susan  
Wahlke

Given our former Mayor Dick Anderson's resignation after serving two of his four year term, and the resignation of our City Manager in April, what we DO NOT need is to revisit the past

conflicts of the Don Williams one mayoral term. Many of the voters in Lincoln City believe former Mayor Williams did not provide effective leadership for our City or the City Council, during his one term from 2015-2018. On the contrary, he regularly attended Council meetings seeming unfocused and unprepared to deal with the Council agenda. He also was frequently argumentative with citizen representatives and Council member comments. Local news articles during his one term as Mayor, reported recall efforts against him for allegations of conflicts of interest regarding his business, and his policy decisions as Mayor. Such allegations led

to an ethics commission complaint, and an attempted recall. Many city residents believed these problems affected the Council and the staff's ability to conduct its business in a conflict-free work environment. WHAT WE DO NEED is an ethical, knowledgeable candidate, with the leadership experience to serve Lincoln City on Day One! We believe that mayoral candidate is Susan Wahlke. She has proven through her work and public service experience, that she can bring people together and get things done. VOTE for Susan to move our city forward, not return to the past.

Elaine Walsh,  
Lincoln City

Supporting Susan  
Wahlke

As a local business owner, and Lincoln City resident since 2013, I am writing to support Susan Wahlke for Mayor. She has shown a bal-

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Health Matters

by Samaritan Health Services

## Telestroke technology at Samaritan creates great outcomes after stroke

Mike Sparks of Albany suffered a stroke in 2016. When he had a second one in July 2020, he recognized the signs. He knew that he should check things like his balance, if his face was drooping, if he was having trouble talking or if one or both of his arms were inexplicably weak.

“I had told my daughter that if I ever tried to raise my arms to check, I might be having a stroke,” he said.

He’d been resting after a rowdy water gun fight with his grandkids.

“We were going at it pretty good,” Sparks said. “I sat down in the shade to have some Gatorade and realized I couldn’t talk.”

He went into the house where his daughter Courtney Jackson was drying off granddaughter Tessa, and she could tell something was wrong when he could not answer questions.

“Finally, he stood up in front of me and put both arms up like a zombie,” said Jackson. “I said ‘Dad, do you think you’re having a stroke?’”

Answering was difficult.

“I could barely get out ‘Yeah,’ and nodded my head,” Sparks said.

At Samaritan Albany General Hospital the nurse in the Emergency Department recognized his symptoms and called a “code stroke” on the hospital’s overhead speaker system.

“They got him in a wheelchair and took him right back to do a scan,” said Jackson. “Then back to the ED room where he ‘face-timed’ with a doctor in Portland. Things went so smoothly.”

The physician in Portland was a neurologist with the Providence Brain and Spine Institute using two-way telestroke technology. Through a partnership with Samaritan Health Services, Providence stroke neurologists help assess patients with complex cases, view test results and help guide treatment. Samaritan physicians



Mike Sparks enjoys a game of pinball after his quick stroke recovery.

can also communicate with the stroke neurologist over the phone and discuss the results of tests and patient history.

Sparks could see and hear what was going on around him, but he still had trouble talking.

“The doctor on the telemed asked ‘Do you want the shot?’” Sparks said. “I could barely get out ‘Yeah,’ and nodded my head.”

Just over an hour from when his symptoms started, Sparks was given a special drug called alteplase that breaks up blood clots and restores blood flow to the brain.

“The goal is to give alteplase within three hours from when symptoms started,” said Stroke Care Coordinator Sarah Vincent, RN. “Because of the quick thinking and responses by Mike and his daughter and the smooth procedure at the hospital, we hit that target and Mike had a great outcome.”

Within about an hour of receiving the medicine, Sparks was talking again and when he left the hospital after two days, he could walk, talk and drive as usual.

Sparks is paying close attention to his health these days.

“I’m trying to eat better and go on walks,” he said. “I’m working on quitting smoking. That is going well.”

His advice is that everyone learn the symptoms of stroke and to think in advance about how you will check if you think a stroke is happening.

