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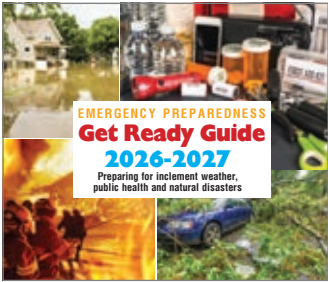
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Harbor Village RV Park is located at 923 SE Bay Boulevard in Newport. (Lincoln County Leader)

Harbor Village celebrates preservation improvements, long-term housing stability

STAFF REPORT
 Lincoln County Leader

Residents of Harbor Village Cooperative in

Newport are celebrating the completion of preservation improvements, marking another milestone in their efforts to

protect their community and keep it under resident ownership for years

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'Long-Term plan' to address bacteria levels at Nye Creek outfall

JEREMY C. RUARK
 Lincoln County Leader

The City of Newport has developed a long-term plan to investigate and address elevated bacteria levels identified at the Nye Creek outfall near Nye Beach.

The Nye Creek watershed is an urban drainage basin that carries water through the City's stormwater system before discharging to the Pacific Ocean near the Nye Beach turnaround.

Elevated bacteria levels in Nye Creek and at Nye Beach have been a concern for more than two decades, and

extensive monitoring, testing, and investigations have been conducted by the City of Newport and the Newport Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation's Blue Water Task Force over the years to track the levels and help identify potential sources.

The Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality also partner to regularly monitor ocean water quality at Newport-area beaches as part of its statewide beach monitoring program.

The Nye Creek Outfall Bacteria Levels Plan

of Action establishes a systematic approach for continuing that work, according to a release from the city. The goal is to identify potential sources of bacteria entering the stormwater system, take corrective action when sources are identified, educate the community about ways to protect stormwater quality, and monitor results over time to measure the effectiveness of the City's efforts.

"This plan gives the city a clear, organized process for continuing to investigate bacteria

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WHO WE ARE

Sunday Market, a local tradition

JEREMY C. RUARK
 Lincoln County Leader

They gather each Sunday morning from May 3 through October 11 and surround the Lincoln City Cultural Center.

Eager vendors and community volunteers assembling the Lincoln City Sunday Market.

Market spokesperson Melody Wilkins said the Sunday market is a Lincoln City tradition.

"There has been a market here since 2004, but during construction here at the Culture

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A customer finds out about specialty coffee at this Sunday Market vendor booth. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)



Accomplishments, challenges highlighted in State of City Address

JEREMY C. RUARK
 Lincoln County Leader

"Our goal is a Newport where people can build a life—not simply visit." Newport Mayor Jan Kaplan stated during his State of the City Address Tuesday evening, Sept. 22.

Kaplan, citing his five years on the city council, three as city mayor, said during that time there is one image of the city he always takes with him.

"More than 800 people converged on City Hall after the sudden removal of our Coast Guard search-and-rescue helicopter and amid the

possibility that a federal detention facility could be built at our municipal airport," Kaplan said. "I saw a community come together and stand up for itself—a community prepared to do what was necessary to protect our people, our economy, our values, and our way of life. I watched members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians form a circle of support around a young Hispanic woman. I saw residents,

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Newport Mayor Jan Kaplan, center, surrounded by the Newport City Council. (Courtesy photo)



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Monday: High-61/Low-51
Partly Cloudy
Tuesday: High-62/Low-51
AM Fog/PM Sun

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
15-Sep.....	0.....	51.9 °F.....	64.16 °F
16-Sep.....	0.....	51.18 °F.....	73.88 °F
17-Sep.....	0.....	54.53 °F.....	64.01 °F "
18-Sep.....	0.....	58.05 °F.....	63.47 °F
19-Sep.....	0.....	54.24 °F.....	62.72 °F
20-Sep.....	0.....	54.8 °F.....	63.18 °F
21-Sep.....	0.....	56.98 °F.....	58.05 °F
Total rainfall from Jan. 1.....30.14"			

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Low	4:56 a.m.....	0.3
High.....	11:27 a.m.....	5.9
Low	5:04 p.m.....	2.3
High.....	10:58 p.m.....	6.7

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Low	5:30 a.m.....	0.2
High.....	11:53 a.m.....	6.3
Low	5:45 p.m.....	1.6
High.....	11:42 p.m.....	6.8

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Low	6:02 a.m.....	0.3
High.....	12:18 p.m.....	6.7
Low	6:24 p.m.....	0.9

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

High.....	12:25 a.m.....	6.8
Low	6:34 a.m.....	0.5
High.....	12:44 p.m.....	7.1
Low	7:03 p.m.....	0.2

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

High.....	1:08 a.m.....	6.8
Low	7:07 a.m.....	0.8
High.....	1:12 p.m.....	7.5
Low	7:43 p.m.....	-0.3

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

High.....	1:54 a.m.....	6.7
Low	7:41 a.m.....	1.3
High.....	1:42 p.m.....	7.8
Low	8:24 p.m.....	-0.6

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

High.....	2:42 a.m.....	6.5
Low	8:16 a.m.....	1.8
High.....	2:16 p.m.....	7.9
Low	9:10 p.m.....	-0.7

Sunrise/Sunset

Sept. 23	7:04 a.m.....	7:13 p.m.
Sept. 24	7:05 a.m.....	7:12 p.m.
Sept. 25	7:06 a.m.....	7:10 p.m.
Sept. 26	7:08 a.m.....	7:08 p.m.
Sept. 27	7:09 a.m.....	7:06 p.m.
Sept. 28	7:10 a.m.....	7:04 p.m.
Sept. 29	7:11 a.m.....	7:02 p.m.
Sept. 30	7:12 a.m.....	7:00 p.m.

Lottery

Friday, September 18

Mega Millions

4 • 9 • 24 • 56 • 68 • PB-1

Saturday, September 19

Powerball

18 • 30 • 41 • 45 • 68 • PB-10 • x2

Saturday, September 19

Megabucks

15 • 20 • 29 • 33 • 36 • 43

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Two arrests in counterfeit \$100 bills investigation

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Yamhill County Grand Jury has indicted two people on multiple charges – accused of manufacturing and using counterfeit \$100 bills to buy gift cards at Safeway Stores across Oregon.

“When counterfeiters flood the market with fake bills, it’s small businesses, already stretched thin by inflation and rising costs, that pay the price,” Oregon Attorney General Rayfield said. “Our partnerships with local law enforcement are keeping communities



Agents seized chemicals, printers, and digital devices investigators say were used to produce counterfeit U.S. currency. (Metro Creative Connection)

safe and holding scammers accountable.”
The case began when Safeway’s Organized Retail Crime team

identified Mark Melendez and Heather Fawcett as the suspects. Safeway referred the case to the Oregon Department of Justice,

which opened an investigation in partnership with the Yamhill County District Attorney’s Office, the Yamhill County Sheriff’s

Office, and Safeway Organized Retail Crime. Investigators, led by Oregon DOJ Special Agent John Hallock, executed search warrants at the residences of both defendants. Agents seized chemicals, printers, and digital devices investigators say were used to produce counterfeit U.S. currency. Melendez and Fawcett face multiple charges related to the manufacture and use of counterfeit currency. Charges are only accusations, and both defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

State agency warns of AI investment fraud

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Artificial intelligence is making it easier for scammers to create convincing investment pitches, websites, videos, and messages, the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation (DFR) is warning.

AI tools can be useful for learning about investing and financial products, but fraudsters are using technology to make investment scams look more legitimate and reach potential victims more easily, according to the DFR.

“Artificial intelligence may make a scam look more sophisticated, but the warning signs of investment fraud remain familiar,” Oregon Insurance Commissioner and DFR Administrator TK Keen said. “Consumers should slow down, independently verify who they are dealing with, and never let pressure or fear of missing out drive an investment decision. Always remember that if the investment sounds too good to be true, it probably is.”

DFR is warning consumers about several



Department of Consumer and Business Services

common AI-related scams:

- **Deepfakes and impersonation:** Scammers can create realistic videos or audio of celebrities, public figures, financial professionals, friends, or family members promoting investments, including those promising unusually high or guaranteed returns.
- **AI and cryptocurrency trading schemes:** Fraudsters may advertise supposedly proprietary or guaranteed AI trading systems. Victims can be directed to fake platforms that display fabricated account balances or profits and then pressured to send additional money, often in cryptocurrency.
- **AI voice and messaging scams:** Voice-cloning technology can make

calls or messages appear to come from someone the victim knows or trusts. Unsolicited investment recommendations should be independently verified.

- **Romance scams:** Fraudsters can use AI-generated images and chatbots to create convincing dating profiles and build relationships before persuading victims to invest in cryptocurrency, start-ups, or other purported opportunities.

Consumers should be particularly cautious about unsolicited investment offers, online advertisements featuring celebrities or public figures, unusual facial or body movements in videos, awkward or unnatural voice messages, requests for cryptocurrency

payments, reluctance to meet or verify credentials, and websites that mimic legitimate financial firms. DFR recommends that consumers:

- **Pause before investing.** Scammers often use urgency and fear of missing out to pressure victims into making quick decisions.
- **Verify registration.** Confirm that the person or company offering an investment is properly registered. Registration does not guarantee an investment is risk-free, but an unregistered seller is a significant warning sign.
- **Research independently.** Search for the investment company, the individual making the offer, and their contact information. Do not rely solely on information provided by the person pitching the investment.
- **Do not rely on AI alone.** AI tools can produce inaccurate, outdated, or fabricated information. Consumers should cross-check investment claims with reliable sources and

consult a registered investment professional when appropriate.

- **Verify unexpected communications.** If a message, call, or video appears to come from a financial adviser, friend, or family member, contact that person through a trusted, independent method before acting.

Consumers who suspect they have been targeted by an AI investment scam should report the activity to DFR and appropriate authorities, including the Oregon Department of Justice or the Federal Trade Commission. Reporting suspected fraud can help regulators identify emerging scams and protect other consumers.

DFR also warns consumers to be cautious of anyone offering to recover money lost in an investment scam. Such offers can be another scam targeting victims who have already lost money.

To report suspected investment fraud or if you have been a victim of a scam, contact DFR at 1-888-877-4894 or email dfr.financialserviceshelp@dcs.oregon.gov.

SHERIFF’S TIP OF THE WEEK

Private Timber Lands

LINCOLN COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Those who enjoy traveling the back roads of our private timber lands may

have found locked gates or restricted access.

This leaves some people to believe private timber companies deny access to their lands simply because they don’t want private citizens on their property.

