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Local delegation headed to Washington, D.C.

Group will work to finalize funding for Big Creek Dam Project

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

Newport Mayor Jan Kaplan, City Councilor CM Hall, interim City Engineer Chris Beatty and State Rep. David Gomborg will travel to Washington, D.C., next month to work on the

next steps in securing federal appropriations for Newport’s Big Creek Dam Project.

More than a year ago, in December 2022, Congress approved \$60 million in federal money for the dam project as part of the Water Resources Development Act, (WRDA), which was signed into law by President Joe Biden.

This gave the federal stamp of approval to spend money on the project, and the effort now is to secure the specific appropriations under that

authorization.

“So the authorization says it’s OK for federal funds to be used,” Newport City Manager Spencer Nebel told the Lincoln County Leader. “What we have to do now is continue working with the federal agencies and legislative folks to actually secure the federal funding as authorized in the WRDA bill.

“We’re in the design process right now, and that design and permitting process is going to be over the next two-and-a-half years or so. What we need to do

is secure commitments on the funding that would be available for the actual construction for the dam,” he said. “These appropriations may come through different departments.”

The design and permitting process for the new dam is being funded by a \$14 million appropriation approved by the Oregon State Legislature and governor during the 2021 state legislative session. “That gets us to the point of having a design,

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Lizzie Martinez, trafficking intervention task force coordinator with the Children’s Advocacy Center of Lincoln County, talked with the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this month about efforts to combat human trafficking in Lincoln County. (Courtesy photo)

IT’S NEARLY FESTIVAL TIME



The 47th annual Newport Seafood & Wine Festival will be held Feb. 22-25 on Port of Newport property at the south end of the Yaquina Bay Bridge. For complete information about this year’s event, and to purchase tickets, go online at www.newportchamber.org/newport-seafood-wine-festival. (Courtesy photo)

The 47th annual Newport Seafood & Wine Festival takes place Feb. 22-25

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

The lull in the usual coastal tourist activity during the winter months is about to see a major shift next week as the four-day Newport Seafood & Wine Festival kicks off on Thursday, Feb. 22, at the south end of the Yaquina Bay Bridge.

For almost half a century, this annual event — headed up by the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce — has drawn visitors from far and wide, and that has been its purpose from the start.

The Newport Seafood & Wine Festival began in 1977 with the intention to boost the local economy during the slowest time of the year. The chamber president at the time, Bob Spangler, and former Sen. John Brennehan came up with the idea to simultaneously promote Newport’s seafood industry while bringing visitor dollars to the central Oregon coast.

By 1980, attendance was up to 8,000, and the location was moved to the dry moorage building in South Beach. The event continued to grow and expanded to a three-day event. By 1987, a Commercial Wine Competition was added.

Today, the four-day event draws thousands of visitors to Newport during the last full weekend in February, boasting more than



In addition to samplings of local seafood, a number of Northwest wineries will showcase their wines at the annual Newport Seafood & Wine Festival. (Courtesy photo)

125 vendors: seafood vendors, craftspeople, and Northwest wineries all under a tented venue adjacent to the Rogue Brewery in South Beach. More than 300 volunteers, a dedicated volunteer committee, and local support from city and county agencies make this annual event possible. Presenting Sponsor Chinook Winds Casino Resort has

generously supported the event for the past 14 years.

Maggie Conrad, event director for the chamber, said the festival has come back to life since the COVID restrictions all but shut it down a few years ago. “We had around 15,000 people attend last year,” she said, adding the chamber expects that number to top 20,000 this year.

Lauren Pahl, marketing manager for the Newport Chamber, said people can expect to see a few new things this year. One of those will be a Seafood Chowder Competition.

“Based on the amount of feedback we’ve gotten in previous years, there hasn’t been a lot of seafood. A big focus of ours was bringing back the seafood aspect of the Seafood & Wine Festival,” said Pahl. “So we have about a dozen different vendors who are competing in the Seafood Chowder Competition. It doesn’t have to be clam chowder. It can be any type of seafood chowder.”

A panel of professional chefs will judge the chowder entries on opening night, and then people will have the opportunity to try those chowders throughout the festival. Visitors can pick their favorite, and a People’s Choice Award will be given out on Sunday.

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Combating human trafficking locally

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

When people hear of human trafficking, it’s often with a “that can’t be happening here” mentality. The truth of the matter, however, is that it does take place in Lincoln County.

During its Feb. 7 meeting, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners heard a report from Lizzie Martinez, trafficking intervention task force coordinator with the Children’s Advocacy Center of Lincoln County.

“When we are talking about human trafficking, we’re talking about folks who are being exploited to meet their basic needs for survival,” Martinez told the county commissioners. “Working at the Children’s Advocacy Center, a pretty common situation that

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ECS principal resigning

MICHAEL HEINBACH
Lincoln County Leader

EDDYVILLE — In a letter dated Feb. 5 and submitted to the Eddyville Charter School Board of Directors, Stacy Knudson, ECS superintendent/principal, announced her resignation from that role at the end of the school year.

“It is with a heavy heart that I submit my resignation as Eddyville Charter superintendent and K-12 principal, effective June 30, 2024,” Knudsen wrote. “After much consideration and reflection, I have made the decision to take another challenging and exciting role as superintendent of schools

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Lincoln City Parks officials and Understory Architects will share renderings of the playground and images of proposed play equipment. Community members with access and functional needs are encouraged to give their input on the overall playground design on our new playground design and equipment,” said Jeanne Sprague, director of Lincoln City Parks and Recreation.

Travel Oregon has shown its support with a \$100,000 grant. Lincoln City Christmas Cottage has also committed financial support for one of the play zones.

Applications are available on the school district website under the “Get Involved” drop-down menu (www.lincoln.k12.or.us), and at the Teaching and Learning Center which is the District administration office (1212 NE Fogarty St. in Newport). Applications must be received in the district office by March 1. The board hopes to interview applicants and appoint a representative to this position on March 12 at the regular board meeting. For more information, call 541-265-4403.

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“Whales that are held in captivity live much shorter lives than in the wild, and despite rules passed to improve conditions in public display settings, this fact persists,” Wyden said. “Banning the trade and breeding of these four species of whales for

“Vaccine-preventable diseases can be highly contagious, with several cases of measles recently taking place in the Pacific Northwest and across the U.S.,” said Stacy de Assis Matthews, school law coordinator in Oregon Health Authority’s Public Health Division. “Immunizations remain

This year, local public health authorities mailed

Parents and caregivers seeking immunizations for their children should contact their health care provider or local health department. They may also reach 211Info by dialing 211 over the phone, or going to 211info.org. No one can be turned away from a local health department because of their inability to pay for required vaccines. Many pharmacists can immunize children ages 7 and older — OIP encourages families to contact their pharmacy for more details.

Seal Rock Water District Board of Directors: 4 p.m.,

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POLICING LINCOLN CITY 2024

Big city problems are coming to small towns

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

As the Oregon Legislature reviews ways to address Oregon’s drug crisis, Lincoln City Police Department Chief Dave Broderick is watching costs.

Broderick shares his insight in the following conversation.

Lincoln County Leader: What has been the major influence that has fueled crime in Lincoln City?

Broderick: Like other Oregon cities, the major influence fueling crime in Lincoln City is Measure 110 and its decriminalization of illicit narcotics. Fentanyl and fentanyl laced methamphetamine and heroin are a severe problem here and elsewhere, and drive the majority of our property and person crimes.

Lincoln County Leader: Specifically, what is your department doing to address that influence?

Broderick: Our officers and detectives are very talented, skilled and aggressive investigators. If there is evidence enough for a crime to be solved, we generally do so, and a large majority of these crimes are linked to drug addiction. We draft, apply to the courts for, and execute quite a lot

of search warrants every year, just at the patrol officer level. Many of these warrants lead to the seizure of illicit narcotics and the recovery of stolen property and fraud. We are continuing to work toward a dedicated narcotics detective and once patrol staffing is stabilized we can put this in place. This will provide the community with a dedicated detective, who will eventually work with other dedicated detectives from neighboring agencies in order to concentrate fully on narcotics investigations.

Lincoln County Leader: Over the past year, what have been the challenges facing your department and how have you been able to navigate through those challenges?

Broderick: Patrol staffing has been our greatest challenge. We have been running between four and five officers short for many months. We are not alone in this, as law enforcement agencies around the state and country are also struggling with this issue. Within the last few months, we have formed a “Recruitment Team” within the PD, which consists of a supervisor, officers and dispatchers. This team has been tasked with attending various job fairs at colleges and



Lincoln City Police Department Chief Dave Broderick. (Courtesy photo)

universities and ensuring that our recruiting advertisements for police/dispatch positions are visible throughout the state, as well as reaching other areas of the country.

Lincoln County Leader: What do you see as the challenges for 2024, and what will lead to solutions to those challenges?

Broderick: Staffing will continue to be a law enforcement challenge in Lincoln City as well as other jurisdictions. All of the law enforcement agencies are competing for the same applicants, so it is important that we continue to maintain and

keep up with the market when it comes to pay, benefits and employee health and wellness, which the city does a great job of making sure these things are in place. We are beginning to see some quality job applicants, and currently have three officer candidates going through pre-hiring background investigations, and our applicant pool seems to be growing slightly. This is likely due to our recruitment team doing a great job of getting the word out that LCPD is a great place to work, and our amazing support from

the community.

Lincoln County Leader: What is your message to residents and visitors in Lincoln City about the effectiveness and responsibility of your department?

Broderick: The officers, dispatchers and civilian staff of LCPD work to provide quality service to all of our citizens and visitors. We do this by striving to be the most well trained, investigative-minded, devoted and caring law enforcement employees as possible. We are able to be successful each day due to the support of our community, partner city departments, partner agencies, and our elected officials.

Background

Broderick was appointed Lincoln City police chief in December 2022 by Lincoln City City Manager Daphnee Legarza. The appointment followed former LCPD Chief Jerry Palmer’s retirement in August 2022. Palmer promoted then Sgt. Broderick to Lieutenant in charge of patrol and detectives in August 2018. Broderick had been a Lincoln City police detective assigned to narcotics, and he was previously with the Newport Police Department.

Direct, spiritual support triage: new care giving office opens

PAUL HAEDER
For the Lincoln County Leader

I’ve had countless conversations with county case managers the past five

years who work tirelessly to find support staff and other professionals to assist our fellow citizens living with intellectual disabilities with their activities of daily living

(ADLs). There is a huge gap in need and services provided. For those of us who can drive, cook and have gainful employment, ADLs are a given; we take

for granted our complete agency to do what we want to do. Essential Services, founded in 2019 out of McMinnville, sees the need for direct support in our large and small towns for adults looking to pursue dreams, or to just get to doctor’s appoints.

Triage may be a medical term coined by the French, but in Essential Services’ case, life skills, day support, relief care and transportation are huge for clients seeking help.

“I got into this because I saw I can touch the lives of four or five people,” Carl Bloms, executive director and co-founder of Essential Services, told me. The grand opening of the Lincoln City office is Saturday, March 16, and he’s hoping that more people who have had challenges getting those director support professionals to work with needy clients find his company’s services as more than satisfactory.

The 42-year-old Bloms, who graduated from McMinnville High School and whose father’s side of the family is composed of many generations of Oregonians, has had a not-so-untypical pathway to this point in life. He was unfocused after high school, and ended up in his mother’s home country, Sweden, for a year attending art school. He’s done construction, worked in factories, and was an attendant at a convalescent home.

He also signed up for a six-year tour in the U.S. Army as a medic. “After six years, the Army wanted me to re-up, but I was looking at four more years, and I was getting older, and I wanted to go back to college.” He ended up getting a political science degree from Western Oregon University.

I asked him about his social sciences and social

work background, and Carl was emphatic: “I had one business class in college. I do think, through my political science/pre-law degree, I was comfortable understanding the ORS’s (Oregon Revised Statutes) to get this business going.”

Currently, Essential Services covers 12 counties, and Bloms’ goal is to be a physical presence in more counties. He’s big on establishing satellite offices in communities like Lincoln County so clients, staff and support/family have a location from which to work on trainings and also as a gathering space for fun activities Essential Services puts on, like pizza, bingo and movie nights.

He and his business partner, Jesse Lugo, are challenging the formula of “the further you get from the Portland and Salem areas, the more underserved people with disabilities are.”

What Bloms continued to return to as a theme in the interview was his philosophy around working conditions: “If my staff are happy, then when they work with clients, and if they are happy, then they will tell their case managers, and so we will get a positive reputation wherever we are located.”

A starting Essential Services, a director support professional earns \$21 an hour and has paid time off and opportunities for health insurance and retirement fund. The training is extensive but not overwhelming, and Bloms emphasized that full-time or part-time works for his business plan. Currently, Essential Services employs 220 full time and 70 part time staff.

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Weather

Wednesday: High-49/Low-44 Rain
Thursday: High-50/Low-44 Rain
Friday: High-51/Low-46 Showers
Saturday: High-52/Low-46 Rain
Sunday: High-53/Low-45 Morning showers
Monday: High-53/Low-45 Morning showers
Tuesday: High-51/Low-45 Showers

Past Weather

On the Coast				
	Rain	Low	High	
February 6	0.23....	44.4.....	52.9	
February 7	0.34....	42.8.....	51.3	
February 8	0.21....	42.8.....	52.0	
February 9	0.19....	42.8.....	47.5	
February 10	0.00....	44.3.....	57.8	
February 11	0.19....	46.9.....	51.8	
February 12	0.02....	46.2.....	41.0	
Total rainfall from Jan. 1				
18.46”				

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration			
High		Low	
February 14			
3:15 a.m. 9.3		9:40 a.m. 0.9	
3:45 p.m. 7.2		9:25 p.m. 1.8	
February 15			
3:57 a.m. 9.3		10:45 a.m. 0.8	
4:59 p.m. 6.3		10:11 p.m. 2.8	
February 16			
4:44 a.m. 9.1		11:56 a.m. 0.7	
6:32 p.m. 5.8		11:06 p.m. 3.7	
February 17			
5:40 a.m. 8.8			
8:14 p.m. 5.9		1:12 p.m. 0.6	
February 18			
6:45 a.m. 8.5		12:20 a.m. 4.3	
9:37 p.m. 6.2		2:24 p.m. 0.3	
February 19			
7:54 a.m. 8.4		1:48 a.m. 4.5	
10:33 p.m. 6.5		3:25 p.m. 0.2	
February 20			
8:58 a.m. 8.4		3:04 a.m. 4.3	
11:13 p.m. 6.8		4:16 p.m. -0.1	
February 21			
9:52 a.m. 8.5		4:01 a.m. 3.9	
11:45 p.m. 7.0		4:57 p.m. -0.2	
February 22			
		4:46 a.m. 3.5	
10:38 a.m. 8.5		5:32 p.m. -0.3	

Sunrise/Sunset

Feb. 14.....	7:19 a.m.....	5:42 p.m.
Feb. 15.....	7:18 a.m.....	5:43 p.m.
Feb. 16.....	7:16 a.m.....	5:44 p.m.
Feb. 17.....	7:15 a.m.....	5:46 p.m.
Feb. 18.....	7:13 a.m.....	5:47 p.m.
Feb. 19.....	7:12 a.m.....	5:49 p.m.
Feb. 20.....	7:10 a.m.....	5:50 p.m.
Feb. 21.....	7:09 a.m.....	5:51 p.m.
Feb. 22.....	7:07 a.m.....	5:53 p.m.
Feb. 23.....	7:05 a.m.....	5:54 p.m.

Lottery

Friday, February 9	
Mega Millions	
17 • 22 • 29 • 46 • 69 • PB-1 • x3	
Saturday, February 10	
Powerball	
27 • 28 • 34 • 37 • 44 • PB-8 • x2	
Saturday, February 10	
Megabucks	
6 • 9 • 11 • 23 • 33 • 40	
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HISTORY

LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER STAFF

This is a brief look back at what made the news in Lincoln County during this week in history.

25 years ago (1999)

GEOLOGIST URGES STATE MOVE HIGHWAY 101

Roger Hart, a local geologist whose reports on ancient tree stumps along the Lincoln County coast brought him and the county worldwide attention last year, urged the Oregon Department of Transportation last week to consider moving U.S. Highway 101 inland at areas of greatest geologic instability. Data from the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries states there are at least 13 active or potentially active complex landslides between Yaquina Head and Otter Rock.

NEWPORT HIGH GYM NAMED SPANGLER COURT

For 47 years, he has been “the voice of the Newport Cubs,” broadcasting Newport High School football, basketball and baseball games over KNPT radio. On Tuesday night, Bob Spangler was honored by the school district and the community when the NHS gymnasium was officially dedicated as “Spangler Court” during halftime of the Newport–Toledo boys basketball game.

CRACKS APPEAR IN HALLS AT NEWPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

It has been only about six months since students and staff moved into the new Newport Middle School, and as with any new building, there have been the expected number of “bugs” to work out. But recently something has appeared that, at first glance, might look like the building is starting to settle. Cracks can be seen along the floor in two of the school’s hallways, noticeable enough that students have nicknamed one of the hallways “Moolack Hall” after the section of U.S. Highway 101 at Moolack Beach that has sunk repeatedly.

SUSPICIOUS BLAZE DESTROYS BUILDINGS

Investigators Thursday were searching for clues behind the cause of a \$1 million fire that earlier this week destroyed two apartment buildings under construction in Newport. The origin of the fire is suspicious, Newport Fire Chief Rick Crook said Thursday. “We couldn’t find an accidental cause,” he said. The time of the fire alarm was listed at 1:09 a.m. The location of the blaze was Southwest Fifth Street and Surf Street.

50 YEARS AGO (1974)

PORT SEEKS STEEL TUG FOR ‘FLEET’

Port of Newport commissioners may soon have a “flag ship” for the district’s tiny “navy.” Commissioners agreed this week to ask the United States Navy to lease to the district a 65-foot steel tug, of the YTL class. The port district presently has one small tug and several small boats for work inside the harbor.

TEACHERS OFFERED 11 PERCENT HIKE IN OPENING TALKS

County teachers have been offered raises averaging about 11 percent, as 1974–75 contracts opened last week. For the first time, teachers and the school board are discussing the new contract under terms of a public employees public collective bargaining law, passed by the Oregon Legislature last year.

SANITARY DISTRICT MOVES IN OTTER ROCK AREA

Formation of a sanitary district for the Otter Rock, Beverly Beach and Carmel Beach areas got off the ground at a meeting last Wednesday in the courthouse at Newport. The district, even if formed within the next few months, can’t do anything to solve the immediate problem of the serious health hazard that now exists at

Beverly Beach State Park. The earliest that a sewer system could be established in the area was felt to be two years, and some felt it might be 4 to 5 years.

