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Labor Day weekend tourism surges

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While the specific transient room tax figures from the City of Lincoln City are pending, a true gauge of visitor traffic, Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lori Arce-Torres reports the Labor Day weekend tourism counts were strong.

"Despite higher-than-average gas prices, the Labor Day traffic in Lincoln City was as strong as ever," Arce-Torrs said. "Local businesses reported strong sales and increased traffic. According to AAA, the Central Oregon Coast was named in the top 10 for Labor Day destinations with 22% more Oregonians traveling this Labor Day compared to last year."

Arce-Torres said the weather and regional wildfires made a significant impact over the holiday weekend.

"Labor Day will always be a reminder for locals of the devastation of the Echo Mountain Fire of 2020," she said. "Lincoln County has been fortunate this year to have escaped the devastation of wildfires, however, parts of the state have not been so lucky. The smoky, hazy skies from the surrounding fires drove traffic to the coast where the air quality was much safer to get outside and enjoy the holiday weekend."

Arce-Torres said she expects the forward tourism momentum to continue into

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The beach at Lincoln City filled with visitors and wildlife during the busy Labor Day holiday.

The magic touch

Merle Johnson creates wooden crafts by touch alone

SARAH KELLY
News Guard Guest Article

There are many challenges that people must face and overcome in order to successfully run their own businesses. For Wooden Crafts owner, Merle Johnson of Lincoln City, those challenges were so much more than most realize. Due to an injury occurring some time ago, Johnson was forced to have a portion of one leg amputated in 2003. This made things more difficult for him as in 2002 he had lost his sight.

Now, not only visually impaired but also an amputee, Johnson was left struggling to accomplish even seemingly simple everyday tasks. Not wanting to just sit around, he went to Portland where he spent eight weeks at the Oregon Commission for the Blind. There he learned how to run table saws, band saws and routers, all from a blind instructor. While at the facility he was also taught many important skills like how to use computers to read and write for him, prepare food and how to get from place to place without sight.

Johnson said that while at the facility he still had a little vision. However, in the last two years he has lost around 60-70 percent of what vision he did have. With one artificial eye and another that he is only capable of seeing through the very bottom of it, he's left nearly completely sightless.

The focus

It wasn't until around 2017 that Johnson started to focus on doing wood turning, creating a variety of items to sale. He had gone for rehabilitation up at the American Lake VA Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash., where he was introduced to wood turning and fell in love with it. Johnson said that he has previously made wooden banks, boxes and small toys for kids but he quit doing that in order to doing wood turning only.

"I make wooden ink pens, wooden key chains with whistles, seam rippers, wine bottle stops, duck calls and [spinning] tops for little kids," said Johnson, who is able to create everything solely based on feel. "I turn and then I check at where I'm at and then I turn some more, and I get to where I want to be. There's no two things that are exactly the same."

While customers may contact him directly, via phone or email to make purchases, Johnson said that Winddriven Kite and Toy Shop has a section of his wooden creations always set up for sale.

"They're really good. They don't charge me nothing for selling them for me. They just sell them and give me the money.

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Far left:Merle Johnson sits with his guide dog, Spencer, outside of Winddriven Kite and Toy shop where he sells his wooden creations.
Left: A variety of ink pens created by visually-impaired veteran Merle Johnson.
Center: Merle Johnson's hand-turned keychain whistles for sale at Winddriven Kite and Toy shop.
Right: Small wooden spinning top toys created by Merle Johnson.

Courtesy photo from David Reinert / Oregon State University
A third of Oregon counties now in a drought emergency, including Lincoln County

Lincoln Country gets drought declaration

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle
JEREMY C. RUARK
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Lincoln County and 12 of the state's 36 counties, covering half the land in Oregon, are in a state of emergency over drought, with local officials calling for help.

Gov. Tina Kotek has declared the latest drought emergencies in Gilliam, Douglas and Lincoln counties, the 10th, and 12th such declarations of the year.

The declarations follow requests for drought aid from local commissioners and direct the Oregon Water Resources Department, and other state natural resource and emergency agencies, to assist industrial and municipal water users in those counties. Agencies can help with water rights transfers and drilling emergency wells. The emergency declaration also allows some industrial users to apply for federal aid.

Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Jefferson, Lake, Sherman, Wasco and Douglas counties also received emergency drought declarations this year.

Most of the state is in a moderate to severe drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, impacting about 3.6 million Oregonians. A lack of precipitation and declining water levels in streams and rivers affect farming, ranching and recreation, according to a news release from the governor's office, and are likely to lead to shorter growing seasons and wildfire risks.

Droughts are exacerbated by human-caused climate change, and in the West, droughts have become longer, more frequent and more severe, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

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Coast Moment

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A look across the bay in Newport. See more Coast Moments at thenewsguard.com.

Health authority lifts Beverly Beach advisory

SUBMITTED

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has lifted the health advisory issued Aug. 30 for Beverly Beach.

The health authority issued the advisory after water samples showed higher-than-normal levels of fecal bacteria in ocean waters.

Results from follow-up tests taken by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) showed lower bacteria levels. Contact with the ocean water no longer poses a higher-than-normal risk. Officials recommend staying out of large pools on the beach that are frequented by birds, and runoff from those pools, because the water may contain increased bacteria from fecal matter.

Since 2003, state officials have used a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant to monitor popular Oregon beaches and make timely reports to the public about elevated levels of fecal bacteria. Oregon state agencies participating in this program are OHA, DEQ and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information, visit http://www.healthoregon.org/beach or call 971-673-0440, or call OHA toll-free information line at 877-290-6767.

Registration opens for community ed courses

SUBMITTED BY OCCC

Floral Design, Dungeons & Dragons, Mushroom Foraging, Conversations about Geology, Visionary Painting, Self-Defense, Apple Appreciation, and more - these are just some of the exciting new community education courses featured at Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) this fall.

Popular returning classes include Guitar for Beginners, Introduction to Improv, gardening, birding, fitness, and art – including painting, mosaics, watercolor, collage, ceramics – and more. Check out the full lineup of courses online at oregoncoast.edu/community-ed.

Classes take place throughout the fall term, September through December, and are held at locations throughout Lincoln County. Our instructors are passionate about the subjects they teach, and they are your neighbors, folks who live in our community and are excited to share their areas of expertise and interest with others.

The College is excited to announce expanded offerings at its South County Center in Waldport this term - including Literary Portrait Making, Japanese Brush Painting, Oil Painting, Chocolate Covered Strawberries, Photography, Zen Meditation, Mah Jongg, Before End of Life, and TikTok for Your Business.

Courtesy photo

Community education students pose with their fish prints from Bruce Koike's Goytaku class.

Small business courses on offer this Fall include sessions on topics such as: Starting a Business in Lincoln County, the Basics of Excel and QuickBooks, Federal Contracting, marketing courses, and more.

OCCC's Small Business Development Center is also offering extended courses for local businesses with its Childcare Business Accelerator (at no cost to attendees – learn more on the OCCC website), the Small Business Management Program, and Restaurant Small Business Management Program (also available with countywide scholarships thanks to Northwest Oregon Works and the City of Lincoln City). Interested parties should inquire by contacting Gregory Price, SBDC Director, at greg.price@oregoncoast.edu.

"The Small Business Management Program, and its innovative and specialized new cousin, the Restaurant SBM, have both been reimagined and updated from the ground up this year," said Dave Price, OCCC's VP of Engagement (and a 2010 SBM Program graduate).

To register or learn more about community education classes, visit the College's website at oregoncoast.edu/community-ed, or call 541-994-4166.

Learn more about OCCC's full range of degree and certificate programs available at Oregon Coast Community College, at oregoncoast.edu. Find OCCC on LinkedIn, or follow the College on Facebook and Instagram, @occcsharks. Or call the College at 541-867-8501.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept. 17 Get Ready Event

Local emergency preparedness groups and NW Natural will hold this free public event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Clair Fire Station, 4520 SW Highway 101 in Lincoln City.

Sept. 19 Undersea Earthquake Presentation

The Gleneden Beach Community Club will be hosting a presentation about understanding earthquakes and tsunamis from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lincoln County Emergency Management Director Jenny Demaris is schedued to speak. This is a free event. Homemade cookies will be served. The club meets at 110 Azalea Street in Gleneden Beach.

Sept. 23-24 Fall Kite Festival

The Annual Fall Kite Festival includes a lively weekend of soaring kites and family-friendly fun. The Festival is held on the beach at the D River State Recreation Site in Lincoln City. See the schedule with the story at thenewsguard.com.

On Going

Veterans Free Homemade Soup and Sandwich offered twice monthly from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Lincoln City B.P.O. Elks # 1886 located at 1350 S.E. Oar Avenue in Lincoln City.

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SHERIFF'S TIPS OF THE WEEK

Respect private land

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Those who enjoy traveling the back roads of our private timber lands have found locked gates or restricted access.

This leaves some people to believe private timber companies deny access to their lands simply because they don't want private citizens on their property. This is not the case.

With the exception of active commercial use such as logging or harvest of other forest products, the closures are in reaction to the ever-increasing incidents of offensive littering, abandonment of vehicles, theft of forest products, and acts of criminal mischief. Some common acts of criminal mischief include destruction of property caused by 4X4s and ATVs riding in unapproved areas, destruction of road access gates, and more.

Damage and theft detract from the natural beauty of our forests and incurs costs for cleaning, repairing, and removal of vehicles and garbage. These costs are passed onto private timber companies as well as taxpayers in the county.

What can each of us do to stop the defacing of our forests and waterways? During your visit and when you leave forest lands and waterways:

• Read signs posted at entry points into private & public lands – signs include important information including log truck activity.

• Report criminal acts to law enforcement.

• Report located dump sites or abandoned vehicles.

• Stay informed of possible land use restrictions. This information is usually posted at each access.

• When in doubt about access, contact the landowner or your Lincoln County Sheriff's office Forest Patrol at (541)265-4277.

• Do not discard glass, cans, rubbish, trash, garbage, debris or litter other than in receptacles provided for these items.

• Report anyone observed hauling trash or debris into our forests.

• Consider bringing a trash bag or two to pick up trash you observe.

• Do not discard any glass, cans, rubbish, trash, garbage, debris or litter in any waters of the state.

• Do not drain, cause, or permit to be drained, sewage or the drainage from a cesspool, septic tank, recreational or camping vehicle waste holding tank or other contaminated source, upon the land of another without permission of the owner, or upon any public way.

• When target shooting, be sure to pick up brass, targets, and anything else used during your visit.

• Do not permit any rubbish, trash, garbage, debris or other refuse to be thrown from a vehicle you are operating.

For more information and tips visit www.lincolncountysheriff.net

One dead following police shooting

STAFF REPORT
Country Media, Inc.

One person is dead following what Tillamook County Sheriff Office (TCSO) investigators are calling an officer-involved shooting in a Rockaway Beach neighborhood.

The Tillamook County Major Crimes Team responded to the area of North Juniper Street Thursday evening, Sept. 7. The adult male suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Tillamook County Sheriff Joshua Brown said there was no further danger to the public. Specific details about what led to the shooting and the identity of the suspect had not been released by the sheriff's office.

See new developments at the newsguard.com.

Tillamook Police Chief charged in missing, tampered evidence case

WILL CHAPPELL
Country Media, Inc.

Tillamook Police Chief Raymond Rau was charged with four misdemeanors on Aug. 30, relating to the Oregon State Police and Department of Justice investigation into missing and tampered evidence at the Tillamook Police Department's property room.

Rau was charged with two counts of official misconduct, a class A misdemeanor, one count of theft in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, and one count of theft in the third degree, a class B misdemeanor.

Raymond Rau

Oregon State Police's (OSP) investigation began in May, after an audit of the department's property room revealed that evidence had been tampered or removed in more than 80 cases dating back to 2005. Most of the cases, 64 of the 83, related to drug crimes and the majority had occurred since 2021.

The investigation led Tillamook District Attorney Aubrey Olson to reevaluate the affected cases and begin dismissing charges and seeking vacations in several cases.

The indictment against Rau comes after the chief had been on a murky leave since at least the middle of May and charges him with removing money and controlled substances from the Tillamook Police evidence locker.

Rau is alleged to have removed more than $100 in cash and less than $100 worth of controlled substances from the locker between Oct. 1, 2021, and May 8, 2023.

City Manager Nathan George declined to comment. George said that Rau's employment status, which falls under his purview, was unchanged and that the chief remained on leave.

One person dies in head-on crash

STAFF REPORT
Country Media, Inc.

Oregon State Police have release details of a fatal motor vehicle crash along Highway 20 in Lincoln County.

At approximately 5:02 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, OSP responded to a two-vehicle crash near milepost 4 on Highway 20.

The preliminary investigation indicated a Suzuki Sidekick, operated by 70-year-old James Richard Lebo of Wrangell (AK), was eastbound when it veered into the on-coming lane of travel and struck a westbound Toyota Tacoma, operated by 49-year-old Trevor Lee Hutchison of Toledo, head-on.

The operator of the Suzuki (Lebo) was declared deceased at the scene. The operator of the Toyota (Hutchison) was not injured.

