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## First responders brace for spring break rescues

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

The Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) UAS Team responded to provide drone assistance in locating 1-3 persons believed to have fallen over the north face of God's Thumb, March 14.

Through collaboration with the U.S. Coast Guard Northwest, North Lincoln Fire Rescue, and the Lincoln County Technical Rescue Team (consisting of members from the Newport, North Lincoln, Toledo, Nestucca, Siletz, and Yachats Fire Departments), one teen was extracted via helicopter from approximately half-way down the cliff-face. Two other teens were located peering over the edge, not on any established trail, and were directed back to a safe area.

"We urge hikers to use caution by staying on established trails, maintaining safe distance from edges, and to never trust trees, bushes, or loose rocks for support," LCPD stated in a release.

Each spring break along the



**A helicopter crew carefully lifts one teen to safety during a rescue operation March 14 at the north side of God's Thumb. (Courtesy photo from the Lincoln City Police Department)**

Central Oregon Coast, first responders and members of the Lincoln County Technical Rescue Team are called into action during emergencies, such as cliff and water rescues.

Team member Andy Parker, also a member of the Newport Fire department, said with the increasing visitors to the coast during spring break, often the calls can turn deadly with



**Members of the Lincoln County Technical Rescue Team in the air during a training mission along the coast cliffs in 2025. (Courtesy photo)**

drownings and fatal falls.

Parker said one specific location of the most frequently conduct rescues is Yaquina Head.

"In one case at Yaquina Head,

a child who was surfing was washed into the rocks. Family members and bystanders attempted to help, which is a

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## Local culture, arts to receive a share of \$7M



**The latest funding from the Arts and Culture Rebuilding Fund includes 277 grants that total \$7,048,300 to support community-based nonprofits and larger "anchor" organizations across Oregon. (Metro Creative Connection)**

**STAFF REPORT**  
Lincoln County Leader

Nearly two years into a major investment in arts and culture nonprofits across the state, Oregon Community Foundation has distributed a second wave of grants in all 36 counties to organizations vital to Oregon's economy and identity.

The latest funding from the Arts and Culture Rebuilding Fund includes 277 grants that total \$7,048,300 to support community-based nonprofits and larger "anchor" organizations across Oregon, including those along the Central and north Oregon Coast.

The three-year commitment is rooted in the understanding that arts and culture are essential civic and economic infrastructure in Oregon. Jerry Tischleder, Senior Program Officer for Arts and Culture at Oregon Community Foundation, said the collective effort to support this sector is a celebration of Oregon's creative spirit and a call to keep building and investing more boldly together.

"We have learned a lot from Oregon arts organizations over the past two years. Their creativity and determination continue to inspire us,"

Tischleder said. "But we cannot declare 'mission accomplished.' There is still work to do, and cultural institutions remain crucial to Oregon's economy and our way of life."

On March 20, 2024, Oregon Community Foundation joined with partners in philanthropy and state government to make a major investment in arts and culture. Oregon Community Foundation, the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation and the state of Oregon pledged a combined \$52 million to support Oregon's arts and culture sector over three years. OCF's original commitment of \$20 million has grown to more than \$23 million because of support from OCF donors and new strategic grants. These include new support for the Portland Opera and Portland Center Stage along with dozens of arts and culture nonprofits across the state.

The "love letter" to the arts was a response to pandemic-related losses and aimed to restore vitality to a sector central to Oregon communities. Attendance levels at exhibitions, performances and other live events have shifted significantly in recent years, creating challenges for organizations that drive economic activity in towns and cities across the state. The new investment advances ongoing efforts to help arts organizations adapt and thrive.

**Strengthening Institutions  
and Oregon's Economy**

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## Oregon Coast Travelability honored

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

The Oregon Coast's collaborative accessibility initiative, Oregon Coast Travelability, has been honored with the Governor's Award from Travel Oregon—one of the highest recognitions in the state's tourism industry.

The Governor's Award, presented by Todd Davidson, CEO of Travel Oregon, recognizes individuals or organizations that have significantly enhanced Oregon's visitor experience while strengthening the tourism industry as a whole. This year's award celebrates a coastwide collaboration that has been transforming the way people experience the Oregon Coast.

The Lincoln County Leader reached out to Explore Lincoln City Director Kim Cooper Findling for insight into this

significant award.

**Lincoln County Leader:** What is the significance of this project in gaining visibility and revenue for our communities?

**Kim Cooper Findling:** We at Explore Lincoln City and Lincoln City Parks and Recreation are so grateful to have been a part of the Oregon Coast Visitors Association's Travelability Group, and to participate in receiving the penultimate Governor's award from Travel Oregon on March 9. Including accessibility amenities into our communities is good for everyone. Improved infrastructure and assets that are designed to be more welcoming to all contribute to better livability for visitors and locals alike.

As Lincoln City has increasingly been recognized as an

accessibility leader in Oregon, visitors increasingly seek out our community, bringing with them the economic benefits of direct spending, overnight stays and visits to our restaurants and shops. Furthermore, this work is a great example of the power of partnerships. The Oregon Coast Visitor Association provided leadership for the Travelability group, which included dozens of organizations up and down the coast, including Explore Lincoln City, Lincoln City Parks and Recreation District, and the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce.

**Lincoln County Leader:** How have the grants secured through this effort helped out communities?

**Cooper Findling:** To date,

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## Ocean salmon season alternatives released for public review

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) has developed three alternatives for ocean salmon seasons along the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California.

PFMC is hosting a hybrid public meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. March 24 in Newport to receive input on the proposed salmon management alternatives. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife staff will provide a review of PFMC's alternatives which are available online. The meeting is scheduled to be conducted at the Gladys Valley Marine Studies Building Auditorium, 2030 SE Marine Science Drive in Newport.

The final salmon season recommendations will be determined at the next PFMC meeting from April 8-12 in Portland. The final PFMC adopted fishing season recommendations will be sent to the U.S. Department of Commerce for approval by May 15.

PFMC's Salmon Advisory Subpanel with support from the Salmon Technical Team considered and analyzed numerous fishing scenarios for summer and fall 2026 ocean salmon seasons, according to the PGMC. The spring recreational fishing season (prior to May 16) was developed

last year and began March 15 from Cape Falcon to the OR/CA border.

Forecasts for fall Chinook returning to the Sacramento and Klamath rivers this year are higher than last year allowing for improved season structures. Management constraints for Klamath River fall Chinook were still a factor in the season setting process. Coho abundance forecasts are generally similar to last year, resulting in a range of coho seasons comparable to 2025, according to a release from the PFMC.

"After several very challenging years, it was nice to be able to consider some improved recreational opportunity, but Klamath River fall Chinook limited our flexibility when framing commercial troll fisheries," Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Deputy Fish Division Administrator for Marine and Columbia River Programs John North said.

**South of Cape Falcon**

The PFMC's three alternatives for south of Cape Falcon recreational summer and fall salmon seasons vary by number of open fishing days and area and would allow good coho opportunity

beginning in June and extending into September. Improved Chinook fishing opportunities are expected this year along the Oregon coast, with all three alternatives including Chinook retention through October.

**North of Cape Falcon**

A different mix of salmon stocks are present north of Cape Falcon, so recreational season alternatives are different in this region, according to the PFMC. Current options include Chinook and coho fishing opportunities beginning in late June and extending into September, or until quotas are achieved.

**Commercial troll**

Commercial troll opportunity from Cape Falcon to the Oregon/California border in all three PFMC's alternatives are similar to or slightly improved from last year. With open periods ranging from May through October and coho retention allowed in September., the release notes.

Anglers, commercial fishers, and industry participants are encouraged to comment during the April PFMC meeting. Going through the PFMC e-portal is the best way to comment, according to the release.



# K9 Nix leaving the force

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) K9 Nix is retiring.

The Lincoln County Leader reached out to LCPD Sgt. Erik Anderson for insight into K9 Nix's career.

**Lincoln County Leader:** Why is K9 Nix retiring now and where will she go?

**Erik Anderson:** Police apprehension dogs usually have a working lifespan between 8 and 10 years based on their breeds and active lifestyle. Nix is 9 years old now and we want to make sure she gets to enjoy her last year or so because she deserves it. We definitely don't want to risk having her work until she suffers a severe repetitive use injury.

In accordance with the contract the city has with her handler, and generally standard across police dog program's nationwide, her handler was given the option of purchasing her for \$1 through her retirement which he has chosen to do.

**Lincoln County Leader:** When did K9 Nix first begin

working with the LCPD and where did the K9 come from?

**Anderson:** Nix began her career with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in 2018 and then came over to us in 2022 when her previous handler left the area. We were really appreciative of the County government working to find a way to keep her on the road and in the County when they transferred her over to us.

**Lincoln County Leader:** Over the time K9 Nix has been with the LCPD, what has this K9 been able to accomplish for our community?

**Anderson:** K9 Nix has been a great tool from a patrol perspective. When it comes to clearing a house which has potentially been broken into, we view that as a very dangerous call.

I have encountered armed burglars hiding in houses before, and that situation carries a great potential for rapidly evolving critical incidents. Having a K9 able to search a house ahead of us, limits that



**K9 Nix in full uniform.** (Courtesy from the LCPD)

possibility, and often leads to peaceful surrenders.

The presence of the K9 can be an asset in itself, leading to many dangerous folks deciding to become compliant in a hurry. This reduces the likelihood of injuries to Officers and suspects.

**Lincoln County Leader:** Will K9 Nix be replaced and if so, by what new K9 and when?

**Anderson:** We anticipate replacing K9 Nix in the future; however, the train up time for a new K9

and handler can be a few months.

The special assignment carries a great deal of liability, possibly more so than any other police use of force tool. It also brings a lot of responsibility and is absolutely not just a 12 hours shift duty. K9 handlers bring their dogs home and care for them 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It can often be a life adjustment. We anticipate a new K9 would be in place by the end of the year, but hope sooner.

**Lincoln County Leader:** How many K9's are employed at the LCPD and who are they?

**Anderson:** We still have K9 Nato on the force with LCPD. Newport PD recently brought on Sly. I believe the LCSO is looking to bring another dog back on as well.

**Lincoln County Leader:** Why do you believe the K9 program is important for our community?

**Anderson:** The K9 program keeps Officers safe. From a management

and labor perspective, our officers are difficult and expensive assets for the City to replace, and serious injuries can be career ending. If a well-trained K9 can cause a violent person to change their mind, rather than fight an officer, that's a win for the Community.

Additionally, their ability to track and locate people who do not want to be found is a great asset for law enforcement. Apprehending fugitives, and finding critical evidence, helps build strong cases which serves the public interest.

**Lincoln County Leader:** Feel free to add any other comments you might have:

**Anderson:** We hope to have a good sendoff on March 19th over at the Community Center. We planned it for the evening so school children could join. We will have some delicious cupcakes and snacks as well as a station for children to draw pictures or write going away cards for Nix as she heads off into retirement.

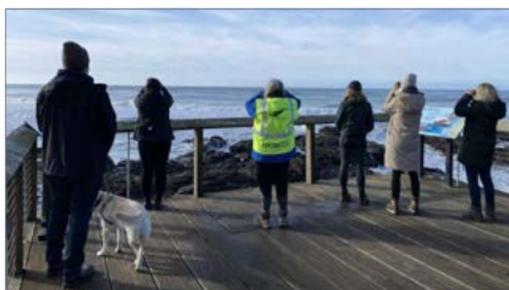
We will also be thanking Nix's handler, Officer Cody Snidow, for all of his hard work with Nix over the years. He walked a lot of trails and put himself in some hairy situations as her handler and we appreciate his dedication. We have invited some of the initial donors which got our program off the ground, as well as some local leaders from the area. It should be a good time.

### PUBLIC EVENT CANCELED

Anderson added that due to unforeseen circumstances, the Lincoln City Police Department must cancel K9 Nix's public retirement party, which was scheduled for 5 p.m. March 19.

"We sincerely apologize for the short notice and for any inconvenience this may cause to those who planned to attend," Anderson said. "K9 Nix has provided exceptional service to our community, and while we are unable to hold the public event as intended, we will be hosting a small inhouse celebration at the Police Department to honor her dedicated years of service."

# Spring Whale Watching Week



**Yachats State Recreational Area is one spot to view the migrating whales along the Oregon Coast. (Courtesy photo)**

Oregon State Parks will host Spring Whale Watch Week along the Oregon Coast Saturday, March 21 through Sunday, March 29.

Trained Oregon State Park volunteers and park rangers will be stationed at 15 sites along the Oregon Coast to help visitors spot whales and their calves and answer questions from

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily March 21-29. The sites are among the best places to watch whales on the Oregon Coast.