DISTRICT BUYS COMPUTER UNIT

School board directors this week approved purchase, for \$2,670, of a 4-kilobyte memory unit to expand capabilities of the district’s educational computer. Board members were told the new unit will increase the number of students who may use the computer.

75 YEARS AGO (1949)

CITY COUNCIL PASSES WATER RATE RAISE

Your next water bill will be higher. Final passage of an ordinance by the city council on Monday night put into effect rates that charge a minimum of \$2.50 per month for users within the city, and \$4 per month for customers outside the municipal limits. The raise in rates imposed by the city was the first in some 10 years, according to Leo Brayton, city recorder.

INCORPORATION MEETING ATTENDANCE NEARS 100; MANY APPEAR OPPOSED

Just under 100 residents of Cutler City, Taft, Nelscott, and Delake were on hand for the public discussion on the proposal to incorporate the four communities. The lively meeting delved deep into the pros and cons of incorporation. Questions concerning the value of such a move were fired thick and fast at the community committee officials.

CENTRAL LINCOLN PUD CUSTOMERS ENJOY LOW RATE

The average residential customer of Central Lincoln PUD during 1948 used 2,237 kilowatt-hours at a cost of \$54.97 for the year, according to Paul Hand, manager.

LABOR MARKET BULLETIN SAYS SITUATION ‘GRAVE’

Employment in this area is still at an all time low, according to the current issue of labor market bulletin released by the Toledo office of the state employment service The tremendous decrease in employment is caused primarily by the freezing weather that caused the county to ban the use of most of its roads. However, other contributing causes are the lack of lumber orders and also the sharp decline in the price of both logs and finished lumber. The situation is grave.

100 YEARS AGO (1924)

PACIFIC SPRUCE TO ERECT LARGE ROOMING HOUSES

Contractors have started work on two large rooming houses for the Pacific Spruce Corporation. The buildings are being erected for the accommodation of employees, and not for the general public, as had been reported. Each building, when completed, will take care of 56 men, and they will be equipped with steam heat, electric lights, shower baths, and lavatories.

34 LIQUOR CASES TRIED IN LINCOLN COUNTY IN 1923

A list of liquor cases that were tried here during the year of 1923 shows a total of 34 cases, 26 of which Sheriff Horsfall’s office was responsible for, and the balance being rounded up by the state prohibition office. A total of \$3,306 was collected in fines from those who were caught with the goods and, rather than face the grand jury, pled guilty and paid their fines.

COURT PAUSES IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT WILSON

At exactly 3 o’clock Wednesday afternoon, the time when the mortal remains of Ex-President Woodrow Wilson were being laid to rest at Washington, D.C., the circuit court paused for a period of five minutes to pay its respects. There were about 350 people in the courtroom.



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VIEWPOINT

‘1984,’ ‘Brave New World’ or ‘Fahrenheit 451’?

BY PAUL HAEDER

Ah, to be or not to be, that is the question. It’s another year, and these monthly holidays or what have you continue to be watered down into shopping sprees.

Imagine, a country, ours, that somehow respects its forefathers — Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Hamilton — while also hawking \$1,000 mattresses, three-for-one Doritos sales, and 60-inch plasma TV specials on the backs of those men.

I’m here riffing with a small county, population wise, which is full of a diverse grouping of people, from many walks of life now that Lincoln County isn’t just crab, salmon and logs. We have people coming in retiring or vacationing who fall into the many-tiered spectrum of American life.

Yet, so many people I know — from within higher education circles in Seattle, to my doctor cousins in California and Delaware, to my farmer family members in South Dakota, and others in Canada and Europe I call friends — believe a sparsely populated rural county equals backward thinking.

The reality is if there is backward thinking in the U.S., then they, all of us, need to look in the mirror. I’ve seen retrograde thinkers while union organizing at Georgetown U, talked to many dense folk while teaching in Seattle, had many an odd, daft conversation in Portland while working as a social worker.

We are, I am sad to say, suffering real shifting baseline syndrome/disorder, that is, today’s thinker just doesn’t understand what was taught and learned 40 years ago is many times a more robust vibrant, relevant set of principles and ideas than is currently being eschewed.

As an educator and as a writer, I have seen the enemy, and the enemy is us. We have become such a bifurcated, disingenuous society, one adhering to shallow thinking and worse, a holding this dangerous belief: “Heck, history doesn’t count and who the heck needs to read books when our phones carry enough headlines to inform me.”

From de-platforming, to ghosting and doxing, to censoring and termination, we are in a war against ideas and counter-paradigm thinkers. Without people who have new, unconventional, radical and forward thinking ideas, we’ll end up in the dustbin of history.

Gore Vidal wrote a book titled, “United States of Amnesia.” And we have other foundations assisting us in understanding myopia of Americans: from George Orwell (“1984”), Aldous Huxley (“Brave New World”) and Ray Bradbury

(“Fahrenheit 451”).

From “1984,” Big Brother states: “War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength.” “The best books... are those that tell you what you know already.”

From Huxley: “Words can be like X-rays if you use them properly — they’ll go through anything. You read and you’re pierced ... *I am I, and I wish I wasn’t.*”

Bradbury: “A book is a loaded gun” ... “so now you see why books are hated and feared? They show the pores of the face of life.”

In tandem with this new normal (abnormal) of Americans hating on their fellow citizens, and this superiority complex against “the other,” whether from another state or country, is the functional illiteracy of Americans tied to the topic of media fluency.

Readers should go to Project Censored to see for themselves how this organization defines democracy, our country ’tis of thee, as we should be:

“Censorship undermines democracy. An informed public is crucial to democracy in at least two basic ways. First, without access to relevant news and opinion, people cannot fully participate in government. Second, without media literacy, people cannot evaluate for themselves the quality or significance of the news they receive. Project Censored’s work highlights the important links among a free press, media literacy, and democratic self-government.”

As of my 67th birthday, Feb. 6, my brothers and sisters who have worked tirelessly to report on the ground the reality of bombing, war, incessant targeting of journalists in Palestine have paid a heavy price: 113 journalists killed.

And ...

- At least 73 media offices have been bombed since Oct. 7;
- All of Gaza’s radio stations are no longer operating due to bombardment, power outages, or the killing or displacement of staff;
- Only 40 journalists remain in northern Gaza, and they are besieged and isolated, with no means to send food or relief items to them;
- Some 70 journalists have lost close family members.

All this in-fighting and ignorance and blind patriotism have lead to the death of journalists, and we are seeing democracy on life support. We have to turn this ship of fools around, 180 degrees, and recapitulate and rethink America and democracy under predatory, disaster capitalism. All hands must be on deck for this transformation.

Paul K. Haeder is a novelist, journalist, educator and author of “Wide Open Eyes: Surfacing from Vietnam,” Cirque Press.



The Yachats Tavern was a popular watering hole in south Lincoln County in years gone by. This photograph was taken in the 1930s. (Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Historical Society, oregoncoasthistory.org and www.facebook.com/pacificmaritimeneuportor)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

U.S. MUST RESTORE CRITICAL UNRWA FUNDING

Based on allegations by Israel — which have not been authenticated by any government or news agency — that eight (or 12) employees of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) were involved in the Oct. 7 attack on Israel, the U.S. and other nations have suspended funding the lifeline to Palestinians.

UNRWA employs a total of around 33,000 who work in Gaza, the occupied territories and elsewhere that Palestinian refugees reside. They teach in 550 schools, have 5 million patients and provide 2 million people with food when they are not capable because of the occupation to provide for themselves.

In addition, UNRWA must deal with emergency situations as is now evident in Gaza. UNRWA was established in 1950 to provide support to the refugees who were displaced in the 1948 war following the creation of the state of Israel. And UNRWA can only be dismantled by a vote of the UN General Assembly.

To be noted is that the allegations followed a day after the International Court of Justice decision

that Israel was committing “plausible genocide.” It is also to be noted that in May, UNRWA provided Israel with the names of all of its employees, and there was no objection to those individuals. In any case, Israel has been directed by the ICJ to ensure that civilians are not victims of its heavy assault. Countries that aid another in the commitment of genocide are themselves culpable.

The U.S. must restore funding to UNRWA today.

Dianne Eckstein
South Beach

FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH

I am the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) deputy regional director for Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and 272 Federally Recognized Tribes.

February is American Heart Month, a time to recognize that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, especially in the African American community. African Americans are 30 percent more likely to die from heart disease than non-Hispanic whites. However, African Americans can successfully

prevent and beat these diseases by understanding the risks and taking steps to address them. Being physically active, eating healthy, not smoking, and finding healthy ways to deal with stress are all ways we can improve our heart health now and in the future. For me, that means hiking in the mountains or walking my dogs around Green Lake in Seattle.

As the deputy regional director for HHS, I know many Oregonians rely on life-saving medicines to keep their hearts healthy and improve their quality of life. For patients with cardiovascular disease, prescription drugs can be expensive. Many patients with heart disease may also have other chronic conditions that come with high costs, such as diabetes. As HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra often says, medication is only effective if you can afford it. Under a new law, the Inflation Reduction Act, the Medicare program, can, for the first time, negotiate a fair price for certain prescription drugs taken by millions of beneficiaries. This year the secretary selected the first 10 high-cost medicines for negotiation, including five that treat cardiovascular

disease or prevent complications that impact the heart. Drugs selected for negotiation include Xarelto and Eliquis, drugs taken to prevent blood clots that can lead to a heart attack or stroke, which together are taken by more than 60,000 Oregonians with Medicare.

Oregonians don’t have to wait for the drug price negotiations to see lower costs, they can get relief right now thanks to additional benefits in the law that lower prescription drug costs for Medicare Part D beneficiaries, including a policy that caps out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for Medicare Part D beneficiaries. Learn about these new benefits at lowerdrugcosts.gov.

So, if you can, make time for that hike, play with your dog a little longer, or eat those extra vegetables. And for those of you who pair those healthy habits with medication, learn how the Inflation Reduction Act makes prescription drugs less expensive and more accessible. During American Heart Month, add an extra step towards a healthy heart.

Priya Helweg
Department of Health and Human Services

VIEWPOINT

A perspective on the job of a president

BY A.T. RONAN

The scope and responsibilities of the President of the United States have exponentially increased over the life of the Constitution, but the top priority of the presidency, then and now, is as commander-in-chief, in charge of the armed forces and duty bound to affirmatively defend and protect U.S. citizens against foreign and domestic enemies.

As President John F. Kennedy confided to future President Richard M. Nixon, “It really is true that foreign affairs are the only important issue for a president to handle.”

Past presidents have swiftly and forcibly thwarted enemy attacks against the homeland. They have also proven that timing and negotiation, as well as patience and restraint lead to successful foreign policies and peaceful outcomes rather than war.

Article II of the Constitution also enumerates on the weighty presidential duty to administer the laws of the land, further defined by the “take care” clause stating that the president must assure that the laws of Congress

are faithfully executed. As the head of the federal government, the president also has the obligation to maintain the overall wellbeing of the citizenry.

The president, therefore, must be decisive with domestic disasters like Hurricane Katrina or the recent train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. Future presidents would do well to emulate President Dwight D. Eisenhower, whose main goals were to “protect the American people and to be concerned with the human problems of the individual citizen.” Ike advised incoming President Kennedy, “If you fail to act immediately, in some cases, or you delay, the result will be disastrous.”

But, as President Barack Obama said, “You can’t do it (the presidents’ job) all by yourself. And so, you are reliant on really talented, hard-working, skilled people...,” which means the president must be an exceptional leader selecting and managing an expert team of advisors and staff to assist him (or her) to navigate the unpredictability and complexity of the oval office.

A look back at some of

the characteristics of our greatest presidents show they exhibited: good judgment, perseverance, boldness, resilience, authenticity, and high energy (a feeble executive, according to Alexander Hamilton, will give a feeble execution of the government). They have also been curious and willing to take risks, and like President Ronald Reagan, they have exuded optimism to lift the spirit of the nation.

The president has a formidable job, hampered by conflicting public expectations coupled with the inherent weakness of the office, intentionally scripted by the framers of the constitution, who were reluctant to empower one man with absolute power. Their objective was to balance the overall authority of the office with the legislative and judicial branches of the government, with each branch having equal power, dependent upon the other, thus creating limited, divided and checked powers of the presidency. They wanted to assure that a future president could not usurp the presidential powers to establish an autocratic or monarchist form of gov-

ernment.

Today is a totally different world than 248 or even 48 years ago, and unfortunately our bureaucracy has ballooned out of proportion. Thankfully, though politically fraught, the branches of our government are still able to balance our nation. Perhaps, however, it’s time to heed Thomas Jefferson’s warning that “our system of government requires an informed citizenry in order to remain relevant.”

To be informed, however, requires a concentrated, focused effort to turn off the biased media opinions as well as the advertising messages declared by the candidate’s party platform. As voters, we are obligated to delve deeper to evaluate the candidates’ values and determine who will best preserve and honor the principals espoused by our founding fathers: liberty, justice and self-government.

May God help us and our nation to survive and flourish for another 248 years. Happy President’s Day!

A.T. Ronan is a resident of Newport.

Construction begins on new treatment, recovery facility

With all city permits secured, site work began in early January for the future Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services adult residential and outpatient center. Remodeling of the existing building at 5840 NW Biggs St. in Newport and construction of added space will be completed during the spring of 2025, at a projected cost of \$11.7 million.

“A ton of work has taken place in the background to bring us to this point where we can actually see the work happening,” said Dr. Lesley Ogden, CEO of the two Samaritan Health Services hospitals in Lincoln County.

“I am relieved the project is moving along, yet there is also an undercurrent of ‘hurry, hurry’ because the need is so great,” she said. “Substance use disorder is a terrible and dangerous menace in our society that is killing and harming our loved ones. I cannot stress strongly enough how important this center will be to the lives of those people who choose a path toward recovery and can find hope and help here in Lincoln County.”

Once completed, the 8,300-square-foot facility will have 16 inpatient beds to serve adults ages 18 and older who are experiencing substance use disorder. Residential treatment and intensive outpatient programs include group and individual therapy, medication-assisted treatment and peer-delivered services. Patients will be accepted from across Oregon, with priority given to residents of Lincoln County.

This is the second residential treatment center created by Samaritan. The other one opened in in Lebanon in 2020. As a nonprofit health care provider, Samaritan doesn’t turn anyone away for insurance type or an inability to pay.

The need for the facility is great. Oregon ranks second in the nation for substance use disorder and 50th in access to treatment. Inpatient treatment is a critical first step in the recovery process for many individuals, but there are currently no inpatient services in Lincoln County and limited outpatient services available.

Recent news coverage has quoted Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek and the Oregon Health Authority saying that the state needs



This artist rendering shows the layout of the future Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services adult residential and outpatient center, located at 5840 NW Biggs St. in Newport. Once completed, the 8,300-square-foot facility will have 16 inpatient beds to serve adults ages 18 and older who are experiencing substance use disorder. (Courtesy photo)

nearly 3,000 beds to meet the need for residential substance use disorder treatment.

Work now underway

Work currently in progress includes creating an access driveway along the north property line, grubbing (the removal of trees, shrubs, stumps and rubbish from a site), digging footings for the new construction and working on underground utilities (water, sewer and stormwater).

As part of the site work, an arborist recommended removing an unhealthy native Sitka spruce tree located on adjacent city park property. This tree removal was done for the safety of park visitors as well as nearby homes and properties, including the new treatment center.

A recent informational letter mailed to neighbors stated: “We are excited for construction work to be moving forward. Substance use disorder impacts so many people

in our community and across the region. A broad range of generous benefactors recognize the vital importance of a local residential recovery center and have supported this project with donations to the Pacific Communities Health District Foundation and North Lincoln Hospital Foundation, raising \$10.4 million to date.”

The letter was jointly signed by the three principals involved with bringing this facility to fruition: Pacific Communities Health District, represented by Board Chair Aimee Thompson; Samaritan Health Services, represented by Ogden; and Pacific Communities Health District Foundation, represented by Executive Director Karla Clem.

About the project

The building and property, which had previously been used as an adult foster care home, is now owned by the Pacific Communities Health District.

Program services and staffing will be provided by Samaritan Health Services in accordance with the long-term operating agreement

between Samaritan and the health district. To date, a business director and a clinical supervisor have been hired and they have begun connecting with community partners. Medical Director David Simmons will be shared between the Lebanon and Newport treatment centers. Interviews for a clinical director are now underway, and the remainder of frontline staff and support staff will be hired when the facility is closer to being completed.

Fundraising is through the PCHD Foundation and the North Lincoln Hospital Foundation, with donations coming from government entities, local Native American tribes, public and private foundations, businesses and individuals throughout Lincoln County and the region.

Clark/Kjos out of Portland is the architectural firm that designed plans for the remodeled interior and the new two-story addition. Gerding Builders, LLC, out of Corvallis is the general contractor.

For more information, including how to support the project, go online to pchddistrict.org and to samhealth.org/SupportSTARSCoast.

Samaritan hospitals available for sexual assault treatment

SAMARITAN HEALTH SERVICES

People who experience sexual assault can find appropriate and compassionate medical care through Samaritan Health Services — at one of their five hospitals in Benton, Lincoln and Linn counties and at the regional center in Albany known as Sarah’s Place.

At Sarah’s Place and at the local hospitals, sexual assault survivors are cared for by registered nurses who have completed the rigorous Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) certification process. This certification confirms the nurses’ expertise in providing healing care while helping to preserve vital criminal evidence.

SANE care at the coast and in the valley

Jennie Eley, a registered nurse at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital, in Newport, recently obtained certification as a SANE nurse. Eley, who has worked in the hospital’s Family Birthing Center for more than nine years, explained why she was inspired to obtain the SANE certification.

“Helping to develop

a successful program on the coast became a labor of love for me after discovering the absence of local post-assault care for survivors of sexual violence,” Eley said.

“Survivors often are directed to Sarah’s Place for the most appropriate post-assault care, and it’s safe to assume that many people who are already hesitant and fearful may choose not to seek any care at all,” she added.

“Our program at the coast is still a work in progress but I’m so proud to be a part of its development.”

At times when a SANE nurse is not available on the coast, assault survivors are offered non-emergency transportation to and from Sarah’s Place, located on the Samaritan Albany General Hospital campus. The center is always open and emphasizes privacy and security, away from the hospital’s trauma center.

The effort to train and certify SANE nurses is supported by the executive leadership at the two Samaritan Health Services hospitals in Lincoln County.

“Receiving medical treatment after a sexual assault is an important part of healing,” said Sam Jones, RN, vice president of Patient Care Services at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital. “Survivors of sexual assault are traumatized and vulnerable, so it’s important to have trained nurse examiners who can provide care in a safe environment.”