Specific details about what lead to the Suzuki veering into the oncoming lane of traffic were not immediately available. The highway was impacted for approximately 2.5 hours during the on-scene investigation.

Toledo Police Department, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Toledo Fire, Newport Fire, and the Oregon Department of Transportation assisted OSP with the investigation.

POLICE BLOTTER

The police blotter relates to the public record of incidents as reported by law enforcement agencies.

All individuals arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Information printed is preliminary and subject to change. For specific details about cases listed, contact the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Sept. 1

11:21 a.m.
Caller in the 300 block of SE Port Avenue reported theft of olive army backpack Block BLK Glock 17 Gen 9MM Handgun and ammunition out of vehicle.

8:41 p.m.
Caller reported dog bite at NW 40th and NW Highway 101. Case referred to Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

theft of bag from residence. Suspected male and female left location in vehicle. One person cited for Theft 2.

6:01 p.m.
Caller reported a single vehicle into a tree at NW Keel Avenue and NW 22nd Street. Driver was transported to Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital. Vehicle towed by Car Care. Victim later transported to jail on charges of DUII and Reckless Driving.

7:05 p.m.
Caller in the 1500 block

Vehicle stopped in roadway at NW 21st Street and NW Highway 101. Field sobriety tests performed on driver who was taken into custody for DUII and Reckless Endangering and transported to Lincoln City Police Department.

7:13 a.m.

9:01 p.m.
Caller in the 3500 block of NW Oar Avenue reporting his wife destroyed property and assaulted him.

10:12 p.m.
Caller in the 7000 block of NE Neptune Drive advised of a suspicious item on the side of the road. Oregon State Police called to the scene and found the objects to not be hazardous.

Sept. 2

12:20 a.m.

Caller in the 1400 block of NW 15th Street reports he can hear someone in storage shed. One subject was arrested for Trespass I and transported to jail.

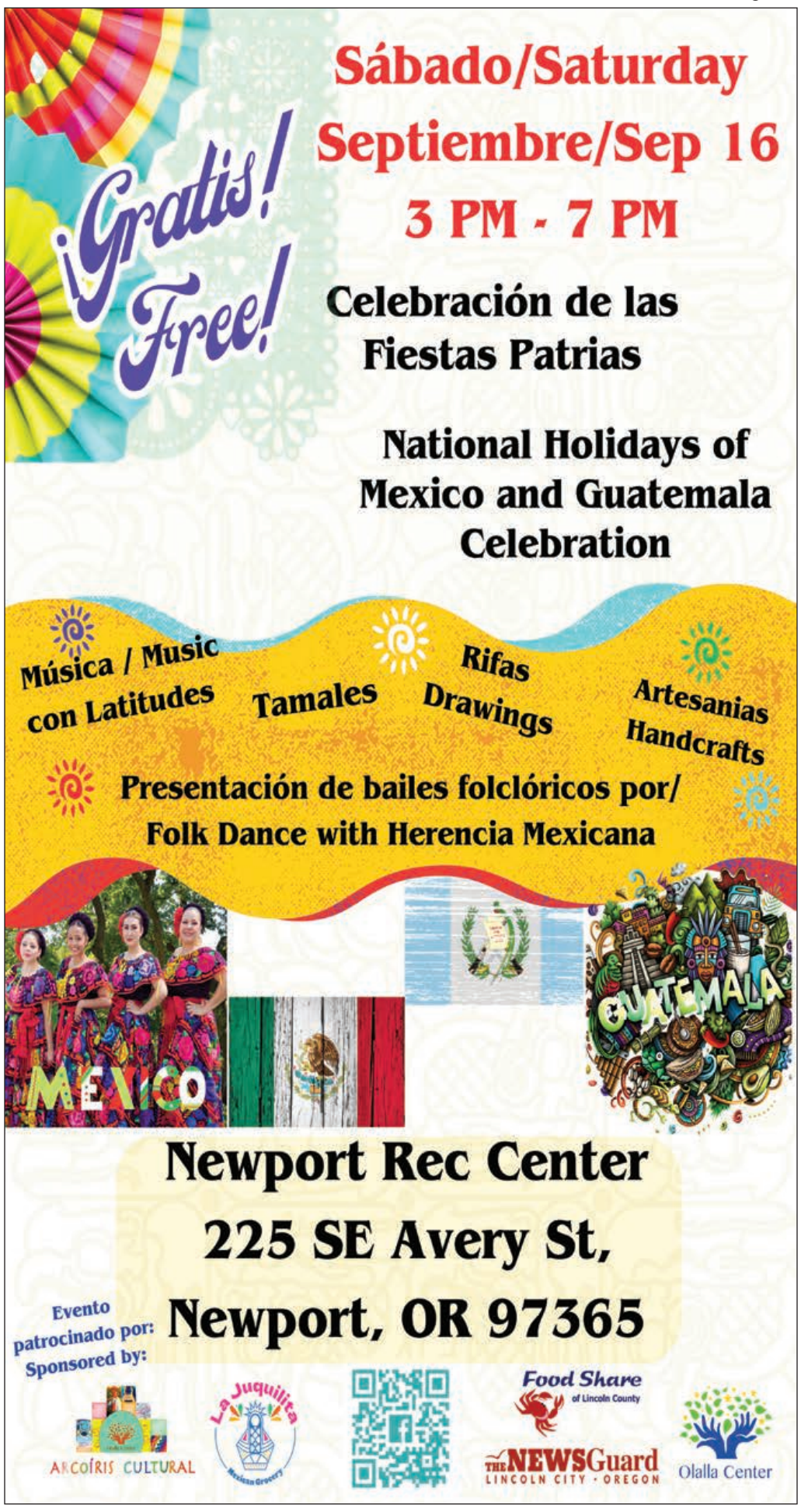
12:09 p.m.
Caller at the Canyon Drive Park reported vehicle stolen.

12:25 p.m.
Called in the 1000 block of SW Nineth Street reported vehicle struck by possible postal truck.

5::19 p.m.
Traffic crash reported in the 2100 block of NE Highway 101. One driver cited.

Sept. 3

3:52 p.m.
Caller in the 1500 block of SE East Devils Lake Road reports theft of large amount of jeans.



Board of Forestry leaves HCP decision for future meeting

WILL CHAPPELL
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Oregon Board of Forestry Chair Jim Kelly elected to set aside a resolution that he had added to the board's meeting on Sept. 7.

The resolution would have instructed staff to increase harvest levels under a new Habitat Conservation Plan for a final draft while simultaneously approving those revisions and the plan for submission to the federal government.

Other board members expressed concern at the late addition of the proposed resolution to the meeting's agenda and thanked Kelly for not pursuing it. They said that they supported increasing harvest levels while completing the plan development process in public meetings.

"I am committed to us being successful in getting this, but I'm not committed to an HCP that isn't appropriately well balanced, and that's going to have to be a judgment for each of us," Kelly said.

The resolution that Kelly considered bringing forward was authored by Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) staff in August and added to the agenda late in the month. Kelly explained that the resolution had been written to address concerns from forest trust land counties and the public over significantly reduced timber harvest levels expected under a habitat conservation plan (HCP) that has been under development since 2018.

Kelly's resolution would have instructed ODF staff to modify the HCP to maximize timber harvest levels as much as possible while complying with the Endangered Species Act and other applicable federal laws and guidelines. The resolution also would have given approval to the resulting document with "no need for staff to return to the Board for further direction."

This resolution drew negative feedback from public commenters at the meeting, and particularly from Tillamook County Commissioner David Yamamoto, who serves as the chair of the Forest Trust Lands Advisory Council (FTLAC). Appearing in that capacity before the board on September 6, Yamamoto complained that the proposed resolution had not been brought to the FTLAC's attention by ODF staff either at their last meeting in August or when it was added to the board's agenda.

Yamamoto said that after learning about the proposed resolution from a third party, he had inquired with ODF staff about the resolution and been informed that the directed changes would only add around 5 to 10 million board feet (MMBF) of annual harvest. When added to the 180 MMBF being harvested this year under a transitional implementation plan, Yamamoto said this would still be insufficient to economically support the counties and special districts that rely on the revenue. In recent years, state forest timber sales have totaled between 225 and 250 MMBF.

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>
> **Jim Kelly, Oregon Board of Forestry Chair**

Yamamoto expressed concern at the process used to add the resolution and the abdication of final review it suggested. He encouraged the board to further prioritize harvest maximization and said that they should review any future documents in public, allowing for feedback.

When the proposed resolution came up on the agenda on September 7, Kelly tabled its consideration in favor of a board discussion of the HCP process, responding to the public feedback.

The board's other members said that they were happy that Kelly tabled the resolution, saying that it had been a surprise to them and they felt that the process needed to remain in the public eye.

They said that they supported continuing the path towards an HCP. They said that they too were interested in maximizing harvest as allowed and understanding the reduction in forecast harvest levels that has occurred through the HCP process. Initial estimates for harvest levels associated with the HCP estimated that between 225 and 250 MMBF would be harvested annually and the downward trajectory of estimates was concerning to members.

Board Member Ben Deumling said that while he wanted to see the harvest levels increased, it was not his role as a board member to demand specific harvest levels from the staff and that the board needed to trust ODF's experts.

Board Member Karla Chambers said that it was important to her that the process achieve a balance between economic and conservation goals, a sentiment echoed by other board members. "I want to find balance and perspective because I think that's where we'll find a good decision," Chambers said.

ODF State Forests Division Chief Mike Wilson explained that the downward revisions to harvest projections had come as more specific data was used to develop the HCP and model harvests. He also stressed that the current transitional implementation plan, whose harvest levels have caused the concern, was regulated by both old take-avoidance approaches employed by the department and the strictures of the new HCP, potentially making harvests lower than they will be long term.

Wilson said that ODF staff will bring four scenarios to the board reflecting updated modeling for consideration at their December meeting. Wilson also said that he would more fully explain the reasons for any divergence in the projected harvest levels from earlier projections at that meeting.

Kelly cautioned that any additional modifications to the plan requested by the board would further delay the HCP's development. He noted that similar delays had led to the failure of board attempts to develop an HCP on two prior occasions.

Board Member Chandra Ferrari also reminded the board and public that final approval for the HCP will come from federal agencies. Those agencies will determine if the HCP comports with the Endangered Species Act and other federal conservation legislation without consideration for harvest levels. Ferrari also asked Wilson to consider the financial impacts that harvest decreases would have on ODF's budget, which receives over a third of those revenues.

Follow developments at thenewsguard.com and in the Tuesday print editions of The News Guard.

McKay's Market expands to Newport, store updates coming

JEREMY C. RUARK
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McKay's Market has acquired the JC Market on North Coast Highway in Newport.

McKay's representative Kevin Murray said the acquisition was completed Sept. 1.

"We plan on doing some updating to the store in the first quarter of 2024," he said. "New produce and frozen food cases will be the first things we look at upgrading, with the rest of the perimeter cases following that."

The market is open seven days a week from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

McKay's currently operates 11 locations with the addition of the Newport location, including a McKay's on Highway 101 in Lincoln City.

McKay's Market has been a staple of the Oregon Coast since first opening in Coos Bay in 1947. Employing more than 300 with seasonal increases each year.

"Our company is dedicated to its employees and the community they serve" a release from the business states. "McKay's Market is excited to carry on many of the values JC Market and be a part of the Newport Community. McKay's Market is 100% employee owned and managers have been with the company on average over 25 years."

McKay's is actively involved in many community events and fundraisers, including McKay's annual golf tournament, which raises money for food banks in the towns that are served by the grocery business. The business also gives back over $25,000 each holiday season, which is divided evenly between stores.

"There's a reason why we are often called 'The Friendliest Store in Town.' Everything we've accomplished is because of our employees and community," the release states.

Murray said McKay's has a unique branding that encourages its sustainability and growth.

"We are known for our Meat Bonanzas, we run them the first two weeks of the month Thursday through Saturday," Murray said. "We will be the friendliest store in town."

As for the future, Murray said McKay's will continue to look for new locations.

"As long as they fit our geological footprint," he said. "We want to stay on the coastal areas as much as possible."

Background

Kenneth McKay opened the first McKay's Market grocery store on 7th and Central in Coos Bay. In 1987, Kenneth retired and passed the reins to his son, Chuck, who became controlling owner and CEO a few years later. Chuck considered employee ownership to be one of the greatest aspects of his legacy, and it is still reflected in our tagline: "Oregon-Grown, Employee-Owned." Chuck retired in 2013, passing the company on to current CEO, Bill Caldwell. In 2016, the company expanded its Employee Stock Option Plan, becoming 100% ESOP-owned and restructuring our Board of Directors.

To reach the McKay's Market in Newport, call 541-265-6641.

Courtesy photo

The JC Market at 107 N Coast Highway in Newport is now owned by McKay's Market.

OBITUARY

Flora G. Craven

July 17, 1935 - Aug. 26, 2023

Flora Gae "DeForest" Craven, 88, died on Aug. 26, 2023, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She was born, July 16, 1935 in Lincoln City, Oregon to Thurlough "Pat" DeForest and Florence "Wright" Calbick.

Flora was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Richard G. Craven, and her parents Pat DeForest and Florence "DeForest" Calbick.