"Spring is a great time for whale watching because the gray whale migration can be a bit closer on their return trip north, usually within a few miles from shore. As we

get later into the spring, we can sometimes see the mothers with calves in tow," State Park Ranger Peter McBride said.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) estimates 13,000 gray whales are expected to migrate past Oregon's shores from late winter through June as they travel back toward Alaska, far fewer than earlier projections suggested. Although NOAA declared the Unusual Mortality Event over in 2023 and initially believed the population might be rebounding, new winter 2025 estimates instead show the lowest numbers since the 1970s.

NOAA's models, which combine visual surveys with migration pattern assumptions, indicate that the 2025 population most likely falls between 11,700

and 14,500 whales.

A map of volunteer-staffed sites is available online on the official event webpage: [https://oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=thingstodo.dsp\\_whaleWatching](https://oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=thingstodo.dsp_whaleWatching)

The Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21-29. Visitors to the center can enjoy interactive whale exhibits and take in the panoramic ocean views. Binoculars are provided. Park rangers and volunteers from Oregon State Parks will also be on hand to answer questions about the whales.

All Whale Watch Week visitors are encouraged to dress for the weather, to bring binoculars and to follow beach safety guidelines such as remaining out of fenced areas, know-

ing the tide schedule and keeping an eye on the surf at all times. Go to <https://visittheoregoncoast.com/beach-safety/> for a list of safety tips.

Visitors are encouraged to share their photos and videos from Spring Whale

Watch on social media using #OregonStateParks and #ORWhaleWatch.

For more information about coast parks and campgrounds, visit [stateparks.oregon.gov](http://stateparks.oregon.gov)

# Child luring attempt leads to arrest

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On February 27, 2026, 38-year-old Rigoberto Lezama-Luna, of Springfield, OR, was arrested after attempting to pick up a minor at an undisclosed location in Lincoln City.

Lezama-Luna is accused of sending sexually charged messages through social media to an undercover police officer posing as a minor, according to Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) Sgt.

Erik Anderson.

Lezama-Luna was transported to the Lincoln County Jail for Luring a Minor and Online Sexual Corruption of a Child 1st Degree.

On March 5, 2026, a Lincoln County Grand Jury issued a True Bill Indictment against Lezama-Luna for the crimes.

"The Lincoln City Police want to encourage parents to monitor their children's social media

activity and discuss with them the possible dangers of communicating with strangers online," Anderson said. "These investigations are conducted in a continuing effort to protect our children from predators who target children for sexual exploitation and to reduce crime and further enhance the safety of our community."

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office assisted in the investigation.

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# County monitoring snow drought impact

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Integrated Drought Information System's latest Snow Drought Forecast Snowpack finds that the snowpack drought has intensified and remains much below normal across the region.

## Oregon and Washington Snow Conditions

- 87% of stations in Washington are in snow drought
- 91% of stations in Oregon are in snow drought

Stations in the Cascade Range in Oregon and Washington have the greatest snowpack deficits in the West, more than 12 inches of snow water equivalent (SWE). Numerous February storms produced snow across Oregon, and monthly precipitation was near-to-above normal across the state.

February snow totals were insufficient to overcome the substantial SWE deficits across Oregon. Temperatures remained above normal for much of February, leading to freezing levels at higher-than-average elevations, as a result, most precipitation fell as rain rather than snow. February was drier in Washington than Oregon, especially in the central and northern Cascade Range, where monthly precipitation totals were about 50-70% of normal.

SWE across many Oregon basins is near historically low levels for this time of year. The Klamath Basin is at 23% of median

SWE, the Willamette Basin 24%, the Southern Oregon Coastal and John Day basins 26%, the Deschutes Basin at 28%, and the Oregon Closed Basins 33%.

Statewide SWE is 29% of median, ranking as the second lowest for this time of year, with only 2015 lower. Widespread record low SWE is reported in the Blue Mountains and at several stations in the Oregon Cascade Range. In Washington, most SNOTEL stations in the Cascade Range and the Olympic Mountains are reporting less than 50% of median SWE. A few high-elevation SNOTEL stations are reporting near normal SWE in Washington, but SWE below about 4,500 feet is less than 50% of median across the state, according to the NOAA report.

## LOCAL IMPACT

In 2025, Gov. Tina Kotek declared a Drought Emergency July 10, following a declaration from the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. In a Lincoln County Leader report published in early July, Kotek's office stated that the drought was likely to have a significant economic impact on the farm, ranch, recreation, tourism and natural resources sectors, as well as an impact on drinking water, fish and wildlife, and important minimum flows for public instream uses and other natural resources dependent on adequate precipitation, stored water, and streamflow in these areas.

"Extreme conditions are expected to affect local growers and livestock, increase the potential for wildfire, shorten the growing season, and decrease

water supplies," a release from Kotek's office stated.

In late July the Lincoln County Leader reported that city and county officials from Toledo, through Newport and Lincoln City, and across the state, issued advisories urging residents to take steps to conserve water.

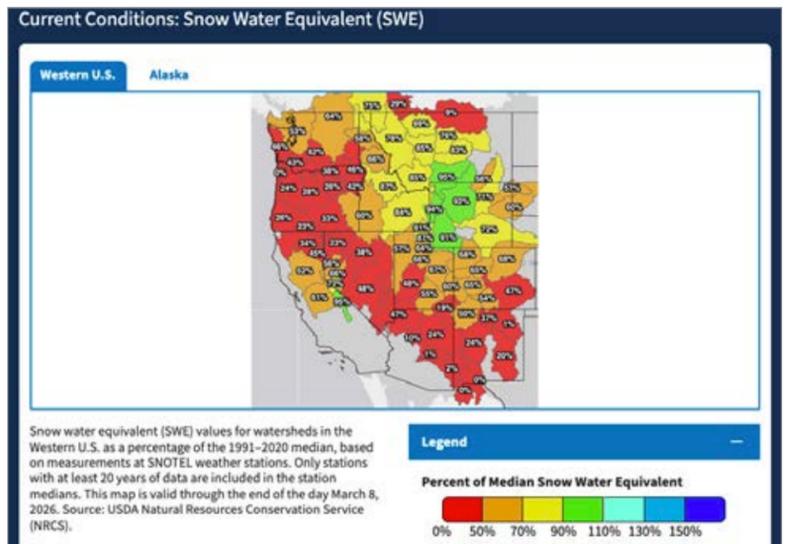
Corvallis Water resources consultant Suzanne de Szoeko explained in the July article that at the time of the Lincoln County drought declaration, flows in the Siletz River watershed had been particularly impacted.

"The Siletz River is an important water source for municipal water providers, the agricultural sector, and businesses, and it supports fish and wildlife," she said, adding that South Lincoln County communities and communities reliant on smaller streams or watersheds were also notably impacted.

"Well users in Lincoln County are also seeing lower production, with some making bulk water purchases from municipal water providers," she said.

According to de Szoeko, water providers are concerned about droughts becoming more frequent.

"Droughts reduce soil moisture, and if rainfall in the subsequent months does not recover soil moisture sufficiently then the region begins the next summer already under more stressful soil moisture conditions," she said. "Moisture held in soil helps sustain streamflows in late summer when rain has been scarce for weeks or months. Water providers are worried about less water in streams to meet community needs, as well as to support fish and



(Courtesy photo from NOAA)

wildlife"

Lincoln County Public Information Officer Kenneth Lipp said state drought declarations typically expire automatically at the end of the calendar year.

"We are not currently operating under a drought declaration," Lipp said, but he added that the county is keeping a close watch on the current conditions.

"In light of the severely depleted snowpack reported by NOAA, the County is cognizant of the impact this could have on groundwater and river water levels later this year," Lipp said.

## KEY POINTS FROM THE MARCH 2026 NOAA DROUGHT REPORT

- Snow drought worsened from February into early March due to record warmth, despite near-normal precipitation across much of the West. Some locations, such as the central and northern Cascades in Washington, were also drier-than-normal during this period. Every major river basin and Western

state is experiencing a snow drought.

Record-breaking high temperatures are forecasted for large parts of the West. Further, the 6-10 and 8-14 day outlooks from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center lean toward drier-than-normal conditions for almost all of the West along with a strong probability of warmer-than-normal temperatures through March. Record-breaking snow drought conditions are expected to further deteriorate as snow melt begins much earlier for some.

Every major river basin in the West experienced its first or second warmest winter (December, January, and February) on record. The Great Basin, Rio Grande, Arkansas-White-Red, and Upper and Lower Colorado River Basins experienced their warmest winter on record, while the Missouri and Columbia River Basins recorded their second warmest.

As of March 8, stations in the Cascade Range in Oregon and Washington

are reporting the greatest snowpack deficits in the West. Some states, such as California, are already experiencing an early melt out of snow.

Snow drought impacts are occurring and are expected to worsen. Municipal and agricultural water supply concerns and restrictions are increasing.

## RESOURCES

For more information, visit [www.gsiws.com](http://www.gsiws.com), or call 541-257-9006.

The Oregon Water Resources Department maintains a drought website that provides the status of current water conditions and state drought declarations, as well as information on what people can do to use water wisely.

For more information, visit [www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/climate/droughtwatch](http://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/climate/droughtwatch).

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# Judge rules gas tax question can go on May ballot

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Oregon Capital Chronicle

A recently passed law that moves a citizen vote on new taxes and fees to pay for transportation to the May primary instead of the November general election does not violate the Oregon Constitution, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Marion County Circuit Court Senior Judge David Leith, appointed by former Democratic Gov. John Kitzhaber, ruled in favor of Secretary of State Tobias Read on Wednesday in the lawsuit brought against him by leaders of the gas tax referendum effort.

They include Right to Vote on the Gas Tax Political Action Committee, two Republican politicians who led the referendum effort — Senate Minority Leader Bruce Starr of Dundee and Rep. Ed Diehl of Scio — and 37 Oregon voters representing each of the state’s 36 counties. Their attorney Julie Parrish, a former four-term Republican state lawmaker from West Linn who now works for Portland-based firm Kell, Alterman & Runstein, indicated in a hearing on the case Tuesday she would immediately appeal the decision.

In an email to the Capital Chronicle following the ruling Parrish said “we’re reviewing steps” regarding a potential appeal. Diehl, who is running in the primary for the Republican nomination for governor, echoed Parrish in a statement, saying he and other referendum leaders are “exploring all our options.”

“We feel like it is a travesty of justice,” he wrote.

Diehl said he and other plaintiffs were “especially concerned” that reporters viewed Leith’s decision before his attorneys received it and that he was calling for an investigation. The decision was posted Wednesday afternoon to Oregon’s online court records database, which lawyers, journalists and anyone else with an account can access. Diehl and Parrish did not immediately respond to Capital Chronicle questions regarding the allegation.

Read in a statement thanked the judge for providing a fast resolution in the case.

“We will continue to follow the law, as set by the Constitution, the Legislature, and the courts,” he wrote. “We will do everything in our power to give every Oregonian the



**Marion County Circuit Court Judge David Leith found state lawmakers did not violate the Oregon Constitution when they passed a law moving a gas tax referendum from November general election to May primary ballots. (Ron Coopoe / Oregon Capital Chronicle)**

opportunity to weigh in on our shared future: every eligible, registered Oregon voter will be mailed a ballot for the May 19th primary and have an equal chance to weigh in on this referendum.”

Leith said at the Tuesday that hearing he would publish a longer explanation of his opinion by Friday, after he’d had more time to process arguments, but that he knew the parties needed a fast resolution to the constitutional questions.

That’s because content for the state-issued voters’ pamphlet must be submitted by Thursday for any candidate or cause on the

no” campaign on the tax question.

In December, the plaintiffs collected more than three times the signatures required to get the decision on a 6-cent gas tax increase, hikes to car registration and title fees and a temporary doubling of the payroll taxes used for public transit out of the Legislature’s hands and into voters.’

But Democratic lawmakers, with the backing of Gov. Tina Kotek, passed Senate Bill 1599 earlier in March to move the referendum vote from November to May, arguing the state needs to know sooner rather than later if it can collect the new revenue to pay for critical services at the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Referendum leaders argued it was an effort by Kotek, who is running for reelection, to ensure the question about raising taxes wasn’t on the same general election ballot as her. At the hearing, Parrish argued the bill violates the state’s constitutional referendum protections, due process and fair election principles.

Lawyers for the state, in turn, argued that the Oregon Constitution explicitly

gives the Legislature the power to decide when a referendum will take place.

