

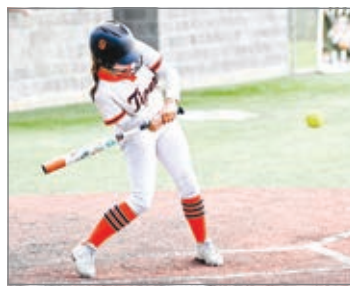


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Lincoln City launches 'Calm the Coast' survey

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Lincoln City officials are seeking public comments about traffic and pedestrian concerns.

In a Facebook post, the city officials said they are looking at concerns like speeding, near misses, and how comfortable people feel walking and biking.

Where is the study focused?
This study focuses on the Roads End and Cutler City neighborhoods, where the city has received the most concerns about speeding and traffic safety.

While the study is focused on these areas, the city expects the findings will help guide future traffic safety improvements in neighborhoods across Lincoln City.

What is traffic calming?

Traffic calming includes tools and design strategies that encourage safer driving speeds and improve conditions for people walking, biking, and driving.

These measures can:

- Reduce vehicle speeds
- Improve visibility and awareness
- Enhance neighborhood livability
- Support safer travel for all ages and abilities

What types of solutions may be considered?

Possible tools may include:

- Speed humps or cushions
- Mini traffic circles
- Road features that make streets feel narrower

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State of the City: 'Promising'

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

"The State of Lincoln City is promising," Lincoln City Mayor Susan Wahlke said following her address May 19 before the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Beach Club and Event Center.

"We have a lot of things happening," she said, "that are really encouraging."

Wahlke cited the development of the new Welcome Center at the D River Wayside as a key economic driver for the city. The multi-million-dollar project includes the replacement of the former aging restroom building with the Welcome Center, parking lot and beach access improvements.

"I am so excited that we got the agreement with the state



Lincoln City Mayor Susan Wahlke presents her State of the City address during the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Beach Club and Events Center. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

to take over management of that property," she said. "We are also seeing development of storefronts and lots of housing."

The city is developing housing at the Lighthouse Village, tiny homes at the Vineyard church and off bard Road, apartments in the Taft

neighborhood, and converting the former multi-plex theater for housing.

Wahlke acknowledges that Lincoln City still faces challenges as the city moves forward.

"Workforce housing is still

See **CITY**, page A4

Full-scale mass casualty drill held in Newport

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

For the first time, Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital and Lincoln County Emergency Management will co-host the Oregon Health Authority-sponsored Pathfinder exercise.

This full-scale mass casualty disaster response, conducted May 15-16, centered at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital and Samaritan Center for Health Education in Newport. The exercise simulated a casualty collection site – a place for victims to receive emergency medical care – as a result of a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami.

Volunteers arrived early on Saturday morning to have moulage applied, which realistically simulated a variety of injuries: broken bones, cuts, trauma from auto crash, head injuries and more. Located at various sites throughout the hospital campus, multiple agency members and hospital employees practiced how to care for the victims – triage, treatment, tracking and transferring of victims as needed.

The Lincoln County Leader



A volunteer victim is treated during the drill. (Courtesy photo)

reached out Samaritan health Services officials Pamela Halbrook, Samaritan's coast region director of Emergency Services and Erik Maiorano, Samaritan's coast region Emergency Management coordinator, for insight into the drill.

Lincoln County Leader: What challenges did the hospital staff face during this drill and how did the staff overcome those challenges?

Pamela Halbrook: During the drill, hospital staff encountered several challenges related to patient identification and managing patient throughput (tracking) in a high-demand environment. Staff also had to adapt to delivering care in a setting outside of their typical clinical environment, which required flexibility and rapid adjustment to unfamiliar workflows. Tracking patient throughput presented additional

difficulty as teams worked to ensure accurate documentation and continuity of care.

Environmental factors further complicated operations, as rapidly changing weather conditions — specifically high winds — resulted in having to move out of the triage tent and move triage operations to another location. This required immediate reassessment and a shift in the care delivery setup.

Despite these challenges,

staff demonstrated resilience and adaptability. They successfully pivoted operations in response to the environmental disruption, maintained continuity of care, and collaborated effectively to reorganize patient flow processes. Their ability to remain flexible, work together and problem-solve in real time ensured that patient care needs continued to be met safely and efficiently.

Lincoln County Leader: What did the staff at the hospital take away from this drill that will help them and their patients in the case of such an emergency?

Halbrook: The drill reinforced that hospital staff are capable of providing safe, effective care in a variety of environments, even those outside of their normal clinical settings. Staff demonstrated confidence in their ability to adapt quickly, make timely decisions, and adjust workflows as situations evolve.

A key takeaway was the importance of flexibility and the ability to pivot rapidly in response to changing conditions

See **DRILL**, page A4

Iran war, skyrocketing fuel prices battering Oregon's economic forecast

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oil prices have doubled since Oregon's top economists last met with reporters and lawmakers to discuss the state's economic outlook, creating a "new economic reality."

The latest forecast, which economists Carl Riccadonna and Michael Kennedy previewed for reporters the evening of Tuesday, May 19, ahead of a Wednesday meeting with the House and Senate

revenue committees, is a sharp departure from February's. Then, higher-than-expected corporate profits, consumer spending and new federal tax cuts had provided a buffer against what was expected to be a steep drop in state income tax revenue from sluggish job growth and wage stagnation plaguing not just Oregon, but the nation.

But President Donald Trump launched the ongoing U.S.-Israeli war with Iran in late February, oil prices have soared from \$50 to more than \$100 a barrel, driving up inflation, tanking the nation's economic growth estimates for the year and further eroding wages and hiring. Economic growth from



Oil prices have doubled since February and retail gas prices are up 10% in the last three months. Oregon economists said this is greatly impacting the state's economic forecast and creating a "new economic reality." (Brandon Bell/Getty Images)



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Weather

Wednesday: High-56/Low-47 Mostly Cloudy
Thursday: High-58/Low-48 Mostly Cloudy
Friday: High-56/Low-45 Cloudy
Saturday: High-57/Low-44 Partly Cloudy
Sunday: High-59/Low-45 Partly Cloudy
Monday: High-59/Low-46 Partly Cloudy
Tuesday: High-59/Low-48 Partly Cloudy

Past Weather

On the Coast
Rain Low High
16-May0.09.....47.9 °F... 57.97 °F
17-May0.06.....43.94 °F .. 59.66 °F
18-May0.....46.53 °F .. 61.04 °F
19-May0.....45.66 °F .. 51.02 °F
20-May0.....48.79 °F .. 59.54 °F
21-May0.....50.57 °F .. 63.28 °F
22-May0.....47.54 °F .. 60.49 °F
Total rainfall from Jan. 124.22"

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27
Low4:45 a.m..... 0.2
High.....11:06 a.m..... 5.7
THURSDAY, MAY 28
Low5:27 a.m.....-0.3
High.....12:01 p.m..... 5.9
FRIDAY, MAY 29
Low6:05 a.m.....-0.7
High.....12:49 p.m..... 6.1
SATURDAY, MAY 30
Low6:41 a.m.....-0.9
High.....1:32 p.m..... 6.2
SUNDAY, MAY 31
High.....12:05 a.m..... 8.4
Low7:17 a.m.....-1.0
MONDAY, JUNE 1
High.....12:39 a.m..... 8.3
Low7:53 a.m.....-1.0
TUESDAY, JUNE 2
High.....1:14 a.m..... 8.2
Low8:29 a.m.....-1.0

Sunrise/Sunset

May 275:38 a.m.....8:49 p.m.
May 285:37 a.m.....8:50 p.m.
May 295:36 a.m.....8:51 p.m.
May 305:36 a.m.....8:52 p.m.
May 315:35 a.m.....8:53 p.m.
June 15:34 a.m.....8:54 p.m.
June 25:34 a.m.....8:55 p.m.
June 35:33 a.m.....8:55 p.m.
June 45:33 a.m.....8:56 p.m.

Lottery

Friday, May 15
Mega Millions
17 • 23 • 25 • 52 • 61 • PB-3
Saturday, May 16
Powerball
8 • 37 • 40 • 44 • 65 • PB-18 • x3
Saturday, May 16
Megabucks
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Police mount distracted driving enforcement

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Law Enforcement agencies across the nation participated in "High Visibility Enforcement" campaigns during April focused on reducing the number of drivers distracted by cellular phones and other electronic devices on the roadways.

The Lincoln Coty Police department (LCPD) used additional grant funding through the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles, to staff six additional traffic safety shifts during the month-long enforcement.

During these efforts, officers patrolled the city, leading to 45 traffic stops,

the issuance of multiple citations, one arrest for Felony Attempted Elude of Police Officer by a driver with a suspended license, and a separate arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, according to a LCPD Facebook post.

The fines for violation of Distracted Driving, 811.507, begin at \$265 or

\$440 if the use contributes to a crash, according to LCPD Sgt. Erik Anderson.

For a second conviction withing 10 years the fine is \$440. For a third and every subsequent conviction within 10 years, the presumptive fine is a criminal arrest at a B misdemeanor and \$2000 fine.

"They become pretty expensive text messages,"

Anderson said.

"Although this grant period has ended, LCPD officers will remain vigilant in protecting the users of our public roadways," the post states. "We remind all drivers that there is always time for your text message or social media post once you reach your destination. Drive safely and focus on the road."

Marine Board issues summer boating safety advisory

Oregon's waterways are therapeutic, no matter the activity. For mental health, physical fitness, angling, and spending time with friends and family.

That is why recreational boating is one of the best ways to create memories. The Oregon State Marine Board advocates that all boaters be aware of their surroundings while on the water, have all the required safety gear, and ensure others know their recreation plans in case of an incident.

"Part of the boating experience is planning ahead, preparation of all the necessary gear, and ensuring your boat is ready for the water," Oregon State Marine Board Boating Safety Manager Brian Paulsen said. "And most importantly, wearing a properly fitted life jacket while

boating should be at the top of everyone's minds."

The Marine Board has many resources to help boaters have a safe and enjoyable experience on all of Oregon's waterways. The agency advises boaters to take the time to plan, including learning how to use the Marine Board's interactive Boat Oregon Online Map. The map displays public boat ramps, local rules for boat operations and other information about a facility, like the facility owner and amenities.

Make sure to check the weather forecast, water levels, and tides. Additionally, see if there are any reported waterway obstructions using the agency's obstructions dashboard map. Boaters can also check the Marine Board's website to find out what equipment is

required based on the size and type of boat.

The Marine Board would like to remind ALL boaters and their passengers to:

Boat Sober. Abstain from consuming marijuana, drugs, or alcohol, which impair judgment, reaction time, and coordination and contribute to dehydration. Boating demands sharp situational awareness. Pay attention to your surroundings and enlist the help of passengers to keep a lookout as well.

All children 12 and under are required to wear a life jacket when underway on all boats (motorized and non-motorized). All boaters operating in Class III and higher-rated whitewater rivers are required to wear a life jacket.

