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Wednesday, April 30, 2025

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## Shilo Inn closed pending repairs

**TONY REED**  
*Country Media Inc.*

Curious folks may wonder about signs placed by the city of Newport on the windows of the Shiloh Inn building at 536 SW Elizabeth St., saying the building is unsafe and under orders not to occupy by the Newport Fire Department.

Fire Chief Rob Murphy

said Friday, April 25, that the buildings fire sprinkler system and a fire standpipe in the stairwell used for fire suppression will need to be replaced.

“That means there’s no safe means of egress if there’s an emergency, especially with it being a multi-story building,” he said. “The sprinkler system needs complete replacement. It’s degraded to a point

where it’s not really repairable and needs replaced. By code, (the building) has to have a sprinkler fire system and has to have the fire standpipe system in the stairwell that we use to fight fire, and neither one are operable.”

Murphy explained that the system has been inspected multiple

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The Shilo Inn is located at 536 SW Elizabeth St. in Newport. (Photo courtesy of Lee Siegel)



# Pelican mystery along Oregon coast

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is investigating reports of sick and dead brown pelicans along the Oregon coast.

Several pelican carcasses were collected for testing, according to a release from the ODFW.

“Lab results from two pelicans found in Newport came back negative for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI),” the release states. “Additional test results are still pending to determine if disease or domoic acid toxicity may be involved.”

Brown pelicans breed in southern California and migrate north along the Oregon coast in the spring.

“It is not uncommon for juvenile birds to become fatigued, especially during strong north winds, and stop to rest,” ODFW stated. “Some of the pelicans reported to ODFW have appeared to be tired but

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Brown pelicans are easily recognized by their large size, massive bill, and brownish plumage. (Photo courtesy of ODFW)



## Chinese mitten crab found in Lower Columbia River

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

A Chinese mitten crab, a prohibited species in Oregon, was caught on April 22 in the Lower Columbia River east of Tongue Point, along the north Oregon coast.

Chinese mitten crabs have not been confirmed in the Pacific Northwest until now. A single Japanese mitten crab was found in the same area in 1997, according to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

While this is a rare event in Oregon, mitten crabs caused significant infrastructure and ecological damage in and around San Francisco



Mitten crabs have unique features unlike any native crab species. They have a notch between their eyes and four spines on each side of the carapace. (Photo courtesy of ODFW)

Bay when the population was at its height in the late 1990s. So, it is important to correctly

identify this species and report it to your local

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Timber harvesting funding provides local communities with the means to construct new county buildings; develop fairgrounds and museums; support libraries, schools, and jails; and build flood-control dams and reservoirs, according to the Bureau of Land Management. (Metro Creative Connection)

## Counties share \$27.7M in BLM timber revenue

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has distributed more than \$27.7 million in timber

revenue payments to 18 western Oregon counties, including \$98,798.23 in Lincoln County and \$153,686.13 in Tillamook County.

The payments are

supported by the timber harvested from public lands and support local services, including emergency response and

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Friday: High-56/Low-45  
PM Showers  
Saturday: High-53/Low-43  
Mostly Cloudy  
Sunday: High-55/Low-42  
Partly Cloudy  
Monday: High-58/Low-46  
Mostly Cloudy  
Tuesday: High-58/Low-44  
Cloudy

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
April 6 .....	1.13 .....	49.8 .....	54.0
April 7 .....	0.27 .....	50.9 .....	53.4
April 8 .....	0.90 .....	48.8 .....	53.8
April 9 .....	0.00 .....	48.4 .....	63.0
April 10 .....	0.40 .....	46.4 .....	60.7
April 11 .....	0.00 .....	45.8 .....	54.7
April 12 .....	0.01 .....	43.9 .....	53.5
Total rainfall from Jan. 1 .....	27.97"		

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

High .....	1:57 a.m. ....	9.6
Low .....	9:03 a.m. ....	-2.2
High .....	3:52 p.m. ....	7.0
Low .....	8:45 p.m. ....	-3.1

THURSDAY, MAY 1

High .....	2:45 a.m. ....	9.3
Low .....	9:57 a.m. ....	-1.8
High .....	4:54 p.m. ....	6.6
Low .....	9:42 p.m. ....	-3.4

FRIDAY, MAY 2

High .....	3:38 a.m. ....	8.5
Low .....	10:55 a.m. ....	-1.2
High .....	6:01 p.m. ....	6.3
Low .....	10:50 p.m. ....	-3.6

SATURDAY, MAY 3

High .....	4:39 a.m. ....	7.7
Low .....	11:58 a.m. ....	-0.7
High .....	7:10 p.m. ....	6.3

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Low .....	12:12 a.m. ....	-3.6
High .....	5:50 a.m. ....	7.0
Low .....	1:02 a.m. ....	-0.1
High .....	8:12 p.m. ....	6.5

MONDAY, MAY 5

Low .....	1:39 a.m. ....	-3.2
High .....	7:10 a.m. ....	6.3
Low .....	2:02 p.m. ....	-0.3
High .....	9:03 p.m. ....	6.7

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Low .....	2:55 a.m. ....	2.7
High .....	8:30 a.m. ....	6.0
Low .....	2:56 p.m. ....	-0.7
High .....	9:44 p.m. ....	7.1

Sunrise/Sunset

May 1 .....	6:07 a.m. ....	8:20 p.m.
May 2 .....	6:05 a.m. ....	8:21 p.m.
May 3 .....	6:04 a.m. ....	8:23 p.m.
May 4 .....	6:02 a.m. ....	8:24 p.m.
May 5 .....	6:01 a.m. ....	8:25 p.m.
May 6 .....	6:00 a.m. ....	8:26 p.m.
May 7 .....	5:58 a.m. ....	8:27 p.m.
May 8 .....	5:57 a.m. ....	8:29 p.m.

Lottery

Friday, April 25

Mega Millions

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Saturday, April 26

Powerball

1 • 12 • 14 • 18 • 69 • PB-2 • x3

Saturday, April 26

Megabucks

1 • 2 • 7 • 10 • 12 • 39

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# Loyalty Days Hometown Heroes announced

Newport's annual Loyalty Days celebration takes place this weekend (May 2-4), and as part of that, several individuals are being recognized as home-town heroes.

This year's home-town heroes are Jason Malloy, Newport Police Department; Noah T. Albright, U.S. Coast Guard; Patrick Hubble, Oregon National Guard; Casey Elfstrom, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office; Luke Richcreek, Newport Fire Department; and Mark Watkins, Search and Rescue. They will receive special recognition during the Loyalty Days Parade down Highway 101, which begins at noon on Saturday.

HOMETOWN HEROES

JASON MALLOY



Chief Jason Malloy was nominated as Hometown Hero by the entire staff of the Newport Police department. He began his employment with the department in 1994 after serving as a police officer in Waldport and a police reserve officer in Toledo.


NOAH T. ALBRIGHT



Noah T. Albright is a petty officer second class and is currently at U.S. Coast Guard Station Yaquina Bay in Newport. He has served for six years. He graduated from the New Hope Christian School in Grants Pass. He attained surfman certification on March 15, 2025, adding him to the

list of the highest level of boat operators within the U.S. Coast Guard.

CASEY ELFSTROM




The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office is proud to present Patrol Deputy Casey Elfstrom as this year's Hometown Hero. He joined the sheriff's office after seven years in the U.S. Navy and graduating from Oregon State University. He is also a graduate of Taft High School in Lincoln City, having grown up in north Lincoln County.

As a Navy man, Elfstrom knew the value of working through his commitment to forming positive relationships with everyone he works with. Through hard work and determination he completed his basic police academy and sheriff's office field training to become a solo deputy. Since then, he has earned his intermediate police officer certification and is working towards his advanced certification.

Elfstrom now serves as the Depoe Bay contract deputy, a field training officer, and a tactical

response team member.


LUKE RICHCREEK



Luke Richcreek is the Newport Fire Department's Hometown Hero. He has been with the fire department since September 2022. Before that, Richcreek served in the Air Force.

He was recently promoted to the rank of engineer. Richcreek is a graduate of Newport High School and recently became a new dad.

MARK WATKINS




Mark Watkins has been a member of Lincoln County Search and Rescue for 16 years. During that time, he has shown his dedication to the community and has become a team leader

within the group.

Watkins displays kindness and an ability to teach others the ropes of search and rescue in the county. He has been the group captain for many years and recently stepped down to focus on other parts of his life. He represents the SAR group and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office with professionalism and integrity.

PATRICK HUBBLE



SPC Patrick Hubble, from Logsden, is a member of the 224 Engineer Company, First Platoon, stationed in Newport.

Since enlisting in the Oregon Army National Guard on Feb. 16, 2021, he has completed multiple military courses, including Urban Search and Rescue Extractor Level 1, First Aid, Hazardous Operations, Rad Nuke, and Biological Response.

Serving with a positive attitude and taking initiative in his platoon, Hubble continues his progress in learning and expertise, setting the ultimate example of what it is to be a modern day hero.

## ODOT issues Lincoln City ramp, signal improvement update

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Lincoln County Leader



Over the past several months, ODOT crews have been working to improve the curb ramps. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) curb ramps and traffic signal improvement projects in Lincoln City are continuing this month.

Drivers and pedestrians can expect construction noise, debris and delays, as well as shoulder and lane closures with flaggers helping direct traffic. ODOT urges everyone to use caution when driving or walking through the construction areas.

ODOT crews last week began working between the following streets:

NW Logan Road.

SW 48th Street.

ODOT urges pedestrians to use the designated crossings for the safest way to cross the street.

"While we're working on the sidewalks and ramps, some crossing may be closed for the safety of both pedestrians and drivers," the release states.

In Oregon, every intersection is a crossing unless marked otherwise. Crosswalk closed signs are important and are vital for pedestrian safety – these signs help identify crossings that aren't as safe as other ones nearby.

The crews are continuing to work on the traffic signals and curb ramps at the following U.S. 101 intersections:

N 17th Street.

SE 1st Street.

N 2nd Street.

N 2 6th Street.

While the crews fix these signals, ODOT advises that drivers can expect daytime single lane closures on U.S. 101.

"The traffic signals should continue to function as we do this work," ODOT states in the release. "Remember, if the signals stop working, the intersection becomes a four-way stop."

According to ODOT, the traffic signal work is expected to be completed by the end of May so that the signals are in good working condition before this summer.