A judge on Wednesday in a separate federal lawsuit ordered Read to let Klamath Falls resident Mary Martin submit language against the gas tax for the voters’ pamphlet by the Thursday deadline without meeting fee or signature requirements. Martin, who is on a fixed income and uses a wheelchair, argued that moving the referendum election date and truncating the time she had to submit to the voters pamphlet violates federal discrimination laws for people with disabilities.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/03/11/judge-rules-gas-tax-question-can-go-on-may-ballot-lawmakers-did-not-violate-oregon-constitution/>  
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# Hundreds of Oregonians sign up to run for statewide races, Congress, Legislature

JULIA SHUMWAY  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

More than 350 Oregonians, veteran elected officials and newcomers alike, filed to run for statewide, congressional and legislative offices by Tuesday’s 5 p.m. deadline.

Oregonians will elect a governor, labor commissioner, U.S. senator, six members of Congress, 60 state representatives and 15 state senators this year, as well as scores of city councilors, county commissioners and other local officials.

Dozens of candidates, staff and supporters gathered in the Oregon House chamber Tuesday to watch as names appeared on a trio of screens hanging from the chamber’s balcony.

“We’re all friends until 5 o’clock tonight,” joked Rep. David Gomberg, D-Otis

Gomberg, who is running for his seventh term representing the Central Coast, worked for then-Rep. Barbara Roberts, a future Oregon governor, in the 1980s, when filing day felt much more hectic as candidates raced to turn

in paper forms ahead of the deadline. As he looked at the digital screens with all the candidates, he remarked that while information was much more immediate, the energy was a “lot less exciting.”

In brief comments ahead of the 5 p.m. deadline, Secretary of State Tobias Read, a Democrat elected in 2024, thanked those gathered in the House and all who chose to run for office.

“Among you may be future legislative leaders, a future governor or someone who will serve us in Congress,” he said. “And whether you’re a rookie or a veteran candidate, what’s most important is that all of you are committed to strengthening our communities and building a future worthy of the people you represent.”

While Tuesday was the deadline for candidates to file to run in the May primary, races still might change before Friday’s deadline to withdraw. The following is a non-exhaustive rundown of candidates in competitive primaries, while a full list of statewide, congressional and legislative candidates can be found on the secretary of state’s website.

### U.S. Senate and Congress

U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley, a Democrat running for his fourth term, and all six members of Oregon’s congressional delegation have filed for reelection.

Democratic U.S. Reps. Suzanne Bonamici and Maxine Dexter represent solidly Democratic Portland-area districts, and Republican U.S. Rep. Cliff Bentz represents a solidly Republican district that covers most of eastern and southern Oregon.

U.S. Reps. Janelle Bynum, Val Hoyle and Andrea Salinas represent more competitive districts in the Willamette Valley and Cascade range. None of the incumbents have garnered notable primary opponents.

Current state Sen. David Brock Smith, R-Port Orford, is running for a Republican U.S. Senate nomination along with perennial candidate Jo Rae Perkins and several others. Republican Monique DeSpain, who lost to Hoyle in 2024, is running again in the 4th Congressional District, while Deschutes County Commissioner Patti Adair and former legislative aide Jonathan Lockwood are vying for the chance to challenge Bynum in the 5th District.

### Governor

The highest-profile race for Republicans this cycle is governor, with two former gubernatorial nominees, a state representative who led a successful campaign to refer transportation taxes to the ballot and a social media influencer who participated in the Jan. 6, 2021 riot at the U.S. Capitol among the more than a dozen GOP candidates.



**Rep. Paul Evans, D-Monmouth, (center), Chief of Staff Jennifer Randstrom-Smith (right) and Intern Emma Swartzfager (left) point at the candidate filing presentation. (Robin Linares / Oregon Capital Chronicle)**

Chris Dudley, the former Portland Trail Blazer who came closer to the governor’s office than any Republican in decades; 2022 GOP nominee and current state Sen. Christine Drazan, R-Canby, state Rep. Ed Diehl, R-Scio and influencer David Medina are the biggest names in a GOP race that also includes Marion County Commissioner Danielle Bethell.

Eight people, none with statewide name recognition, will challenge incumbent Gov. Tina Kotek for the Democratic nomination.

Bureau of Labor and Industries

The biggest surprise of filing day was a name absent from the list: Sen. Dick Anderson, R-Lincoln City, did not end up filing to run for labor commissioner.

The nonpartisan role of commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries is a two-way

race between incumbent Christina Stephenson, a Democrat with close ties to the state’s labor unions, and former BOLI employee Chris Lynch, who argues the bureau has been too politicized.

### State Senate

Half of the 30 seats in the Oregon Senate, where Democrats hold an 18-12 majority, are up in 2026. Senators serve staggered four-year terms, and five of the seats up this year have no incumbents.

Three Republicans — Cedric Hayden of Fall Creek, Kim Thatcher of Keizer and Suzanne Weber of Tillamook — could not run for reelection because voters amended the state constitution to bar lawmakers who skip 10 or more floor sessions from running again. The four participated in a six-week workout in 2023 to protest Democratic bills. Drazan

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## When conservation becomes entertainment

**BRIDGET NEWMAN**  
Lincoln County Leader Guest Column

My parents love to tell the story about the time I protested going to the aquarium when I was eight years old.

It was a sunny, warm Chicago day, and my parents and I were visiting for the first time.

Friends, family, and countless “Top 10 Best Activities in Chicago” lists all emphasized the need to visit the Shedd Aquarium. So, like many tourists before us, we added it to our itinerary.

Standing in line, something didn’t sit right with me. I told my parents I wasn’t sure animals were meant to live in buildings. My parents and I still recall my worries about the animals’ unhappiness – and more so, if our money should support that.

“We discussed how people do so to provide education opportunities. Sometimes, people only protect what they know or have seen. Or at least that’s what the zoos and aquariums pitch,” my mom, Jen Newman, said when I asked her about that day years later.

That conversation turned into a discussion about the difference between large, for-profit animal amusement parks and wildlife sanctuaries or conservation-focused preserves. While Shedd Aquarium sparked my early doubts,

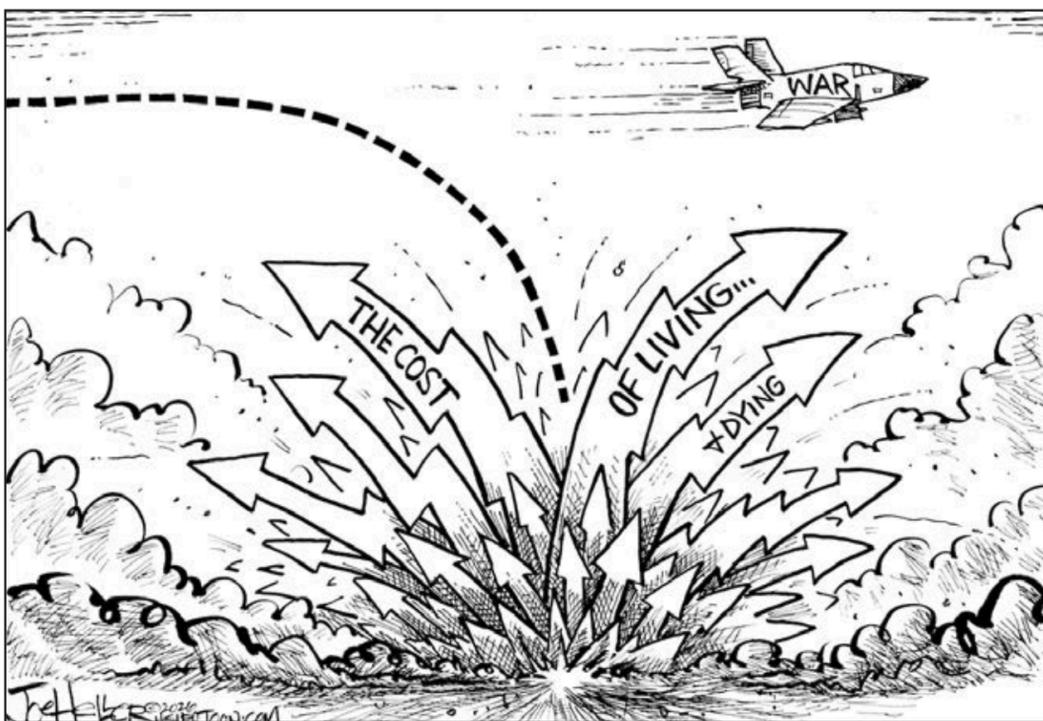
my questions were not about one institution, but about the broader systems shaping how animals are used for entertainment.

Now, that childhood question feels more urgent, especially here in Oregon. The May 2025 closure of the West Coast Game Park Safari in Bandon brought renewed scrutiny to how animals are treated in privately owned attractions. This case illustrates what can happen when animal entertainment operates without welfare standards and public accountability. The park shut down after investigators took hold of more than 300 animals due to abuse and neglect.

I’ve loved animals for as long as I can remember, and I hope few people intend to fund cruelty – yet dollars can still contribute to it. The difference often comes down to awareness: where we spend our money directly shapes the kind of animal welfare we support.

As one could imagine, being trapped in an enclosure just a couple sizes bigger than yourself would probably drive you insane. Animals are no different.

Lori Marino, a neuroscientist and the president of the Whale Sanctuary Project, led a peer-reviewed paper examining the harmful effects of captivity on animals, specifically orcas. It showed that captivity exposes animals to chronic stress through disrupted social bonds, limited space, constant noise, lack of con-



trol and environmental monotony – all of which lead to physical health problems and mental distress.

Over time, the stress of captivity wears down orcas’ bodies, and, according to the Animal Welfare Institute, it significantly shortens their lifespans, with mortality rates up to 2.5 times higher than those of wild orcas. This raises the question: Is your 30-minute experience seeing a dolphin do a backflip worth the animal’s trauma?

Many for-profit entertainment corporations frame captivity as conservation, but their business models depend on daily performances that compromise animal health. SeaWorld, for example, markets orcas as “perfect ambassadors for the ocean,” yet they perform in small tanks that limit natural behaviors. On the other hand, conserva-

tion-focused alternatives that prioritize care and education do exist.

The Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport, Oregon, centers its mission on conservation, education and animal rehabilitation. The nonprofit institution partners with researchers and wildlife agencies to protect Oregon’s coastal ecosystems and provide care for injured marine animals with the goal of rehabilitation when possible.

Jim Burke, the Oregon Coast Aquarium’s Director of Animal Care, summed up the difference between conservation-focused aquariums and entertainment-driven corporations in one word: purpose.

“We’re here to improve animal welfare, investigate and forward conservation outcomes,” he said. Funds from the public’s ticket sales go directly to animal

care, veterinary medicine, conservation projects, wildlife rehabilitation, animal food and more.

“Education only works if animal welfare comes first,” Burke said. “It never comes at the expense of an animal.”

The Oregon Coast Aquarium is highly regulated, with formal reviews of habitats and exhibits conducted monthly to quarterly.

Burke emphasized understanding as the foundation of care: “You don’t care about what you don’t understand,” he said. “We’re a very large advocate for the cleanliness of the ocean, the animals that inhabit the ocean and we want to directly influence the folks who come here to care.”

Rather than focusing on entertainment-driven performances, this aquarium emphasizes ecosystem education and environmental

stewardship. The aquarium says its goal is to connect visitors to the Oregon coast and inspire ocean conservation. Like my mom and Burke both said, people want to protect things they know about.

But education cannot come at the expense of welfare. I was only eight years old when I first questioned whether animals belonged in buildings, and what seemed like a small moral doubt grew into a clear understanding of this large-scale issue. If we truly care about animals, our choices – the parks we visit and the money we spend – must reflect that commitment. We can’t claim to love animals while funding systems that harm them.

*Bridget Newman is a student journalist at the University of Oregon in Eugene.*

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is running for governor, and Sen. Jeff Golden, D-Ashland, is retiring.

The 3rd Senate District now represented by Golden has a five-way Democratic primary, with retired attorney and former congressional hopeful Jim Crary, health care consultant Denise Krause, nursing professor Cristian Mendoza Ruvalcaba, attorney Tonia Moro and Medford City Councilor Kevin Stine vying for the chance to replace Golden.

Rep. Jami Cate, R-Lebanon, and small business owners Nicole de Graff and Jack Tibbetts are running for the GOP nomination in the Republican-leaning 6th Senate district now represented by Hayden.

Former state Rep. Teresa Alonso Leon and former Salem City Councilor Virginia Stapleton are campaigning for the Democratic nomination for Thatcher’s 11th Senate District, while former Republican state Rep. Tracy Cramer is alone in the Republican primary.