Flora was survived by her three sons, Stephen P. Craven (wife, Lorraine) of North Dakota, Larry D. Craven (wife, Monica) of Montana, and Timothy W. Craven (wife, Wendy) of Washington; six grandchildren, Matthew G. Craven, Timothy Craven, Daniel Craven, Matt Craven, Lydia Craven, and Jay Abbott; plus nine great-grandchildren, Gage Craven, Cooper Craven, Bryce Craven, Gavin Craven, Owen Craven, Cameron Craven, Khloe Craven, Ady Craven, and Emmett Craven; sister Stella "Willcutt" Taug; brother Timothy Willcutt,; and her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Judy and Doug Hudson of John Day, Oregon.

Flora loved gardening, antique collecting, and quilting.

A special "Thank You" to Guardian Angel Home in Post Falls, Idaho, the staff, nurses, Amy and Tara for their outstanding daily care, and to Hospice of North Idaho for their compassionate care of our mother.

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THE NEWS Guard

VIEWPOINT

Celebrating new coastal and ocean investments

Editor's Note: This is Part 2 of a series

DAVID GOMBERG
News Guard Guest Column

Last week I detailed federal investments in climate and our coastal waters. But of course, the State of Oregon is doing our part as well.

In June, the Oregon Legislature passed a landmark Climate Resilience Budget Framework that not only invests $90 million in climate resilience efforts statewide but will also be used to begin attracting nearly $1 billion in federal funding.

David Gomberg

The Climate Resilience Budget Framework includes investments to help make our state's residential and commercial buildings more energy-efficient, funds to develop community-resilience hubs for emergency preparedness, and funds for more robust wildfire resilience across Oregon. As well, the Framework provides continued investments in Oregon's Solar & Storage Rebate Program, the Community Renewable Energy Grant Program, and the Natural & Working Lands Fund – an effort I was proud to lend my support to this legislative session in an effort to promote natural climate solutions on our working lands for biological carbon sequestration.

Over the past six months, I sponsored and passed HB 2914 to establish a dedicated fund and program for the retrieval and disposal of abandoned and derelict vessels languishing in our state's waterways. I also led the effort to expand our successful marine reserves program on our coast.

While funding did not materialize for the expansion of the marine reserves program this last legislative session, I certainly haven't given up. Moving forward, I will be communicating with the Governor's Natural Resources team to begin exploring how we can fix the missed opportunity to better support our marine reserves in 2024.

I'll also be advocating for and promoting other ocean policy issues that the Ocean Policy Advisory Commission has recommended as I begin to formulate my legislative priorities for the 2024 legislative session.

I also helped advocate for a number of successful conservation, environmental, and toxic-free interests over the last two sessions, including holding fuel operators responsible for developing seismic resilience plans for their fuel storage, establishing environmental review standards for the landing of undersea network cables, funding for the study of ocean acidification and hypoxia, overhauling our state's recycling system, and implementing producer responsibility rules for plastic-waste polluters.

I was also very proud to lend my 'yes' vote to HB 2021 two years ago to get our state moving toward a 100% below baseline target of greenhouse gas emission by 2040.

This session, I was also proud to support and co-sponsor HB 3043, which directs the Oregon Health Authority to begin regulating potentially toxic chemicals in children's products and SB 543, which prohibits food vendors from using Styrofoam packaging for prepared food in Oregon.

I often opine that good work of global consequence is happening every day at the research hub south of Newport. If we are going to address the climate challenge, ocean warming, acidification, fishing and energy, those advances will come from Hatfield, the Marine Science Center, NOAA and PacWave. The central coast of Oregon is quickly emerging as the leading region addressing climate and changing ocean science.

As I said in the first of these two reports, new ocean-climate investments in Oregon's coast and communities demonstrate the kind of opportunities we have to fight and adapt to climate change and be better stewards of our lands and natural resources.

We owe our gratitude to ocean climate action champions in our legislature and Congress who fought for these investments. Taking action gives us hope for a just and livable future where our communities and our citizens cannot just survive, but thrive, in a changing climate.

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THIS THING CALLED LIFE

Try to do and say the right things

MICHELLE PIERSON YOUNG
News Guard Guest Column

I hit the mean streets of social media recently to ask my e-peeps a game I call, "What would you ask a life coach?"

It assumes you want to ask a life coach anything, but there are always a few adventures to lob some ideas my way. Most recently, this audacious little morsel came through my messages; "What would I ask a life-coach? How do you say the right thing?"

Michelle Young

How's that for a question? I mean, if we can do this, we can rule the world! Despite its seeming impossibility, the fact that if we crack this nut we can at the very least change our OWN world, means we gotta give it a shot.

As an executive coach, I'm pretty sure I know the answer to this, despite the fact that I don't have any idea what "the right thing" could possibly be. This for many reasons not the least of this is I don't know what the situation is, who the people are and maybe most importantly of all, the outcome it is you seek.

And that's the answer to the question, how do you say the right thing?

First you have to answer a whole bunch of questions for yourself and about and likely with the person or persons with whom you're attempting to communicate.

But that's a big sentence with hefty words so let's break it down (I hope there's some sort of hip hop tune attending you now...)

"The right thing" is so subjective as to be impossible to attain. The best we can do is put down some base rules for structure:

People's behavior always makes sense when you understand their version of the world. In order to respond to people and situations that can seem "bad" we have to ask clarifying quesitons first, in order to respond to what we THINK is happening.

A great question to ask someone who's choices, words or current actions don't make sense/offend you is; "What's happening for you right now?"

Sometimes the right thing to say is to let the other person explain, but most important thing about knowing the right thing to say, is making double, then triple and possibly quadruple sure you understand the other person and what their words and your words mean to them.

Until you and your romantic someone know what you mean when you say, "I want a traditional relationship," (Just one question to start, specifically what tradition?"). Or until your housekeeper understands when you say, "Please take the garbage out," you mean, "Take the garbage bag from each garbage can throughout the house and empty them in the garage can. Replace each bag after any grime is wiped off the can and put them back in place," it is unfair to say, "I don't know what to say to my housekeeper, he does a bad job."

In my very long and halloed experience of NOT saying the "right" thing a lot, my opinion is the key to saying the "right" thing is to ask a lot of clarifying questions first. And when in doubt, there's no rule about responding time. It's best to take some time, ask yourself about your desired outcome and circcle back when you're feeling more confident.

There's a lot of peace in knowing there's no real right way to do something. There's a lot of possibility in asking a good question and that at least feels very right to me.

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Newport, Siletz councils urge state to end flavored tobacco sales

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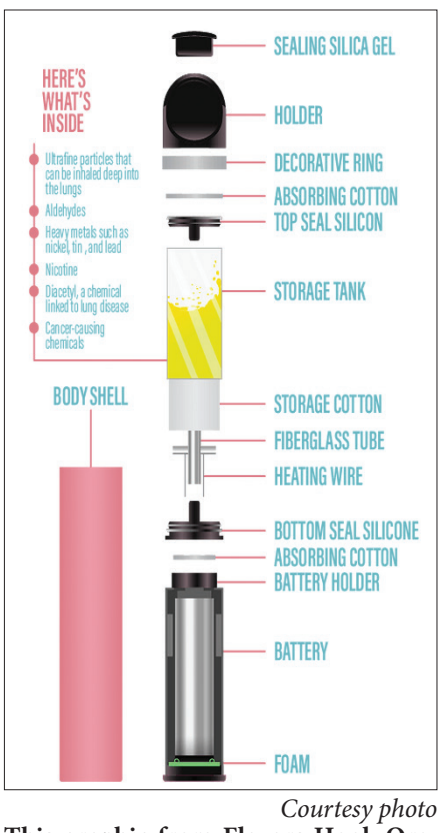
The Siletz and Newport City Councils passed resolutions on Aug. 28 and Sept. 5 respectively, urging the Oregon Legislature to end the sale of flavored tobacco products in the state.

In the 2023 legislative session, HB 3090 advanced before a lawmaker walkout curtailed much of the state's important business.

The votes were lauded by Flavors Hook Oregon Kids, a statewide coalition of more than 60 diverse organizations focused on protecting the health of Oregon kids by ending the sale of flavored tobacco products, including the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), American Lung Association, Kaiser Permanente and community-based organizations across the state.

"Big Tobacco is ruthless in its attempts to ensnare future generations to its deadly products," ACS CAN Oregon Government Relations Director Jamie Dunphy said. "The tobacco industry knows that flavors — like candy, fruit, and mint — hook kids, which is meant to lure them into a lifetime of addiction. Research shows that more than 80% of youth who have ever used tobacco start with a flavored product."



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This graphic from Flavors Hook Oregon Kids illustrates the content of flavored tobacco products.

In Oregon, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease, killing more than 8,000 people each year. Polling from earlier this year found that 62% of Oregonians support ending the sale of flavored tobacco products.

Statewide concern

In 2022, Multnomah County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved an ordinance banning the sale of flavored tobacco and nicotine products in Multnomah County, marking a decisive step forward after years of wide-ranging work to address a vaping and smoking crisis among young people.

The ordinance will become effective on Jan. 1, 2024.

According to a Multnomah County release, The Action Communities for Health, Innovation and Environmental Change (ACHIEVE) Coalition and the County's Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) program asked the county to ban flavored tobacco products in 2015, identifying them as a major contributor to health disparities, specifically affecting the Black and African American communities.

Health experts say flavored tobacco and nicotine products also disproportionately attract young people.

Free resources on quitting smoking can be found at the Oregon Tobacco Quit Line.

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Last week's results

Are you ready for the change from summer to fall?

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Oregon to see annular solar eclipse, weather permitting

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Several regions in the state will provide excellent viewing opportunities for a spectacular celestial event this fall: the upcoming annular solar eclipse Saturday, Oct. 14.

The moon, at its furthest point from Earth, will appear smaller as it passes in front of the sun, creating a brilliant "ring of fire" effect. Visitors are encouraged to book their accommodations and other arrangements early — as hotels and campsite reservations are anticipated to sell out quickly — and to anticipate traffic impacts in the path of annularity.

The eclipse will commence its visibility in Oregon shortly after 8 a.m. with annularity beginning at 9:14 a.m. This astronomical event will be visible across Oregon's skies but the best viewing will be in the path of annularity which includes parts of the Oregon Coast and Willamette Valley, a concentrated area within Central Oregon, and much of Southern Oregon – drawing visitors and eclipse-chasers to these areas for excellent visibility, as well as guided tours and events, according to a release from the Oregon Tourism Commission, dba Travel Oregon.

If skies are clear on the Oregon Coast, viewers with an unobstructed view of the sunrise between Langlois and Gleneden Beach will see the eclipse first before it traces a southeastward trajectory through Albany, Eugene, Springfield, Crater Lake National Park, Roseburg, Medford, and Lakeview before heading further southeast. The eclipse will reach maximum coverage at 9:16 a.m. over the Eugene area, producing near-total darkness. The moon will then begin to clear the sun, completely restoring daylight at about 10:39 a.m.

"Given Oregon's pristine starry skies, the state is known for its excellent stargazing opportunities and this year's annular solar eclipse will put on another exciting celestial show," Travel Oregon CEO Todd Davidson said. "With the path of annularity passing through the Oregon Outback and a new moon on the rise that weekend, eclipse-watchers who spend a night or two will also be treated to excellent stargazing."

This year's annular solar eclipse differs from the solar eclipse observed over Oregon in 2017 in that the disc of the moon appeared bigger than the sun in 2017 — which created total darkness for two minutes. In October 2023, the disc of the moon will be smaller than the disc of the sun by about 5 percent, and people will be able to see the Ring of Fire for a full 4 minutes in the path of annularity. The sky will get dark but not fully as dark as in 2017. Animals will become quieter and viewers will be able to see shadows of trees and other landscape elements.

Numerous regions and communities have organized events and other festivities around the upcoming annular solar eclipse. Visitors are encouraged to plan ahead and book accommodations and other arrangements early and keep an eye on the weather forecast and potential traffic impacts as the date approaches. Certified eclipse-viewing glasses will be available at Travel Oregon welcome centers while supplies last.

An interactive map of the eclipse's path as well as eclipse-viewing information and festivities can be accessed here: https://traveloregon.com/plan-your-trip/events/how-to-experience-the-annular-solar-eclipse-in-oregon/

Know Before You Go

Helpful travel tips for viewing the annular solar eclipse include:

Reserve lodging early: Many hotels and campsites in the path of annularity will likely sell out.

Be prepared for traffic: Many small communities in the path have only one road leading in and out. These could get backed up, making traffic an issue. There are also home football games on eclipse day in both Corvallis and Eugene, which will add to potential backups on I-5 and in those urban areas. To reduce congestion, avoid highways and other popular attractions in the path of the eclipse. Plan to arrive at least one full day, and ideally several days, in advance of the event — and don't attempt to travel home immediately after the eclipse. If possible, avoid traveling entirely in the path of annularity on October 14, 2023.

Bring a map: Cell phone and GPS reception can be unreliable in rural Oregon. The increase of cell phone usage will overwork services and make connections tougher. Know where you're going, and don't expect to rely on your phone or online maps. Order a highway map online at TravelOregon.com or pick one up at a Welcome Center.