“Make sure people know the signs,” he said. “Do the tests — put out your arms, open your mouth, smile, move your tongue around. Get to a mirror and look for eye or face droopiness.”

To learn about stroke symptoms and Samaritan Stroke Services, visit [samhealth.org/Stroke](https://samhealth.org/Stroke).

## Having a stroke? When every minute counts, BE FAST

When you see the warning signs of stroke, every minute counts.

For every minute a stroke goes untreated and blood flow to the brain is blocked, a person loses about 1.9 million neurons. A quick and coordinated response is key. Time lost is brain lost, and patients, their family members, emergency responders and health care providers are all partners in responding to stroke.

Learning the following stroke symptoms could save a person’s speech, movement and memory. It could even save a life. Here’s how you can BE FAST:

- Balance** — Is there a sudden loss of balance?
- Eyes** — Is there a sudden loss of vision in one or both eyes?
- Face** — Ask the person to smile. Is one or both sides of the face drooping?



- Arms** — Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift down?
- Speech** — Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?
- Time** — If you see any of these signs, call 911 immediately. Also, note the time when the symptoms first started. This information is important and can affect treatment options.

The Samaritan Stroke Services team of specialists work together from the beginning of a patient’s visit and follow their care throughout the patient’s time in the hospital. The team helps stop the stroke from evolving, which helps to reduce the patient’s disabilities from the stroke.

For more information about Samaritan Stroke Services, call 541-768-6737, email [SHSstrokeservices@samhealth.org](mailto:SHSstrokeservices@samhealth.org) or visit [samhealth.org/Stroke](https://samhealth.org/Stroke).

Livinghealthy

Community classes to keep you healthy

A photograph showing a woman lying on a medical treatment table, possibly for radiation therapy. A healthcare worker wearing a face mask is standing next to the table, attending to the patient. The machine above the table is labeled 'EDGE' and 'varian'. The setting appears to be a clinical or hospital room.

**Learn about probiotics in health care**  
Attend this free webinar on **Wednesday, May 5, from noon to 1 p.m.** to understand probiotics for better health. Anyone with an interest is welcome, whether a member of the general public or a health care professional. The session will be led by Registered Dietitian Sara Lee Thomas, who is a clinical nutrition manager at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis. Register at [bit.ly/ProbioMay21](https://bit.ly/ProbioMay21).

**Helpful cancer support available virtually**  
This online Cancer Support Group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The group can provide a safe place to share your feelings and challenges, to foster a sense of community and to offer opportunities

to learn. It is open to all individuals who are living with cancer or who are cancer survivors. The next meetings are planned for **May 5 and 19 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.** For information, contact Amy at 541-574-4684.

**Online grief support offered weekly**  
Adults who have experienced the death of a loved one can benefit from this group led by a trained medical social worker. Your loss does not have to be a recent one. Topics include understanding grief, coping with grief, understanding family dynamics during grief, getting through special days, and reinvesting in life. The virtual Grief Support Group meets online **every Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m.** To register, call Samaritan Evergreen Hospice in Newport at 541-574-1811.

**Virtual MedTalk: Cancer treatment revolution**  
Join Radiation Oncologist Patricia McGowan, MD, and the Samaritan Cancer Program radiation therapy care team for a virtual MedTalk hosted by Samaritan Foundations on **Wednesday, May 19, from noon to 1 p.m.** You will hear about the new cutting-edge linear accelerator and the Varian TrueBeam Edge, plus gain more insight into a patient’s journey while receiving radiation therapy. The team will also cover topics such as types of cancer most often treated with radiation technologies, and what to expect as a new patient — from consultation through the “ringing of the bell” ritual. Go to [samhealth.org/BeHealthy](https://samhealth.org/BeHealthy) to register.



IN MEMORY

Submission deadline for Obituaries is 12 p.m. on the Friday before publication.

