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These engaging walking tours offer a behind-the-scenes look at Oregon's working waterfronts. (Courtesy photo from OSU)

Guided dock tours return in Newport

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Coastal residents and visitors are invited to dive into Oregon's commercial fishing culture this summer through free, guided dockside tours.

The walking tours, hosted by Oregon Sea Grant and Oregon State University Extension Service, are described as engaging opportunities offering a behind-the-scenes look at Oregon's working waterfronts.

They teach participants how to source fresh, local seafood straight from the dock. Tourgoers will learn about sustainable fishing practices, explore vessels and gear, and may even meet some of the fishermen who bring Oregon seafood to market.

The walking tours began in Newport in 2014 and have since expanded up and down the Oregon coast and into the south Washington Coast.

Angee Doerr runs the tours

at Newport and said they began for a combination of reasons.

"I always like to use the word demystify, but really it's

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A tour guide showing how to identify fish to a group of people during the Shop the Dock tour in Newport. (Courtesy photo from Lynn Ketchum)



The Hands Across the Sand event took place Saturday, July 5, in Lincoln City. (Photos courtesy from video taken by Josh Havelind)

Hands Across the Sand at Lincoln City

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

For approximately one hour Saturday, July 5, dozens of people gathered along the beaches in Lincoln City, not to watch the ocean or to

seek agates, but to simply hold hands.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Indivisible Lincoln City and JS Conbaum hosted the Hands Across the Sand (HAS) event along the 7-mile stretch of beach

that runs the length of Lincoln City.

"At noon, our goal is to form an unbroken chain across the sand for 15 minutes to express our commitment to the protection of our marine ecosystem, in the face of

current anti-environmental policies," organizer Shar Walbaum said.

"HAS gives neighbors and strangers an opportunity to stand together out of shared love for our

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Commissioners declare drought emergency

Call on public to conserve water

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has declared a drought emergency due to exceptionally low streamflows and dry conditions.

Streamflows on the Siletz, Alsea, and Yachats Rivers have been at or below historic lows, with the Siletz River reporting just 22% of its average flow by mid-June, a record low for that time of year. The Alsea River was at 40% of its average

flow, while the Yachats River was at 49% of average. Streamflows are also notably lower in smaller streams. Beaver Creek already has low streamflows typical of late August and September, according to Lincoln County.

"The drought conditions are putting stress on our drinking water supplies, as well as the fish and wildlife that depend on water in our streams," a release from Lincoln County states.

Because the county can't depend on snowpack water runoff, it depends on Oregon's

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NPD to begin immobilization of vehicles with outstanding parking tickets

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Beginning August 1, 2025, the Newport Police Department (NPD) will immobilize vehicles that have long overdue or multiple unpaid parking citations, in accordance with the Newport Municipal Code (chapter 6.50.015).

Immobilization

includes the use of a parking boot on the vehicle, one of the final steps in the process of collecting unpaid parking fines, used after other efforts have been exhausted, according to a release from NPD.

Individuals with outstanding parking citations

are encouraged to pay all fines and fees before the immobilization program begins. Fines may be paid in person at Newport City Hall, located at 169 SW Coast Highway, or online at NewportOregon.gov.

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Immobilizing a vehicle includes use of a mechanical tool called a boot that locks the vehicle in place. (Courtesy from the City of Portland)

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Tuesday: High-65/Low-51 Mostly Sunny

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
May 17	0.01	52.5	60.0
May 18	0.00	50.4	58.7
May 19	0.27	49.5	59.9
May 20	0.12	48.1	59.1
May 21	0.00	43.2	59.4
May 22	0.00	51.1	59.3
May 23	0.00	46.8	57.7
Total rainfall from Jan. 1	32.20"	

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9
 Low 6:27 a.m. 0.8
 High 1:26 p.m. 6.3
 Low 5:51 p.m. 3.9
 High 11:47 p.m. 8.7

THURSDAY, JULY 10
 Low 7:04 a.m. 1.1
 High 2:00 p.m. 6.5
 Low 6:33 p.m. 3.8

FRIDAY, JULY 11
 High 12:27 a.m. 8.8
 Low 7:40 a.m. 1.3
 High 2:34 p.m. 6.7
 Low 7:16 p.m. 3.6

SATURDAY, JULY 12
 High 1:08 a.m. 8.8
 Low 8:16 a.m. 1.3
 High 3:07 p.m. 6.8
 Low 8:01 p.m. 3.3

SUNDAY, JULY 13
 High 1:50 a.m. 8.7
 Low 8:51 a.m. 1.2
 High 3:41 p.m. 7.1
 Low 8:49 p.m. 3.0

MONDAY, JULY 14
 High 2:35 a.m. 8.2
 Low 9:27 a.m. 0.9
 High 4:15 p.m. 7.4
 Low 9:42 p.m. 2.7

TUESDAY, JULY 15
 High 3:25 a.m. 7.6
 Low 10:03 a.m. 0.3
 High 4:50 p.m. 7.8
 Low 10:41 p.m. 2.3

Sunrise/Sunset

July 9 5:40 a.m. 9:03 p.m.
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 July 11 5:42 a.m. 9:02 p.m.
 July 12 5:43 a.m. 9:01 p.m.
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Lincoln County man arrested for manslaughter

STAFF REPORT

An Otis resident has been arrested in a narcotics investigation following an overdose death.

Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) officers arrested 60-year-old Steven J. Brady of Otis, July 2, for crimes related to an overdose death that occurred in Otis in early 2025.

After investigation into this matter by Lincoln City Detectives, the case was brought before a Lincoln County Grand Jury where Brady was subsequently indicted for Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Criminally Negligent Homicide, and related drug offenses. Searches for Brady spanned over two weeks and multiple counties before Brady was located in Lincoln City shortly after returning to the area.

Brady was well known to the Lincoln City Police

Department for two separate search warrants that were executed in March of 2025 at his residence, 336 N Deer Valley Road in Otis, related to Brady's delivery of illegal narcotics throughout northern Lincoln County.

During the initial search warrant operation substantial quantities of Fentanyl and Methamphetamine were recovered along with scales and packaging material used for the sale of narcotics. Brady was subsequently charged with Unlawful Delivery of Fentanyl, Unlawful Possession of Fentanyl, Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Manufacture of Methamphetamine, and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. A second search warrant operation was conducted when information was received that Brady was continuing his drug trafficking operation. This search led to the discovery of additional



LCPD released this photo following the overdose death and arrest investigation. (Courtesy photo from LCPD)

substantial quantities of Fentanyl, along with scales and packaging materials. Between both search warrant operations, nearly \$10,000 in cash was seized.

During the second search warrant operation,

Possession of Fentanyl. Brady was charged for Unlawful Delivery of Fentanyl, Unlawful Possession of Fentanyl, Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Manufacture of Methamphetamine, and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine.

Through these investigations, the Lincoln City Police Department Narcotics Detective has worked to address the ongoing distribution of illicit drugs in unincorporated Lincoln County which are directly related to both violent and non-violent crime affecting City residents. We commend his efforts to protect our broader community.

Police action is not indicative of guilt. All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Out of respect for the Decedent and their family on this case, their name is not being released at this time.

Governor orders Oregon schools to prohibit students from using cell phones

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

to Oregon's 197 school districts, requiring they adopt a policy for banning student cell phone use by Oct. 31, 2025. Those policies must be fully implemented by Jan. 1, 2026, the order reads.

By the middle of the upcoming school year, Oregon students will not be allowed to use their cell phones in school. Gov. Tina Kotek on Wednesday, July 2, issued an executive order

bill — House Bill 2251 — during the recent Legislative Session.

That bill would have, with some exceptions, required districts to ban cell phones for all grades, and enforce penalties on students who violate cell phone policies. But it failed to clear a key Senate committee vote. It faced opposition from powerful school board and school administrator groups, which expressed concerns about the state mandating policies that they felt school districts themselves should handle. Some school district leaders testified that enforcing the ban would be prohibitively expensive for them to do.

But State Rep. Lisa Reynolds, D-Beaverton, a doctor and chief sponsor of the bill that failed to pass, said in a news release that she was glad Kotek stepped in.

"By getting cell phones out of our schools, Governor Kotek is putting students first," she said. "Every Oregon student deserves a distraction-free, harassment-free learning environment that fosters curiosity and community."

The order technically bans all "personal electronic devices," which includes any portable, electrically powered device capable of making and receiving calls and text messages, and that can access the internet independently from the school's wireless network,

such as a smart watch. It does not include laptops or other devices that support classroom activities.

In November, the Oregon Department of Education issued guidance to districts on limiting or ending cell phone use in schools. State law currently requires every school district to have policies about cell phones and personal electronic devices, but each district gets to set its own rules.

At least eight Oregon school districts have already either banned use in individual classes or in schools altogether, according to the state education department. Full bans have been enacted at some middle and high schools in the Lincoln County School District, Portland Public Schools, and in the Nyssa School District. The Lake Oswego School District bans cell phones for students in all K-12 schools.

Kotek in a news release said that model policies for schools that already have prohibitions in place will be made available, and the state will offer some flexibility in implementation.

"The research is clear," Korek said, "cell phone use can create a trifecta of consequences for our young people — mental health issues, safety in school, and distraction from learning."

A growing body of research and teacher surveys show student cell

phone use in schools is hindering more than helping the school experience.

In a May 2023 advisory, then-U.S. Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy recommended parents set limits on phone use, and in June 2024, Murthy called for health warnings on social media platforms for younger users, who research shows are suffering from higher rates of mental health issues when spending hours on the platforms each day.

A Pew Research Center survey from October 2023 found that more than two-thirds of U.S. adults favor banning cell phones during class, and almost two-thirds of high school teachers said cell phones have become a major distraction and impediment to learning.

The order makes Oregon one of at least 19 states that have adopted statewide cell phone bans in schools.

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Cultural Center announces leadership transition

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Lincoln City Cultural Center (LCCC) Executive Director Niki Price will step down from her role Aug. 31.

"Niki has served as the heart and soul of the LCCC since 2011, bringing unmatched dedication, vision, and work ethic to every aspect of the organization," LCCC Board President Dorcas Holzapfel said. "Over the years, she has done nearly every job there is to do — from sweeping floors and hanging art to curating programs and leading strategic initiatives."

A longtime resident of Lincoln City, Price has been instrumental in transforming the LCCC into a vibrant, inclusive hub for arts and culture on the Oregon Coast, according to Holzapfel.

"In her 14 years at the helm of the nonprofit LCCC, she has also been a tireless advocate for the arts statewide, serving as chair of the Oregon Cultural Trust board of directors, the Lincoln City Public Arts Committee, and the Lincoln County Cultural Coalition," a release from the LCCC states.

BY THE NUMBERS

During Price's tenure, the Center has grown from three employees to 10, presenting or hosting more than 250 visual arts, performing arts, arts education and community programs each year. The annual operating budget has grown by more than 600%, with more than half of that provided by donations and grant support. Price leaves the Center after the successful completion of the Lincoln City Cultural Plaza, a \$3.5 million outdoor improvement project that was more than six years in the making, according to the release.

"Serving as the director of this nonprofit has been an honor and a privilege," Price said in submitting her resignation. "I feel so lucky to have been part of this movement, the



Niki Price

transformation of a new idea into a community resource, the product of so many thousands of hours of hard work by volunteers, board members and staff, and all those amazing donations, large and small. I'm ready for a new challenge in my life - but the Cultural Center will always occupy a special place in my heart."

Price told the Lincoln County Leader that it will be the people she has met in her role at the LCCC that she will remember the most.

"Definitely the people. I have met so, so many wonderful people who have come through for me, and for this center, in a million different ways. I'm not just talking about the folks in the inner circle — the board, the staff, the volunteers, the members. I'm thinking about our friends at the City, in the business community, at the other nonprofits, in the schools, in the Legislature," she said. "When I think about all the challenges, triumphs, highs and lows, I think of all those awesome people who have been by my side."

Price said she took on the role as LCCC director because of her passion for art.

"For me it's always been pretty simple. I want to live in a town that has an arts center, and this is

our chance to make that happen," she said. "The Delake School is such a beautiful opportunity. Not every community has the chance to rescue a historic building, make it beautiful, and fill it with art and music. And about the staff... right now, the center is blessed with a special group of capable, creative and dedicated people. I couldn't be more proud of the work that is happening here."

When the Lincoln County Leader asked Price what new challenges she sees for herself as she moves forward, she replied:

"After being in this job for 14 years, I'm sure any new position or workplace will be an adjustment.

I've learned that I enjoy work with purpose, so I hope to find my way to development, communications or advancement work that will help my community, in some way. I will continue to support the Cultural Center, in any way that I can," Price said.

NEXT STEPS

The LCCC Board of Directors is committed to a thoughtful and seamless leadership transition, according to Holzapfel, who added that the search for the next LCCC Executive Director is underway begun, and Price is actively assisting in the process to ensure a smooth handoff.