Be courteous to other

boaters and share the waterway. Stage your gear in the parking lot or staging area regardless of your boat type. This makes launching faster and everyone around you happier.

In Oregon, all motorboat operators with propulsion greater than 10 horsepower must take a boating safety course and carry a boating safety education card when operating the boat. Paddlers of non-motorized boats (kayaks, canoes, rafts, stand up paddleboards and their inflatable versions) are required to purchase a Waterway Access Permit. The Marine Board also offers a free, online Paddling Course (also available in Spanish) for boaters new to paddling activities.

Fill out a float plan and leave it with friends and

family. This way, they can call for help if you are overdue.

This information and more can be found at Boat.Oregon.gov. Use the search bar for the fastest content results.

May is traditionally the month recreational boating starts to pick up. Governor Kotek acknowledges how vital boating safety outreach is for educating visitors and Oregonians about safe boating and water recreation practices, aiming to decrease preventable deaths. May 16-22, 2026, has officially been proclaimed National Safe Boating Week.

The agency also invites boating and water enthusiasts to check out its "Welcome to the Water" flagship video, showing Oregon's abundance and diversity of boating opportunities around the state.

Plan ahead for summer travel, including wildfire prevention

With the start of summer travel season in Oregon, more people are heading to the coast, mountains and destinations across the state.

Summer often brings busier travel, more construction, and increased wildfire and smoke impacts across the state.

Safe summer trips start before you leave home.

"Summer in Oregon means road trips, recreation and exploring everything our state has to offer," Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Interim Director Lisa Sumption said. "It also means more traffic, more construction work and greater wildfire danger. A little planning and attention behind the wheel can make a big difference in keeping everyone safe."

Travel safely during wildfire season

Hot, dry summer conditions can turn a single spark into a fast-moving wildfire. Vehicle-related fires are a concern during

wildfire season, making simple prevention especially important for summer travelers. Wildfires and smoke can also create dangerous driving conditions, including poor visibility, sudden traffic changes and unexpected road closures.

Drivers can help reduce fire risk by:

- Never throwing cigarettes or other flammable materials from a vehicle.
Making sure parts like mufflers or trailer chains are secure and not dragging, which can create sparks.
Checking tire pressure, wheel bearing lubrication and worn brakes to avoid metal-on-metal contact.
Parking only on gravel or developed pull-outs, where hot exhaust systems are less likely to ignite dry grass.
If you encounter smoke, slow down and increase following distance. Turn on your headlights using low beams, since high

beams can make visibility worse, and keep windows closed with your vehicle's air system set to recirculate. Stay alert for emergency responders, stopped vehicles and changing traffic patterns. If visibility becomes unsafe, pull off the road only when you can do so safely and well clear of travel lanes.

Smoke and wildfire activity can change quickly and lead to sudden road closures. Check conditions before you leave and during your trip, and consider delaying travel if visibility is poor.

Travelers can find additional wildfire prevention information from Keep Oregon Green and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Travel smart: plan ahead and be prepared

Summer is one of the busiest construction and maintenance seasons for Oregon highways. Crews will be repairing roads, preserving bridges, striping highways, clearing vegetation and responding

to incidents statewide. Conditions can also vary dramatically across Oregon, even in summer.

Before and during your trip:

- Use TripCheck.com for road conditions, traffic cameras, incidents, construction impacts and delay information.
Check weather forecasts, especially for heat, smoke or summer storms.
Pack water, medications, snacks and emergency supplies in case your journey lasts longer than you expected.
Fuel up or charge before traveling, especially through remote areas or over mountain passes.
Leave extra travel time, especially on holiday weekends.
Slow down in work zones, move over for flashing lights, and put your phone away so you can stay alert.
Consider public transportation, ridesharing or carpooling to reduce

congestion, lower travel costs and make the journey less stressful. Public transportation options like POINT bus service and Amtrak Cascades can be a great alternative to driving for some trips. It costs \$5 to book your bike on Amtrak, and you can bring your bike on POINT for free, though space is limited.

Drivers can expect two major closures on I-5 in Portland this year, an overnight full closure of I-5 in July and a closure of all southbound lanes of I-5 in the Rose Quarter for up to five weeks in mid-September. To learn more about the Rose Quarter project and related traffic impacts, sign up for alerts.

Share the road

Summer means more motorcycles, bicyclists, pedestrians, farm equipment and travelers unfamiliar with local roads. Sharing the road safely means staying sober, avoiding distractions, following posted speed limits and wearing your seatbelt. Give extra space to motorcycles and people biking or walking and remember that people on bicycles may use the full lane to avoid obstacles, narrow roads or drop-off shoulders. Patience goes a long way, especially in heavy traffic.

Whether you're headed across town or across the state, your choices behind the wheel help protect everyone on the road.

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

Election results signal shift in County Commission

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The 2026 Lincoln County Primary Election appears to have signal a transition within the Lincoln County Board of Commission.

The unofficial results show incumbent Walter Chuck with 7319 votes and former Lincoln County Sheriff Curtis Landers with 7639 votes in the Position 3.

"It was a very close race. I knew it was going to be a very close race," Landers said. "I think I did what needed to be done in a campaign and I attribute it to all the people that were supporting me and working on my behalf to help me get in there."

Landers also attributes his apparent victory to endorsements from the Lincoln County Deputy's Association and the Lincoln County Employees Association.

Landers acknowledged that the county commissioner's office needs stabilization and improved public perception, adding that he is hopeful his experience as county sheriff in a nonpartisan position and his relationship building skills will help provide stability to the office.

"Regardless of who the other two (commissioners) are, that I am able to successfully be able to work with them," he said. "Not that we are always going to are but hopefully

we are able to talk out our differences and come up with either compromise or an in understand and move forward."

Landers said his top priority as county commissioner is to bring more community to county government.

"That's what is always needed and something that gets left out a lot of times," he said. That's what is getting left out right now at the board's level."

Having public input is also critical, according to Landers.

"I also had an open-door policy when I was sheriff," he said. "

He added that as county commission, he'll bring experiences that were successful at the sheriff's office, including the use of a community advisory group, a diverse group from around the county, that met with the sheriff's office administration about policy and legal issues.

"I want to expand more on just from having people come in during public comment time (during commission meetings)," he said. "I want to have that input on a routine from around the county on what we are doing and what the public really wants. I think it is really important to have that communication between the public and any elected official."

Landers also is keeping a close eye on the county budget process, including

the county district attorney's office.

"I am not seeing that it is as bad as they are portraying it to be," he said. "I don't know if they are looking to the future with a lot of federal and state money specifically coming in to help with new services. To me, the audits aren't reflecting as bad a situation as what they are saying. I don't know if they are just looking to the future, so I will be open to hear what they have to say in this upcoming budget cycle. If there is a deficit, we need to look at that and prioritize around the county. It seems to be that the DA's position is more personal that strategically as far as managing a budget."

It appears there will be a runoff in the Lincoln County Board of Commission Position 1 race in November between incumbent Casey Miller and challenger Cathy Rigby of Newport, and in Position 2 between Cristen Don, of South Beach, and Joe Steere, of Siletz.

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

- CANDIDATE RACES**
- Lincoln County Commissioner Position 1**
Cheri Brubaker 3185
Casey Miller 3794
Michael Moody 1060
Carter McEntee 2147
Cathie Rigby 4791
Dru Earls 480
- Lincoln County Commissioner Position 2**
Marci Baker 2757
Cristen Don 6780

- Joe D Steere 3404
Eddie Townsend 2377
- Lincoln County Commissioner Position 3**
Walter Chuck Jr 7319
Curtis Landers 7639

MEASURES

North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District 1 renewal of 5-year operation levy

- Yes 3082
No 842
- Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District renewal of 5-year Levy with a .12 cent increase**

- Yes 795
No 582
- City of Toledo Measure 31-238 Amends the Charter for the Toledo Government**

- Yes 508
No 225
- Yachats Rural Fire Protection District Measure 21-239 renewal of 50year Local Option Tax Levy**

- Yes 873
No 299
- Makai Special Road District 5-year Local Option Levy**

State Measure 120 to increase fuel taxes, registration/title fees for roads, tax on wages for public transportation services

Yes 3447
No 13,433

The unofficial election results are scheduled to be

certified in early June.
See full unofficial Lincoln County Primary Election 2026 results here:
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Oregon voters overwhelmingly rejecting hikes to gas tax and vehicle fees

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Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregonians are on track to overwhelmingly reject hikes to the state's gas tax, payroll tax and vehicle registration and title fees that would have gone toward funding the maintenance and operations of public roads and bridges.

Initial election results from the Oregon Secretary of State's Office shortly after 8 p.m. showed the measure failing by a 4:1 margin.

Had it succeeded, the measure would have doubled most vehicle registration fees, raised the gas tax from 40 cents to 46 cents, raised title fees from \$77 to \$216 and doubled the payroll tax used for public transit from 0.1% of a paycheck to 0.2% until 2028.

For cities and counties, the rejection means they won't be receiving more funding deeply needed to fix many sidewalks and potholes, particularly in rural areas. Half of the money raised by the gas tax, car registration fees and title fees goes to cities and counties.

"Without sustainable revenue, counties will face increasingly difficult decisions that directly impact road user safety and increase long-term costs to the public, such as making long-overdue safety improvements on Oregon's most dangerous rural roads, ensuring county road departments can maintain staffing levels and avoid operations and maintenance cuts and preserving investments counties have made in our shared transportation system," Association of Oregon Counties

spokesperson Erin Good said in an email.

Measure 120's unpopularity doesn't come as a surprise. Nearly 250,000 Oregonians frustrated by potential gas tax hikes signed the petition that placed the measure on the ballot. Plus, gas tax hikes in Oregon are historically unpopular. Oregon voters have rejected gas tax hike proposals on the ballot more than five times since 1928.

The vote also comes as gas prices continue to rocket upward because of the Iran war. As of Tuesday, motor club AAA tracked average prices in Oregon at \$5.34 per gallon — more than 80 cents higher than the national average and \$1.38 more than May 2025.

What's next for transportation funding?

Kotek earlier this month convened 12 transportation and business experts and tasked them with finding a solution to Oregon's transportation funding crisis.

The workgroup is trying to solve the same problem lawmakers tried to in 2025: How to sustainably fund road maintenance and operations across the state.

The issue has plagued lawmakers since January 2025, when lawmakers had six months during the legislative session to find ways to raise revenue for the Oregon Department of Transportation or otherwise face a budget deficit. By June, Republicans and Democrats couldn't reach a compromise, and Gov. Tina Kotek had to call for a special session in the fall for Democrats to finally have the votes needed to pass a significantly smaller

transportation funding plan.

That transportation package would have raised \$4.3 billion for the Oregon Department of Transportation over the next decade, including \$791 million in the 2025-27 budget cycle, but most of that anticipated revenue was halted when the coalition led by Diehl, Sen. Bruce Starr, R-Dundee and Taxpayer Association of Oregon founder Jason Williams petitioned to place that law on the ballot.