Remember, during construction, you can expect:

Crews working Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Shoulder and lane closures as needed.

Delays with flaggers helping direct traffic as needed.

Construction noise – using saws to cut concrete can be loud and dusty.

Businesses to remain open during construction.

ODOT advises drivers to remember to use the zipper merge, drive with caution and continue to support local businesses that are open during construction by following the blue markers/

Crews started at the south end of Lincoln Beach on the east side of U.S. 101 and are working their way north. Through the end of May, the crews also are working on the traffic signals in several intersections in the downtown area.

Visit TripCheck.com for the most current traffic information.

ABOUT THE RAMPS

ADA curb ramps make it easier for people to move between the sidewalk and road. This can be helpful for those who have trouble stepping up and down high curbs. It's also helpful for people using wheelchairs, strollers, walkers, hand carts and bicycles.

By making curb ramps gently slope to the road, it improves accessibility and makes it easier for everyone to get around, whether they have a disability or not.

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# ODOT upgrading curve warning signs

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has launched a review and upgrade of curve warning signs.

“As technology improves and cars evolve, so does how they perform when going around curves,” ODOT states in a release. “This is one of the reasons we have a few projects to look at curve warning signs along our highways.”

ODOT crews are reviewing corridors to determine if signs meet the national standards and to increase sign visibility for curves that have had crashes in the past. As part of this work ODOT will:

Replace existing and install new signs. In some cases the advisory speed could change to meet current criteria.

Remove signs no longer needed. This occurs when the posted speed is the



Curve warning signs give drivers an advance notice of upcoming curves in the road and how fast you should drive through them, according to ODOT. (Courtesy from ODOT)

same as the recommended speed for safely driving around a curve.

Make signs larger and/or add more signs on curves that have had reported crashes in the past. The goal is to increase awareness so that drivers notice and react to the curve in the road by slowing down.

This year ODOT is installing signs on:

OR 18, OR 219 and OR 99W.

OR 126, OR 242, OR 58 and OR 228.

Coming up in late 2026 or 2027, ODOT also plans to install signs on OR 202, OR 53, OR 131, OR 229, U.S. 20, OR 223 and OR 194.

If you’re driving through one of the curve warning sign work zones, you can expect:

Crews working during the day or night.

Construction noise and delays.

Shoulder and lane closures.

Flaggers helping direct traffic as needed.

Curve warning signs give drivers an advance notice of upcoming curves in the road and how fast you should drive through them, according to ODOT.

“Installing signs can help reduce fatal and serious roadway departure crashes at horizontal curves,” ODOT states in the release. “They help drivers be more aware of when the road

will change directions. This awareness can help reduce the number of crashes caused by drivers leaving the road. Road departure fatalities account for about two thirds of Oregon fatalities. They are also a cost-effective approach to reducing road departure crashes.”

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Blair Thompson, Allison Pettett, and Maykyla Wallace

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# It's a wrap! Community Days ends with annual award celebration

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

Lincoln City's Community Days 2025 ended eight days of events April 26 celebrating the city, its residents, and its businesses.

The events included Mudflat Golf along the Siletz Bay, a community Food Drive at Grocery Outlet, a free Veterans Lunch at Ed Johann Plaza, and the annual Pancake Feed at Mo's Restaurant. The events

wrapped up with an awards dinner and ceremony at the Lincoln City Cultural Center. The award winners include the Rising Star of the Year, Jackie Cortez-Jimenez, who could not attend and is not pictured

with this story, and:  
Leader of the Year: Jeanne Sprague  
Volunteer of the Year: Kate Sinkins  
Unsung Hero of the Year: Meggie Chapman  
Innovator of the Year: Brandon Lucas  
"Thanks to everyone who took the time to write letters of nomination for the dozens of nominees honored this evening, and thanks to those nominees for the amazing work they do for Lincoln City each and every day," Community Days member Dave Price said in a release. "We're proud to call this place our home. And we're proud to call these selfless citizens our neighbors and friends." The Community Days Awards were designed



Jeanne Sprague



Kate Sinkins



Meggie Chapman



Brandon Lucas

and crafted by design students at Taft 7-12's Siletz Studio.  
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Lincoln City Community Days online at the Lincoln County Leader website.

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9 a.m..... <i>Port Dock 5</i>	1 p.m. .... <i>Port of Newport International Terminals</i>
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VIEWPOINT

All hands-on deck in a crisis

DICK ANDERSON  
Leader Guest Column

You have heard time and time again that Oregon is in a housing crisis, but we didn't get here overnight. There is a combination of factors that have created a severe imbalance between housing supply and demand, driving up costs and making it difficult for many residents to find affordable places to live.

FACTORS

One major driver is Oregon's chronic underproduction of housing. Estimates suggest Oregon is short anywhere from 87,000 to 140,000 homes to meet current demand. This gap didn't happen overnight and has been decades in the making. New construction lagged behind population increases, particularly between 2015 and 2019, when the state added three residents for every new housing unit built- double the national average. The lack of supply, and the large demand for homes has pushed home prices and rents to skyrocket. As of 2023, the typical home in Oregon cost around \$528,000, significantly higher than the national average. Rental costs jumped 17% from 2020 to 2022 alone. For a minimum-wage worker, affording a two-bedroom apartment requires working 82 hours a week, an impossible burden for most. Even if you aren't a minimum-wage worker the burden of rent is hard to ignore. Oregon's land use policies, which date back to the 1970's, particularly the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) system, play a significant role in this crisis as well. In 1973 Senate Bill 100 established the UGB system that Oregon has. Designated to curb sprawl and protect farmland, UGBs limit where new housing can be built- concentrating development within designated urban areas. These preserve Oregon's natural beauty, a draw for many residents, restricts the supply of buildable land. Developers often face a shortage of "shovel-ready" lots due to permitting delays, high fees, and financing challenges, even when land is zoned for residential use. This bottleneck drives up land costs and stalls construction

as well as local regulations and focus on single-family homes which hinder denser, more affordable projects. Population growth and migration have intensified this demand. In the last 20 years, the state's population has increased by about 750,000 people. Remote workers and retirees, especially from high-cost states like California, have further strained rural and suburban markets, tripling housing prices in some areas within months. This influx, coupled with slow construction, overwhelms existing stock. Economic factors amplify the crisis. Wages haven't kept pace with the housing costs. While prices have soared, incomes have only doubled over decades in some regions, leaving renters and buyers stretched thin. Half of Oregon's renters spend over 30% of their income on housing, and a quarter spend over 50%, making them "cost-burdened" and vulnerable to eviction or homelessness. The state's homelessness rate reflects this: Oregon ranks third nationally in homeless persons per capita and first for unsheltered children- with chronic homelessness nearly doubling over the last 15 years. These are major problems! Finally, zoning and regulatory hurdles exacerbate the shortage. Single-family zoning dominates many areas, limiting multifamily housing that could serve moderate- and low-income residents- 95 % of the housing deficit targets these groups. Efforts to relax zoning, like legalizing accessory dwelling units or duplexes, face resistance from "NIMBY" (Not in My Backyard) sentiments, while infrastructure funding lags, delaying large-scale projects. Even with recent investments- like Governor Kotek's \$376 million housing package in 2024, production (around 12,000 units annually) falls short of her 36,000-unit goal. In short, Oregon's housing crisis is a perfect storm of insufficient supply, restrictive land policies, rapid demand growth, and economic pressures, all colliding to make homes unaffordable for too many. Solutions exist- more construction, smarter zoning, targeted subsidies. Overcoming decades of

underbuilding and entrenched interest remains a steep challenge. SO, WHAT IS CURRENTLY BEING DONE? Construction is a mixed bag. Oregon is still short a lot of homes- and while Governor Kotek is pushing for 36,000 new units annually, the state's only hitting about 12,000. Her 2025 legislative efforts are gaining traction with some cities already doubling their middle housing permits. However, rural areas and smaller cities lag, some even dropping to zero permits as well. Red tape, high land costs, and prevailing wage laws- which add an addition 10-20% to project costs, are slowing things down. Senate Bill 974 is a bill I put forward this legislative session that has bipartisan support. This bill streamlines engineering, planning and review processes to speed up housing developments within Urban Growth Boundaries (UGB's). This bill cuts the red tape to build homes faster. In some areas of the state, it can take cities up to 8 weeks to get a permit approved to be able to even start building, and this is only if the permit is complete- missing documents, unclear plans or failure to meet code requirements trigger revisions, restarting the review clock. Many building permits require review by multiple different agencies, each with its own review timeline, causing bottlenecks. This bill will require a city, or county to complete a review of a land use application for a single-family dwelling in 45 days. Where the law currently stands there is no time limit for engineering or final platting and design reviews. This can't be the case when we are in a crisis and time is essential. This bill will be up for a vote on the Senate floor Monday. Like Senate Bill 974, Senate Bill 6 ensures building homes and middle housing can happen fast in Oregon. Senate Bill 6 is a "shot clock" bill which requires building departments to approve or deny building applications in 45 business days or less. This clock only starts when the application is deemed complete. This bill will only apply to residential homes and middle housing in subdivisions (no commercial and large scale).

This bill passed unanimously out of the Senate Housing Committee and was moved to Joint Ways and Means because of an indeterminate fiscal element. We got that removed so this bill could be sent to the senate floor for a vote. Other states are currently passing similar bills like this currently- California is passing a bill with a 30-to-60-day building permit requirement and Arizona is passing a bill with a 15-day requirement. If other states can do it, there is no reason that Oregon can't do this as well. It's entirely possible. It is also worth noting that Texas and North Carolina passed legislation that requires approval in just a few weeks. In Texas, a developer can now move forward with construction if a municipality takes more than 30 days to review a completed application. A bill that has passed the Senate with strong support is Senate Bill 1086. This bill creates a statewide apprenticeship program to train more building inspectors and speed up housing construction. With Oregon short 115 inspectors annually, this bill breaks the logjam to get homes built faster while ensuring safety. This bill will now go to the House and if it passes, will make its way to the Governor's desk to be signed into law. We didn't get into this housing crisis overnight. Some could argue that it has been decades in the making with the passing of Senate Bill 100 in the 1970's. However, there is one thing that we can all agree on- something needs to be done now to fix this! When you are in a crisis that means all hands-on deck. We need to cut the red tape, expand UGB's, streamline the application process and start building homes today, not tomorrow or next year. These bureaucratic delays are inflating construction costs and driving up the costs of homes. State Senator Dick Anderson serves District 5, Lincoln City. He may be reached at State Capito phone 503-986-1705. Capitol address: 900 Court St NE, S-303, Salem, OR, 97301. Email: Sen.DickAnderson@oregon-legislature.gov. Website: http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/anderson

Who's going to bat for Oregon's most vulnerable?