This is not the case. With the exception of active commercial use such as logging or harvest of other forest products, the closures are in reaction to the ever-increasing incidents of offensive

littering, abandonment of vehicles, theft of forest products, and acts of criminal mischief.

Some common acts of criminal mischief include destruction of property caused by 4X4s and ATVs riding in unapproved areas, destruction of road access gates, and more.

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

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

- Read signs posted at entry points into private & public lands – signs include important information including log truck activity.
- Report criminal acts to law enforcement.
- Report located dump sites or abandoned vehicles.
- Stay informed of possible land use restrictions. This information is usually posted at each access.
- When in doubt about access, contact the landowner or your Lincoln County Sheriff’s office Forest Patrol at (541)-265-4277.
- Do not discard glass, cans, rubbish, trash,

garbage, debris or litter other than in receptacles provided for these items.

- Report anyone observed hauling trash or debris into our forests.
- Consider bringing a trash bag or two to pick up trash you observe.
- Do not discard any glass, cans, rubbish, trash, garbage, debris or litter in any waters of the state.
- Do not drain, cause, or permit to be drained, sewage or the drainage from a cesspool, septic tank, recreational or camping vehicle waste holding tank or other contaminated source, upon the land of another without permission of the owner, or upon any public way.
- When target shooting, be sure to pick up brass, targets, and anything else used during your visit.
- Do not permit any rubbish, trash, garbage, debris or other refuse to be thrown from a vehicle you are operating.

Our forestlands, public and private, should be treasured and protected by everyone. Through our efforts, we can strive to regain the trust of the private timber owners. The challenge for each of us is to take pride in where we live and work and clean up our county.

For more information and tips visit www.lincolncountysheriff.net



Northwest Training and Testing
Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS
Available for Review and Comment

The U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard have jointly prepared a second supplement to the 2015 and 2020 environmental analyses of at-sea military readiness activities in the Northwest Training and Testing (NWTT) Study Area. The September 2026 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) is now available for review and comment through Oct. 19, 2026.

In-Person Open-House Public Meetings

In-person open-house public meetings will include informational poster stations staffed by project representatives who can answer questions about the Proposed Action and environmental analysis. Comments will be accepted in writing at the in-person public meetings.

Silverdale, Wash. Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026 4-7 p.m. PDT Oxford Suites, Olympic Ballroom 9550 Silverdale Way NW	Everett, Wash. Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026 4-7 p.m. PDT Carl Gipson Center, Cascade View Room 3025 Lombard Ave.
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Live Virtual Public Meetings

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026: 5 p.m. PDT/4 p.m. AKDT
Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026: 6 p.m. PDT/5 p.m. AKDT

The virtual public meetings will consist of a live presentation followed by a question-and-answer session. The public can submit questions in advance of the live virtual public meetings until **Sept. 28, 2026**, via the question form on the project website. Questions may also be submitted online in writing during the live virtual public meetings. Questions submitted as part of the question-and-answer session are not official comments. Participants dialing in via telephone will not be able to ask questions during the live virtual public meetings. Visit www.nepa.navy.mil/nwtteis to learn more about and attend the virtual public meetings.

Draft SEIS/OEIS Review and Comment

The public, stakeholders, and federally recognized tribes are invited to review the Draft SEIS/OEIS and provide substantive comments on the Proposed Action, the environmental analysis, and the project’s potential to affect historic in-water properties in line with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Comments may be submitted at the in-person public meetings, on the project website at www.nepa.navy.mil/nwtteis, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Northwest
Attention: NWTT SEIS/OEIS Project Manager
1101 Tautog Circle, Room 102
Silverdale, WA 98315-1101

Visit the project website at www.nepa.navy.mil/nwtteis to learn more about the project, in-person and live virtual public meetings, and the NHPA Section 106 process; download the Draft SEIS/OEIS; view a virtual presentation about the project; submit questions for the virtual public meetings; and submit comments on the environmental analysis. The website also lists locations where you can view a printed copy of the Draft SEIS/OEIS.

Comments must be postmarked or received online by 11:59 p.m. PDT on Oct. 19, 2026, for consideration in the preparation of the Final SEIS/OEIS.

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Oregon’s forests facing continued stresses, new report finds

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Drought stress continues to be a “key factor” in the health of Oregon’s forests, according to a new report on the state of health of Oregon’s forests.

Based on an extensive aerial survey of Oregon’s forests completed by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and the USDA Forest Service, the report shows that while tree death and damage was lower last year than the 10-year average, drought is still a key stressor of Oregon’s forest trees, making it harder for trees to defend against insect pests.

The full 2025 report is available at <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/documents/forestbenefits/fhh-report-2025.pdf>

ODF Forest Entomologist Christine Buhl helped produce the report. She said drought is often paired with rising temperatures.

“Together these are often the underlying cause of tree deaths in our state,” she said. “Drought reduces tree growth and lowers their defenses against insect pests and some diseases, which healthy trees may otherwise resist or tolerate.”

Lower than average death and damage

The report stated that 2025 saw a return to typical precipitation amounts, but spring was the fourth driest on record. A total



Data collection through on the ground sampling, trapping, and an aerial survey. (Courtesy photo from Christine Buhl / ODF)

of 181,500 acres showed death or damage of some kind from one or more causes. The damage was well below the 10-year average and less than half the peak year for damage in 2022. That year, 1.8 percent of Oregon’s 30 million forested acres showed signs of death or damage, compared to 0.7 percent in 2025 and 0.8 percent in 2024.

The highest percentage of damage or death was seen in eastern Oregon. Union County was worst affected, with 2.4 percent of its forested acres showing death or damage. This was followed by Umatilla County at 1.24 percent and Harney County at 1.12 percent. Coastal counties and those bordering the Coast Range had the lowest percent of death and damage in their forests.

Buhl said a majority

(78 percent) of the damage seen from the air this year resulted from the interplay of drought and opportunistic beetles targeting stressed Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), true fir species (*Abies spp.*), and pine species (*Pinus spp.*).

The report also measures other causes of trees being injured or killed, such as diseases, storms, and wildfires.

Levels of tree diseases remain much the same

The report showed the acreage or incidence of common tree diseases were largely unchanged. Researchers noted that this can sometimes be the result of limits to how well such diseases can be detected from the air. An exception is the water mold causing sudden oak death (*Phytophthora ramorum*). Since its

initial discovery near the California border in 2001, it continues steadily spreading north and northwest in Curry County around the community of Port Orford in southwest Oregon by about three to five miles a year. Sudden oak death infects scores of different shrub and tree species but kills Oregon’s native tanoak trees. The disease is spread by spores blown by the wind to new areas.

The State of Oregon is cooperating with federal land managers to slow the spread by identifying newly infected sites and cutting and burning infested vegetation. Private land is also being treated.

Ground-based observations showed that Swiss needle cast disease remains a problem for Douglas-fir growing in areas with high late-spring

atmospheric moisture, primarily in the Coast Range. Despite the name, the disease is caused by a fungal pathogen native to the Pacific Northwest.

“The fungus affects the needles, causing many of them to be shed prematurely,” ODF Forest Pathologist Gabriela Ritokova said. “This produces a sparse crown and 20 to 50 percent slower volume growth, reducing the amount of timber the tree produces.”

Mild temperatures in winter and spring are believed to favor fungal development, worsening its impact. This is especially true in damp coastal areas formerly dominated by Sitka spruce and western hemlock that have been replanted with Douglas-fir plantations.

On the ground collaborators are also important

Buhl emphasized the importance of on-the-ground collaborators to help round out the full picture of forest health in Oregon. “In addition to data ODF and the USDA Forest Service gather, we rely on Oregon State University Forestry Extension staff from across the state, and collaborate with other natural resource agencies, universities, public and private forest landowners, and members of the public to gather information,” she said.

In the aerial survey, trained observers fly over all forested lands in the Pacific Northwest in fixed-wing aircraft and record damage to trees from all sources. Flights are staffed with one observer on each side of the aircraft. Survey flights typically fly between 1,500 to 2,500 feet above ground level, following a systematic grid four miles apart and traveling at 90 to 140 miles an hour.

The aerial forest health survey is the longest continuous survey of its kind in the United States. It started in 1947 and has been flown every year since. The only exception was in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Data from the annual survey flights in Oregon can be found at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r06/natural-resources/forest-health/aerial-detection-survey>

Oregon to see \$12M for habitat restoration projects

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon will receive \$12 million in federal funds for habitat restoration and coastal resilience projects through the Community-based Restoration Program at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Oregon’s U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden joined U.S. Representatives Val Hoyle (OR-04) and Maxine Dexter (OR-03) announced the funding Thursday, Sept. 17.

The \$12 million in federal funds will be distributed in Oregon as follows:

The Freshwater Trust – Restoring habitat to support salmon and steelhead in the Sandy River Basin: \$6.1 million

Wild Salmon Center – Restoring habitat for coho salmon across four Oregon Coast watersheds: \$5.9 million

NOAA’s Community-based Restoration Program provides technical assistance and funding to partners implementing habitat restoration projects in coastal communities around the country. These projects will recover and sustain our nation’s fisheries by ensuring fish have access to high-quality habitat.

“Thanks to the Community-based Restoration Program, \$12 million in federal funding is coming to Oregon to help protect and improve critical habitat for native Oregon fish, including the iconic coho salmon,” Merkley said. “Oregon’s native fish are the lifeblood of our state, supporting the health and vitality of our communities, local economies, and Tribes who have been here since time immemorial. I’ll keep pushing for necessary federal



The funds will be used to restore salmon and steelhead habitat restoration in Oregon. (Courtesy photo)

investments to protect Oregon’s ecosystems for generations to come.”

“Salmon and steelhead are a huge part of what makes Oregon recreation and our state’s natural wonders renowned around the world,” Wyden said. “This \$12 million federal investment will help ensure those native fish keep flourishing along the

coast and in the Sandy River Basin. I’ll always keep battling for resources just like these that are so vital for economic well-being and Tribal traditions.

“Salmon sustain fishing jobs, support Tribes and help our local economies thrive,” Hoyle said. “NOAA’s Community-based Restoration

Program supports habitat preservation up and down the Oregon coast. This funding will support habitat restoration for Coho Salmon right here in the 4th Congressional district.”