Oregon legislators last voted to raise the gas tax in 2017, with a 10-cent increase phased in over six years. Since then, the cost of transportation materials and labor has gone up and more Oregonians are driving electric or fuel-efficient vehicles, which means the state has gradually collected less revenue from the gas tax despite those vehicles contributing to the wear and tear of public roads.

Kotek's workgroup will present its final recommendations by the end of the year. Those recommendations will guide lawmakers in the 2027 legislative session.

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The stages of menopause

Menopause marks a moment in a woman's life when her reproductive years come to an end. It is a natural part of aging and represents when a person has gone 12 consecutive months without a menstrual period.

PERIMENOPAUSE

Although some may think that menopause lasts several years, it actually is a single moment in time when menstruation ceases. However, perimenopause is the period of years leading up to menopause, or when women or people assigned female at birth start to transition to menopause, according to the Cleveland Clinic. Perimenopause also is called "perimenopause transition." It usually starts in one's forties and lasts until menopause. Gradual changes occur during perimenopause, including skipped periods, longer or shorter periods, hot flashes, or changes in mood. Perimenopause tends to set in anywhere from five to 10 years before a final period.

MENOPAUSE

A woman will not know she has reached menopause until it actually has happened and no subsequent periods occur. False alarms are not uncommon. During perimenopause, skipping periods is common, and menstrual cycles may shorten, causing cycles to come on more frequently and run into one another.

While menopause can occur at any time in one's forties or fifties, the average age of occurrence in the United States is 51. The Mayo Clinic says symptoms of menopause can start during perimenopause and persist a few years after a person's last menstrual cycle. These symptoms include chills, night sweats, hot flashes, sleeping disturbances, mood changes, weight gain and slowed metabolism, vaginal dryness, thinning hair and skin, and loss of breast fullness. Many women also notice changes in the shape or performance of their bodies, such as changes in



the waist and joints and muscles being stiff and achy. There are treatments available that may help with menopausal issues that can be discussed with health providers.

POSTMENOPAUSE

Postmenopause is the name given to the time after menopause. During this stage, the severity of menopause symptoms may lessen. However, some women

may experience symptoms for 10 years or more. Menopause puts people at risk for several health conditions due to reduced estrogen levels, including osteoporosis and heart disease, according to the Cleveland Clinic.

While menopause is a distinct moment in time when reproduction ceases, it is preceded and followed by other stages that affect women in various ways.

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to ensure the best possible patient care. Additionally, the exercise underscored that clear, consistent communication is essential to success during critical incidents. Strong communication across teams supports coordination, enhances patient tracking, and improves overall response effectiveness. Overall, the drill strengthened staff confidence, reinforced critical

emergency response skills, and highlighted the importance of adaptability and communication in achieving positive patient outcomes during emergency situations."

Erik Maiorano: Communications in every incident is always at the forefront and is impacted by a multitude of factors – age of equipment, training, location of teams within a solid building, terrain surrounding the hospitals blocking reception etc. During this exercise we practiced communications

with Lincoln County Emergency Management, Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Disaster Medical Team. There were challenges but we were able to make the proper adjustments and make contact for the exercise."

"Another positive result from the exercise is that our management level staff received incident command training in a virtual Hospital Command Center. This system lets us move away from the hard copy reporting to virtual within the OneNote app."

Local participants in the exercise include Lincoln County first responders, Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital, Lincoln County Emergency Management, City of Newport, Lincoln County Public Health, U.S. Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Life Flight Network. State participants include Oregon Disaster Medical Team, OHA's Health Security Preparedness and Response program staff

and SERV-OR volunteers, Oregon National Guard, Salem Hospital, and Oregon Health & Sciences University. OHA leveraged \$25,000 of its funding through the U.S. Health and Human Services Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program to pay for the exercise, according to a release. This, along with the federal Healthcare Preparedness Program, provides states, counties, and hospitals with resources to support disaster preparedness activities.

Activities covered by the funds include planning, training, and exercising. While local, state, and federal partners gather to practice response, this gives communities another reminder of the importance of personal preparedness. Take time today to review your family emergency plan or check items in your emergency kit, according to Halbrook. Learn more about how to be Four Week Coastal Cascadia Ready at: <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/790/Plan-Prepare>

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last summer's federal tax and spending megalaw was expected to accelerate the nation's GDP by 1% in the first half of 2026. That expectation has been completely dropped in the last three months.

"Rising energy prices basically impose a tax on households and businesses," Riccadonna explained. "Often there's not a lot of flexibility around energy consumption, which means when prices move, that very quickly translates into a new economic reality, and that's very much what we're grappling with in this forecast update."

Potential homebuyers and budding business owners who hoped interest rates would drop soon will be further waylaid.

"One quarter ago, we were talking about the Fed continuing this cycle of interest rate reductions," Riccadonna said of rates, which the Federal Reserve incrementally lowered by 2% over the past year. "Now it looks like, at best, they're on an extended hold, and in fact the market is now starting to price in the possibility of the Fed raising interest rates by the end of this year," he said.

In a statement, Gov. Tina Kotek said she is focused on keeping the

state budget whole and policies that will ease the pain households are feeling as costs rise.

"Oregonians are feeling the financial pressure from high fuel prices and escalating inflation driven by the Trump administration's conflict with Iran, so I'm thankful that Oregon is maintaining a balanced budget to protect core services," she said.

State Republican lawmakers did not touch at all on rising fuel prices. Instead, House Minority Leader Rep. Lucetta Elmer, R-McMinnville, blamed it on, "a concerning economic trend brought on by pro-regulation, anti-business policies coming out of Salem."

Few winners The only winners in the current economy are corporations raking in rising profits and wealthy individuals heavily invested in a booming stock market, Riccadonna and Kennedy explained. A small handful of tech "hyperscalers" are driving the perceived gains, such as AI processing and data centers selling cloud computing and data storage and management, and the semi-conductors needed for the server farms.

"We've just gotten a bunch of tax returns for 2025 in, throughout the filing season, and one of the things they're showing is weaker wage growth than we would

have expected, but much stronger dividend growth, capital gains growth, IRA growth, everything that's market sensitive, market-based growth," Kennedy said.

Although income tax revenue generated from capital gains taxes on the sale of stocks is buffering overall earned-income losses in Oregon, at least \$23 million of income tax revenue state lawmakers expected to have on hand when they walked out of the Capitol at the end of the short legislative session in March has been lost due to declining wages and stagnant employment.

When they ended the session, lawmakers thought they were sitting on an end balance of \$368 million. Today, that's more like \$345 million, Kennedy said, and that \$345 million exists mostly because Democratic lawmakers voted to detach the state tax code from three of 115 provisions of the new federal tax code, a decision state Republican lawmakers oppose and have vowed to send to Oregon voters via ballot referral in November.

Private sector forecasters recently put the likelihood of recession this year at about 30%, Oregon's economists said, though they themselves forecast a likelihood closer to 22%, up from

20% three months ago. Their modelling shows that if oil goes up to \$150 per barrel for at least three months, a recession is imminent. "What we've done is repeatedly shocked our macroeconomic model with higher and higher energy prices to see at what tipping point it basically pushes the

economy into recession," Riccadonna said. "We're not at that level, but that doesn't mean in the shades of gray period, in the interim, that it doesn't eat into our growth forecast."

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/05/20/iran-war-skyrocketing-fuel-prices-battering-oregons-economic-forecast/>

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SURVEY

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- Signs, pavement marking, or lighting improvements Not every tool fits every street. Solutions will be based on location,

data, and community input. "We want to hear about your experience on neighborhood streets." Ther post states. "Let us know of your experiences. Your input will help us understand what's happening and to consider possible

next steps." To participate in the survey, go to <https://www.connectlincolncity.org/calm-the-coast>. Follow developments at the Lincoln County leader website and in the Wednesday print editions of The Leader.

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a concern" she said. "We have lots of low-income housing, but we need that middle income housing. We've found that a lot of our workers make too much money to qualify for those low-income housing units. We need housing for them."

According to Wahlke, the lack of housing impacts the overall city's economic strength.

"We need workers," she said. "And a lot of our service industry jobs are not high paying, and it is hard to make enough money to be able to live in our city."

Wahlke said one of the city's "fortunate situations" is lodging taxes. "Because we have many lodging establishments, we have a lot of lodging tax income, so we can spend money on many more projects than

other cities," she said. "For example, we fund a narcotics officer for the police department. A lot of our lodging tax goes to parks, and city buildings are funded through the tax."

Additional flexibility with spending the lodging tax follows the 2025 state legislature's approval of a shift in the funding priorities for the tax.

That funding shift follows Wahlke's and others pressure on state legislators over the past few years to allow the city to use more of the lodging tax beyond tourism promotions.

"\$12 million is what came into the city through the lodging tax for 2025-26," Wahlke said. "It's been pretty steady. We are back to pre-pandemic levels in the number of visitors, which a lot of cities are not."

Walke presented a power point during her State of the City address,

which included the following: For many years Lincoln City's population was around 8,000 permanent residents. • During 2000-2001 the city's population increased to over 10,000. • The end of 2024 Lincoln City's population was 10,103. • During 2025, 59 residents moved into the city. • Newport's current population is 10,439 compared to our population of 10,162. During the past few years Lincoln City has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars to local non-profits for work they do in our community. • These non-profits provide services that the city cannot provide but are essential to our residents' well-being. The City Council's priorities and strategic plan: • Strengthen the council's relationship with the public and advisory bodies. • Develop a consistent, accessible, and comprehensive onboarding program that supports new members and evolves the Council's culture as membership changes. • Create Clear, Consistent, and Transparent Council Workflow In October 2025, Lincoln City completed the Cutler City BayWalk Sidewalk – Bay Access at Schooner Point Turnout, north of Pelican Brewing Co. The Urban Renewal Agency project was funded with a \$50,000 contribution toward construction from Pelican Brewing Co.

John H. Colman- Pinning
May 2, 2026
John H. Colman- Pinning passed away peacefully at his home in Waldport, Oregon on 5/02/26 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. John was born in Bristol, Rhode Island to Mary and John Pinning. He attended St. George's school in Middletown, R.I. where he developed his curiosity, creativity and appreciation for the world around him. After graduating he moved to the west coast to attend the San Francisco Art Institute, pursuing his passion for photography and the arts. John had a deep love and respect for the natural world. He found immense joy in animals, plants, mountains, and forests. Whether snowboarding on Mt. Bachelor or enjoying the changing beauty of his forested property above the Alsea Bay, John appreciated every day. "I could live 1000 years and never be bored." He carried a sense of wonder and adventure throughout his life. John will be remembered for his artistic spirit, his love of nature, and the warmth and enduring support he shared with family and friends. John is survived by his beloved wife Allison; his son Nick; his brothers Charles and David; his oldest dearest friend Michael. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him.