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The protections and progress made through environmental justice organizing are not optional — they are essential. As Oregon faces the deepening impacts of climate change, the question before us isn't abstract. It's immediate and personal: Who shows up for Oregon's most vulnerable communities? Take the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) rule, for example. This policy is already driving progress in Oregon. ACT requires manufacturers to sell an increasing per-

centage of zero-emission trucks — key for reducing diesel exhaust from freight corridors. It's a clear win for environmental justice, protecting families living near busy roadways, and advancing a cleaner economy. Yet ACT is under threat. Fossil fuel companies are trying to take Oregon backward with legislation that would create years of delays on existing clean air rules. Low-income Oregonians, people of color, disabled people, children, and elders are on the frontlines of a crisis they did not cause. They are highly likely to live near highways, ports,

and industrial areas where diesel pollution is most intense. In Portland, Black, Brown, and Indigenous neighborhoods experience diesel pollution at rates two to three times higher than other areas. In Marion County, diesel pollution is four times higher than the state's health benchmark. Statewide, 19 of 36 counties — from Malheur to Washington — have diesel pollution levels high enough to increase cancer risk. And we know this burden falls heaviest on low-income communities and people of color. Diesel pollution is responsible for more than 460

early deaths in Oregon each year. These numbers reflect actual harm. They represent children with asthma who can't play outside without an inhaler, elders hospitalized during extreme heat caused by the climate crisis, and neighborhoods forced to live with the daily cost of inaction. Nationally, we've seen a disturbing trend: federal rollbacks to environmental protections, executive orders that sideline vulnerable communities, and industry-led efforts to weaken climate action. What's appalling is that Oregon isn't just failing to resist this tide

— we're starting to echo it. When our lawmakers entertain bills that mirror federal rollbacks, they are putting our most impacted communities at even greater risk. Now is the moment to be a firewall, not a follower of diminished protections. Environmental justice requires more than platitudes. It means centering the communities most affected, enforcing pollution standards, holding polluters accountable, and investing in clean air and climate resilience. It means treating environmental justice not as a side issue but as a pillar of social equity. This means vehemently upholding protections like ACT, the climate protection program, and other programs we know will benefit people in environmental justice communities. Oregon needs to be a firewall. Our leaders must act with clarity and courage. Clean air, safe neighborhoods,

and a livable climate are not luxuries — they are rights. So again, we ask: Who is showing up for Oregon's most vulnerable communities? The answer must come in action, not excuses. Kristopher Fortin Grijalva is the transportation program director at Oregon Environmental Council. Xitlali Torres is the air quality and climate program coordinator at Verde, a Portland-based environmental justice organization. https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2025/04/09/whos-going-to-bat-for-oregons-most-vulnerable/ Oregon Capital Chronicle is part of States Newsroom, a network of news bureaus supported by grants and a coalition of donors as a 501c(3) public charity. Oregon Capital Chronicle maintains editorial independence. Contact Editor Lynne Terry for questions: info@oregoncapitalchronicle.com.



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# Landing a monster



John Maurer decks a 6-pound canary rockfish at Dockside Charters, Depoe Bay on Saturday, April 12. (Courtesy photo)

# AARP, Oregon congressional members urge stability for Social Security system

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U.S. Senator Ron Wyden is leading his Democratic colleagues in the Oregon delegation – Senator Jeff Merkley and U.S. Representatives Suzanne Bonamici (OR-01), Val Hoyle (OR-04), Andrea Salinas (OR-06), Janelle Bynum (OR-05) and Maxine Dexter (OR-03) – in urging the Social Security Administration to reverse its severe layoffs and threats of worse to come for services to the state’s seniors and people with disabilities.

In their letter to the Social Security Administration’s Acting Commissioner Leland Dudek, the Oregon law-makers cited agency data showing staff in the Warrenton and La Grande field offices declined by at least 25 percent as a result of agency decisions to reduce its workforce. They also noted the field office in The Dalles has experienced a substantial drop in workers.

“These three rural field offices already faced staffing shortages before these cuts, with just 20 combined employees serving more than 232,000 Oregonians in 10 counties and parts of Washington and Idaho,” the lawmakers wrote, noting how nearly every American interacts with the agency at pivotal moments in their lives.

“Access to in-person services is especially important for each of those moments, especially for people who have difficulty speaking by phone, who lack reliable internet access, and who have difficulty understanding program rules,” they wrote. “Any disruption in service, especially interruption of benefit payments, can be financially devastating for families. For many of these Oregonians, field offices are often their only channel of service. These field offices are located in predominantly rural areas, with the nearest field office more than 50 miles away from many users.”

“Additionally, more than 400,000 Oregonians lack internet access at home because the state’s size and rugged terrain make it costly and difficult to build broadband infrastructure,” the lawmakers continued. “Without in-person services, if those Oregonians have difficulty using a phone they are 100 percent cut off from their benefits.”

Nearly 1 million Oregonians collect Social Security benefits, and the lawmakers’ letter noted that the agency’s reckless actions have already inflicted a devastating toll on those Oregon

**“These changes will cause longer wait times and more inconvenience for routine services,” AARP states in a release. (Courtesy graphic)**

beneficiaries and tens of millions more across America.

“Simply put, your decisions jeopardize Oregonians’ access to their Social Security benefits without providing any substantive plans to provide quality service to these communities,” they wrote. “We urge you to immediately reverse these changes and work to rebuild SSA’s workforce so it can serve the millions of Oregonians and Americans who depend on Social Security.”

AARP Oregon is urging the Social Security Administration (SSA) to reverse planned changes to customer service, that were set to start April 14.

“These changes will cause longer wait times and more inconvenience for routine services,” AARP states in a release. “AARP has been fighting these changes from the beginning and continues to highlight their impact on Oregon residents.”

According to the release, AARP members sent over two million emails and calls to Congress, and the SSA delayed the changes until April 14.

“However, delaying is not enough,” AARP said. “AARP is pushing the Social Security Administration to reverse this decision, while calling on members of Congress – on both sides of the aisle – to speak up for older Americans everywhere. SSA’s April 8 announcement that they are considering alternative means of identity verification for phone services is a good step, but more clarity is needed about how this will work for older Americans.”

## IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL SECURITY TO OREGON RESIDENTS

Improving SSA customer service is crucial for AARP’s millions of members, including the more than 917,000 Oregonians who count on Social Security to help cover their living expenses and pay their bills and the 40 percent of individuals in Oregon that rely on the program for at least half of their income, according to the release.

## IMPACT ON RURAL AREAS AND WORKING INDIVIDUALS

The AARP said the new verification requirements also create barriers for older Oregonians who

might not be computer savvy or who don’t have reliable internet access. Someone who is currently working and needs to file for benefits for the first time, or current Social Security recipients still working, would be forced to take a day off work to make these commutes just to fill out paperwork.

AARP Oregon State Director Bandana Shrestha criticized the changes.

“The new verification requirements create barriers for older adults, particularly those without reliable internet access or living in rural areas,” Shrestha said. “If these changes are implemented as scheduled, older Americans in rural areas—including Oregon—may have to drive hours to access a Social Security office in person. Social Security recipients in Burns would need to drive more than 250 miles round-trip to an office in Ontario.”

## FRAUD PREVENTION


The changes proposed by the SSA could make it harder for Americans to receive their Social Security, according to AARP release..

“Though their proposal is to end identity verification and banking services that have been provided over the phone in the name of fraud prevention, the SSA Inspector General has not raised any flags about phone fraud,” the release states. “There have been no scam warnings about rerouting deposits via phone over the last five years and no phone fraud mentioned in most recent report to Congress.”

AARP is pushing the SSA to reverse this decision and calling on Congress to support older Americans.

“Social Security belongs to the people who earned it,” Shrestha said. “They should not have to deal with prolonged delays and red tape to get their money. We urge the SSA to improve customer service, ensure timely responses from trained representatives, and take a deliberate approach to any changes, seeking public input and allowing reasonable time for compliance.”

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# Lincoln County School District announces new principal at Taft Elementary School

Lincoln County School District is pleased to announce that Leslie Roache has been appointed the new principal of Taft Elementary School starting in the 2025-26 school year.

Roache will succeed Becca Bostwick, who is transitioning to the principal position at Yaquina View Elementary in Newport following the retirement of current Principal Kristin Becker at the end of this academic year.

“I am so excited to join my new school community!” shares Roache, who brings over 20 years of experience in public education to the position. Most recently,



Leslie Roache

she served for nine years in the Silver Falls School District, holding roles as both an elementary school principal and at the district office.

Roache is a passionate educator who believes that schools serve as the center of their communities, providing vital

opportunities and connections for students and families alike.

Having relocated to Lincoln County in November with her husband, Roache has already begun establishing roots in the community. She is the proud parent of two college students — one a Duck at the University of Oregon and the other a Beaver at Oregon State University. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, gardening, and spending time with family.

The district looks forward to welcoming Roache to her new role as she continues the tradition of excellence at Taft Elementary School.

## CRAB

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ODFW office with the location found, according to the release.

A commercial fisherman who caught the unusual looking crab did the right thing by bringing it to ODFW’s Columbia River staff, according to ODFW. Staff then brought the crab to an ODFW shellfish biologist who identified it as a Chinese mitten crab.

Mitten crabs have unique features unlike any native crab species. They have a notch between their eyes and four spines on each side of the carapace. They are named for their hairy mitten-like

claws and vary in color from brownish-orange to greenish-brown. Crab identification can be difficult, and native crab have been misidentified as invasive.

Chinese mitten crabs spend most of their lives in freshwater, but adults must be in saltwater to reproduce. Newly hatched larvae are in open saltwater in bays and estuaries, and fully molted juveniles are found in brackish and freshwater areas within a few miles upstream of saltwater.

This single crab was a large male that could have been introduced to the Columbia illegally by a person or via ballast water as larvae.