“I’m deeply grateful our community is receiving \$6.1 million in NOAA funding to support habitat restoration for salmon and

steelhead in the Sandy River Basin,” Dexter said. “At a time when these threatened species face constant threats from climate change, I will continue advocating for funding that helps protect this irreplaceable part of the Pacific Northwest ecosystem

“When we helped secure Endangered Species Act protection for these fish decades ago, the goal wasn’t to put them on some sacred list and mourn—it was to recover them,” Freshwater Trust President and CEO Joe Whitworth said. “The Sandy program shows what can happen when you work at the scale of the whole basin, put effort into projects that matter most, and measure success by outcomes: spring Chinook and winter steelhead returns are now consistently surpassing ESA delisting abundance targets. This basin is one of the only spots in America where that’s actually

happening. This NOAA investment lets us keep doing what works until the job is done,”

“This investment in a unique Oregon partnership with a winning formula will help to further recover threatened Oregon Coast coho, according to Mark Trenholm, Vice President for Conservation, Wild Salmon Center.

“By following science, building consensus across agencies and communities, and deploying local knowledge and workers, the Coast Coho Partnership is reconnecting the most important streams, wetlands, and estuaries for coho up and down the coast,” Trenholm said. “Coho abundance is trending upward once again. Thanks to this funding and the leadership of the NOAA Restoration Center, we continue to recover a fish that is central to life on the Oregon Coast.”

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Oregon organization helps young people recover from psychosis

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Editor's note: This story discusses psychosis and mental health. If you or someone you know may be experiencing a mental health crisis, contact the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline by calling or texting "988" or chatting online at <http://988lifeline.org/>.

When Mindy Gale's child reached middle school, she noticed a shift in their behavior.

The Multnomah County mom noticed her child was experiencing mood swings and depression, and they withdrew from theater and singing — hobbies they had previously loved. At one point, her child started having paranoid hallucinations, including one in which they described feeling moths underneath their skin trying to escape.



The Early Assessment Support Alliance has served roughly 6,500 Oregonians since the Legislature funded it, and it treats about 700 people at any given point, according to Megan Sage, the organization's director. (Courtesy from Getty Images)

It became clear that her child was experiencing psychosis, a broad term used to describe symptoms that can include hallucinations, delusions and difficulty distinguishing what is real and what's not. "It's just really hard to describe how isolating and scary and full of grief that experience was to watch the child that you've cared

for and loved and brought up essentially disappear and be replaced with someone very different," she said. "It's very confusing and scary." At the time, it felt like she had lost her child, she said. With help from experts, Gale said she's come to terms that she had to align to a different path than she expected.

Gale found help for her child through the Early Assessment Support Alliance, which its users and staff call EASA, pronounced "ee-suh."

Mental health advocates created the organization

in 2001 to provide services to diagnose and treat the early symptoms of psychosis. The Oregon Legislature officially provided funding for the program in 2008. Since then, it's grown to offer programs serving every county in the state.

Oregon program focused on early psychosis intervention

The Early Assessment Support Alliance has served roughly 6,500 Oregonians since the Legislature funded it, and it treats about 700 people at any given point, according to Megan Sage, the

organization's director.

EASA is designed to intervene with psychosis early. Studies show that earlier treatment is associated with a better response to treatment and a greater likelihood of a good recovery.

An estimated 15 to 100 people out of every 100,000 develop psychosis each year, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. It often begins in the late teens to mid-20s, though people can experience a psychotic episode at a younger or older age.

The programs are available regardless of a person's ability to pay, insurance status or immigration status so long as they meet eligibility criteria. Eligible people are between age 12 and 30 and either at risk for developing psychosis or experienced their first episode of psychosis within the past 12 months.

The program provides individualized treatment that can include medication, counseling, family support, substance use treatment, occupational therapy and access to peer support groups. Services generally last two years.

Many people graduate from the programs with a plan in place for medical management without needing a lot of support, Sage said. Others develop schizophrenia-spectrum disorder and may require more long-term support and medication management.

"We really try to communicate the hope that recovery is not only possible; it's probable and it's highly likely," Sage said.

Some people may experience a relapse of

symptoms after graduating from the program, Sage said, but the organization helps individuals develop a plan for what to do if that happens.

Approximately 60% of clients upon graduation do not receive disability benefits, Sage said.

"Sometimes disability is a path for folks, and there's nothing wrong with that, but we always try to instill the message that there's lots of possibilities for people," she said. "Just because you experience psychosis doesn't mean you can't do so many things and live a full life."

For Gale, that possibility once felt difficult to imagine. It's been nearly eight years since her child graduated from EASA services. Now, her child lives independently in an apartment and has a support team in place to help manage their needs.

"EASA really felt like a lifeline to our family in one of the darkest, hardest times we've ever navigated," Gale said.

For more information about the early symptoms of psychosis, visit the Early Assessment Support Alliance website.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/09/14/oregon-organization-helps-young-people-recover-from-psychosis/>

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Five deliverables Oregon should require before lifting the Governor’s data center moratorium

MONICA KIRK
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column

For months I’ve followed Oregon’s Data Center Advisory Committee as it works through the questions raised by industrial-scale data center development in our state. Along the way, my own question changed. I stopped asking whether Oregon should pause new construction, and started asking a narrower one: what should it take to lift that pause? That question matters more. A moratorium without a clear finish line isn’t a decision, it’s a postponement, and postponements tend to fail one of two

ways: they drift on indefinitely because no one agrees “enough” has happened, or they get lifted on a technicality because the standard was never specific enough to hold anyone to. So instead of arguing for something as vague as “adequate transparency,” I want to offer the public five concrete, checkable deliverables the Governor’s office should have in hand before lifting the moratorium. You don’t need to agree with me about data centers generally to agree these are reasonable conditions. First, disclosure infrastructure that actually works: not a rule on paper, but a live, state-hosted system reporting

real numbers on water use, energy use, tax abatement value, and community benefit terms for every existing facility, plus a requirement that new facilities disclose whether they’re built for standard computing or for AI training and inference, which use power and water very differently. Second, real water data. Columbia Riverkeeper has testified that roughly half of Oregon’s data centers don’t even track their own water use, yet the Committee calls the industry’s footprint “modest.” I want published, seasonal water discharge testing, including contaminants, not a single misleading annual average. Third, an honest land

use accounting: a real inventory of how much rural exception land has already been converted for these facilities, tightened criteria before more is approved, and mandatory, not merely suggested, siting standards for clustering and buffering. Fourth, energy protections actually in effect, not proposed. Utility advocates have described rate-payers facing winter bills over \$600 a month while data centers pay minimum demand charges covering only a fraction of their real usage. I want facility-level energy and water thresholds and a dedicated utility rate class already in place, not still under negotiation. Fifth, tax abatements

you have to earn and can lose. Morrow County alone has roughly \$7.2 billion in data center property value off its tax rolls. Statewide abatements run near \$450 million a year. I’m not asking Oregon to end incentives, only to require a genuine “but-for” showing before granting one, and to write clawback provisions into law so a company that doesn’t deliver its promised jobs doesn’t keep its tax break anyway. What ties these together is that each is binary: the system exists with real data, or it doesn’t. That’s what makes this list usable as an actual condition for lifting the moratorium, rather than an aspiration nobody can be

held to. This isn’t an argument against data centers, or for them. It’s an argument that before Oregon lifts a pause on this kind of development, the public and our regulators should have the information the industry already holds. Right now we don’t. I’d ask readers who agree to raise these five deliverables with their legislators, the Governor’s office, and the Data Center Advisory Committee before its public comment period closes October 24. Submit comments to the Data Center Advisory Committee data-center.ac@oregon.gov by Oct. 24 at 5 p.m. Monica Kirk is a Depoe Bay resident.

The Myth of the “Non-Partisan” Ballot

ELIOT SEKULER
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column

Why should a political party make endorsements in a supposedly “non-partisan” election? That question has arisen as Lincoln County Democrats have thrown their support behind county commissioner candidates Cristen Don and Cathie Rigby. It’s worth answering directly, because “non-partisan” can suggest political philosophy has no place in a county election. It does have a place: the choices facing county government are shaped by principles and priorities

that closely track the divide between our parties. Removing party labels from the ballot doesn’t remove political values from the candidates—or from the decisions they’ll make once elected. Look no further than this year’s Oregon gubernatorial race. The Republican candidate calls her campaign “non-partisan,” as though denying women reproductive freedom and seeking to abolish vote-by-mail somehow become non-partisan simply by being labeled that way. They don’t. They reflect fundamental beliefs about individual rights, voting access and the role of

government. Similarly, Republican-backed Casey Miller’s campaign to retain his commissioner seat asks voters to ignore the principles underlying county decisions. Miller—vigorously supported by some of our county’s most conservative political elements—represents a strategy conservative candidates increasingly use in progressive-leaning communities: emphasize “non-partisanship” while accepting Republican support and saying as little as possible about the philosophy that will shape decisions in office. By contrast, Cathie

Rigby and Cristen Don (who faces another Republican-endorsed opponent) have openly embraced their progressive values. They recognize that although the commissioner’s office has officially been “non-partisan” since 2014, commissioners don’t leave their politics at the courthouse door. In today’s divided environment, those beliefs inevitably shape decisions at every level of government. And those decisions matter. Commissioners do far more than fix roads and balance budgets. They set spending priorities, oversee county programs, and establish policy on

housing, public health, land use, public safety and social services—programs serving our most vulnerable neighbors. They oversee the County Administrator and set the direction of county government. The ideological differences sharpen once you ask specific questions. What would commissioners fund—and cut? Would they resist an ICE detention facility in Lincoln County? How aggressively should the county tackle workforce housing and homelessness? How restrictive should land-use policy be? What’s the county’s responsibility

for behavioral health and addiction services? How should commissioners balance environmental protection, economic development and property rights? These aren’t administrative questions. They involve values and competing visions of government’s role. When voters made the commission “non-partisan” in 2014, the political climate was sharply different—the Obama cabinet, for instance, included three Republican department heads. Twelve years later, that degree of bipartisanship is unimaginable.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUPPORTS WAHLKE
As Lincoln City continues to grow, our community needs experienced, dedicated leadership in the Mayor’s office. That is why I am supporting Susan Wahlke for re-election as Mayor of Lincoln City. Susan has lived and worked in north Lincoln County for over 34 years, raising her family and deeply investing in our community. Her record of public service speaks for itself. Having served as Mayor since 2021, as a Ward 1 City Councilor, and on the City Budget Committee, Susan brings a deep understanding of municipal governance,

city planning, and Oregon land use. Furthermore, she effectively represents our region on the Oregon Mayors Association Board of Directors and the Coastal Mayors group. Susan understands the challenges facing our residents, seniors, and local small businesses. She is committed to enhancing livability by supporting local healthcare, policing, and affordable workforce housing. Her proven ability to bridge differing perspectives and build consensus ensures that diverse voices across Lincoln City are respected and included. Beyond City Hall, Susan’s tireless dedication shines through her volunteer leadership with organizations like Business for Excellence in Youth, Kiwanis, and the American Association

of University Women—work that earned her recognition as the 2026 “Leader of the Year”. Susan Wahlke offers the informed, effective, and trusted leadership Lincoln City needs. Please join me in voting to re-elect Susan Wahlke on or before November 3. David Jamieson
Lincoln City

LETTER: RIGBY AND DON DESERVE OUR SUPPORT ON HOUSING
Lincoln County’s affordable housing shortage isn’t an abstract problem. It’s the wildfire survivor still waiting for permanent housing four years later. It’s the essential worker commuting an hour because there’s nothing to rent here. It’s the senior on a fixed income watching rents climb. I’m supporting Cathie Rigby and Cristen Don for County Commission because affordable housing is a cornerstone of their campaigns.