"The Board is confident in its ability to guide the organization through this transition with care and stability, honoring the strong foundation that Price has built," Holzapfel said.

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OPINION

Jeremy Ruark, Opinion Page Editor

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

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A Word, Please

BY JUNE CASAGRANDE

At a time when people refuse to believe doctors, journalists and anyone who says we went to the moon, everyone accepts the AI industry's claims about AI. It's genius. It's going to revolutionize life as we know it. It's going to render all us workers obsolete so we'll be unemployed and homeless but at least we'll be wowed by TikToks of Jennifer Lawrence talking through Steve Buscemi's face.

First on the chopping block, they say: editors and writers. Like me.

To check the ETA of my bleak future, I asked ChatGPT to write a grammar book in the style of June Casagrande.

The software cheerily obliged, promising to "channel my inner June Casagrande and create a grammar book that's fun, fierce, and friendly — just like 'Grammar Snobs Are Great Big Meanies.'" Minus the cash advance for me, of course. Minus even the cover price of two books I wrote that another AI program literally stole, according to an Atlantic magazine database.

The ChatGPT book begins: "Let's face it: grammar has trust issues. Not because it's sneaky or complicated — though we'll admit, it has its moods — but because you were probably introduced to it by someone who thought diagramming sentences was a fun Friday activity. Spoiler alert: it wasn't."

Smooth, well structured, accessible. At first, the writing seems impressive. But wait, "trust issues?" ChatGPT meant that people don't trust grammar, which itself is a little off. But to "have trust issues" means to be incapable of trusting others. So the first sentence doesn't make sense.

The word "complicated" is also odd. Being complicated doesn't undermine trust, exactly. "Spoiler alert" means something you have yet to learn, not something you learned decades ago. Then there's "we'll admit." Who's "we"? This isn't an article in a sassy magazine in which the writer is speaking on behalf of the editorial staff. This is a book by just one author — an author who has written five books and over 1,000 columns without once writing in the plural first person. (Nice job channeling me, ChatGPT.)

"We" appears a lot in the first few pages, like after saying grammar has a bad reputation, adding: "We're going to clear that up." Then, while talking about the voice in your head that makes you fear grammar, adding: "To that voice we say: shut up."

Check every book on your shelf and you probably won't find a single one written in the plural first person — and definitely not if the book has just one author.

Then, this "intelligence" gets even less intelligent by switching to the singular first person a few pages later: "I'm going to give you the tools you need."

ChatGPT's manuscript contained lots of illogical statements, like the example sentence "My cat screams at 3 a.m.," the assertion that verbs are "the Beyoncé of grammar" (with no explanation why) and, my favorite, this bit about comma splices: "Grammar says, 'not today, Satan.'"

ChatGPT got facts wrong, too. It said the "are" in "We are never getting back together" is a linking verb. It's not. It's an auxiliary verb.

I could go on. But in the middle of writing this column, and I swear this is true, I was given a freelance assignment to revise a short video script written by AI and to "make it sound more natural."

The script wasn't just unnatural sounding. It was illogical, misguided and utterly clueless about what to focus on. It boasted at length about an AI writing program that could take "P.R. pitches" and instantly transform them into newspaper articles.

That might sound great to P.R. firms making the pitches, but this script was promoting a technology to benefit newspapers and their readers — oblivious to the fact that journalism doesn't mean printing whatever P.R. firms want.

I rewrote the whole script, emphasizing the important work reporters do and how the new AI tools could support their journalism. The editor who assigned me the project wrote back, "Your version is SO GOOD" (emphasis hers).

I'm still reeling from the irony. A human writer did an objectively better job than AI at writing advertising copy to promote ... an AI writing program.

So the next time you hear tech billionaires boasting about AI products destined to change life as you know it, remember their own words: Not today, Satan.

June Casagrande is the author of "The Joy of Syntax: A Simple Guide to All the Grammar You Know You Should Know." She can be reached at JUNTCN@aol.com.

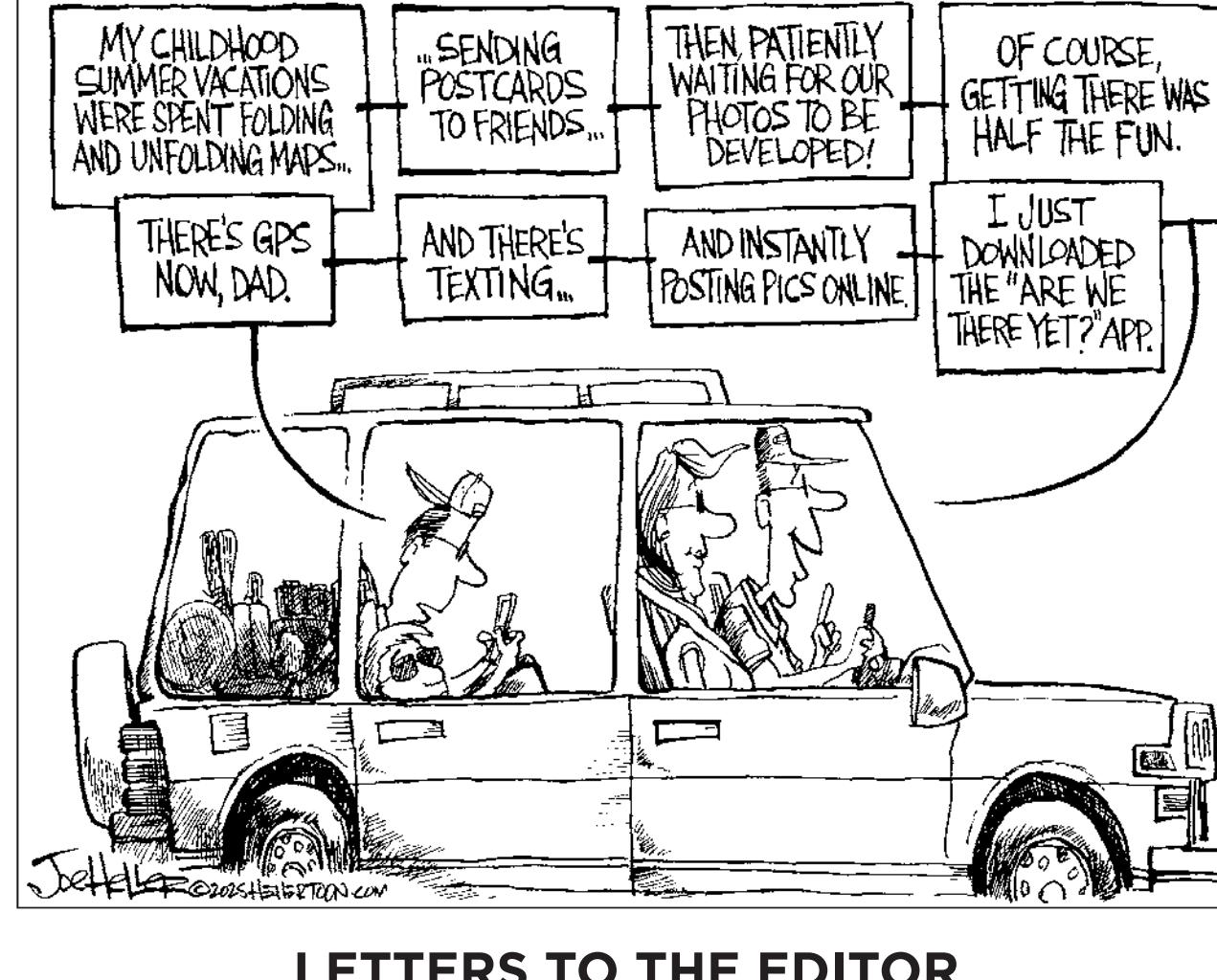
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- A lot: 24.3 percent
- Mildly: 40.9 percent
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Check our website at the beginning of each week for a new poll, and then look for results in the next print edition.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RESTORING CIVICS IN THE AGE OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

When a racist letter urging Lincoln County residents to "track and report brown people" makes international headlines in *The Guardian*, a major newspaper based in the United Kingdom, we must pause and ask: What does this say about who we are becoming? This article (www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/dec/22/lincoln-oregon-brown-people-immigration-letter) appeared six months ago, but it has not lost its impact on contemporary life. Religion and politics, as we are told, are strange bedfellows — a sentiment first expressed by William Shakespeare in "The Tempest" (1611).

The disturbing rise of Christian Nationalism — and even public attacks on empathy, like Elon Musk's claim that "the fundamental weakness of Western civilization is empathy"

— signals a crisis in civic understanding. We are forgetting the very principles that once held us together.

Growing up in the 1950s, we had civics classes. We studied the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the First Amendment's vital separation of church and state. We were taught that empathy was a civic strength — not a flaw.

Perhaps it's time for Project 2028: Restoring Civics in the Age of Christian Nationalism — a community initiative aimed at reviving real civic education by the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution. Let's re-ground our schools and public life in shared truth, critical thinking, and the values that make democracy possible.

Dr. Frank Geltner
Former Lincoln County resident

SAD TO HEAR ABOUT OLALLA CENTER

I was saddened to hear that Olalla Center for Children and Families had closed its doors after 50 years of nonprofit service in Lincoln County.

Initially created to provide psychiatric day treatment, a unique service in Lincoln County and rare in a rural community, the center had expanded in recent years to offer outpatient services, wilderness therapy, equestrian-assisted therapy, and a number of

other services to children, teens, parents and families.

Despite the lack of parity in funding such that its employees could be paid an equivalent salary compared to other public and private services, the Olalla Center tried to maintain a work culture that was wedded not only to a harmony between administrative and clinical staff, but also to a work culture that insisted on professional and clinical integrity, evidence-based treatment, and a work environment that provided its staff with learning opportunities in order to maintain an excellence in service provision. These practices were an incentive for attracting a quality workforce despite the lower pay.

When I retired six years ago from my private practice and contract work at the center and left the center after 38 years, the Olalla Center was thriving.

Since then, I heard a rumor that the center had experienced "money issues" that caused its demise. Money issues?

Duh. That was true for 50 years and hardly an adequate explanation for its closure.

So, what actually happened? The services provided were certainly not good enough to put itself out of business by eliminating the need for same in the county.

John. L. Arnold
Former clinical director and contracted treatment consultant for Olalla Center for Children and Families

LETTER TO THE EDITOR LEADERS OF GIRL SCOUT TROOP 10143

Editor's Note: The following has been submitted as a Letter to the Editor by the Leaders of Girl Scout Troop 10143.

To the Leadership of St. Peter the Fisherman Lutheran Church,

We, the leaders of Girl Scout Troop 10143, write to you with deep sorrow and profound disappointment. After reviewing your updated Facilities Use Policy, we are compelled to immediately vacate your premises, return our keys, and formally sever all ties between our troop and your church. This decision does not come lightly. We have cherished the nearly two decades spent in your building and were grateful for what we believed was a shared commitment

to nurturing children and strengthening community. This recent policy has shattered that belief.

Girl Scouts is a movement built on love, leadership, and inclusion.

We serve girls of every background — regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ability, or religion.

Many of the children and families in our troop are LGBTQ+, have LGBTQ+ family members, or come from blended and beautifully diverse households.

To continue meeting in a space that labels their very identities as "immoral" or "offensive to God" would be a betrayal of the promise we make to them as leaders: that they are safe, that they are enough, and that they are worthy just as they are.

Your policy's grouping of LGBTQ+ identities with

pornography, incest, and

adultery is not only deeply

offensive — it is profoundly

harmful.

LGBTQ+ youth are at increased risk of

bullying, homelessness,

depression, and suicide.

When you use doctrine to

shame or exclude them, it

does not bring healing.

It brings harm. We will not

remain silent or complicit

in policies that erase or

shame these children. As

Scripture reminds us in

John 13:34, "A new com-

mandment I give to you,

that you love one another:

just as I have loved you."

Love does not come with

disclaimers.

We are further disturbed by the bathroom provisions in your policy. Requiring

restroom use based on

"biological sex assigned at

birth" is not only invasive,

there is no Christ-like jus-

tification for policies that

shame people for who they

are. Galatians 3:28 reminds

us: "There is neither Jew

nor Greek, slave nor free,

male nor female, for you

are all one in Christ Jesus."

While your policy claims

to offer "compassion, love,

and dignity to all," that

claim rings hollow when

it is followed by pages

of language that exclude,

condemn, and restrict. True

compassion is not condi-

tional. And love should

never come with terms

and conditions. Luke 6:37

teaches:

"Do not judge, and you

will not be judged. Do not

condemn, and you will not

be condemned. Forgive,

and you will be forgiven."

We find no grace in

policies that divide and

demean.

The financial barriers in your policy are also of great concern. The Girl Scouts is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit. We do not charge families to attend meetings, and we offer leadership development, STEM exploration, community service, and life skill-building at no cost to participants in many cases.

As such, Girl Scouts policy explicitly states that troops should meet in free, inclusive, and welcoming spaces.