Fuel up: With long distances between gas stations in rural areas, visitors should make sure to calculate their fuel needs.

Pack provisions: There are a limited number of restaurants in some of Oregon's beautiful, remote places, and these eateries may run out of food. Stock up on picnic supplies, snacks, water and other essentials in advance.

Don't forget to use eclipse glasses: To watch the eclipse safely, viewers will need eclipse-viewing glasses, which block harmful light from damaging vision.

Carry some cash: The ATMs in many small-to-medium towns are often limited in funds. Most services in Oregon take credit cards; however, there are places in rural areas that only take cash.

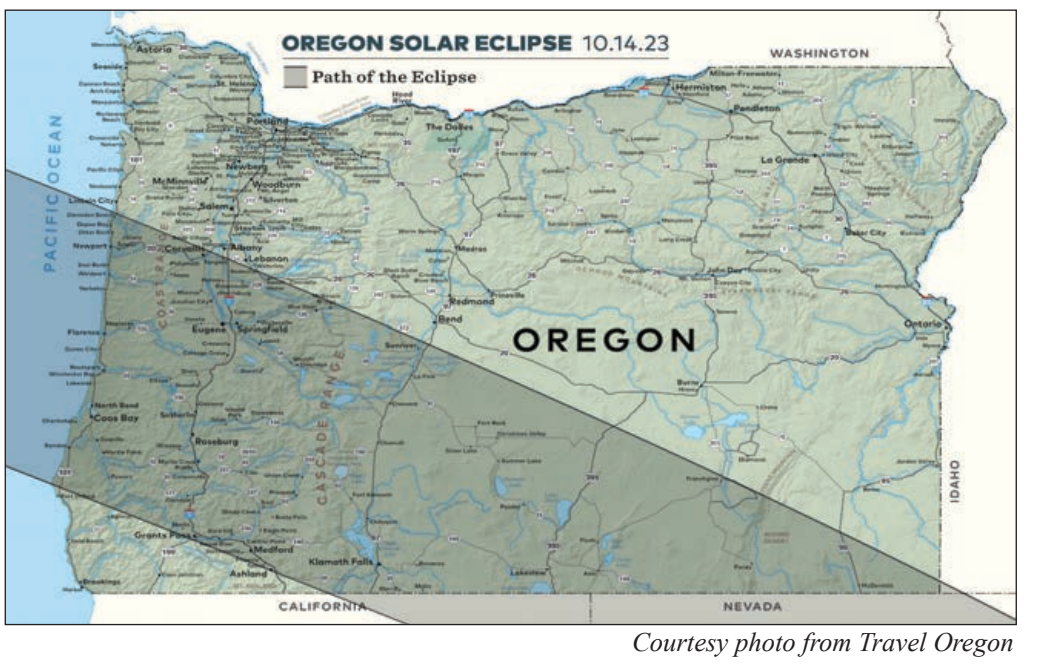
Prepare for variable weather: Fall in Oregon can bring dramatic swings, particularly at elevation where it could be snowing. Visitors should check forecasts and be prepared for all types of weather.

Be respectful. Don't trespass: Always respect private property boundaries. Stay on public land, be kind to local communities and wildlife and don't tread on sensitive habitats.

Wildfire Prevention: Wildfires are a serious threat in Oregon, so visitors should be vigilant about extinguishing campfires and properly disposing of cigarettes. In addition, visitors should be aware of fire risks and restrictions, including campfire bans. Avoid parking or driving on dry grass, as vehicles can spark a wildfire.

Avoid Excessive Waste: Consider packing large water containers and refilling them with tap water. Many places in Oregon enjoy excellent tap water, so there's no need to buy it bottled.

Pro Photo Tip: Instead of trying to capture images of the eclipse, capture shots of family and friends, as well as the shadows and trees that may look different during the event.



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Giving Circle annual meeting set for Thursday

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The annual meeting of The Giving Circle is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at the Samaritan Center for Health Education in Newport.

The Giving Circle is a project of the Pacific Communities Health District Foundation (PCHD). Participation is open to any individual interested in actively supporting the health and well-being of their local community, with an emphasis on children and adults who identify as female.

The Giving Circle is a collective philanthropy group, according to PCHD Foundation Associate Director Karla Clem.

"Each participant donates an equal amount annually to a fund, then the group decides how the funds will be allocated to help improve the health and well-being of those within the scope of care provided by Samaritan Pacific Health Services," Clem said. "There is a huge need for assistance in our rural health care area. Fortunately, I have discovered that there are so many people in our community with equally huge, generous hearts."

The annual contribution for participants to vote on grant allocations is $250. Prospective participants are invited to attend the annual meeting as a guest.

The featured speaker at the annual meeting will be Lesley Ogden, MD, CEO of Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital and Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital. Ogden will share information about the state of health care in Lincoln County and beyond. Also, hospital department managers and staff will present information about projects to be considered for The Giving Circle's grant awards.

Members are invited to RSVP by Monday, Sept. 11, to Karla Clem at kclem@samhealth.org or 541-574-4912.

"IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE YOUR NAME ON THE DOOR, IT TAKES DEDICATION AND DISCIPLINE."

Still just 29, Jake Martin is a throwback. Not just because he listens to Elvis and Johnny Cash as he drives his log truck 14 hours a day, but because Jake truly understands what it takes to succeed. "Owning a log truck can go very good for a guy or very poorly," he points out. "You're going to get out of that investment what you put into it."

Jake's family has lived in Tillamook for close to a century. Many of his relatives have been involved in the lumber industry, including his dad, Jim, who was a timber cutter for 30 years. The vintage McDonald hard hat that Jake wears on the job was a gift from his dad. So was the advice he gave him, which Jake has painted on the side of his truck: "Keep the nose to the grindstone."

After graduating from Tillamook High School, Jake worked as a millwright before getting his first driving job hauling rock for Braxling & Braxling. He moved up to driving a lowboy for 3+ years and then log trucks for others.

In 2017, at the tender age of 25, Jake decided to go out on his own, buying a 1999 Peterbilt with a 550 CAT engine. Two years later, he invested in his current rig, a 2020 Kenworth W900B with a 565 Cummins engine and 18-speed transmission which hauls his 2018 Whit-Log trailer.

His truck is "viper red", chromed to the max, and typically gleaming. "I wash it a lot and do my own maintenance," says Jake. The prior weekend, he'd rotated every single tire. "If you're going to have your name on the door, it takes dedication and discipline," he explains. "I work hard, show up on time, and always give 110%. I'd work seven days a week if I could."

Typically, Jake hits the road at 1 a.m. Primarily he hauls for Hopkes Logging, driving three to four loads each day to mills in Warrenton, Veneta, Willamina, Eugene, Longview or Randle, Washington. "I enjoy the logging environment and get to work around really good people," he comments.

Jake bought his Tillamook home from his grandparents. The property has enough room for a shop and garages, one of which houses car #17, which he drives in Tillamook's *Pig 'n Ford* races. In his spare time, Jake heads back to the woods, to hunt, trap and fish.

Currently a one-man operation, Jake Martin Trucking may someday expand. "If the times were right and drivers were available, I can see myself eventually diversifying," comments Jake. What he does know for sure is how he'll buy additional trucks. He purchased his first two rigs with financing from Oregon Coast Bank, which is exactly how he plans to invest in new equipment. "Oregon Coast Bank understands what it takes to get going," says Jake. "They're flexible, committed to the timber industry, and believed in me. That's how banking should be in a small town."

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NG23-548 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LINCOLN COUNTY Case No. 23PB05910 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS in the matter of the Estate of Bernard Charles Holt, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ronald L. Sperry III has qualified and been appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present them, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative, Ronald L. Sperry III, c/o DC Law, McKinney & Sperry, PC, P.O. Box 1265, Roseburg, OR 97470, or the claims may be barred. Dated and first published this 12th day of September, 2023. Personal Representative: Ronald L. Sperry III, OSB #091525 DC Law McKinney & Sperry PC PO Box 1265 Roseburg, OR 97470 Telephone: 541-673- 4451 Fax: 541-673- 1202.

NG23-550 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, Probate Department, Case No. 23PB05922, NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS, In the Matter of the Estate of Kathleen Dore Lewis, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Sherry Sweeney has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them in writing to the personal representative in care of attorney Gabrielle Richards, Martin & Richards, PLLC, 1211 Daniels Street #830, Vancouver, Washington 98666, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published September 12, 2023. /s/ Gabrielle D. Richards, OSB No. 114992, Attorney for Personal Representative.

NG23-531 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CITY-INITIATED ZONING CODE AMENDMENT The Lincoln City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider ZOA 2023-05 and 2023-06 on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The Lincoln City City Council will hold a public hearing to consider ZOA 2023-05 and 2023-06 on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The public hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City, Oregon. Persons who may be affected are invited to participate in the hearing and present written and/or oral testimony concerning the project. PLEASE NOTE: THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY HAS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS THAT, IF ADOPTED, MAY AFFECT THE PERMISSIBLE USES OF YOUR PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPERTIES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, AND MAY CHANGE THE VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY. ZOA 2023-05 proposes amending the 2015 Adopted Lincoln City Transportation Plan (TSP) by removing the following driving projects: D7 NE Surf Extension; D11 SE Port Extension; D12 SE Mast Extension; D18 SW 30th Extension; D22 SW Fleet Extension; D23 Taft Beach Parking Connection; and D25 SW Keel Connection. ZOA 2023-06 proposes amending Lincoln City Municipal Code (LCMC) Title 17 to revise Section 17.08.010 Definitions to change the term "vacation rental dwelling (VRD)" to "short-term rental (STR)" and add the rental period to the definition; and to revise Section 17.80.050 to do the following: change the term "vacation rental dwelling (VRD)" to "short-term rental (STR)"; add the term "offstreet" in front of "parking"; reference Chapter 17.56 requirements for sizing and surfacing for off-street parking; provide the whole number rather than the percentage for the cap in R1-5 and R1RE; move the VRD/STR application process to Chapter 17.77 Applications; provide minor language clarifications for clearer understanding; and to remove accessory licenses as an allowed use in all residential zones. The applicable criteria are: Lincoln City Municipal Code (LCMC) Chapter 17.76 Procedures and Section 17.77.130 Text Amendment. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearings and will be provided at reasonable cost to individuals who request it. The complete file may be reviewed online at www.lincolncity.org by going to Departments in the top bar, then Planning & Community Development, then Zoning Code Ordinances, and then ZOA 2023-05 TSP or ZOA 2023-06 VRD/STR Revisions. The applications, 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 at reasonable cost upon request at Lincoln City Planning and Community Development, 801 SW Hwy 101. For additional information, please contact Anne Marie Skinner, Director, at askinner@lincolncity.or g or 541.996.1228. Failure 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 Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). Please email your comments to askinner@lincolncity.or- g or mail to Lincoln City Planning and Community Development, PO Box 50, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, for a hearingimpaired device, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. To request information in an alternate format or other assistance, please contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Kevin Mattias, at 541- 996-1013 or kmattias@lincolncity.org. Visit the ADA Accessibility | City of Lincoln City, OR webpage to view how the City continues to remain in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act regarding City programs, services, processes, and facilities.

NG23-542 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of ELOISE K. TOW, Deceased. Case No. 23PB07315 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 21, 2023, Julie Kristin Edmondson, was appointed as Personal Representative of the above-referenced estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative or to Stacey D. Mealer, Attorney, at the addresses listed below, 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 attorney for the Personal Representative. Personal Representative: Julie Kristin Edmondson, 7102 SE Short Road, Gresham, OR 97080, (503) 810-7127. Attorney for Personal Representative: Stacey D. Mealer, Attorney OSB023915, PO Box 81 ~ 1195 Main Street Suite 2, Sweet Home, OR 97386, (541) 270- 2406 ~ Mealer@actionnet.net.

NG23-543 Notice of Public Sale: Storage Depoe 520 N Coast Hwy. Unit 23 Zachary Cromwell contents to be auctioned 6:00 PM 9/20/2023 at BID13AUCTIONS.COM.