Oregon’s LIFT Rental program prioritizes our rural communities, but only when local applications are ready to compete. Rigby and Don can push to fast-track land use approvals, offer surplus county land to developers, and back the Housing Authority’s pipeline of shovel-ready projects, so Lincoln County isn’t left waiting on the sidelines while other counties claim the funding. The state’s HOLD

Fund offers another avenue, aimed at the kind of workforce and family housing our county needs. Tapping it means commissioners willing to show up at OHCS meetings, coordinate with municipal governments instead of competing against them, and work with our state legislators to keep these programs funded. Just as important: cutting the red tape that stalls projects. Rigby’s proposed form-based codes could do exactly that, rezoning by building form rather than case-by-case review, while inclusionary provisions ensure new development actually serves the households that need it. Rigby and Don understand that solving this crisis takes more than sympathy. It takes commissioners willing to cut through bureaucracy and chase every available dollar. That’s who I want representing Lincoln County. Lynetta Richardson
Lincoln City

LETTER: ONE WAY TO INTERVENE
America First Policy Institute members are now inside the US Census Bureau. AFPI is a conservative think tank working on MAGA goals. They have access to extensive and sensitive data about everyone around the country. These data can easily be exploited for political ends.

This is part of a larger plan that was mapped out a long time ago. Moves to infiltrate the federal government like this allows a dismantling of the basic structure of our democracy. The founders warned us about this. They instituted safeguards and a system of checks and balances to prevent one party from having overarching power, but they are being sidestepped or removed. This is worse than a coup. It is slow, hidden, and systematic. It more like infestation by termites. Termites work away inside a house until it can be blown down by a breeze. But this is our house. We have one way to intervene. Vote. Shar Walbaum
Lincoln City

MIDTERMS HOLD HOPE
I am writing about the midterms, and the hope that they hold for our country, and for every American. In two short years, we have witnessed so much damage to our government and our way of life. The systematic dismantling of our democracy. The widespread suppression of the truth about what is going on. Increased discrimination against all minority groups. Widespread suffering and death, at the hands of our own government.

Some examples of this are: The millions of Americans who no longer have medical care or adequate nutrition. Our immigrant neighbors who are being thrown into detention centers and subjected to totally inhumane treatment. Families in Gaza and Iran who are being murdered, while our own government pays for the bombs and military aid. And these are only some of the tragedies that are unfolding every day. But, we now have a fighting chance to turn this around. There is a possibility of flipping the house blue, restoring our democratic principles, our sanity, and our humanity. There are a handful of progressive Democratic candidates who are running for seats in our Senate, in very tight and very crucial races. These men and women have pledged to work for social change, fairness, transparency and accountability. They can use our support. Mary Peltola (Alaska) Jon Ossoff (Georgia) Josh Turek (Iowa) Troy Jackson (Maine) Abdul El Sayed (Michigan) Roy Cooper (North Carolina) Sherrod Brown (Ohio) James Talarico (Texas) Jon Ossoff (Georgia) Roberta Baker (Lincoln City)

ONLINE POLL

PREVIOUS POLL

What Fall-time staple are you most looking forward to?

65.6%.....Sweater Weather

3.1%.....Homecoming Game

15.6%.....Halloween

15.6%.....Pumpkins... Pumpkins Everywhere

NEW POLL

Has the increasing price of gasoline made you alter your driving habits?

• Yes

• No



A customer smiles while waiting for her purchase at the Sunday Market. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)



Customers stroll along the front path during the Sunday Market at the Lincoln City Cultural Center. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

MARKET

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center, it moved away and kind of fizzled out,” she said. “When they finished up the improvements here, we had a group that got together, organized, and got the market back. This

is our third year back.” Wilkins said the market provides an economic boost for local small businesses. “It is a venue for about 40 small businesses to meet their customers every week,” she said. “People find fresh produce, local art, and all

kinds of wonderful things available directly to customers.” The market also offers live music and specialty foods. Wilkins said her favorite part of the market are the people. “The people are just wonderful,” she said. “I

love our vendors. We have a great group. I’s just special place for the community to come to each week.” Vendor Argon Vancouver sells his hand-made wallets at the Market. “This is my third ir fourth year at the Sunday

market,” Vancouver said. “I like the vibe of the friendly people and the sunshine. I like that it is like show and tell all day long. I love it here.” The Lincoln City Sunday Market is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Sunday through Oct. 11 at the Lincoln City

Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101. For more information, visit LincolnCitySundayMarket.org *Who We Are is a frequent Lincoln County Leader feature highlighting the people and events in our community.*

BALLOT

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“Non-partisanship” sounds attractive, and commissioners should work across party lines—fixing potholes isn’t Democratic or Republican. But voters shouldn’t confuse cooperation with the fiction that philosophy has no bearing on governance. It does. That’s why political organizations have a

legitimate role in examining candidates, questioning their priorities, and telling voters which ones reflect their values. In the name of honesty, Cristen Don and Cathie Rigby have acknowledged their political orientation and earned endorsements from Lincoln County Democrats, Lincoln City Indivisible and other progressive groups. Their opponents should face the same scrutiny. Voters

should look past the reassuring label of “non-partisan” and ask what values and political forces actually stand behind every candidate. A non-partisan ballot shouldn’t require an uninformed choice. Voters who share the progressive values Cristen Don and Cathie Rigby articulate should know exactly what’s at stake—and vote accordingly. *Eliot Sekuler is a Gleneden Beach resident.*

GRANTS

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made Housing First initiatives the predominant federal homelessness policy. The Trump administration argues that it hasn’t worked and that chronic homelessness has increased since 2013. But housing advocacy groups say that Housing First initiatives are a proven, bipartisan strategy that can lead to better outcomes and reduce taxpayer spending on emergency services and the criminal legal system. The National Low

Income Housing Coalition pointed to a 2020 review of 26 studies that found Housing First programs decreased homelessness by 88% and improved housing stability by 41% compared with Treatment First programs. Stateline reporter Robbie Sequeira can be reached at rsequeira@stateline.org. This story was originally produced by Stateline, which is part of States Newsroom, a nonprofit news network which includes Oregon Capital Chronicle, and is supported by grants and

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VOTING

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- PNW Assistive Technology’s Wayfinder Ride-On Toys (Eugene)
- Reser’s Fine Foods’ Deviled Egg Potato Salad (Hillsboro)
- Tillamook’s Sharp Cheddar Cheese (Tillamook)
- Tucker Sno-Cat’s Model 1600 Over Snow Vehicle (Medford)

- Twist Bioscience’s Synthetic DNA on a Silicon Wafer (Wilsonville)
 - VISCO’s Cast Iron and Steel Decorative Streetlights (Eugene)
 - Work Sharp’s RMX Reverse Tanto Folding Knife (Ashland)
- OBI is a statewide association representing businesses from a wide variety of industries and from each of Oregon’s 36 counties. In addition to being the statewide chamber

of commerce, OBI is the state affiliate for the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Retail Federation. “Our 1,500 member companies, more than 75% of which are small businesses, employ more than 250,000 Oregonians. Oregon’s private sector businesses help drive a healthy, prosperous economy for the benefit of everyone,” according to the release.

Marguerite Cooper

March 12, 1936-September 7, 2026

Marguerite Anne (Mayor) Cooper was born to Mary and Maurice Mayor on March 12, 1936, in Portland, Oregon. She attended Creston Grade School and Franklin High School in Portland. In her early 20s, she moved to Los Angeles, CA, to work for Transworld Airlines and enjoyed the southern, CA lifestyle (oh, the stories!), returning to OR, where she married her husband Ralph Cooper, in 1959. Eventually, she earned an associate degree in Supervisory Development and Criminal Justice from Portland Community College and completed her bachelor’s degree in business management from Marylhurst University. Marguerite served as treasurer, vice president, and president of the Creston Elementary PTA and led a Camp Fire group. She volunteered at Doernbecher Children’s Hospital and Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital. She also served as treasurer of the Oregon State Investigators



Association and was a past member of MAFIA (Metropolitan Area Fraud Investigation Association), and the Oregon State Chief of Police and Oregon State Sheriffs Association. She was employed by Pacific NW Bell Telephone Company for 28 years. In her retirement she spent time traveling the world, gardening, enjoying her friendships, creating a garden, building her own home in Lincoln City, was the ultimate homesteader, enjoyed doing local fundraisers, and volunteering at Good Samaritan Hospital. She will be remembered for her quick wit, sarcasm, and stubborn independence. She is survived by her adult children Dana and David Cooper.

In 2022, due to Alzheimer progression, Marguerite moved to California with her daughter to be cared for. She did not desire to have a memorial, and will be placed next to her husband at Willamette National Cemetery.

John Collie

03/22/1946- 09/05/2026

CPL. John Kenneth Collier of Otis, Oregon passed away on September 5, 2026 from lifelong complications from Agent Orange exposure. Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma March 22, 1946 to Emma-Louise and Morris Collier. John spent part of his childhood in Oklahoma before moving to California around the age of 7.