Your rate schedule,

requiring payment even from nonprofits, and a

restrictive policy that

prohibits us from affirming

all members of our troop family, effectively

bars our continued use of

your facility. Moreover, to

charge a fee to a children's

nonprofit while operating

under your own tax-exempt

religious status raises

important ethical questions

about community stewardship and accessibility.

As Jesus said in Matthew

10:8: "Freely you have received; freely give."

The Girl Scout Promise begins with these words:

"On my honor, I will

try: To serve God and my

country, to help people at

all times, and to live by the

Girl Scout Law."

We take this promise

seriously. We believe

that to serve God is to

honor the divinity in

every child. We believe

that "helping people at all

times" includes affirming

LGBTQ+ youth and pro-

tecting them from harm.

We believe that living by

the Girl Scout Law means

being honest, fair, respect-

ful, courageous, and a sis-

ter to every Girl Scout. We

cannot teach those values

in a place that denies them.

We will no longer

DROUGHT

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rain systems, according to Lincoln County Commissioner Walter Chuck.

"We are just trying to make people aware that we are seeing unusually low flows in our streams and rivers, where we get our water, and that they need to be conserving," Chuck said.

The county also is requesting a declaration from the state of Oregon, which would allow access to resources that are not available at the local level. A drought declaration by the county and Oregon's governor can prompt the state to direct the Oregon Water Resources Department to make available temporary transfers of water rights, emergency water use permits, and use of existing right options and agreements, according to Lane County Public Information Officer Devon Ashbridge. Lane County has not declared a drought emergency but is monitoring local conditions.

"A state drought declaration allows the Oregon Water Resources

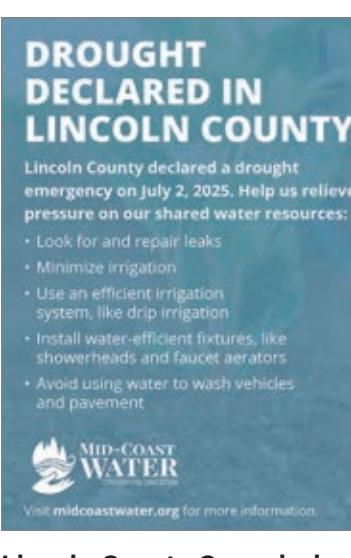
Department to offer certain tools to water rights holders in a drought-declared county. These tools have an expedited review process, reduced fee schedule, and are intended to be short-term emergency authorizations, not permanent solutions to deal with water supply challenges," Ashbridge said.

The Lincoln County drought declaration was recommended by the Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium and approved during the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners' July 2 meeting.

The Oregon Water Resources Department maintains a drought website that provides the status of current water conditions and state drought declarations, as well as information on what people can do to use water wisely. For more information visit www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/climate/droughtwatch.

DROUGHT IMPACT

Oregon is becoming warmer and, despite relatively stable long-term precipitation totals, more prone to drought, according to the Seventh Oregon

**Lincoln County Commissioners issued the drought declaration July 2. (Courtesy photo from Lincoln County)**

Climate Assessment, produced by scientists at Oregon State University. The report was highlighted in a published report in the Lincoln County Leader in January of this year.

During 18 of the years from 1999–2023, Oregon's precipitation was below average. The average temperature was warmer than normal in 21 of those years, which contributed to higher rates of evapotranspiration and more-frequent drought, the report's summary states. Drought risk likely will increase over the twenty-first century on

**the western slopes of the Cascade Range and the southern Coast Range, decrease in the Deschutes and John Day basins in north-central Oregon, and change little elsewhere. Drought risk during summer is likely to increase statewide.**

The report also outlines the economic impact of increasing droughts. In Oregon, Washington, and California, increasing wildfire exposure reduces timberland prices relative to those that would be applicable without a change in wildfire risk. Such an impact is consistent with landowners'

perception that wildfire risk is increasing. A warmer and drier climate also depresses timberland prices due to higher risk of drought stress.

Economic losses from a major smoke event in Oregon are likely to be highly localized and industry-specific given the unequal distribution of wildfire smoke and economic activity and the unequal effects of smoke among industries. Quantitative estimates suggest that a major smoke event will reduce the state's per annum Gross Domestic Product by at least \$1 billion, or about one-third of one percent increases in economic losses and lost quality-of-life.

Drought also is associated with many negative health outcomes, from water and food insecurity to poor air quality. Moreover, drought conditions are correlated with increased rates of mental health issues, including anxiety, depression, and suicide.

PREVENTION

Authors of the Oregon Climate Assessment identified areas where Oregon

can make greater headway in curbing greenhouse gas emissions are protecting forests — which could be managed to increase their carbon capture and storage — and reforesting. Modeling shows that planting trees on less than 1% of Oregon's land could help capture and store nearly 16 million metric tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by 2050, equivalent to taking 3.7 million gas-powered vehicles off the road for a year, according to a report in the Oregon Capital Chronicle.

Other headway could be made in developing floating offshore wind turbines to generate clean energy on the Oregon coast, the authors found, though that's been shelved for the foreseeable future by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management following mounting opposition from some coastal communities and tribes.

See the full Oregon Capital Chronicle story at <https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2025/01/13/oregon-snowfall-projected-to-drop-50-by-2100-among-findings-in-latest-state-climate-report/>

PRICE

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The LCC Board invites the community to join in celebrating Price's remarkable tenure at the LCCC Annual Meeting, set for 3:30 pm Sunday, July 13. The event is designed to offer an opportunity to reflect on her legacy and look ahead to the Center's next chapter. Reports on the 2024 finances, slide shows,

raffles and refreshments are also planned at the event. Admission is free.

In honor of Price's service, supporters are encouraged to contribute to the new LCCC Endowment or to one of her favorite projects, the Lincoln City Cosmography, a litho-mosaic on the west entrance set for installation later this summer. Benches, bricks and other legacy gifts will help sustain the Center's mission and

continue the work that she has championed for more than a decade.

To learn more about making a gift, contact Donor Relations Manager Sara Reveile, sara@lc-cc.org.

For more information about the transition process, the board transition plan or to see the job posting, visit <https://www.lincolncity-culturalcenter.org/employment>, call 541-994-9994 or write to hiring@lc-cc.org.

TOURS

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about helping to make seafood more accessible," she said. "Where does seafood come from, why it's caught, and how it is caught," she said. "One of the reasons we focus on, and one of the reasons the tours have been so successful, is that there is a growing understanding of where food comes from and a desire to eat sustainably. Oregon fisheries are some of the most sustainable fisheries in the entire world."

Doerr added that a key

element of the tours is to educate and help folks feel more comfortable about eating local seafood and how the seafood is harvested.

The walking tour

Each tour gives those participating a close look at the fisheries.

"We go down to the fishing docks. We walk up. We get really close to the boats and touch the boats," she said. "We talk about the gear. When fishing crews are on the boats, we stop. We chat with them, and they answer our questions."

The take-away

Doerr is hopeful the

tours make a difference.

"I want people to understand that our fisheries are important for supporting our local economy, supporting local industry, but also the awareness that most of these boats are owned by community members. They are small businesses," she said. "There is a lot of cooperation. Everyone is working together to make sure these are long-term sustainable fisheries. We want people to feel good about buying seafood and we want to stress the importance of shopping local."

The working waterfront in Newport is iconic, according to Doerr. "But a lot of people are kind of scared to go there and walk around," she said. "They don't understand what they are looking at, so we want people to feel very comfortable with our local fishing industry. We like to emphasize that these are free tours. They are educational tours."

DEATH NOTICES**DIANA MARTIN**

Diana Martin, 75, from Otis, OR, retired Physical Education Specialist for the Lincoln County School District, passed away on June 3, 2025. Private graveside services have been held.

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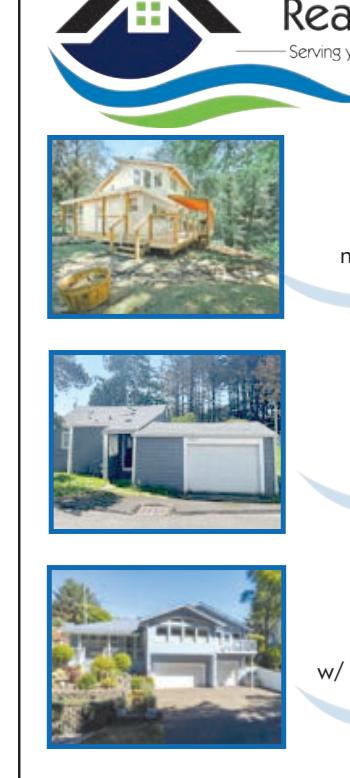
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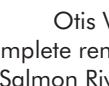
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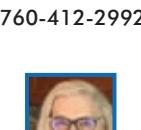


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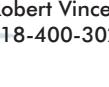
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This Week in

HISTORY

LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER STAFF

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

25 YEARS AGO (2000)

LINCOLN BEACH DEVELOPMENT AIMS FOR OLD-FASHION SENSE OF NEIGHBORHOOD

Bella Beach is a planned 54-lot development on 10 acres in Lincoln Beach. The site sits about a mile north of the Fogarty Creek State Park on the west side of Highway 101. Bella beach was designed with the "ideas of community and neighborhood" foremost in the minds of planners Lennertz Coyle and Associates.

NEW DIRECTOR HIRED TO HEAD OCCC FOUNDATION

"The college development office is open for business," A.T. Ronan announced at the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce meeting last Friday.

Ronan was hired two months ago as the director of college development to head the Oregon Coast Community College Foundation.

ACCIDENT SNARLS TRAFFIC ON CAPE FOULWEATHER

A semi-truck carrying sawdust overturned on Highway 101 as it was approaching Cape Foulweather at mile marker 130. The truck wiped out the guardrail. The passenger side of the vehicle was completely crushed. The driver of the truck, who was wearing a seatbelt, was taken to Pacific Community Hospital for minor injuries.

50 YEARS AGO

TRAILER PARK DEMOLISHED

Site work has begun at the City Center Trailer Park in Newport in preparation for the construction of a Staples, Inc. superstore, expected to open next year. When

siding was removed, reveal were the remains of an old storefront that was part of a campground on the property before its conversion into a trailer park in the 1950s. The general contractor for the work, W.W. Construction of Newport, will begin cleaning the property next week.

TWO RESCUED AFTER SAILBOAT CAPSIZE

Waldport's Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue and the Surf Interagency Rescue Squad responded about 5 p.m. Sunday to a report of a capsized sailboat and two people in the water in Asia Bay. Central Oregon Coast Fire Chief Bill Grimm said the boat was about 1/8 mile east of the Dock of the Bay in Waldport. One personal watercraft and one rescue boat were launched. Crews found Kelly Barker in the water, hanging onto the capsized 12-foot sailboat, and brought him to shore in the rescue boat. A nearby fisherman had brought his wife, Cheryl Barker, to shore earlier.

DISAPPOINTING FIREWORKS SHOW CONCERN COUNCIL

The Fourth of July came and the fireworks went off - but they were virtually unseen this year because of thick fog and smoke and the lack of wind over Siletz Bay.

The disappointing display was cause for concern for the Lincoln City Council this week but city manager David Hawker pointed out there was no stop or delay clause in the city's contract with the pyrotechnicians hired for the annual show.

75 YEARS AGO (1950)

YOUTH STABS DAD IN FIGHT

Monte Smith, 22, Waldport, is being

held in county jail on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon after an argument with his father, John Smith, about 60, in which the older man received two stab wounds in the abdomen.

TOLEDO CONTRACTOR WILL BUILD NEW HOMES

Edward Krieg, local contractor, revealed this week plans for construction of eight new, modern homes on NE 10th street on a plot which he has leveled and improved. One home is already under construction and will soon be completed.

MRS. GUY LANTZ HOME FROM VISIT

Mrs. Guy Lantz has returned home after spending the past 10 days at Seneca, Ore., visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thessell and four children also two grand children, Harley and Arlene Munger, who left for Crescent City after the Fourth.

100 YEARS AGO (1925)

BOY NOT FOUND NOON THURSDAY: REWARD OFFERED

Sidney Robertson, 19-year-old son of Mrs. John Robertson of Toledo,

disappeared Thursday afternoon, and in all probability, was either drowned in Yaquina river or lost in woods between Storrs and his home in Olalla. Sidney was sole supported of widowed mother and two younger sisters. The family is gripped with terrific grief. In order to assist in the early location of boy and possibly save his life, he now lies in woods where he might have been accidentally injured. Reward of \$200 will be given to person or persons who find the boy in any condition.

NOT LIKELY THAT SEWER SYSTEM WILL BE PUT IN THIS YEAR

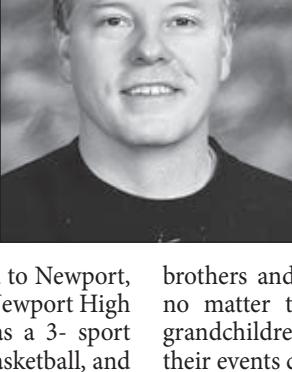
Council's Efforts Blocked Until Too Late in the Session to Accomplish Purpose: Meeting Thursday Night

Toledo's proposed sewer system is still in the air.