ODFW encourages Columbia River users to keep an eye out for mitten crab and report any found to ODFW along with photos if possible and location, or report it online to the Oregon Invasive Species Council.

ODFW biologists are working with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and NOAA to determine if other mitten crabs are in the Columbia River. Methods include setting up trap lines and potentially collecting water and substrate samples to look for environmental genetic markers specific to the mitten crab.

## PELICAN

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otherwise uninjured juveniles. However, domoic acid toxicity caused by harmful algal blooms in southern California has recently sickened or killed dozens of brown pelicans and other wildlife.”

ODFW is awaiting further testing to determine if domoic acid or another illness is contributing to the cases of sick or dead pelicans in Oregon.

the sport harvest of razor clams along the Oregon coast from Cascade Head to the California border due to elevated levels of domoic acid. This advisory is based on toxin levels accumulated last fall.

“Razor clams are slow to clear toxins from their systems, but ODFW’s phytoplankton monitoring currently shows no harmful algal species off the entire Oregon coast,” the release states.

If you find a sick,

resting or dead pelican, ODFW urges you to leave it alone and keep dogs leashed and away from wildlife.

“Rehabilitation options are limited, and the best thing to do is to leave pelicans alone,” the release states.

ODFW district wildlife biologists along the coast said they are aware of this situation and the public does not need to report sick, resting or dead pelicans.

## Mary C. Leitch

October 1, 1934 - September 4, 2024

Mary C. Leitch was born in Washington, D.C., on October 1, 1934, and passed away on September 4, 2024, in Newport, Oregon. Mary moved to California when her father, who worked for the US Justice Department, was transferred there during World War II. She graduated from Whitman College in 1955 and taught French for several years before she married. She lived in Portland for several decades where she raised her family. She was

a resident of Newport for approximately 15 years. Mary enjoyed teaching ESL in the many communities where she lived. She also enjoyed discussing history and current events, as well as spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. A celebration of life will be held at 4 p.m., Saturday, June 14, at St. Stephen Episcopal Church in Newport. (The church is located at the corner of 9th and Hurbert Streets.)

## TIMBER

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education, according to a release from the BLM.

“The BLM is working to protect our national and economic security, as directed in President Trump’s order, by immediately expanding American timber production,” BLM Oregon/Washington State Director Barry Bushue said. “We manage more than 2.4 million acres of some of the world’s most productive forests in western Oregon and are committed to supplying a reliable, secure, and resilient domestic supply of timber, while providing jobs and other support to local communities through

timber production.”

The BLM manages this area, referred to as O&C and CBWR lands, as well as the funds generated from timber harvests in accordance with two laws. The Oregon and California Railroad and Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands Grant Act of 1937 directs revenue from O&C Lands to be shared between the U.S. Treasury and 18 western Oregon counties. The Coos Bay Wagon Road Act of 1939 directs revenue from CBWR Lands be paid in-lieu of tax payments to Coos and Douglas counties.

The timber harvesting funding provides local communities with the means to construct new county buildings; develop

fairgrounds and museums; support libraries, schools, and jails; and build flood-control dams and reservoirs, according to the BLM.

Beyond these direct payments to counties, the BLM timber program supports approximately 2,000 local jobs and generates more than \$1 billion for local economies.

“BLM forestry and timber production supports economic security, reduces risks from wildfire, improves fish and wildlife habitat, and decreases the cost of energy production. Local communities rely on jobs that come from BLM-managed forests, and timber from public land feeds local industry,” according to the release.

## SHILO

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times by the State Fire Marshal’s Office, and owners were given notice that the system needed to be fixed.

“They didn’t do so, and they were given a final order to fix,” Murphy said. “They didn’t do that, so we posted the order.”

Murphy said that once the repairs are made, inspected, and signed off, the order will be lifted. He noted that while the inn operates several buildings, the order only applies to Building D.

Several Shilo Inns in the western U.S. have been in financial distress for some time, having



This sign was spotted in a front window of the Newport Shilo Inn, stating that the building was closed and unsafe to enter. (Photo courtesy of Lee Siegel)

declared bankruptcies and been named by the IRS for collection of owed back taxes. The chain’s owner, Mark Hemstreet, is alleged to owe more than

\$20 million in back taxes, and according to Oregon news outlets, some Shilo Inn properties were ordered to be auctioned off to cover debts.

## George Westley Fowler III

January 5, 1972 - March 4th, 2025

George Westley Fowler III age 53 of Toledo, Oregon, passed on March 4th, 2025, at his home of natural causes related to diabetes. George was born in Newport, Oregon on January 5, 1972, to George Fowler Jr and Linda (Murrach) Fowler. George received his schooling at Toledo Mary Harrison, Arcadia Elementary, Toledo Middle School and Toledo High School. In his senior year, he challenged his classes, passing with flying colors and received an early out in 1993.



Bayfront Public House in Newport, OR. George is well known for his wry smile, raised eyebrow and mischievous grin, his jokes and pranks of which mom was his favorite recipient. His talent for spinning different takes and many conspiracy theories were hilarious but really made you think. He loved cooking, camping and being outdoors, working on electronics, repair was not the objective, seeing how they worked was his goal. Watching old movies of Western and Military War movie series and reading and researching Military History. John Wayne was his all-around favorite hero, no questions.

After school he joined the U.S. Army. Went to Fort Jackson (South Carolina) for Basic Training. He was assigned to ECHO Company, 1st battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st platoon. He served overseas in Korea on the DMZ Security Patrol. While there he had the opportunity to visit many landmarks. On his return home he received an Honorable Discharge.

He joined the Army National Guard Reserves HHC 2-162nd Infantry, receiving his training at Fort Lewis, in Washington. Places of duty stations at Newport, OR and Cottage Grove, OR. He deployed overseas to Kuwait and Iraq where he served active duty in an imminent danger zone.

He received Army Medals of Commendation, Army Medal of Achievement, Medal of Good Conduct, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Iraq Campaign Award, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Reserved Medal with W/M Device and Army National Guard Honors Service Medal, two Overseas Service Ribbons and two Overseas Service Bars. At the end of his service, he received an Honorable Discharge with the Rank of Sargent.

George helped with food for the homeless and credited Chance Recovery with his progress in getting his personal and private life in the right direction.

On March 13, 2009, he married Sarah Nell Rudolph of Waldport, OR at the Rogue

George is survived by his parents, George and Linda Fowler (Toledo, OR), his brother Arren Fowler (Toledo, OR), sister Lisa Fowler (Corvallis, OR), his wife Sarah Rudolph, son Davis Fowler, daughter Raquel Fowler (all of Portland, OR), in laws Terry and Debbie Rudolph (Waldport, OR), grandparent Richard (Dick) Berg (Siletz, OR), aunts and uncles: Gerry and Joanne Fowler (Elk City, OR), John and Linda O’Brien (Randle, WA), Dan and Darlene Smith (Siletz, OR), Richard and Shannon Smith (Newport, OR), Terry and Pattie Smith (Eastern Oregon), Bill Smith (Siletz, OR), Teresa Ouderkirk (Siletz, OR), Charles Murrach (Newport, OR) and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

Preceded in death by Grandparents Viola M. Chapman, James R Murrach, George and Betty Lou Fowler Sr., Zack R. Smith Sr., Aunt Marie Smith, Nancy Batchelor and Cousin Richie Sargent.

At his request no services will be held, there will be a interment with full military honors at Willamette Valley National Veteran Cemetery in Portland, Oregon. There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date. Location, date and time will be announced later. He is remembered by his friends for his kindness and always willingness to help. George was and is deeply loved and will be sorely missed always and forever in our hearts. Love you, Buddy, Mom.

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Sudoku answers

## Ruth Highland

11/12/1936 - 4/9/2025

Ruth Laverne Highland (Passmore), 88, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 surrounded by her loving family. She was born on November 12, 1936 in Silver City, New Mexico to Vernie and Mercedes Passmore. She moved with her family to Newport, Oregon in 1944. She worked as a telephone operator during her senior year and graduated Newport high school in 1955. She met her soulmate Marv Highland (Coast Guard) at Yaquina Bay State Park in 1954 and spent 68 years happily married. During that time she worked at JC Penny for 12 years, but dedicated most of her time to her family, to whom she



took immense pride in. She enjoyed traveling, cooking, sewing, astrology, reading, and of course her family and friends. She was a special lady, was accepting of everyone and had the kindest heart. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents Vernie and Mercedes Passmore; brothers Vernon and Mitch Passmore; Daughter Pamela Chasteen and her grandson Cory Chasteen. She was survived

by her husband, Marv Highland; son, Greg Highland; sister Susan Dickinson and her grand children and great grandchildren. Per her wishes we will not be holding a service.



# Legislation introduced to permanently protect the Pacific, Atlantic Oceans from offshore drilling

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U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley are co-sponsoring two bills that would permanently protect the Pacific and Atlantic oceans from the environmental and economic costs of fossil fuel drilling off our coastal shores.

Merkley also led a bill to prohibit drilling in the Arctic, which Wyden also co-sponsored.

“The U.S. simply does not need to drill in the coastal waters of the Pacific. We have more than enough clean energy resources without putting Oregon’s outdoor recreation and seafood industries at risk,” Wyden said. “These bills are all about looking out for small businesses that depend on tourism and the fishing industry, rather than capitulating to the ‘oiligarchs’ whose only goal is to fatten their wallets, no matter the environmental and economic toil it could bring to our shores.”

“Offshore drilling guarantees future oil spills with devastating consequences: from oiled beaches to catastrophic damage to tourism, commercial sport fishing, and ocean ecosystems,” Merkley said. “Trump’s Dirty Energy First strategy would see his administration expand offshore drilling—all to enrich billionaire corporate polluters—but Senator Wyden and I are leading the charge to protect the Oregon coast and beyond from dangerous offshore oil and gas drilling.”

**The West Coast Protection Act** would permanently prohibit new oil and gas leases for drilling off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington.

**The Clean Ocean and Safe Tourism (COAST) Anti-Drilling Act** would permanently prohibit the U.S. Department of the Interior from



The West Coast Protection Act would permanently prohibit new oil and gas leases for drilling off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington. (Courtesy photo)

issuing leases for the exploration, development, or production of oil and gas in the North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, and Straits of Florida Planning Areas of the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf.