Sexual assault survivors should know that they can always receive medical care at the hospital without necessarily having to report the crime, Jones said.

“We want to emphasize that if someone has been sexually assaulted, they should come to our emergency room, ideally within 72 hours. They can receive care without reporting to law enforcement,” he said. “At some later point if they do want to report the crime, the evidence has already been safely collected and stored. Above all, we want these individuals to know they can come here for care, support and other resources to help them heal.”

Currently, the Newport

Local legislators navigating short session priorities

Jeremy C. Ruark
Lincoln County Leader

As the Oregon Legislature moves through its short five-week session, two local lawmakers are hopeful that critical Lincoln County issues are addressed.

“I’m working to secure funding for aging and inadequate water and sewer projects in several of our cities,” State Rep. David Gomberg said. “If we want new housing, we need the water and sewer capacity to support it. But these big projects are just too expensive for most small towns without help.”

Securing a far share of state transportation funding for his district is also one of Gomberg’s top priorities.

“I’m working on our roads and the repairs needed as we decide how to pay

for our transportation infrastructure in response to declining gas tax revenues,” he said.

Gomberg said another priority is supporting the successful Marine Reserves after a 10-year review by the Ocean Policy Advisory Council.

“We have five reserves and three are off the coast of our district,” he said “They operate as commercial-free protected research zones with full support from our environmental and fishing communities.”

Gomberg said he believes the state legislature’s strong emphasis to find solutions for Oregon’s homelessness and drug issues won’t distract the help needed to address the critical issues facing his district.

“Absolutely not. First, housing, homelessness, addiction, and drug



David Gomberg

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Depoe Bay refiles claim against former recorder

Michael Heinbach
Lincoln County Leader

Following its regular Feb. 6 meeting at Depoe Bay City Hall, the Depoe Bay City Council the following day refiled the city’s claim against a former city recorder that seeks a \$10,000 reimbursement for what the city says was paid out to her in unauthorized wages.

On Jan. 30, Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge Marcia Buckley ruled in favor of Barbara Chestler, the Depoe Bay city recorder for nearly two-and-a-half years, from late 2019 through the beginning of April 2022. However, that ruling was made via a technicality.

Depoe Bay’s initial complaint, filed in small claims court in late

September 2023, states that, “in June 2023, it was brought to the attention of the city council that it appeared the previous city recorder (Chestler), the defendant, with the assistance of a financial employee, was paid out wages, upon her separation, that she was not authorized to receive.”

However, that timeline was faulty — accusations of Chestler being overpaid came to light 13 months previous, which led to Judge Buckley’s late-January verdict in Chestler’s favor.

Prior to the city council’s Feb. 6, meeting, Depoe Bay councilors met in executive session, according to the posted agenda, “to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation likely

“The entire time I worked there I never took a vacation, and while I didn’t have comp time, I had flex time, which means I should be able to take time off for time that I worked.”

— *Barbara Chestler, former Depoe Bay city recorder*

to be filed.” The following day, Depoe Bay filed a new claim, seeking the same amount of financial compensation, but adjusting the complaint to note the allegations first surfaced in May 2022 against Chestler. As of late Monday morning, Feb. 12, the county’s court reporting online portal did not have a response or demand for a hearing on the matter from Chestler posted, nor a schedule of events in the new case.

Chestler stepped down shortly after filing a

formal complaint against Mayor Kathy Short and city councilors Lindsay Bedingfield and Joyce King, whom Chestler accused of meeting as a quorum during meetings of the city’s ad-hoc Emergency Preparedness Committee. According to Chestler, the trio conducted city business on a weekly basis behind closed doors without formal meeting minutes, and the ability for the public to participate, a violation of Oregon’s public meeting laws.

She said that following

her filing of a formal complaint, her relationship with the city council became tense, and she resigned in April 2022, before becoming the city of Siletz’s city recorder.

Weeks after leaving employment with Depoe Bay, at an early-June city council meeting, Councilor Fran Recht submitted a memo to council members that pointed out Chestler’s final paycheck with the city of Depoe Bay amounted to \$26,187, about a third of Chestler’s annual salary and approximately five times as much as her pay from the previous pay period.

Prior to the city filing its claim against her, Chestler told this newspaper she was paid what was owed to her via “flex time.”

“The entire time I worked there I never took a

vacation, and while I didn’t have comp time, I had flex time, which means I should be able to take time off for time that I worked,” she said. “I had around 493 hours accumulated after working two and a half years.”

The city’s current and initial complaints state the city does not believe its former employee was eligible to receive pay for flex time.

“These wages were identified as ‘flex time,’ which per the defendant’s ‘Letter of Employment Offer,’ was not permitted,” the complaints read. It further said that, “the flex time policy is to allow for modifications to schedules but does not accrue and is not paid out at the time of termination. The defendant was paid for time she was not entitled to as an exempt employee.”

Barb Spangler

March 30, 1952 - February 4, 2024

Barb Spangler passed away on February 4 at her home in Newport after a courageous battle with brain cancer. She was 71. Barb was a long-time resident of Newport, well known in the community for her long career in the title and escrow industry. Over the course of more than 30 years as an escrow officer in Newport, she closed thousands of real estate transactions for multiple generations of Lincoln County families and home owners. Barb’s gift for putting her clients at ease during the often stressful closing process, along with her professionalism and attention to detail, earned her a devoted following among Lincoln County’s real estate professionals.

Born Barbara Lynn Brickell on March 30, 1952 in Portland, Barb was the only child of Jack and Dora (Cameron) Brickell. She grew up in southwest Portland, in the home that her dad Jack built for the family near Multnomah Village. Barb enjoyed a wonderful childhood and cherished her friendships from the old neighborhood, many of which she maintained for the rest of her life. Barb graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1970, and then attended Oregon State University, graduating in 1975.

After graduation from OSU, Barb moved to Newport and shortly after started her career as an escrow officer with Transamerica Title. When George Slape purchased Transamerica’s Lincoln County operation in 1983,



Barb became one of the founding employees of George’s new company, Lincoln County Title and Escrow, which later expanded throughout Oregon as Western Title and Escrow. She remained with the company for another 27 years.

In 1983, Barb married Matt Spangler, and she and Matt embarked on a wonderful life partnership of more than 40 years. In 1989, they completed their family with the birth of their daughter Alison. For all of her many other accomplishments in life, Barb was above all a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and she loved her family deeply. We will all miss her beyond words.

Foremost among Barb’s many interests was her passion for cooking and good food. An inspired and talented home chef, she loved sharing her creations with family and friends. She was at her happiest sharing good food and good wine at her table, whether it was her celebrated Thanksgiving feasts, summer gatherings at the family cabin in Montana, or her famous ladies-only cocktail parties at her Newport home.

A lover of animals, Barb had a special place in her heart for her

Appaloosa horses and her Australian shepherd dogs. She passed along her passion for horses and riding to her daughter Alison, who became an avid equestrian competitor. Many great family memories were made traveling to and competing in horse shows throughout Oregon, and Barb loved her role as the consummate “show mom”.

True to her character, Barb faced her illness with a remarkable spirit and strong determination. Though we lost our Barb far too soon, our broken hearts take comfort in knowing we were blessed to share in a life so well lived.

Barb is survived by her husband Matt Spangler, her daughter Alison Spangler Ellingsen and son-in-law Peter Ellingsen, and her granddaughter Sommer Ellingsen, all of Newport, and her brother-in-law Mark Spangler and sister-in-law Sue Ceswick of Portland.

The family extends its sincere appreciation to all the providers that cared for Barb during her illness, especially Kathryn Strickland and Dr. Bud Pierce with Samaritan Hematology and Oncology, Dr. Norman Yeh and the staff at Samaritan Radiation Oncology, and the staff and volunteers at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice. We would also like to thank Barb’s many wonderful friends for all the love and support you provided during the course of Barb’s illness.

Plans for a memorial gathering will be announced at a later date.

New leadership at Oregon’s Marine Reserves Program

Sarah Klain, the Oregon Marine Reserves Program’s new human dimensions project leader, has come full circle back to the Oregon coast where she began her career in 2003, interviewing commercial fishermen before the reserves were established.

A former Utah State University professor of ecosystem services, Klain is happy to be back in the Pacific Northwest and the coastal climate. She is continuing the human dimensions work of her predecessor, recently retired Tommy Swearingen, in understanding if and how marine reserves have impacted coastal communities, particularly when it comes to commercial and recreational fishing as well as tourism. She looks forward to maintaining and growing the marine reserves program’s



Sarah Klain

collaborations with coastal communities, fishers, conservation groups, academic institutions, and others.

Klain has previously collaborated on fisheries and watershed management research with tribes and First Nations. She looks forward to learning more about the historic and current relationships connecting Oregon’s tribes with the coast.

“For some, the ocean matters because it provides jobs and food. Others use the language of

Mother Ocean, a source of diverse life that deserves human care and restraint in how we interact with it. Many indigenous groups refer to ocean inhabitants as kin,” Klain said.

“Navigating these diverse values is crucial for socially acceptable marine management in general and marine reserves in particular.”

The ocean has been part of Klain’s identity since her childhood on an island off the coast of Maine. She worked on East Coast offshore wind energy issues, sea turtle conservation as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Palau, and marine spatial planning in Oregon and British Columbia.


In her off time, Klain enjoys Newport’s excellent local seafood, kayaking with her kids, trail running with her two golden doodles, and attending her husband’s bluegrass gigs.

DEATH NOTICES


ANNA IRENE EASLEY
Anna Irene (Strome) Easley, 96, of Newport, Oregon, passed away on Nov. 28, 2023. She was born on Feb. 1, 1927, to Alvah and Rachel Strome in Newport. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, at Newport Presbyterian Church, 227 NE 12th St.

RONALD MCGEE
Ronald McGee, 79, of Lincoln City, Oregon, passed away on Jan. 16, 2024. He was born on Sept. 24, 1944. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb 24, at 2 p.m., at the Congregational Church of Lincoln City, 2435 NW Oar Place. A short reception will follow the service.


MARIE JOAN (NELSON) GOLDEN
Marie Joan (Nelson) Golden, 93, passed away on Feb. 5, 2024. She was born on Oct. 16, 1930. Ne services will be held.




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Daniel Hastings Wilson

March 28, 1939 -

Daniel was born March 28, 1939, in Milton, OR to Thomas and Beulah Wilson. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Pacific University and a Masters Degree from Lewis and Clark College. He taught English and Speech in Sherwood Or for 4 years before moving to the Portland School District where he retired after 26 years, mostly teaching in alternative schools, Job Corp, Franklin and Cleveland. After retiring, Dan moved with his wife Sue to Newport, Oregon. He couldn't stay away from the classroom so he substituted at Toledo High School for 12



Okinawa.

Dan is survived by his wife, Sue, of 34 years, two step-sons: Chris (Caprice) Grage of Newberg Or and Cory (Amie) Grage of St Louis MO, 4 grandchildren, Ashleigh Whalen, Kate (Jack) Sigmans, Elle and Milo Grage.

Dan's passion was giving to others. He loved to give back by volunteering his time. He worked with the Boy Scouts, Sherwood Youth Association, Sherwood Kiwanis, Lincoln County Food Share, and the Oregon State Police Volunteers.

No celebration of life will be held.

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issues are critical needs in our district,” he said. “And second, through my seniority and roles as vice-chair of the budget committee, co-chair of Transportation and Economic Development, chair of the Coastal Caucus, and new position in House leadership, I’m positioned to ensure that rural and coastal concerns are not overlooked.”

Gomberg noted that public participation in the short session is important. “I’m out and about in our district as much as I can. Talk with me,” he said. “Things move very quickly in a short session. I hope people will sign up for my weekly newsletters that include updates, an assessment of large and local issues,

and information on how to track and comment or testify.”

Gomberg encourages Oregonians to share their thoughts and concerns with their legislators by email, visit the state capitol, and register for alerts from advocacy groups for issues of particular interest.

“And learn to use the Oregon Legislative Information Service (OLIS) where you can see bills, watch hearings, and share testimony. Email me at rep.DavidGomberg@OregonLegislature.gov,he said.

Sen. Dick Anderson
State Sen. Dick Anderson said his priorities also reflect discussions he’s had with area residents. “Every discussion starts with housing in my district,” Anderson said. “Usually the discussions are centered around

homeless housing and workforce or middle level housing. People want to live on the coast, but we have unique challenges with land versus other communities. I am leading the charge for housing on all levels in Salem with both Democrats and Republicans. It won’t be an easy fix and it will take years of hard work.”

Anderson said other two key priorities are child care and workforce. “They really go hand in hand, as the workforce needed in our communities



Sen. Dick Anderson

are the ones who need child care,” Anderson said. “This has been a priority for me. We were able to pass some key legislation last session on innovative child care, but sadly the pace of government takes time.”

Anderson said he is hopeful that the legislature’s strong focus on homelessness and drug issues will not adversely impact his district’s priorities. “I would hope not, he said. “Measure 110 needs a fix. I think everyone agrees

with it. Where the fix lands no one knows right now. Stay tuned.”

Anderson said those living in his district can make a difference during the short session. “Reach out please. I love to hear actual emails and thoughts on bills,” Anderson said, The form letters from groups are not as effective as actual emails from people with their thoughts.”

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SUPPORT

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Highway 101, Essential Services hopes to make a presence of caring, support and fun activities for the people it serves. Trips to attend Seahawks and Blazers games are some of the events ES has planned. I asked Brandi Grissom, service coordinator, why she is involved with the organization. “I have always enjoyed work where I can do my job and know that the outcome to making a difference in people’s lives. With Essential Services, specifically, I feel like my day-to-day tasks are all aimed at making lives better.”

There are challenges working in the social services arena. “As a service coordinator, my main job is to find direct support professionals to work with our clients. I think the biggest challenge in my position is always finding good matches; making sure that schedules, locations, and personalities mesh well is imperative to form a long-lasting client-DSP relationship,” said Grissom.

She emphasized that client-staff member relationships are trial and errors, almost an art form. So, a person like Brandi came to Essential Services through a day support program “where I managed an art studio that served adults in I/DD community, and I instructed art classes on site in addition to taking my clients on outings to view and create art in community spaces.”

Contact Brandi Grissom, service coordinator, for information about receiving services. For more information, go to esoregon.com, or call 503-857-0074. From 10 to 4 p.m. on March 16, Essential Services staff will be on hand to explain their roles in our community at their new location, 1316 NE Highway 101 in Lincoln City.

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Legislature to step up funds for treatment of opioid misuse

Lynn Terry
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon lawmakers are gathered in Salem, determined to address the state’s drug crisis.

Both parties appear poised to crack down — at least to some extent — on drug possession, which was decriminalized with the 2020 passage of Measure 110. And Democrats hope to remove some barriers for people in treatment while expanding treatment options, including clinics that offer an integrated approach to behavioral health, primary care and addiction treatment.

That expansion likely would include the use of medication to treat opioid disorders, Rep. Rob Nosse, D-Portland and member of the joint addiction committee, told the Capital Chronicle. Medication-assisted treatment, or MAT, relies on prescription drugs that replace opioids in the body, or block them, to keep withdrawal symptoms at bay and allow the person to become stable. The most powerful and most effective of the drugs is methadone, long considered the gold standard for treatment, John McIlveen, the state opioid treatment authority at the Oregon Health Authority, told the Capital Chronicle.

“We literally don’t have another modality of treatment that consistently shows a reduction in drug use,” McIlveen said.

Methadone has been

used since the 1950s to treat heroin and other opioid addictions. It’s been heavily studied since then, and the research has shown that it works, McIlveen said.

And yet no state general funds have been allocated to expand clinics that offer methadone, known as opioid treatment programs, in at least the last 11 years, McIlveen said. A grant program administered by the Oregon Justice Commission, IMPACTS, has allocated funds to counties and nonprofits that offer medication-assisted treatment, but Ken Sanchagrin, the commission’s executive director, said it’s unclear whether any of that money has gone toward methadone. Clinics mainly rely on insurance payments – from Medicaid, Medicare and others – to fund operations.

Much more funding is needed to expand operations, providers say.

McIlveen said he’s called for years for the state to stand up more clinics, though Nosse, chair of the behavioral health committee, said he has not come to him.

That changed in December during a meeting between Nosse, McIlveen and the Oregon Health Authority officials to discuss methadone, which is regulated by the federal and state governments. Nosse said the Legislature needs to better understand how federal regulation of medications used in treating opioid misuse interact with state

regulations, but he expects an expansion of methadone and other opioid treatment medications to be included in Democratic-backed bills on improving the state’s response to the drug crisis.

“I don’t understand the interplay between (methadone) and federal and state rules,” Noose said. “But I do think we’re going to make this easier to get and more accessible.”

At the moment, the Democrat’s main proposal addressing addiction, House Bill 4002, only calls for a study of expanding medication-assisted treatment even though it’s been well-researched by scientists for years. Another bill, House Bill 4120, would expand opioid medication treatment in jails.

Numerous providers across the state offer medication-assisted treatment but there are only 26 opioid treatment programs in Oregon, largely along the Interstate-5 corridor. There’s an eastern Oregon clinic in Pendleton, a central Oregon clinic in Bend and two on the coast, in Seaside and North Bend.

“In the face of this drug epidemic crisis, we don’t have enough,” McIlveen said.

McIlveen said the state could use up to twice as many opioid treatment programs to prescribe methadone to fight the fentanyl epidemic.

“Many Oregonians still have to travel unacceptable distances to access methadone

treatment,” McIlveen said in an email. A more geographically robust network of clinics (would) allow more Oregonians to access (these) essential services closer to their own communities and families, and eventually begin to mitigate the most damaging impacts of the opioid crisis we are experiencing today.”

Unlike methadone, fentanyl is easy to access: The drug is cheap, powerful, plentiful and deadly. And overdoses are skyrocketing. State data shows overdoses from fentanyl and other synthetic opioids increased from about 80 deaths in 2019 to nearly more than 650 in 2022, while fentanyl-related emergency department visits jumped from about 260 in 2021 to 1,200 in 2022 alone.

In addressing the opioid crisis in Canada, the Ottawa government funded seven “rapid access addiction medicine” clinics in 2015 to give addicts same day, walk-in access to addiction medications along with other services. The pilot program was so successful that the government funded about 50 more clinics. A recent study in the Journal of the American Medical Association said the clinics were associated with a reduction in opioid-related emergency department visits and hospitalizations and an overall reduction in deaths.

Canada has a state-funded medical system, while the U.S. does not. Building opioid treatment programs in the state

have relied on the federal government.

“It’s mostly been federal monies that have come to the state,” McIlveen said.