Myrna Muñoz, a labor organizer and sister of state Rep. Lesly Muñoz, the Woodburn Democrat who unseated Cramer in 2024, and patient care coordinator Nelly A. Donis-Purcell are challenging Sen. Janeen Sollman, D-Hillsboro, in the Democratic primary for the 15th Senate District.

The coastal 16th Senate District Weber now represents has crowded primaries in both parties. Former state Sen. Rachel Armitage, nurse Aaron Dickie and tax consultant Jordan Gutierrez are running for the Democratic nomination, while substitute teacher Courtney Bangs, business owner Tripp Dietrich and retired aerospace engineer Frank Mansfield are running as Republicans.

### State House

All 60 seats in the Oregon House are up for election. Democrats hold a 37-23 majority after Rep. Cyrus Javadi, elected to represent Tillamook as a Republican, switched parties.

While most incumbents are running for reelection, Reps. Ken Helm, D-Beaverton; Rick Lewis, R-Silverton; John Liveley, D-Springfield, and

Boomer Wright, R-Reedport, are retiring. Cate and Rep. Jeff Helfrich, R-Hood River, running for the state Senate and Diehl running for governor opened three more seats. Rep. Annessa Hartman, D-Gladstone, planned to run for Clackamas County Commission but opted not to run for any office this year as she fights a stage 3 cervical cancer diagnosis.

Archaeologist Ky Fireside, attorney KC Huffman and Springfield City Councilor Kori Rodley are running for the Democratic nomination for Lively’s Springfield-based 7th House District. The Republican primary for Wright’s coastal 9th District is a two-way race between health administrator Troy Cribbins and legislative aide Claire Lynn.

The 17th District now represented by Diehl drew three Republicans: business development manager Dan Farrington, attorney Beth Jones and retired truck driver Ron Nalley.

Automotive technician Ben Fisher, hazelnut farmer Matthew Lawson, farmer Amanda Staehely, retired school superintendent Bryan Starr and Hubbard City

Council President Joseph Steinger are all running for the Republican nomination for the 18th District represented by Lewis.

The Democratic primary in the 27th District Helm now represents is a two-way race between Beaverton School Board member Tammy Carpenter and Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg, a Beaverton city councilor and director of product management at Crate & Barrel.

Convenience store owner and police officer Adam Dean, retired Intel director Christian Honl and retired agricultural sciences instructor Max Sherman are vying for the Republican nomination to challenge Javadi in the coastal 32nd District.

Three Republicans and four Democrats are running for the 52nd District Helfrich now represents, one of few truly competitive districts. Residential property manager Robert Fleming, Wasco County Commissioner Scott Hege and former professional barrel racer Darcy Lapiere are in the Republican primary, while adjunct professor David Osborn, legislative assistant Hank Sanders, veteran and former city administrator

Bernard Seeger and 2024 nominee Nick Walden Poublon are running as Democrats.

Both Rep. Jason Kropf, D-Bend and chair of the powerful House Judiciary Committee, and Rep. Greg Smith, R-Heppner and the longest-serving member of the House, face primary challenges from opponents who argue they’re out of touch with their districts. Disability advocate Andrew Caruana is challenging Kropf and former Morrow County Commissioner Jim Doherty is running against Smith.

Intern Robin Linares contributed reporting.

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## CLARIFICATION

We want to clarify a sentence in In the Commission Candidate story in the March 11 editions of The Leader.

It should read: *Chandler applied stating she was “passionate about Lincoln County and serving its residents, including businesses and those who are marginalized.*

We are glad to set the record straight.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can — only as one who has seen its brutality, its futility, its stupidity.”

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

## ONLINE POLL

### PREVIOUS POLL

Have you completed your state and federal tax returns?

Yes.....68.2%  
No..... 31.8%

### NEW POLL

Do you plan to vote in May to repeal last year’s state transportation funding package?

- Yes
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## LETTERS

## Open Letter to Sen. Anderson

Your “No” vote, along with those of your GOP colleagues, earlier this year in the Senate on Rep. Gomberg’s compromise ODOT funding bill has caused a lot of bad things to happen to our Lincoln County community. You must be VERY proud of what you did!

Last Monday, the Lincoln Leader reported on an ODOT press release explaining the impact of funding restrictions on them this year. When you appear at the 3/27 (9-10 AM) televised Town Hall with Rep. Gomberg at OCCC, please respond to these ODOT concerns:

As a result, some programs will see impacts, including delayed or reduced grant funding for programs such as Safe Routes to School and Connect Oregon. Safe

Routes to School funds projects that improve safety for students walking and biking to school. Connect Oregon is a state grant program that invests in aviation, rail and marine projects.

And, as another atmospheric river heads our way this week, think about this ODOT concern:

ODOT currently has about 700 vacant positions statewide, representing nearly 15% of the agency’s workforce.

More than 350 of those vacancies resulted from employees leaving the agency during ongoing financial uncertainty since July 2025.

“While this legislative action stabilizes operations for the remainder of the current budget cycle, it does not resolve the underlying funding challenges facing Oregon’s State Highway Fund,” the release states. “That fund supports not only ODOT, but cities and counties across the state. The

current funding model is not keeping pace with rising costs and growing statewide needs.”

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*Jay Roelof  
Lincoln City*

# Legislative action stabilizes ODOT budget, avoids layoffs

**STAFF REPORT**

Lincoln County Leader

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will avoid layoffs and deep service cuts following the passage of legislation that addresses a \$297 million budget shortfall for the agency's maintenance and operations work.

The action prevents layoffs and widespread service reductions that would otherwise have disrupted daily travel and essential services. Highway maintenance crews will remain on the job, safety and storm response operations will continue, and DMV offices will remain open to serve customers, ODOT states in a release.

The legislation redirects \$218 million from existing state transportation funds to support operations and maintenance. As a result, some

programs will see impacts, including delayed or reduced grant funding for programs such as Safe Routes to School and Connect Oregon. Safe Routes to School funds projects that improve safety for students walking and biking to school. Connect Oregon is a state grant program that invests in aviation, rail and marine projects.

"This legislative action provides important short-term stability for Oregon's transportation system," ODOT Interim Director Lisa Sumption said. "It allows us to avoid deep reductions while continuing to focus on providing the services Oregonians rely on. At the same time, redirecting existing funds from programs that serve important functions is not a long-term solution. Oregon's transportation system needs a long-term fix."



**ODOT employee Rob drives a grader and clears a path through the snow, focused on the road ahead. (Courtesy from ODOT)**

In addition to the fund redirections, the legislatively adopted budget reduces ODOT's authorized spending levels by nearly \$80 million. These reductions build on steps ODOT has already taken in recent years to control costs, including leaving positions unfilled. Since 2019, the agency has reduced spending by more than \$500 million,

and the current budget already reflects more than \$200 million in reductions, the release states.

ODOT currently has about 700 vacant positions statewide, representing nearly 15% of the agency's workforce. More than 350 of those vacancies resulted from employees leaving the agency during ongoing financial uncertainty since July 2025.

Under the newly adopted budget, Sumption said the agency will continue to leave more than 130 positions unfilled. The department expects to begin hiring for critical vacancies immediately, which will help restore staffing in key areas and strengthen frontline

teams across the state, according to the release.

"While this legislative action stabilizes operations for the remainder of the current budget cycle, it does not resolve the underlying funding challenges facing Oregon's State Highway Fund," the release states. "That fund supports not only ODOT, but cities and counties across the state. The current funding model is not keeping pace with rising costs and growing statewide needs. Lawmakers have stated they plan to revisit transportation funding during the 2027 legislative session."

**OBITUARIES**

## Ranae Thompson

January 13, 1966 - March 5, 2026

Ranae Danice Thompson, 60 of Waldport, Oregon passed away peacefully March 5, 2026 with her daughters by her side.

Ranae was born January 13, 1966 to Wilford "Bud" and Myrtle "Dolly" Thompson. She was The youngest of 7 children.

She lived in Lincoln county most of her life.

She enjoyed reading, crafting, baking and spending time with her family, She loved her grandchildren dearly and they were her world.

She is survived by her daughter Carmen Bandy of Loveland, Colorado.

Daughter and son in law Carlie Thompson and Cale Srofe of Kings Valley, Oregon.



Grandchildren Tyson, Logan, Bodhi, Piper and John.

Siblings Linda Record and Tyce of Moses Lake, WA.

Fred Thompson of Redmond, OR.

Willie Thompson and Kathy of Oak Harbor, WA.

Ron Thompson of Waldport, OR.

Angie Gammon and Russell of Lebanon, OR and her life long best friends Karen Vaughn of Philomath, OR and Mary Woods of Waldport, OR and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her Father, Mother and Sister Valerie.

Celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

## These Oregon state parks will have parking fees by the end of the month



**Devils Punchbowl State Natural Area on the Central Oregon Coast is one of several Oregon state park sites to add parking fees at the end of the month. (Julia Shumway / Oregon Capital Chronicle)**

**MIA MALDONADO**

Oregon Capital Chronicle

Visitors will have to pay parking fees at 22 more Oregon state parks by the end of the month.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department requires day-use parking permits at 46 parks and waives fees at more than 150 parks across the state, and on March 30, the department will add parking fees at an additional 22 day-use parks to help pay for the maintenance and operations of amenities at those locations.

About 35% of funding for Oregon State Parks comes from these parking fees, and the fee changes are to protect the experience at these locations, interim department director Stefanie Coons said in a statement.

"We know fee changes are tough, and we truly appreciate the support from visitors," Coons said. "These changes help us take care of things people count on like restrooms, boat ramps and trails, so we can keep parks safe, clean and welcoming for everyone."

Access to state parks remains free for visitors arriving without a car. Oregon residents must pay \$10 to park a car while out-of-state visitors must pay \$12 for the entire day of purchase.

For frequent park visitors looking to save on parking, an annual parking permit costs \$60 for Oregon residents and may be purchased online. See the link with this story at the Lincoln County leader website.

March 30 also marks the start of a \$10 fee at 19 RV dump stations across the park system. This fee helps

cover the cost of maintaining this amenity and supports efforts toward more sustainable operations.

**State parks with parking fees added March 30 include:**

- Agate Beach State Recreation Area
- Angel's Rest Trailhead
- Banks-Vernonia State Trail
- Bob Straub State Park
- Brian Booth State Park
- Bridal Veil Falls State Scenic Viewpoint
- Cape Blanco State Park
- Cape Meares State Scenic Viewpoint
- Carl G Washburne Memorial State Park
- Devil's Punchbowl State Natural Area
- Elijah Bristow State Park
- Fogarty Creek State Recreation Area
- Gleneden Beach State Recreation Area
- Governor Patterson Memorial State Recreation Site
- Lake Owyhee State Park
- Latourell Falls Trailhead at Guy Talbot State

- Molalla River State Park
- Oceanside Beach State Recreation Area
- Roads End State Recreation Site
- Umpqua Lighthouse State Park
- Willamette Falls State Park
- William M Tugman State Park

For more information about day use fees at Oregon State Parks, visit the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department website.

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## Mary Lou Derwing

March 6, 1943 - October 11, 2025

Mary Lou Derwing (nee Bechtel), loving and cherished mother, sister and aunt, passed away peacefully at the age of 82 on October 11, 2025, in Lincoln City, Oregon, after battling the challenges of cancer and dementia. Her final days were spent in the company of both of her daughters.

Born on March 6, 1943, in Washington, DC, Mary spend her youth in Warren, Ohio, with her mother, Mary Lou Bechtel (nee Litsis) and her adoptive father, Ronald Bechtel. Her life was a testament to joy and creativity. Her adult journey began at Indiana University, where she not only pursued her education, but also met Bruce Derwing, her future husband and father of her two children. Music was a large part of her life; she dedicated herself to its study both in Indiana and later during her decade living in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Her beautiful voice graced countless stages, from various bands to numerous singing groups, truly making the world a more melodious place. For over three decades, Southern California was her home, where she expanded her artistic endeavors, diving wholeheartedly into the vibrant world of community theater, a natural extension of her love for performing and storytelling. She also began her career in the legal profession during this time.

A new chapter unfolded for Mary in her final fifteen years when she moved to Lincoln City, Oregon - originally to care for her mother-in-law, Clara Lemmon (nee Huntington). It was here that she concluded her professional career as a dedicated Legal Secretary and became an integral, cherished



member of Faith Bible Church, pouring her heart into her faith and making lasting friendships. She truly fell in love with the Oregon Coast and the community she found there.