**The Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act**, led by Merkley, would permanently ban new or renewed leases for oil, gas, or mineral extraction in the Arctic Ocean Planning Areas of the Outer Continental Shelf, protecting one of the planet’s most fragile ecosystems.

This legislation comes following the 15th anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, which resulted in the

deaths of 11 workers, 134 million gallons spilled into the Gulf of Mexico over 87 days, the demise of thousands of marine mammals and sea turtles, and billions of dollars in economic losses from the fishing, outdoor recreation, and tourism industries.

The Pacific West Coast economy provides over \$80 billion in GDP via industries like tourism, outdoor recreation, fishing, retail, and real estate, supporting more than 825,000 jobs. And BAPPC’s 8,100 business members rely on a clean ocean to drive their revenues and provide for their customers, employees and families, according to Grant

Bixby, a founding member of The Business Alliance for Protecting the Pacific Coast.

“We strongly support the West Coast Protection Act and other legislation to prohibit new offshore drilling and protect our businesses by prioritizing a healthy coastal ecosystem,” Bixby said.

In addition to Wyden and Merkley, the West Coast Protection Act is cosponsored by Senators Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), and Sheldon Whitehouse

(D-R.I.) and led by Senator Alex Padilla (D-Calif.).

The COAST Anti-Drilling Act, led by Senators Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Jack Reed (D-R.I.), is co-sponsored by Wyden and Merkley, along with Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Chris Coons (D-Del.), Angus King (I-Maine), Markey, Sanders, Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), and Whitehouse.

Merkley’s Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act was co-sponsored by Markey, Blumenthal, Sanders, and Warren, in addition to Wyden.

# Oregon adds 7,300 jobs in March, unemployment rate highest since 2021

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Oregon’s unemployment rate was 4.6% in March and 4.5% in February, after rising gradually over the past year from 4.1% in March 2024, according to the latest report from the Oregon Employment Department.

Oregon’s 4.6% unemployment rate is the highest since August 2021, when the rate was 4.7%, and slightly higher than during the three years prior to the COVID recession that started in 2020. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.2% in March and 4.1% in February.

In March, Oregon’s seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 7,300 jobs, following a revised gain of 1,600 jobs in February.

GAINS

March’s gains were largest in health care and social assistance (+4,600 jobs); professional and business services (+1,000); other services (+800); and wholesale trade (+700). None of the other major

industries had a job change of more than 400 jobs.

The return of workers who were on strike at a major health care provider contributed to the one-month gain of 4,600 jobs in health care and social assistance during March. This industry has been leading private-sector job growth in Oregon over the past few years. It added 18,400 jobs, or 6.2%, in the 12 months through March, continuing a three-year streak of rapid growth.

TREND REVERSED

Professional and business services added jobs in each of the first three months of the year, with gains totaling 4,500 jobs in that time. This reversed a generally declining trend in the industry during the prior two years when it shed 5,400 jobs during the 24 months ending December 2024.

OTHER SERVICES EXPAND

Other services – an industry which includes religious organizations, membership associations, personal services, laundry services, and repair and maintenance services – has



The Oregon Employment Department reports that there were 115,116 unemployed and 2,097,212 employed in March. (Metro Creative Connection)

expanded steadily for more than four years. It employed

69,300 in March and is now well above its pre-pandemic

high of 65,700 jobs in January 2020.

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# ‘The Grand Welcome – A Benefit Piano Concert’

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The Lincoln City Cultural Center will present “A Grand Welcome – A Benefit Piano Concert” at 6:30 p.m. this Friday, May 2, at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, located at 540 N.E. Highway 101.

Proceeds from this benefit concert will go towards helping the cultural center pay off its new grand piano.

Hear the new Yamaha C3 played by some of the finest musicians in Oregon. This inaugural celebration will include performances by composer Jasnam Daya Singh, and jazz pianist David Morgenroth (with bassist Bob Bowman), for what organizers said will be an evening of beautiful music and fellowship.

Seats are \$30 and can be reserved online at <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=278810> or by calling 541-994-9994.

State Rep. David Gomberg will take the stage to emcee and announce the winners of a prize drawing during intermission for all those who donate.

Lincoln City Cultural Center Donor Relations Manager Sara Reveile said the cultural center is excited to present an exceptional line-up of pianists for this concert.

Jasnam Daya Singh was born in Brazil and is a Latin

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# Lincoln City opens the ‘World’s Shortest Park Trail’

Lincoln City has the world’s shortest river, and now – the world’s shortest park trail.

Lincoln City Parks & Recreation (LCP&R) is excited to announce their brand-new World’s Shortest Park Trail.

This very short 135-ft paved park trail is located within the open space on the southeast side of the new Schooner Creek Discovery Park. This trail traverses park wetlands, creating an environmentally friendly way for hikers to enjoy the natural wetlands and Schooner Creek, which empties into the Pacific Ocean.

The trail is constructed and paved with compacted natural stone, and is surrounded by native plantings from Tillamook Estuaries Partnership, including salal, huckleberry, twinberry, and cedar. The trail also hosts a bench, so hikers can take a breather on their .02 mile trek.

As LCP&R was unable to verify this status with Guinness Book of World Records due to Guinness’ required cost (starting at \$14k), LCP&R googled their own research. LCP&R Director Jeanne Sprague says, “I couldn’t justify spending more funds on bragging rights than spent on the actual trail construction. We’ve done our work and found no shorter paved public park trail. Believe me, this trail is teeny-tiny.”

LCP&R welcomes any competitors in the designation of World’s Shortest Park Trail – and has voiced if there is competition, they will simply make their trail shorter. “Game on!” says LCP&R Parks Supervisor Monte Demaris. “I’ve never

A photograph of a wooden signpost for the 'World's Shortest Park Trail'. The sign is white with a blue top section that says 'PARKS & RECREATION LINCOLN CITY'. Below that, in large blue letters, is 'WORLD'S SHORTEST PARK TRAIL'. There is a QR code on the sign and a small graphic of a trail. The sign is set against a background of green grass and trees.

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# First Weekend Art in Toledo

Every month, the town of Toledo takes a weekend to celebrate its arts community and invite the public to join in. First Weekend Art is a monthly opportunity for the public to connect with their local artisans and see what’s new. May’s First Weekend will be held this Saturday and Sunday.

The Yaquina River Museum of Art will be displaying the Collections exhibit to the public during First Weekend. Museum goers will notice a vivid Arizona landscape as one of the pieces featured in the exhibit. Painted in 2000 in the foothills of Tubac, “Drama Before A Storm” is a plein air by late museum co-founder Michael Gibbons that captures the fleeting moment before dark storm clouds overtook the desert sky as the vanishing sun shines its light on the mountains and nearby shrubs. The painting was received by the museum as a gift from the estate of Kay Moxness, a former original board member of the museum who passed away in 2022.

Moxness loved Gibbons’

A photograph of a painting titled 'Cotswold Cottage Garden'. It depicts a small, two-story red brick house with a chimney, surrounded by lush greenery and colorful flowers. A large, leafy tree stands to the right of the house. The painting is done in a soft, impressionistic style.

“Cotswold Cottage Garden,” a painting by the late artist Michael Gibbons, will be featured during First Weekend Art in Toledo this Saturday and Sunday. (Courtesy photo)

A photograph of a quilt titled 'Quilts for Empowerment'. It features a central figure of a woman in a vibrant, patterned dress, holding a staff or walking stick. The background is dark with stylized elements like a house, a sun, and a spiral. The quilt is framed by a wide orange border.

## Lincoln City Cultural Center hosts Quilts for Empowerment exhibition

The Lincoln City Cultural Center is proud to announce a compelling new exhibition, “Quilts for Empowerment,” on display from May 2 through July 13, in the Fiber Arts Gallery. This powerful showcase features handcrafted quilts created by women artisans from Kenya, each piece narrating personal journeys of resilience, healing, and hope.

Quilts for Empowerment is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting Kenyan women who have endured

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# Respect baby wildlife during spring, summer

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As the Oregon coast welcomes the vibrant return of spring and summer, the Wildlife Center of the North Coast is highlighting the importance of respecting and protecting baby wildlife, particularly birds, during this critical period.

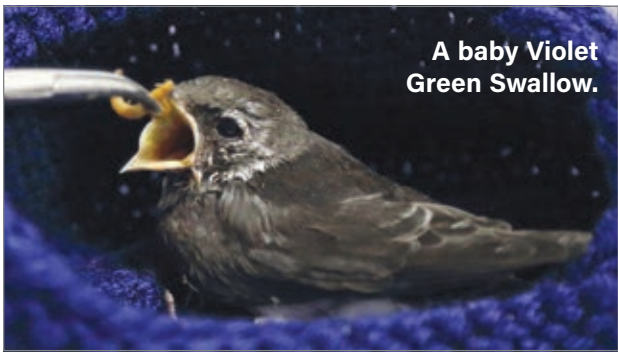
From April to September, the region experiences a surge in wildlife births, often referred to as “baby season,” which brings both joy and challenges for local wildlife.

During this time, many young animals, including birds, are vulnerable to human interference. It is crucial for the community to understand that finding a baby animal alone does not necessarily mean it is orphaned. In fact, many species, such as birds and mammals, often leave their young temporarily for safety or to forage for food, returning when it is safe to do so.

Wildlife Center of the North Coast encourages residents and visitors to



A baby Townsends Chipmonk (Courtesy photos)



A baby Violet Green Swallow.

respect wildlife by following these guidelines:

**Leave Them Alone:** Unless an animal is clearly injured or in distress, it is best to leave it where you find it. This includes baby birds that

may have fallen from nests but are not injured.

**Support Conservation Efforts:** Help protect endangered species like the Western Snowy Plover by respecting nesting areas and

following guidelines set by local conservation agencies.

**Educate Yourself:** Learn about local wildlife and their needs during this sensitive period.

Understanding bird migration patterns and nesting habits can help minimize human impact.

WCNC has been dedicated to promoting compassion, empathy, and respect for all life since

1997 by providing wildlife rehabilitation and environmental education in our community.

For more information, visit [www.coastwildlife.org](http://www.coastwildlife.org) or follow WCNC on social media.