Nosse said lawmakers have not pushed for their expansion in the past because no one lobbied for it though providers have discussed medication-assisted treatment in hearings as lawmakers continue to grapple with the opioid crisis. Fentanyl, in particular, has killed hundreds a year, led to open air drug markets, made it difficult to avoid public drug use in cities and fueled retail theft and other crime, according to police.

One of the problems with methadone, even though it’s been heavily studied and shown to be successful, is that it’s classified as a controlled substance by the Drug Enforcement Administration, meaning it has a relatively high potential for abuse and is heavily regulated.

Establishing a clinic to administer methadone requires jumping through a lot of bureaucratic hoops, and the clinics have to be federally licensed, according to Tom Sorrells, chief of substance abuse treatment at Adapt Integrated Health Care, a nonprofit that has methadone clinics in Roseburg and North Bend. Providers also face a lot of federal oversight, and they have to comply with myriad regulations, though the government recently made a rule change that will go into effect in April that should ease the regulatory burden for

providers, Sorrells said.

Then there’s the money problem.

“They’re just not particularly well-funded compared to other kinds of approaches,” Sorrells said. “The other problem as well is that there’s a stigma attached to medication-assisted treatment.”

Many people in the community don’t want an opioid treatment clinic in their area because of that stigma, providers say. Residents don’t understand why providers would treat someone with an addiction with another opioid. They see addiction as a personal failure, not a chronic medical condition.

“There are enough people, whether they’ll say it or not, who are not really interested in whether or not somebody with a severe addiction lives or dies,” said Alison Noice, CEO of CODA, Inc., which runs opioid treatment clinics in Portland and Seaside.

Opioid treatment clinics also face the same workforce shortage as other addiction and mental health services.

“They need a full contingent of providers, nurses and counselors, certified alcohol and drug counselors,” Sorrells said.

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FESTIVAL

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Pahl said there will still be an assortment of arts and crafts at the event, “but we really wanted to bring back the actual Seafood & Wine Festival.”

Another focus of the chamber this year was to bring festival attendees more value for the cost of their tickets. “How we did that is we are bringing in some bigger entertainment,” said Pahl. “We are having Curtis

Salgado coming — a lot of people are really excited about that. A Seafood & Wine ticket is cheaper that it would be to go see one of his concerts. We’re also going to have Todd Curtis, Sonny Hess and a couple others, so we’re going to have music all weekend long.” The complete schedule of entertainment can be found online at www.newportchamber.org/newport-seafood-wine-festival

“Another thing we’re really excited about is we partnered with Rogue to

have a private label on a beer,” said Pahl. “It’s a beer that they made a long time ago, but they’re bringing it back for us and for the festival (and) we’re donating half of the profits to a local nonprofit. The team this year decided to donate to Newport Fishermen’s Wives, with the idea that each year we’ll choose a different nonprofit to donate to. We thought this was a good way to give back.”

Providing an economic boost to the community as a whole remains an

important part of the Newport Seafood & Wine Festival. One of the ways this is accomplished is by creating an environment that encourages festival goers to venture out and visit local restaurants, businesses and attractions.

“We tweaked hours a bit because we wanted people to be able to spend money elsewhere in Newport, so it’s not like an all-night thing where they’re just staying there at the festival,” Pahl said. Hours are Thursday, from 5 to 9 p.m.; Friday, from noon

to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. “So make your dinner reservations before they all fill up,” she said. Hotels and restaurants in the area see some of their busiest times of the year during festival weekend.

Those attending the festival will also be able sample a wide variety of wines. Both commercial and amateur wine competitions are part of the annual event.

Preparation for the Newport Seafood & Wine

Festival is pretty much an ongoing thing throughout the year, but physical evidence of the upcoming event appeared last week as work began to erect the festival tent on Port of Newport property at the south end of the Yaquina Bay Bridge. “We’re having a bigger tent this year and there’s an additional beer garden tent attached to that,” said Pahl.

There will also be a free shuttle bus again this year, providing transportation between local hotels and the festival.



The commercial wine competition showcases some of the best wines in the Northwest. (Courtesy photo)



Vendors selling arts and crafts continue to be a part of the annual Newport Seafood & Wine Festival. (Courtesy photo)



In addition to samplings of local seafood, a number of Northwest wineries will showcase their wines at the annual Newport Seafood & Wine Festival. (Courtesy photo)

FUNDS

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of having all the permits and authorizations that are necessary. There’s a substantial amount of things that need to happen along those lines for a new dam structure,” Nebel said.

Nebel is pleased that GOMberg agreed to accompany the Newport officials on their trip to Washington next month. “Rep. Gomberg has been a huge advocate for this project and certainly was responsible for leading the

charge on the \$14 million (from the state) for this project.”

The city is working with a firm in Washington called Water Strategies LLC, which is arranging the meetings that will take place between the Newport delegation, federal legislators and personnel from various federal departments. Those meetings are set for March 11 and 12.

Another firm that has been working with the city is Dig Deep Research. This company helps communities find the

best funding solutions for drinking water, storm water and wastewater projects. Although that company is based in Colorado, it has a bit of a local connection. Former Newport City Recorder Peggy Hawker works for Dig Deep Research and is involved with the Big Creek Dam Project. She began working for the firm following her retirement in 2022 after 22 years with the City of Newport.

Nebel said, “Dig Deep Research has been the entity that has put together the various strategies,

and they’ve worked very closely with the legislators and the department to try to develop programs where programs haven’t existed before.”

Finalizing the federal funding for the Big Creek Dam Project is but the next step on a very lengthy process.

“The realistic time frame to have a completed project is probably eight years out if everything went well,” Nebel said. “You’ve got basically three years of design and probably five years of construction.”



The Newport Seafood & Wine Festival always draws a crowd, and that was its purpose when it was started nearly half a century ago — to bring business to the coast during the normally slow winter season. (Courtesy photos)

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with the Willowa School District.”

Knudson wrote that she’s proud of the initiatives and improvements implemented during her seven-year tenure at ECS, as well as the positive impact the school’s tight-knight community has had on Eddyville Charter students in that time.

Abe Silvonen, ECS board chair, head football coach and parent of multiple Eddyville Charter students, had nothing but praise for Knudson and how she

handled the unique day-to-day challenges that come with leading the charter school of about 215 enrollees.

“She’s just an absolutely phenomenal leader, and I’d be lying if I said it wasn’t going to be hard to replace her, and it’s probably going to nearly impossible,” Silvonen, told the Lincoln County Leader on Monday morning. “Honestly though, we’re in the best situation because she’s set us up for success having built a phenomenal team and put some phenomenal systems into place.”

He added that the process of recruiting

Knudson’s replacement is beginning in earnest, with a job description scheduled for posting either late this week or early next week.

The Eddyville board, according to Silvonen, plans to use the help of the Oregon School Boards Association and the Coalition of Oregon School Board Administrators to assist in finding the right fit to replace Knudson.

“Really, it’s going to be like she’s tossing the keys of a Ferrari to the next person because she did just an amazing job building the school’s infrastructure,” Silvonen

said.

In her resignation letter, Knudson wrote that the cohesive team at Eddyville Charter will finish this school year strong, and that she’s confident that team will continue making positive steps for the students and the community.

“While I am sad to leave Eddyville, I am excited for opportunities that lie ahead,” Knudson wrote. “I will always cherish the memories and relationships formed during my time here and I look forward to seeing the continued success and growth of Eddyville in the years to come.”

TRAFFICKING

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we might see is a youth who is experiencing abuse or is experiencing homelessness and it leads to a situation where they have to engage in sexual acts in order to meet their basic needs. This could be like exchanging housing, food, any basic resource, even something like clothing, just things that we all need to survive.”

Martinez said there is also a prevalence of “familial trafficking,” which is much less known. “It’s where caregivers will use youth in exchange for sexual acts to have an exchange of goods that could look like paying their rent. We’ve seen cases where their bar tab needs to be paid, and so a youth is exchanged to relieve the financial burden of that. Or in exchange for drugs, things like that.

“Human trafficking is an umbrella term. It really does include a lot of different types of crime,” she added.

The local Trafficking Intervention Task Force began in March of 2019. “We have a really great group of skilled and compassionate individuals who are working together to combat human trafficking here in Lincoln County,” Martinez said. Membership on the task force includes the Children’s Advocacy Center; Toledo, Newport, Lincoln City, county and state law enforcement; the Lincoln County District Attorney’s Office; Oregon Department of Human Services; Lincoln County Youth Tides; My Sisters’ Place; the Siletz Tribal Care Program; the Lincoln County School District; and most recently, Phoenix Wellness and Helping Hands.]

“We are one of 13 task forces across the state,” Martinez said. “We are funded and provided technical assistance by the Department of Justice with their Trafficking Response and Intervention Program. Our task force takes a three-prong approach, so we have law enforcement, victims services and our education and outreach.”

The law enforcement aspect is supported through the investigations on human trafficking with the DOJ, with a human trafficking research analyst.

Victims services are focused on implementing screening and training with all of the partner organizations so they can more effectively identify human trafficking survivors.

“I know when we talk about trafficking, everybody would really love to hear about statistics, like how prevalent is this issue within our county,” Martinez said. “Unfortunately it is very difficult to get statistics, but with these screening

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— Lizzie Martinez ,
Trafficking Task Force Coordinator

tools we’re implementing over this next year, we’re hoping to get some numbers so people can understand the prevalence in our county.

“But I can tell you from my work with survivors and other victim organizations that trafficking does happen here in Lincoln County, and we have many youth and adults who are at risk,” she added.

The education and outreach component provides two curriculums. “Our first is called Understanding and Addressing Sex Trafficking in Our Community,” Martinez said. “This is targeted mainly toward community members who want to build awareness about the dynamics of sex trafficking. Our second curriculum is Recognizing and Responding to Trafficking. It is a training for professionals within our community who get trained on how to implement our response protocol that we’ve developed over these last four years.”

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Sunnyridge Grange building gets new lease on life

Steve Card
Lincoln County Leader

A building constructed more than a century ago on Sunnyridge Road in Toledo has been given a new lease on life, and it will continue to be a community gathering place for years to come.

Since the early 1940s, this building was home to Sunnyridge Grange 898, but its life began nearly three decades earlier, in 1913, as a Toledo school. Originally referred to as School District 59, it later became known as Sunnyridge School. Classes being held there were eventually consolidated with other schools in Toledo.

The building sat empty for about a year until, in 1941, a group of men and women in Toledo turned this vacant, one-room schoolhouse into a meeting and activities hall and called it Sunnyridge Grange. Lanterns provided light until electricity was installed around 1947. There were no bathrooms at the grange for almost 20 years. An old wood stove that once warmed cold and wet children when the building was a school provided the only heat.

Grange members continued meeting there on a regular basis for about the next 80 years. And although there are still some remaining grange members, the building had fallen into disrepair and was no longer a usable facility.

That changed a few years ago when Toledo resident Joe Howry and his wife, Shonna,

purchased the property with plans to renovate it. In 2020, “they (grange members) approached me and asked if I would buy this because they knew I would restore it,” Joe said. “They sold it to me for just property market value because the building was worth nothing.”

Joe himself has many memories associated with that building. “I’ve been coming here since I was 9 years old and have been a grange member. My grandpa went to school here,” he said.

Over the years, the building has been the site of many weddings, baby showers, anniversaries, bridal showers, Christmas parties and more. “It’s crazy how many people used this over that period of time,” Joe added. “Today, people still come to me and say that ‘Grandpa and Grandma had their wedding anniversary here’ or ‘they had their birthday party.’ And there were school dances here, so they had a live band in the 1950s and ’60s. That’s what people did then.”

Joe and Shonna even held their wedding reception there in 1996.

That type of community use will continue now that the building has been renovated. Joe and Shonna are operating it as Sunny Ridge Venue, where people can rent space for a wide range of activities and events.

Restoring the building to its former glory, and adding some additional amenities, took a lot of time and hard work, but Joe said, “This is exactly the same structure. I did not touch the



Sunny Ridge-Shonna and Joe Howry
Shonna and Joe Howry, owners of Sunny Ridge

original building.

“Really, I just scrubbed it down and repainted it,” he added. “I did change all the glass. I put a concrete foundation all the way around it — it was sitting 8 inches out of level. It was literally sitting on clay rock with posts on it. Now with the new foundation, it’s never been this solid. Everything about it is Doug Fir inside and out, so the building survived because of old growth wood and air flow, I guess, because there was no insulation.”

Joe cleared a lot of brush and broken, rotten alders from the one-and-a-half acre of property around the building, and there is now a beautiful green lawn for outdoor events, a covered outdoor seating area, and a large paved parking lot.

Inside, there is ample space for gatherings, as well as a recently refurbished kitchen. “Obviously we updated the kitchen,” said Joe. “It was a 1947 kitchen, I think. Same way with the bathrooms.”

There are also mementos from the past still inside the building, including pictures of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and even an old clock the hung on the walls when it was a school. “There’s still a lot of history here,” said Joe. Also, he and Shonna have preserved old newspaper articles that share some of the history of the school and grange, and there is a list of students who once attended school there.

In November 2023, restoration work was finally complete, and the building is now ready for its next phase of life.

“This place is alive and ready to use,” said Joe. “The vision is to still be a community building. It’s always been a community building, and it’s going to stay that way.”

Information about Sunny Ridge Venue, including contact information for people wanting to reserve a date for an event there, can be found online at sunnyridgevenue.com

Devil’s Churn concessions applications now being accepted

Applications are now being accepted for the concessionaire opportunity at the Devil’s Churn Day Use Area.

This summer, the vacant space south of Waldport will be available for the sale of food and beverages under a special use permit. “We are excited to create a new opportunity for visitors to the Oregon coast,” said Siuslaw National Forest Recreation Program Manager Trevor Robinson. “The Devil’s Churn concessionaire site has a lot of potential for a local business, and we hope it will add value to the community and the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area recreation experience.”

A tour of the facility is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 21; the concession space will be open for viewing and Forest Service staff will be available to answer questions from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The deadline to sign up is Friday, Feb. 16. For registration, comments or concerns about the site tour, contact Reba Ortiz at reba.ortiz@usda.gov.

The Devil’s Churn food vendor facility is located at the Devils Churn Day Use Area, a popular year-round recreation site 11 miles south of Waldport along U.S. Highway 101. The facility includes amenities such as 100 square feet of space, countertop sinks, electrical outlets, and a private bathroom. Water, sewer, and electricity will be provided by the Siuslaw National Forest.

The prospectus document available online outlines the business opportunity, policies, permit, application requirements, and approval process. Applicants must submit one hard copy and one electronic copy of their application package, supporting documents, and business plan to Rebecca Brooke Forest Supervisor, Attn: Trevor Robinson Recreation Program Manager, 3200 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR 97331. The selected applicant is expected to begin business operations by July 1.



For more information about eligibility and instructions on how to apply visit <https://t.ly/24EAh>. All documents must be received by 4:30 p.m. on April 3 to be considered.

FANCIAL FREEDOM

Love and money: A couple’s quiz for financial harmony



Julia Carlson

This Valentine’s Day, ditch the predictable and dive into a love language you may not have considered: finances! Yes, you heard that right. Grab your sweetheart and get ready to test your money knowledge about each other. Laugh, learn, and uncover just how in sync you are when it comes to the Benjamins, budgets, and building a future together.

So, put down the roses,

pour a glass of your favorite drink, and prepare to unleash your inner financial lovebirds.

To take this quiz, individually answer the questions below and compare with your partner at the end.

1. What is our monthly household income?
2. How much do we spend each month?
3. How much debt do we have (student loans, mortgages, etc.)?

4. Do we have a plan to pay off our debt? (Y/N)
5. What’s our main savings goal this year? (travel, dream house, etc.)
6. Who typically initiates discussions about money? (you/partner/both)
7. How often do we review our spending plan together? (weekly, monthly, rarely)
8. What’s our risk tolerance when it comes to

investing? (high, medium, low)

9. How important is retirement planning to us? (very, somewhat, not at all)

10. Do we have a shared vision for the future? (house, kids, travel)

11. How do we handle large financial decisions such as a new car or renovations? (discuss, decide individually, compromise)

12. What’s our dream financial milestone as a couple? (early retirement, passive income, zero debt, paying for kid’s college, etc.)

Compare your answers, talk about any surprises, and celebrate your similarities!

Scoring:

- Financial Harmony: 6+ matching answers — You’re in financial harmony like a well-tuned symphony. Keep that open communication flowing.

- Bump in the Road: 3-5 matches — There’s room for growth. Discuss any differences honestly and collaboratively find solutions that work for both of you.

- Love Requires Work: 1-2 matches — Time to dive deeper. Schedule regular financial discussions, explore resources together, and build a solid financial foundation as a team.

Remember, this is just a starting point. The most valuable outcome is open communication, mutual respect, and a joint

commitment to building a financially secure and happy future together.

So, keep the love and laughs flowing, and remember, finances might not be roses and chocolates, but with teamwork and understanding, they can be the foundation of a truly sweet relationship!

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PREP BOYS WRESTLING DISTRICT TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP



Toledo High School senior Christian Retherford takes Colton wrestler Nate Bauer for a test drive during a 144-pound semifinal Feb. 10 at the 2A/1A-SD 1 championships at Toledo High School. Retherford pinned Bbauer with two seconds remaining in the first period, then pinned Draven Marsh of Nestucca in the championship match to win the weight class. (Michael Heinhach/Lincoln County Leader)

Boomers take second at districts

Taft, NHS vie for state berths

MICHAEL HEINBACH
Lincoln County Leader

TOLEDO — Despite collecting five individual titles Feb. 10 at the boys 2A/1A-SD 1 Wrestling Championships, and playing the role of gracious host to a 14-school tournament, the 14-athlete Toledo High School boys wrestling team fell victim to the numbers game, and finished a distant second to a Willamina squad that sent 24 grapplers to the meet.

Boomer seniors Christian Retherford at 144 pounds, Sterling Buckley at 150, Ash Blomstrom at 190, and Cody Vance at 215, and 285-pound junior Kolby Coxen, each won their weight classes as Toledo racked up 212.5 points. That was no match, however, for the Bulldogs, who combined to win four weight classes — one fewer than Toledo — but

used their roster’s sheer depth to tally 354.5 in a cruise to the team championship.

Paced by 113-pound champion Dean Smith, Siletz Valley finished ninth in the team standings with 67 points, and Daniel Segaline’s two-win day at 144 pounds led Waldport to 10.5 points, good for 13th overall.

The top-three finishers from each weight class earned automatic bids to the OSAA 2A/1A boys state championships, scheduled for Thursday and Friday, Feb. 22 and 23, at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland. Joining the Boomers’ individual medalists at state will be senior Logan Gerding, and junior Nic Kaufman. Gerding, the defending 132-pound state champion, earned a berth to state with a runner-up result in the same weight class at the district meet, and Kaufman placed third at 138.