Sharon Theresa Galasso
June 30, 1942 – May 3, 2026
Sharon T. Galasso, 83, passed away surrounded by the love of her family. She is lovingly remembered by her children: Sherri (Robert) Long, Patrick Galasso, Debora Galasso, Cynthia (Timothy) Beatty, and Rae Ann (Randy) Miner; her 14 grandchildren; her seven great-grandchildren; and her brother Charles E Read. She leaves behind a legacy of love and faith. Sharon was born June 30, 1942, in Grand Junction, Colorado, to Charles T. and Lucille L. Read. When she was young the family moved around due to her father's service eventually settling in San Diego California where she attended high school and met the love of her life, Sam. Their lifelong marriage was filled with faith and family. Her faith was the cornerstone of her life. Sharon was a dedicated member of the Third Order of Carmelite nuns and lived her spirituality with deep devotion. She was an active member of St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Lincoln City. With her husband Sam, Sharon was a designated broker and co-owner of Coast Properties and Investment Realty, Inc. She enjoyed helping clients find their perfect home and the freedom and balance that the real estate profession offered. Sharon found joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved tending to her roses and garden. She also had a passion for playing the piano and singing. She participated in choirs throughout her life, sharing her voice and spirit with those around her. A funeral mass will be held in her honor at 9 AM on Friday, May 29 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Lincoln City, Oregon. Sharon will be deeply missed by all who knew her and will remain forever in the hearts of those she touched.

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TERRI JO HERRINGTON
Terri LOVED all animals ad was kind and so considerate of others. She passed away peacefully with friends in Waldport on April 12 and will be missed by many. She's survived by her brothers David Herrington ad Ron Herrington. There are no funeral arrangements. She donated her body to science.

A Day Without Child Care: Universal problem requires a universal solution

**TY MORRIS
KENDRA VOTAVA**
Oregon Capital Chronicle

We have been sounding the alarm for years: Oregon’s child care system needs support. From early childhood educators and child care advocates, to parents and families, we are being pushed to the brink. We have been pleading with our elected leaders to prioritize children in our state’s policies.

But now is the time to take action. Years of underinvestment have made educators unable to care for themselves and pushed families into impossible choices. During the National Day Without Child Care conducted May 11, child care providers across the state showed the true impact of continued underfunding in the child care sector. These Oregon workers shut down to demand what every working family deserves: universal child care, now.

The Day Without Child Care isn’t about disruption; it’s about clarity. Child care is not separate from other industries. When Oregon’s child care providers walk out, we’re showing exactly what happens when a system built on exploitation collapses.

In every corner of the state, families are struggling to access the affordable, equitable, quality child care they need, and entire communities are suffering the effects. When families cannot find child care, they cannot work. When families cannot work, local businesses become short-staffed and families decrease their spending. From there, windows are forced to shutter and the economy shrinks.

This is not an issue limited to certain people or regions; from our roles in Albany and in Portland, and across Oregon, we both have seen just how universal the problem is. As

of 2024, 34 of Oregon’s 36 counties qualified as a child care desert for infants and toddlers.

Even for older children, when more care opportunities are available, a quarter of our counties remain deserts. Moreover, child care is unaffordable for nearly all families in Oregon, regardless of income. A recent Lending Tree study shows a household with two children needs to make over \$400,000 per year for child care to be affordable — which is nearly four times the median income for Oregon families.

We understand how difficult it is to have a system that doesn’t work for families. Families that are referred for care might wait up to 18 months to be accepted if they aren’t already on the list. That means families have a year and a half of no access to care, of limited access to work and struggle to provide for their children. By then,

their child may have aged out of services, and missed benefits such as early math and literacy support, social skill development and early identification of disabilities. Losing further funds for such programs would be devastating.

If we want to stabilize this ecosystem and finally address the problems plaguing our system, investment is necessary. Funding child care isn’t a luxury or an unnecessary add-on — it’s the infrastructure that makes Oregon work. It is essential for our lawmakers to support educators, value children and allow families to work and local businesses to thrive. Our policies do not currently reflect this, but they can.

A universal problem requires a universal solution. This is why we support the campaign to win child care for all. It reflects the far-reaching nature of this industry: addressing the racial,

gender and economic inequities that are at the root of these discussions.

Oregon needs a child care system that guarantees quality care for every child, living wages for every provider and justice for the Black and Brown communities who have been carrying this system on their backs. We urge our leaders to give the child care industry the respect and resources that it deeply needs. We want our state to prioritize children over corporate profits and tax breaks for billionaires.

While the Day Without Child Care may be just one day, the campaign to win universal child care will continue until that goal is realized. There is a role for everyone — from the largest cities to the smallest towns — to share their values and uplift the importance of child care. Every Oregon family is deserving of quality, affordable care.

Ty Morris, based in Portland, specializes in

trauma-informed anti-bias training and coaching for early educators and organizes with For All Families Oregon, a grassroots organization advocating for family-forward policies.

Kendra Votava is a child care provider based in Albany and organizes with For All Families Oregon, a grassroots organization advocating for family-forward policies.

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GOVERNMENT

Bipartisan bill to tackle child care workforce shortage

Oregon’s U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley and U.S. Representative Lucy McBath (D-GA-06) have led a bipartisan group of lawmakers to introduce the Early Childhood Workforce Advancement Act.

The bipartisan bill would address the child care workforce shortage by investing in career and technical education (CTE) programs and incentivizing more students to enter the early childhood workforce upon graduation.

The Early Childhood Workforce Advancement Act would:

- Award grants to eligible partnerships such as institutions of higher education, child care providers, or relevant workforce training programs with schools;
- Establish, expand, or support career and technical education and career pathway programs of study in early childhood education. “As I hold town halls in all of Oregon’s 36 counties every year, I hear from folks about

child care being too inaccessible. Ensuring working families can access decent, affordable child care is an essential foundation for the middle class to thrive,” Merkley said. “Our bipartisan bill invests in the child care workforce, a win for parents who need child care and for Oregon businesses who need more child care providers.”

“Every parent deserves the peace of mind that comes with knowing their child is in good hands while they go to work and provide for their family. For too long, finding affordable, quality childcare has been out of reach for working Americans,” McBath said. “The Early Childhood Workforce Advancement Act will invest in career and technical programs that open doors for students who want to serve their communities as early childhood educators. It’s our responsibility to prepare the next generation of childcare workers and give families the support they need to thrive.”

In the House, U.S. Representatives Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-01), Glenn “GT” Thompson (R-PA-15), John Mannion (D-NY-22), Mike Lawler (R-NY-17), and Jen Kiggans (R-VA-02) co-lead the introduction of the Early Childhood Workforce Advancement Act.

“Child care is essential for children, families, businesses, and communities to thrive,” Bonamici said. “We need more students to enter this critical profession, and career and technical education (CTE) programs have great potential to make it easier and more affordable for them to do so. I’m grateful to work with a group of bipartisan colleagues to introduce this common-sense legislation.”

“The shortage of childcare workers has a negative effect upon families needing structured care environments and also our economy,” Thompson said. “I am proud to support the Early Childhood Workforce Advancement Act to help expand career

and technical education, and create pathways in childhood education to meet the needs of parents, children, and workers.”

“No parent should have to choose between earning a paycheck and caring for their children,” Mannion said. That’s why I’m proud to join my colleagues in this common-sense bipartisan effort to address the child care shortage head-on. In Central New York and the Mohawk Valley, childhood poverty rates remain among the highest in the nation. This legislation will help strengthen career and technical education (CTE) programs, giving our children the strong foundation they need to succeed. It represents an important step towards a robust federal commitment to supporting children and families across the country.”

“Working families depend on access to affordable, reliable childcare, but workforce shortages continue to make that harder to find,” Lawler said. “This

bipartisan legislation helps build a stronger pipeline of early childhood educators by investing in career and technical education and creating pathways for students to enter the field. Supporting childcare workers means supporting families, strengthening our economy, and giving children the foundation they need to succeed.”

“Access to affordable, reliable childcare is essential for working families and for the strength of our economy,” Kiggans said. “Right now, too many parents are struggling to find quality care, while childcare providers continue to face severe workforce shortages. I am proud to support the bipartisan Early Childhood Workforce Advancement Act because it takes meaningful steps to strengthen the pipeline of skilled early childhood educators and expand opportunities for students interested in this critical profession. We must ensure America’s parents

are supported and their children have a strong foundation to succeed!”

The bipartisan Early Childhood Workforce Advancement Act is supported by Advance CTE, American Federation of Teachers, Association of Career and Technical Education, Bipartisan Policy Center, Council for Professional Recognition, Center for Law and Social Policy, Child Care Aware, Children’s Defense Fund, Early Care and Education Consortium, First Five Years Fund, First Focus Campaign for Children, National Education Association, National Head Start Association, National Partnership for Women and Families, National Women’s Law Center Action Fund, Save the Children, and Zero to Three.

The bill is also co-sponsored by U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Adam Schiff (D-CA), and Ron Wyden (D-OR).



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU!

I want to thank everyone who donated to our 22nd Annual St Paddy’s Dinner and Silent Auction. We raised \$2,890 for our ongoing utilities and maintenance costs. There are far too many organizations, businesses, and private citizens to list. Please know we appreciate all of you and could not do this without you!!
*Michelle Schaffer
President
Siletz Valley Grange
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God such men lived.”
George S. Patton

ONLINE POLL

PREVIOUS POLL

What are your Memorial Day Plans?
77.3%..... Backyard BBQ
18.2%..... Hiking
0%..... Camping
4.5 %..... Shopping

NEW POLL

What are your plans for the summer?

- Just keep doing what I’m doing
- Keeping my options open
- Take a vacation
- Do things I’ve never done before

We want to hear your opinions.
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The original Pelican Brewing Company is located at 33180 Cape Kiwanda Drive in Pacific City. (Courtesy photos)



Pelican Brewing Company at Siletz Bay.

Pelican Brewing Company celebrates 30 years

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Pelican Brewing Company is celebrating 30 years of serving up craft brews, delicious bites and lasting memories on the Oregon Coast this month, according to a release from Pelican Brewing Company.

Established in May 1996 on Pacific City's beachfront, Pelican has grown to five locations — with a sixth on the way — and into one of the state's most-award winning independent breweries.

Still locally owned and operated by the three founding friends united in purpose by a love for great beer, Pelican is marking its milestone year with a special anniversary-edition Maibock, new menu items and other activations throughout the month, the release states.

"We're incredibly grateful to our coastal community for the love and support they've shown Pelican Brewing Company over the past 30

years," Pelican Brewing Company Co-Founder and President Mary Jones said. "We wanted to create a place that locals and visitors could count on for good food, great beer and unforgettable moments. We're thrilled to have become central to the Oregon Coast experience and look forward to continuing in our tradition with an incredible team in our brewery, kitchens and dining rooms."