At the meeting, Monday night, after a discussion that lasted far into the night, it was decided that the council would adjourn until some night this week when Engineer Gilbert would be summoned here, at which time, it is thought, an effort will be made to settle with him for work he has done and dispense with his services.

Mike Steele

December 22, 1950 - May 3, 2025



County School District after teaching for 30 years.

Mike was an avid reader. He was interested in everything. He was very knowledgeable about WWII, the Beatles, JFK and John Wooden. He loved to walk his Boston Terrier BUG around town every day and talk to everyone he saw. He loved being outdoors and enjoyed camping, hunting with his brothers and son, and just being outside, no matter the weather. Mike loved his grandchildren most of all and was always at their events cheering them on.

He was an active member of the Newport Boosters and was a member of the Elks Lodge before he became ill. He enjoyed the company of his friends and colleagues and was known as a good man and a kind and reliable friend. He was always available to help whoever was in need.

He is survived by his wife Cynthia; Children: Erica (Kyle Hall) and Scott (Katie); his brothers Mark Steele (Deanna) and Loren Steele (Edna); grandchildren: Liam Steele, Quinn Steele, Kellan Steele, and Soren Hall, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Celebration of Life will be held July 19, 2025 at 1:00 at the Embarcadero, Bay Blvd, Newport.

Scott Novotny

12/17/1989 - 07/01/2024



March 2024.

Scott showed deep compassion and a generous spirit by becoming a dedicated source of support for some troubled friends. We wish them happiness, health and success in every challenge they meet.

We are forever grateful to Bruce McGuire, Sr. Deputy, Lincoln County Oregon. There is huge comfort in knowing of the compassion that he showed at the crash scene while talking with and staying with Scott.

Our forever appreciation also goes out to David Wertz, Sergeant, Oregon State Police, and all the many others who were there to assist at the crash scene, in the Life Flight helicopter, and at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis.

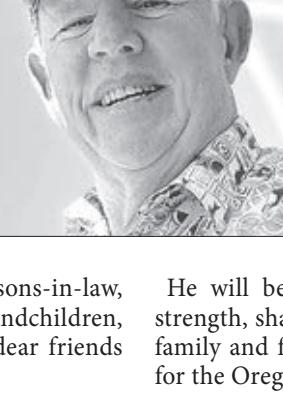
We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the mourning family and loved ones of the other driver in the crash, for he also tragically lost his life that horrible day. It is our sincere hope that the three injured survivors fully recover in body, mind and spirit. Our prayers are with you.

Scott is survived and deeply missed by his parents Jean and Michael Winslow, and Bruce and Dena Novotny; his brothers Adam Novotny, Michael Winslow, and Joshua Winslow; his grandmother Lauriel Novotny; his aunts and uncles Diane McCandless, Carol and Wally Higgins, Janet and Barry Olson, and Wendy and David Wieweck; his cousins Katie Moeller, Kristie McCandless, Jesse McCandless, Jonathan Higgins, Jennifer Higgins, Christopher Schwartz, Samantha Chan, Clinton Olson, Luke Olson, Lisa Pineta, Brady Wieweck; and other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by grandparents Richard Novotny, Jerome and Lois McCandless; uncle Jim McCandless; and furry companion Maly.

Charles Pavlik

October 16, 1945 - June 23, 2025



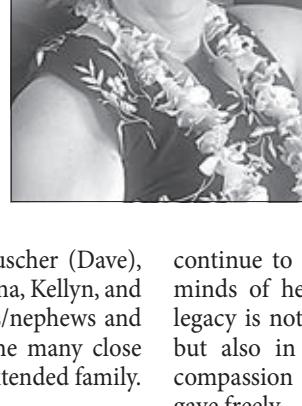
President of the Alsea Sportsman Association, Past President of the Lincoln County Coastal Conservation Association, and as a Board Member of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center. His leadership and passion helped shape the natural resources and coastal communities he cared about so deeply.

He will be remembered for his quiet strength, sharp wit, deep commitment to family and friends, and unwavering love for the Oregon outdoors.

A Celebration of Life will be held on July 19th at 1:00 PM at the Overleaf Event Center in Yachats. Friends and family are warmly invited to attend and share memories. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to contribute.

Mary Kelly

November 15, 1956 - June 10, 2025



life to its fullest (and would have gone to outer space if given the chance).

Mary's passion for life, the importance of family, building lasting friendships, and sharing her love and kindness with all those who crossed her path are aspects of her spirit that are imprinted on those she left behind. She lived her life epitomizing kindness, trust, and love, values that will continue to reverberate in the hearts and minds of her family and friends. Mary's legacy is not just in the lives she touched, but also in the lessons she shared, the compassion she showed, and the love she gave freely.

Mary will be dearly missed, but her memory and spirit live on in all who knew her. We will continue to remember and honor Mary by embracing her adventurous spirit, her passion for new experiences, and honoring her by continuing to do those things she enjoyed most - going on family camping trips and adventures, coming together with family and friends to enjoy good company and great food, giving generously of ourselves, and living life to the fullest.

A Celebration of Life has been scheduled for July 26, 2025, in Newport. For details, please contact her daughter, Taylor Mizar at 541-961-4095.

It is with great sorrow that we announce his death, one year ago, at the age of 34. On July 1, 2024 his car was tragically hit head-on by another car. Scott's passing has left a void in the hearts of his family and friends. He resided in Newport, Oregon.

Scott's interests included youth hockey, taekwondo, video games, concerts, fishing, cryptocurrency, and working on his beloved Acura TL car. He was happy traveling, having often visited family in Wisconsin and Minnesota. A few years ago, he was fortunate to go to Mexico for three weeks. Scott enjoyed working with his employer and using the home construction skills needed at his job. We want to say "Thank You" to our friends Paul and Roberta Burch for their kindness and teaching Scott those awesome skills over the years.

Scott attended schools in Hutchinson, Minnesota; Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and Newport, Oregon. He graduated from Newport High School. For a time, he was enrolled at Portland Community College, Portland, Oregon. Scott was creative and curious. In his spare time, he often researched a wide variety of topics. He was very interested in languages. He learned some German and Russian. At Newport High School, he enjoyed and excelled in French classes.

Malyutka "Maly" (sounds like "Molly") was Scott's handsome Ragdoll cat-dog. He would often sit by the door, waiting for his master to walk through it, sometimes scratching at the door. Whenever Scott whistled a special three-note sequence, Maly would go to him. Together, they were an amazing, loving team until cancer cruelly took Maly from us in

Charles "Chuck" Pavlik, a beloved resident of Waldport, Oregon, passed away peacefully at home on June 23, 2025, at the age of 79, surrounded by his loving family.

Chuck is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years, Karolyn Pavlik; his brother, Mike Pavlik; his daughters, Theresa Bennett, Sandy Pavlik, Cindy Baumgartner, and Mindy Utley; and his sons-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family, and many dear friends who will miss him deeply.

Chuck had a deep love of the outdoors—whether he was hunting, fishing, or simply enjoying nature, it brought him peace and joy. He was deeply involved in his community, serving proudly as Port Commissioner of Alsea Bay, Past

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Mary Kelly passed away peacefully at her home in Toledo, Oregon on June 10, 2025 surrounded by her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents Frieda and Robert Kelly, and oldest sister Kate Kelly. Mary is survived by her husband of 43 years, John Fielder, her daughters Taylor Mizar (Jerry) and Josie Kelly (Nate Collins), her sisters Barb

Stroh (Scott) and Nancy Bruscher (Dave), her grandchildren (Colby, Hana, Kellyn, and Alana), cousins, many nieces/nephews and great nieces/nephews, and the many close friends that were more like extended family.

Born November 15, 1956, in Birmingham, Alabama, Mary was the youngest of four sisters. Her family moved back to Shorewood, Wisconsin when Mary was still a toddler. She lived there until she graduated high school and her mom told her she needed to find her own place. That's when Mary headed west, following the path of her older sisters and starting her life in Oregon. Even at a young age, Mary had an adventurous determined spirit that would rival an astronaut. From backpacking across Europe when she was 15 years old with her sister Kate, skydiving with her co-workers from the Lincoln County School District, to swimming in waterfalls and enjoying sea turtles on Maui, Mary enjoyed

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Local PUD to build \$26.5M headquarters at Newport

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Central Lincoln Public Utility District (CLPUD) officials are moving ahead with plans to design and construct a new \$26.5 million headquarters in Newport.

The Lincoln County Leader has reached out to CLPUD Customer and Community Services Director Eric Chambers for insight into the multi-million-dollar project.

Lincoln County Leader: Why is it necessary now to build the PUD's new headquarters?

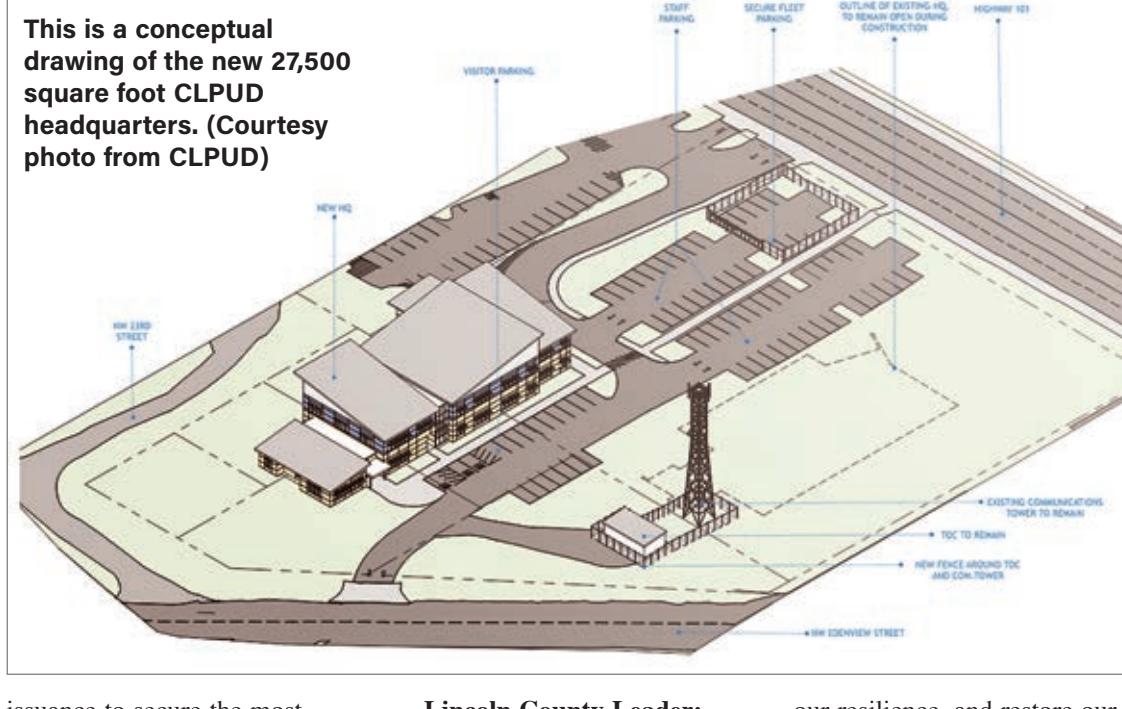
Eric Chambers: Our customers must be able to rely on their community-owned electric utility when they need us the most. Central Lincoln's current headquarters building is nearly 45 years old, prone to failure, and is expected to collapse during an earthquake, significantly hampering the utility's ability to respond after a major seismic event.

Like local hospitals, schools, and public safety facilities that have recently been rebuilt to modern seismic standards, Central Lincoln's headquarters building houses critical functions that will need to be operational to respond to a major event.

Lincoln County Leader: We understand the cost of the project will be funded through the sale of bonds. When will that happen and how much would an average ratepayer have to pay in that process?

Chambers: Central Lincoln anticipates issuing bonds in late 2025, but will time the exact

This is a conceptual drawing of the new 27,500 square foot CLPUD headquarters. (Courtesy photo from CLPUD)



issuance to secure the most favorable rate possible. Using this financial mechanism helps spread the project costs out over more of the useful life of the project, minimizing the rate impact.

Customers will not see a specific rate increase to cover the bond costs, as they will become part of the utility's capital budget, which is funded during the annual budget process. For a general scope of magnitude, the capital investment for the headquarters building would represent about a 1% rate increase, which translates to around \$1 per month for a typical residential customer.

Lincoln County Leader: When is construction to begin and when is construction expected to be done?

Chambers: Construction is anticipated to begin this fall, with completion anticipated in early 2027.

Lincoln County Leader: Describe the size of the new building and its layout.

Chambers: The new headquarters building will be 27,500 square feet, which is slightly smaller than our current headquarters building. It will be a two-story wood-framed structure.