Nanci Lee Ireland

Nanci Lee Ireland (Chaney), Born in Lewiston Idaho, passed away at age 75 on April 17th, 2021 in Otis, Oregon. Nanci grew up in Canyonville, Oregon where she had four children and met her love, husband Michael Ireland before setting final roots along the Oregon Coast.

Nanci had a spunky spirit and an ability to easily connect with people, making friends everywhere she went. This was a great attribute to her work in hospitality as a waitress and bartender. She also worked for Douglas County, driving dump truck, and flagging



for several years. Later in life Nanci traveled around the United States in her RV

with her husband Michael and his job with the Union Pacific Railroad. Nanci was



known for making lunch for the whole work crew, her love for connection

with people again shining through. Nanci really enjoyed gardening and could always been found tending to flowerpots on the porches of her loved ones. Bleeding Hearts and Fuchsia's were two of her favorites.

The pride of Nanci's life was her beautiful family. They will miss her weekly phone calls and the way her face lit up whenever they were reunited. Nanci is preceded in death by son Charles Jones, mother Veronica Charlebois (Chaney), and father John Chaney. She is survived by husband Michael Ireland and Cocker Spaniel Max of Otis, Oregon, children Anthony (Marlene)

Lent of Roseburg Oregon, Catherine (Douglas) McCullen of Sherwood, Oregon, Christian (Shawn) Warner of Hermiston, Oregon, Janeane Skelton of Reno, Nevada, eight grandchildren, and five great grandchildren, welcoming the newest great grandson Shepherd Anthony, days before her departure. In her final moments, Nanci was able to be at home surrounded by her children and husband, just as she had wanted. If you would like to send flowers the family ask that instead you please call a local residential care facility and send flowers to a resident who doesn't have family that visits.

Kathleen A. Hilbert Baker

April 16, 1944 - April 14, 2021

Kathleen A. Hilbert Baker 76, passed away, quietly at her Peoria, Arizona home on April 14th.

Born 4/16/1944 to James and Mary Sprong, the third of four daughters. Kathleen is survived by sisters Roberta and Carol, and children Kathy, Patrick, and Michael. Kathy lived in the Lincoln City area for a number of



years.

She was the widow of Gary Hilbert, owner of Lincoln City Realty. No memorial service at her request.

Russell Allen Wilson

Russell Wilson of Lincoln City, aged 47, passed away Sunday, April 11th. He collapsed while out for a run, they were unable to revive him.

Russ is survived by two families. The family he was born to and the family he built. He was loved by those he knew and those he'd just met.

The family he was born to raised him to be the beautiful person he grew

into. His mother, Cindy, stepfather Dee, uncle, and aunts. His sister, cousins, and nieces who he loved without end. His father.

His built family included Diana, Emily, Bob and Meg Portwood, Skeeter and Chewie. We wanted to list his friends here, but there are just too many of you. Russ loved life.

He loved making people laugh. He loved the arts--specifically music. He loved camping, reading, hiking, traveling, arguing politics and religion, the water--a towel was kept in the trunk

in case he was passing a lake and needed to jump in.

He was fiercely loyal to and protective of those he loved.

Russ was a true animal lover; he couldn't pass a cat or dog without saying hello. He taught countless students, giving and building them music gear when needed.

There are no services planned at this time due to current restrictions, people are invited to leave notes in the guitar case outside Robert's Bookshop, 3412 SE HWY 101, Lincoln City.



Last Words

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on the Last Words Mailbox Altars (please make your offerings PG as the ancestors are watching and protecting each altar), and for safety and privacy reasons please don't add your personal information to your Last Words Letters. Start your letters out with Dear Mom, Dear Dad, Dear

Son, Dear Daughter, Dear Friend, Dear Pet Companion for example," Akins says.

After the letter has been placed in the box, Akins, a Death Doula or person who assists in the dying process, will collect your letters and write legacy songs in your loved one's honor and sing

them at the Last Words Cemetery Concert Series.

"The legacy songs created will be used to raise funds for Oregon's first Death Doula care space for houseless terminal Veterans," Akins said. "Your pain can be transformed into a loving song that helps another human die a good

death."