NG23-544 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing instrument shall constitute notice, pursuant to ORS 86.764, that the Grantor of the Trust Deed described below has defaulted on its obligations to beneficiary, and that the Beneficiary and Successor Trustee under the Trust Deed have elected to sell the property secured by the Trust Deed: DEED OF TRUST AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: This instrument makes reference to that certain that certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Security Agreement dated November 2, 2015, and recorded November 3, 2015, as Instrument No. 2015-11023, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, State of Oregon (the "Deed of Trust"), under which SHILO INN, NEWPORT, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company, is the grantor, TICOR TITLE COMPANY, is the original trustee, and NATIXIS REAL ESTATE CAPITAL LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is the original beneficiary, and the beneficial interest under the Deed of Trust having been assigned to WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SG COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2016-C5, COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE PASS- THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2016-C5, by that certain Assignment of Deed of

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Trust dated effective as of July 19, 2016, and recorded August 16, 2016, as Instrument No. 2016- 07707, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, State of Oregon, and the beneficial interest under the Deed of Trust having been further assigned to the current beneficiary RSS SGC-MS2016-C5 - OR SIN, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company ("Beneficiary"), by that certain Assignment of Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Security Agreement dated effective as of May 3, 2021, and recorded May 10, 2021, as Instrument No. 2021- 06082, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, State of Oregon. The aforementioned Deed of Trust covers property (the "Property") described as: PARCEL I: All of Blocks 5, 6, 7 and 8, BLOOMERS ADDITION TO NEWPORT, in the City of Newport, County of Lincoln and State of Oregon. PARCEL II: Beginning at the intersection of the North line of Evans Street, as platted in Bloomers Addition, with the West line of Elizabeth Street, as deeded by R.M. and Lura M. Kenton to The City of Newport by deed recorded in Book 112, Page 510, Deed Records; thence North 3° 49' 42" East along the West line of said street, 295.00 feet; thence North 87° 14' 18" West parallel with the above mentioned line of Evans Street, a distance of 280.00 feet to the high water line of the Pacific Ocean; thence Southerly along said high water line, a distance of 295.00 feet to the intersection of the high water line and the North line of Evans Street; thence South 87° 14' 18" East along said North line of Evans Street a distance of 340.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, in Lincoln County, Oregon. PARCEL III: That part of Block 67, CASE AND BAYLEY'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF NEWPORT, in Lincoln County, Oregon described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Block 67, said point begin the intersection of the Northerly line of Fall Street and the East line of Elizabeth Street; thence North 03° 49' 42" East along the East line of Elizabeth Street, 100.00 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence South 86° 10' 18" East at right angles to said Elizabeth Street, 100.00 feet; thence North 01° 02' 05" West 48.51 feet to the corner common to Lots 3, 4, 9 and 10 of said Block 67; thence North 86° 10' 18" West at right angles to Elizabeth Street, 42.50 feet; thence North 03° 49' 42" East parallel to Elizabeth Street, 93.00 feet to the Southerly line of S.W. 4TH Street; thence South 56° 29' 12" West along the Southerly line of S.W. 4TH Street, 67.15 feet to the East line of Elizabeth Street; thence South 03° 49' 42" West along the East line of Elizabeth Street, 100.60 feet to the Point of Beginning. Together with all buildings, structures, fixtures and other improvements now or hereafter located thereon (the "Improvements"), all Additional Collateral described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and all other personal property described in the Deed of Trust. The undersigned hereby certifies that he has no knowledge of any assignments of the Deed of Trust by the original trustee or by the original beneficiary or any appointments of a Successor Trustee other than the appointment of DAVID W. CRISWELL, ESQ., as Successor Trustee as recorded in the property records of the county in which the Property described above is situated. Further, the undersigned certifies that no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the Deed of Trust. The name and address of the Successor Trustee are as follows: David W. Criswell Successor Trustee Lane Powell PC 601 SW Second Avenue, Suite 2100 Portland, OR 97204. The Deed of Trust is not a "Residential Trust Deed", as defined in ORS 86.705(6), thus the requirements of Chapter 304 [S.B. 558], Oregon Laws 2013, Chapter 112 [S.B. 1552], Section 4a, Oregon Laws 2012, and ORS 86.771(10) do not apply. DEFAULT BY GRANTOR: There are continuing and uncured defaults by Shilo Inn, Newport, LLC (the "Grantor") that, based on the provisions of the Deed of Trust and the loan documents now held by Beneficiary, including the promissory note dated and effective as of November 2, 2015 ("Note") and loan agreement dated and effective as of November 2, 2015 ("Loan Agreement"), authorize the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust and the sale of the Property described above. The uncured and continuing defaults are the following: 1. Grantor's failure to pay to Beneficiary, the required Monthly Debt Service Payment Amounts (as defined in the Loan Agreement) due on January 5, 2021, and thereafter through and including June 5, 2023. Grantor has made limited Monthly Debt Service Payments during that time period which have been credited to the indebtedness. Additionally, while Borrower also failed to make the Monthly Debt Service Payment amount from March through December 2020, pursuant to the moratorium imposed by Oregon House Bill 4204 ("HB 4204") such missed payments have been added to the loan balance and must be paid when full performance of the obligations under the Loan Documents (as defined in the Deed of Trust) is due. The March through December 2020 missed Monthly Debt Service Payments have been excluded from the amounts necessary to cure and reinstate the subject loan under ORS 86.778. Late charges, property protection advances, special servicing fees, workout fees, taxes, reserves, insurance and other charges through June 5, 2023 total $903,510.78. Default Interest from January 1, 2021, due as of (i.e., through and including) June 5, 2023, is in the amount of $1,155,359.76. ALL AMOUNTS are now due and payable along with all costs and fees associated with this foreclosure. 2. Additional defaults include Grantor's: (i) failure to pay Lincoln County 2022/23 real property taxes in the total amount of $11,162.58; and (ii) failure to pay the 2022/- 23 personal property taxes Lincoln County, Oregon, Account No. P490427 in the amount of $1,476.01, plus interest. TOTAL UNCURED MONETARY (PAYMENT) DEFAULT: As of June 5, 2023, the amounts which must be paid to the Beneficiary to effect a statutory cure under ORS 86.778 and discontinue the trustee's sale (in addition to the tax payments that must be made to Lincoln County) are as follows: Monthly Debt Service Payment Amounts (through 06/05/2023 payment) $957,086.24, Tax, Reserves, Insurance, Deposits $108,162.90, Default Interest (01/05/2021 - 06/06/2023) $1,155,359.76, Late Fees $0.00, IOAs (as of 05/10/2023) $158,651.30, Tax Advance $374,866.92, Insurance Advance $0.00, PPA $72,874.56, Special Servicing Fee (01/05/2021-06/05/2023) $102,083.33, Deferred Amounts due $0.00, Workout Fee $86,871.77, Processing Fees $0.00, Sub-Total $3,015,956.78, Excess Cash $0.00, Insurance Escrow Balance $0.00, Tax Escrow Balance $0.00, less Reserve Balance -$0.36, less funds in Suspense - $2,583.11, Total $3,013,373.31. The aggregate accelerated amount of indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust is $11,451,142.91 as of May 23, 2023. ELECTION TO SELL: Notice is hereby given that the Beneficiary, by reason of the uncured and continuing defaults described above, has elected and does hereby elect to foreclose said Deed of Trust by advertisement and sale pursuant to ORS 86.752 et seq., and to cause to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the Grantor's interest in the subject Property, which the Grantor had, or had the power to convey, at the time the Grantor executed the Deed of Trust in favor of the Beneficiary, along with any interest the Grantor or the Grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust as well as the expenses of the sale, including compensation of the Trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of Trustee's attorneys. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the sale will be held at the hour of 11:30 a.m., in accordance with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, on November 2, 2023, on the front steps to the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, Oregon 97365. RIGHT OF REINSTATEMENT: Notice is further given that grantor and any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five (5) days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by (A) 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, together with the costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the terms of the obligation, as well as Successor Trustee and attorney fees as prescribed by ORS 86.778; and (B) by paying the real and personal property taxes as described in this Notice. NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771(9): Without limiting the Successor Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Successor Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. DATED: June 14, 2023. David W. Criswell, OSB 925930 Successor Trustee, Lane Powell PC 601 SW Second Avenue, Suite 2100 Portland, OR 97204, Telephone: (503) 778-2100, Facsimile: (503) 778-2200, Email: criswelld@lanepowell.com. EXHIBIT A Additional Collateral. The personal property located on the Property as described in the Deed of Trust and also in that certain UCC-1 financing statement filed November 3, 2015, with the Oregon Secretary of State, File No. 90626598 (the "UCC1"), more particularly described as follows: (a) All machinery, furniture, furnishings, equipment, computer software and hardware, fixtures (including all heating, air conditioning, plumbing, lighting, communications and elevator fixtures), inventory, materials, supplies and other articles of personal property and accessions thereof, renewals and replacements thereof and substitutions therefor, and other property of every kind and nature, tangible or intangible, owned by Grantor, or in which Grantor has or shall have an interest, now or hereafter located upon 536 SW Elizabeth Street, Newport, OR 97365 the "Premises" or the "Improvements", or appurtenant thereto, and usable in connection with the present or future operation and occupancy of the Premises and the Improvements (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Equipment"), including any leases of, deposits in connection with, and proceeds of any sale or transfer of any of the foregoing, and the right, title and interest of Grantor in and to any of the Equipment that may be subject to any "security interest" as defined in the Uniform Commercial Code, as in effect in the Oregon (the "UCC"), (b) All accounts (including reserve accounts), escrows, documents, instruments, chattel paper, claims, deposits and general intangibles, as the foregoing terms are defined in the UCC, and all franchises, trade names, trademarks, symbols, service marks, books, records, plans, specifications, designs, drawings, surveys, title insurance policies, permits, consents, licenses, management agreements, contract rights (including any contract with any architect or engineer or with any other provider of goods or services for or in connection with any construction, repair or other work upon the Property), approvals, actions, refunds of real estate taxes and assessments (and any other governmental impositions related to the Property) and causes of action that now .or hereafter relate to, are derived from or are used in connection with the Property, or the use, operation, maintenance, occupancy or enjoyment thereof or the conduct of any business or activities thereon (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Intangibles"); (c) All other personal property described in the UCC1; and (d) All proceeds, products, offspring, rents and profits from any of the foregoing, including those from sale, exchange, transfer, collection, loss, damage, disposition, substitution or replacement of any of the foregoing (together, the "Collateral").

NG23-547 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN CASE NO. 23CV19420 PUBLISHED SUMMONS ASSOCIATION OF UNIT OWNERS OF THE INN AT SPANISH HEAD, INC., an Oregon nonprofit corporation, Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DORIS J. BRYANT; PATRICK BRYANT; MICHAEL WILLIAM BRYANT; DIANE BO SEWELL FKA DIANE BO BRYANT; K.C. COPE; UNKNOWN HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF K.C. COPE; STATE OF OREGON, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES DIVISION; AND PARTIES IN POSSESSION OR CLAIMING A RIGHT TO POSSESSION, Defendants. TO: ANY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ESTATE OF DORIS J. BRYANT, OR ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DORIS J. BRYANT; K.C. COPE OR ANY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ESTATE OF K.C. COPE, OR ANY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF K.C. COPE; AND PARTIES IN POSSESSION OR CLAIMING A RIGHT TO POSSESSION, of the above-named Defendants. You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above-entitled action; the motion or answer or reply must be given to the court clerk or administrator within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. SUMMARY STATEMENT: This action relates to Plaintiff's desire to foreclose its claim against the real estate commonly known as 4009 SW Highway 101 #A-209, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367, and legally described as: Unit A-209, INN AT SPANISH HEAD, in Lincoln County, Oregon, together with the undivided interest in the general and limited common elements appurtenant thereto, as more fully set forth and described in the Declaration of Unit Ownership recorded October 27, 1969 in Book 15, page 803, Microfilm Records of Lincoln County, Oregon, which description is incorporated herein and be reference made a part hereof. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following relief: a. Declaring that the Association's lien being foreclosed in the amount due of $6,529.87, plus continuing assessments, interest, late fees, attorney fees and costs, constitutes a valid and subsisting lien against the interest in real property described in this complaint, and declaring that the Association's Lien, any judgment awarded herein, plus any supplemental award, is superior to any interest, lien, or claim of each and every defendant named herein in the Property; b. That post judgment interest on all sums be awarded as assessments, late fees, and interest herein at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum and on all sums awarded as attorney's fees and costs at the statutory rate of nine percent (9%) per annum from the date of judgment; c. Foreclosing the Association Lien pursuant to ORS 100.450 and ordering the sale of the Property by the Lincoln County Sheriff in the manner prescribed by law; d. That proceeds from the sale of the Property be applied first toward the costs of sale, then to any assessments of the Association which accrue from the date of judgment in this case to the date of sale; then to satisfy the Association Lien; with any surplus to the party or parties who may establish their right thereto; e. Ordering that each and every defendant, and all persons claiming through or under any defendant, either as purchasers, encumbrances, or otherwise, be foreclosed of all interest or claim in the property subject to any statutory rights of redemption that the defendant may have in the Property; f. Declaring that the Association Lien is superior in priority to any homestead exemption claimed by every defendant and that no defendant is entitled to a homestead exemption as against the Lien; g. Providing that the Association or any other party to this action may become the purchaser at the sale of the property, that the purchaser shall be immediately entitled to exclusive possession of the property from the date of sale, and shall be entitled to such remedies as are available at law to secure such possession, including a writ of assistance, if any of the defendants or any other party or person shall refuse to immediately surrender possession to the purchaser; h. For any additional assessments, late charges and interest, which accrue, or become due after April 5, 2023, but before the date of judgment; i. For Plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees incurred herein and in connection with collection of Plaintiff's claim; j. For Plaintiff's costs and disbursements incurred herein; k. If Plaintiff incurs post-judgment attorney fees and costs in connection with the collection of its judgment, Plaintiff shall be entitled to apply to the court for supplemental judgments for attorney fees and costs incurred in collection of this matter; and l. Such other relief as the Court deems just and equitable. NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: READ CAREFULLY!! YOU MUST "APPEAR" IN THIS CASE OR THE OTHER SIDE WILL WIN AUTOMATICALLY. TO "APPEAR" YOU MUST FILE WITH THE COURT A LEGAL PAPER CALLED A "MOTION" OR "ANSWER". THE MOTION OR ANSWER (OR "REPLY") MUST BE GIVEN TO THE COURT CLERK OR ADMINISTRATOR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION SPECIFIED HEREIN, ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED FILING FEE. IT MUST BE IN PROPER FORM AND HAVE PROOF OF SERVICE ON THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY OR, IF THE PLAINTIFF DOES NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY, PROOF OF SERVICE UPON THE PLAINTIFF. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD SEE AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU NEED HELP IN FINDING AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OREGON STATE BAR'S LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE ONLINE AT WWW.OREGONSTATEBAR.ORG OR BY CALLING AT (503) 684-3763 (IN THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA) OR TOLL- FREE ELSEWHERE IN OREGON AT (800) 452-7636. This summons is published by order of Hon. Marcia Buckley, Judge of the above-entitled Court, made on the 24th day of August 2023, directing publication of this summons once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Lincoln County, Oregon. Date of first publication: September 5, 2023. Date of last publication: September 26, 2023. WYSE KADISH LLP. By: Karma L. Prajzler, OSB #195904 klp@wysekadish.com, Of Attorneys for Plaintiff, 900 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 2000, Portland, Oregon 97204, Tel (503) 228- 8448, Fax (503) 273- 9135

NG23-540 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN In the Matter of the Estate of: CAROLYN IRENE HOLLOWAY, Deceased. Case No. 23PB07035 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PAMELA LYNN SAVAGE has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Personal Representative, PAMELA LYNN SAVAGE, at the address below, 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 attorneys for the personal representative. ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: c/-o Attorney David V. Cramer, OSB #992479 Zantello Law Group 2941 NW Highway 101 Lincoln City, OR 97367 DATED and first published: August 29, 2023. David V. Cramer, Attorney for Personal Representative.