Lincoln County Leader: What will be the benefits to customers and to the communities the PUD serves with this new headquarters?

Chambers: Central Lincoln's headquarters building houses critical administrative, operational, engineering, and IT functions that will be important components of any response to a major event. By housing these functions in a building that is designed to remain operational after a major earthquake, Central Lincoln will be able to improve our disaster response, increase

our resilience, and restore our customers' power as quickly as possible, when they need us the most.

Lincoln County Leader: Where will the new headquarters be built and why at that location?

Chambers: The new headquarters building will be constructed on the same campus as Central Lincoln's current headquarters, 2129 N Coast Highway, in Newport. This provides significant savings in land costs and will allow the utility to continue operating out of its current headquarters building during construction, also saving money by avoiding costs for rented office space.

At 145 feet above sea level, the new building will be well outside of the tsunami zone, and the geotechnical study suggests that the seismic hazard from the soils on the site is limited to modest

liquefaction-induced settlement, which is good for the area.

Lincoln County Leader: We understand that the current headquarters building will be torn down. What happens to that location?

Chambers: Since we are building on the same campus, the area where the current building is located will be converted to parking and landscaped grounds at the end of the construction project.

Lincoln County Leader: The Lincoln Chronicle reported that this project has been a nine-year process. Why so long?

Chambers: The Central Lincoln Board of Directors has carefully considered a range of alternatives over the years, from building near the Northern Operations Center at the north end of Newport, to attempting to sell the current headquarters building (which did not attract any buyers), to evaluating the possibility of seismically retrofitting the current facility. Ultimately, constructing a new, resilient building proved to be the most financially and operationally prudent alternative.

GLAS Architects of Eugene has been selected to design the new headquarters and general contractor Lease Crutcher Lewis will build the facility.

CLPD has 35,940 residential customers, 5,415 commercial customers, and 206 industrial customers and operates in portions of Coos, Douglas, Lane, and Lincoln Counties.

For more information, Central Lincoln PUD may be reached at 877-265-3211.

Veteran Services delivers over \$5.6 million in benefits to local veterans

Following the close of the fiscal year on June 30, 2025, the Lincoln County Veteran Services Office has secured over \$5.6 million in new and retroactive benefits for Lincoln County veterans and their families.

This significant financial impact translates to an exceptional \$25 return on investment for every General Fund dollar expended by the office, according to Lincoln County Veteran Services Officer Keith Barnes.

During the fiscal year, which runs annually from July through June, the Lincoln County Veteran Services officers conducted outreach at community events and numerous meetings with veterans and their family members, providing essential guidance on a wide range of subjects. Barnes said the efforts resulted in the successful submission of claims for service-related disability compensation, healthcare enrollments, burial allowances, and survivors' benefits for eligible widows and widowers of deceased veterans.

"We're incredibly proud of the impact our office has had on the lives of Lincoln County veterans and their families," Barnes said. "These funds provide crucial

support, whether it's through direct compensation, healthcare access, or assistance for surviving family members. Our team is dedicated to ensuring that those who have served our nation receive every benefit they are entitled to."

Specifically, the office recovered more than \$1,073,885 in retroactive compensation and established approximately \$380,221 in new monthly benefits, according to Barnes, who added that the figures do not include education benefits or healthcare savings, further underscoring the comprehensive financial relief provided to the community.

"With a general budget allocation of \$222,771, the office's ability to deliver over \$5.6 million back into the local economy demonstrates remarkable efficiency and effectiveness," Barnes said. "Lincoln County Veteran Services remains committed to serving those who have honorably served our country."

Veterans and their family members who may be unsure of their eligible benefits or have questions regarding military service are encouraged to contact the office at 541-265-0570 to schedule a confidential appointment.

Lincoln County School District announces administrative changes

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Lincoln County School District has announced key leadership changes for the upcoming 2025-26 year have been announced by the administration of the Lincoln County School District.

The changes are designed to improve the LCSD organizational efficiency and strengthening district-wide support.

With the retirement of Assistant Superintendent Susan Van Liew, LCSD is streamlining central office responsibilities by naming Dr. Tiana DeVries as Deputy Superintendent of Human Resources and Aaron Belloni as Deputy Superintendent of Student Services, according to a district release.

"Dr. DeVries will continue to lead Human Resources and will now provide principal evaluations and provide support in bond communication. Mr. Belloni will oversee LCSD athletics, secondary programs, and student services, while also working closely with the HR department on investigations, the complaint process, and staff support," the release states. "In addition to new duties, some responsibilities previously held by Van Liew — such as program supervision of Safety, Oregon Department of Education's Integrated Guidance, and roles like Civil Rights Coordinator — have been reassigned to other district administrators."

Two school-level leadership changes are also

taking place: Becca Bostwick, former Taft Elementary principal, will move to Yaquina View Elementary, following the retirement of Kristin Becker.

Leslie Roache has been named principal of Taft Elementary School.

"These changes are part of our ongoing work to ensure all schools and departments are well-supported," LCSD Superintendent Dr. Majalise Tolan said.

LCSD serves students from kindergarten through 12th grade in 11 regular schools, one online school for students in seventh and eighth grade, and three public charter schools. The district operates with approximately 600 employees.

BOOT

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN

According to the municipal code, an enforcement officer may place a boot on the vehicle without prior notice to the registered owner if the vehicle has one unpaid parking citation that is outstanding for more than 45

days, or four or more unpaid parking violations are registered to the vehicle. If a vehicle is immobilized or impounded, the vehicle will be released to the registered owner once all outstanding fines and fees are fully paid.

The City of Newport sends two notices to those with an unpaid citation. If the city does not receive a response

following the second notice, the citation is then sent to collections.

BY THE NUMBERS

Currently, 377 parking citations are overdue to the City of Newport.

In the past year, 43% of citations were paid prior to any sent notices or collection efforts, 19% of citations were

sent notices, 7.5% paid outstanding parking fines after notices were sent, 7% were sent to collections, and less than 1% paid outstanding fines after being sent to collections.

"Newport community members and visitors are encouraged to comply with the restrictions placed on parking, which allow equal access to all parking areas," the release

states. "For individuals that receive a parking citation, they are encouraged to pay the fine before collections efforts begin to avoid extra penalties and fees."

To view the Newport Municipal Code, visit <https://www.newportoregon.gov/dept/adm/documents/NewportMunicipalCode.pdf>

SAND

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beach, our ocean. Whatever our differences, we agree that it is worth protecting. This beautiful place isn't just loved by residents of Lincoln City. Visitors come from all over Pacific Northwest – the world

- because they value this natural place.

According to Walbaum, the event drew over 200 people holding hands at six Lincoln City beach locations.

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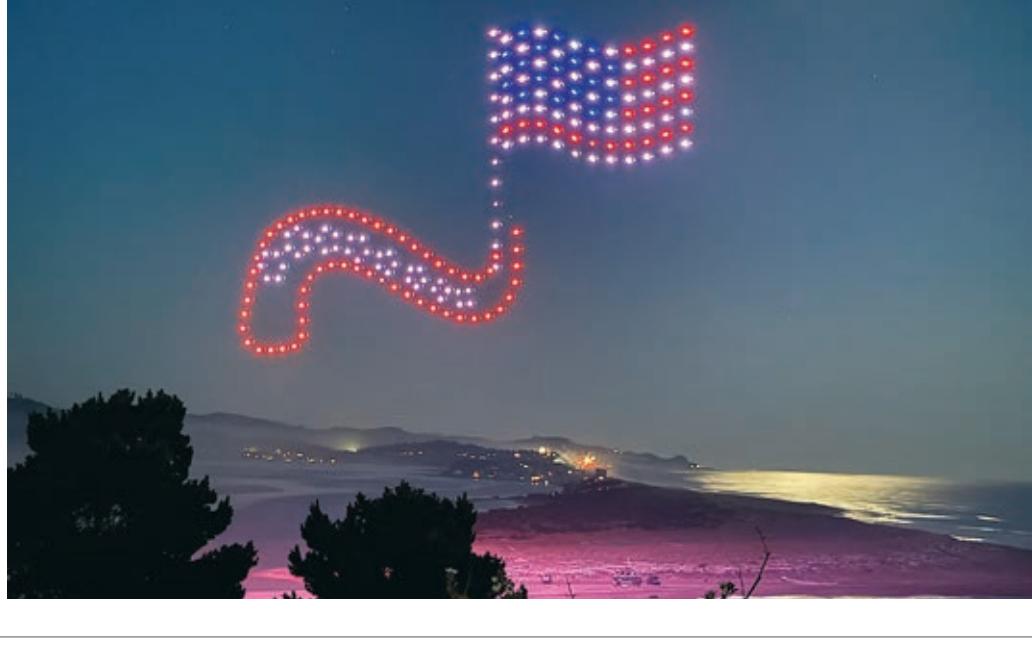
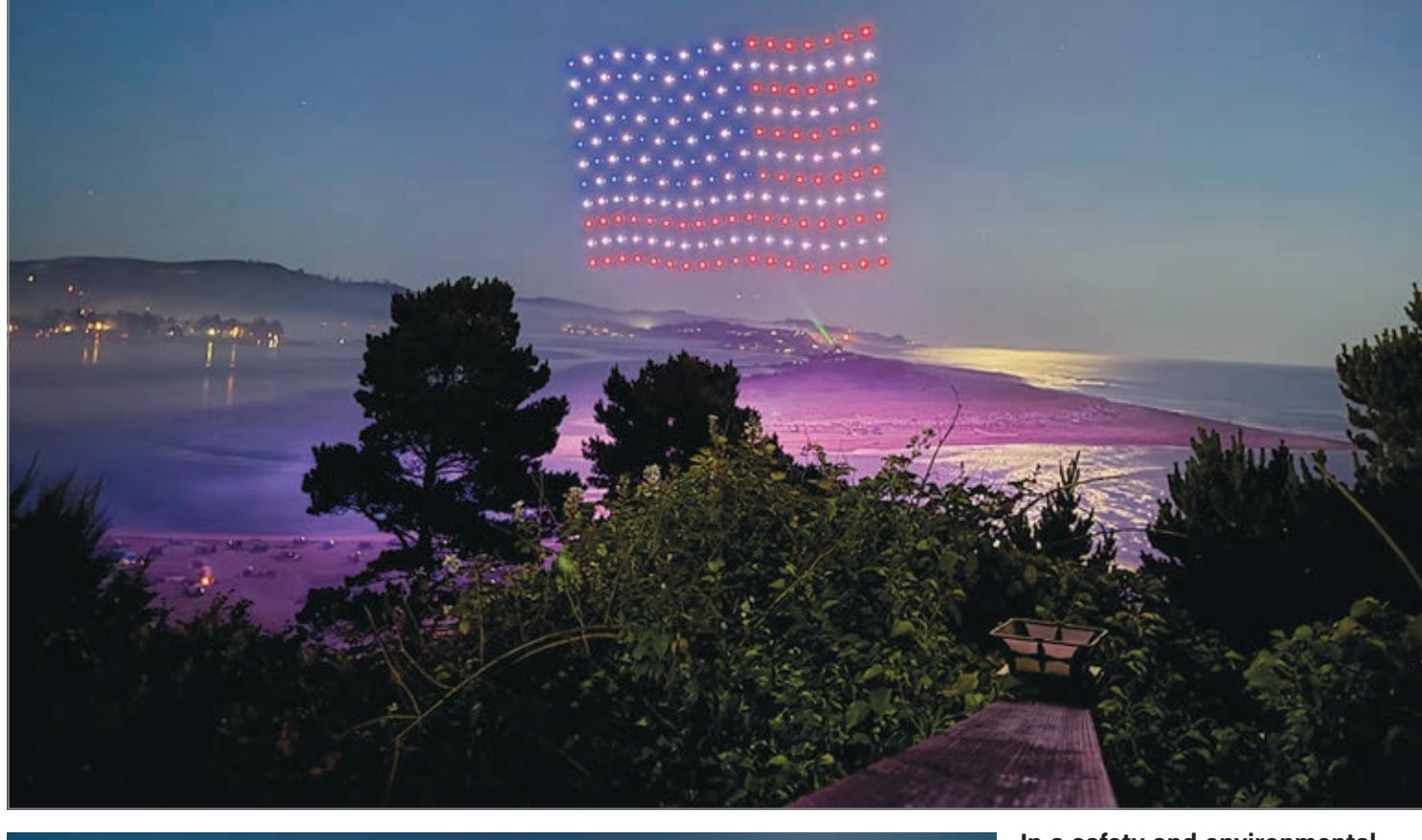
90 at Roads End

"Climate change is heating up our oceans, destroying marine wildlife and hurting us, too. Federal policies that were crafted to slow climate change are under assault by the current administration," Walbaum said. "This administration is putting the marine ecosystem at risk for increased

pollution. A five-year plan to increase offshore drilling for oil and gas will affect our shores, as well as the arctic. Drilling destroys the environment of the ocean bed, affecting everything that lives there. Exploration involves blasting and that damages the hearing of marine mammals that depend on sound to communicate."