The Last Words Concert Series is creating community around death support. The songs will be debuted at the cemeteries and live recordings from the concerts will be made into a live album titled, Last Words.

In the early 19th century communities used to gather for picnics in their local cemeteries and there are many cultural practices where communities honor their ancestors by sharing food and memories

together where loved ones are buried. Together they will embrace living and dying through community and song.

This is a free accessible show with a waiting list. Tickets are free with a suggested \$15 donation for Embrace Space. After you sign up for your free ticket, you will be put on the waiting list and a week before the show you will be informed with your entry information. Last Words, concert tickets are limited due to social gathering

protocols. The event is scheduled for Aug. 28 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Lone Fir Cemetery in Portland.

"You are loved and I hope to meet you at one of the Last Words Concerts," Akins said. "I would love if you sent me a pic of you visiting a Last Words Mailbox Altar. Look for the rainbows!"

Learn More and find all 4 of the Last Words Mailbox Altars at:

<https://fb.me/LastWordsAlbumandConcertSeries>.

Celebrate Family Caregivers During Older Americans Month!

Are you or someone you know a Family Caregiver? We can provide Family Caregivers resources for respite care, caregiver training, support groups and purchasing needed equipment.

We can also provide funds to grandparents raising grandchildren to help pay for school supplies, day camps, after school activities, and assistance with legal services.



Critical services that keep older adults healthy, independent, and engaged in their communities are funded by the Older Americans Act.

Senior, Disability, and Community Services

For more information and resources call:

(541) 336-2289



Police Blotter

The police blotter relates the public record of incidents as reported by the Lincoln City Police. Information printed is preliminary and subject to change. See the full week's police blotter at [thenewsguard.com](http://thenewsguard.com).

LINCOLN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONDAY, APRIL 26

9:00 a.m. Restraining Order Violation, 2122 SE 8th St. Caller reported their friend was taken from a location by their ex boyfriend. The friend was safely picked up at Safeway.

12:18 p.m. Follow Up, 1503 SE East Devils Lake Rd. Caller reported ring was missing from hotel room at Chinook Winds Casino after maintenance unclogged sink.

10:26 p.m. Theft, 2612 NE Yacht Ave. Caller reported theft of jewelry from the location. Eight rings stolen.

11:35 p.m. Assist on Arrest, 4048 NE Hwy 101, Walgreens. Traffic stop initiated, Subject had felony warrant out of Linn County. Lincoln County Jail will lodge. Second subject also had warrants but was not lodged.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

9:09 a.m. Theft, 2903 NE West Devils Lake Rd. Caller reported female they let stay at their house took items from house. Suspect also had mail belonging to caller. Was cited and released for Theft II.

9:36 a.m. Assist on Arrest, 4422 NE Devils Lake Blvd. Caller requested cite

and release for a warrant out of Tillamook County. Subject came to LCPD and was cited and released on multiple warrants.

9:39 a.m. Burglary, 3736 NW Jetty Ave. Caller reported theft of an orange electric bicycle.

11:20 a.m. Crash, 2654 SE Hwy 101. Caller reported a vehicle that was dropped off for service rolled into another vehicle.

12:09 p.m. Fraud, 1044 SW 9th St. Caller reported he and another subject were victims of check fraud.

12:15 p.m. Found Property, 1834 NE 58th St. Firearm in a carrying case left by the renters.

1:56 p.m. Criminal Mischief, Anchor St. Back window of vehicle broken out.

2:41 p.m. Found Property, 3350 NE Hwy 101. Caller reported finding a firearm in front of Starbucks on Hwy 101.

3:37 p.m. Suspicious Activity, 3350 NE Hwy 101. Caller reported male wearing one shoe was directing traffic in Hwy 101. Subject arrested on disorderly conduct II and transported to Lincoln County Jail.

9:25 p.m. Hit and Run, 2835 NW Oar Ave. Multiple calls of disturbance, yelling and vehicle leaving the scene. Response for injured female, suspect vehicle not located.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

1:26 a.m. Disturbance, 2626 NE Hwy 101, Captain Cook Inn. Caller reported a domestic disturbance.