Smith is the lone Siletz grappler to receive a berth to the state meet, and no Irish wrestler advanced past last weekend’s

district competition.

“The team performed super phenomenally,” Toledo head coach Tony Blomstrom said. “We talked a lot during the week about how winning individual district championships is really cool, but that’s not the ultimate goal. Our goals are a little loftier this year, and we’re going for state titles. So, for us, finishing the race is all about getting as many kids to qualify at state as possible.”

Ash Blomstrom, seeking his third straight state championship, extended his undefeated senior campaign to 33 matches last Saturday with first period pins in the first round and quarterfinals, then scored a second period pin of Steven Murphey of Siletz in the semifinals, and a 4-0 decision in the championship over Mark Nusom of Regis.

Buckley needed a little more than two-and-a-half minutes on the mat to earn his 150-pound district title. After receiving a first-

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4A/3A/2A/1A-SD 3 SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

NHS sweeps district meet

OSAA 4A/3A/2A/1A state championships are set for Friday and Saturday in Beaverton

MICHAEL HEINBACH
Lincoln County Leader

It won’t be easy for the girls and boys swim teams from Newport High School to match the businesslike effort the Cubs used last Friday and Saturday to propel themselves to a sweep of the 4A/3A/2A/1A-SD 3 team titles at the Newport Aquatic Center. Yet, that’s exactly what Newport faces at the OSAA 4A/3A/2A/1A state championships, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16-17, at Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center in Beaverton.

Following an undefeated regular season, the Newport girls’ district championship came as a surprise to no one. With a battle tested trio of savvy, senior veterans in Layla Bretz, Claire Hurty and Pia Lihou, as well as an infusion of standout freshmen in Hana Parker, Ruby Perucci and Gwynn Postlewait, the NHS girls won a team championship for the 11th time in as many outings this season.

The Cubs topped the girls’ team standings with 291 points, and were followed by Valley Catholic with 246, Astoria at 150, St. Helens with 110, and Taft in fifth of 10 teams competing with 97 points.

What may have been a surprise to some, but most certainly not the athletes themselves, was the dominant display posted by the Newport boys, who fell short of Taft’s point total when the teams met the last two times this regular season. Anchored by senior Sam Postlewait and junior Ben Hurty, the Newport boys dominated in scoring 314 points, 119

more than second-place Taft.

Taft senior Noah Serrato posted the top individual effort for the Tiger boys, swimming to second in the 200-yard freestyle, and swimming the final legs during Taft’s matching third-place finishes in the 200- and 400-freestyle relays.

Bretz won both the girls 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly, and anchored Newport wins in the 200- and 400-freestyle relays, and Gwynn Postlewait added individual wins in the 500 freestyle and 100 breast-stroke, while swimming on victorious Cubs 200-medley and 400-freestyle relay teams.

Lihou won the girls 200-individual medley, and finished second in the 100 backstroke to Perucci, who swam legs for the 200-medley and 200-freestyle relay teams. Lihou also contributed to wins in the 200-medley and 400-freestyle relays. Claire Hurty, who was unavailable for last Friday’s day of preliminary competition while interviewing for an academic college scholarship elsewhere in the state, came home Saturday with three first-place relay medals around her neck.

Taft senior Allison Lua, junior Sierra Sanders and freshmen Allysa Moore and Ellie Nightingale combined to swim to fourth in the 400-freestyle relay.

Sam Postlewait posted matching wins in the boys 50 and 100 freestyle, and finished off Cubs wins in the 200- and

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Newport High School senior swimmers, from left, Layla Bretz, Pia Lihou and Claire Hurty celebrate Feb. 10 after the Cubs swept the team titles at the 4A/3A/2A/1A-SD 3 Championships at the Newport Aquatic Center. (Michael Heinhach/Lincoln County Leader)



Jahan Eibner, Newport freshman, dives into the Ken Doerfler Sr. Lap Pool last Saturday afternoon at the Newport Aquatic Center during the finals of the boys 400-yard freestyle relay. Eibner, Ben Hurty, William and Sam Postlewait combined to win the event, and the Cubs swept the relays en route to a team district championship. (Michael Heinhach/Lincoln County Leader)

2024 OSAA CHEERLEADING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Newport High School wins state cheer championship



MICHAEL HEINBACH
Lincoln County Leader

OREGON CITY — Local law enforcement is getting quite familiar with Newport High School student-athletes, and in a good way.

Last Saturday night, Feb. 10, for the third time this

school year, an NHS team returned home from a state competition with a first-place trophy, and with the assistance of a police escort, when the Newport cheerleading team returned to school with a 4A traditional team championship.

After winning each of the

five competitions they entered prior to last weekend, the 15-athlete Cubs roster shined its brightest at the 2024 OSAA Cheerleading State Championships in winning their category at Oregon City High School,

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Left: Newport High School cheerleading team members include junior captains Dorothy Semple, Hailey Albino and Heidi Hackworth, as well as Aaliyah Crowell-Huguley, Abby Monroe, Addie Terebesi, Addison Wolf, Alyssa Baker, Daniela Leal, Hilda Galvan-Garcia, Jaclyn Schibig, Madison Platt, Makayla Clark, Paula Hernandez, and Rylee Black. The squad is coached by Jessica Arnsdorf, who is assisted by Adeana Hernandez, Alex VanOrder, Annabelle Loveless and Dylan Whitmore. (Courtesy photo)

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

NHS earns big win, Irish take ‘The Fish’

MICHAEL HEINBACH
Lincoln County Leader

LINCOLN CITY — With a pair of solid 3A-3 PacWest Conference wins last week to close out the regular season, the Taft High School boys basketball team earned itself a home playoff game earlier this week.

With their 78-56 win Feb. 6 at Jefferson and last Friday night’s 72-66 defeat of Scio in the regular season finale at Lincoln City, the Tigers secured a second-place finish in the final conference standings. They also earned a home league playoff game Tuesday night against Amity, which split its regular season games with Taft.

In the win over Jefferson, sophomore guard Zack Hankins was the go-to guy for the Tigers, scoring 12 of his 21 points in the third quarter. Sophomore forward Kol Tolan scored 10 for Taft in the Tigers’ 30-point second quarter, and finished with 18, and junior Jackson Nightingale tallied eight of his 13 points during that second quarter burst.

Taft junior guard Kai Bayer did the majority of the heavy lifting for the Tigers in the win on senior night over Scio. His 10-for-11 effort from the foul line and trio of three-pointers helped him pace a trio of Taft double-digit scorers with 27 points. Tolan scored 11 and Nightingale added 10 points.

Taft went into Tuesday night’s playoff game against Amity winners of

four of its previous five. The Tigers’ last defeat came Feb. 1 in a 57-45 loss on Amity’s hardwood.

ELSEWHERE:

Cubs upset Warriors

Junior Rory Barber scored 12 of his game-best 18 points in the first half Feb. 5 at Spangler Court in Newport as the Cubs ran up a 13-point halftime lead in posting a signature win for the program, a 49-42 defeat of No. 4 Philomath. Three days later on Feb. 8, Newport traveled to post its second straight 4A-3 Oregon West Conference win in a 68-37 dismantling of Sweet Home.

Playing Philomath for the second time this season following the Warriors’ 57-33 defeat of the Cubs on Jan. 19 in Philomath, Newport did some fine work at the free-throw line, sinking 21-of-26 from the charity stripe on the night. The NHS defense stood tall as well, limiting Warriors star Preston Kramer to 17 points.

Junior guard Ethan Bruns dropped in a pair of 3-point buckets and finished with 11 points in Newport’s victory over Philomath, and sophomore guard Aaidyn Bokuro added seven on 7-for-10 free throw shooting.

The Cubs, who began the week 3-4 in conference, 11-7 overall, sought their third straight Oregon West Conference win Monday night at home against Stayton, before

taking to the road for a Valentine’s Day non-league game at Estacada. On Thursday, Feb. 15, Newport closes the home portion of its regular season schedule by hosting a 7 p.m. OWC battle against No. 2 Cascade, then finishes the regular slate Tuesday, Feb. 20, at No. 7 North Marion.

Irish end on high note

Waldport entered its annual “Fight for the Fish,” 2A-3 Valley Coast Conference game Feb. 8 at rival Toledo having lost its previous seven, including a 55-34 loss at home on senior night Feb. 5 to Bandon.

Inside a raucous and vocal gym in Toledo, Irish senior guard Johnny Miller sent the visiting crowd into a frenzy with a late 3-pointer and the Waldport defense defended one final Boomer shot attempt to earn a hard-fought 48-45 victory.

The Irish led by as many as 10 points in the first half before the Boomers closed the second quarter on a 9-2 run, capped by Tyson Socha’s trey at the halftime buzzer, cutting the Irish intermission lead to 21-19.

A bucket in the paint by Waldport senior Noah Tysman with 4:35 to play in the fourth quarter put Waldport up 43-38, but the Boomers rallied, and took a 45-43 lead with 2:06 left on a basket from sophomore Evan Putnam. Waldport sophomore guard Kelden McNeil



Waldport High School senior guard Johnny Miller drives the lane as Toledo sophomore Tyson Socha defends Feb. 8 in Toledo during the Irish’s 48-45 victory in a 2A-3 Valley Coast Conference boys basketball game. (Michael Heinbach/Lincoln County Leader)

answered with a basket to tie it at 45-45 with 1:53 on the clock, setting the stage for Miller’s heroics.

Miller led the way with 15 points, and McNeil added 12 as Waldport closed the campaign 4-12 in conference games, 8-17 overall.

The Boomers, who received 10 points from Socha, finished at 0-16, 1-23.

ECS wins three

The Eagles certainly picked the right time to go on a 1A-3 Mountain West

League winning streak.

Eddyville Charter picked up a trio of league wins last week, scoring a 51-47 home win Feb. 6 against Mohawk, a 55-33 victory Feb. 8 at rival Siletz Valley, and a 48-47 nail biter last Saturday at Alsea.

With the wins, the Eagles sat at 5-7, 8-13 entering their Monday night league game at Mohawk. Eddyville Charter closes the regular season with a 6 p.m. battle Wednesday, Feb. 14, in Eddyville against Siletz Valley.

Warriors go 1-2

After dropping the Eddyville Charter game and surrendering a forfeit loss Feb. 9 to Triangle Lake, the Warriors broke their three-game Mountain West League losing streak with a 49-15 win Feb. 10 at home against Mohawk.

After hosting a Monday night league game against Crow/City First Christian Academy, Siletz Valley, which began the week 7-6, 7-12, finish the regular season Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Eddyville Charter.

PREP SPORTS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14
High school boys basketball — Eddyville Charter at Siletz Valley, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15
High school girls basketball — Cascade at Newport, 5:30 p.m.
High school boys basketball — Cascade at Newport, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16
High school swimming — Newport, Taft at OSAA 4A/3A/2A/1A State Championships, Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center, Beaverton, 1:45 p.m.
High school wrestling — Newport, Siletz Valley, Taft, Toledo, Waldport girls at 4A/3A/2A/1A-SD girls championships, Cottage Grove High School, 9 a.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17
High school girls basketball — 1A-3 Mountain West League playoffs, Junction City High School, TBD.
High school girls basketball — 1A-3 Mountain West League playoffs, Junction City High School, TBD.
High school swimming — Newport, Taft at OSAA 4A/3A/2A/1A State Championships, Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center, Beaverton, 1:15 p.m.
High school wrestling — Newport, Siletz Valley, Taft, Toledo, Waldport girls at 4A/3A/2A/1A-SD girls championships, Cottage Grove High School, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 19
No events scheduled.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20
High school girls basketball —

Newport at North Marion, 5:30 p.m.
High school boys basketball — Newport at North Marion, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21
No events scheduled.
These listings were current as of Monday morning, Feb. 12, according to schedules posted to www.OSAA.org and www.trackwrestling.com. Some of this week’s postseason 3A and 2A basketball games may have been scheduled after the Lincoln County Leader’s early Monday morning deadline. Schedules are subject to change with little to no notice. Visit the Oregon School Activities Association online for the latest scheduling information.

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PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Irish eke out win at Toledo

NHS stops slide, Taft splits

MICHAEL HEINBACH
Lincoln County Leader

TOLEDO — Despite some serious foul trouble and playing without a pair of regular starters in senior Airyanna Paden and sophomore Payshentz Herron, the Waldport girls basketball team managed to grind out a 21-20 victory on the home court of 2A-3 Valley Coast Conference-rival Toledo on Feb. 8 in the regular season finale for both schools.

It was far from the most attractive game of basketball played — not even close — but with the win, the Irish locked down a share of sixth place in the final Valley Coast Conference standings, as well as a Tuesday night home playoff game at Irish Pavilion in Waldport against Central Linn. Both schools closed the regular season with 8-8 league marks.

Junior wing Savannah Martin led the Irish (12-11 overall) with 11 points, including five in the fourth quarter, when Waldport was down to just five eligible players after sophomore guard Mildred Ervin, senior post Harper Browne and freshman post Cheyenne Corliss fouled out. Martin's back-to-back buckets early in the final frame gave the Irish a 17-13 advantage.

Toledo, which closed the season 3-13 in league and 5-18 overall in dropping back-to-back games Feb. 6

and 7 to Central Linn prior to the Waldport loss, put itself in prime position to pull off the upset. However, the Boomers struggled mightily at the charity stripe during the final five minutes of play.

After junior Lindsey Otis went coast-to-coast to bring Toledo within 17-15 with 5:37 to play, the Boomers missed 14 consecutive foul shots. They managed to take a 19-18 lead with 2:01 to play on consecutive successful drives by sophomore guards Tenaya Cordova and Kaylie Warfield.

The Irish responded with a bucket in the paint from freshman wing Kendi Ritchey with 1:15 left, and sophomore guard Kiana McNeil added a 1-of-2 effort at the line with 25.6 seconds to play. Toledo made just one of its last four free-throw attempts during the course of the final 13.6 seconds as Waldport closed out the win and snapped its own four-game losing streak.

ELSEWHERE:

Cubs earn second OWC win

After dropping their fourth straight 4A-3 Oregon West Conference game in a 64-15 loss Feb. 5 to third-ranked Philomath at Spangler Court in Newport, the Cubs halted their slide



Toledo High School sophomore Gabby Worden fights off Waldport freshmen Lexi Hargrove, left, and Cheyenne Corliss last Thursday night in Toledo during the Irish's 21-20 victory in the 2A-3 Valley Coast Conference girls basketball regular season finale for both schools. (Michael Heinbach/Lincoln County Leader)

Feb. 8 with a 39-36 victory at Sweet Home.

Against the Huskies, winless in league play, Newport's defense proved stingy in allowing in just four Sweet Home baskets from the field the entire evening, while forcing 27 Sweet Home turnovers.

The Cubs hosted a Monday night conference contest against No. 7 Stayton, then travel Wednesday, Feb.14, to Estacada for a non-league game before capping the home portion of the regular season with a 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, battle against No. 4 Cascade.

Newport, which began this week 2-5 in conference, 4-14 overall, finish-

ing the regular season Tuesday, Feb. 20, with a conference game at North Marion.

Taft splits, awaits playoff fate

The Tigers finished the campaign in third place in the 3A-3 PacWest Conference standings after splitting their final two regular season games last week.

On Feb. 6 at Jefferson, the regular season league co-champion Lions edged Taft 42-38 in a hotly-contested conference tussle before the Tigers sent seniors Aliviah Mode and Ali Tolan out on top in their final regular season home game in Lincoln City, a 64-28 blowout

of Scio. Taft closed the regular campaign 8-4 in league, 14-10 overall.

The winner of a Wednesday, Feb. 18, PacWest playoff game that has fifth-place Dayton playing at fourth-place Santiam Christian, is scheduled to face Taft on Saturday, Feb. 17, with the conference's third and final automatic bid to the 20-school OSAA 3A state playoffs on the line.

The 3A state playoffs are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Feb. 21, with first round games.

ECS stumbles

The Eagles' winning streak reached five 1A-3 Mountain West League

games following Eddyville's 37-29 defeat of league-leading Mohawk on Feb. 6 in Eddyville and its forfeit victory over Siletz Valley two days later. However, after the Eagles fell 44-37 last Saturday at Alsea, their hopes for a regular season league championship took a major hit.

Eddyville Charter was 10-3 in league, 13-8 overall, entering its Monday night regular season finale at league-leading Mohawk (11-1, 15-7). The Eagles will play in the Mountain West League playoffs Saturday, Feb. 17, at Junction City. The top-three finishers there earn automatic bids to the 32-team OSAA



Left: Waldport freshman Cheyenne Corliss lunges to save the basketball from going out of bonds Feb. 8 in Toledo as Boomer freshman Kealey Coxen, left, Irish sophomore Savannah Martin, center, and Toledo sophomore Baylie McAlpine look on during a 2A-3 Valley Coast Conference clash.(Michael Heinbach/Lincoln County Leader)



Taft senior Aliviah Mode high steps her way past Scio sophomore Macy Johnson last Friday night in Lincoln City during the Tigers' 3A-3 PacWest Conference regular season finale. Taft won, 64-28. (Courtesy of Lon French)



Ali Tolan, Taft senior, looks for a passing lane during her the final regular season home basketball game of her prep career, a 64-28 defeat Feb. 9 of Scio in Lincoln City. (Courtesy of Lon French)

A vibrant, symmetrical mandala artwork. The central element is a diamond shape with a rainbow gradient, transitioning from red at the top to blue at the bottom. This central diamond is surrounded by concentric circles of colorful patterns, including a ring of yellow and orange, and another of green and blue. The entire design is set against a dark blue background with white dots. The artwork is framed by a white border with a repeating pattern of small, stylized figures or symbols.



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Learn more about this delicious and delicate crustacean

By KATIE WILEY

Living in The Dungeness Crab Capital of the World many of us comfortably know our way around a Dungeness crab but there’s almost

always more to learn!

In fact, just yesterday my friend Mike Gatens from Shrimp Daddy’s Bait and Tackle Shack taught me how to identify a Dungeness crab heart and showed me that you can actually eat them— more on that in a bit. So I wanted to find out what else I might possibly not know about our crustacean cohabitants and share this information with all of you.

WHERE DO DUNGENESS CRAB LIVE?

Dungeness crab typically live in an area ranging from the Central Coast of California, although occasionally found as far south as Magdalena Bay, Baja California Sur, Mexico, all the way up the coastline. Covering nearly all of the coastal waters of Oregon and Washington, including throughout Puget Sound, the Coastal waters of Canada, and even in Southeast Alaska. Dungeness crabs are found in nearly all Oregon estuaries and out to depths of 1,080 feet off shore, although they are most bountiful in the area of around 295 feet. Juveniles prefer making their homes in eelgrass beds and sandy

or muddy substrate where they benefit from the protection provided by the eelgrass. Juvenile Dungeness cling to the grass, hiding within it and consuming other small organisms within the

eelgrass. After several molts, subadults and adult Dungeness crabs typically begin to leave the eelgrass beds and move offshore.