Walbaum added that local, state and federal leaders need to strengthen current legislation aimed at slowing the pace of climate change, reduce the use of plastic waste pollution, and strengthening protections for public land where possible. For more information, visit Hands Across the Sand: hasor2025@gmail.com

Drones Over Lincoln City



In a safety and environmental effort, Lincoln City replaced its traditional fireworks display at Siletz Bay with flying drones. The 15-minute drone show, produced by Sky Elements—was to feature 200 custom-programmed drones outfitted with brilliant LED lights, projecting colorful images across the sky above the bay. The goal of city-approved \$70,250.18 contract with Sky Elements was to address growing concern about the negative impacts of fireworks on community, ecosystem and public safety, and to provide an innovative, eco-friendly form of entertainment and celebration. (Courtesy photos from Explore Lincoln City)

It's a jungle out there - and in The Cultural Center!

Free theatre day camp presents "The Jungle Book" July 21-26



Two performances of "The Jungle Book," are scheduled at LCCC at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26. (Courtesy photo)

Do you want to be a star?

All local students entering grades 1-12 are invited to join the fun at the Lincoln City Cultural Center (LCCC), 540 NE Highway 101, July 21-26, as the nonprofit presents its annual theatre day camp and production with the traveling directors of Missoula Children's Theatre. Auditions are set for 10 a.m. Monday, July 21. There are roles for up to 64 youth, with rehearsals for some beginning right after auditions end.

Thanks to support from the Behrens Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, participation in the MCT day camp experience is free. MCT directors arrive on Sunday with a truck filled with sets, costumes and music, ready to put on a show. It's a dynamic experience for every community, which has been part of Lincoln City's summer since 2005.

After auditions on July 21, the students will rehearse Monday through Friday. There will be two performances for friends and family at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 26. All those who audition must be ready to commit to the full week.

"This is a fun and educational experience for all of us," LCCC Executive Director Niki Price said. "It's always one of our favorite weeks of the year. We encourage everyone to come a little early, with their adults or guardians, to fill out the registration forms before the 10 a.m. start time. The auditions start promptly, and things move fast!"

Among the roles to be cast are Mowgli (the man-cub), Bagheera (the panther) and Akela (the leader of the pack), the entire wolf pack, Shere Khan (the tiger) with his side-kick Tabaqui (the jackal), Nag and Nagaina (the cobras), Darzee (the bird), Hathi (the master elephant), Rikki-Tikki-Tavi (the mongoose), Kaa (the rock-python), Buck (a buck) and of course the Bander-log.

All students entering grades 1-12 are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation

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PAC hosts National Theatre Live's "Dr. Strangelove"



This explosively funny satire will be shown on screen at the Newport Performing Arts Center (PAC) at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 23. (Courtesy photos from Oregon Coast Council for the Arts)

Oregon Coast Council for the Arts (OCCA) is thrilled to announce a special screening of National Theatre Live's critically acclaimed stage adaptation of Stanley Kubrick's classic comedy masterpiece, "Dr. Strangelove."

This explosively funny satire will be shown on screen at the Newport Performing Arts Center (PAC) at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 23.

"Dr. Strangelove" hilariously depicts a rogue U.S. General who triggers a nuclear attack, leading to a surreal and frantic race to avert global annihilation.

Based on the iconic 1964

film, this live-recorded stage adaptation features seven-time BAFTA Award-winner Steve Coogan in a tour-de-force performance, taking on four distinct roles. Co-adapted by Emmy Award-winner Armando Iannucci ("The Thick of It," "Veep") and Olivier Award-winner Sean Foley, the play brings Cold War absurdity to life with sharp wit and timely relevance. Reviews have lauded the production, praising the ingenuity of the creative team and Coogan's masterful portrayal of multiple characters.

Capturing every nuance of

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Another large sunfish washes ashore along Oregon's coast

JEREMY RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

A large ocean sunfish washed ashore about a quarter mile south of the Sunset Beach approach near Seaside.

The large fish was spotted June 28. It is the fourth such incident involving sunfish along the north Oregon coast since October of 2024.

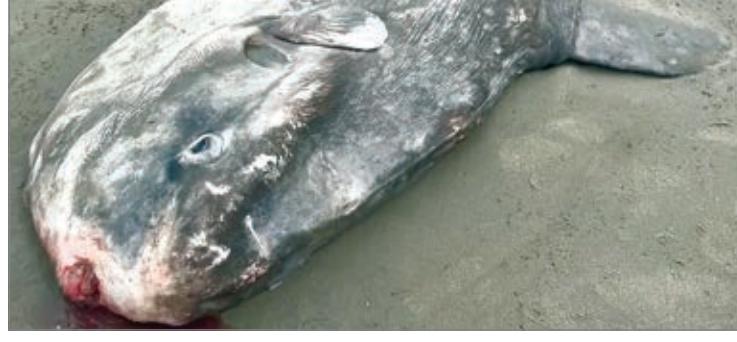
The latest fish measured 6 1/2 feet in length.

"This monstrous fish can reach lengths of over 8-feet and weigh up to 5,000 pounds.

They can be found throughout the world, sometimes traveling as far as 17 miles in a single day and are known for their extensive vertical movements," the Seaside Aquarium states in a Facebook post.

The ability of the sunfish to tolerate a wide range of temperatures allows them to dive hundreds of meters, encountering temperature fluctuations from 44-70 degrees Fahrenheit in a single dive. There are three different species of

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This sunfish washed ashore near Seaside June 28. (Courtesy photo from the Seaside Aquarium)

Greater Toledo Pool Recreation District meeting

The Greater Toledo Pool Recreation District has scheduled its monthly Board of Directors meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, July 14, in the Toledo Library meeting room, 173 NW 7th Street, Toledo. All are welcome to attend.

Rethink the Drink campaign launched

STAFF REPORT

Lincoln County Leader

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has launched a summer Rethink the Drink campaign to encourage people in Oregon to consider their alcohol use.

The state's Excessive Alcohol Use Prevention Program is urging people to come together to prevent the harms of excessive alcohol use and make communities safer. People may see or hear advertisements, including on TV, radio, online and social media.

Independent evaluation data from Rethink the Drink's recent campaigns show 92% of Oregonians agree excessive drinking causes community harm, and 66% believe alcohol should have less presence in their communities. Those exposed to the Rethink the Drink campaign were significantly

more likely to have conversations about their drinking. The full evaluation report is available online.

Increase in sales, increase in harms

More than 2,500 people in Oregon die from alcohol-related causes every year. During summer months, the state sees liquor sales increase, which means there is more alcohol in communities and people may be drinking more.

"Whether you're at home, attending an event or outside at a gathering, it can feel like many of our favorite summer activities encourage drinking," OHA Deputy State Health Officer and Epidemiologist Tom Jeanne said. "With an increase in summer drinking, we see an increase in the harms as well."

Jeanne adds that the immediate harms include motor vehicle crashes,



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boating injuries, drownings and heat deaths.

"On top of these, alcohol contributes to cancer, heart disease, poor mental health, and many other health harms all year long," he said.

Hear Dr. Tom Jeanne discuss excessive alcohol use and ways to prevent it during summer in a video at: <https://youtu.be/24kQwi3XPpg>.

"We appreciate Rethink the Drink and this round of summer messaging

reminding people to have conversations about alcohol," Lane County Public Health Alcohol and Drug Prevention Coordinator Luis Pimentel said. "We have so much interest in safe drinking messages from our partners in law enforcement, transportation and those who plan summer events, that we truly value Rethink the Drink's presence in our community."

TIPS FOR A SAFE SUMMER SEASON:

Plan ahead: Arrange for a designated driver and use public transportation or ride-share services.

Host responsibly: Offer non-alcoholic beverages for summer events you're planning.

Stay hydrated: Drink plenty of water and eat food while you're drinking.

Drink less: Consider swapping every other

drink with water or a non-alcoholic beverage, or watering down a drink with more ice or low-sugar mixer.

Decide your alcohol limit for the week: If you want to reduce your drinking, think about what triggers you to drink too much and create a plan to handle urges.

Count: Track your drinking using a mobile app or other tools. Find resources at rethinkthedrink.com/resources

Have conversations:

Take time to pause, learn about the harms caused by excessive drinking, and talk with your loved ones about the way alcohol is prevalent in our lives and communities. Join the conversation at rethinkthedrink.com

Rethink the Drink, an OHA initiative, aims to build healthier communities by decreasing excessive drinking and the harm it causes to

individuals, families, and communities. Rethink the Drink raises awareness of the effects of excessive alcohol use across Oregon. It aims to start conversations about alcohol's role in our own lives and communities.

Rethink the Drink is committed to OHA's larger goal to end health inequities in our state by 2030.

Online Resource Links:

- OHA's Rethink the Drink tools and resources

- ODOT's Transportation Safety Impaired Driving Program
- Summer Safety Driving Tips
- Tips to Boat Safe and Sober

If you or someone you care about is suffering from alcohol dependence or an alcohol use disorder, free confidential resources and support are available online or by calling or 1-800-923-4357.

Community Conversations at Toledo Library

The Toledo Public Library, located at 173 NW Seventh St., will present a series of three Community Conversations this summer, beginning July 17 at 6 p.m. This event series, funded by the Oregon Humanities Grant for Rural Libraries, will feature in-depth discussion of Toledo's past, present, and future. All interested people are invited to attend.

The July 17 event will focus on the

question "Who are we?" in considering Toledo's past. Special guests will include the Toledo History Center, the Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society, and Ted Cox, author of "The Toledo Incident."

The second event, which will take place Aug. 21, will seek to answer the question "Who do we want to be in the future?" This conversation will bring in city stakeholders and community members to talk

about what the future holds for Toledo.

The third event will take place Sept. 27. This will be a resource fair showcasing a range of local services, community organizations, and volunteer opportunities. The goal of this event is to raise awareness of the ways people can show up and help out in their hometown, while fostering valuable connections within the community.

In 2025, Oregon Humanities awarded

\$49,999 in funding to enable rural and rural-serving Oregon libraries to create and host events in their own communities around the theme of "The People and The Public." Applicants were encouraged to interpret this theme and develop topics relevant to their own communities. The Toledo Public Library was among those selected to receive a \$1,500 grant to support these efforts.

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is necessary. Assistant Directors will also be cast to assist with the technical aspects of the production.

All the roles will be cast at the end of the first day's audition July 21. Participants will be assigned their parts and provided with a rehearsal schedule. Rehearsals will take place from 12:30

p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday and from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Volunteer Rita Warton will be serving as this year's accompanist.

And, just in case that's not enough drama for all these aspiring actors, the visiting directors will also be offering extra workshops from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. for three days of the residence week. These workshops include topics like stage movement,

stage design, improv and makeup. These experiences are also free.

The week will end with two performances of "The Jungle Book," at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26. General admission tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students, \$8 for youth ages 6-18 and free for kids ages 5 and younger.

This will be the 20th summer that the Cultural Center has hosted the "Little Red Truck" and

its touring directors from Missoula Children's Theatre.

About Missoula Children's Theatre

The Missoula Children's Theatre, the nation's largest touring children's theatre, has been touring extensively for more than 40 years now from Montana to Japan, and will visit nearly 1,200 communities this year with up to 44 teams of Tour Actor/ Directors.

A tour team arrives in

town with a set, lights, costumes, props and make-up, everything it takes to put on a play ... except the cast. The team holds an open audition and casts 50-60 local students to perform in the production. The show is rehearsed throughout the week and two public performances are presented on Saturday.

All MCT shows are original adaptations of classic children's stories and fairytales . . . a twist on the classic stories that

you know and love. Also included in the residency are three enrichment workshops presented by the Tour Actor/Directors.

This educational project offers youth the chance to expand their creativity, social skills, goal achievement, communication skills and self-esteem. MCT's mission is the development of life skills in children, through participation in the performing arts.

For more information, call 541-994-9994.

STRANGELOVE

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this highly praised theatrical event, National Theatre Live offers a unique opportunity to experience, on screen, a live stage version of a cinematic legend. The PAC's Alice Silverman Theatre offers a state-of-the-art

viewing experience with Ultra-HD projection and excellent acoustics, ensuring audiences can fully immerse themselves in this dark, comedic tale.

Tickets for this one-night-only event range from \$16-\$22 when purchased in person or by phone (additional fee applies to tickets purchased online). Call

541-265-2787, stop by the Newport Performing Arts Center box office at 777 W Olive Street (Tuesday - Friday, 10 am - 3 pm), or visit www.coastarts.org/events/ntl-strangelove

Enjoy mid-week magic as Oregon Coast Council for the Arts brings National Theatre Live to Newport on select Wednesday evenings.

Each production is filmed in front of a live theatre audience, utilizing state-of-the-art techniques and masterful angles, and then presented in stunning ultra-HD on the big screen in the Alice Silverman Theatre at the Newport Performing Arts Center. It's a theatre experience like no other, and a chance for local audiences to enjoy performances direct from London.