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work and believed strongly in the formation of the Yaquina River Museum of Art to bring fine arts to the local community. “In order to have genuine local access to the arts for everyone, we must maintain a joint effort of creation, maintenance, financing, sharing, and sometimes just paying attention,” Moxness once said. Her lifelong work supporting the arts on the Oregon coast, including the museum, is still felt today. See this work and more at the Yaquina River Museum of Art during First Weekend at the Schoolhouse Exhibit Space located at 151 NE Alder St., from noon to 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit [yaquinariver-museumofart.org](http://yaquinariver-museumofart.org)

Across the street at Michael Gibbons’ Signature Gallery, there will be a special spotlight on “Cotswold Cottage Garden,” a painting of a house on a rural lane

in the spring-flowering English countryside. Unlike the majority of Gibbon’s works painted on site, this work is noted as being painted in studio from a drawing on the back of the painting. After some investigative work in the gallery from the late artist’s sketch archives, the reference drawing for the painting was found with the note “Fred’s Cottage - #7 in a suite of 7.” Gibbons spent a period of time in the English Cotswolds, finding the area a rich source of inspiration, which led to a prolific collection of works. See “Cotswold Cottage Garden,” its reference-sake, and more plein air works by the late regional artist. Michael Gibbons’ Signature Gallery is located at 140 NE Alder St. and will be open from noon to 4 p.m. both days.

Down on Main Street, Crow’s Nest Gallery & Studio will feature the works of many artists. The gallery-space, run by assemblage artist Janet Runger, always features new and exciting works



This mosaic work by Val Bolen will be one of many pieces of art on display this weekend at Crow’s Nest Gallery & Studio, located at 305 N Main St. in Toledo. (Courtesy photo)

for viewers to see. In the windows of the space, gallery visitors will see the dazzling colors of Val Bolen’s glass mosaic works as the sun shines through them. Also shown in the gallery are the works of Alice Haga, fused glass; Paula Teplitz, sculptural jellyfish

mobiles; Jeff Gibford, digitally manipulated photographs; Veta Bakhtina, oil paintings; Sylvia Hosie, wildlife photography; Tish Epperson, watercolors; and Susan Jones, woven fiber jellyfish. Crow’s Nest Gallery & Studio is located at 305 N Main St. Crow’s Nest will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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Grammy-nominated concert and jazz pianist, as well as a brilliant composer, according to Reveile. David Morgenroth was awarded the first doctoral degree in jazz performance by the University of North Texas and has performed across the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia and South America. Bob Bowman has also toured around the world and has been on many recordings that have won, or been nominated, for Grammy awards.

The purpose of this benefit piano concert is to pay off the replacement of the center’s previous Baldwin MZ piano that was nearing the end of its lifespan, according to Reveile.

“The need for a new grand piano has been long recognized by both cultural center staff and musicians, as the previous Baldwin required frequent tuning to sustain the high-quality sound essential for the hundreds of musical performances required of it every year,” Reveile said. “Classic

Pianos, a piano shop based in Portland, has allowed the cultural center to take possession of a beautiful, refurbished Yamaha C3 and given the center six months, interest free, to raise the remaining funds needed. We’re aiming to do it in one weekend.”

Fundraising for this new grand piano has been two years in the making.

Reveile noted that generous donors from the 2024 Culture, of Course! Benefit & Dinner helped raise an impressive \$4,000 for the down payment.

“The cultural center is calling on the support of the community once again to help pay off the remaining balance at the benefit piano concert May 2 and The Grand Bazaar on May 3. The fundraising goal for these two events is \$14,000,” Reveile said.

The benefit piano concert is part of a full week-end of events.

The Grand Bazaar, a cultural center fundraiser, takes place from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3. Sample Mediterranean dishes designed by Chef Donna Riani, enjoy live entertainment and shop the stalls for imported and one-of-a-kind treasures. Your \$50 ticket includes food, wine, entertainment and exclusive first chance at the treasures of The Grand Bazaar.

The bazaar will reopen from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, along with the opening day of the outdoor Sunday Market. Sunday admission to the bazaar is free and open to the public.

The Lincoln City Cultural Center also will conduct a 50/50 Raffle with what Reveile describes as “three incredible prizes.” Those entering the raffle could win up to \$4,687.50 in cash, dinner for two at The Bay House (\$300 value), or a 2024 Finders Keeper glass float (\$100 value). Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100 and can be purchased in person or by calling the center at 541-994-9994. Only 375 tickets will be sold. People need not be present to win. The 50/50 raffle drawing will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at the cultural center.

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seen a trail shorter than this one but I’d like to see someone try!”

After conquering this petite trail, the public is encouraged to take a picture with the sign “World’s Shortest Park Trail” and share!

Thanks to Oregon Parks Foundation for funding this trail with a \$2k grant, and to Tillamook Estuaries Partnership 501c3 for the native plantings of the trail area.

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<p>Tammy Gagne Broker, ABR, CRIS</p>	<p>Barbara Le Pine Broker, AHWD, C2EX</p>	<p><b>Near-New 3BD/2.5BA home</b> in the Wilder subdivision of Newport. Environmentally friendly design w/ductless heat pump, SS appliances, granite counters, LVP floors downstairs &amp; carpeted upstairs plus covered back patio. Oversized single garage has EV charging circuit, extra storage racks &amp; space for bicycles, kayaks, &amp; more.</p> <p><b>25-831 .....\$438,500</b></p>	<p><b>26 ft Moorage slip</b> with storage area at Embarcadero Resort plus shore power, water, WIFI, marina showers, security gates, resort amenities including picnic tables, cleaning station, crab cooking, pool, weight room, etc. This slip is well protected towards the entrance of the finger and the east end of the seawall, easy in &amp; out.</p> <p><b>25-537 .....\$27,000</b></p>	<p>Randy Olsen Broker</p>	<p>Arjen Sundman Broker</p>
<p>Audra Powell Broker, GRI, CRS, PSA, C2EX</p>	<p>Joan Davies Broker</p>	<p><b>NEW LAND LISTINGS</b></p>	<p><b>PRICE REDUCED</b></p>	<p>Marilyn Grove Broker, AHWD, C2EX, ABR</p>	<p>Russell Taylor Broker</p>
<p>Wendy Becker Broker, ABR</p>	<p>Nick Dyer Broker, CLE</p>	<p>25-738 <b>NEW</b>/Seal Rock, Cul-De-Sac,,RR2/ .44ac. ....\$248,000</p> <p>25-404 <b>NEW</b>/Newport, Cul-De-Sac, R1/.25ac. ....\$154,000</p> <p>25-390 <b>NEW</b>/Newport, Ocean View, R1/1.35ac. ....\$725,000</p> <p>25-460 <b>NEW</b>/Newport, Ocean Front, R2/2.6ac. ....\$999,000</p> <p>25-773 <b>NEW</b>/Otter Rock, Ocean View, R1/.15ac. ....\$160,000</p>	<p><b>Cute &amp; Cozy 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath</b> with a 416sf Finished Attic. This home is in the heart of Toledo and has a fenced yard. Many improvements in the last 2-5 years including a new 50 year roof, windows, floors, pellet stove, and a hot water heater. Perfect for new buyers and/or an investment property.</p> <p><b>24-2558 .....\$299,999</b></p>	<p>Shelly Heim Broker</p>	<p>Jessica Hawkes, Broker</p>
<p>Elise Jordan Broker</p>	<p>Chris Garrett, Broker</p>	<p><b>LISTINGS &amp; SALES are on our website!</b></p> <p><b>www.AdvantageRealEstate.com</b></p>	<p>Brittney Johnson, Broker</p>	<p>Levi Grove, Broker</p>	



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PUBLIC NOTICES

Oregon for the County of Lincoln, Probate Department Notice is hereby given that Leslie Serine Krohn has been appointed as the personal representative of the estate of Michele Nigro, deceased Case No. 25PB03395, in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lincoln County, Probate Department. The affidavit was filed on April 14, 2025. The decedent, Michele Nigro, passed away on January 2, 2025. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned personal representative in care of the undersigned attorney at: 6500 S Macadam Ave., Ste. 300, Portland, OR 97203-3665 within four months after the date of publication of this notice, as stated below, or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and published April 30, 2025. Leslie Serine Krohn, Personal Representative. Emma Crispin, OSB #223877, Law Offices of Nave & Friedenberg LLC, Attorney for Personal Representative, Portland, OR 97239-3565.

**LCL25-0176 OFFICIAL NOTICE OREGON SALMON COMMISSION PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING TO: ALL OREGON COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERMEN**  
Notice is hereby given that a virtual Public Hearing will be held pursuant to ORS 576.416, on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 1:30pm upon a proposed budget for operation of the Oregon Salmon Commission during July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. A public meeting will begin at 1:00pm. At this meeting, any commercial fisherman of ocean troll caught salmon landed in Oregon has a right to be heard with respect to the proposed budget, a copy of which is available for inspection, under reasonable circumstances, in the Oregon Salmon Commission office. For further information, please contact: Oregon Salmon Commission, PO Box 16338, Portland, OR 97292, Phone: 971-209-2030, ericka@oregon-salmon.org. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to the OSC office at 971-209-2030.

**LCL25-0174 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN**  
PROBATE DEPARTMENT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Delmar Duane Edmiston, Deceased. Case Number: 25PB03378 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at 2700 Becker Road Eugene, OR 97404, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose right may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court or the personal representative. Date and first published on April 30, 2025. /s/ Rick D. Edmiston, Personal Representative. Attorney for Personal Representative: Braulio Escobaro, PO BOX 747, Newport, OR 97365. 541-270-1270 email: braulioilaw@gmail.com

**LCL25-0174 ESTATE OF DEBRA MARIE JOHNSON**

Notice is to Interested Persons (Case No. 24PB06216) In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lincoln, Probate Department. In the Matter of the Debra Marie Johnson, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Michelle Wertz has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached to the personal representative in care of her attorney, Lee Meadowcroft, at: Skinner Law, 9600 SW Barnes Rd, Ste 125, Portland, OR 97225, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published on April 30, 2025.