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NG23-523 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-23-958545- RM Reference is made to that certain deed made by, ERIK C JACOBS as Grantor to WESTERN TITLE AND ESCROW, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS NOMINEE FOR METLIFE HOME LOANS, A DIVISION OF METLIFE BANK, N.A., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS , as Beneficiary, dated 2/26/- 2009, recorded 3/3/2009, in official records of LINCOLN County, Oregon in book/reel/volume No. and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2009-02524 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: R219897 Beginning at a point that is South 1177.05 feet and West 1631.01 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 13, Township 8 South, Range 11 West, Willamette Meridian, Lincoln County, Oregon; thence South 73° 29' East, 53.97 feet; thence South 16° 31' West, 113 feet, more or less, to the North bank of the Siletz River; thence Westerly, along the North bank of said river, 50 feet, more or less, to a point that is South 14° 01' West, 116 feet, more or less, from the point of beginning; thence North 14° 01' East, 116 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 1888 S Windy Bend Dr, Lincoln City, OR 97367 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: $16,764.38 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: $141,162.68 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 9/1/2022, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 12/13/2023 at the hour of 9:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, At the Public Entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, located at 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365 County of LINCOLN, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest Erik Jacobs 1888 S Windy Bend Dr Lincoln City, OR 97367 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 800- 280-2832 or Login to: www.auction.com In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIRMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-23-958545-RM Dated: 7/20/2023 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 IDSPub #0187355 8/22/2023 8/29/2023 9/5/2023 9/12/2023.

Tourism

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the fall and winter and on into next spring and summer supported by Chinook Winds Casino's year-round live entertainment.

"One of their best events of the year is coming up September 13-16, called the Celebration of Honor. This is a heartfelt tribute recognizing the dedication and sacrifice of our veterans and service members," she said. "The Lincoln City Outlets are another great draw for Lincoln City, not to mention the Finders Keepers Program, Fall Kite Festival, Artisan Faires, and local Farm Stands. Lincoln City has a tremendous number of activities to offer year-round, plus, fall brings some of the best weather of the year."

As the Lincoln City tourism numbers continue to climb, Arce-Torres gives insight into who those visitors are.

"At the Chamber we talk to a lot of people from around the world who are visiting Lincoln City and find that they come for a myriad of reasons," she said. "Outdoor enthusiasts are drawn to our pristine beaches, incredible surfing, and amazing hikes. Lincoln City also has a thriving arts and culture scene which appeals to those seeking inspiration and creativity. The Fall Kite Festival is one of the most popular events, plus there is always the allure of finding a hand-blown glass float hidden on the beach which adds an exciting element to every visit.

Lincoln City has a diverse food scene which is a large draw for travelers making it a true destination for a diverse set of tourists, according to Arce-Torres.

Businesses continue to navigate through the usual challenges to keep pace with the city's tourist trade.

"Lincoln City businesses always face the challenge of the seasonal nature of the tourism industry," Arce-Torres said. Moreover, the struggle to find and retain employees remains a pressing concern, especially when students return to school and college."

Explore Lincoln City

Explore Lincoln City Director Kim Cooper Findling said the latest data shows lodging occupancy rates have been down about 6% in 2023 from 2022.

"A decline this year has been a theme throughout Oregon, and is largely attributed to unusually strong numbers in 2022 as a result of travelers making up for trips not taken during COVID 19," Findling said.

She added that the transient room tax revenue for Labor Day weekend, and beyond, will benefit from a boost from the increase in the Lincoln City transient room tax rate from 9.5% to 12% that went into effect in July 2023.

Findling said the summer wildfires did help boost the local visitor counts.

"Anecdotally, we hear from visitors that many come to Lincoln City to escape heat and wildfire smoke inland during summer months," Findling said. "It's hard to beat the Oregon Coast's fresh air and moderate temperatures!"

Findling was appointed the city's tourism director following the retirement of Ed Dreistadt earlier this year. She said she will continue Explore Lincoln City's award-winning brand and strong visitor programming.

"We will continue to deliver on our promise that Lincoln City is one place, endless adventure," she said." The Fall Kite Festival will be held September 23 and 24 at the D River Wayside—plan to join us for demonstration kiting, kite-making, a kaleidoscope of colors and loads of family-friendly fun. Hiking and Birdwatching Experiences, hosted in partnership with Lincoln City Parks and Recreation and the Audubon Society of Lincoln City, continue through fall—these free guided experiences celebrate and educate about our natural outdoor spaces."

Findling also said the city's annual holiday celebration Deck the Dock, December 2 at 5 p.m. in partnership with Lincoln City Parks and Recreation will light up the Taft dock at 51st Street and at Regatta Park. New this year is that the event will be held on Saturday instead of Monday to accommodate more potential event-goers, including out-of-town visitors. Plan for glimpses of Sparky the Dragon, Jet Ski Santa, lights galore and perhaps a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus themselves.

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The dock at Taft has been a vantage point for crabbing and viewing Siletz Bay over the busy summer.

"On the whole, my priorities as new director are to sustain and build on a strong tourism economy; forge collaborative connections with residents and stakeholders; facilitate improvements that support exceptional visitor experience, inclusion, safety and sustainability; and encourage stewardship and love for our beautiful natural spaces—the very reason we are all here, resident or visitor alike," Findling said.

Read more about tourism in Lincoln City and follow developments at thenewsguard.com and in the Tuesday print editions of The News Guard.

Hobby

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They are amazing people up there," he said.

He also indicated that his business card can be found at the shop, one side in regular print and the reverse in braille for the visually impaired. He said that he does take custom orders for wood types so long as he has the requested variety in stock.

Johnson says that he loves being able to take a block of wood and turn it into something useful. He said that no one part of the process to creating his crafts takes long to do. However, he often has to do little bits at a time which can make things be drawn out over days. Such is the case with his ink pens. He must make them in several steps. One of which requires him to glue the barrel in place and leave it to dry for a day before returning to it. He has two lathe machines that he uses for his crafts.

His hobby

His business is his hobby, typically earning him enough money to where it pays for itself. When he does have extra income from his sales, he will use it to buy new equipment when needed.

"I give a lot of my [spinning] tops away. If I see a little kid and they're looking at stuff or if it's their birthday, I'll give them a top," Johnson said. "At Christmas time I make a different key chain and I'll be walking around the street and giving people key chains for Christmas. It brightens up their day a little bit."

According to Johnson, his son works at a business where they handle a large variety of exotic woods which they use to make molding. The company allows him to buy their scrap pieces.

"I use Purple Heart, Zebrawood, Gaboon Ebony ... I have probably about 150 different types of wood that I use. I also get driftwood. I use driftwood right here from the beach [in Lincoln City]," Johnson said.

He also mentioned working with Yew wood, Brazilian Cherry, African Rosewood, Cocobolo, and Bethlehem Olive Wood, which comes with a card of authenticity, proving it's straight from Bethlehem, Israel.

While wood turning is his main hobby, Johnson also likes to take every opportunity he can to help other visually impaired people by spending time at the Hull Foundation and Learning Center in Sandy, Ore. The center, which is celebrating 60 years of being open, provides a variety of workshops both online and in person to adults with blindness and sight loss. According to Johnson, the foundation also has retreats for the visually impaired where they take people outdoors, doing a number of fun sports activities like kayaking, zip lining, horseback riding, and white-water rafting.

Johnson visits the non-profit foundation four to five times a year, volunteering his time to help others with visual impairments learn how to turn wood just as someone had done for him so many years prior. The foundation sits on 22 acres, at the foot of Mt. Hood National Forest and holds a very special place in his heart. He used to visit the foundation as a participant until they reached out to him, asking that he join them in helping teach others his wood working skills.

To learn more about the Hull Foundation, visit website: HullFLC.org. Johnson's shop is located at 1410 NW 16th Street in Lincoln City.

Hospital flooring dispute resolved, repairs to begin soon

SUBMITTED

A legal dispute between a Colorado contractor and Samaritan Pacific Health Services has been resolved through mediation, opening the way for most flooring to be replaced inside the three-story tower at Samaritan's Newport hospital.

Work will begin later this year and is expected to take 18 to 24 months to complete, according to a release from Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital.

"While we are disappointed that our wonderful new hospital developed flooring problems so soon after it opened, we are satisfied with the resolution," Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital MD, CEO Lesley Ogden said.

The general contractor overseeing construction of the hospital's three-story building and remodeling of an existing two-story building was The Neenan Co., based in Fort Collins, Colorado.

"I want to emphasize this point: the cost of finding the root cause of the failure and the necessary remedial work will not come from the taxpayers of the Pacific Communities Health District (PHCD) who so generously voted to fund this important facility for their community," Ogden said.

The Pacific Communities Health District partners with Samaritan in an operating lease agreement of the hospital and related medical facilities.

> **"I'm encouraged now that we are moving forward on a solution."**
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> **Dr. Lesley Ogden, CEO Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital**

"It was disheartening to learn of the flooring issues so soon after the building was completed, but I'm thankful that we can move forward now with a cohesive repair plan," PHCD Board of Directors Chair Aimee Thompson said.

Samaritan first became aware of the problem shortly after the new building opened in January of 2019.

"We immediately began making repairs as needed to keep our patients and staff safe, but the problem has persisted to the point that most of the flooring must be removed and replaced," Ogden said.

The flooring problems include bubbling, flooring separation, curling, material pulling away from the walls and doors, buckling and cracking. It was determined that errors were made throughout the flooring process, from preparation to placement.

Neenan and five subcontractors agreed on a financial settlement that should be adequate to cover the cost of repairs, the release states. Samaritan has begun the process of soliciting bids for the work and hopes to begin before the end of the year.

To minimize disruption to patients and staff, repair work will be done in phases and in small sections at a time. Flooring contractors will work with the hospital's Infection Control and Risk Assessment team to ensure patients and staff are safe and that patient care is not disrupted during the repairs.

"I'm encouraged now that we are moving forward on a solution," Ogden said. "Another positive takeaway from this – I am more assured than ever that our hospital and clinic employees are amazingly resilient. Even during the years of construction followed by the challenges of the pandemic, they continued to give their best to each patient, and I know they will continue to do so through this latest challenge."

Local businesses make annual Sparks Award as finalist

SUBMITTED

Better Business Bureau Great West + Pacific (BBB GWP) have announced the finalists of its 2023 Spark Awards for Entrepreneurship, which include a Lincoln County business.

The Spark Awards recognizes young organizations demonstrating a level of high character, generating a culture that is authentic about its mission, and going above and beyond for its community.

2023 BBB Spark Award Oregon Finalists:

- Kneading to Unwind – Depoe Bay
- S.M.C Auto Works LLC – Portland
- Valhalla Serenity Homestead LLC - Beaverton

"We are honored to congratulate each of our 2023 Spark Awards for Entrepreneurship finalists in Oregon," BBB Great West + Pacific President and CEO Tyler Andrew said. "These standout young businesses represent the next generation of leaders in our community and this hard-earned achievement reflects their position as marketplace role models. We look forward to announcing both our Spark and Torch Awards winners in our virtual ceremony at the end of October."

An independent, voluntary panel of judges comprised of business and community leaders who previously won a Spark or Torch Award from BBB GWP will score all finalist applications. Applications will be ranked based on how well the applicant exemplifies and demonstrates a commitment to each criterion of character, culture, and community.