To learn more and view upcoming National Theatre Live titles, visit www.coastarts.org/ntlive

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SUDOKU

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers.

The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

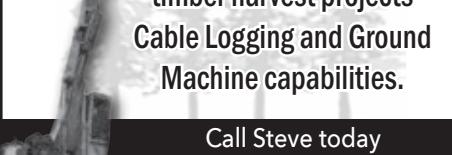
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sunfish in the genus Mola: Mola mola, Mola tecta, and Mola alexandrini. All three can be found all over the globe and are widely distributed throughout the world's oceans, except for the polar regions, according to the Facebook post.

In a published story in The Leader in October 2024, the Aquarium stated that, "it is not unusual for these guys to wash ashore as they do reside off the Oregon coast. They feed heavily on jellyfish, which are in huge abundance this time of year."

See video of the latest beaching at <https://www.facebook.com/SeasideAquarium/>

The fourth annual Oregon Paddle Out will be held July 19

The OPO foundation directors and board members organize the event each year to honor all Oregon surfers who have passed. This year's event will also celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Agate Beach Surf Club (ABSC) that formed July 1964 with local teens. The ABSC was the first surfing club along the central Oregon coast. Some of the members still live in the Newport area.

The public is invited to meet the many members of the surfing community. The actual Paddle Out will start at 8:30 a.m. and surfers will honor 87 Oregon surfers who have passed. The best viewing of the paddle out circle is from Yaquina Head at the Quarry Cove parking lot. At 11 a.m. surfers will replicate the Paddle Races that were popular in Oregon surf contests during the 60s. All surfers any ages or genders are encouraged to participate with a 11-foot or shorter



All surfers any ages or genders are encouraged to participate with a 11-foot or shorter surfboard. (Courtesy photo)

surfboard. The first 25 to sign up at the beach will get to participate. Cash prizes and swag bags will be awarded to six winners.

"The exciting part of the paddle race for me was watching the level of competition for the top sport and seeing the level of camaraderie with

the last few finishers that waited for each other and finished together," OPO board member Ollie Richardson said. "The paddle race has something for everyone and seeing a 13-year-old compete against a 71-year-old was awesome!"

From 9 a.m. to noon surfers will display their

personal 60s surfboards at the Agate Beach cove. The public will have the opportunity to vote on their two favorite boards. At 12:30 p.m. there will be an Expression Session where surfers will repeat the 60s experience of surfing on the vintage surfboards wearing either swim trunks, swimsuits,

or wetsuits (old era or modern) of their choice.

At 7 p.m. the Ossies Surf Shop will have a free showing of a new surf slide show highlighting 60s and 70s vintage images of local surfers, surf spots, vintage surf vehicles and surfing memorabilia such as posters, newspaper clippings, trophies and more. Live music featuring Tasteetiki musicians will accompany the vintage slide show which was the norm in the 60s and 70s. Video photographer Casey Felton will also provide clips from the day's surfing activities.

"We like to say it takes a village to put on this all-day surfing event," OPO foundation Co-Director Sandy Blackman said.

"We receive help from the city of Newport, the

seven surfers on the OPO board and support from the local surf shops and volunteers."

The public is encouraged to attend any of the day's events, spend time with the surfing community and learn the 60-year history of Oregon surfing along the central coast, especially from the 60s and 70s pioneer surfers in our community. Special guest, Hawaiian surfer Jim Sagawa, an early 60s board maker of SAG boards will be in attendance from his home in the Philippines where he teaches dental students. Jim Sagawa surfed the Oregon coast while attending OHSU dental school in Portland in the 60s.

For more information, email OregonPaddleOut@gmail.com

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DANNY AND JUSTIN

Trip planned to Oregon Asian Celebration

Join the Newport 60+ Activity Center on Saturday, July 19, for a trip to Eugene for the 40th anniversary of the Oregon Asian Celebration & Obon and Taiko Festival. This cultural staple is sure to provide a unique experience, especially as 2025 is the Year of the Snake in the Chinese lunar calendar.

This festival features a full day of performances, music, martial arts, a thriving marketplace,

Asian-themed food trucks, youth activities, crafts, and heritage exhibits, all at the spacious riverfront Alton Baker Park.

Enjoy and learn more about Asian cultural dances and music, such as Japanese Taiko and Indonesian Gamelan, native songs that represent a diversity of Asian cultural heritage. Feast on tempting culinary treats from across Asian cultures at the popular

food court. Favorites such as Pad Thai, Yakisoba noodles, chara masala, and exotic fare such as Korean corn dogs, kimbap and toppoki are available from a variety of vendors.

Shop at the marketplace for a wide range of imported goods and local crafts. Enjoy beautiful works of art, such as Chinese brush painting, Indonesian batik, Japanese fiber art, painted gourds, Chinese paper

cuts and more. Numerous vendors sell their wares and handmade goods.

The standard fee this trip is \$30 — 60+ Activity Center members receive a \$5 discount. The 60+ Adventure Van will be leave at 8 a.m. and return around 5 p.m.

To register for this trip, sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/Asian-Celebration>, call the office at 541-265-9617, or stop by at 20 SE Second St. in Newport.

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to become eligible to prepare geologic reports. The City's code currently requires that certified engineering geologists prepare such reports, with geotechnical engineers getting involved only in cases where an engineered solution is needed (e.g. designing a retaining wall). Pursuant to Newport Municipal Code (NMC) Section 14.36.010, the Council must find that the change is required by public necessity and the general welfare of the community in order for the amendments to be adopted. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the request above or other criteria, including criteria within the Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances, which the person 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 of Appeals, based on that issue. Testimony may be submitted in written or oral form. Oral testimony and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. The hearing may include a report by staff, testimony from the applicant and proponents, testimony from opponents, rebuttal by the applicant, and questions and deliberation by the City Council. Written testimony sent to the Community Development (Planning) Department, City Hall, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365, must be received by 2:00 p.m. the day of the hearing to be included as part of the hearing or must be personally presented during testimony at the public hearing. The proposed code amendments, additional material for the amendments, and any other material in the file may be reviewed or a copy purchased at the Newport Community Development Department (address above). Contact Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director, (541) 574-0626, d.tokos@newportoregon.gov (address above). JY9

LCL25-0323 ON JULY 29TH, 2025 AT 2:00 PM, A PUBLIC SALE

WILL BE HELD AT IDEAL STORAGE.

235 SW Dahl Ave, Waldport, OR 97394: Khai Terwillegar - WB015 & WC018 - On July 31st 2025 at 2:00 PM, a public sale will be held at Ideal Storage, 5441 W. Hwy 101, Toledo, OR 97391: Shelly Macrae - T012. Minimum bid \$50.00. Cash only. JY9 JY16

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APN R322969 TO NO

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE

OF SALE

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by RACHEL MARIE MARRIOTT, MICHAEL DANE PALMER as Grantor to WESTERN TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for EVERGREEN MONEYSOURCE MORTGAGE COMPANY, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of August 31, 2020 and recorded on September 3, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020-09063 and re-recorded on September 4, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020-09168 and the beneficial interest was assigned to Evergreen Moneysource Mortgage Company, DBA Evergreen Home Loans and recorded March 26, 2025 as Instrument Number 2025-01860 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon, to-wit: APN: R322969 THE EAST ONE-HALF OF LOT 5, BLOCK 26, RAYMOND, IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY, COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF OREGON, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 3, 1924 IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 2, PLAT RECORDS. Commonly known as: 1523 NE 12TH ST, LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367 Both the Beneficiary, Evergreen Moneysource Mortgage Company DBA Evergreen Home Loans, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$163,467.61 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.25000% per annum from October 1, 2024 until paid; plus all accrued late charges, thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on August 20, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, Original sale date has been postponed to a future date, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, At the front entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse located at 225 West Olive, in the City of Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance

required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 04/03/2025 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0474833 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 07/09/2025, 07/16/2025, 07/23/2025, 07/30/2025

LCL25-0310 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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On July 24, 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 current bene-

ficiary is Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC pursuant to assignment of deed of trust recorded on 01/10/2025 as Inst No. 2025-00181 in the records of Lincoln, Oregon. The beneficiary has elected and directed successor trustee to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes, the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to make the monthly payments commencing with the payment due on 09/01/2024 and continuing each month until this trust deed is reinstated or goes to trustee's sale; plus a late charge on each installment not paid within fifteen days following the payment due date; trustee's fees and other costs and expenses associated with this foreclosure and any further breach of any term or condition contained in subject note and deed of trust. 1. By the reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: Principal balance of \$332,695.72; 2. Interest through 06/16/2025 in the amount of \$13,351.54. 3. Last FHA PMI Premium in the amount of \$217,80.4. County Recording Fee in the amount of \$0.00. 5. 3PTY Recon. Rel. Fee in the amount of \$25.00. 6. Corporate Advances in the amount of \$3,060.64. 7. Escrow Advances in the amount of \$5,415.47. 8. Together with the interest thereon at the rate 4.6250000% per annum

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current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE The new owner that buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that the sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing. PROTECTION FROM EVICTION IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR: 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE; OR AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT. If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more than 30 days left. You must be provided with at least 30 days' written notice after the foreclosure sale before you can be required to move. A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement is the result of an arm's-length transaction. Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY BETWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLOSURE SALE: RENT YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR UNTIL A COURT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE. SECURITY DEPOSIT You may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your

current landlord. If the recipient of this notice is a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be available from a county veterans' service officer or community action agency. Contact information for a service officer appointed for the county in which you live and contact information for a community action agency that serves the area where you live may be obtained by calling a 2-1-1 information service. The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act requires that we state the following: this is an attempt to collect, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings. This shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt. This letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Dated: 06/17/2025 Prime Recon LLC By: Devin Ormonde, Assistant Vice President Prime Recon LLC 27388 Via Industria, Ste 201 Temecula, CA 92590 Phone number for the Trustee: (888) 725-4142 A-4846077 06/25/2025, 07/02/2025, 07/09/2025, 07/16/2025

LCL25-0299 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN OTTER ROCK TIMESHARE ASSOCIATION

1, an Oregon nonprofit corporation. Plaintiff, v. JOHN BOCK, an individual, Defendant. CASE NO.: 24CV56000 SUMMONS To: John Bock You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above-entitled action within 30 days from the date of first publication of this summons upon you, and in case of your failure to do so, for want thereof, plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. This is an act for Breach of Contract, Unpaid Assessments, and attorney fees. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff's attorney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service upon the plaintiff. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling (503) 684-3763 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll-free elsewhere in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. STATE OF OREGON, County of Multnomah I, the undersigned attorney of record for the plaintiff, certify that the foregoing is an exact and complete copy of the original summons in the above-entitled action. Dated: June 11, 2025/s/ Dianne M. Consoli, Dianne M. Consoli, OSB No. 162669, Harker Lepore, 915 NW 19th Avenue, Suite H, Portland, Oregon 97209 w: www.harkerlepoore.com e: dianne@harkerlepoore.

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF TS NO.: 179722
APN: R151551

Reference is made to that certain deed made by Jaye L. Blackwood as Grantor to Western Title and Escrow Co., as Trustee, in favor of Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation as Beneficiary, dated 01/27/2009, recorded 01/26/2009, in the official records of Lincoln County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2009-00872 in Book xx, Page xx covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to wit: LOT 21, BLOCK 4, SEAGROVE, COUNTY OF LINCOLN, STATE OF OREGON. Commonly known as: 90 Seagrove Loop, Lincoln City, OR 97367. The current beneficiary is Mortgage Assets Management, LLC pursuant to assignment of deed of trust recorded on 11/20/2024 as Inst No. 2024-08172 in the records of Lincoln, Oregon. The beneficiary has elected and directed successor trustee to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(9) of Oregon Revised Statutes; has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount due then (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale. In construing this, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the successor in interest to the grantor or other person owing an obligation of which is secured by said trust deed; the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by Prime Recon LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Trustee's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while there is a default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the referenced property. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamine, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS: The property in which you are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for 07/31/2025 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the front entrance of the Lincoln Courthouse, 225 West Olive, in the City of Newport, County of Lincoln, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or