**LCL25-0173 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON**

FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of STEVEN FRASER PAYNE, Deceased. Case No.: 25PB03328 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice: The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lincoln, has appointed Jennifer Payne Ewing as Personal Representative of the Estate of Steven Fraser Payne, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative, c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C., Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St., Dallas, OR 97338, within four months from the date of the publication of this notice as stated below, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Date published April 30, 2025. Jennifer Payne Ewing, Personal Representative c/o Stan Butterfield, P.C. Attorney at Law, 605 SW Church St., Dallas, OR 97338. Telephone: (503) 623-2427 Email: stan@stanbutterfield.com

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**LCL25-0172 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS**  
Notice is hereby given that an affidavit of claiming successor has been filed in the estate of Michele Nigro, deceased Case No. 25PB03395, in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lincoln County, Probate Department. The affidavit was filed on April 14, 2025. The decedent, Michele Nigro, passed away on January 2, 2025. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned claiming successors at the addresses listed below within 30 days after the date of first publication of this notice, or such claims may be barred. Claiming Successors: David F. Norman, 2481 Donegal Court, West Linn, Oregon 97068. Nicolel Kingsbury, 6246 Owen Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Date of First Publication: April 20, 2025. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the court records, the claiming successors, or the attorney for the claiming successors, if any. Dated and signed the 14th day of April, 2025. David F. Norman, Claiming Successor, Nicolel Kingsbury, Claiming Successor. A30 M7

**LCL25-0171 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**  
A PUBLIC MEETING of the Budget Committee of the Port of Toledo, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, will be held on May 22, 2025 at 6pm at the Port of Toledo Main Office, 496 NE Hwy 20, Unit 1, Toledo, Oregon. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive public comment followed by deliberation of the Budget Committee. The public is invited to join the meeting on site, while alternative electronic formats are available. Written comments for consideration are acceptable in lieu of attendance. Contact Port of Toledo Budget Officer, Debbie Scacco, at 541-518-416 or by email debbie.scacco@portoftoledo.org to request the meeting login information. A copy of the budget document may be obtained on or after May 12, 2025, on the Port website at: https://www.portoftoledo.org/public-information or physically at the Main Office, 496 NE Hwy 20, Unit 1, Toledo, weekdays between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm. A30

**LCL25-0170 OREGON DUNGENESS CRAB COMMISSION PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**  
The OREGON DUNGENESS CRAB COMMISSION (ODCC) will hold a Budget Hearing hybrid meeting pursuant to ORS 576.416 on Wednesday, May 28th 2025 at 9:00am upon a proposed budget for operation of the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission during FY July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026. At this meeting, any Dungeness Crab harvester in Oregon selling Dungeness Crab through a first purchaser or directly to the public and any first purchaser buying Dungeness Crab in Oregon has the right to be heard with respect to the proposed budget. Copies are available for inspection, under reasonable circumstances, at the Dungeness Crab Commission office in Coos Bay. For further information or if you wish to participate, please contact: ODCC, P.O. Box 1160, Coos Bay, OR 97420. Phone/email: 541-267-5810; officemanager@oregon-dungeness.org. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to the ODCC office at 541-267-5810. A30

**LCL25-0169 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Siletz, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, will be held

at Siletz City Hall, 215 W Buford Avenue, Siletz, OR 97380. The meeting will take place on May 22, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comments from the public on the budget and discuss the city's use of State Revenue Sharing funds. A Public Hearing on the use of State Revenue Sharing Funds will be held at this meeting. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 14, at 10 A.M. at 600 SE Bay Blvd., Newport, OR 97365 between the hours of 9 A.M. and 4 P.M.

**LCL25-0165 EAST LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE RESCUE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Tuesday May 13th, 2025, 6PM, 285 NE Burgess Road, TOLEDO OREGON 97391. A public meeting of the East Lincoln County Fire Rescue District Budget Committee will be held at 6 pm Wednesday May 13nd , 2025 at the Toledo Fire Station training room, 285 NE Burgess Toledo, Oregon 97391. A30

**LCL25-0168**  
On May 29th , 2025 at 11:00 PM, a public sale will be held at Ideal Storage, 134 NE Metcalf Ave Siletz, OR 97380. Britanney Woolley - 570-1110 Minimum bid \$50.00 Cash only. A30 M7

**LCL25-0167 ESTATE OF ROSA LEE WALKER, DECEASED**

Notice to Interested Persons (Case No. 25PB01872) In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lincoln, Probate Department Notice is hereby given that Tonya Marie Coronado has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned personal representative in care of the undersigned attorney at: 6500 S Macadam Ave, Ste 300, Portland, OR 97239-3565 within four months after the date of publication of this notice, as stated below, or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and published April 30, 2025 Tonya Marie Coronado, Personal Representative Emma Crispin, OSB #223877, Law Offices of Nave & Friedenberg LLC, Attorney for Personal Representative, Portland, OR 97239-3565.

**LCL25-0166 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Yachats Rural Fire Protection District, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, will be held at 2056 Hwy 101 N, Yachats, Oregon. The meeting will take place on May 12, 2025 at 10:30 AM. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message from the budget officer and to receive comments from the public. The public meeting is where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 5, 2025 at 2056 Hwy 101 N, Yachats Oregon. A copy may also be requested by calling 541-547-3266 and it can be sent via USPS or email. This notice along with the proposed budget will be posted on www.yrfd.org. A30

**LCL25-0128 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Port of Newport, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year

July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, will be held at the Administration Building and online at portnewport.com. Address: 600 SE Bay Blvd, Newport, OR 97365. Date: May 13, 2025 Time: 10:00 A.M. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 14, at 10 A.M. at 600 SE Bay Blvd., Newport, OR 97365 between the hours of 9 A.M. and 4 P.M.

**LCL25-0164 CITY OF NEWPORT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Newport Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers to consider File No. 1-CUP-25, a request submitted by applicant Katie Townsend, South Beach Christian School (Katrina Thomas, South Beach Church, representative) (International Church of Foursquare Gospel, owner) for a conditional use permit filed pursuant to Newport Municipal Code (NMC) Section 14.03.070 "Commercial and Industrial Uses" of the Newport Zoning Ordinance, for a conditional use permit to allow the operation of a Junior & Senior High School in a C-3/Heavy Commercial zone in which educational institutions are a condition of the proposed use is located at 215 NW 15th St, Newport, OR 97365 (Tax Map 11-11-05-BD, Tax Lots 300, 400, 401 & 500). The applicable criteria per NMC Chapter 14.34.050 are that: 1) The public facilities can adequately accommodate the proposed use; 2) the request complies with the requirements of the underlying zone or overlay zone; 3) the proposed use does not have an adverse impact greater than existing uses on nearby properties, or impacts can be ameliorated through imposition of conditions of approval; and 4) a proposed building or building modification is consistent with the overall development character of the neighborhood with regard to building size and height, and the proposed buildings and potential buildings allowable as uses permitted outright. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the criteria described above or other criteria in the Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances which the decision believes to apply to the decision. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the city and the parties an opportunity to respond to that issue precludes an appeal (including to the Land Use Board or Appeals) based on that issue. Submit testimony in written or oral form. Oral testimony and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. Letters sent to the Community Development (Planning) Department, City Hall, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365 must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day of the hearing or must be personally presented during testimony at the public hearing. The hearing will include a report by staff, testimony (both oral and written) from the applicant and those in favor or opposed to the application, rebuttal by the applicant, and questions and deliberation by the Planning Commission. Pursuant to ORS 197.797 (6), any person prior to the conclusion

of the initial public hearing may request a continuance of the public hearing or that the record be left open for at least seven days to present additional evidence, arguments, or testimony regarding the application. The staff report may be reviewed or a copy purchased for reasonable cost at the Newport Community Development (Planning) Department (address above) seven days prior to the hearing. The application materials (including the application and all documents and evidence submitted in support of the application), the applicable criteria, and other file material are available for inspection at no cost; or copies may be purchased for reasonable cost at the above address. Contact Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director, (541) 574-0626, d.tokos@newportoregon.gov (address above). A30

**LCL25-0154 TOLEDO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Toledo Urban Renewal Agency, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026 including the expenditure of State revenue sharing funds, will be held at the Toledo City Hall Council Chambers, 206 N Main St. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained after the May 13th meeting, at City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Additional meetings of the Budget Committee will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and (if needed) Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Toledo City Hall Council Chambers. These are public meetings where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. The public is invited to attend the meetings electronically through the Zoom video meeting platform. Comments or suggestions can also be submitted in writing to the City Recorder. Toledo City Hall is handicapped accessible. Please contact the City Recorder at lisa.figueroa@cityoftoledo.org or 541-336-2247 if you will need other assistance or for additional information. This notice is also published on the City of Toledo's web page at www.cityoftoledo.org. A30

**LCL25-0153 CITY OF TOLEDO NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Toledo, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026 including the expenditure of State revenue sharing funds, will be held at the Toledo City Hall Council Chambers, 206 N Main St. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained after the May 13th meeting, at City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Additional meetings of the Budget Committee will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and (if needed) Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Toledo City Hall Council Chambers. These are public meetings where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. The public is invited to attend

the meetings electronically through the Zoom video meeting platform. Comments or suggestions can also be submitted in writing to the City Recorder. Toledo City Hall is handicapped accessible. Please contact the City Recorder at lisa.figueroa@cityoftoledo.org or 541-336-2247 if you will need other assistance or for additional information. This notice is also published on the City of Toledo's web page at www.cityoftoledo.org. A30