John was an award-winning wrestler for Livingston High School graduating in 1964. Shortly after graduating High School, John attended Modesto Junior College and was working towards a degree that would allow him to coach his beloved wrestling and teach physical education when he was drafted in 1968 to serve in Vietnam. He voluntarily signed up for two more tours after being drafted, serving in the 101st Airborne (Screaming Eagles), Comanchero A/101 AHB, and 1st Calvary Division among other divisions in the Army. John was a well decorated soldier, flying over 1,000 combat missions as a helicopter crew chief and door gunner. He was a recipient of four Purple Hearts and multiple awards for acts of bravery and valor in combat including a Bronze Star. He was a well-respected hero and a brother to all veterans. He was instrumental in helping hundreds of veterans secure benefits and awards as a national service officer. John loved fishing in creeks and rivers since he was a young man in California, and continued to do so while living in Hawaii and eventually Oregon. John also loved photography, recording and taking photos and videos of family members, friends, and



nature. He had a passion for vintage cars, especially Corvettes. He loved watching football and was an enthusiastic 49er fan. John is survived by 8 children, Gayle Smith, Kelly Collier, Cassia Collier, Stephanie Hegarty (Mark), Juan Collier, Golda Collier (Geoff), Cora Collier, and Marcus Collier; 13 Grandchildren, Alexandra Cole, Caitlin Gonzalez (Alexander), Mark Hegarty the 2nd, Gabriela DeMarco, Christian Hegarty, Jaden Collier, Sage Collier, Christiana DeMarco, Lily Collier, Orion McAlwee, Camellia Forbes, Aurora McAlwee, and Carly Forbes; and 3 Great-Grandchildren, Alexander and Adonis Gonzalez, and Celine DeMarco.

Graveside services will be at noon, September 28th at the Willamette National Military Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

David Alan Cushman

June 10, 1959 - August 12, 2026

David Alan Cushman 67 years old, of Otis Oregon left this earthly realm on August 12th 2026. He was born on June 10th, 1959 in Corvallis Oregon. He was raised in Taft, Oregon during his first childhood years and later moved to Neotsu. He played trumpet in concert band and later in the award-winning Stage Band during his high school years at Taft High School. He graduated high school in 1977.

He joined the United States Army in 1980 spending much of his service in Germany during the cold war. He retired with honors as Sergeant First Class after 20 years. His MOS was combat engineer. David was an avid Motorsports fan. He would travel to Phoenix once a year to attend NHRA events. He also loves driving his Harley. David was a mechanic and could fix all sorts of things. He was always ready to help others without expecting anything in return. Always paying it forward. He had a deep

knowledge base of music and took pride in having great quality sound systems. His sense of humor was endearing and contagious.

David was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Margie Cushman and nephew Ryan Cushman. He leaves two adult children Bridget Eleson and Callie Cushman; two grandchildren Oliver Cushman and Felix Bubb recently having stayed with both grandsons for Felix’s graduation celebrations which he thoroughly enjoyed. David also leaves his brother Michael Cushman, sister-in-law Polly, and niece Jillian. Siblings Sherri Cessnun and Randy Stone. He has touched the hearts of family and long time friends who will never forget him.

Please donate to your favorite veteran charity in lieu of flowers. Please get an annual physical and see your doctor regularly.

A small service will be announced later.



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Coollest Thing Made in Oregon finalists selected, voting open

Oregon Business & Industry has released the 16 finalists in the fourth annual Coolest Thing Made in Oregon contest.

The list includes two Central Oregon Coast businesses, and the contest recognizes the breadth and ingenuity of Oregon’s manufacturing sector.

This year’s finalists represent a wide variety of products manufactured throughout the state, from Ashland to Boardman.

The finalists appear on a bracket that will be used to determine the Coolest Thing Made in Oregon. The first round of voting, which will cut the list to eight products, is now open and will continue through noon on Sept. 28. Oregonians can view the bracket, learn about the Coolest Thing finalists and – most importantly – vote on the contest website here.

A panel chose this year’s finalists from scores of products nominated by Oregonians over the spring and summer. Members of the public will narrow the field of finalists during several rounds of voting. The manufacturer of the winning product will receive formal recognition and enjoy bragging rights for producing Oregon’s coolest thing. At least until next year, when Oregonians will identify a new coolest thing.



The first round of voting, which will cut the list to eight products, is now open and will continue through noon on Sept. 28. (Courtesy photo)

- The 16 finalists and the company locations:**

 - Aerostar’s Zero Pressure Balloons (Tillamook)
 - Crater Lake Spirits’ Hazelnut Espresso Vodka (Bend)
 - Georgia Pacific’s Angel Soft Toilet Paper (Wauna)
 - Icicle Tricycle’s Ice Cream Vending Bike (Portland)
 - Lamb Weston’s Waffle Fries (Bend)
 - Miles Fiberglass’ Pantan Chair (Clackamas)
 - North River Boats’ Seahawk Fastback (Roseburg)
 - Nuro’s WaveCel Helmet Lining (Wilsonville)
 - Overwatch Imaging’s TK Series Smart Sensors (Hood River)
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Trump administration moving to shift homelessness grants toward addiction treatment, enforcement

ROBBIE SEQUERIA Oregon Capital Chronicle

In its latest effort to overhaul federal homelessness funding, the Trump administration is proposing to provide more money to localities that prioritize treatment-first policies such as sober living, more cooperation with law enforcement and more temporary and transitional housing.

It’s a reversal from a decade-long federal approach known as Housing First that sought to permanently house people experiencing homelessness without requiring sobriety or participation in treatment programs as a condition.

The Trump administration has been attempting to overhaul federal funding for homelessness programs in this direction over the past two years but had suffered defeats in court that stalled its efforts to do so in 2025 and 2026.

In a notice posted in the Federal Register on Sept. 11, the Department of Housing and Urban Development argued that current policies aren’t working and said some states and localities have already shifted toward a treatment-based approach to



A campsite is seen in Anchorage, Alaska, last year. The Trump administration has proposed a major shift in homelessness grants. (Courtesy photo from Yereth Rosen / Alaska Beacon)

homelessness. The agency will take public comments through Oct. 13.

Under the proposal, the department would change the bonuses it gives to state and local areas that participate in the Continuum of Care program, a federal grant initiative to fight homelessness. The department would incentivize efforts to provide transitional

housing with services “concentrating on improving employment income and meeting behavioral healthcare needs.” It would also incentivize addiction treatment and recovery services, sober housing and partnerships with law enforcement.

HUD pointed to policies in Anchorage, Alaska; Houston; Portland, Oregon; and San Francisco as evidence that

states and cities are already shifting their homelessness responses toward public camping restrictions with emphasis on treatment and recovery as a condition to housing support.

That shift was made possible by the U.S. Supreme Court’s City of Grants Pass v. Johnson decision in 2024, which allowed local governments to enforce public camping bans.

Since then, more than 350 cities and 14 states have adopted laws or measures to crack down on street homelessness.

HUD had tried twice previously to change the application process for grants along similar lines, but a federal court ruled against the attempts, saying they violated required procedures.

One lawsuit against HUD’s efforts was brought by a coalition of 22 states and the District of Columbia, while another was filed by local governments and homelessness organizations, including the National Alliance to End Homelessness and the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

State officials joining the lawsuit were from Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin, plus the District of Columbia.

The Obama administration

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State’s unemployment shows ‘slight stabilization’ during summer

STAFF REPORT Lincoln County Leader

Oregon’s unemployment rate was little changed at 5.1% in August and 5.2% in July. It has been within a tight range between 5.0% and 5.3% for the past 18 months, since March 2025 when it was 5.0%.

In August, Oregon’s seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment declined by 800 jobs, following a revised loss of 1,800 jobs in July. August’s losses were largest in professional and business services (-1,100 jobs). Gains were largest in

construction (+700 jobs) and retail trade (+500).

In the past 12 months, payroll employment dropped by 10,900 jobs, or 0.5%. Health care and social assistance continued its rapid growth of the past four years by adding 10,200 jobs, or 3.2%, in the past 12 months. Private education (+800, or 2.2%) and other services (+1,300 jobs, or 2.0%) were the only other major industries that added jobs since August 2025. Manufacturing (-6,800 jobs, or -3.8%) cut the most jobs in that time. Most of the other major industries cut jobs by less than 2%.

However, there were signs of stabilization over the past five months, as total nonfarm payroll employment inched upward by 1,800 jobs, or 0.1%. The gains since March were largest in health care and social assistance (+3,800 jobs); construction (+2,200); other services (+1,700); retail trade (+1,400); and private education (+1,400). These gains were partially offset by losses in manufacturing (-3,100 jobs); leisure and hospitality (-2,600); and government (-2,000).

The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.1% in both July and August.

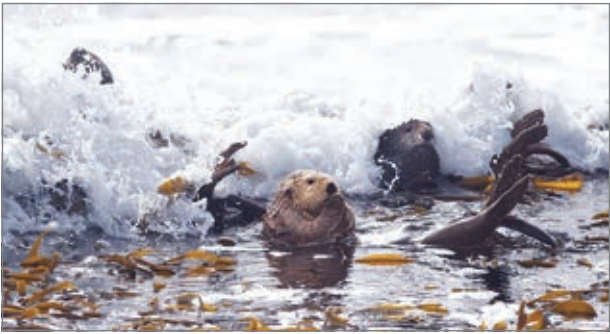


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Coast Moment



Blue sky and sunshine along the beach at Roads End in Lincoln City. Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader



The researchers will explore conditions along Oregon's coastline, where sea otters have vanished, and Washington's coastline, where sea otters were reintroduced in 1970s and have been gradually growing in population since, according to a release. Courtesy photo from Gretchen Kay Stuart / Elakha Alliance

New partnership reached to reintroduce Sea Otters to Oregon

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Over 100 years ago, sea otters disappeared from Oregon as a result of the fur trade. Now, a group of conservation organizations has launched research with the goal of eventually bringing sea otters back to the state.

The Seattle Aquarium, Oregon Coast Aquarium, Elakha Alliance and Wildlife Conservation Network's (WCN) Sea

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Halloween Pet Parade in Toledo



A land shark greets an ice cream sundae. (Lincoln County Leader photos)

JACKIE BURNS
Toledo City Council

The Annual Halloween Pet Parade and Wiener Roast will be held the 2nd Saturday in October.

This year it will be on October 10. The event is held at the port waterfront park. The route is simply around the green grassy area.

Set up at 10. Registration is at 11:30. The parade begins at noon.

This is also a costume contest. Three volunteers will be the judges and prizes will be awarded. While the judges tally

their scores we will have a wiener roast.

We invite pet businesses to have a table free of charge for promotion. This year we will have Sue Giles demonstrate her dog agility training. Another added feature is a Photo Booth. (Still working that out.)

I hope this is enough information for you to place an article in your paper. I have attached a copy of our flyer for your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your interest in this event. It's great fun.