HOW DO DUNGENESS CRAB REPRODUCE?

Mating occurs in the late spring or early summer in nearshore areas. During this process, the male Dungeness crab embraces the female for up to 7 days before she molts, after which the actual transfer of sperm occurs. She stores this sperm for about a month until she extrudes her eggs and, in the process of doing so, they are fertilized.

A large female crab can carry 2.5 million eggs under her abdomen until they hatch during the winter months. After hatching, the young crabs are planktonic and swim freely away from the female. During this free swimming period, Dungeness crab larvae are preyed upon by birds, whales, and many species of fish with only a small percentage of larvae growing into full adulthood. When the last free swimming stage sheds its shell and settles to the ocean floor, it looks like a tiny crab about half the size of a dime (about ¼ inch).

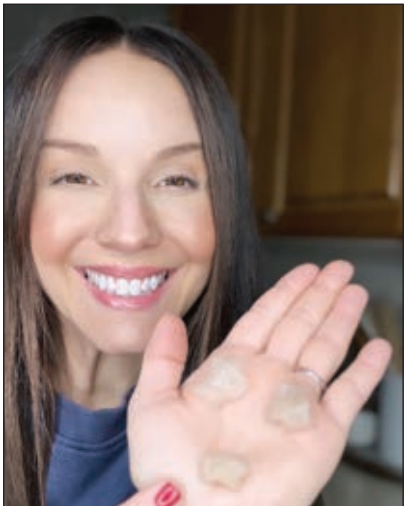
HOW DO DUNGENESS CRAB GROW?

Dungeness crabs can only grow by periodically shedding their shells in a process known as molting. Dungeness will molt up to a dozen times within the first two years of its life but once a they reach about 4 inches in width, they are considered a mature adult and typically only molt only once per year from then on out, increasing its size 1” to 1 1/3 inches in width with each molt. Prior to and during molting, Dungeness crabs absorb extra water into their body tissues, which expands the body to a larger size causing their shells to split. Then all of the hard parts of the crab are shed as one piece and the crab backs out of its shell. The soft, newly-molted crab’s shell is paper-thin and is vulnerable to puncture so the crab hides by burying itself in the sandy bottom for several days while its new shell hardens. The complete hardening of the new shell takes around 6 weeks for adult crabs.

Adult males and females in a population tend to molt at different times, so that the males will be hard-shelled and able to mate when the females molt.

AT THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Now, let’s talk about Dungeness crab hearts. While I was at Shrimp Daddy’s Bait and Tackle Shack purchasing live Dungeness crab from their



Above are three Dungeness crab hearts in Katie Wiley’s hand. Wiley sauteed them in butter and garlic before eating. (Contributed photo)

impressive live tanks, owner Mike Gatens gave me a lesson on crab anatomy as he was cleaning my crab for me - more specifically, the Dungeness crab heart.

Although, Shrimp Daddy typically eats the heart after he cooks the Dungeness crab whole when it’s taken on the shape of a tiny little sea star found within the back shell “crab butter” or guts, I prefer my Dungeness crab cleaned prior to cooking so Gatens located those tiny little hearts, more shaped like small crab flesh colored blobs when raw, within the discarded gut pile of my crab and bagged them up to go for me along with my Dungeness crab to cook at home.

I only had three hearts to cook, plenty for a first time sample, so I just sautéed them in about a teaspoon of butter with small pinch of minced garlic for about 45 seconds on each side and the flavor was unlike anything I’ve ever tasted! Those little star-shaped hearts took on the texture of a tender clam, with the most concentrated and sweetest Dungeness crab flavor. I suppose if you had a limit of these crab hearts that might just be enough for an adventurous appetizer to impress your guests with or to just enjoy as a starter to your Dungeness crab feast.

As a precaution per the California of Public Health, consumers are advised not eat the viscera (internal organs, also known as “butter” or “guts”) of crabs. The viscera usually contain much higher levels of domoic acid than crab body meat. So consume at your own risk.

Calendar of EVENTS

Wednesday, Feb. 14

TRIVIA NIGHT

Enjoy Trivia Night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Beachcrest Brewing, located in suite E5 at the Salishan Marketplace, 7755 Highway 101, Gleneden Beach. Free. Show off your knowledge for the chance to win prizes. Teams of up to six allowed.

HANNAH PAYSINGER AT THE DRIFT INN

Hannah Paysinger performs from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

Thursday, Feb. 15

TEA & TALK

The Coastal Arts Guild’s Tea & Talk takes place at 2 p.m. at the Newport Visual Arts Center, located at 777 NW Beach Drive. The presenter will be Robin L. Berry. For information, call 541-574-3364.

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

Learn Argentine tango at Newport Tango’s weekly Thursday practice. 6 to 8 p.m., South Beach Community Center, 3024 SE Ferry Slip Road, South Beach. Info: newportdancetango@gmail.com, newportdancetango@gmail.com or www.newportdancetango.com/, www.newportdancetango.com

BIG BAND DANCE

Enjoy the sounds of the Big Band era with the Lincoln Pops from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Gleneden Beach Community Club, 110 Azalea St., Gleneden Beach. Admission: \$10 at the door. Refreshments available. Info: 503-949-8222 or on Facebook.

Friday, Feb. 16

TEEN NIGHT IN LINCOLN CITY

Teen night at the Lincoln City Community Center, 540 NE Highway 101. 4 to 6:30 p.m. Take part in games, activities, socializing, snacks, arts and crafts and homework help. To learn more, call 541-994-9994.

‘VIVID EXISTENCE’ AT LCCC

An opening reception will be held for “Vivid Existence,” a new show in the Chessman Gallery at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101. Free, 5 to 7 p.m. This exhibit features large mandala-like paintings by local artist and city council member Riley Hoagland.

IAN SMITH AT THE DRIFT INN

Ian Smith performs classics from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

Saturday, Feb. 17

WINTER BEACH CLEANUP

Surfrider Foundation Beach Cleanup at the beach of your choice. Volunteers can use their own supplies or pick up bags and gloves at Newport Surf Shop, Ossies Surf Shop, South Beach Surf Shop (Newport) and Pura Vida Surf Shop (Otter Rock). Info: beachcleanups@newport.or.surfrider.org

GLASS FLOAT EXHIBIT

North Lincoln County Historical Museum (4907 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City) will hold an opening reception for a exhibit featuring the rarest glass floats, donated by the late James Watson. Reception from 1 to 3:30 p.m., with a video of Watson’s float presentation in 2000, starting at 2 p.m.

AUTHOR OFFERS WRITING TIPS

Willamette Writers Coast Chapter gathers from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Newport Public Library, 35 NW Nye St. Presenter Emmeline Duncan will talk about adding depth to your story, regardless of genre. Info: https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__emmelleduncan.com&d=DwIF-g&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_

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LCL 85-14 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WALDPOR PLANNING COMMISSION
Monday, February 26, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
CASE FILE: #1-CU-PC-24 APPLICANT: City of Waldport REQUEST: The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit to build and operate a Public Park and Playground (Southworth Park) in the Retail Commercial Zone (C-1). APPLICABLE CRITERIA: Waldport Municipal Code, Title 16 Chapter 16.28 Retail Commercial Zone C-1 Chapter 16.72 Supplementary Regulations Chapter 16.84 Conditional Uses LOCATION: The subject property is bordered by Crestline Drive to the east, Bay Street to the west, and HWY 34 to the north. The property is identified on Lincoln County Tax Assessor's Map 13-11-19-AC as tax lots 07200 and 07202, and Map 13-11-19-AD-00700. REPORTS: Copies of the staff report for this case may be reviewed without charge or may be purchased at Waldport City Hall, 355 NW Alder Street, seven (7) days prior to the hearing. Application materials may be purchased at the above address twenty (20) days prior to the hearing. Any documents or evidence submitted by the applicant after twenty (20) days prior to the hearing constitutes grounds for a continuance of the hearing if any Party requests such a continuance. TESTIMONY: Testimony can be submitted in written or oral form. The deadline for submitting written testimony is Monday, February 26, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Send letters to the City of Waldport Planning Commission, P.O. Box 1120, Waldport, OR 97394 or email planner@waldport.org. Oral testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. Failure to raise an issue in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the Planning Commission an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue. CONTACT: Jaime White, City Planner planner@waldport.org

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port.org, 541-563-3561, ext. 3 DATE/ PLACE OF HEARING: Monday, February 26, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Waldport Council Meeting Room, 355 NW Alder Street. Any person having interest in this matter may attend and be heard, or they may submit testimony in writing to be entered into the record.

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LCL 84-21 FORECLOSURE SALE FORECLOSURE SALE
at The Storage Place, 4822 S Coast Hwy South Beach, OR. 97366. Starting at 11:00am on 2/22/2024 for unit #111 rented by Darrel & Carol Thrasher. F14, F21

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LCL 83-21 PUBLIC SALE
On February 29th , 2024 at 11:00 AM, a public sale will be held at Ideal Storage . 134 NE Metcalf Ave Siletz, OR 97380: S056 - Neal Elsey , S101 - Robert Bellis , S105 - Rebecca Goreham . On February 29th , 2024 at 2:00 PM, a public sale will be held at Ideal Storage . 5441 W. Hwy 20, Toledo, OR 97391: T0844 - Amy Watson . Minimum bid \$50.00 Cash only. *Special Auction* February 28th 2:00 PM, 235 SW Dahl AVE, Waldport, OR , Vehicle in unit. Auctioned as is with Lien title. \$500.00 bid call for limited information about the vehicle. F14, F21

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LCL 82-21 INVITATION TO BID
Abandoned property of The Estate of Helen Law and All Others. For Sale, a 1981 RXKZY, Serial #SF3877A, Home ID #235898. The mobile home is located at 5405 NW Pacific Coast HWY, #38, in Driftwood Village MHC, LLC. This will be a private sale with a minimum bid of \$22,100. Bids accepted until February 28, 2024. Send/submit bids to 18150 SW Boones Ferry Road, Portland, OR 97224, Attn: Audra. Please call Jonna at: 530-524- 2048 for an appointment to see home. F14, F21

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LCL 96-21 NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
Description of Premises: 724 SW Ferry Ave., Space 8, Siletz, OR 97380 Description of Personal Property: Manufactured home and all other personal property at the premises. The personal property located at 724 SW Ferry Ave., Space 8, Siletz, OR 97380, is abandoned pursuant to ORS 90.675. The prior tenant of this space is Sarah Dauenhauer (aka Sarah Yukich). The current owner of the manufactured home is Danielle Brandenburg. Manufactured Structure Information: 1972 Skyline Home, Hillcrest Model, Home ID No. 162898. This sale will be conducted by public auc-

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tion at 2:00pm on February 26, 2024, at Yaquina Law, LLC, 380 SW 2nd St., Newport, OR 97365. The landlord will not accept sealed bids. The minimum starting bid is \$12,871.69. To inspect the premises please contact Traci P. McDowall, Attorney for Landlord, at (541) 272-5500. The personal property is sold as is. Landlord provides no warranties or guarantees and shall not be held responsible for any issue related to the personal property. If any bidder wishes to become a tenant at 724 SW Ferry Ave., Space 8, Siletz, OR 97380, upon successful purchase, the bidder must submit a tenant application. If the successful buyer is not approved as a tenant, the successful buyer will have ten (10) days to remove the personal property from the date the bid is accepted. Tenant applications can be obtained in advance at Yaquina Law, LLC, 380 SW 2nd St., Newport, OR 97365. If you have any questions, please contact Yaquina Law, LLC at (541) 272-5500. F14, F21

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LCL 95-28 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN
In the Matter of the Estate of JANET LOUISE TRUEBLOOD, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative by and through their attorney at PO Box 1987, Newport, OR 97365, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative, Traci P. McDowall. Dated and first published on February 14, 2024. /s/ Traci P. McDowall, OSB #184063, Attorney for Personal Representative. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Christine Stubbs, 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 JOSHUA D. ZANTELLO, OSB #121562, ZANTELLO LAW GROUP, 2941 NW HIGHWAY 101, LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367. DATED AND FIRST PUBLISHED: FEBRU-

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ARY 14, 2024. /S/ JOSHUA D. ZANTELLO, JOSHUA D. ZANTELLO, ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. F14, F21, F28

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LCL 92-14 PUBLIC NOTICE
The Pacific Communities Health District Board of Directors will hold a Virtual and regular meeting on Tuesday, February 20, at 4:00 p.m. by Microsoft Teams or in person at the Samaritan Pacific Community Hospital located at 930 SW Abbey Street, Newport, OR, in Conference Room 1 & 2 on the second floor. Persons interested in joining the Virtual meeting must have the Microsoft Teams Meeting Application downloaded on personal computer or cell phone. To request a Teams Meeting invite please email gfisher@samhealth.org or call 541-574-4940. To join by phone (audio only) option, directly call 1-971-254-1254, followed by Conference ID: 600 775 219#. Agenda: Call to Order, Additions or Change to Agenda, Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2023, Invitation for Citizen Comments, Financial Reports, Report from Legal Counsel, Oregon Health Authority Draft Agreement, STARS Project, Electric Vehicle Charging Station Budget and Grants, Water Resiliency Project, Construction/Facilities Update, Hospital Update, SHS System Update, Board Items, Adjourn. Georgia Fisher, Recorder PACIFIC COMMUNITIES HEALTH DISTRICT For additional information contact 541-574-4940 or ww.pchdistrict.org F14

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LCL 91-14 NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE
The Newport Police Department has in its physical possession the unclaimed personal property described below. If you have any ownership interest in any of that unclaimed property, you must file a claim with the Newport Police Department within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, or you will lose your interest in that property. WHITE 1992 FORD COBRA MOTORHOME LICENSE/H112427, 1972 FIBERGLASS BOAT ON TRAILER, TAN 1998 ITASCA MOTORHOME LICENSE/HC70509, 1979 TAN MONACO MOTORHOME VIN/F44CA9V 711909 OR C09D9A7922, FRONT BUMPER AND HEADLIGHT, 1979 TIGO ARROW MOTORHOME VIN/F44CD9V 700318, BIKE, TANDOM BIKE, LUGGAGE, MACHETE, AXE. People of Interest: SHANE HOWARD, GARY ANDERSON, CHRISTY CIRRIINA, DAVID

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WASSEL, CHI-ANNE FOUCHA, EUGENE HOADLEY, MARY OGLE, KAYLA GRALINSKI, MICHAEL GRALINSKI, AARON GARLAND. Newport Police Department 169 SW Coast Hwy Newport, Oregon 97365. 541-574-3348. F14

LCL 86-14 NOTICE OF RE-SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE NEWPORT URBAN RE-NEWAL AGENCY REGARDING THE SALE AND RE-DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3335 S. COAST HWY PURSUANT TO A DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

The City of Newport Urban Renewal Agency will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 5:15 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers (169 SW Coast Hwy), regarding the sale and redevelopment of property located at 3335 S. Coast Hwy, pursuant to a disposition and development agreement with Hallie Development Company. The initial public hearing was scheduled for January 16, 2024 but was cancelled due to weather. The proposed development would consist of a mixed retail building that is contemplated to be comprised of three micro restaurant spaces of approximately 1250 square feet each; two retail spaces of approximately 1650 square feet each; an indoor activity area of approximately 2750 square feet; two flex spaces of approximately 920 square feet each; a covered dining hall of approximately 2500 square feet; an open pergola with seating; an enclosed open courtyard area and stage; approximately eight food cart stalls; a covered food cart canopy; two restrooms and storage spaces; amenities for local public art installations; EV charging stations; bike parking and other auxiliary services. A copy of the proposed agreement, and other documentation setting out the nature and general terms of the proposed sale, will be available for public review at the hearing. This hearing is being held to solicit public testimony on whether or not it is in the public interest for the Urban Renewal Agency to proceed with the agreement. Interested parties are encouraged to testify at the hearing. Persons wishing to provide comment may do so by sending an email to: publiccomment@newportoregon.gov or for more information, please feel free to contact Erik Glover, Assistant City Manager/ City Recorder, at 541-574- 0613 or e.glover@newportoregon.gov. F14

LCL 90-21 PUR-SUENT TO ORS CHAPTER 87

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be Sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 02/29/2024.