Mary was renowned for her inherently sweet disposition, an infectious warmth that brightened every room, and for her truly unforgettable singing voice - a gift she generously shared throughout her life and which she passed on to both her daughters. While our hearts ache with her absence, we will remember her not with sorrow, but with the abundant joy and vibrant spirit she so effortlessly shared with everyone fortunate enough to know her. She leaves behind a legacy of love, music, and unwavering kindness.

Mary's memory will be cherished and carried on by her devoted daughters, Elizabeth Ladizinsky (Ivan) and Carolyn Derwing, her sister, Carol Matz (Daniel) and brother, Paul Bechtel (Sarah), her niece, Cortney Matz, her nephews, Benjamin Matz and Matthew Bechtel, her extended family and friends, and her beloved feline companions, Beauty and Panda, who brought her so much love and comfort.

In lieu of flowers, please send any memorial contributions to Faith Bible Church, Mary's beloved spiritual community. We are so grateful for the love and care they showered upon her, especially during her final years. We also want to thank her caregivers and med techs at Lakeview Senior Living, and her Hospice Team at Signature Health Care for taking such good care of her and showing her so much affection.

## Kathy McGrath

1953 - March 5, 2026

Kathy McGrath passed away on March 5, 2026, in Albany, Oregon, at the age of 73. Kathy was born to Elmer and Betty Dickason in Newport, Oregon. Kathy graduated from Siletz High School and lived most of her life in Siletz. Kathy worked at the downtown Toledo National Security Bank. With her kind, generous heart, she served her customers and community for 30 years. Kathy was a lifelong member of Logsdan Neighborhood Church. Kathy enjoyed flower gardening, fishing, shooting, camping, road trips, and M&M Blizzards. Kathy married David Edwards in 1972. They had two children together and divorced in 2003. In 2007, she married



George McGrath. She is survived by her husband, George McGrath; brother Roy (Bonnie) Dickason; son Craig (Melissa) Edwards; daughter Wendy (Brian) Moore; and stepdaughter Alison (Pete) Kalnins-McGrath. Grandchildren: Cody, Dylan (Autumn), Wayne, Garrison, and Blake. Great-granddaughter Finley Mae.

If you would like to give in honor of Kathy's memory, please consider a donation to Logsdan Neighborhood Church or Eddyville Charter School Athletics ("ECS"), memo: "Kathy McGrath."

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, March 14, 2026 at Logsdan Neighborhood Church.

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# Community invited to provide feedback for \$38M Newport bond proposal

The City of Newport invites community members to attend a Community Feedback Open House from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at the Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W. Olive Street, to learn more about a proposed \$38 million replacement bond and help shape project priorities.

At the open house, community members will have the opportunity to review potential projects and rank which they believe should be the city's highest priorities. City staff will be available throughout the event to discuss project details, answer questions, and gather feedback from res-

idents. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

The replacement bond proposal would allow the city to proactively address aging infrastructure and systems that are vital to the community, including water, wastewater, transportation and pedestrian safety, and public safety improvements.

The goal of the measure is to maintain safe, accessible, and modernized services while replacing an existing bond rather than adding a new tax burden. The city plans to structure the bond so that the tax rate is expected to remain the same as the current rate, the city states in a



**At the open house, community members will have the opportunity to review potential projects and rank which they believe should be the city's highest priorities. (Courtesy photo)**

release. An FAQ is available at [NewportOregon.gov/Bond2026/index.php](http://NewportOregon.gov/Bond2026/index.php)

Analysis from an independent bond council de-

termined that \$38 million is the amount this bond could be while keeping existing rates similar to avoid extra financial

burdens on Newport community members.

The Newport City staff and Newport City Council have worked to create a priority list of projects that may be included in the bond.

"The end goal will be projects that are priorities for our entire community that can be fully funded by the \$38 million bond," the release states.

For those unable to attend the open house in person, an online survey will be available March 16-25 for Newport community members to rank their priority projects.

The open house format allows attendees to drop in anytime during the

event to explore informational displays and share input. Community feedback will help guide city leaders as they refine project priorities and consider the next steps for the proposed bond measure.

*For more information and updates, visit [NewportOregon.gov](http://NewportOregon.gov), sign up for the City's e-newsletter through the website, and follow @CityofNewportOre on Facebook and Instagram.*

**Community Meeting**  
4-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18  
Newport Performing Arts Center  
777 W. Olive St. Newport

## League of Women Voters meeting

The League of Women Voters (LWV) of Lincoln County will hold its next meeting from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 19 in the McEntee

Room of the Newport Public Library 34 NW Nye Street. Majalisse Tolan Lincoln County Schools Superintendent will be the guest. The program will be

centered around the May Primary election local Candidate Forum and participation with VOTE411.

"The LWV is dedicated to providing unbiased

voter information and the upcoming election will be very important for the future of our county—all three of our County Commissioner positions will be

on the ballot. There are 13 candidates to choose from. Come and work with us to promote an informed electorate," the LWV states in a release.

All League meetings are open to the public.

*For more information go to [lwvlincolncounty.org](http://lwvlincolncounty.org).*



Members of the Lincoln County Technical Rescue Team at an Oregon Coast training mission in 2025. (Courtesy photo)

### RESCUES

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natural instinct. By the time crews arrived, what began as one person in trouble had turned into a rescue involving seven people," Parker said. "Another incident from several years ago involved two children caught in a rip current at Nye Beach. They were ultimately rescued by a U.S. Coast Guard motor lifeboat, but before responders arrived, two bystanders entered the water to help. Tragically, one of those individuals drowned. Situations like these highlight how quickly conditions can change and how dangerous the ocean can be, even for people with good intentions."

Parker and the Lincoln County Technical Rescue Team conduct specific safety training to be ready for such emergency calls. Often the training is conducted in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard

helicopter and air crews. "These rescues can be extremely high-risk and require highly trained personnel working together under challenging conditions," he said. "Our responders train regularly in coordination with these partner agencies so that when an incident occurs, everyone understands their role and can operate efficiently and safely in what are often very dynamic environments."

Parker added that one of the most common causes of cliffside rescues in Newport is related to surfing.

"Visitors may not be familiar with local surf conditions, rip currents, or the hazards of entering the water in certain areas. Inexperience or a lack of awareness about conditions can quickly lead to dangerous situations," Parker said. "We're fortunate to have a strong local surf community, and local surfers and surf shops are great resources for information about current conditions and the safest places to enter the water." According to Parker,

another common cause of the emergencies involve people attempting to climb hillsides or cliffs along the coastline.

"Many individuals underestimate the terrain or encounter conditions they weren't expecting, which can leave them stranded or in need of rescue," he said. "The most important advice is to respect the natural hazards along the coast. Visitors should stay off hillsides and cliffs and always remain on marked pathways. If there are railings or fences, they are there for a reason, both to protect public safety and to help preserve the coastal environment."

Parker said often, such emergencies can be prevented.

"We encourage people to take the time to read posted signage in the areas they visit," he said. "Most coastal access points include warnings about hazards, but those signs are often overlooked or ignored. Staying aware of your surroundings and following those guidelines can go a long way toward preventing emergencies."

### ARTS

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The new funds will support both major venues and smaller arts organizations in rural and urban communities.

"OCF stepped in at a moment when recovery was still uncertain," said Portland Art Museum Co-Interim Director and Chief Development Officer Karie Burch said. "Their support helped stabilize the Portland Art Museum and sent a powerful signal that the arts are essential to vibrant downtowns, thriving communities and our shared humanity. Because of their leadership, we're welcoming our community back, supporting artists and connecting thousands of students and families to art."

Foundation program officers will continue working closely with Oregon arts leaders to guide investments. This commitment is intended to encourage additional support from donors and partners statewide.

#### Investing in Community, Creativity and the Next Generation

Warm Springs Community Action Team received a grant for its Film for Community program. Tribal youth ages 14-24 will make short films through writing, acting, editing and production.

"This project is an incredible investment in our youth and in the power of filmmaking and storytelling for the Warm Springs community," Interim

Executive Director Leah Guliassi said.

Oregon's arts and culture sector continues to contribute significantly to the statewide economy, providing jobs, strengthening local businesses and helping create vibrant, connected communities.

Frontier Art Center, a program of the Community Support Foundation of Harney County, offers art workshops and an open studio in the community of Burns. Its funding will increase programming, continue the Center's work with student groups and develop community gatherings with a cultural emphasis.

"Oregon Community Foundation's support is essential to ensure Frontier Art Center can continue its role as a unique place to enjoy discovering creative potential through a variety of cultural experiences, some of which are not available anywhere else in our region," said Kate Marsh, President of the Community Support Foundation of Harney County.

Oregon Community Foundation's ongoing commitment is made possible in part through a 2012 charitable gift from the estate of Fred and Suzanne Fields. The Fred W. Fields Fund has supported hundreds of arts, artists and education efforts across Oregon and demonstrates the long-term impact of thoughtful stewardship and donor generosity.

#### About Oregon Community Foundation

Oregon Community Foundation was founded

in 1973 with a mission to improve the lives of all Oregonians through the power of philanthropy. In partnership with donors and volunteers, OCF works to strengthen communities in every county in Oregon through research, grantmaking and scholarships. Each year, OCF distributes more than \$200 million in grants and scholarships. Individuals, families, businesses and organizations can work with OCF to create charitable funds to support causes important to them. To learn more, please visit [oregoncf.org](http://oregoncf.org).

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## Oregon's senior U.S. senator, secretary of state warn of fed voter suppression under SAVE Act

**ALEX BAUMHARDT**  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon's top election official and senior U.S. senator warn that congressional Republicans' efforts to end mail-in voting and impose strict voter ID requirements are voter suppression tactics disguised as election integrity.

At a news conference Friday, March 13, in North Portland's Albina Library, Sen. Ron Wyden and Secretary of State Tobias Read, both Democrats, raised alarms about the SAVE Act. It's a priority for President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans, who have introduced

several versions of the measure in recent years. The most recent, a House amendment to an unrelated Senate bill, passed the House earlier in February and is expected to come up for a vote in the Senate next week.

Read said the bill would create chaos for election workers and disenfranchise millions of voters in the runup to a federal mid-term election that's expected to go poorly for Republicans. He added that it would saddle states with massive costs in the middle of an election year, requiring them to remake voter registration systems.

"All of this while doing nothing to address the actual

threats to our elections — cyber security and misinformation and the violence and harassment that election workers are facing in the real world," he went on.

Wyden vowed to fight the bill in the Senate, where it's expected to get a vote next week, and he and Read vowed to protect Oregon's decades-old vote-by-mail system. Wyden in 1996 was the first federal official to be elected entirely by mail ballots. By the 1998 primary election, Oregon became the first state to have more ballots cast by mail than at polls, and a ballot initiative to move to 100% mail-in voting passed later that year. Oregon became the nation's first all vote-

by-mail state in 2000.

The measure isn't expected to pass the Senate, where Republicans hold 53 of 100 seats but it takes 60 to end debate and reach a vote on most legislation. President Donald Trump at a GOP conference in Florida Monday said he won't sign any new legislation until the SAVE Act passes, adding that passing it would "guarantee the midterms."

"What a staggeringly brazen disclosure," Wyden said. "We've never had a president of the United States of any party say something like this."

Wyden's latest warning comes on top of concerns shared earlier this week that wide-scale changes

to when the U.S. Postal Service collects mail and postmarks envelopes could also jeopardize voters in Oregon and other states.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/03/13/oregons-senior-u-s-senator-secretary-of-state-warn-of-fed-voter-suppression-under-save-act/>

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## Per Capita Personal Income in Oregon Counties

**MOLLY HENDRICKSON**

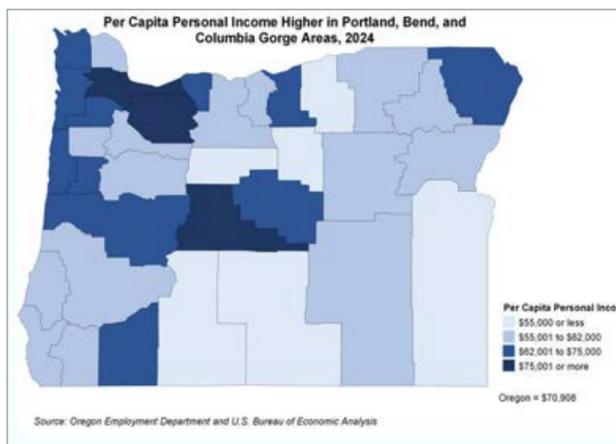
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In 2024, Oregon had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$70,908. Oregon's PCPI was 97% of the national average of \$73,204, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. In Oregon, the 2024 PCPI increased by 5.0% from 2023, barely faster than the nationwide PCPI growth rate of 4.6%.