Since opening its flagship Pacific City location, Pelican has opened four additional locations on the Oregon Coast, with brewpubs in Cannon Beach and Siletz Bay, a taproom in Tillamook, and a Neighborhood Pub in Rockaway Beach. A sixth location, also in the form of a Neighborhood Pub, will open on the Central Oregon Coast in Yachats this summer. The smaller, community-focused "neighborhood pub" restaurants are one of the many ways the brand continues to innovate after three decades of business, according to the release.

To mark the three decades of steady growth on the Oregon Coast, menus are getting a subtle refresh. Fan favorites will continue on the roster, joined by imaginative new dishes capitalizing on the change in seasons and creativity of the culinary crew, the release states.

New items include appetizers like Burrata & Crispy Prosciutto, featuring creamy burrata with roasted tomatoes, crispy prosciutto, fresh basil, balsamic pearls and warm focaccia, and Ahi Aguachile, featuring pasilla-coriander crusted ahi lightly seared and finished with cilantro-lime salsa, thinly sliced red onion, Fresno chiles and edible flowers. Entrees include Blackened Mahi Mahi, served over cous-cous with roasted vegetables, cilantro sambal and fresh mango pico de gallo. The new refreshed menu will be available beginning June 1 at most locations.

The brewery currently operates coastal brewpubs in Pacific City, Cannon Beach and Siletz Bay; a

production facility and taproom in Tillamook; and a newly opened Neighborhood Pub in Rockaway Beach. Pelican beers can be found at Pelican locations and in stores across Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The Lincoln County Leader reached out to Mary Jones for insight into the company's path to success.

Lincoln County Leader: How has Pelican Brewing Company survived, sustained, and grown through the last 30 years? What is the company's success philosophy?

Mary Jones: For the last 30 years, we've focused on consistency, hospitality, and community. We want guests to know they can count on Pelican for great beer, great food, and a welcoming experience every time they visit. We've also worked hard to support our employees and the Oregon Coast communities where we operate through local partnerships, events, and charitable giving. That commitment to people

and community has been a big part of our long-term success.

Lincoln County Leader: What is the most challenging part about running such a company and what is the most rewarding?

Jones: The most challenging element is staying nimble and flexible so we can weather the ups and downs of the economic conditions as well as changing consumer wants and needs. The most rewarding is finding great people to join our team and seeing them grow and be successful.

Lincoln County Leader: How many employees did the company begin with, how many are now with Pelican, and how do you sustain staff?

Jones: Pelican began as a much smaller operation with a small, close-knit team. Today, we employ roughly 350 full-time and part-time team members, depending on the season. We are looking to add approximately 20 additional team members for our Yachats location. We've always tried to

create a workplace where team members feel valued and connected to the communities we serve.

Investing in our people, the community, and creating opportunities for growth has been important to sustaining our staff over the years

Lincoln County Leader: What is it about the Oregon Coast that gives Pelican Brewing Company its energy and motivation?

Jones: We have the incredible privilege of being a cornerstone of people's vacations, milestones and celebrations, for locals and visitors to the Oregon Coast. This fuels us every day. There is something truly special about pairing world-class beer with exceptional food and service with the breathtaking coastal settings. We share a common goal that always comes back to the guest: to help them leave with a joyful memory tied to their time at any of our Pelican locations.

Learn more on pelicanbrewing.com or [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/pelicanbrewing).

Mo's Seafood & Chowder to represent the Pacific Northwest at "Taste of America" event

Mo's Seafood & Chowder Restaurants, have been selected as one of only four restaurant groups in the United States invited to participate in the National Archives Foundation's "Taste of America" event in Washington, D.C.

The iconic Oregon Coast restaurants are known for their legendary clam chowder and warm hospitality, according to a release from Mo's Seafood &

Chowder.

The Washington, D.C. event is part of the Spirit of Independence Festival, a national celebration commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, hosted June 4-6, 2026, at the National Archives. The festival highlights America's culture, history, music, and cuisine through immersive experiences and nationally recognized chefs and restaurants.

Representing the Pacific Northwest, Mo's will serve guests a menu inspired by the flavors and traditions of the Oregon coast, including: Mo's famous clam chowder and Marionberry cobbler.

"For more than 80 years, Mo's has proudly represented the Oregon Coast and the communities that have supported us for generations," Mo's Seafood & Chowder President Billie Jo Edmonds said. "To be

selected as one of only four restaurants nationwide for this event is an incredible honor. We're excited to bring a taste of the Pacific Northwest to our nation's capital and share the traditions that make Oregon Coastal cuisine so special."

The "Taste of America" evening will feature celebrated chefs, regional culinary experiences, specialty beverages, and live entertainment. Mo's Seafood

& Chowder will also partner with acclaimed Portland mixologist Jeffrey Morgenthaler, co-owner of Pacific Standard, for the event.

Known nationally for his award-winning cocktail programs, books, and influence on modern bartending, Morgenthaler will help bring the spirit and flavors of the Pacific Northwest to Washington, D.C., alongside Mo's signature coastal menu, according to the release.

Follow Along:

Stay connected with Mo's Seafood & Chowder during the Spirit of Independence Festival by following @ilovemoschowder on social media for exclusive behind-the-scenes content, event highlights, and a taste of the Pacific Northwest in Washington, D.C.

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Poetry, music and history spring to life at LCCC

Siletz Bay Music Festival will present the world premiere of “Hold Fast to Dreams: The Poetry of Langston Hughes” on May 29 and 30 at the Lincoln City Cultural Center.

The spirited new performance event is written by acclaimed actor/playwright Darius Wallace with music by Latin Grammy-nominated composer, pianist and bandleader, Jasnam Daya Singh.

Tickets, priced at \$30 (\$10 for students with ID) are now on sale at SiletzBayMusic.org

In addition to the two public performances at Lincoln City Cultural Center of “Hold Fast to Dreams: The Poetry of Langston Hughes,” a special free performance of the piece will be presented to area students at Taft High School on

May 29 at 1pm.

The performance, described by its author as “a celebration of language, humor, love, rage, and wisdom in community” will feature Wallace on stage narrating a story built around the poetry of Langston Hughes, the iconic 20th century poet who was a central figure of the 1920’s Harlem Renaissance and who continued to play an important role in American literature and theater until his passing in 1967. The performance, Wallace explained, “is not a biography of Langston Hughes, but rather it is the story of a world and its people, each one brought to life through the magic of his poetry.”

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Jasnam Daya Singh, Darius Wallace. (Bob Gibson / Bluewater Photography)



Elk Horn Otters. (Courtesy photos from Gretchen Kay Stuart)

Seven Capes Bird Alliance Restore Our Kelp Forests series

Seven Capes Bird Alliance presents Sea Otters & Kelp Forests: Restoring Oregon’s Missing Link with Chanel Hason of Elakha Alliance Wednesday from 6-7:30 p.m., June 3.

Sea otters once thrived along the Oregon Coast, playing a critical role in maintaining healthy kelp forests. Their elimination during the maritime fur trade left a missing link in Oregon’s nearshore ecosystem, contributing to unchecked sea urchin population growth and declining kelp habitat.

In this engaging and science-based presentation, marine biologist Chanel Hason

explores how sea otters function as keystone predators, the cascading ecological benefits they bring to kelp forests and estuaries, and what sea otter restoration could mean for Oregon’s biodiversity, fisheries, and coastal resilience. Attendees will gain insight into the collaborative, tribal-led efforts underway to develop a responsible reintroduction plan by the Elakha Alliance and how restoring this iconic species could help rebalance Oregon’s underwater forests for generations to come.

Chanel Hason is a marine biologist, environmental educator, and passionate

ocean advocate serving as the Director of Outreach & Community Relations for the Elakha Alliance. With a background that includes working with sea otters at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, conducting marine research on the Great Barrier Reef, and educating communities about the wonders of the natural world, Chanel brings science to life with energy and heart. At Elakha, she leads public engagement efforts to support the restoration of sea otters to the Oregon coast—reviving an essential keystone species to

See **KELP**, page B5



Cosmic Tide Books & More is located at 56 NE US Highway 101 in Depoe Bay. (Courtesy photo)

Cosmic Tide Books & More opens

Cosmic Tide Books & More is thrilled to announce its official grand opening near the coast of Depoe Bay.

Located at 56 NE US Highway 101, Depoe Bay, the new bookstore will be opening its doors at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 31.

Cosmic Tide is for the

readers, hobbyists, and collectors. Offering new and used books, comics, games, and more, Cosmic Tide aims to inspire creativity, spark curiosity, and foster a sense of community. Cosmic Tide is run by 62-year-old Newport local, Kim Bray, and his family. This has been

a long-time dream of Kim’s to open a bookstore, in which he says:

“I am excited for the opportunity to interact with vacationers and the local literary community,” Bray said.

The grand opening will feature a 25% off

See **BOOKS**, page B5

Local woman receives award



Michelle Schaffer, left, Auxiliary Secretary and on the right is Debby Fawver, Auxiliary President. (Courtesy photo)

Michelle Schaffer, Secretary of the Paul Washington Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #732 Auxiliary, has received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Auxiliary President acknowledging her Commitment

and Patriotism to the organization.

Schaffer also serves as the Siletz Valley Grange #558 President and she, along with the Grange membership, support the Post and Auxiliary by sponsoring both the

organizations with free use of the Grange Hall for meetings, social gatherings, and fundraising activities.

For information about the Auxiliary, contact Debby Fawver at 541-270-8260.

SWAFFORD ON WINE

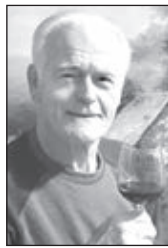
SWAFFORD on Wine for May 2026

Hinman Vineyards, founded in 1970 by Doyle Hinman and his family, was sold to Elizabeth Chambers and her family in 1993 who renamed it Silvan Ridge. Now, here in 2026, this pioneering vineyard and winery in the hills above Eugene comes full-circle as it has been reacquired by the Hinmans and the bottle label will once again read, "Hinman Vineyards".

I first met Doyle Hinman shortly after I

arrived in Oregon in 1981 when I took over a business called the Champagne Patio Restaurant and Swaffords Oregon Specialties. The latter title, with my name replacing that of the person whom I had bought out (Judy Latta), included a small selection of American, European and Oregon wines. There was actually only a small selection of Oregon wines in existence at that time.

Doyle Hinman was the first Oregon wine-maker I had the chance to meet and I realized how important this was to me if I was going to become



Joseph Swafford

a successful wine merchant. I had brought an interest in wine from California and was curious about the wine made in my new home.

So, when a friend invited me to his wine shop (The Complete Imbiber at the Salishan Shops) to participate in an Oregon wine tasting with Doyle and Hinman wines, I jumped at the opportunity to start learning about Oregon Pinot noir, Chardonnay and Riesling.