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The sale will be held at 10:00am by Newport Marine & RV Service, 4354 S Coast hwy, South Beach, OR. 1990 STAR-CRAFT BOAT HIN = MPDN6018D090. Amount due on lien \$1107.50. Reputed owner(s): LAMP-MAN, CHRISTIAN & SHAWN. JASON D PADEN. F14, F21

LCL 89-06 PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, County Lincoln DAVID GORTON, AND PAMELA INEZ RANDONE, TRUSTEE OF THE PAMELA RANDONE TRUST, Plaintiffs, vs. AHMED EL SHERBINI, STATE OF OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, All Other Persons or parties Unknown claiming any right, title, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint herein. Lincoln County Circuit Court Case No. 23CV52905. The object of the complaint is to clear title from a recorded first right of refusal and the demand for relief is declaratory relief. You are hereby required to appear and defend the Complaint filed against you in the above-entitled action within thirty days (30) from the date of service of this summons upon you, and in the case of your failure to do so, for want thereof, Plaintiff(s) will apply for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: READ THESE PAPERS 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” must be given to the Court Clerk or Administrator within 30 days of the first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. First date of publication is February 14, 2024. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the Plaintiff Attorney or if the Plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof upon the Plaintiffs. If you have any questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar’s Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684- 3763 or toll-free in Oregon at: (800) 452-7636. Gari Lynn Lovejoy, OSB# 023718 Of Attorney for Plaintiff(s) STATE OF OREGON) ss. County of Lincoln) I, the undersigned, attorney of record for the Plaintiff certify that the forging is an exact and complete copy of the Summons in the above-entitled Case. Gari Lynn Lovejoy, OSB # 023718 Attorney for Plaintiff(s). F14, F21, F28, M6

LCL 88-06 TRUSTEE’S NOTICE OF SALE TRUSTEE’S NOTICE OF SALE

TS No.: 112404-OR Loan No.: ***7522 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the “Deed of Trust”) executed by COLLEEN M. JORDAN, AN UN-

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MARRIED WOMAN, as Grantor, to CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR HURON VALLEY FINANCIAL, INC. D/B/A 1ST NATIONS REVERSE MORTGAGE, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 9/24/2018, recorded 10/3/2018, as Instrument No. 2018-09845, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Lincoln County, Oregon: LOT 299, BLOCK 17, CORONADO SHORES DIVISION NO. 3, IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, STATE OF OREGON. APN: R73541 / 08-11-21-AB- 15000-00 Commonly known as: 315 EL PINO AVENUE LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367 The current beneficiary is: CAR-RINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above- described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is due to the failure of the borrower to maintain the property as their principle residence. TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAY-OFF: \$190,196.45 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$135,353.73 together with interest thereon in the total amount of \$31,241.82, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee’s fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 111 SW Columbia Street #950, Portland, OR 97201, will on 6/4/2024, at the hour of 10:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE OLIVE STREET ENTRANCE TO THE LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 225 W OLIVE STREET, NEWPORT, OR 97365, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier’s check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, 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 ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount

then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee’s fees, and attorneys’ fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee’s disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee’s sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee’s sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word “grantor” includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words “trustee” and ‘beneficiary” include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 1/18/2024 CLEAR RECON CORP 111 SW Columbia Street #950 Portland, OR 97201 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 By: Name: Jessica Lopez Authorized Signatory of Trustee. F14, F21, F28, M6

LCL 87-14 BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Lincoln PUD will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday February 21, 2024 at 2129 N. Coast Hwy. Newport, Newport. To review the meeting agenda, please go to clpud.org. Customers interested in attending the meeting virtually can email info@clpud.org to make a request. F14

LCL 80-14 SELF STORAGE PUBLIC SALE

Safe-Lock Storage, 3639 SE Ash St South Beach, Oregon 97366, Saturday, 2/24/2024 @ 10:00am. L38 Jose Garcia Villanueva, N03 Tessa Guil-lot, L12 Gary Hill, F49 Nick Kamerer, B19B20 Brandy Lusk, C06 Rich Rouske, S03 Steven Tiemeier. Sale Subject to Cancellation. Safe-Lock Storage reserves the Right to refuse any and all bids. F7, F14

LCL 69-31 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE

is given that in the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon for the County of Lincoln, In the Matter of the Estate of Ronald Joseph Baur, Jr, Case no 23PB10964, Patrick B Baur has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at 3847 E Street, Springfield, OR 97498, with-

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in four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative, Margaret E Dailley, Attorney at Law, P O Box 552, Newport, Oregon 97365, (541) 265-8805. J31, F7, F14

LCL 75-28 JLF 23- 129057 TRUSTEE’S NOTICE OF SALE

A default has occurred under the terms of a trust deed made by Susan A. MacDonell and Rose MacDonell, not as tenants in common, but with the rights of survivorship, whose address is 820 Driftwood Lane, Yachats, OR 97498 as grantor to Fidelity National Title Company, as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, its successors and assigns, as named Beneficiary, dated July 17, 2017, recorded July 19, 2017, in the mortgage records of Lincoln County, Oregon, as Instrument No. 2017-06866, PennyMac Loan Services, LLC is the present Beneficiary as defined by ORS 86.705(2), as covering the following described real property: Lot 11, Block 2, OCEAN CREST, in the City of Yachats, County of Lincoln and State of Oregon. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 820 Driftwood Lane, Yachats, OR 97498. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a notice of default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 86.752(3); the default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor’s failure to pay when due the following sums: Monthly payments in the sum of \$1,424.40, from June 1, 2023 and monthly payments in the sum of \$1,469.11, from September 1, 2023 plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of \$200.64, plus the sum of \$55.00 for advances, together with all costs, disbursements, and/or fees incurred or paid by the beneficiary and/ or trustee, their employees, agents or assigns. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation that the trust deed secures immediately due and payable, said sum being the following, to-wit: \$184,332.32, together with accrued interest in the sum of \$4,956.28 through December 26, 2023, together with interest thereon at the rate of 4.125% per annum from December 27, 2023, plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of \$200.64, plus the sum of \$4,233.87 for advances, together with all costs, disbursements, and/or fees incurred or paid by the beneficiary and/ or trustee, their employees, agents or assigns. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on May

15, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 AM PT, in accord with the standard time established by ORS 187.110, at the south entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, located at 225 West Olive, in the City of Newport, OR, 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 has or had power to convey at the time of the execution of said trust deed, together with any interest which the grant- or or his successors in the 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 to any person named in ORS 86.778 that the right exists, at any time that is not later than five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by paying to the beneficiary of the entire amount due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligations or trust deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees not exceeding the amounts provided by said ORS 86.778. Notice is further given that reinstatement or payoff quotes requested pursuant to ORS 86.786 and ORS 86.789 must be timely communicated in a written request that complies with that statute, addressed to the trustee’s “Reinstatements/Payoffs - ORS 86.786” either by personal delivery or by first class, certified mail, return receipt requested, to the trustee’s address shown below. Due to potential conflicts with federal law, persons having no record legal or equitable interest in the subject property will only receive information concerning the lender’s estimated or actual bid. Lender bid information is also available at the trustee’s website, www.logs.com/janeway_law_firm. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes the plural, the word “grantor” includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, and the words “trustee” and “beneficiary” include their respective successors in interest, if any. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while property is in default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting prop-

erty inspections on the said referenced property. 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. The Fair Debt Collection Practice Act requires that we state the following: This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings: This shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt. Dated: 12-28-2023 JANEWAY LAW FIRM, LLC, Successor Trustee 1499 SE Tech Center Place, Suite 255, Vancouver, WA 98683 www.logs.com/janeway_law_firm Telephone: (360) 260- 2253 Toll-free: 1-800- 970-5647 JLF 23- 129057 NPP0445212 To: NEWPORT NEWS TIMES 02/07/2024, 02/- 14/2024, 0 2 / 2 1 / 2 0 2 4 , 02/28/2024

LCL 74-14 PUBLIC LIEN SALE

U-Store Self Storage 105 NE 73rd St. Newport, OR 97365. Unclaimed storage units to be sold online at storageauctions.com Auction Starts: 2/13/2024 10:00 AM Auction Ends: 2/23/2024 10:00 AM Units: James Horrod #134, Bruce McKuhn #401, Arthur Poisel #363, Matthew Naken #330, Lynda Pruiett #222 #247 #306. Goods sold by storage lots. CASH/ CARD ONLY. F7, F14

LCL 63-14 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

In the Matter of the Estate of Jerry Michael Wisniewski Sr, Deceased. Case No. 24PB00304 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed persona representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative by and through their attorney at P Box 1987, Newport, OR 97365, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative, Traci P. McDowall. Dated and first published on January 31, 2024 /s/ Traci P. McDowall, OSB #184063, At-

orney for Personal representative. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Jerry Wisniewski Jr, 650 N Highway 101, Depoe Bay, OR 97341, (541) 992-9830 LAWYER FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Traci P. McDowall, OSB #184063, PO Box 1987, Newport, OR 97365, (541) 272-5500, traci@yaqui-nalaw.com J31, F7, F14

LCL 61-14 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

WILLIAM GEORGE SPADY, JR., DECEASED. CASE NO. 23PB11284 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WILLIAM GEORGE SPADY, III HAS BEEN APPOINTED PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT THEM, WITH VOUCHERS ATTACHED, TO PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, WILLIAM GEORGE SPADY, III, 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 JOSHUA D. ZANTELLO, OSB #121562, ZANTELLO LAW GROUP, 2941 NW HIGHWAY 101, LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367. DATED AND FIRST PUBLISHED: JANUARY 31, 2024. /S/ JOSHUA D. ZANTELLO, JOSHUA D. ZANTELLO, ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. J31, F7, F14

LCL 57-14 NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE

#24- 0037 On February 29, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Room 203, in the City of Newport, Oregon, the defendant’s interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 637 NE 10th Pl, Toledo, OR 97391. The court case number is 23CV22866, BMO BANK N.A., plaintiff(s) vs. KELLY M. RUDISILL; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF FREDRICK L. RUDISILL; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF KELLY M. RUDISILL; STATE OF OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, defendant(s). This is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check, in hand. For more details go to http://- www.oregon-sheriffsales.org/ county/lincoln/ J24, J31, F7, F14

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, OREGON NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING					
A public hearing on a proposed Supplemental Budget for the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) OF the City of Newport, Oregon, for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, will be held in the City Council Chambers at 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, Oregon. The hearings will take place on February 20, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the Supplemental Budget with interested persons. This notice reflects budgetary adjustments over 10% by fund. Note that budget adjustments under this threshold may be discussed at the Council meeting. A copy of the Supplemental Budget document may be inspected or obtained after February 14, 2024, at the City website www.newportoregon.gov and at 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, Oregon Finance Department Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.					
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET CHANGES Amounts Shown Are Revised Totals In Those Funds Being Modified					
URA Northside Fund - 271					
Resource		Amount		Expenditure	
Beginning Fund Balance	96,513	3,097,895		Northside URA	462,519
Revenues		1,358,536		Transfer Out	1,132,100
Transfers In		37,554		Contingency	2,802,853
Revised Total Resources	96,513	4,493,985		Revised Total Requirements	4,397,472
					96,513
					4,493,985
Comments: Adust BfB and contingency by \$96,513 to reflect audited balances.					

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Amber Waves



Out on a Limb



The Spats



TIGER



OLIVE



HOCUS-FOCUS



Just Like Cats & Dogs



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Native
ITCHEN
Dismay
LAMAR
Give
ATONED
Force
IPOEMS

TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

by Jeff Pickering

by BUD BLAKE

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

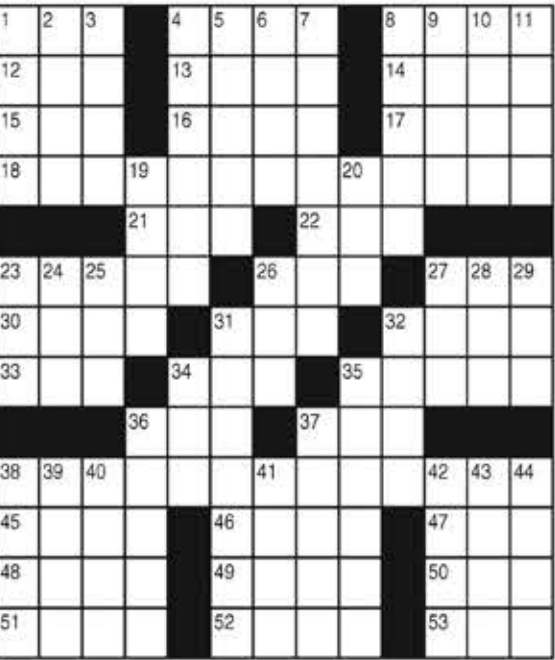
Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Purse is different. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Label is different. 4. Hair is different. 5. Saucer is missing. 6. Naming is higher.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Kapow!"
4 React in horror
8 Pitcher Nolan
12 Flamenco cheer
13 Genesis shepherd
14 Spanish greeting
15 Squealer
16 Drive- -- window
17 "-- the picture!"
18 2014 biopic about actress Kelly
21 Rowing tool
22 Expert
23 Japanese verse
26 Glutton
27 Ultramodernist
30 Rhine feeder
31 Golf prop
32 Basketball tactic
33 Tibetan beast
34 4, on a phone
35 Dollar divisions
36 Observe
37 Texter's chuckle
38 Where something is created
45 QB Tony
46 Ocho --,

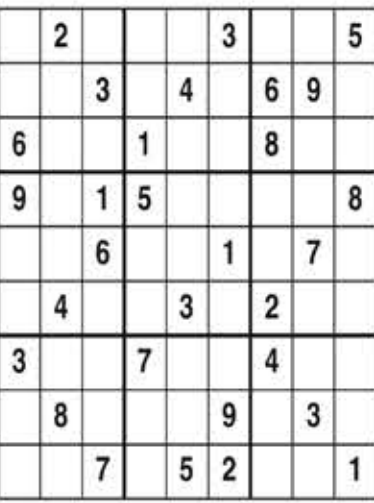


- 6 Lowly worker
7 Fruit-filled dessert
8 Horned beast
9 Meditative practice
10 Mr. Guinness
11 Post-WWII alliance
19 Pepsi rival
20 URL ending
23 Stable diet?
24 Small battery
25 Annoy
26 JFK Library architect
27 Convent resident
28 Tolkien creature
29 Approves
31 Math statement
32 Sub shop
34 "My word!"
35 Waist-cinching garment
36 Tea biscuit
37 Unfettered
38 Baby carriage
39 "Damn Yankees" role
40 Latin 101 word
41 Blaze
42 Periodontist's concern
43 Rapscallions
44 Kvetches

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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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WORD LADDERS

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

PEAKY

PARIS

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Which popular Netflix series features groups of teens nicknamed "Kooks" and "Pogues"?
2. HISTORY: When did Facebook launch?
3. MUSIC: Which pop music singer had hits with songs like "Changes" and "Let's Dance"?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What country possesses the Isle of Wight?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of peacocks called?
6. AD SLOGANS: Which company's advertising slogan is "the ultimate driving machine"?
7. LANGUAGE: What is the Latin phrase often shortened to "i.e."?
8. MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the maze that confined the Minotaur?
9. MOVIES: Which movie has the tagline, "Mischief. Mayhem. Soap."?
10. LITERATURE: Shakespeare is believed to have written approximately how many plays?

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10. 37.
9. "Fight Club."
8. The Labyrinth.
7. Id est (that is).
6. BMW.
5. An ostentation or a pride.
4. England.
3. David Bowie.
2. 2004.
1. "Outer Banks."

MOTHER

Today's Word

3. Donate; 4. Impose

1. Ethnic 2. Alarm;

solution

SCRAMBLERS

PARKS, PARTS, PARIS

PEAKY, PERKY, PERKS,

Answer

WORD LADDER

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WRESTLING

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round bye and victory by forfeit in the quarterfinals, the senior pinned Ben Blackwood of Clatskanie in 1:03 in the semis, then pinned Kaden Konovalov of Willamina in just 30 seconds in the title bout

Retherford moved to 36-0 on the campaign with a trio of first period pins, including a title match win in 1:36 over Draven Marsh of Nestucca, while Vance collected three first period pins before scoring a 7-4 defeat of Thomas Bischoff in the 215-pouond championship match. Coxen scored pins of Camden Demase of Knappa and Vincent Aviles of Siletz Valley in the quarterfinals and semis, then posted a 5-3 championship match victory over Rhyne Nelson of Willamina.

Kaufman battled his way to a state tournament berth following an upset loss in the 138-pound semifinals. He pinned freshman teammate Maddox Law in the consolation semis, then scored a 10-5 victory over Devin Huston of Willamina in the third-place match. Gerding surrendered an 8-4 decision to Nestucca wrestler Zak Chatelain in the 132-pound title bout.

Smith will carry banner for the Warrior boys at state after winning three matches en route to his 113-pound title last weekend in Toledo. He capped his day in with 12-1 decision over Justin Kilman from Colton in the championship after scoring a 31-second pin in the quarterfinals and a 15-7 major decision win in the semis over Eden Stanton from Willamina.

Boys 2A/1A-SD 1 Wrestling Championships Feb. 10 at Toledo

Team scores: Willmina 354.5, **Toledo 212.5**, Nestucca 163.5, Clatskanie 161, Regis 149, Colton 124, Kennedy 93, Vernonia 72, **Siletz Valley 67**, Knappa 62, Santiam 43, Gervais 39, **Waldport 10.5**, Jewell 6.

Siletz Valley Placers — Dean Smith: 113-pound champion; **Micah Davis:** sixth at 144; **Steven Murphey:** fourth at 190; **Sam Retherford:** sixth at 285; **Vincent Aviles:** fifth at 285.

Toledo placers — Kai Zimmerman: sixth at 106; **Cory Wilson:** sixth at 113; **Logan Gerding:** second at 132; **Maddox Law:** fifth at 138; **Nic Kaufman:** third at 138; **Christian Retherford:** 144-pound champion; **Sterling Buckley:** 150-pound champion; **Ash Blomstrom:** 190-pound champion; **Cody Vance:** 215-pound champion; **Kolby Coxen:** 285-pound champion.

Complete results: <http://tinyurl.com/ym-63k7vd>

ELSEWHERE:

Taft at 3A-SD 2 Championships

At Sheridan, Tiger grapplers Braylen Evjen and Nano Sanchez wrestled their way to berths in the 3A state championships, Feb. 22-23 at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland after earning to third-place individual finishes last weekend at the 3A-SD 2 Championships.

Harrisburg rolled to the team title with 454 points, while Taft tallied 58 to finish eighth of nine programs competing.

Evjen, a freshman wrestling at 113 pounds, won his consolation bracket and punched his ticket to state with a pin in 1:30 of Diego Zambrano of Santiam Christian. Sanchez, a 126-pound

senior, rebounded from a semifinal defeat to win a 6-1 decision over Paxton Spike of Harrisburg in the consolation semis, and a third period pin of Seth Barnes from Sheridan in the third-place match.

The top-three finishers in each weight class earned bids into their respective 12-wrestler brackets at the state meet.

Boys 3A-SD 2 Wrestling Championships Feb. 9-10 at Sheridan Team scores: Harrisburg 454, Santiam Christian 218.5, Elmira 200, Scio 180.5, Siuslaw 152.5, Creswell 108.5, Sheridan 80, **Taft 58**, Jefferson 51.

Taft placers — Braylen Evjen: third at 113; **Emiliano Sanchez:** third at 126; **Kyren Carr:** fourth at 190.

Complete results: <http://tinyurl.com/2vswkujw>.

Newport at 4A-SD 2 Championships

At Stayton, the Cubs placed sixth at the eight-school district meet last Saturday, and though the Newport program put nine wrestlers on the top-six on this podium in their respective weight classes, only junior Dominic Guenther advanced to the 4A state championships Feb. 22-23 in Portland.

After receiving a first-round bye and dropping a 285-pounbd quarterfinal, Guenther wrestled his way to state with three consolation bracket wins in four matches.

Other standouts at the district meet for the Cubs included fifth-place finishers Josue Estrada (120 pounds), Victor Perez (126), Ivan Wagner (132) and Giulian Gutierrez (150). Evan Hernandez at 126, Alejandro Rosales (132), Kaz Mitchell (138)



Sterling Buckley, Toledo 150-pound senior, works his way toward pinning Ben Blackwood of Clatskanie in the first period of a semifinal match last Saturday at the 2A/1A-SD 1 championships in Toledo. Buckley earned one of the Boomers' five individual titles on the day.(Michael Heinhach/Lincoln



Ash Blomstrom, Toledo senior, secures a 190-pound quarterfinal round pin of Abe Richter of Regis last Saturday at the 2A/1A-SD 1 Wrestling Championships in Toledo. The two-time defending state champion Blomstrom won his fourth district title and earned his third district meet Outstanding Wrestler honor in the process.(Michael Heinhach/Lincoln County Leader)

and Reef Gamache earned sixth-place individual finishes for Newport.