The Spark Award winner for Oregon will be announced as part of a virtual ceremony to be held on October 26, 2023. Visit thebbb.org/awards to register for the ceremony.

Kneading to Unwind – Depoe Bay is described as a business offering massage therapy.

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City to launch Big Creeks Dam design phase

STAFF REPORT
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> **Fast Fact**
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> **The city has known that the dams could fail during a seismic event since 2010, and more recent inspections have shown the problem is worsening. Yet, a long-term solution is extremely costly and beyond what the city's residents could afford without significant government funding, the city states in a release.**

After more than a decade of planning, the City of Newport's Big Creek Dams Project is set to kick off its detailed design phase.

This significant development in the project is enabled by $4 million in initial funding from the Oregon State Lottery funds, according to a release from the City of Newport.

The Newport City Council approved a contract Aug. 21, with HDR, an engineering firm, to begin designing a replacement dam. Design is expected to take several years, and construction will require additional state and federal funding.

The city has known that the dams could fail during a seismic event since 2010, and more recent inspections have shown the problem is worsening. Yet, a long-term solution is extremely costly and beyond what the city's residents could afford without significant government funding, the city's release states.

Newport's Big Creek Dams were built decades ago. The lower dam was completed in 1951, and the larger upper dam was added in 1968. Both dams are earthen, forming an embankment constructed by compacting successive layers of soil and gravel to form a core and placing more permeable materials on the upstream and downstream sides.

These dams were common then but not constructed to withstand seismic events. Only within the last 20 years has Oregon been recognized as an area susceptible to sizeable seismic activity.

Newport is home to 10,755 year-round residents and attracts 2.5 million visitors annually. Complete failure of the Big Creek Dams would cause a loss of the drinking water source for an indefinite period, potentially resulting in loss of life and financial losses that would exceed the cost of the proposed project to resolve the issue, the city states in the release.

HDR will design a single concrete dam between the upper and lower reservoirs, and the work will also provide an updated cost estimate for construction. The new dam would be higher than the existing dams and hold the volumes currently stored in the lower and upper reservoirs.

The additional storage would address future water supply needs for the community. The current lower reservoir would be reduced or removed to address safety concerns, and the existing upper dam would be lowered, overtopped by water, and incorporated into the new area of the upper reservoir.

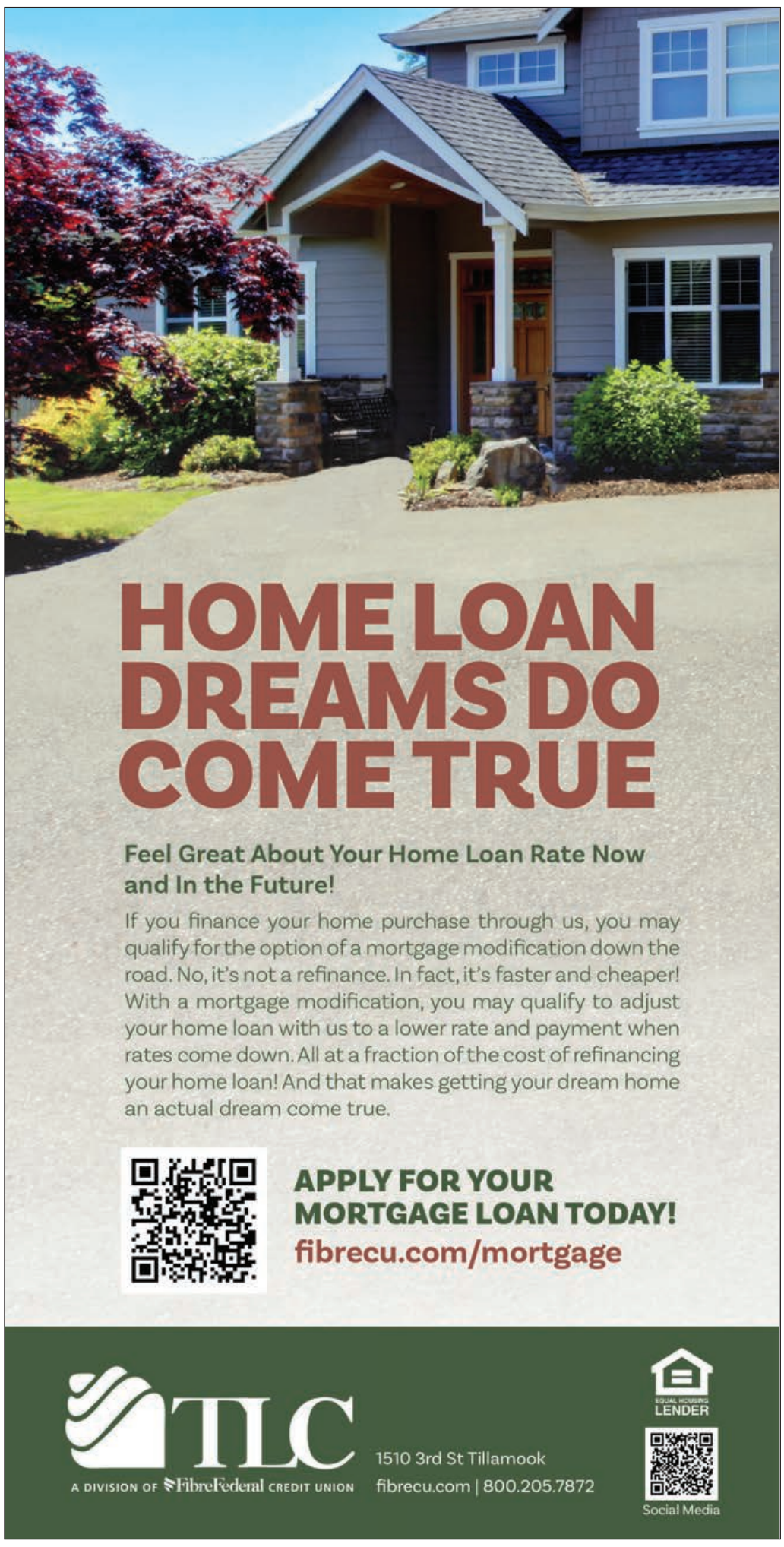
Over the coming months, residents living near the reservoir and those who recreate there may notice early signs of surveying and research activity, including equipment on roadways.

Newport City Engineer Aaron Collett said the city wants residents and visitors to the area to be aware and informed.

"We are taking some initial steps on the project, including bringing in equipment, in the coming weeks," Collett said. "We are excited to have the funding and the engineering firm to get the design underway, and we will be proactively sharing information and continuing to address our community's questions. "Most importantly, we want to ensure everyone's safety."

The city is building a resource for current information about the project and expects to have a project website online in the coming months for residents to get updates.

For more information, contact Newport City Engieer Aaron Collett, at a.collett@newportoregon.gov



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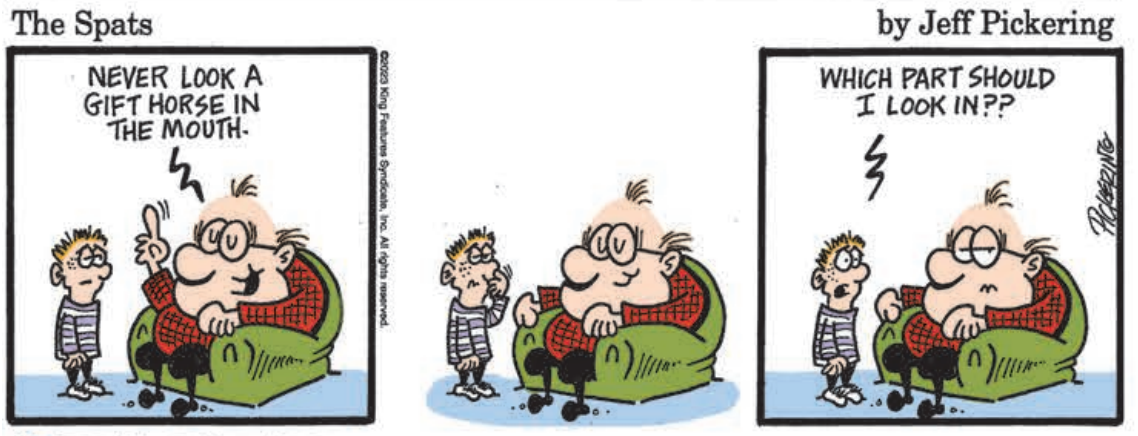

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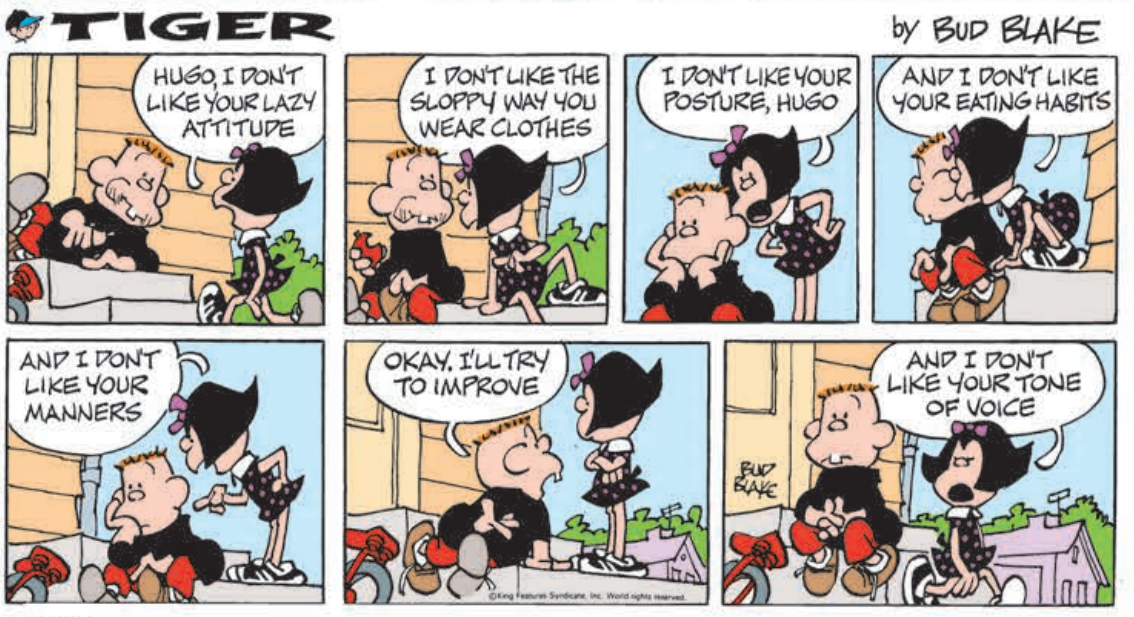

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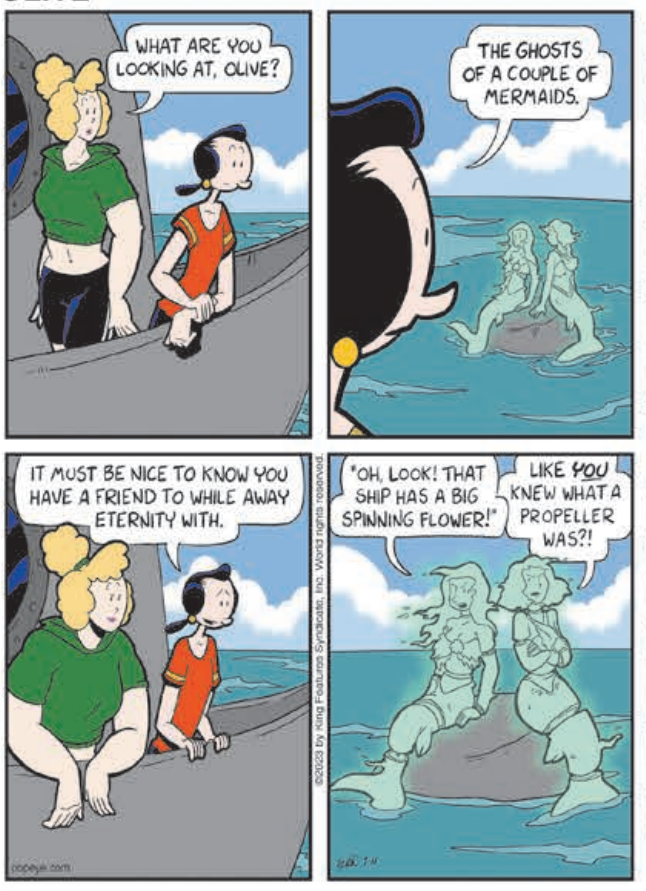

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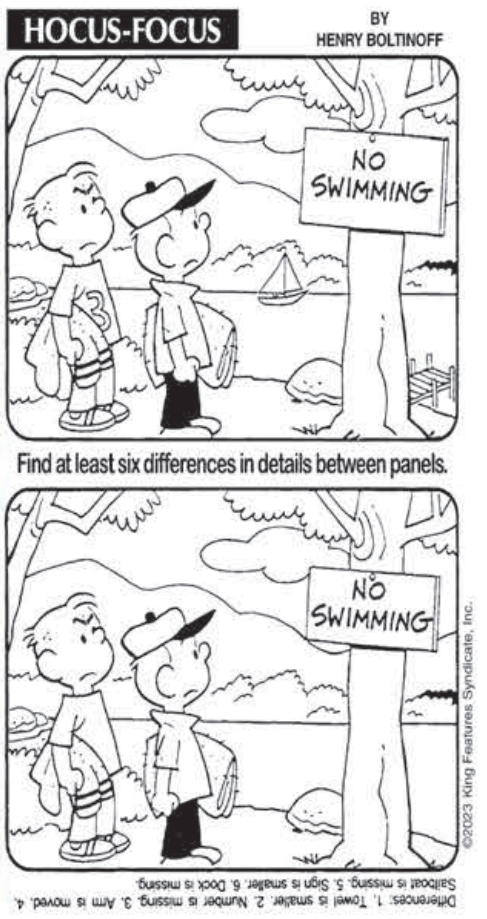

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Towel is smaller. 2. Number is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Sailboat is missing. 5. Sign is smaller. 6. Dock is missing.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **F** equals **W**

FZM FBA DZT NUBLH QTOOLT ABUBK LH B NBSDLJWUBSUM QWUHTSBRUT ADBDT? RTJBWAT LD FBA WHKSTAATK.