Prior to having founded the vineyard and winery in 1979, Hinman had also spent time studying

at Germany's prestigious Geisenheim Wine Institute. Pinot noir was an early red wine success, but the German influence was obvious in Hinman's Rieslings and Chardonnays. The wines are finished dryly but some residual sugar is retained to cut back on the acidity. Another popular offering was a sparkling Muscat developed with his winemaker Joe Dobbles who had also spent time at the Geisenheim Institute in Germany. (I stopped by Hinman in the early '90s on my way back from serving as a judge at a Medford wine competition and Joe Dobbles had me take a brief turn

sorting Muscat grapes for his sparkler.)

The Chambers family maintained strong continuity during the thirty-some years they made wine under the Silvan Ridge label. It will be interesting to see how Hinman fares with the return of the founding team. The winery location is in the scenic hillside terrain above Eugene and worth a visit for that alone. I plan to revisit the tasting room, re-evaluate the view, test the picnic facilities and taste the current version of sparkling Muscat. Since May is Oregon Wine Month, there isn't a better time than now to plan such a visit.

And speaking of May and visiting wineries and vineyards, here comes the Memorial Day Weekend. It and Thanksgiving Weekend in November are the two special event weekends that see many open houses where special wine releases, food offerings, art exhibits and live music performances are designed to draw us out to enjoy what they do best. Get your free copy of the Oregon Wine Press at the Chamber of Commerce office, McKay's Market or Grocery Outlet and use the many maps and notes to plan your visits.

Cheers!
Joseph Swafford
jcswoff56@gmail.com

SHERIFF'S TIP OF THE WEEK

Summer weather and BBQs

Take advantage of the summer weather and host a neighborhood BBQ, drop off some summer produce, or find another excuse to connect with your neighbors.

Getting to know your neighbors is a great way to foster a sense of community and offers many benefits. One of the most significant advantages of knowing your neighbors is that it helps keep the neighborhood safer. When you have a connection with your neighbors, you become an additional set of eyes and ears in the community.

By looking out for one another, you can collectively identify and report suspicious activities, making your neighborhood a



less attractive target for criminal activity.

Being familiar with your neighbors enables you to check on each other regularly and recognize when something isn't right. If you notice unusual behavior or potential signs of distress, you can reach out to offer help or alert appropriate authorities.

Your early detection of something being off, such as noticing a garage

door is unattended and open after dark or noticing a neighbor hasn't gotten their mail in several days can make all of the difference. In either of these cases, you may be preventing damage to, or theft of, property or you may be able to get help for a neighbor that has fallen or has had another accident that requires attention. When you notice something isn't right, take a moment to

check in with your neighbor (call, text, or knock on their door).

Another benefit of knowing your neighbors is the ability to understand each other's needs and resources during emergencies. In times of crisis, such as natural disasters or power outages, having a support system close by can be invaluable. By building relationships with your neighbors, you can collaborate and help each other in times of need, whether it's by sharing supplies, providing shelter, or simply offering moral support.

In addition to increasing safety and security, knowing your neighbors can also provide a sense of belonging. Take time to get to know your neighbors to help build a healthy community.

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BLM celebrates Freedom 250 with public events across Oregon

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites the public to commemorate the 250th anniversary of American independence through three public events across Oregon in 2026.

The events foster a deeper appreciation of our nation's past, the beauty and value of public lands, and the work it takes to sustain the health and productivity of these lands for the use and enjoyment of generations to come.

The events are part of the national Freedom 250 commemoration and also recognize the BLM's 80th anniversary of public land stewardship.

Featured Freedom 250 Events:

1. Oregon Trail Days – Baker City, Ore.

WHEN
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 13.

WHERE
Geiser-Pollman Park, Baker City, Ore.

The signature Freedom 250 event for BLM Oregon/Washington, Oregon Trail Days transforms Geiser-Pollman Park into an immersive Oregon Trail experience featuring wagon rides, storytelling, live demonstrations, music, crafts, and games.

The free, family-friendly celebration highlights the role public

lands play in preserving the landscapes and stories tied to America's westward expansion.

Additional programming will also take place at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center throughout the weekend.

2. Wood River Wetland Volunteer Day – Near Klamath Falls, Ore.

WHEN
1 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 20.

WHERE
Wood River Wetland, approximately 30 miles north of Klamath Falls, Ore.

This Freedom 250 volunteer event invites the community to assist with invasive weed removal and restoration work on public lands.

The event highlights the continued role Americans play in caring for public lands through volunteerism and stewardship.

3. Victorian Holiday Celebration – Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area

WHEN
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12.

WHERE

Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, near Newport, Ore.

This coastal Freedom 250 event connects visitors to Oregon's maritime history through a Victorian-themed holiday celebration at the Yaquina Head Lighthouse.

Activities may include caroling, historical parlor games, ornament crafts, interpretive storytelling, and live music.

WHY

As a dedicated custodian of America's diverse landscapes and cultural heritage, the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon and Washington proudly celebrates the 250th anniversary of American independence with the nation.

From iconic landmarks like Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area to the historic Oregon Trail, BLM-administered public lands represent the spirit of the nation's foundational principles. These events honor stories of exploration, resilience, stewardship, and public service woven throughout America's history.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

SUDOKU 数独

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

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

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LCL26-257 CITY OF NEWPORT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
The Newport Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers to consider (File No. 1-PD-26), a request submitted by Coastal Gleanns, LLC, applicant (Bonnie Serkin, Landwaves Inc., property owner). The applicant is applying for approval of a Final Development Plan to allow for development of the portion of the Wilder Planned Development previously identified as the "remainder lot", located east of SE Harborton Street. The applicant intends to develop two (2) multi-family dwelling structures containing 26 units with associated parking and resident amenities. The application must be consistent with the approval criteria set forth in Section 14.35.100 of the City of Newport's Municipal Code for final development plan approval. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the request above or other criteria, including criteria within the Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances, which the person believes to apply to the decision. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the city and the parties an opportunity to respond to that issue precludes an appeal, including to

the Land Use Board of Appeals, based on that issue. Testimony may be submitted in written or oral form. Oral testimony and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. The hearing may include a report by staff, testimony from the applicant and proponents, testimony from opponents, rebuttal by the applicant, and questions and deliberation by the City Council. Written testimony sent to the Community Development (Planning) Department, City Hall, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365, must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day of the hearing or must be personally presented during testimony at the public hearing. The proposed code amendments, additional material for the amendments, and any other material in the file may be reviewed or a copy purchased at the Newport Community Development Department (address above). Contact Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director (541)574-0826, d.tokos@newportoregon.gov (mailing address above) 5/27/26

LCL26-265 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN
In the Matter of the Estate of JOSEPH MASON BLAUGG, Deceased. Case No. 24PB08706 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Jodi Osantowski has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at The Law Offices of Matthew Ryan Corrinet - 2210 NW Bayshore Loop - Waldport, Oregon 97394, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published on: May 27, 2026 Jodi Osantowski Personal Representative Matthew Corrinet (OSB #231683) (CBN #347151) The Law Offices of Matthew

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LCL26-268 INVITATION TO BIDS
Highland Estates Homeowners Association Road Repair Project Bids Due 2:00 PM, June 29, 2026 WORK This project calls for demoing and repaving of approximately 100,000 sqft of damaged and aging existing paved roadway, NE Highland Rd is part of a road network used by HEHA residents and extends to a few side roads. Along NE Highland Rd, the roadway alternates from portions of pavement to crushed rock and back to pavement multiple times. For this project, only specifically outlined portions of the existing pavement will be worked on. See the Project Plans for further illustration. Note that work includes the access point to Highway 101. In coordination with ODOT it is understood that the proposed construction timeline imposes limited work windows on any work that would affect ODOT Right-of-Way traffic and would require traffic control. This includes no-lane-closure-days and limited work hours (7PM - 6AM only). These limitations are expected to apply for the westernmost portion of work only. All other portions of road improvements are expected to be completed without impact to ODOT Right-of-Way traffic. The Contractor must comply with the provisions required by the Davis Bacon Act or Oregon Prevailing Wage Law, whichever is higher. BID SUBMITTAL - Sealed bid proposals will be received by mail at Columbia Pacific Economic Development District, PO Box 1535, Saint Helens Oregon 97051 or in person at Columbia Pacific Economic Development District, in care of Columbia County, 2nd Floor of the John Gumm Building & Civic Center, 251 Saint Helens Street, Saint Helens Oregon 97051 until 2:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (PST) on the 29th day of June, 2026. Late bids will not be accepted. Submittal of bid proposals shall be in a sealed envelope with identification plainly marked on the outside including project name, bid date, and time, "Project Bid Enclosed" and bidder's name and address. Bid proposals shall be publicly

opened and read aloud via Zoom teleconference meeting at 10:00 AM, June 30, 2026 to check if addenda have been issued and acknowledge each addendum in the bid. BID DOCUMENTS - A copy of the RFP and any supplemental information will be available for review and download at the Columbia Pacific Economic Development District website https://nworegon.org/invitation-to-bids-highland-estates-homeowners-association-road-repair-project/ on Wednesday May 27th, 2026. Addenda, if issued, will be made available at the same website as the Bid Documents. It is the Bidder's responsibility to check if addenda have been issued and acknowledge each addendum in the bid. MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING - A Prebid meeting, followed by a field tour, will be scheduled to meet at the Lincoln Cultural Center (540 NE HWY 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367) 1:30 PM, Friday June 19th, 2026. QUESTIONS - All questions or requests for clarification shall be directed in writing to: Dulce Perkins via email: Dulce@nworegon.org and Sarah Lu Heath via email: sarahlu@nworegon.org or by regular mail to Columbia Pacific Economic Development

District, PO Box 1535, Saint Helens, Oregon 97051. All written questions must be received by the 5 PM PST on June 14, 2026. Addendum, if any, will be issued to the website holding the Bid Documents above at least 5 calendar days prior to the Bid Due date. 5/27/26

LCL26-267 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF ROBERT E. BODLE, DECEASED, Lincoln County, Oregon, Circuit Court Case No. 26PB04472. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at 285 SW Highway 101/P.O. Box 700, Waldport, Oregon 97394-0700, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. DATED and published: MAY 27,

2026 Conant Townsend Personal Representative Law Office of Holly Anne Gibbons, LLC Attorney for Personal Representative P.O. Box 700 Waldport, OR 97394-0700 5/27/26

LCL26-266 ON JUNE 8TH, 2026, AT 12:00PM, A PUBLIC SALE OF THE CONTENTS OF 3 abandoned storage unit will be held at Seal Rock Stor & Lock a self-storage facility located at 10645 NW Pacific Coast Hwy, Seal Rock, OR 97376 - managed by Dolphin Real Estate LLC. Said contents shall be sold by a public auction and in "AS IS" condition (there is no warranty relating to title, possession, quiet enjoyment or the like) to the highest bidder, said auction to be conducted on site at 12:00PM on June 8th, 2026, at 10645 SW Pacific Coast Hwy, Seal Rock, OR 97367. The owner of the abandoned personal property that will be sold are as follows: Crystina James (#7C), Marni Tegner (#33), Marni Tegner (#36) Dolphin Real Estate LLC reserves the right to cancel this sale at any time. 5/27/26 6/3/26