If you should need to reach me feel free to call, 308.530.9366



The Halloween Pet Parade show the people and pets in a variety of categories. Above, a group of winners from a past parade. Left, a Target Shopping Cart strolls the grounds

2027-2028 Blue Book Photo Contest

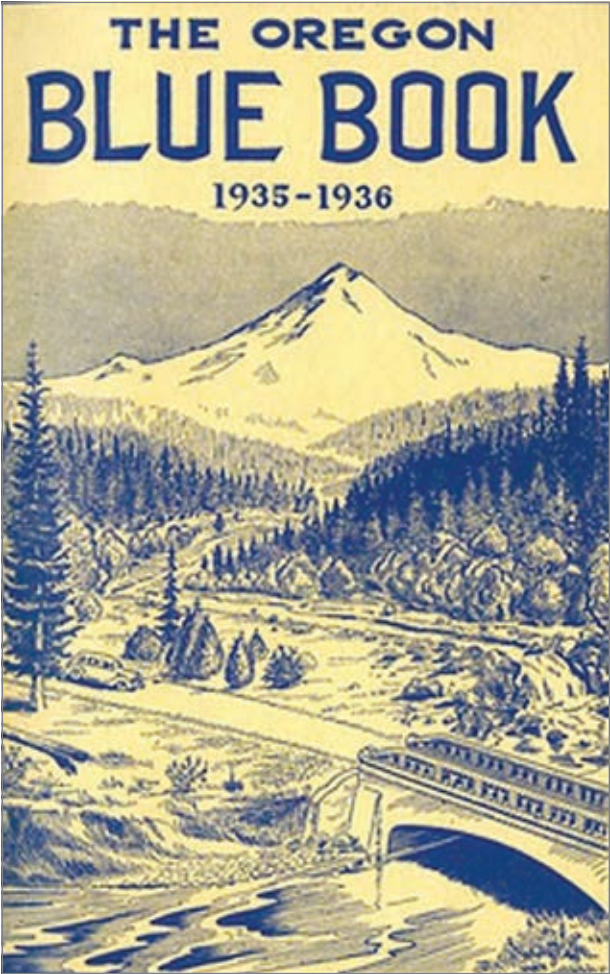
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The Oregon Secretary of State's Office staff welcomes Oregon residents and amateur photographers to submit their images to our 2027-2028 Oregon Blue Book Cover Photo Contest.

"We're looking for images that reflect the beauty, resilience and spirit of our state," the staff states in a release.

"So, whether you're spending sun-drenched days on the Alvord Desert, fly fishing on the McKenzie River, sitting in the bleachers at the Molalla Buckaroo or strolling through



A look at previous Oregon Blue Book covers. (Courtesy photo)



Cooler temperatures and misty mornings make autumn an ideal time to hit Lincoln City's hiking trails, where lush forests, dramatic waterfalls, and sweeping coastal scenery take center stage. (Courtesy photo)

Magic of Fall at Lincoln City

EXPLORE LINCOLN CITY

As fall approaches, Lincoln City prepares to welcome one of the Oregon Coast's most beloved events: the Lincoln City Fall Kite Festival. But the fall fun doesn't stop there.

From the Ale Trail and scenic hiking routes to the city's signature "Exploriences" programs, Lincoln City offers an array of ways to embrace the season.

With crisp coastal air, fewer visitors, and ample opportunity for unexpected discoveries, fall is an ideal time to explore all that Lincoln City offers.

The Lincoln City Fall Kite Festival returns to Lincoln City Sept. 25-27 with a temporary new home at Chinook Winds Casino Resort while construction continues

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A look at previous Oregon Blue Book covers. (Courtesy photos)

CONTEST

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downtown Ashland, we want to see the scenes that remind you why Oregon is home.

About the Contest

The Oregon Secretary of State’s office sponsors a cover photo contest for each edition of the Oregon Blue Book. The

contest is open to all Oregon residents and amateur photographers.

Deadline

The deadline for entries is 11:59 p.m. Saturday, October 31.

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OTTERS

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Otter Fund are collaborating to generate new data on how sea otters—or their absence—affects coastal ecosystems in the Pacific Northwest.

The researchers will explore conditions along Oregon’s coastline, where sea otters have vanished, and Washington’s coastline, where sea otters were reintroduced in 1970s and have been gradually growing in population since, according to a release.

“Sea otters provide powerful benefits to their environment,” Seattle Aquarium Senior Conservation Research Manager Dr. Shawn Larson said. “When otters are present, kelp forests and eelgrass meadows thrive. There is more food for other animals in the system, and the system itself is more resilient to climate change. That is what we would hope and expect to see if they are reintroduced in Oregon.”

According to Larson, the Aquarium, a global leader in sea otter conservation research for over 30 years, is conducting the research in partnership with Oregon Coast Aquarium and the Elakha Alliance and with funding from WCN’s Sea Otter Fund. Research will span through the end of 2028.

“This collaboration provides us an incredible opportunity to learn from two coastal environments in the Pacific Northwest—one where sea otters have been absent for generations and another where they have returned and are once again part of the marine ecosystem,” Elakha Alliance Executive Director Jane Bacchieri said. “By comparing the conditions of these coastal habitats, we can better understand the ecological changes associated with the presence and absence of sea otters and build a stronger scientific foundation for restoration in Oregon.

Bacchieri added that the work is an important step toward understanding what a future with sea otters back on the Oregon coast could look like.

“Understanding the potential impacts of sea otters on Oregon’s near-shore ecosystem starts with having strong baseline data before any action is taken, according to Jim Burke, Director of Animal Care at Oregon Coast



The researchers will spend the next three years gathering data on both non-inhabited coastal Oregon environments and coastal Washington environments where sea otters are present today. Courtesy photo from Gretchen Kay Stuart / Elakha Alliance

Aquarium.

“The Oregon Coast Aquarium’s scientific dive team brings years of experience working in Oregon waters, and combining that local knowledge with ROV technology and interpretive software gives us a much more complete picture of what is happening below the surface,” Burke said. “This is a collaborative effort that brings together different institutions, technologies, and areas of expertise so that future decisions are based on the best information available. We see this as much more than a three-year project. Our hope is to continue this work into the next decade and beyond, so that if sea otters are reintroduced to Oregon, we can document and better understand changes before, during, and long after their return.”

“Right now, we need an underwater baseline to track the impacts of sea otters as they come home,” Sea Otter Fund Director Dr. Jen Miller said. “After reintroduction, we expect to see sea otters rebuild the ecological resilience of our coasts. But we won’t see the change unless we start the science now.”

How the project will unfold

What would happen if sea otters returned to the Oregon coast? To answer this question, the researchers will spend the next three years gathering data on both non-inhabited coastal Oregon environments and coastal Washington environments where sea otters are present today. They’ll compare the two locations to understand how the

presence of otters affects the populations of other marine species and the overall condition of the seafloor.

Working in both states, teams will use scuba divers and remotely operated vehicles (ROVs). They will measure the abundance of sea otter prey, including urchins, crabs and abalone, and will capture thousands of images of rocky reef and soft-sediment.

Through the partnership, a team from the Seattle Aquarium, which has operated a successful ROV program since 2022, will train and advise a team at Oregon Coast Aquarium, as it develops its first-ever ROV program to support the work. That training is already underway.

“Because the marine environments in Washington and Oregon are similar, comparing the two locations gives us valuable information on the potential benefits of restoring sea otters to Oregon,” Dr. Zachary Randell, senior research scientist at the Seattle Aquarium and leader of the Aquarium’s ROV program, said. “What’s exciting is that this kind of project has never been done before with ROVs.”

This regional approach to monitoring the marine environment doesn’t just enable comparisons. It will also help establish critical baseline data in Oregon ahead of a potential sea otter reintroduction down the road. And the data will help researchers distinguish sea otter-driven changes from changes connected to other environmental factors.

The team plans to share findings widely with government, Tribal and other conservation partners in Washington, Oregon and the broader Pacific Coast region.

“We are eager to build new partnerships and share our learnings to support coastal communities throughout the region in meeting today’s ecological and conservation challenges,” Dr. Randell said..

Vision for the future

While a potential sea otter reintroduction would be years away, this research will provide a critical foundation for it, according to the researchers. It will also contribute credible, detailed information that will allow for informed and collaborative discussions around reintroduction.

The partners leading this work also envision that ROV monitoring of coastal conditions will continue beyond the project’s three-year timeline, ultimately documenting ecological changes before, during and after a sea otter reintroduction.

“The near extinction of sea otters after the fur trade was devastating, and not just because they are a beloved Pacific Northwest species,” Dr. Shawn Larson says. “Their absence impacts other marine animals, plants and the coastal communities that rely on vibrant and diverse ecosystems. Measuring those impacts is a critically important step in turning the tide.”

“This research is a timely investment that will catalyze our ability to marvel at sea otter impacts in the years to come,” Dr. Jen Miller said.

Lincoln County Leader

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SUDOKU

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SWAFFORD ON WINE

Utilizing grape waste

I recently tasted the most enjoyable Oregon Pinot Noir I have had in the last two years: the Penner-Ash 2022 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir.

My son-in-law, Robert Jurkiewicz, ordered it during a recent visit to Allred Mini-Bites and Bar. With four years of age, its blackberry and black cherry fruit flavors dominated a flawlessly smooth texture, perfectly balancing the alcohol, fruit, and grape acids with no rough edges. Interestingly, this exact wine was served at the White House dinner for King Charles and Queen Camilla earlier this year.

Robert—who is married to my daughter Rachel and works as a director at Merrill Lynch in Denver—certainly knows quality Oregon

Pinot (Rachel and I taught him well). Years ago, before we closed the Champagne Patio Restaurant and Fine Wine Shop, he asked me to order a memorial service



Joseph Swafford

Jeremymagnum of Penner-Ash Pinot Noir to honor one of his colleagues. I drove up to Lynn and Ron Penner-Ash’s newly opened winery in the northwest Willamette Valley above McMinnville to pick up the bottle, which Lynn and Ron autographed with a personal message.

If you decide to try this terrific wine, I highly recommend visiting their beautiful hilltop winery for its stunning views of the valley, vineyards, and Mt. Hood.

Turning to other news from the world of wine, I have two items—one good and one bad.

The good: Scientists have found a use for the residue from pressing grapes for wine. Studies now show that the pomace (seeds, stems and

the must—the crushed flesh of the berry) can replace antibiotic growth promoters—the chemical additives to chicken feed. Now, by adding a small amount of the more natural substance—pomace—to feed, both weight and health of poultry improves. And less hard-to-dispose-of grape waste goes to landfills.

The bad: Russian missile strikes recently hit Ukrainian wine distributor’s warehouses near Kviv inflicting heavy material losses. And, while in the process of recovery, Russian missiles struck again. Granted, those were missiles that,



Joseph and Christina Swafford with Newport Seafood and Wine Festival judge Mac McLaren at Elk Cove Vineyards for the Memorial Service for the late Joe Campbell, founder of Elk Cove Vineyards. (Courtesy photo)

thankfully, didn’t destroy the civilian housing of families with children this time, but it underlines another dimension of the senselessness, not to mention the inhumanity, of this war.