10:16 a.m. Criminal Mischief, 4786 SE Hwy 101. Report that the front tab and the back tab of two separate vehicle were cut off the corner of the license plate.

1:44 p.m. Fraud, 1931 NW Hwy 101. Caller reported a male attempting to cash a fraudulent check. Suspect cited and released for forgery I and possession of forged instrument due to Lincoln County Jail declining to lodge. Transported to Lane County Jail on outstanding warrants.

3:06 p.m. Theft, 1515 SE 3rd St. Stroller stolen from the front of the house.

6:23 p.m. Follow Up, 2944 NW Oar Ave. Suspect taken into custody and transported to Lincoln County Jail, charged with assault III- domestic, reckless endangering x3, menacing and failure to perform duties of a driver.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

1:36 p.m. Fraud, 1931 NW Hwy 101, 1st Interstate Bank. Fraudulent check passed at location.

4:53 p.m. Robbery, 2429 NW Hwy 101, IGA. Employee punched in the face by a shoplifter. K9 called to attempt tracking from location.

7:02 p.m. Crash, 1777 NW 44th St., Chinook Winds Casino. Report of a crash involving three vehicles.

9:35 p.m. Warrant Service, SW Hwy 101/SW Beach Ave. Subject cited and released on Albany warrant charging contempt of court.

9:56 p.m. Theft, 1604 NE Hwy 101, Old Oregon. Orange Columbia backpack taken.



# Lincoln City restaurants to host Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

THE NEWS GUARD

In celebration of Cinco de Mayo, from May 2 through May 8, eight Lincoln City-based Mexican restaurants have joined together to host a fiesta-inspired giveaway. To enter, participants must:

- Follow the Culinary Center in Lincoln City on Facebook.
- Visit one of the eight Mexican restaurants, either dine-in or take-out.
- Capture a picture of their meal.

- Submit a photo and restaurant name at ExploreLincolnCity.com/Cinco-de-Mayo.

The most creative submissions will be selected as winners, with prizes including:

- Grand Prize: A getaway for two with a two-night hotel stay, dinner for two at Puerto Vallarta restaurant, a movie night for two at The Bijou Theatre and a signature Lincoln City Glass Float.
- Runner Up: Gift certificates (total value of \$50) to five Lincoln City Mexican Restaurants and a

signature Glass Float.

Restaurants taking part in the Cinco de Mayo giveaway are:

- Puerto Vallarta: 3001 NW Hwy 101, 541.994.0300
- Super Oscar's Mexican Food: 2048 NE Hwy 101, 541.994.1161
- Enrique's Taqueria: 1509 NW Hwy 101, 541.418.5336
- Mazatlan Mexican Restaurant: 828 NE Hwy 101, 541996.6090
- El Torito Meat Market: 304 SW Hwy 101, 541.614.0364
- Calle Food Stand @ Black Squid: 3001 SW Hwy 101,

541.264.9512

- La Roca: 3243 SW Hwy 101, 541.557.1812
- Melo's Taqueria: 1266 SW 50th Street, 541.614.0161

For more information please visit, please visit: [www.explorelincolncity.com/cinco-de-mayo/](http://www.explorelincolncity.com/cinco-de-mayo/).

**About Explore Lincoln City**

Located less than two hours from Portland, the scenic community of Lincoln City is home to six historic districts and seven

miles of pristine, walkable beaches along Oregon's central coast. The laid-back beach town boasts ever-green forests, clean air and a large freshwater lake along with a variety of shopping, dining and popular attractions. With everything from colorful kite festivals to fresh catch feasts to hand-blown glass floats, Lincoln City is one endless adventure. Explore Lincoln City promotes tourism in the Lincoln City area and helps strengthen the local economy as the trusted destination and trip planning resource.

## Voices of the Community

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anced approach to the issues regarding livability for residents, while supporting the tourism that is vital to many of our businesses.