LCL26-264 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS & PROPOSALS
Land Conservation Plan-

ning Consultant The Troller's Cove Water Association is seeking qualifications and proposals from experienced consultants to assist with the development of a Strategic Conservation Plan. The selected consultant will work with the water association's board and members to Complete a tax lot analysis of the drinking water source area, lead efforts to communicate with the private landowner and the US Forest Service and recommend strategies for long-term protection and stewardship. The full RFQ&P (including scope of work, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria) is available by request via email and submissions must be received by June 26, 2026, at 4:00 pm via email: tow97390@gmail.com 5/27/26

LCL26-263 NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON

for the County of Lincoln, In the Matter of the Estate of Kathryn Mary Butterfield aka Mary Kathryn Butterfield, Case No 26PB03601, Melinda Butterfield and Spencer Butterfield has been appointed personal representatives. All persons having claims against

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cial Road District, Lincoln County, and State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be held at 8398 SW Abalone Street, South Beach, Oregon. The meeting will take place on the 3rd day of June 2026 at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the

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meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comments from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after June 3rd, 2026, at the office of Ritacco and Company, 924 SW 8th Street, Newport, Oregon between the hours

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of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Jeanetta F. Ritacco Budget Officer

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LCL26-235 MAKAI SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Makai Special Road District, Lincoln County, and State of Oregon, to discuss

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the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be held at the Seal Rock Fire Station, 10349 NW Rand Street, Seal Rock, Oregon. The meeting will take place on the 3rd day of June 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after June 3rd, 2026, at the office of Ritacco and Company, 924 SW 8th Street, Newport, Oregon between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Jeanetta F. Ritacco Budget Officer 5/20/26 5/27/26

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200714036 in Book xx, Page xx covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to wit: LOT 2, BLOCK 8, J.T. VINCENT'S FIRST ADDITION TO TOLEDO, IN THE CITY OF TOLEDO, COUNTY OF LINCOLN, STATE OF OREGON. Commonly known as: 657 SE 8th Street, Toledo, OR 97391 The current beneficiary is Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC pursuant to assignment of deed of trust recorded on 9/30/2020 as Inst No. 2020-10125 in the records of Lincoln, Oregon. The beneficiary has elected and directed successor trustee to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to: Make the monthly payments commencing with the payment due on 06/01/2025 and continuing each month until this trust deed is reinstated or goes to trustee's sale; plus a late charge on each installment not paid within fifteen days following the payment due date; trustee's fees and other costs and expenses associated with this foreclosure and any further breach of any term or condition contained in subject note and deed of trust. 1. By the reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: Principal balance in the amount of: \$84,730.37; 2. Interest through 4/20/2026 in the amount of: \$2,975.45 3. MIP/PMI Advances in the amount of: \$0.00 4. Recoverable balance in the amount of: \$1,584.19 5. Late Charges in the amount of: \$190.96 6. Deferred Amount in the amount of: \$12,343.79 7. Escrow Advances in the amount of: \$1,285.73 8. Together with the interest thereon at the rate 3.6250000% per annum until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on 08/26/2026 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the south entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Newport, OR 97365, County of Lincoln, State of Oregon, sell at public auction for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured (and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee). Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes: has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due

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had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale. In construing this, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed; the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by Prime Recon LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while there is a default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the referenced property. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines. Its chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 4/14/2026 Prime Recon LLC By: Carmen Robinson, Authorized Signer Prime Recon LLC 27368 Via Industria, Ste 201 Temecula, CA 92590 Phone number for the Trustee: (888) 725-4142 NRP0487925 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 05/13/2026, 05/20/2026, 05/27/2026, 06/03/2026

Super Crossword

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- ACROSS
1 PlayStation 3 competitor
4 Prefix for "bird"
7 Man-to-man term of endearment
13 Luau skirt
19 Native (to)
21 Modern way to shop
22 Neckwear clasp
23 Noteworthy septet of piers?
25 Spanish fleet
26 Worship
27 Publicly revealing Edison's secret?
29 Bottom-row PC key
30 Recipe qty.
32 Overly
33 Eggs' shapes
34 Successfully trap a moray?
41 Shrek is one
43 "There oughta be —!"
44 Dozing
47 Spellbound
51 "This works like a charm!"
55 Up-to-the-minute
57 Director Ang

- 58 Like family-friendly films
59 Pres. after FDR
62 Bring a Ferris wheel to a complete stop?
65 Scrape (by)
66 Charlotte —, Virgin Islands
69 Internet ID
70 TV host
71 Like a king who has wild mood swings?
76 Burns a little
77 Army NCO
78 Teensy bit
79 Noted period
81 Ruling eagle sitting in her high nest?
84 Org. giving tows
85 Iridescent button
88 Architect I.M. from China
89 "Avengers: Age of —" (2015 Marvel film)
91 Government revenue sources
93 Ukraine port
96 Basketry willows

- 99 Shout
100 Mask
102 Wish you had never met the star of "Firestarter"?
110 — Fridays (restaurant)
113 Bank acct. amount
114 Uncooked
115 Response to a question about "Swan Lake"?
119 1996 #1 hit for Los del Rio
124 Funnel-shaped bloom
125 People with unorthodox opinions about a girl in Wonderland?
127 Quick raids
128 Cringed
129 Sugar alcohol used as a sweetener
130 Tiny amounts
131 Goes hastily
132 From — Z
133 Pop/soul singer Des'—

- 2 Suffering, figuratively
3 — -Kit (police face-maker)
4 Part of ACLU: Abbr.
5 — voce
6 "High Rollers" rapper
7 See
109-Down
8 With the wish (of)
9 Actress
Summer of "Serenity"
10 Encircled with a band
11 Not suitable
12 Like many simple questions
13 TDs or RBI
14 Loud warning device
15 Eliminator
16 Former first lady Michelle
17 Rafael of tennis
18 Lawn surface
20 Suffix of nationalities
24 Amsterdam is its cap.
28 Sticky gunk
31 Island setting
35 Appellation
36 Dressed
37 Bible book before Zechariah

- 38 Prefix with light
39 Pipe joint
40 Foliage unit
42 Stan of jazz
45 Region of pre-Roman Italy
46 Viewed intently
48 Some wheel adjusters
49 Animal's "family tree"
50 Golf pegs
51 Deep anger
52 Pay attention
53 Sault —, Mich.
54 Replace with
56 Bud of Cooperstown
60 Some roofing specialists
61 Up to, in brief
63 Suffix with southwest
64 Outdoor gear retailer
67 Large city in Iraq
68 Raised RRs
72 "Either he goes — go!"
73 Mao — tung
74 Diva Sumac
75 Boomer's kid
76 Mafia chief
80 Horse cousin
82 Campus area

- 83 Film genre
86 Skillfully
87 Tranquil
90 Modern, in Munich
92 Scottish port
94 Varnish resin
95 Judgy glance
97 Make more offspring
98 Govt. loan agency
101 LAX guess
103 — mater
104 Collier's tram
105 Really bug
106 Discarded PCs or TVs
107 At the stern
108 Barber's tool
109 With 7-Down, the original "It" girl
111 Chews on
112 Town on Long Island's South Shore
116 Russian news agency
117 Chablis, e.g.
118 Ovid's "Lo!"
120 Brand of athletic shoes
121 "— la vie"
122 Slangy suffix with buck
123 Cup edge
126 ER staffers

Grid for Super Crossword puzzle with numbers 1-133 indicating starting positions for across and down words.

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LCL26-248 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN
In the Matter of the Guardianship of: Dany Andrés Nicolás Fernando, A Vulnerable Youth. Case No.: 26PR00921
NOTICE OF TIME FOR FILING OBJECTIONS TO APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on MAY 4, 2026, the undersigned filed a petition for the appointment of Angelica Nicolás Fernando as guardian of Dany Andrés Nicolás Fernando, a Vulnerable Youth. The petitioner's relationship to the respondent is: His sister. Petitioner's mailing address is: 613 NE Eads St, Apt. 18, Newport, OR 97365. Any objections must be filed in this guardianship proceeding in the above court within 15 days of the date of service of this Notice. You may file your objection by mailing it to Lincoln County Circuit Court, PO Box 100, Newport, OR 97365. If the court receives objections, the judge will hold a hearing. As of the date of this notice, no hearing has been set. NOTICE: If you wish to receive copies of future filings in this case, you must inform the judge and the person named as petitioner in this notice. You must inform the judge by filing a request for notice and paying any applicable fee. The request for notice must be in writing, must clearly indicate that you wish to receive future filings in the proceedings, and must contain your name, address, and telephone number. You must notify the person named as petitioner by mailing a copy of the request to the petitioner. Unless you take these steps, you will receive no further copies of the filings in the case. Dated: May 13, 2026. /s/ Megan A. Van Kent, OSB No. 155054 Email: megan@vankentlaw.com P.O. Box 83567 Portland, OR 97283 (503) 893-5545 Submitted By: Megan A. Van Kent, OSB # 155054 Van Kent Law, LLC Attorney for Petitioner megan@vankentlaw.com Petitioner: Angelica Nicolás Fernando 613 NE Eads St, Apt. 18, Newport, OR 97365 5/20/26 5/27/26

LCL26-230 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 187877 APN: R151136
Reference is made to that certain deed made by SHIRLEY LOUISE WALLACE AND DALE C. WALLACE, JR. NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON BUT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP as Grantor to Western Title and Escrow, as Trustee, in favor of Eagle Home Mortgage, LLC as Beneficiary, dated 09/27/2007, recorded 10/01/2007, in the official records of Lincoln County, Oregon as Instrument No.