Perhaps President Trump could invite

President Putin to the White House to discuss ways to end conflicts. Rather than a State Dinner, such as that for King Charles, maybe a picnic in the Rose Garden just for the two presidents is in order. I feel that serving the excellent

Penner-Ash Oregon Pinot Noir would be a waste of good wine as the two leaders exchanged war stories. A better serving selection...a Molotov Cocktail?

Cheers!
Joseph Swafford
jcswoff56@gmail.com

Dadweed to perform in concert at Newport Performing Arts Center

KYAQ will present Dadweed in concert at 7 p.m. Sept. 27, at the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center.

Dadweed is an acoustic trio out of Portland featuring Clayton Eiberg on acoustic guitar and vocals, Ian Lindsay on bass and vocals, and Keenan Dorn on acoustic guitar and vocals. Together, they explore the boundaries of traditional bluegrass, weaving and blending in elements of jazz, folk, pop, and R&B.

The group got together playing all night under a willow tree at the 2022 McKensie River Jamfest and made it official in the spring of 2023. Since then, they have exploded on the music scene, playing on a variety of stages including Mississippi Studios, the Bridgetown Bluegrass Festival, and a coveted spot on the Oregon Country Fair Main Stage.

Whether at a festival, theater, brewery, winery, or house concert, Dadweed can be counted on to bring their signature blend of energy and soul to every performance.

Dorn said the group’s name evolved. “You’ll honestly get three different answers from each of us, but I sum it up as a bit of an analogy of our musical approach: whether it’s fast rippin’ s...-kickin’ bluegrass, or slow movin’ heart-felt Americana, we cherish both ends of the musical spectrum the same. So when we thought of the name, it kinda evoked an appreciation of finding your dad’s weed – whether it’s stronger than hell coming in at 35% THC and giving you a panic attack, or if it’s old and dry and crumbly and of little-to-no effect – It’s all special and important nevertheless because it came from your dad! And so I guess that nostalgia is a part of why we play such a variety of styles, because



we didn’t wanna get stuck in one corner of the greater folk music tradition, we want to provide a lil bit of something for everyone!”

And they do that by fusing jazz, rock, folk, pop, and r&b to explore and redefine the boundaries of bluegrass. Through three-part vocal harmonies and exceptional instrumental talent, the trio has earned a reputation for crafting music that captivates and surprises its audiences.

As Rachel Saslow of the Willamette Weekly wrote, “A typical set is grounded in the high kicking, upbeat, fast style that bluegrass is known for, but the band also has a soft spot for slow, heartfelt waltzes. They go major scale, minor scale, mid-tempo—the full spectrum of what a blend of folk, jazz and bluegrass has to offer.”

Learn more about the band at <https://dadweedpdx.com/>,

Free screening of “The People vs. Agent Orange” in Newport

Sierra Club Oregon will host a free public screening of the acclaimed documentary The People vs. Agent Orange on Saturday, September 26, at 5 p.m. The event takes place at the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center’s Doefler Family Theater, located on Newport’s historic Bayfront, and will conclude by 8 p.m.

The 90-minute film exposes the ongoing impact of toxic chemical and pesticide spraying in forest watersheds, tracing the history of herbicide use from the Vietnam War to present-day Oregon. Following the screening, attendees are invited to stay for a live Q&A panel featuring local forest defenders Carol Van Strum, Deb Fant, Eron King, and Loren Wand.

Van Strum, a prominent local activist featured in the documentary, will also read from, sell, and sign copies of her book, A Bitter Fog, which chronicles the true stories of Oregon Coast residents fighting to protect their families from aerial chemical spraying. Organizers encourage anyone who has survived pesticide spraying to attend and share their personal experiences during the



community discussion. Due to the film’s exploration of ecological destruction, birth defects, and health impacts, viewer discretion is advised. Admission is completely free, and registration is encouraged, but not required.

Event Details:
• **What:** Free documentary screening and community Q&A
• **When:** Saturday,

September 26, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
• **Where:** Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, 333 SE Bay Blvd., Newport
• **Cost:** Free
The Sierra Club Oregon Chapter works to protect Oregon’s communities, wild places, and wildlife through environmental advocacy, grassroots organizing, and public education.

FALL From Page B1

on the new Lincoln City Welcome Center at D River Wayside. Explore Lincoln City is excited to partner with Chinook Winds Casino to keep this beloved Lincoln City tradition flying high.

Throughout the weekend, visitors can watch spectacular kite demonstrations by professional fliers, marvel at colorful giant show kites filling the sky, create their own kites, and explore interactive displays.

The weekend kicks off Sept. 25 with the Night Fly, which lights up the night sky with illuminated kites in a magical, family-friendly display. The Night Fly runs from 7–10 p.m., with Pixie Fest carnival games benefiting the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln City. For a full rundown of events, visit explorelincolncity.com.

Beer is to fall what rosé

is to summer and there’s no better time to explore Lincoln City’s vibrant craft beer scene. The Tap and Brew Trail Passport is a digital guide that leads beer lovers to a diverse lineup of local breweries and watering holes, offering plenty of opportunities to sip your way through Oregon’s celebrated beer culture while exploring the coast.

Craft beer isn’t the only trail worth exploring this fall. Cooler temperatures and misty mornings make autumn an ideal time to hit Lincoln City’s hiking trails, where lush forests, dramatic waterfalls, and sweeping coastal scenery take center stage. Prefer a little company on the trail? Lincoln City Parks & Recreation, in collaboration with Explore Lincoln City, hosts guided hikes throughout the fall, making it easy to experience the area’s natural beauty alongside fellow explorers.

Fun on the trails doesn’t end there. The Oregon

Coast Visitors Association has recently launched its Seafood Trail, a new map highlighting coastal restaurants, seafood markets, food carts, dockside retailers, and fisher-family businesses serving predominantly Oregon-landed seafood.

After all that eating and drinking, take a detour into the arts with Lincoln City Art Trails, where colorful public art, galleries, and creative experiences add a little culture to your coastal adventure. For those looking to create their own trail, Finders Keepers will have two special drop dates: one in September around the Lincoln City Fall Kite Festival and one in October for Halloween, so be on the lookout while enjoying the coastal beauty.

Of course, a fall visit to the coast comes with a few important safety reminders. Autumn storms can bring powerful swells, sneaker waves, and drifting logs—a reminder that

the Pacific Ocean is as untamed as it is beautiful. Before heading out, check the weather and tide

conditions, stay alert near the water, and when in doubt, admire the waves from a safe distance.

For more fall inspiration, visit ExploreLincolnCity.com. See you on the coast!

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Science

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Leaves change color in the fall when shorter days and cooler temperatures signal trees to stop producing this substance.

Answer: Chlorophyll

What’s the Difference?

Find the four differences between the two pictures.

A



B



Answers: 1. Second crate of apples 2. Bunny in grass 3. Missing apple in hand 4. Woman in background

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1789: George Washington appoints Thomas Jefferson the first United States Secretary of State.

1905: Albert Einstein introduces the special theory of relativity.

2024: Hurricane Helene makes landfall in Florida as a Category 4 storm.

NEW WORD

FOLIAGE

leaves of a plant or tree

How they say that in...

English: Leaf
Spanish: Hoja
Italian: Foglia
French: Feuille
German: Blatt

Did You Know?

Many varieties of apples ripen and are ready to pick come the fall.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Fall hiking path

HUNTING & FISHING WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

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CASTING
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FLETCHING
GAME
HABITAT
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QUARRY
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SEASON
TACKLE
TRACKING
WILDERNESS

Amber Waves



Out on a Limb



The Spats



TIGER



OLIVE & POPEYE



HOCUS-FOCUS



Just Like Cats & Dogs



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: E equals W

EFSM V EVGG WGVDRSQ
USGZNSQX NVM DWZGGD V
GJVU UYQZMB QYDF FJYQ, UJ
XJY BSR DRYIIJ ZM RQVTTZI?

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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

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LCL26-437 ESTATE OF SCOTT DOUGLAS TOATES Notice to Interested Persons (Case No. 26PB07527) In the Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lincoln. In the Matter of the Estate of SCOTT DOUGLAS TOATES, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Breanne Marie Toates has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present them to the undersigned personal representative in care of the undersigned attorney for the personal representative at 1257 SW 6th Circle, Troutdale, OR 97060, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published on September 23, 2026.

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Breanne Marie Toates, Personal Representative Amanda Bierbrauer, OSB No 203451 Bierbrauer Law, LLC Attorney for Personal Representative on 1257 SE 6th Circle Troutdale, OR 97060 Tel. (503) 327-1138 Email: Amanda@bierbrauerlaw.com 9/23/26

LCL26-438 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 148935-OR LOAN NO.: *****2054

Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by KATHLEEN MCCALLIGAN, as Grantor, to WESTERN TITLE AND ESCROW NEWPORT, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR DIRECTORS MORTGAGE, INC., BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 8/31/2023, recorded 9/6/2023, as Instrument No. 2023-06200, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Lincoln County, Oregon: UNIT 4, LITTLE WHALE COVE CONDOMINIUMS, PHASE 1, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, TOGETHER WITH THE UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE GENERAL AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO, AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH AND DESCRIBED IN THE DECLARATION OF UNIT OWNERSHIP RECORDED JUNE 6, 1979, IN BOOK 101, PAGE 636, MICROFILM RECORDS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, WHICH DESCRIPTION IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART THEREOF. APN: R417892 Commonly known as: 1272 SW MEADOW LN UNIT 4 DEPOE BAY, OR 97341 The current beneficiary is: LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 11/1/2025 - 9/1/2026 Total: \$27,594.19 Late Charges: \$864.00 Beneficiary Advances: \$1,926.64 Total Required to Reinstale: \$30,384.83 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$552,521.69 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$365,019.57 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.5 % per annum, from 10/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby

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is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225, San Diego, CA 92108, will on 1/19/2027, at the hour of 1:00 PM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, At the Public Entrance of the Lincoln County Court house, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trust-

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ee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing 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. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 9/2/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 858-

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LCL26-439 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

File No. 26-01187/OR Reference is made to that certain deed of trust made by Dean Sander-son and Jacob Justen, as grantor, to Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for State Farm Bank, F.S.B., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as beneficiary, dated May 30, 2017, recorded June 2, 2017, in the records of Lincoln County, Oregon, under instrument No. 2017-05205, and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, covering the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state: LOT 82, BELLA BEACH PHASE 6, IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF OREGON. APN: R520275 Commonly known as: 5125 Cavalier Ave, Depoe Bay, OR 97341 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there

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Lincoln County football roundup

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

It's football season, and teams are entering the oh-so-critical league phase of the fall.