**LCL25-0161 NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**

The following request will be reviewed at a public hearing by the City of Toledo City Council on May 7, 2025. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm and will be held in the Council Chambers at Toledo City Hall, 206 N Main Street, Toledo, Oregon. Any comments you wish to make will be appreciated. Contact Planner Justin Peterson at (541) 336-2247 ext. 2130 for further information. In-Person and Virtual Meeting: The meeting will be held at Toledo City Hall with an option for attendance through the Zoom video meeting platform. Call (541) 336-2247 ext. 2130 or e-mail planning@cityoftoledo.org to receive the meeting login information or visit www.cityoftoledo.org/meetings for the meeting details. City File No. 20A-1-25 and PA-1-25 are proposed ordinances to amend the existing housing standards in Title 17 including, but not limited to, the Single Family Residential (R-S) Zone, the General Residential (R-G) Zone, the Commercial (C) Zone, and the Main Street Overlay, and Title 16 Subdivisions. In addition, the proposed ordinance also includes updated definitions and Title 19 Land Use Procedures. Last, the proposed ordinance includes updates to the Comprehensive Plan text and map to revise planning and housing policies and creating a new Commercial Residential Overlay Zone. Criteria for the request: City of Toledo Charter (Ordinance Adoption), Oregon Statewide Planning Goals, Oregon Administrative Rules, and Oregon Revised Statutes, Toledo Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Toledo Municipal Code Chapter 17 (Zoning), Toledo Municipal Code Chapter 18 (Subdivisions), and Toledo Municipal Code Chapter 19 (Land Use Procedures). If City File #20A-1-25 and PA-1-25 are approved, the Toledo City Council will consider the following proposed ordinances: 1) Amending ordinance to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Document (TMC Chapter 1.08); 2) Ordinance to repeal and replace the Land Division Code (TMC Title 16); 3) Amending ordinance to the Zoning Code (TMC Title 17); and 4) Amending ordinance to the Land Use Procedures Code (TMC Title 19). The proposed ordinances will also be considered at the City Council regular meeting on May 7, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm. The proposed ordinances are available for review at the City Recorder's Office, Toledo City Hall, 206 N Main Street, Toledo, OR 97365, or viewed online at www.cityoftoledo.org/planning. Oregon law requires that testimony and evidence presented be directed toward the relevant criteria in the Toledo Zoning Ordinance, Comprehensive Plan, or other City plans or policies which a person believes pertains to the request, and which will be used in making the decision. The application, all documents and evidence submitted by or for the applicant, and the applicable criteria and standards can be reviewed at City Hall at no cost and copies can be provided at reason-

able cost. The staff report and recommendation to the City Council will be available for review at no cost seven days before the scheduled hearings and copies can be provided on request at a reasonable cost. You may present your testimony at the public hearing or provide written comments to the Planning Department prior to the public hearing date. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter at the hearing, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision-maker an opportunity to respond to the issue, means that an appeal based on that issue cannot be filed with the State Land Use Board of Appeals. A23 A30

**LCL25-0142 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

#25-0351 On May 29, 2025 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 defendants' interests will be sold, subject to redemption, in the following time share interests, all of which will be sold individually, and all of which are located at 939 NW Highway 101, Depoe Bay, OR 97341, commonly known as THE RESORT AT WHALE POINTE CONDOMINIUMS: (1) Time Share Interest I in Unit 316, (2) Time Share Interest B in Unit 326, (3) Time Share Interest D in Unit 225, (4) Time Share Interest K in Unit 314, (5) Time Share Interest C in Unit 324, (6) Time Share Interest M, under the Declaration of Co-Ownership Program at The Resort at Whale Pointe II Condominium, being a one-thirteenth interest in Unit 604, (8) Time Share Interest I, under the Declaration of Co-Ownership Program at The Resort at Whale Pointe II Condominium, being a one-thirteenth interest in Unit 502, (9) Time Share Interest B, under the Declaration of Co-Ownership Program at The Resort at Whale Pointe II Condominium, being a one-thirteenth interest in Unit 615. The court case number is 24CV49088, Association of Unit Owners of the Resort at Whale Pointe Merged Condominiums, plaintiff vs. Any and All Unknown Trustees or Successor Trustees of the Rose Marie Lathrop Document (TMC Chapter 1.08); 2) Ordinance to repeal and replace the Land Division Code (TMC Title 16); 3) Amending ordinance to the Zoning Code (TMC Title 17); and 4) Amending ordinance to the Land Use Procedures Code (TMC Title 19). The proposed ordinances will also be considered at the City Council regular meeting on May 7, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm. The proposed ordinances are available for review at the City Recorder's Office, Toledo City Hall, 206 N Main Street, Toledo, OR 97365, or viewed online at www.cityoftoledo.org/planning. Oregon law requires that testimony and evidence presented be directed toward the relevant criteria in the Toledo Zoning Ordinance, Comprehensive Plan, or other City plans or policies which a person believes pertains to the request, and which will be used in making the decision. The application, all documents and evidence submitted by or for the applicant, and the applicable criteria and standards can be reviewed at City Hall at no cost and copies can be provided at reason-

qualified as the personal representative of the ESTATE OF CHERI LYNN PEABODY, DECEASED, Lincoln County Circuit Court Case Number 25PB02942. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date first published: April 23, 2025. Anastacio Gonzales Personal Representative of the Estate of Cheri Lynn Peabody, Gary Lynn Lovejoy, Attorney at Law, Attorney for Personal Representative, PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365.

**LCL25-00146 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the ESTATE OF SALLY FAY HIBDON, DECEASED, Lincoln County Circuit Court Case Number 25PB02943. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date first published: April 23, 2025. Larry D. Hibdon and Kathy A. Hahn, Co- Personal Representatives of the Estate of Sally Fay Hibdon, Gary Lynn Lovejoy, Attorney at Law, Attorney for Personal Representatives, PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365.

**LCL25-0147 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS.**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the ESTATE OF DANIEL ALVIN CHRISTIANSON, DECEASED, Lincoln County Circuit Court Case Number 25PB01942. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date first published: April 23, 2025. Julie Michelle Reed, Personal Representatives of the Estate of Daniel Alvin Christianson, Gary Lynn Lovejoy, Attorney at Law, Attorney for Personal Representative, PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365.

**LCL25-0148 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS.**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the ESTATE OF

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Seal Rock Water District Board of Commissioners will be held on May 8, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at 1037 NW Grebe Street, Seal Rock, Oregon 97376. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 as approved by the Seal Rock Water District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 1037 NW Grebe Street, Seal Rock, Oregon 97376, between of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. or online at www.srwd.org. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Joy S King-Cortes Telephone: (541) 563-3599 Email: info@srwd.org

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES				
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		Actual Amounts	Adopted Budget	Approved Budget
		2023-24	This Year: 2024-25	Next Year: 2025-26
1. Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital .....		3,030,321	2,805,670	2,681,170
2. Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges .....		111,365	116,600	82,200
3. Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations .....		864	873,000	150,000
4. Revenue from Bonds & Other Debt .....		0	2,000,000	0
5. Interfund Transfers/Internal Service Reimbursements .....		544,972	568,050	493,690
6. All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes .....		2,598,321	2,644,720	2,750,190
7. Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received .....		1,190,079	1,115,100	1,168,460
8. Total Resources - add lines 1 through 7 .....		7,476,122	10,123,140	7,325,710

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION				
9. Personnel Services .....		1,304,315	1,580,000	1,681,700
10. Materials and Services .....		777,915	1,300,050	1,310,680
11. Capital Outlay .....		321,769	4,416,440	1,666,990
12. Debt Service .....		1,405,431	1,489,080	1,317,320
13. Interfund Transfers .....		544,972	568,050	493,690
14. Contingencies .....		0	100,000	200,000
15. Special Payments .....		0	0	0
16. Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure .....		3,121,720	669,520	655,330
17. Total Requirements - add lines 9 through 16 .....		7,476,122	10,123,140	7,325,710

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM*			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program		FTE for Unit or Program	

Administration	362,815	391,500	462,500
FTE	4	4	4
Operations	413,555	509,200	486,500
FTE	5	7	6
Total Requirements	776,371	900,700	949,000
Total FTE	9	11	10

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING*			
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy .....	(Rate Limit 0.1259 Per \$1000)	0.1259	0.1259
Local Option Levy .....		0	0
Levy for General Obligation Bonds .....		1,066,128	1,039,100
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS			
Long Term Debt	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, but not Incurred on July 1	
General Obligation Bonds .....	12,246,607	0	
Other Bonds - Revenue .....	5,547,503	0	
Other Borrowings - Notes Payable .....	0	0	
Total .....	17,794,110	0	

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Friday & Saturday,  
May 2nd & 3rd

9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Friday  
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Super Crossword

Answers

ABASEADAMDOOMALDER  
DYLANVOGAABBARAISA  
DEADTREETEDITIONEGYPT  
THEASSEEVEYETOEYE  
PICARDYHISPOORS  
EMPLOYEEEVALUATION  
SELENECHREEGISASEA  
CAUSETHREEEGGOMELETS  
INSHESNLSILRHO  
NNAPOLINDEMIIDIEGAN  
LOHOWAROSEERBLOMING  
AVATARNOTASMARITS  
TEDRSTARCURIENEW  
TRACEEELLISROSSTRIBEL  
ETITAREALEWESHEKEL  
TENNESSEEEERNIEFORD  
MATEYELPSINDENTS  
JAPANESEELANGER  
ORIRSRADIOFREEUROPE  
AIOLIITSARDARTCANOE  
DEINSEATMEAHOYELOPE







Amber Waves



Out on a Limb



The Spats



TIGER



OLIVE



HOCUS-FOCUS



Just Like Cats & Dogs



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: R equals S

UV ZNRUXM RHXTYEXKBYZR  
MYYG LQ LUY QVV ZQHYR,  
EDXL GQ OQN LDUMB LDYO  
EUKK CXBY? TQRCQ-BMQLR.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

ATPIM QPLYSHAG AULEDM IL  
GTISGRX AYAPX JTU'G UAAH,  
FEI ULI AYAPX JTU'G DPAAH.  
- DTUHMS

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Trivia  
test by Fifi  
Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which actor was nominated for an Emmy for the same character on three different sitcoms?
- MOVIES: Who was the first actor to refuse an Oscar award for Best Actor?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which modern city is in the shadow of the active volcano Mount Vesuvius?
- FOOD & DRINK: What gas is used to create seltzer water?
- SCIENCE: What is the center of an atom called?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who are the six men who have made a career Grand Slam in pro golf?
- ANATOMY: What is the largest artery in the body?
- LITERATURE: For which category is the O. Henry Award given?
- ASTRONOMY: Which star system is nearest to our solar system?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have died in office?

Answers

- Kelsey Grammer for "Wings," "Cheers" and "Frasier."
- George C. Scott, for "Patton."
- Naples, Italy.
- Carbon dioxide.
- Nucleus.
- Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy.
- The aorta.
- Short stories.
- Alpha Centauri.
- Eight.

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Will make? Cosmo-knots

what do you think they  
need to tie off ropes,  
If Russian spacewalkers

answer

CryptoQuip

Earth provides enough to  
satisfy every man's need,  
but not every man's greed.  
- Gandhi!

answer

CryptoQuote

NEIGHBORS

Today's Word  
3. Barren; 4. Cause  
1. Fidget 2. Choke;

solution

SCRAMBLERS

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!

Squirm  
GIFTED  
Stifle  
KOCHE  
Empty  
REBARN  
Motive  
ACUSE

TODAY'S WORD



"You'd think the  
would WANT to cool off on a hot day!"