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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!

Emit **DEUXE** ____ ____ ____ ____ ____

Diminish **EDGEAR** ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____

Assist **TRACE** ____ ____ ____ ____ ____

Dismiss **SLIPED** ____ ____ ____ ____ ____

"This is the only way I can get him to ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____."

TODAY'S WORD ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____ ____

Super Crossword

NATIONAL DATA

ACROSS
1 Bumper-car carnival ride
7 TV title alien
10 Garden pond fish
13 Cause to blunder
19 Cook too long
20 Ned of NASCAR
22 Ned of "The D.A."
23 Appear gradually, as a scene
24 "No, seriously!"
25 Surrounded by
26 Mountain laurel
29 Clumsy type
30 Stocking stuffer
31 It's charged
32 Alternative to ChapStick
37 "Old Folks at Home"
44 Vital artery
45 Spellbound
47 1989-2007 senator Trent
48 Stein fillers
49 Blue spruce
53 Propose a date to
55 Author Ferber
56 Pro — (in proportion)
57 "— a customer"
59 Joe of "GoodFellas"
60 Clinton aide Myers
62 Susan of "Goldengirl"
64 Eurasian animal with antlers
66 "North to the Future"
70 Used up
74 118-Across was one
75 Printing goofs
80 Humdinger
81 Reformer Ralph
84 "OK" from Tom Sawyer to Aunt Polly
86 Workplace welfare org.
87 Fuddy-duddies
89 Topaz
92 Relative of a lutz
93 Bullfight yells
95 Israeli airline
96 Right wrongs
97 Cactus wren
101 Went in
103 To the — power
104 Savings acct. accrual
105 Hail, basically
106 Some legislators (or the theme of this puzzle?)
117 Arrived by plane
118 Opera legend Pavarotti
119 Make a comment
120 Response to "You'd never do that!"
121 Ill-fated NASA mission of 1967
122 And others, to Ovid
123 Dwelt
124 Round bread of India
125 Subj. for some immigrants
126 Passable

DOWN
1 Tip politely, as one's hat
2 Human face's shape
3 Whoop- — (extravagant fanfare)
4 Expanded
5 Sedgwick of Warhol films
6 Marilyn of "Niagara"
7 In — (pronto)
8 Desktop illuminator
9 No longer being detained
10 Sax celebrity
11 Soulful Redding
12 Really tiny
13 "Saturday Night Fever" star
14 Hard Italian cheese
15 "Sure, put me down"
16 Toenail treatment, informally
17 Astral bear
18 Coffee holder
21 Rambled
27 Mexican city due south of Dallas
28 Elevate
32 Waiting with — breath
33 2013 Grammy winner for "Royals"
34 Dunne of classic films
35 Lieu
36 Chinese ideal
37 California county whose seat is Fairfield
38 Sign word after "Ye"
39 Stocking stuffer
40 Worked on a leaf collection?
41 "You beat me"
42 Tennis tie
43 Up and about
46 Gained access to
50 Refrigeration fluid
51 Workers with shingles, maybe
52 Kofi, once of the U.N.
54 Caveman's weapon
58 Scrub nurses' sites, in brief
61 Be hammy
63 Tribal pole emblem
65 — Mountain (Vermont ski resort)
67 Two fives
68 — Marymount University
69 Stadium's kin
70 Britcom of the '90s
71 Pope before Paul V
72 Coors offering
73 Trade group
76 GPS calculation
77 1941 Oscar winner Mary
78 Scottish title
79 Emitted a contented sigh
82 Ending for golden or New
83 Arnaz of TV
85 Decide on
88 Toned down
90 Outside clearance event, of a sort
91 Quite chubby
94 Bert with lion lines
98 Not delayed
99 Diamond substitute
100 Baseball pioneer Buck
102 Came closer
105 One way to fry food
106 Chunky slice
107 Garr of films
108 Spellbound
109 Flair
110 Cocooned insect
111 Son of Seth
112 Head, in Haiti
113 Classroom Apple, often
114 Glen
115 Bard's Ireland
116 Revue sketch
117 Pill-OK'ing agcy.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to a giant sequoia tree named General Sherman?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Is a rhinoceros an herbivore, omnivore or carnivore?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which city in India is home to the Taj Mahal?
4. MOVIES: What is the title of the first James Bond movie?
5. TELEVISION: What was the product featured in the first TV advertisement?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which French fashion designer is credited with inventing the Little Black Dress?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What does it mean to julienne vegetables?
8. GOVERNMENT: What does the acronym GDP stand for in economic terms?
9. LITERATURE: What is the cat's name in Shakespeare's "Macbeth"?
10. SCIENCE: Who is considered the father of the atomic bomb?

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Answers
1. California, Sequoia National Park.
2. An herbivore, a plant eater.
3. Agra.
4. "Dr. No."
5. Bulova watch.
6. Coco Chanel.
7. Cut into short, thin strips.
8. Gross domestic product.
9. Grimalkin.
10. J. Robert Oppenheimer.

WORD LADDERS

Can you go from BLIND to FLOUR in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

BLIND

_____

_____

_____

_____

FLOUR

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WORD LADDER
Answer
BLIND, BLOND, BLOOD, FLOOD, FLOOR, FLOUR

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Exude 2. Degrade; 3. Cater; 4. Dispel
Today's Word
EXERCISE

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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

CryptoQuip
answer
Why was the plain veggie salad in a particularly vulnerable state?
Because it was undressed.

Super Crossword
Answers

Courtesy photo from the OCAq

Aquarium display project.

Coast Aquarium launches $11M Phase 2 of its Capital Campaign

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The Oregon Coast Aquarium (OCAq) has begun major renovations to its indoor galleries, paving the way for improvements and new additions.

OCAq's Sandy Shores and Rocky Shores galleries close Sept. 5 to the public in preparation for the remodel. Coastal Waters will remain open until a later date.

Construction is expected to conclude by summer 2024. Visitors can look forward to new exhibits, improved traffic flow, and updated interpretive signage in both English and Spanish.

Alongside the existing galleries, OCAq will also construct a new space dedicated entirely to sea jellies, housing Oregon-native moon jellies, Indo-Pacific blue blubber jellies, and more of the otherworldly invertebrates.

During the galleries' temporary closure, visitors will continue to have access to the rest of OCAq's exhibits and features, including its Nature Play Area, education-focused Discovery Zone, and freshly remodeled Moon Jelly Café.

Many of the gallery animals will be relocated to OCAq's Passages of the Deep, an underwater tunnel that snakes through three ocean habitats, allowing returning guests to remain familiar with some of their favorite species.

The News Guard reached out to the OCAq's Communications and Marketing Specialist Courtney Klug for insight into the latest project at the Newport facility.

The News Guard: What is the total cost for this project?

Courtney Klug: The total cost for this renovation is approximately $11M. These projects comprise phase 2 of the Aquarium's Capital Campaign, which has a total goal of $32M, of which we've raised $28.7M.

Completion of these projects is thanks to contributions from major donors, including the State of Oregon, Al Gleason, M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, James and Shirley Rippey Family Foundation, Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund, John & Nancy Dennis Family, Jim Pattison/Roth's Fresh Markets, Marta & Ken Thrasher, Christine & David Vernier, Miller Family Holdings and Aquarium Volunteers.

The News Guard: Why are these projects being done?

Klug: Gallery improvements will give way to new exhibits, better traffic flow, and updated interpretive signage in both English and Spanish. In expanding our collection and improving our galleries, guests can see eye-to-eye with even more of the ocean's most unique creatures.

The News Guard: Specifically, what are the new additions planned?

Klug: The Aquarium's Rocky Shores gallery will feature new life support systems to maintain expanded and upgraded tanks throughout the gallery. Sandy Shores is being outfitted with a newly remodeled touch pool to increase its capacity and provide even more opportunities for visitors to meet and greet sea stars, urchins, and other intertidal creatures.

The greatest change will take place in the former Coastal Waters gallery, now reimagined as Connected Coasts. The new gallery will feature a new mangrove exhibit, seamount exhibit, and revamped habitats highlighting how the Pacific Ocean connects the Oregon coast to incredibly diverse animals and biomes.

The News Guard: What is the OCAq's annual average attendance?

Klug: Average attendance is approximately 450,000 visitors per year.

The News Guard: Feel free to add any other comments you might have:

Klug: While two indoors galleries are closing, there's still plenty to see! The rest of our exhibits and features remain fully accessible, including our Nature Play Area, Discovery Zone, and newly remodeled Moon Jelly Cafe.

During the renovation, many of the indoor galleries' residents will be relocated to OCAq's Passages of the Deep exhibit, an underwater tunnel snaking through three ocean environments, allowing returning guests to remain familiar with some of their favorite finned friends.

Folks can view feeding times, a day event schedule, and other resources to help them get the most out of their Aquarium visit at aquarium.org/visit.

As a non-profit organization, ticket sales and memberships directly support the care of the Aquarium's animals, from sea otter meals to life support systems. By supporting the Aquarium, our visitors make a direct difference in the lives of coastal locals and visitors, our animals, and wildlife in need of urgent care.

The Oregon Coast Aquarium is located at 2820 S.E. Ferry Slip Road in Newport. Learn more about OCAq's current projects and progress at aquarium.org.

Drought

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Administration.

In Gilliam County in north central Oregon, drought conditions have spread since the fall of 2022, according to the news release, and the county has received 75% less precipitation this year than usual.

Douglas County in the southwest corner of the state has experienced its sixth driest summer on record. Streams are flowing at below average or record low levels, and the water level in a key reservoir in the Rogue River Basin is below average. Lincoln County is also dealing with record low streamflows.

Last year, the West experienced its driest period in 1,200 years, according t o climatologists.

Lincoln County reaction

The declaration follows a resolution by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to declare a local drought emergency, which included a request to the governor for a state-level declaration.

Lincoln County has experienced a significant deficit in precipitation over the past 90 days compared to historical norms, according to a release from Kotek's office. The release states that streams in Lincoln County are measuring below to well below average flows, and several streams have measured record low streamflows for extended periods of time. Drought signals indicate short-term drought conditions equivalent to exceptional drought due to warm, dry conditions.

"Drought is likely to have a significant economic impact on the farm, ranch, recreation, tourism and natural resources sectors," the release states. "Drought also impacts drinking water, fish and wildlife, and important minimum flows for public instream uses and other natural resources dependent on adequate precipitation, stored water, and streamflow in these areas.

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

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

At the request of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, the Water Resources Department provided the following list of resources for livestock, agricultural and other water users:

- **Main Drought Website** – a generic page with Frequently Asked Questions, including links to more useful sub-pages: https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/climate/droughtwatch/Pages/default.aspx
- **Phone numbers and email:** 503-986-0900 – OWRD's main phone line to the Salem office. Customer service staff can answer basic questions about fees, where to find application forms, the general process, etc. They can also be reached via email at wrd_dl_customerservice@water.oregon.gov.
- **2023 Drought Process and Tools.pdf (oregon.gov)** – a summary of the state drought declaration process and what tools are available from the Water Resources Department. For example, an approved emergency water use drought permit allows a water user to temporarily replace water not available under an existing water right. The most common drought permit allows the use of groundwater as an alternative to an existing surface water right. https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/climate/droughtwatch/Documents/2023%20Drought%20Process%20and%20Tools.pdf
- **Drought Application Forms** – a sub-page that will take you to applications for an emergency drought permits for use of groundwater or surface water, or transfer applications. https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/climate/droughtwatch/Pages/DroughtForms.aspx
- **Fee Schedule** – hop to page 4 to see the cost of an emergency application. Fees vary. Generally, fees range from $200 - $1,000, but depend on the application type and the amount of water requested. https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/WRDFormsPDF/fee_schedule.pdf

For more information, contact Lincoln County Public Information Officer Kenneth Lipp at public_affairs@co.lincoln.or.us or 541-265-4100.

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