Personal income is the sum of three main components: net earnings (wages, salaries, employer contributions); personal current transfer receipts (retirement, Medicare, unemployment insurance); and income from dividends, interest, and rent. PCPI is calculated by dividing the area's personal income by its total population.

Per capita personal income varies between states and counties. In general, PCPI is higher in the Portland area, the Columbia Gorge, and Central Oregon. Deschutes County had the highest PCPI in 2024 at \$87,383, followed by Clackamas (\$83,798), Washington (\$81,333), Multnomah (\$78,415), and Hood River (\$73,017) counties.

The three major components of per capita personal income — net earnings; transfer receipts; and dividends, interest, and rent — make up different portions of counties' PCPI. The largest share of personal income comes from net earnings, which accounted for 58% of Oregon's PCPI in 2024, while both transfer receipts and dividends, interest, and rent made up 21%. In general, counties with higher PCPI have a higher share of income attributable to net earnings. Per capita net



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earnings made up 67% of PCPI in Washington County and 62% in Clackamas and Multnomah counties. The share of PCPI from net earnings was lowest in Curry County, where net earnings made up just 37% of PCPI, followed by Josephine, Tillamook, and Wheeler counties (43%).

Areas with lower per capita income tend to have a higher concentration of older residents. As the population ages there are more retirements, meaning more residents who have passed their peak earning years, and therefore contribute less to the net earnings component of PCPI. Remember, PCPI represents income rather than wealth. Older residents may have substantial wealth (e.g. owning a house) but do not have as much relative income, unless it was income-generating investments that would show up in the "dividends, interest, and rent" portion of PCPI.

Counties with lower PCPI tend to have a higher share of income attributed to transfer receipts, primarily government social

benefits, such as Social Security (retirement), Medicare (health insurance program for people age 65 or older), Medicaid, and unemployment insurance. The initial impulse is to presume that folks in some counties rely more heavily on government subsidies; however, the story behind the higher transfer receipts is one of age demographics.

In rural Oregon, the share of the population that is age 65 and older increased from 25% in 2014 to 29% in 2024. A higher share of retirees means a higher share of transfer receipts. The share of per capita income from transfer receipts was highest in Malheur (40%), Curry (39%), and Wheeler (39%) counties. The lowest share of per capita transfer receipts was in Clackamas and Washington counties, both at 14%.

Income from dividends, interest, and rent was highest in Deschutes (29%), Benton (28%), Hood River (28%), and Tillamook (28%) counties. It was lowest in Morrow (10%), Gilliam (13%), and Umatilla (13%)

Area	Per Capita Personal Income	Rank Statewide	Net Earnings	Dividends, Interest, and Rent	Transfer Receipts
Deschutes	\$87,383	1	\$47,044	\$24,935	\$15,404
Clackamas	\$83,798	2	\$51,929	\$19,894	\$11,975
Washington	\$81,333	3	\$54,840	\$15,485	\$11,208
Multnomah	\$78,415	4	\$48,667	\$17,091	\$12,657
Hood River	\$73,017	5	\$39,569	\$20,686	\$12,763
Oregon	\$70,908		\$41,188	\$14,854	\$14,866
Gilliam	\$68,964	6	\$43,028	\$8,874	\$17,063
Wallowa	\$67,931	7	\$33,788	\$14,420	\$19,723
Jackson	\$65,831	8	\$32,874	\$14,721	\$18,236
Lane	\$64,946	9	\$34,766	\$13,849	\$16,331
Yamhill	\$64,880	10	\$36,492	\$13,643	\$14,742
Cook	\$64,413	11	\$31,558	\$13,688	\$19,167
Tillamook	\$63,822	12	\$27,515	\$17,802	\$18,706
Benton	\$63,227	13	\$35,559	\$17,415	\$10,253
Clatsop	\$62,168	14	\$30,840	\$13,910	\$17,418
Lincoln	\$62,045	15	\$27,718	\$14,686	\$19,672
Cook	\$61,776	16	\$28,023	\$10,924	\$22,829
Sherman	\$61,591	17	\$32,928	\$10,087	\$18,576
Columbia	\$61,340	18	\$38,406	\$8,785	\$16,169
Marion	\$60,968	19	\$34,224	\$10,184	\$16,560
Linn	\$60,722	20	\$32,888	\$8,830	\$19,941
Wasco	\$60,272	21	\$31,943	\$10,710	\$17,620
Curry	\$59,145	22	\$21,791	\$14,370	\$22,983
Polk	\$58,380	23	\$32,653	\$11,577	\$14,150
Grant	\$57,831	24	\$27,068	\$11,041	\$19,732
Josephine	\$57,769	25	\$24,969	\$10,749	\$22,051
Haney	\$56,899	26	\$29,390	\$9,061	\$18,447
Baker	\$56,448	27	\$24,958	\$12,065	\$19,426
Douglas	\$56,312	28	\$25,514	\$9,798	\$21,002
Union	\$56,211	29	\$28,810	\$8,314	\$18,287
Umatilla	\$56,619	30	\$32,313	\$7,484	\$15,842
Klamath	\$54,913	31	\$28,885	\$8,420	\$19,609
Lake	\$52,840	32	\$25,325	\$9,589	\$17,925
Morrow	\$51,897	33	\$34,276	\$5,388	\$12,233
Wheeler	\$51,514	34	\$22,332	\$9,085	\$20,098
Jefferson	\$50,224	35	\$22,542	\$8,572	\$19,110
Malheur	\$44,201	36	\$20,220	\$6,200	\$17,781

(Country from the Oregon Employment Department)

counties.

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### TRAVELABILITY

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the Travelability group has helped secure more than \$1.3 million in Travel Oregon grant funding for accessibility projects across the coast. In Lincoln City, Explore Lincoln City earned a grant to fund accessibility verifications by Wheel the World, an online travel platform that helps disabled travelers make informed travel decisions. Lincoln City Parks and Recreation has secured grants from Travel Oregon (as well as many other funders) to support construction of the inclusive playground at Schooner Creek Discovery Park. We are grateful for these grants which amplify our work for the local community in truly meaningful ways.

**Lincoln County Leader:** Moving forward, what other projects like this are in the works to strengthen our coastal communities?

**Cooper Finding:** Accessibility work continues in Lincoln City! As Phase 2 and 3 of Schooner Creek Discovery Park come to fruition, look for more state-of-the-art accessibility innovation from the Lincoln City Parks and Recreation team on the park grounds, including Hearing Loops to assist those with hearing loss. We'll soon be breaking ground on Explore

Lincoln City's Welcome Center at D River, which will include Hearing Loops, beach wheelchairs, EnChroma Glasses to support those with colorblindness, and Kulture City assets for those with sensory sensitivities. Of course, the Mobi-mats to assist with mobility on the sand will continue to be placed at the D River location too.

#### A Coastwide Effort to Expand Access

Launched in 2022 by a small group of coastal tourism and accessibility advocates, Oregon Coast Travelability has grown into a powerful cross-sector coalition working to make the Oregon Coast a more accessible place to live, work, and visit for people with disabilities, according to a release from the Oregon Coast Visitors Association.

Today, the initiative brings together tourism organizations, disability advocates, local governments, nonprofit partners, and businesses across the coast to identify barriers and implement real solutions that expand access for both visitors and residents. Through this collaboration, the group has helped secure more than \$1.3 million in accessibility funding through Travel Oregon grants, supporting projects that are making tangible differences in communities up and down the coast.

#### Projects like:

- Accessibility verifications

through Wheel the World, helping travelers with disabilities make informed decisions about visiting Oregon

- Accessible tidepool touch tanks at the Oregon Coast Aquarium
- An accessible community trolley in Yachats
- An inclusive playground in Lincoln City
- A statewide Mobi-mat toolkit, highlighting the growing number of accessible pathways being installed not only on the coast, but statewide
- Expanded accessibility assessments and infrastructure improvements throughout coastal communities

Together, these projects are helping ensure that the Oregon Coast remains a welcoming destination for everyone.

#### A Model for the State

The work of Oregon Coast Travelability has also helped inspire a much larger milestone. In 2025, Oregon became the first U.S. state to become Accessibility Verified through Wheel the World—a designation recognizing destinations that have made meaningful investments in accessible travel experiences.

While the statewide initiative was led by Travel Oregon, Davidson noted that the effort was fueled by the momentum created along the coast.

"The work of Oregon Coast Travelability was the catalyst for a statewide effort

to remove barriers to access for visitors with disabilities," Davidson said. "Their innovative spirit and commitment to collaboration toward this work truly knows no equal."

#### The Partners Behind the Work

While the award recognizes the Travelability initiative, it also reflects the dedication of dozens of partners across the Oregon Coast who have invested time, funding, and leadership into making accessibility a shared priority, the release states.

The Oregon Coast Visitors Association is proud to help convene this collaborative effort alongside coastal destination organizations, city and county partners, accessibility advocates, tourism businesses, nonprofits, and community leaders who continue to move this work forward. From accessible beach equipment and Mobi-mats, to inclusive playgrounds, transportation improvements, accessibility verification, and community education, these efforts are reshaping how people of all abilities experience the Oregon Coast. Most importantly, they are improving quality of life for both visitors and the people who call the coast home.

#### Continuing the Momentum

As accessibility initiatives continue to expand across Oregon, the work of Oregon Coast Travelability stands as

a powerful example of what can happen when communities collaborate across sectors and regions. This award belongs to the many partners who have contributed their energy, ideas, and passion to the effort, and to the shared vision of an Oregon Coast that is welcoming and accessible to all.

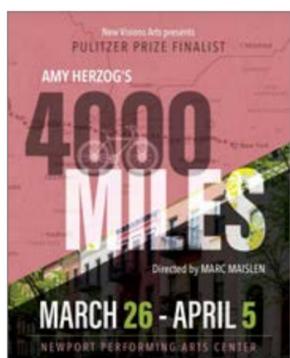
The award was present at the Oregon Governor's Conference on Tourism held in Portland earlier this month.

#### About the Oregon Coast Visitors Association

The Oregon Coast Visitors Association (OCVA) is the official Regional Destination Management Organization for the entire Oregon Coast as designated by the Oregon Tourism Commission (dba Travel Oregon). Through innovation, stewardship, and strategic investments, OCVA inspires travel and strengthens collaboration towards a sustainable coastal economy.

OCVA has the honor of working with coastal communities to align partnerships, destination development projects, and destination marketing with the vision of creating an enriched coastal experience for all. This includes coastal stakeholders, new and returning visitors, and the natural resources that make these coveted experiences so magical.

*Watch the video with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website.*



## New Visions Arts presents 4000 Miles

New Visions Arts presents Amy Herzog's "4000 Miles" March 26 - April 5, at the Newport Performing Arts Center.

The production is directed by Marc Maislen.

After suffering a major loss while she was on a cross-country bicycle trip, Leah seeks solace from her feisty 91 year-old grandmother Vera in her West Village apartment. Over the course of a single month, these unlikely roommates infuriate, bewilder, and ultimately reach each other. 4000 Miles looks at how two outsiders find their way in today's world.

Shows are Thursday through Saturday, March 26-38 and April 2-4 3/26-28 & 4/2-4 at 7p.m. and Sundays, March 29 and April 5 at 2 p.m.

- March 26 is Arts-for-All ... pay what you can.
- April 2 is Food Share. \$5 ticket reduction with 2 cans of food.

To help ensure an enjoyable experience for all, we kindly encourage guests to consider attending fragrance-free in support of those with allergies and sensitivities.

Newport Performing Arts Center is located at 777 W. Olive Street in Newport.

Learn more at [coastarts.org/events/4000-miles-2](http://coastarts.org/events/4000-miles-2).

# LCCC reveals its magical schedule for the 2026 Festival of Illusions

This year's Festival of Illusions will be the Lincoln City Cultural Center's 14th Annual Party.

For this year's festival, they've booked six of the Northwest's best family entertainers. Including past favorites: Jeff Evans, Louie Foxx, Matt Baker, Joe Black and Professor DB Schreiber. Based on overwhelming customer demand the amazing Bubble Man will be performing 2 matinee shows this year!

Reserved seats for the evening shows, workshops and other ticketed events, all held at the Lincoln City Cultural Center are on sale now at <http://lincolncity-culturalcenter.org>. Reserved theatre-style seats for the stage shows are \$19 for adults, \$17 for seniors and students, \$11 for youth ages 6-18 and free for kids ages 0-5. This is all-in pricing in 2026, there are no additional ticket fees. LCCC membership discounts and comp tickets will be accepted.