Let's take a gander around Lincoln County to see how the action on the gridiron has played out in the early weeks.

SILETZ VALLEY

The Warriors played their first game of the season on Sept. 18, and they jumped straight into Special District 2 league play.

It was a tough first game for Siletz Valley, and they ended up on the losing side against Eddyville Charter, falling 47-6. It was just their first chance to compete this season, and they'll look to improve off the defeat.

Their next game will see them take on Triangle Lake away from home on Sept. 18.

EDDYVILLE CHARTER

After starting 0-2, the Eagles have won back-to-back games, including a big win over Siletz Valley to lead off league play.

The season opener came away against Powers on Aug.

28. Powers proved overpowering, and the Cruisers won 31-7 over the Eagles.

Eddyville faced Elkton next. The Elks were a formidable team last year in 1A, reaching the semifinals, and the game gave the Eagles a chance to test themselves against one of Oregon's best. It was another challenging contest, with Elkton coming out on top 44-6 in the preseason matchup.

Eddyville's final preseason game came against McKenzie on Sept. 11. The Eagles went on the road and got their first win for their trouble, flying to a 27-7 victory. The Eagles kept soaring when they took on Siletz Valley on Sept. 18, delivering a 47-6 win over the Warriors.

After a few weeks off, Eddyville will next play against Falls City away from home on Oct. 2.

TOLEDO HIGH SCHOOL

ers have been booming to start the season! Toledo has masterfully navigated the early portion of the fall season, going

3-0. Each game has been a high-scoring affair, with the Boomers posting impressive point totals in their wins.

Toledo opened the season against Nestucca on Sept. 4, and they bagged a 42-34 win to get the 2026 campaign up and running. They added a second win when they faced Bandon on the road on Sept. 11. It was a close game, decided by just one possession, but Toledo won the day by a score of 34-29. Rounding out the three-game win streak was another 42-point offensive explosion against Myrtle Point in another non-league game on Sept. 18. The Boomers bested the Bobcats 42-26, putting on a show for the home-field fans.

Toledo will be back in action against Glide on Sept. 25.

WALDPORT HIGH SCHOOL

The Irish have been in the trenches on the football field, and they have begun the campaign 1-2.

The Irish grabbed their first win of the season in the second game, beating Nestucca 58-14 on Sept. 11 after a 14-17 defeat

to Bandon on Sept. 4. It was a resounding win to rebound off a narrow defeat and showed the firepower Waldport can bring to a game.

In their next game against Glide on Sept. 18, the Irish lost 24-32. Despite the loss, Waldport only ended up losing by single possession. With both losses coming by eight or fewer points, Waldport has shown their ability to compete and keep games close.

They'll play their final non-league game away against Sheridan on Sept. 25.

TAFT HIGH SCHOOL

After losing to Warrenton in their final preseason game, the Tigers opened league play against Seaside on Sept. 18.

The game started in a stalemate, as both teams went scoreless after the first quarter, but the Seagulls clicked in the second quarter, putting up 21 unanswered points before halftime. The third quarter saw the teams trade touchdowns, and the game entered the final frame with the Tigers trailing 28-7. The fourth

quarter mirrored the first, as neither team put any points on the board, and the score settled at 28-7. It was a league defeat for Taft, but it's also important to note that this is the first season at the 4A level in more than a decade.

The Tigers will continue Special District 4 play against Scappoose on Sept. 25 at Scappoose High School.

NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL

Newport took to the field against Kennedy in their 3A Special District 2 opener, and the Trojans proved a fearsome foe, taking down the Cubs 42-0.

The Trojans reached the state quarterfinals last season, and the win over Newport pushed their record to 3-0 this year. Newport has started 0-3, but they'll look to bounce back against Gervais in their homecoming game on Sept. 18.

The game will kick off under the lights at 7 p.m., and the Cubs will be hoping the home-field advantage gives them a boost.

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Taft volleyball start season strong

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

The Tigers have had a busy start to the season on the volleyball court, building momentum in the preseason as Oregon West Conference play approaches.

Ahead of the first serves of league play on Sept. 24, the Tigers are 7-3 in their first 10 games, including some big results at the Sisters Tournament on Sept. 19.

"The season is off to a great start for us and league starts this week," Head Coach Boone Marker said. "We had some great success this past weekend at the Sisters Tournament, defeating Santiam Christian, Vale, and Banks, and winning the Silver bracket."

Taft nabbed three wins in Sisters. The Tigers bested Santiam Christian and Banks 2-1, and took a 2-0 sweep against Vale back to Lincoln City. Heading into that final dress-rehearsal tournament in Sisters, Taft held a 4-3 record.

The first two games of the season were a 3-2 win against Santiam Christian

and a 3-0 win against Salem Academy, both played at Salem Academy on Aug. 27. Two losses followed, as the Tigers were swept 3-0 by both Catlin Gable and Dayton on Aug. 28 and Sept. 1, respectively. Taft quickly rallied, though, grabbing wins in their next two games.

Facing off against some notherly competitors in Tillamook and Seaside on Sept. 3 and Sept. 10, Taft secured some hard-fought wins. The game against the Cheesemakers was an "odd one" by Marker's estimation, and a back-and-forth affair.

"It went 5-sets with each team winning every other. But the Tigers made a big push halfway through the 5th set to gain the momentum," Marker said. "Once we hit 8-6, I felt confident we were going to finish with the win."

That impetus proved to be decisive, and Taft secured the 3-2 win.

Layla Jones was exceptional during the game, serving 31 points in 5 sets, and amassing 33 digs. Aida Lupo led the Tigers with 17 kills, 6 blocks.

In the following match against Seaside, Marker entered the game feeling confident about how his team would stack up with the Seagulls.

"I had a feeling we would outmatch them through the game," Marker said. "I was happy to use my entire bench and to provide some preseason experience for some of my freshmen."

The way the game played out proved Marker's intuition correct. Taft killed the match off in an assertive fashion, sweeping Seaside 3-0. The whole team has been showing their skills in the early games, and Marker said he's been impressed with the whole squad.

"Each week we are getting better. We have been mixing up the lineups to determine what works best for us," Marker said. "Our defense has played terrific, so kudos to our libero, Layla Jones, and defensive specialists, Janelle Towers, Madisyn Fischer, and Willa Zalewski, but not to forget our middle blockers who put the pressure on the other team, Aida Lupo and Olivia Davis."



Layla Jones after earning "Queen of the Game" against Tillamook. (Courtesy photo from the Taft Volleyball Facebook page)

Looking ahead to league play, Marker said the team is close to figuring out its identity. Despite some injuries, the Tigers have been adaptable, finding players to fill the positions, and seeing those stopgaps step up.

Some of the Areas he's looking to improve as they hit the next stage of the season are continuing to build consistency with their skills, trusting their teammates to do their part every play, and improving their communication.

"We've shown ourselves that we can battle when our backs are against the wall and still come out victorious. But ideally, I'd like to not be in those situations," Marker said.

With 4A league play beckoning, the Tigers will look to make the most of every opportunity. Incremental improvement is the name of the game throughout a season, and with 10 games on the schedule, there's plenty of volleyball to be played

before this season's story is told.

One thing Marker isn't worried about is the connectivity and positive energy that exists within the group. Now it'll be up to Marker and the team to translate that dynamic into their play on the court.

"Our team vibe is wonderful. We have great team camaraderie, and it gets stronger every day," Marker said. "We have a team of friends who also play volleyball with each other."

Taft boys soccer excited for league play

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

The first three games of the soccer season are in the books for the Taft boys soccer program, and despite mixed preseason results, the Tigers are ready to show their stripes in league play.

The first kick of competitive play came in an away game against Banks on Sept. 1. The Tigers looked forward to the matchup but entered the game without several key players. Head Coach Meggie Chapman said the missing personnel forced Taft to use different roles and combinations, which changed their rhythm.

Banks jumped out to an early lead, but the silver lining for Taft was

how they rebounded, battled, and never gave up.

"We watched six goals go by before we adjusted. From the 20minute mark on, we competed, scored three, and showed real resilience," Chapman said. "The biggest takeaway wasn't the score; it was the response."

Banks took the victory 7-3, but the Tigers left with a better sense of where they stand. After the defeat, the Tigers took to the film room to learn from the loss and found ways to tighten their defensive structure.

In the next game against De La Salle North Catholic on Sept. 8, the Tigers brought in a full squad, and bringing their key players back

gave Taft the boost they needed to grab their first win. With the full roster on hand, Taft was able to shut down the key players for the Knights and match their physical style of play. The game was played at Delta Park in Portland, and Taft won 3-1. Sophomore Zeke Wilson put on a dazzling display, bagging a hat trick in the win. Another highlight was junior Noah Jones saving a penalty late in the match to maintain the two-goal buffer.

Following the victory at De La Salle, the Tigers played their first home game of the season, welcoming Salem Academy to the coast for a non-league battle on Sept. 19.

Chapman said it was a

"tough one," made more difficult by a red card 20 minutes into the game. One of the Tigers fouled a Salem Academy player, denying a goal-scoring opportunity, and received a red as a result. Playing with 10 men, the Tigers had to change formation and fight against greater numbers.

"The boys competed hard; we just couldn't close the gap and it ended 2-4," Chapman said.

The defeat brought Taft's record to 1-2 in preseason, and their next game will be an Oregon West Conference showdown with Stayton on Sept. 24. Through the first three games, Chapman lauded the team's captains, Fernando Cortez-Jimenez

and Juan Ortiz, for showing real leadership early on.

On the scoresheet, the Tigers have had a balanced approach. While Wilson leads the team with three goals against De La Salle, five different players have scored the other five goals the team has created. In goal, keeper Jones has already flashed big potential as a shot-stopper, making some "really incredible saves" and stopping three penalties. Another bright spark has been Dario Topete. The junior has shone in defense and midfield, stepping up as a "dependable utility player."

With league play set to kick off this week, Chapman said her team

is focusing on positioning and getting on the same page about where players need to be and when. It isn't just about going through the motions: Chapman wants her players to understand different situations and read and react.

The Tigers will have 10 league games to decide their fate this season, and despite a couple of losses in the first few weeks, Taft is ready to see where they stack up at the 4A level.

"We've had a mixed start in terms of results, but there's a lot of excitement for a new season and new league," Chapman said. "We've set clear personal and team goals, and the guys are committed to building toward them."