I was here when Don Williams was Mayor. Lincoln City council filed ethics charges against him for sharing the details of discussions held in executive session with his wife, the owner of several vacation rentals. I think his family's involvement in VRDs shows where his interests lie. Susan Wahlke knows the long struggle to create more workforce housing in Lincoln City.

During her time as city councillor Susan Wahlke earned a reputation for being prepared and informed on issues that were brought before the council, doing research so that she could bring an informed perspective to council deliberations. Recently we were talking with a city employee when he paused and pointed to the "Wahlke for Mayor" sign in my yard, and said that she did a great job and always made sure city employees had the equipment needed so they could do their jobs maintaining the

city infrastructure.

Susan has been involved in Family Promise, and Business in Excellence (The Backpack program). She has supported local businesses with the Chamber of Commerce and the Bay Area Merchants Association.

I believe that recent events have shown us the value of experience in public office. Please join me in voting for Susan Wahlke for Mayor.

Melody McKenzie,  
Lincoln City

### The Right Choice For Mayor

Susan Wahlke... Informed, proven, leadership you can trust!

At this time in Lincoln City's changes and development, this is precisely the type of mayoral leadership we need for our city to move forward. Susan Wahlke brings years of public service, volunteer experiences, significant municipal work experiences, business skills and 28 years of life experiences in and around Lincoln City.

In addition to her extensive public service, Susan served as Ward 1 City Council member, having also served on it's budget committee. She is a calm, reflective, open minded and creative thinker in her responses to complex city issues.

Susan pays attention to detail and supports her colleagues in coming to consensus with workable solutions. The fact that she was Council President indicates her leadership ability with her peers.

Susan seeks out creative, yet practical solutions for problems facing our city. She also seeks out other similar communities and discusses with their leaders solutions they have found useful and effective.

Susan has credibility among business leaders in Lincoln City, and was active in the Chamber of Commerce when she was the Chamber Ambassador.

I believe she has the kind of background I want for our next Mayor. She can hit the ground running and not spend her term of office learning how to be a Mayor or wasting Council time and

resources, learning how city government works.

For these reasons Susan Wahlke gets my vote for Mayor of Lincoln City.

Cindy Thompson,  
Lincoln City

### Hoagland Has My Vote

Lincoln City (LC) is a very special place and I feel blessed to call it home. I care deeply about the leadership of our city, which is tasked with making decisions that will affect our future.

This May, we will be selecting a new mayor during the special election. While LC is fortunate to have had 5 people step up to the challenge of running for mayor, 1 of these candidates clearly rises to the top—Riley Hoagland.

Riley has proven his commitment to making LC the best community on the Oregon Coast through his service as a City Councillor (4 years) and as Chairman of the Budget Committee (4 years). He is a Coordinator for the Oregon Coast Trail

(OCT) project, working to find solutions to sections of the OCT that are on Highway 101. He has also been active in efforts to support families affected by the Echo Mt. fire.

Riley is personable, approachable, open to suggestions, hard-working and energetic. In addition to being a licensed realtor in LC, Riley is a self-proclaimed entrepreneur and founder of a product design, invention and innovation company called Riley Invents. His commitment to LC is further evidenced by the fact that he chooses to raise his family here.

What I want in our next mayor is someone with the experience and understanding of how to work effectively within the city structure, as well as a person with creative ideas and solutions to the challenges that face our community. I am enthusiastically voting for Riley Hoagland!

Jane L. Mulholland,  
Lincoln City

### Susan Wahlke For

**Mayor**

*I am writing to heartily endorse Susan Wahlke to be the next mayor of Lincoln City. Susan has the experience, the temperament, and the leadership skills this city needs as it goes through a challenging transition.*

*We will be bringing in a new city manager soon. Let's have a new mayor who already understands the inner workings of the city. Lincoln City may seem small to some, but it can be very complex.*

*Susan Wahlke has many years of experience with City Council, with the budget process, with city planning. She has worked in the city legal department and in the city police department.*

*Susan has worked to promote small business in town. She is an active volunteer with community organizations.*

*I have known Susan for several years. She is careful, thoughtful, and considerate. These are the qualities we need in our next mayor.*

Rick Mark,  
Lincoln City

## Honor a nurse who has made a difference



In honor of National Nurses Week, join Samaritan Health Services in recognizing extraordinary nurses. If you would like to express gratitude for an above and beyond experience with a Samaritan nurse, please consider nominating them for The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nurses. Receiving a nomination is a great way for a nurse to know they are valued and appreciated.