In addition to these blockbuster headline acts, there's more to experience during the daytime at the LCCC. The Brick gallery has been growing over the past year and now contains 6 different exhibits. The original Hogwarts castle was such a massive hit, the Brick team has added a Lego City, Pirate's Lagoon, Alien Planet, Minecraft, and a Lunar New year display. Lego City, Pirates, and Alien Planet exhibits each have their own scavenger hunts, guaranteed to challenge the young, and the not so young. The Brick gallery also has a new interactive creative space, for young

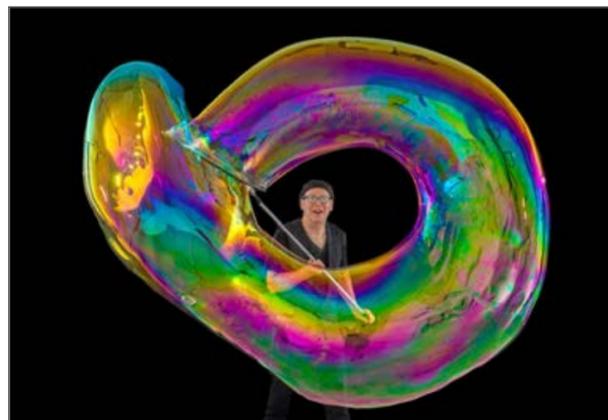
engineers to build and display their Lego 'artwork'.

Families can even take a little of the magic home: themed art kits, made by a team of volunteers and the LCCC Visual Arts Director Krista Eddy, will be available while supplies last. Members of the public are invited to "shop" the art kit room, located next to Margaret's Meeting Room, upstairs at the LCCC. Art kits are by donation -- pay what you can and enjoy crafting with the little ones in your life. To date, the LCCC has distributed almost 30,000 of these Art Kits!

The cultural center has also plenty to offer parents while visiting. The Fiber Arts Studio Gallery will present a 2-person exhibition called "Eco Play" featuring Oregon-based artists: Sal Strom and Kathleen Caprario-Ulrich which imagines a world build upon environmental restoration and wonder. The PJ Chessman Gallery is presenting an astrophotography show titled "Oregon Coast After Dark" featuring a unique glimpse of the night skies of the Oregon coastline by Jeremy Likness.

Outside the main entrance to the LCCC you can now check out the capstone of our cultural plaza: The cosmography. This lithoMosaic is in the form of a mandala featuring different elements of life on the Oregon Coast, beautifully embedded as the centerpiece of the poetry path. If you're brave enough, you can head out to give Pete Beeman's abstract "Poppy" a push, or you can read the poem on the Poetry Path, sit a while on Gary the Octopus in

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Bubble Man. (Courtesy photo)



Professor DB Schreiber. (Courtesy photo)



Jeff Evans. (Courtesy photo)

## Double gallery Opening at LCCC



Exhibits run until May 10, inside the Lincoln City Cultural Center in both the Chessman Gallery and the Fiber Arts Gallery. (Courtesy photo)

### LINCOLN CITY CULTURAL CENTER

Two exhibits, Oregon Coast After Dark by Jeremy Likness, and Eco-Play by Sal Strom and Kathleen Caprario-Ulrich, are now open until May 10, inside the Lincoln City Cultural Center in both the Chessman Gallery and the Fiber Arts Gallery.

### Oregon Coast After Dark by Jeremy Likness

Oregon Coast After Dark is a unique glimpse into the night skies of Oregon's beautiful and rugged coastline by astrophotographer Jeremy Likness.

A magical transformation happens at night when the full moon casts long shadows and

reflections, the Milky Way rises, meteors flash, and on rare nights, Northern Lights dance on the horizon. Through this perspective, the coastline is revealed as few ever see it-- vast, quiet and filled with the awe of the night sky.

Jeremy Likness is an astrophotographer and filmmaker whose work centers on the elusive glow of the night sky—light that has traveled across the vast expanses of space before reaching Earth. Through long exposure, accumulation, and careful calibration, his images reveal nebulae and star fields as places of motion, formation, and silence. He also focuses on how the night transforms familiar landmarks when they are proximal to the Milky Way, touched by cometary visitors or illuminated by the glow of aurora.

Jeremy's astrophotography hobby involved long and complicated workflows to produce the images of deep sky objects, so he called these his "Deep Sky Workflows." Jeremy is passionate about making the deepest reaches of God's vast universe accessible to everyone. He regularly donates pieces to charitable auctions and guest lectures on astrophotography-related topics, and hosts public star parties and sets up his telescope with a display in public spaces so that everyone can

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## Respect nesting areas to protect threatened snowy plover



Beachgoers can help recovery efforts for the threatened shorebird by observing recreation restrictions at designated plover beaches. (Courtesy photo)

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and Siu-slaw National Forest remind visitors to the Oregon Coast that western snowy plover nesting season begins March 15 and runs through Sept. 15.

Beachgoers can help recovery efforts for the threatened shorebird by observing recreation restrictions at designated plover beaches.

Sensitive plover nesting areas are identified on maps for the northern Oregon Coast and southern Oregon Coast. Western snowy plovers nest in dry sand above the high tide line and are often difficult to see because they camouflage well. To help protect these tiny shorebirds, please stay on wet sand and leave your dogs

at home or at your campsite, even if they are leashed. Visitors may notice signs at trailheads with additional rules and limitations. There may be rope fencing in dry sand areas; this fencing delineates some, but not all, of the critical plover habitat that should be avoided.

Seasonal recreation restrictions have helped protect and recover the western snowy plovers living on Oregon's beaches. Nests, and especially chicks, are well-hidden. During the nesting season, human disturbances can flush adult plovers away from their nests as they attempt to defend their young. Left alone too

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the Kiwanis patio or play a tune on the Rotary Outdoor musical instruments.

The Lincoln City Cultural Center is located at 540 NE Highway 101, inside the historic Delake School. The center will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day, and for all the evening shows,

throughout the festival week. For inquiries or ticketing, visit [lincolncity-culturalcenter.org](http://lincolncity-culturalcenter.org) or call the office at 541-994-9994.

**FESTIVAL OF ILLUSIONS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, March 22**  
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7PM Magician Jeff

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**Monday, March 23**  
10 am-5pm Lego Display, Art Kit Room and Galleries Open (Indoors)  
1 pm The Amazing Bubble Man (Auditorium)  
2-5 pm Abracadabra Magic Art Workshop (Underground Art Lab)  
7 pm Professor DR Schreiber (Auditorium)  
**Tuesday, March 24**

10 am-5pm Lego Display, Art Kit Room and Galleries Open (Indoors)  
1 pm The Amazing Bubble Man (Auditorium)  
2-5 pm Abracadabra Magic Art Workshop (Underground Art Lab)  
7 pm Louie Foxx's One Man Side Show (Auditorium)  
**Wednesday, March 25**  
10 am-5 pm Lego Display, Art Kit Room and

Galleries Open (Indoors)  
2-5 pm Abracadabra Magic Art Workshop (Maker's Place)  
7 pm Celtic Series - SOLAS (Auditorium)  
**Thursday, March 26**  
10am-5pm Lego Display, Art Kit Room and Galleries Open (Indoors)  
2-5 pm Abracadabra Magic Art Workshop (Underground Art Lab)  
7 pm Hypnotist Joe Black (Auditorium)

**Friday, March 27**  
10am-5pm Lego Display, Art Kit Room and Galleries Open (Indoors)  
2-5 pm Abracadabra Magic Art Workshop (Underground Art Lab)  
7 pm Matt Baker (Auditorium)  
**Saturday, March 28**  
10am-5pm Lego Display, Art Kit Room and Galleries Open (Indoors)

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see the rings of Saturn, craters on the moon, and distant galaxies.

At The Chessman Gallery, inside the Lincoln City Cultural Center [www.lincolncity-culturalcenter.org](http://www.lincolncity-culturalcenter.org)

See more at Jeremy's website— [www.dswgalleries.com](http://www.dswgalleries.com)

**Eco-Play by Sal Strom and Kathleen-Caprario-Ulrich**

ECO-PLAY is a two-person exhibition by Oregon-based artists Sal Strom and Kathleen Caprario, which imagines a world built upon environmental restoration and wonder.

Drawing upon their personal connections with the natural world and creative processes of exploration, the exhibition features works that reflect a shared vision for community engagement. By bridging the gap between nature and culture, ECO-PLAY presents a collection of works that inspires and shifts perceptions of what is human, natural and possible. It extends an invitation to viewers to reimagine the world as a place where humans and nature can coexist, and invites a critical dialogue around the role that art can play in fostering

environmental awareness and change.

**KATHLEEN CAPRARIO**

Though her origins lie in New Jersey, Kathleen Caprario made a transformative decision in the late 1970s to exchange a career in textile design and New York's Metropolitan area for the open skies and lush landscapes of Oregon's Willamette Valley. Here, she raised her son, laid the foundation for her identity as an artist, art educator, and writer, and discovered her enduring subject—the land.

As a textile designer, she was captivated by the gendered associations embedded in motifs and the intricate and open language of patterns and this interest has persisted and evolved. Her studio and installation work now draws from historical motifs and authentic experiences to create pieces that compress time and encourage a dialogue between the past and present, and a conversation for today.

Caprario is the recipient of an Oregon Arts Commission's Individual Artist Fellowship and Career Opportunity Grants, Jordan Schnitzer Black Lives Matter Artist Grant, Ford Family Foundation Residency Fellowships and the Modesto Lanzone Mostra 99 Award. An avid trav-



Queen Bee. (Courtesy photo)

eler, her work is heavily influenced by the places she's been. Caprario has had the opportunity to participate in supported artist residencies, including the Vermont Studio Center, HJ Andrews Experimental Forest, the Morris Graves' Foundation, Playa @ Summer Lake, Djerassi Foundation, Ucross Foundation, Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, and Victoria University's S.W.I.R.L Program in Central Australia. Caprario is a part-time studio arts instructor for Lane Community College, a writer and occasional stand up comic. She invites viewers to

contemplate the psychological effects between the non-human world and human identity, the inherent power of environmental resiliency and to inspire conversation through the open language of pattern. Exhibited works for ECO PLAY is organically-derived mixed media paintings on paper (acrylic, aerosol stenciled, powder graphite) configured as an installation and accompanied by various-sized mirrors that create a transformative opportunity for gallery visitors to reflect on and consider the ways in which human impact upon the environment is perceived and

acted upon. In addition, singular framed 2D works will be presented that both complement and comment on the larger installation and one's (re) location within the critical context presented.

**SAL STROM**

Strom's work for Eco Play celebrates the resiliency of the forest and the innovation, inherent in nature, that helps mitigate the devastation of the climate crisis.

For example, there are mushrooms that eat plastic. In response she created an installation of mycelium shapes with mycelium leather attached that will extend from the wall, with painted cheese cloth that will flow from those shapes to create shadows on the wall.

Other translucent and painted silk artworks will be freely hung so that light will shine through, illuminating them. Visitors will be invited to interact with the installation works. There are so many natural gifts to be celebrated and new ways of seeing—trees, shrooms, bees and alternative, ecological processes. Small, framed cold wax textured pieces will be offered in addition to the larger pieces and installation works.

Her art engages viewers through vivid colors, surprising textures,

blurred movements, and a deep commitment to activism. Her work has been exhibited widely at the Frye Museum, Provincetown Museum, Bitcoin Conference, and Blackfish Gallery. She has also exhibited several performance art pieces, including a traveling art show at 20 libraries coast to coast and an experiential video based on oral histories with 100+ WWII war veterans, which toured at film festivals nationwide.

She introduced an art therapy program in Romanian orphanages. Sal proudly considers herself a residency rat and has attended over a dozen residencies, including at Virginia Center for the Arts, Fine Arts Work Center, PLAYA, Elsewhere Studios, I-Park, Santa Fe Art Institute, and SouthPorch Art Residency. She holds an MFA from the Massachusetts College of Art. She hopes to leave a healthier world for her grandchildren.

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long, or too often, eggs or chicks can die from exposure and predators. Habitat loss from invasive plants and human disturbances—including litter and discarded food scraps that attract predators—also contribute to the birds' decline.

Recreation restrictions occur only in designated plover management areas where plovers nest or might nest. These areas combined make up about 40 miles of Oregon's 362 miles of shoreline.