LCL26-206 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE #26-0375
On June 4, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Room 203, in the City of Newport, Oregon, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 1000 SE Bay Blvd #M-034, Newport, OR 97365. The court case number is 22CV36792. ASSOCIATION OF UNIT OWNERS OF EMBARCADERO CONDOMINIUMS, INC., an Oregon nonprofit corporation, plaintiff(s) vs. DOUGLAS VARNER, an individual, and ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1000 SE BAY BLVD M-034, NEWPORT, OR 97365 defendant(s). This is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand. For more details go to http://www.oregon-sheriffssales.org/county/lincoln/ 5/6/26 5/13/26 5/20/26 5/27/26

MUSIC

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The magic of Hughes' evocative poetry and Wallace's dramatic stage presentation will be enhanced by a five-piece jazz ensemble led by Singh featuring John C. Savage on flute and alto sax, Bill Athens on bass, Collin Oldham on cello, and Ken Ollis on drums. Born in 1901, Langston Hughes revolutionized American literature by speaking the truth of the Black experience, using jazz/blues rhythms, and portraying working-class life with dignity. A pioneering poet, playwright, and novelist, he incorporated the rhythms and themes of blues and jazz into his poetry, notably in "The Weary Blues" (1926) and "Montage of a Dream Deferred" (1951). His 1935 play, "Mulatto" ran on Broadway for 373 performances, the first play by a Black playwright to enjoy that level of commercial success. His gospel musical, "Black Nativity," which premiered in 1961, has been revived again and again and remains a staple in American repertory theater. In his poetry, his plays

and his novels, Hughes focused on the ordinary Black experience, celebrating the culture, language, and resilience of the working class. In an era when African-Americans struggled to find a foothold in mainstream arts art and culture, Hughes confronted issues of racism, inequality and injustice, resisting racial prejudice through honest, colloquial writing and storytelling with an undeniably universal appeal. Throughout his life and career, he never ceased to fight for social change. The presentation of "Hold fast to Dreams: The Poetry of Langston Hughes" marks the second production of a Wallace and Singh collaboration to be presented in Lincoln City by Siletz Bay Music Festival. In 2020, the two collaborated with Siletz Bay Music Festival founder Yaki Bergman, who served as Artistic Director of both the Festival and the Portland Chamber Orchestra, to create the acclaimed performance piece "My Words Are My Sword," which was presented by Siletz Bay Music Festival in February of 2024. According to Dan Pack, the Festival's new Executive Director,

"The presentation of this new piece is an excellent example of the Festival's intention to expand its presence in the Oregon Coast community beyond the regular August season and to bring meaningful and innovative new works to its programming on a regular basis. We hope to continue producing and presenting programs of this exceptional artistic value in the months preceding our summer seasons." Siletz Bay Music Festival's regular season will take place August 13-23 and will feature twelve concerts of classical and contemporary chamber, jazz and orchestral music at five venues on the Oregon Coast. Siletz Bay Music Festival was founded to bring multi-genre world-class music performed by outstanding musicians to the area, reaching across race, culture, age, social and economic barriers and providing extraordinary experiences. This concert is sponsored by Explore Lincoln City, Ronni Lacroute and Sherry Bennett. Siletz Bay Music Festival is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

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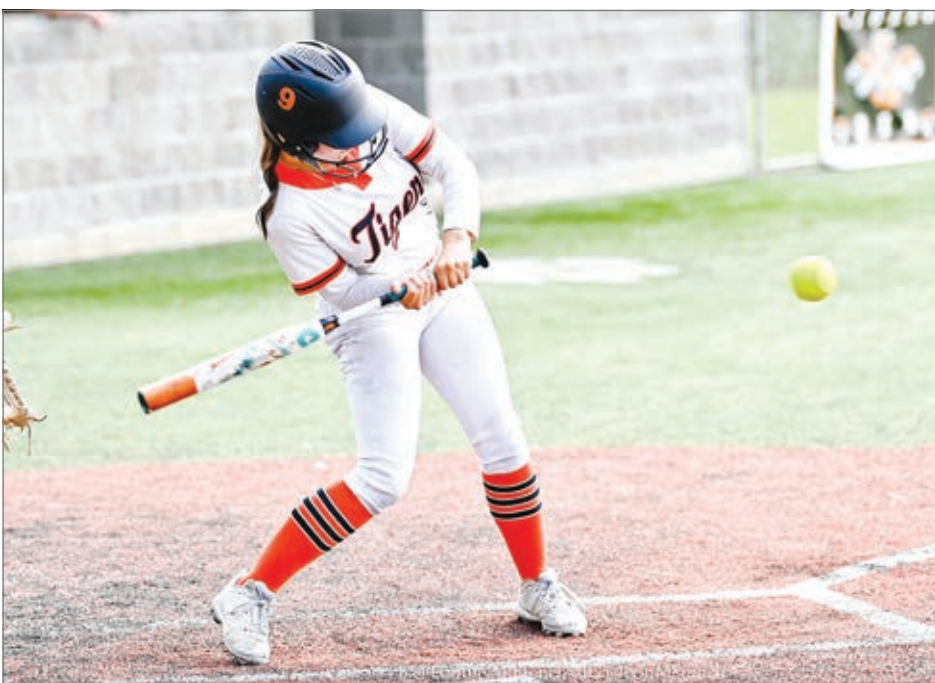
help restore balance to nearshore ecosystems. Whether she's giving a science pub talk, running a fundraiser, or tabling at community events, Chanel loves inspiring people to fall in love with sea otters and the kelp forests they call home. This webinar is free, but pre-registration is required. Register online now at sevenapes.org/

restoringourkelpforests. This presentation is the final of a three-part series, Restoring Our Kelp Forests, which explores the changing world of kelp from the challenges these vibrant ecosystems face to the passionate efforts underway to bring them back. Hear stories from scientists, divers, and community groups working to restore balance among keystone species and revive these essential ocean habitats. Discover how resilience, balance, and ingenuity are shaping the future of life along our coasts. Restoring Our Kelp Forests is brought to you by Seven Capes Bird Alliance in partnership with Friends of Otter Rock, Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition, Elakha Alliance, and Oregon Kelp Alliance. Learn more about this series and listen to recordings of past sessions at sevenapes.org/restoringourkelpforests.

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Taft's seniors, Stephanie Hargitt (#9), Kayleah Hudson (#12), Abby Mode (#2), and Ava Lambie (#1), playing against Yamhill-Carlton on May 8. (Courtesy photos from Lon French)



Tigers softball celebrate seniors with a win

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

Taft's softball season is officially in the books.

While it ended before the postseason, the Tigers ended on a high note, winning two of their final three games, including a big win on Senior Night over Santiam Christian.

It was a revenge game for the Tigers, as they had lost to the Eagles in their prior matchup, 4-8 on Apr. 20. This time, it was a different story, and the Tigers rode a six-run scoring burst in the fourth

inning to win 11-7. Eeva Wand had a hit, two walks, and an RBI.

For the program's four seniors, the game marked a triumph, with Stephanie Hargitt, Kayleah Hudson, Abby Mode, and Ava Lambie walking away victorious from their final home game. All four seniors have been involved in softball each of their four years at Taft, and the program will miss their leadership and veteran presence.

Captain Abby Mode punctuated her senior season with

a double and two runs for the Tigers. On the mound, junior Katelyn Hatton took the Tigers' share of responsibilities, ending the game with four strikeouts and allowing nine hits.

Prior to beating Santiam Christian, Taft posted a 15-4 victory against Blanchet Catholic on May 14. It's the fourth time in a row that the Tigers have beaten the Cavaliers in the past two years. The wins against Santiam Christian and Blanchet Catholic were Taft's fourth and fifth wins of the

Special District 3 campaign, putting the Tigers seventh of the nine teams in the district.

After those buoyant results, the Tigers had just one road game remaining against Scio on May 18. Taft ended up losing 14-0 in five innings, with singles from Kayla Richardson and Layla Jones marking the only hits for the Tigers' offense.

While it wasn't the desired scoreline for the finale, there's still plenty to be proud of for the Tigers this year. The program's two-win sweep over Amity this year was the first

time the Tigers have beaten the Warriors twice in a campaign since 2015. Special District 3 was also one of the most competitive leagues in 3A softball, with five of the nine teams ranked inside of OSAA's top 20. Looking at the overall 3A softball picture, Taft ended the season with an overall record of 8-14, which put them at #25 of the 40 teams in OSAA's rankings.

While saying goodbye to the seniors is always hard, sending them off on Senior Night with a win over Santiam will be a night to remember.

Boomers earn playoff berth

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

The Boomers are no strangers to the softball state playoffs, and this season, Toledo High School's team will make its fifth straight trip to the playoffs.

The past two seasons have seen Toledo advance to the second round, and the Boomers have been a powerhouse for the better part of the decade, making the playoffs in each non-pandemic-affected season since 2016. Over that stretch, they've reached the state semis twice.

This spring, the Boomers went 14-8 overall and qualified for the state playoffs after an 8-2 second-place finish in Special District 4. Powers won the district title this season with a 10-0 record.

Though the Boomers ended the season on a 3-3 stretch, two of those losses came against non-league opponents in Kennedy and Pleasant Hill. In their last five league games, Toledo is 4-1, with the lone loss coming against Powers

on Apr. 30. The Boomers' most recent league wins came against Myrtle Point on May 14 and Waldport on May 8. Both were high-scoring outings for Toledo, with the Boomers winning by double digits in each.

Facing the Irish, Toledo made the half-hour drive to Waldport for the second game between the two. The Boomers outdid their previous 12-2 win, beating Waldport 15-2. Gracee Retherford and Shaylee Barnhart both had great days at the plate, batting 1000 in their at-bats. Retherford had four hits in four at-bats, for two RBIs, and she amassed three steals. Barnhart had three hits and two RBIs in three at-bats.

Up and down the lineup, there were some big hits. Ali Barnhart and Violette Young-Savage each had triples, helping in two runs for the Boomers. One of the highlights of the day was an inside the park homerun from Aubrey Short to lead off the second inning. Her solo sprint around the bases marked the fifth run of the day for Toledo, and

was the first of six runs in the inning.

Tenaya Cordova was on the mound all five innings

Point on May 14. For the seventh time this season, the Boomers scored 17 or more runs, beating the

piled on the pressure until the end of the contest.

In the final two innings, Toledo scored 10 runs on

Retherford, Violette Young-Savage, Tenaya Cordova, LeeAnne Parrish, and Dakota Redfean. Each had two RBIs in the game, helping push the Boomers beyond the Bobcats' grasp.

With Myrtle Point being third place in Special District 4, the win solidified Toledo's second-place position and guaranteed them a spot at state. In the final game of the season, Toledo faced 3A Pleasant Hill in a non-league game on May 19. It came down to the wire, with the Billies ultimately pulling out a 12-11 win in extra innings. Despite the defeat, it was a solid performance against a bigger program, and a good tune-up for the state bracket.

Now the team will look to earn its first playoff win since 2024.

The first round of the 2026 OSAA/OnPoint Community Credit Union 2A/1A Softball State Championships begins on May 25, with the second round coming on May 27. The matchups have not been set at the time of press.



The Boomers are headed back to the Oregon State Softball Championships this season. (Courtesy photo from OSAA)

for Toledo, striking out five batters and allowing just three hits. She also had one hit for two RBIs, and was a menace on the basepaths with three steals.

Following that win, Toledo played their final home game of the regular season against Myrtle

Bobcats 17-7. It was also the 11th time they've beaten an opponent by double digits this season.

The Boomers started hot, going up 7-3 after two innings, but four runs from the Bobcats clawed back four runs to tie up the game in the third. From there, the Boomers

eight hits to end the game in five frames. Retherford was exceptional again, piling up three hits, including a triple, and an RBI. Shaylee Barnhart was also laser-focused at the plate, connecting for three hits in four at-bats.

Helping send runners home were Faith