**Nominate a nurse today!**  
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The DAISY Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes by members of his family. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura autoimmune disease. The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.



SPORTS

LCSD preps for Season 4, clarifies mask ruling

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In a Winter and Spring seeing four distinct athletic seasons, changes keep coming to the Lincoln County School District (LCSD).

LCSD recently recieved an update on face covering or mask guidance from state health officials.

“On Monday, the Oregon Health Authority and Governor Brown modified the mask mandate to allow student-athletes directly competing in an outdoor, non-contact event to remove their mask while actively participating in direct competition.,” said Majalise Tolan, LCSD Athletic Director. “For Lincoln County, this rule change applies only to track and field and golf as they are the only sports designated as



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The Lincoln County School District plans to ‘opt-in’ to Season 4 of the school sports schedule that includes full-contact indoor sports.

non-contact.” Building athletic directors spoke with each Season 3 program directly to clarify what

this specific change meant to their program.

“For spectators, coaches, and all other Season 3 sports, nothing changed to the mask mandate,” said Tolan.

An addendum clarifying the rule that included OSAA’s press release was also sent to families of student-athletes participating in the impacted activities.

As Season 3 draws to a close this week, Season 4 is gearing up with participant registration. LCSD will be completing the “opt-in” process required to participate in Season 4, indoor, full-contact activities such as basketball and wrestling.

This “opt-in” requires offering onsite testing to those student-athletes, coaches, management staff, or volunteers who are symptomatic or have been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19.

“Throughout Seasons 1, 2, and 3, we have established on-campus academic education for all students, implemented sound contact tracing procedures, and have established quarantine and isolation practices,” said Assistant Superintendent Susan Van Liew. “District nurses feel confident in their ability to add the final step of offering onsite testing for those impacted.”

Furthermore, information about Season 4 spectator regulations will come as County Risk Levels change. Due to capacity limits outlined in Sector Guidance, spectators will not be allowed while Lincoln County is in High or Extreme County Risk Levels.

Season 4 begins May 10.

Taft softball hosts reigning champion Clatskanie

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Taft 7-12 softball welcomed the unbeaten Clatskanie Tigers to Lincoln City on April 28 for a doubleheader matchup.

The hometown Taft Tigers gave the reigning state champions a scare in the opening game. After Taft gave up two runs in the first inning and one run in the fourth inning, the host Tigers started a rally in the bottom of the fourth and scored three runs to tie up the game 3-3.

However, the powerhouse that is Clatskanie responded, scoring two runs in the fifth inning and three more runs in

the final two innings to secure an 8-3 victory over Taft.

In game two, Clatskanie’s high powered offense came to life, scoring 14 runs. Taft improved to score six runs of their own, but it wasn’t enough to overcome the deficit and the game ended at 14-6.

Game three of the series between the two squads, originally scheduled for Friday, was canceled, according to OSAA. Taft will now prepare for there final week of the shortened season that features three games against Warrenton and a single game against Yamhill-Carlton on Tuesday.

Baseball

Taft baseball has played a limited schedule this season that included several canceled games.

After falling short in their first four games of the season against Newport and Rainier, the Tigers earned thier first big win last week at Clatskanie, dominating the home team 12-0. The two squads played a tight second game that ended in a 6-7 victory for Clatskanie on April 28.

Taft will play a three game series this week against Warrenton starting with a home game today at 4:30 p.m.



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Sophomore Nat Gates rounds second base after a big hit late in the game against Clatskanie.



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