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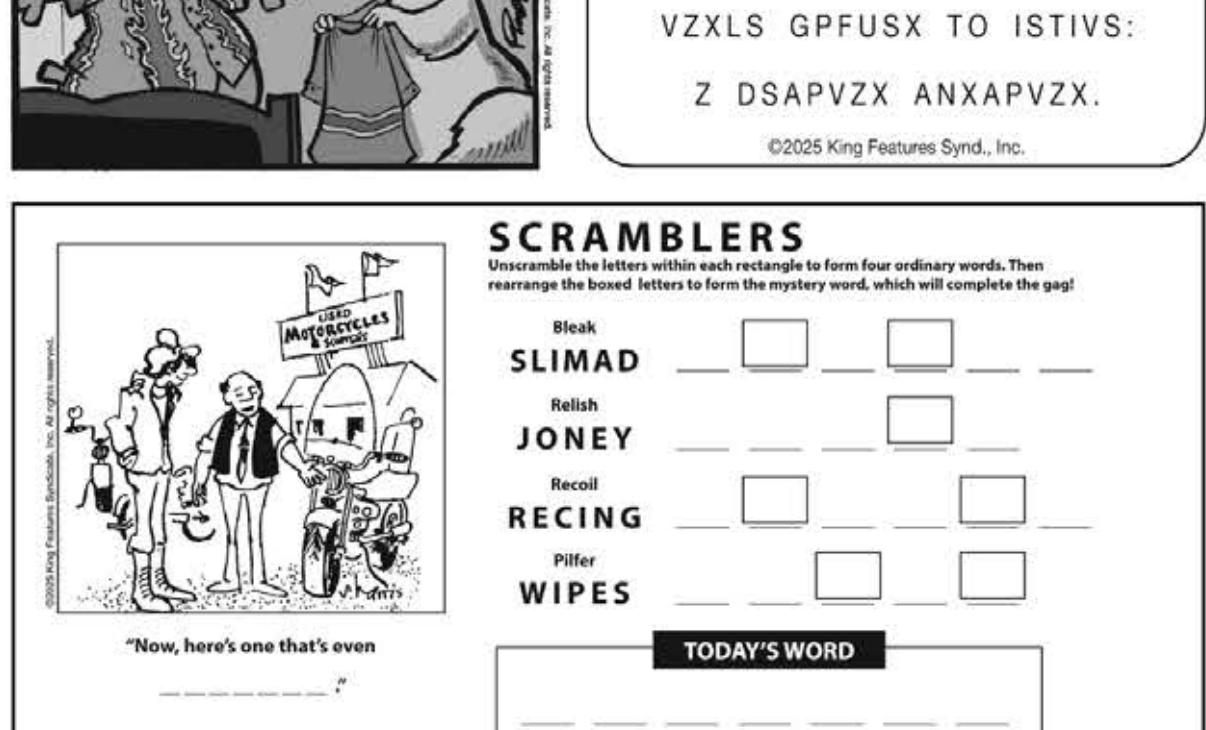
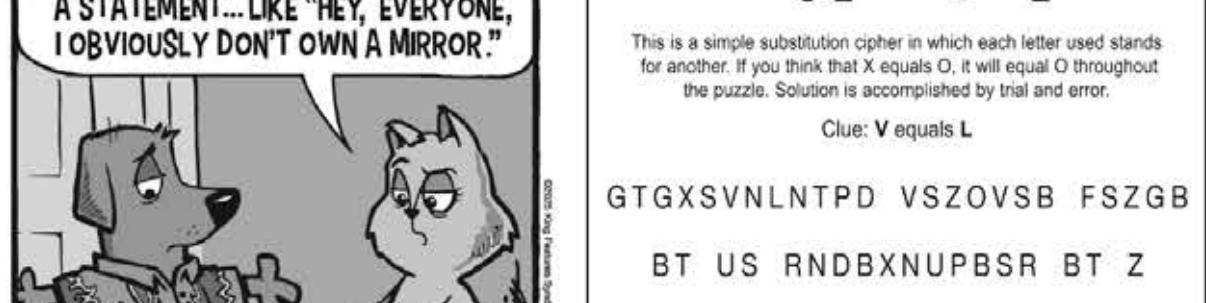
Out on a Limb



The Spats

**TIGER****OLIVE**

Just Like Cats & Dogs

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is LONGFELLOWOne 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.

DUTS XK XW ORWUXSC

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— Z.U. VJDOTSFT

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1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female goat called?

2. TELEVISION: What is the name of the town in "Gilmore Girls"?

3. GEOGRAPHY: How many states does the Appalachian Trail cross?

4. MOVIES: Which actress voices the character Jessie in "Toy Story 2"?

5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What is believed to have caused President Zachary Taylor's death?

6. ANATOMY: What is the most abundant protein in the human body?

7. GEOMETRY: How many sides does a hexagon have?

8. LITERATURE: Serial killer Hannibal Lecter first appears in which novel?

9. ASTRONOMY: What are planets outside our solar system called?

10. MUSIC: Who was the first woman inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame?

Answers

1. A doe or nanny.

2. Stars Hollow.

3. 14.

4. Joan Cusack.

5. Acute gastroenteritis.

6. Collagen.

7. Six.

8. "Red Dragon" by Thomas Harris.

9. Exoplanets.

10. Aretha Franklin.

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CryptoQuipThis 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: **V** equals **L**

GTGXSVNLNTPD VSZOVSB FSZGB

BT US RNDBXNUPBSR BT Z

VZXLS GPFUSX TO ISTIVS:

Z DSAPVZX ANXAPVZX.

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Bleak

SLIMAD

Relish

JONEY

Recoil

RECING

Pilfer

WIPES

TODAY'S WORD

a secular circular

large number of people:
to be distributed to a
nonreligious leftist meant

ANSWER

CryptoQuip

— D.H. Lawrence

glorious,

You, life is glorious,

through you, destroying

When it is rushing

ANSWER

CryptoQuote**NOISEIER**

Today's Word

3. Cribbage; 4. Swipe

1. Dismal; 2. Enjoy;

solution

SCRAMBBLERS

Commission expands rules where you can ride your e-bike

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Electric-assist bicycles (e-bikes) are now allowed on trails where other bicycles are allowed unless specifically prohibited at Oregon State Parks. E-bikes are also allowed on the ocean shore on wet sand except where specifically restricted.

Previously, e-bikes were only allowed on trails that were at least 8 feet wide. Signs will be posted on trails and areas where e-bikes are not allowed, and the trails and areas will be listed on the Oregon State Parks website.

Where e-bikes are not allowed:

On the dry sand along the ocean shore, including soft sand, dunes and everything above the natural high-tide line

On the wet sand below the natural high-tide line in snowy plover habitat on the ocean shore during nesting season (March 15 to Sept. 15).

Elijah Bristow State Park (all trails)

Willamette Mission State Park (all equestrian trails and the Vision Trail)

Clyde Holliday State Recreation Site (Riverside Trail)

Emigrant Springs State Natural Area (Lewis and Clark Trail)

When considering e-bike use on the ocean shore, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Commission reviewed input from the agency's rule advisory committee, public comments, and OPRD staff.

"Based on that input, the Commission determined that allowing e-bikes on the wet sand presents minimal environmental impact while supporting broader access to recreation," OPRD Policy Coordinator



E-bikes have been allowed in Oregon State Parks on paths 8-feet or wider. Updated rules from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission has expanded where they're allowed as of July 1 this year. (Courtesy photo from the OPRD)

Robert Ellison said. "At the same time, the Commission maintained important protections. Riding e-bikes on dry sand remains prohibited to safeguard sensitive species and habitats, such as nesting snowy plovers and fragile dune vegetation. The Commission also adopted rules that prohibit e-bike use in designated marine protected areas, ensuring continued protection of Oregon's coastal resources."

Prior to the Commission's decision, OPRD conducted a public involvement process about the e-bikes, which generated 165 comments, with 123 expressing concerns primarily about speed differences and safety hazards on narrow trails.

"Many advocated for segregated access based

on recreation type, while 38 comments supported the proposed language, emphasizing increased accessibility and minimal trail impact compared to traditional bicycles, according to Ellison.

"Overall, public feedback highlights key concerns around safety, maintaining quiet natural recreation spaces, and preventing potential environmental harm, while support centers on improved accessibility, consistent regulations, and the belief that e-assisted bikes, when operated responsibly, function similarly to traditional bicycles," he said.

Ellison added that the OPRD will monitor the use of the e-bikes along the beaches and in the state parks to make sure they are safe and fit environmentally.

"We are concentrating

on enforcement efforts on rider behavior, particularly when that behavior poses a public safety concern, threatens Oregon's natural or cultural resources, or negatively affects wildlife within our parks and along the ocean shore," he said. "To support responsible use, OPRD will also focus on public education. This includes outreach through social media, informational flyers at select trailheads, and appropriate signage in areas where e-bike access is prohibited as well as contact with visitors when necessary. Our goal is to promote safe, respectful recreation while protecting the natural integrity of Oregon's parks and beaches."

The updated rules also include stronger and clearer language on safety, particularly operation around other visitors, pets, children and equestrians, according to Ellison.

"We ask that all riders ride responsibly, stay on designated trails and yield to others at Oregon State Parks and the ocean shore," Stub Stewart State Park Ranger Aaron Raines said. "Please keep operating speeds low as people might

not be aware that riders are approaching. These are multi-use pathways where they will share the trail with many other users."

The rules apply to Class 1, 2 and 3 e-bikes as defined by the Oregon State Legislature.

Anything not included in those e-bike classifications is considered a motor vehicle and is not allowed on trails.

E-bike classification:

Class 1: Provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 mph.

Class 2: May be propelled by its motor without a rider pedaling and ceases to provide assistance once the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 mph.

Class 3: Provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 mph, and is equipped with a speedometer.

While education remains the primary focus for rule enforcement at Oregon State Parks, enforcement rangers do have the authority to issue citations, which

carry fines starting at \$100 for significant or repeated violations of park rules.

Safety tips for sharing the path:

- Yield to pedestrians, horses and slower users
- Announce yourself when passing ("On your left")
- Ride at a safe, controlled speed, especially on corners or in high-use areas
- Slow down near pets, children and equestrians
- Stay on designated trails: do not ride off-trail

Be prepared to stop: e-bikes are heavier and often faster than regular bikes so increase your following distance to allow for more time to stop and slow down.

The OPRD Commission approved the proposed OAR changes allowing E-Assisted Bikes (Class 1, 2, 3) April 23.

For more information and a list of trails where e-bikes are prohibited, visit Oregon State Parks website at <https://stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=v.page&id=131> or, contact the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department at 800-551-6949.

Coast Moment



Fishing at Siletz Bay in Lincoln City. (Jeremy C. Ruark)

Golf tournament fundraiser on Aug. 2

Altrusa of Yaquina Bay will hold their 6th annual golf tournament fundraiser on Aug. 2 at 9 a.m. at the Crestview Golf Course in Waldport. If you like to golf, please contact Crestview at 541-563-3020 to register. It's a 2-player scramble, 9 holes, with spin the wheel, KPs, team prizes, and more. Entry fee is \$65 and includes lunch. Lunch only is \$25 per person.

Altrusa of Yaquina Bay is a group of community volunteers who have been promoting literacy and helping local women and children in need for over 43 years. We are a nonprofit organization (501c3) affiliated with Altrusa International which has existed for over 100 years. Funds raised go directly to

our community projects.

Thank you to our major sponsors: Crestview Golf Club, Financial Freedom Wealth Management Group, Douglas Chadwick DDS, Oregon State Credit Union, Carey Collard, Claire Barton Physical Therapy, Edward Jones, Espresso 101, Most Wanted Painters, NW Natural, Oregon Coast Bank of Waldport, Thompson's Sanitary, Toyota of Newport, and US Bank. Also thank you to all of our hole sponsors and the generous businesses who have donated items for our silent auction and raffle. We couldn't do this without you!

If you have questions about this event or would like to donate, please contact Doretta Smith at 541-961-6688.

Newport Swim Team competes in Eugene

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Country Media, Inc.

The summer sun makes for ideal swimming conditions, and the Newport Swim Team took a trip to Eugene to jump in the pool for some late June competition.

Over the weekend of June 27-29, three Newport swimmers competed in the annual TEAM Eugene Invitational swim meet at the Amazon Pool in Eugene.

Ashlyn Conrad, Olive Mitchell, and Gwynn Postlewait made up the Newport contingent. The meet had good attendance, with 12 teams making the journey, including teams from around Oregon and even California.

Despite having just three swimmers taking

part, Newport scored enough team points for NST to finish 10th in the Girlesteam scores. The 13 and over competitors swam a morning prelim and evening finals format, mirroring the format that swimmers will see at the July state championships.

Here's a rundown of how Newport's swimmers did during the weekend's meet:

Ashlyn Conrad, 14

Conrad swam an impressive meet, establishing six personal best times and qualifying for one final over the weekend. The event she made past prelims in was the 200-meter Backstroke for the 13-14 girls division. Her best placing was in the same event: the 200-meter Back, where she finished 9th. She also finished 10th in the 800-meter Freestyle.

Gwynn Postlewait, 15

Postlewait made the finals in six events in the 15 & Older girls division. Her best finishes were a 5th-place in the 50-meter Breaststroke, and a 6th-place in the 100 and 200-meter Breaststroke. In addition, she also achieved a piece of program history, breaking the NST team record in the 15 & Over 50-meter Breaststroke.

Olive Mitchell, 9

Mitchell established two new PR's out of her five races in the 9-10 Girls division. The highlights of her weekend included two 8th-place finishes in the 50 and 100-meter backstroke events.

NST is scheduled next in action at the Seth Dawson Invite at Mt. Hood Community College July 11-13.