Boys 4A-SD 2 Wrestling Championships Feb. 10 at Stayton Team scores: Sweet Home 472.5, Cascade 325,

Philomath 220, Stayton 141.5, Cottage Grove 135, **Newport 118.5**, North Marion 112, Junction City 78.

Newport placers — Josue Estrada: fifth at 120; **Evan Hernandez:** sixth at 126; **Victor Perez:** fifth at 126; **Alejandro**

Rosales: sixth at 132; **Ivan Wagner:** fifth at 132; **Kaz Mitchell:** sixth at 138; **Giulian Gutierrez:** fifth at 150; **Reef Gamache:** sixth at 157; **Evan Dearmon:** eighth at 175; **Dominic Guenther:** fourth at 285.

Complete results: <http://tinyurl.com/ym-63k7vd>



SWIMMING

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400-freestyle relay events. Ben Hurty swam the first legs for Newport wins in the 200-medley and 400-freestyle relays, and added individual golds in the boys 200-individual medley and 100 backstroke. Newport rising freshman star Jah-an Eibner struck gold in the 500 freestyle, and helped the Cubs take the 200-medley and 400-freestyle relays.

Also for the Newport boys, senior Braylon Belloni and junior Ivan Farias helped earn wins in the 200-medley and 200-frestyle relays.

For the Tiger boys, junior Brenden

Wilson took third in the boys 200-individual medley, and fourth in the 100 freestyle, and Serrato added a fifth in the 100 freestyle.

4A/3A/2A/1A-SD-3 Swimming Championships Feb. 9-10 at the Newport Aquatic Center

Girls team scores: **Newport 291**, Valley Catholic 246, Astoria 150, St. Helens 110, **Taft 97**, Scappoose 89, Seaside 82, Tillamook 47, Banks 23, Rainier 10.

Boys team scores: **Newport 314**, **Taft 195**, Tillamook 181, Astoria 158, Scappoose 113, Seaside 94.5, Valley Catholic 93, St. Helens 21.5, Rainier 14.

Results: <http://tinyurl.com/5t4wdxm7>.



Newport freshman Ruby Perucci swims to victory in the girls 100-yard backstroke Feb. 10 during the 4A/3A/2A/1A-SD 3 Championships at the Newport Aquatic Center. (Michael Heinhach/Lincoln County Leader)

Left: The Newport girls and boys swim teams pose with their individual medals and ribbons and their team championship trophies from the 4A/3A/2A/1A-SD 3 Championships on Feb. 10 at the Newport Aquatic Center. (Michael Heinhach/Lincoln County Leader)

CHEER

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according to head coach Jessica Arnsdorf.

“We set a team goal to win a state championship, and I’ve coached three other state champions, so I knew what it was going to take,” she said. “These girls were willing to put

in the work. They gave up their Christmas break and pushed through and followed through every step of the way. Each week, our scores went up, and the difficulty in our stunt-ing went up.”

In addition to junior captains Dorothy Semple, Hailey Albino and Heidi Hackworth, the Newport cheerleaders who brought home the state champion-

ship included Aaliyah Crowell-Huguley, Abby Monroe, Addie Terebesi, Addison Wolf, Alyssa Baker, Daniela Leal, Hilda Galvan-Garcia, Jaclyn Schibig, Madison Platt, Makayla Clark, Paula Hernandez, and Rylee Black. Arnsdorf’s assistant coaches include Adeana Hernandez, Alex VanOrder, Annabelle Loveless and Dylan Whitmore.

Newport tallied a combined 107.1 points after scoring a classifica-tion best 36.0 points in building skills and 39.0 for its overall routine. The Cubs received a 32.1 score in tumbling/jumps. Sweet Home took second at 102.2, while Philomath was third with 96.8, North bend was fourth at 93.8, and Stayton placed fifth with 87.4 points.

Arnsdorf, in a Sunday phone conversation with the Lincoln County Leader, said she was grateful to the Newport High School community for “showing up in droves” to support the team at the state competition.

“It sounded like we were in our own gym,” she said.

2024 OSAA Cheerlead-

ing State Championships Feb. 10 at Oregon City High School 4A traditional — 1, Newport, 36.0-32.1-39.00—107.1; 2, Sweet Home, 32.3-32.9-37—102.2; 3, Philomath, 31.7-31.1-34.0—96.8; 4, North Bend, 32.6-31.7-34.5—93.8; 5, Stayton, 25.7-29.2-33.5—87.4.

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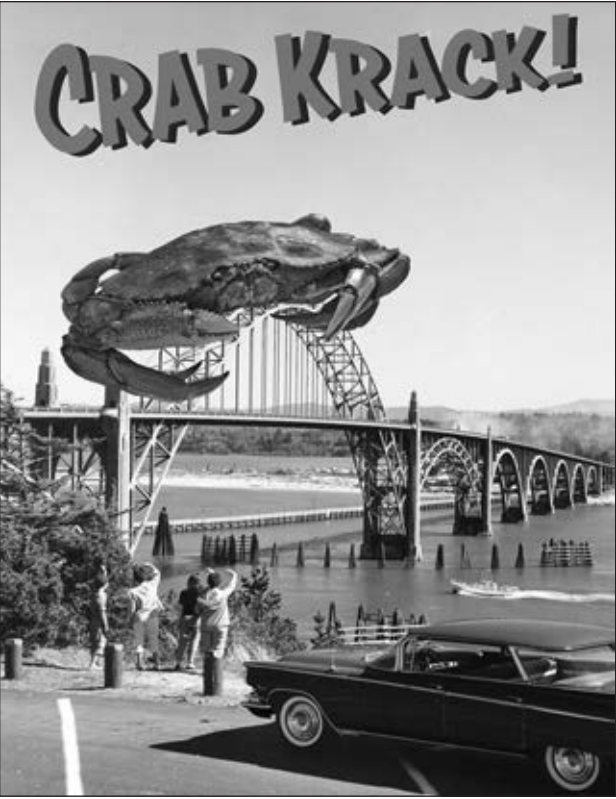
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The annual Crab Krack is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 18, at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn in Newport. (Courtesy graphic)

The Krack is back

The Lincoln County Historical Society’s annual Crab Krack will take place at 4 p.m. this Sunday, Feb. 18, at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn in Newport.

Treat yourself to a fresh, local Dungeness crab dinner and live music by Lucky Gap. There will also be a no-host bar and silent and live auctions.

Tickets are on sale at the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, 333 SE Bay Blvd.,

Newport.

Advance ticket purchase is required. Tickets are available at the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, 333 SE Bay Blvd., Newport, via phone by calling 541-265-7509, or via the museum’s website using PayPal, oregoncoasthistory.org.

Tickets are \$75; \$65 for LCHS members. Tables of eight available. Don’t eat crab? A substitute entree is available.

Atonement Lutheran hosts Earth Summit

By Susan Elizabeth Painter
Atonement Lutheran Church

On Sunday, Feb. 4, Atonement Lutheran Church in Newport served as a local hub for the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s 11th annual Oregon Interfaith Earth Summit occurring throughout Oregon. Gathering under the theme, “Hope for Our Common Home,” participants joined the meeting virtually from Bend, Dallas, Eugene, Medford, Pendleton and Portland. All were united with a goal to create hope for our common home, the Earth.

Atonement’s Pastor John Smithies opened the gathering with a prayer, following which the Zoom session covered a range of topics. Soto Zen priest Domyo Burk noted that, unlike indigenous people, those who emigrated to this country have

historically not been intrinsically connected to the land, yet we cannot separate our spiritual lives from that of our Earth. Rev. Bonnie Tarwater described her faith prayer garden in Dallas and the process of creating an “Earth crisis support group and potluck party.”

Members of the Bend-based Interfaith Solar Campaign outlined help that group can offer to install solar panels on church rooftops, not only diminishing the building’s carbon footprint but also demonstrating to the community a commitment to climate sustainability. Rep. Khanh Pham explained her sponsorship of HB 4083 in Oregon’s legislature, a measure directed toward phasing out reliance on fossil fuels. Echoing those concerns, Sen. Jeff Merkley and Dan Serres, a director of Columbia Riverkeeper, described the regressive effects of the planned GTN Express Pipeline

project and the currently successful effort to resist it.

Finally, members of Oregon Citizens for an Environmental Rights Amendment made their first public presentation through this forum. Melanie Martin, Susan Heath and Peter Fargo, leaders of this new, nonpartisan coalition, outlined the legal and moral justifications for their measure, which would amend the Oregon Constitution to provide human rights for a healthy environment with clean air, safe water and a stable climate. They are, the group asserted, “people of faith getting together to do the right thing.”

Following a Climate Vigil with candlelight, four local groups shared information about their work toward healing and climate resilience in the Lincoln County community. The Lincoln County Long Term Recovery Group described

its mission and its successes. The Surfrider Foundation outlined its beach cleanup efforts and water quality monitoring. Natalie Schaefer, executive director of the Yakona Nature Preserve and Learning Center, shared the history and preservation work of Newport residents Bill and JoAnn Barton in their 400-acre forest. The area is the ancestral home of the native Yaqo’on tribe and is now a refuge for native plants and animals on this sacred ground. Finally, Lexii Galbreath introduced her holistic healing and eco therapy program offering Surf Therapy through Selkie Soul Work in Newport.

The afternoon offered many opportunities for future engagement and collaborative work toward a healthy and sustainable vision for the planet. Atonement looks forward to hosting the group again in outreach next year to the local community.

Chamber music series presents Windsync Wind Quintet

Neskowin Chamber Music is pleased to present its fourth concert of the season, Windsync Wind Quintet, this Sunday, Feb. 18, at 3 p.m. at the Chapel in the Winema Christian Camp, located at 5195 Winema Road, Cloverdale.

Versatile and vibrant, the musicians of WindSync “play many idioms authoritatively, elegantly, with adroit technique, and with great fun” (All About the Arts). WindSync launched an international touring career after winning the 2012 Concert Artists Guild Victor Elmaleh Competition and the 2016 Fischhoff National Chamber

Music Competition. The ensemble has since appeared on legendary stages including Ravinia, the Met Museum, Shanghai Oriental Arts Center, the Library of Congress, and Carnegie Hall.

In demand for their ability to embed in communities, WindSync has served in residencies with the Grand Teton Music Festival, Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival, and the Lied Center. Winner of the 2022 Fischhoff Ann Divine Educator Award, the ensemble regularly coaches at training programs nationwide, collaborates with youth



Windsync Wind Quintet will perform the next concert in the Neskowin Chamber Music Series on Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. at the Chapel in the Winema Christian Camp, located at 5195 Winema Road, Cloverdale. (Courtesy photo)

orchestras, and performs for thousands of young people each year. The group also produces events year-round in their artistic

home base of Houston, Texas.

Tickets are available at the door — \$30 for adults and \$10 for youth.

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Winter beach cleanup is Saturday

The Newport chapter of the Surfrider Foundation has organized a beach cleanup for this Saturday, Feb. 17. Volunteers are welcome to pick up trash on their own at any beach to qualify for prizes. To participate, volunteers can use their own supplies or pick up bags and gloves at one of the following area surf shops:

- Newport Surf Shop: 403 NE First St., unit A, Newport;
- Ossies Surf Shop: 4900 North Coast Highway, Newport;
- Pura Vida Surf Shop: 845 First St., Otter Rock;
- South Beach Surf Shop: 3101 SE Ferry Slip Road #238 and #619, Newport;
- ZuhG Life Surf Shop: 3219 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City.

Volunteers are welcome to pick up trash at any Lincoln County beach, and they can then drop off their debris at any of the partner surf shops before 2 p.m. In doing so, they will receive a ticket to be entered into a prize drawing. People are also encouraged to share photos of the debris they have collected.

For more information, email beachcleanups@newport.or.surfrider.org.

Adult financial literacy series continues

The second meeting in a three-part series on adult financial literacy will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 5: to 6 p.m. in the McEntee Meeting Room of the Newport Public Library, 35 NW Nye St.

Lori Ellingson, from Agate Financial Advisors, will present all the basic information to get people started. This free workshop, “Six Steps to Legacy Planning for the Generations: Start Leaving Your Mark Today,” will cover issues such as:

- How generational planning is replacing traditional, stuffy estate planning;
- What happens when a legacy isn’t planned;
- A tale of two families: James Gandolfini and Randy Pausch;
- How legacy planning can be a meaningful, even fun, process;
- How to plan for sudden incapacity;
- The importance of expressing your wishes and conveying your values;
- How to successfully transfer your wealth, tangible and intangible;
- A six-step process to start leaving your mark on the next generation.

The final program in this series will be Wednesday, March 27, also from 5 to 6 p.m. in the McEntee Meeting Room. The Adult Financial Literacy Series is free and open to the public. For more information, visit <https://newportoregon.gov/dept/lib/> or https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.newportlibrary.org&d=DwIF-

GET OUT AND GROW



These containers with microgreens and radishes were planted by second graders in 2023 at Woodlawn K-5 School in Portland. The seeds came from Food Hero Grow This! classroom seed-starting kits. (Photo by Amanda Loman)

OSU Extension statewide seed giveaway returns

By Chris Branam
OSU Extension Service

The Grow This! Oregon Garden Challenge, Oregon State University Extension’s statewide seed giveaway, has returned for a fifth year in 2024 featuring a continued partnership with the Oregon Bee Project.

Individuals and households, schools and groups can sign up at <https://foodhero.org/growthis> to receive an individual/household seed kit, group kit or seed-starting teacher classroom kit through the mail.

The seed-starting classroom kits include a reusable grocery tote, stickers, foil pans, seed markers, a spray bottle and a peat pot for each child.

The challenge is spearheaded by Food Hero, a statewide initiative of the Oregon Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) program that was developed by OSU Extension in English and Spanish. This year’s goal is to mail seed kits to 3,600 individuals or households and enough classroom kits to reach over 40,000 classroom students and their teachers, said Lauren Tobey, Food Hero coordinator.

The seed giveaway has been growing since it started in 2020. In 2023, an estimated 122,500 Oregonians participated in the Grow This! Oregon Garden Challenge — an increase of 31 percent over the previous year.

About 1,350 classroom kits were distributed to 419 schools, reaching 40,500 students. The program distributed 6,500 individual/household seed kits.

Of the returning participants from the 2023 challenge, 83 percent said they planted seeds and 92 percent reported an increase in using their garden harvest in a meal.

“We want to grow food together and share gardening tips and experiences to learn together,” Tobey said. “Food Hero’s bottom-line goal is to increase fruit and vegetable intake and access among all Oregonians.” Throughout summer and fall, participants will receive a monthly Grow This! Oregon Garden Challenge email with gardening information, harvest recipes and storage tips. Challenge information will also be available in English and Spanish on the Food Hero gardening page, which can be found online at <https://foodhero.org/gardening>. The individual/household kits will include a seed for a flower and seeds for vegetables that can be made into a salad plus a pollinator friendly seed packet. As they have been in the past, the seeds were donated to Extension by Bi-Mart Stores Inc. The kits also include a bookmark with a link with guidance on how to plant the seeds, either in the ground or in a container.

The Grow This! Garden Challenge originated with a donation in 2019 of 800

seed packets from Bi-Mart. Mandy Hatfield, Extension nutrition educator for Douglas County, said the original intent was to provide seeds for school gardens across the state. In 2020, Bi-Mart donated more packets, precipitating the need to further expand the program.

Since it launched in 2008, Food Hero has been used in communities and schools across Oregon, building children’s cooking skills through sharing the recipes and sampling new foods.

Food Hero recipes are tested according to criteria such as overall flavor, color and texture. The meals are low-cost and feature easy to find ingredients, easy to follow instructions and minimal preparation time. Recipes and cooking tips are also shared through Food Hero monthly publication in Spanish and English.

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Pearls of Wisdom: an evening at the college

Oregon Coast Community College Foundation’s sixth annual “Pearls of Wisdom” fundraising event returns to Newport on Saturday, March 2.

This engaging event benefits the OCCC Foundation, funding student scholarships and college programs. Guests will enjoy an evening of learning about innovative college programs, savoring a gourmet dinner catered by Side Door Cafe, hearing directly from OCCC’s inspiring students, bidding on fabulous donated items, and joining the famed paddle raise to support the crucial scholarship fund.

All proceeds raised from Pearls of Wisdom help fund student scholarships, increase teaching capacity, and enhance the student experience. Participants will get to dive into the student experience across various departments

and will hear testimonials from students, as well as a message from OCCC President Dr. Birgitte Ryslinge. Emceeding the event will be State Rep. David Gomberg, who is also a member of the OCCC Foundation Board of Directors.

“I hope to see you at our sixth annual Pearls of Wisdom celebration,” said Ryslinge. “Each year, Pearls has been more successful, and it is deeply inspiring that this evening of gathering together celebrating students has now contributed nearly \$200,000 to support students and programs at OCCC. As a returning or new guest at Pearls, this is your chance to have fun, to get to know OCCC a little better, and to help even more students change the direction of their own lives, and of this community we all love.”

“Generous contributions to the foundation assisted with

tuition and books while I was a nursing student at OCCC,” said graduate Stacey Brewer-Dally, RN. “The scholarship made completing the nursing program a little easier by not having to worry about how I would pay for the next term.”

Pearls of Wisdom will be held Saturday, March 2 at 5 p.m. Registration is open now and space is limited. Reservations close Feb. 19.

For more information, contact Jeanette Campagna, director of advancement of the OCCC Foundation, 541-867-8531, or visit the OCCC Foundation website at oregoncoast.edu/pearls.

Learn more and discover the 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



Lesley Ogden, left, Lori Arce-Torres, and Charlsy Affuso pose with Waverly, the Oregon Coast Community College mascot, at the 2023 Pearls of Wisdom. This year’s event will take place on March 2. (Courtesy photo)

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See birds of the Colombian Andes

People are invited to take a visual trip to South America with photographer Roy Lowe during an upcoming presentation hosted by the Yaquina Birders and Naturalists at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20. It will be held at OSU Extension Lincoln County, located at 1211 SE Bay Blvd., in Newport.

Lowe and friends visited Colombia in March of 2023. Their trip was concentrated in the mountainous region of Colombia but ranged from near sea level to 13,000 feet in

the Andes Mountains.

Colombia boasts the highest bird diversity on Earth, with more than 2,000 species recorded. Lowe’s presentation will feature myriad of colorful images of many of the birds encountered. All are welcome to attend this colorful show.

Lowe is a local avid photographer and birder. He was employed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for more than 37 years before retiring in 2015.

Left: This Gray-breasted Mountain Toucan was photographed by Roy Lowe, who will be showing images taken during his Colombian Andes trip during a gathering of the Yaquina Birders and Naturalists in Newport. All are welcome to attend. (Courtesy photo)