**Reminders for recreation on designated plover beaches March 15 - Sept. 15:**

- The following are not permitted: dogs (even on a leash), driving a vehicle, riding a bicycle or e-bike, camping, burning wood, flying kites or operating drones.
- Foot and equestrian traffic are permitted below the high-tide line on wet, hard packed sand.
- Respect signs and barriers to protect nesting habitat.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed western snowy plovers as a threatened species

in 1993 when officials counted only 45 breeding adults. Populations have steadily increased since then due to ongoing efforts. Officials counted 546 during the breeding season survey in 2025.

"We appreciate visitors' support in keeping these shorebirds safe. We invite visitors to enjoy permitted recreation in sensitive areas or to recreate without seasonal restrictions on beaches not designated as plover nesting areas," said Laurel Hillmann, ocean shore specialist for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

More information on the snowy plover, includ-

ing detailed maps of nesting sites, can be found on the Oregon State Parks website ([oregon.gov/plovers](http://oregon.gov/plovers)) and on the Siuslaw National Forest website ([fs.usda.gov/r06/siuslaw/animals-plants/western-snowy-plover](http://fs.usda.gov/r06/siuslaw/animals-plants/western-snowy-plover)).

Visitors to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area can review Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) maps to identify unrestricted recreation areas and information on riding motor vehicles on the sand at [fs.usda.gov/r06/siuslaw/recreation/rules-and-guidelines](http://fs.usda.gov/r06/siuslaw/recreation/rules-and-guidelines).

**Plover activity near Sand Lake Recreation Area**

The increase in plover numbers may result in nesting occurring at new or historical nesting sites. For example, visitors to Sand Lake Recreation Area may see small roped off areas near the lake's inlet to protect active nests and may encounter plovers on the beach. Beachgoers are encouraged to protect these birds by restricting recreation activities to wet sand areas, avoiding roped off nesting areas, packing all trash out and keeping dogs on leash. Paragliders should steer toward the northern area of Sand Lake Recreation Area to avoid gliding or landing near plover nests

on the southern edge of the Sand Lake spit.

**Background on plover protections**

Several land managers oversee beach activity for plover protection, primarily the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD).

For more information on how plovers are managed in Oregon, see the *Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)*: [https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/PCB/Documents/WSP-HCP\\_08182010-web.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/PCB/Documents/WSP-HCP_08182010-web.pdf).

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IN THE GARDEN

# Lilac blight disease spoils spring blooms but can be managed

**KYM POKORNY**  
Lincoln County Leader  
Guest Column

Lilac lovers eagerly await the pink, lavender and white blossoms of spring. But an outbreak of lilac blight can quickly turn that joy into disappointment.

Cool, wet springs favor development of lilac blight, especially if rains follow a late frost or winter injury, according to Jay Pscheidt, Oregon State University Extension plant pathologist.

Known to scientists as lilac bacterial blight, the disease is caused by the bacterium *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*. The same organism causes bacterial blight on pear, blueberry, cherry, maple and many other woody plants.

At first, leaves appear healthy, then suddenly look as if they've been singed by an open flame. Dark black streaks form on one side of young shoots. Flowers wilt and turn brown, and unopened buds become blackened. Symptoms resemble fire blight in fruit trees.

**Prevention and resistant varieties**

To reduce the risk of blight, avoid fertilizing late in the season and don't overfertilize young plants, since excess nitrogen favors disease development, Pscheidt said. Spacing and pruning lilacs to allow for air circulation also helps.

Lilac blight is difficult to control, so planting resistant varieties is recommended. Species with demonstrated resistance include *Syringa josikaea*,



**When shoots begin to die, they tip over in what is called a Shepard's crook symptom. (Courtesy photo from Jay W. Pscheidt)**

*S. komarowii*, *S. microphylla*, *S. pekinensis* and *S. reflexa*.

Most cultivars of *S. vulgaris* — the most commonly grown lilacs —

are susceptible. However, some have shown less disease in gardens, including 'Edith Cavell,' 'Glory,' 'Ludwig Spaeth' and 'Pink Elizabeth.'

**Managing infections**

If your lilac is infected, prune and burn affected parts as soon as you notice them. A copper-based pesticide, which is organic, applied in early spring each year can help prevent infection before buds break.

Lilac blight bacteria overwinter on diseased twigs and even on apparently healthy wood. Factors that weaken plants — including wounds, frost damage, poor soil pH, inadequate nutrition or other pathogens — increase susceptibility.

**Sources and spread**

The bacteria can persist in old cankers, healthy buds, leaf surfaces, and nearby weeds and grasses. Wind, rain, insects, pruning tools and infected nursery stock all spread

the disease.

The disease typically begins as brown spots on stems and leaves of young shoots in early spring. Spots may have a yellow halo, then quickly darken and expand during rainy periods. On young stems, infection can girdle the shoot, causing it to bend and die.

On leaves, infection progresses differently depending on age. Young leaves blacken rapidly from the margins downward, while spots on older leaves enlarge slowly. Several spots may merge, causing leaf edges to crinkle. Flower clusters may also blight and blacken, and buds may fail to open or die soon after opening.

*Kym Pokorny writes for the Oregon State University Extension Service.*

# Seven Capes Bird Alliance Offers Birding Basics Course

**SUBMITTED**

Registration is now open for Birding Basics class at Oregon Coast Community College, which are scheduled to begin June 9.

This class introduces students to the basics of

bird anatomy and adaptations, common tools used for bird identification through sight and sound, and how birds fit into the broader story of evolution.

Sessions will especially appeal to new birders in Lincoln County, with

classes at both the Lincoln City and Newport campuses. The three-week course consists of four meetings with a total of five hours of lecture, plus four hours of in-class exercises, field trips, bird walks, and practice provided by

seasoned guides. Instructor Gregory Smith has a master's degree in ecology and evolution; as a field biologist, his research has focused on seabirds.

Classes meet at OCC Lincoln City Room 108 and OCC Newport Room

48 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. June 9, 10, 11. The cost is \$75. Register at Spring 2026 Community Ed Registration.

Seven Capes Bird Alliance was founded as Audubon Society of Lincoln City in 2005. A

nonprofit membership organization and chapter of the National Audubon Society, SCBA is active in education and advocacy for protection of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats in Lincoln and Tillamook Counties.

# Sheriff's Tip of the Week: Data Privacy

**LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Unfortunately, every year thousands of Oregonians fall victim to online criminals who disguise themselves as established organizations or businesses.

Internet scams continue to evolve and become harder to recognize. The term cyber-criminal, generally refers to someone using internet services or software to take advantage of victims.

Cyber-criminals and other scammers have become quite skilled in getting you to provide your personal information in a variety of ways. Some scammers are selling "official merchandise" while others ask you to pay fees urgently to avoid serious consequences (which are not real).

Another popular scam is the click-bait link or file

attachment that collects your data by inviting you to open it from a message such as "I think you know this person that was in this car accident" or "Your account has been suspended, click here to reset your password". But of course, when you click these links you get viruses or are directed to give your personal information to "reset your account" or login.

When in doubt don't open the link, instead open a new browser and pull up the organization's official website or call their official number.

Here are a few tips to keep you safer from scams and cybercrimes:

**Use caution, especially with those you are not familiar with**

- When you receive uninvited contacts from people or businesses, whether it's over the phone, by

mail, email, in person, or on social media, always consider the possibility that the interaction may be a scam.

- Remember to call or log on to the organization's real website to verify the information you've been given is accurate.

**Protect your passwords and personal information**

- Always use password protection.
- Don't share account or password information with others.
- Update security software and back up content regularly.
- Protect your WiFi network with a password.
- Avoid using public computers or WiFi hotspots to access online banking or to provide personal information for services.

**Ignore unfamiliar attachments or links**

- Don't click on links, open attachments, attempt to unsubscribe, or call any telephone number listed in suspicious messages.
- Do NOT give any money, credit card info, or

other personal details.

- When in doubt, look up the organization's website or phone number and contact them directly.

If you have information about or have fallen victim to a scam, please contact

the Oregon Attorney General's Consumer Hotline at 1-877-877-9392 or online at [www.oregonconsumer.gov](http://www.oregonconsumer.gov)

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# Listening for Shakespeare

**NEWPORT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

The Newport Symphony Orchestra presents its final concert of the season, at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21 (Preconcert talk at 6:45 p.m.) and a 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22 concert, at the Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W. Olive in Newport.

Tickets start at \$45 for regular seating. Students \$10 with ID.

**Repertoire:**

- Otto Nicolai, Overture to the Merry Wives of Windsor
- Erich Korngold, Suite from Much Ado About Nothing
- Giuseppe Verdi, Ballet Music from Macbeth
- Dan Kellogg, Pyramus and Thisbe
- Leonard Bernstein, Symphonic Dances from West Side Story

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**Poet Frank Oden.**

welcomes performance poet Frank Oden to share the stage with the Newport Symphony Orchestra for their 2025-26 season finale performance.

Mr. Oden will connect the program together with his creative poetry and acting as the NSO performs incredible music inspired by the immortal William Shakespeare. The concert will weave together the dramas, comedy, tragedy, and heartfelt honesty of the bard.

Oden will portray the shenanigans of Sir John Falstaff as he tries to seduce "The Merry Wives of Windsor" for financial

gain. Then follow the gossipy intrigue of Claudio and Hero and Beatrice and Benedick, letting the audience almost hear the vile Don John almost ruining the whole thing.

Next, the orchestra will present the ballet music that eases the burden of the bloody king, Macbeth. Then, we're off to Greece to hear the sad story that inspired Shakespeare, Ovid's "Pyramus and Thisbe" with music by living composer, Dan Kellogg and libretto by Mark O'Donnell. Mr. Oden will be portraying all of the characters, in this whimsical portrayal of two youths madly in love trading whispers through a crack in the wall before their sad fate is met.

The concert will close with Leonard Bernstein's take on the star-crossed lovers, Romeo and Juliet, in his landmark work "West Side Story". The Suite of Symphonic Dances extracted from the musical will have you dancing in your seats, you won't want the fun to end.

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**LCL26-116 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**  
A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Kernville-Gleneden Beach-Lincoln Beach Water District, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, will be held at The District Office, 6595 Gleneden Beach Loop. The meeting will take place on the April 12, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. To attend the meeting by phone using Microsoft Teams, call 971-319-4988 and enter Conference ID 350 355 071 #. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. Written comments received by 3:30 pm on April 11, 2026 will be read during the public comment section of the meeting on April 12, 2026. Comments by phone will be taken on a scheduled basis during the public comment section of the meeting on April 12, 2026. Comments, both written and phone in, will be subject to a three-minute limit per community member. To schedule public comment, please provide your name, phone number, and address with the district via phone message at 541-764-2475, public comment must be scheduled no later than 3:30 pm on April 11, 2026. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained by mail with your request by phone at 541-764-2475 on or after April 1, 2026 between the hours of 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. 3/18/26 3/25/26

**LCL26-115 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**  
A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Gleneden Sanitary District, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, will be held at The District Office, 6595 Gleneden Beach Loop. The meeting will take place on the April 11, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. To attend the meeting by phone using Microsoft Teams, call 971-319-4988 and enter Conference ID 705 704 00# . The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. Written comments received by 3:30 pm on April 10, 2026 will be read during the public comment section of the meeting on April 11, 2026. Comments by phone will be taken on a scheduled basis during the public comment section of the meeting on April 11, 2026. Comments, both written and phone in, will be subject to a three-minute limit per community member. To schedule public comment, please provide your name, phone number, and address with the district via phone message at 541-764-2475, public comment must be scheduled no later than 3:30 pm on April 10, 2026. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained by mail with your request by phone at 541-764-2475 on or after April 1, 2026 between the hours of 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. 3/18/26 3/25/26

**LCL26-114 CITY OF NEWPORT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Planning Commission of the City of Newport, Oregon, will hold a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2026, to consider File No. 1-ADJ-26, a request asking that the Planning Commission interpret the north line of this landlocked parcel as the front property line. This will allow the front of the house to face a driveway access easement serving the property, rather than SE Harbor Crescent Dr. It is also consistent with how the house to the west is oriented, which shares the same driveway. If the northernmost property line is viewed as the front property line, then the setback standards will be satisfied, except for the setback that applies to the rear (south) property line. The property is split zoned with portions of the parcel being in the R-1 and R-2 zone districts. Setbacks for the R-1 zone district are more restrictive, with a 15-foot front, 5-ft and 8-ft side, and 15-ft rear yard setback requirements. The applicant has adjusted the location of the proposed dwelling such that it will be 23-feet from the north property line, 10.5-ft from the south property line, and 5-ft from the east property line. Dropping the rear yard setback in the R-1 zone from 15-ft to 10-ft amounts to a 33.3% reduction to the dimensional standard. A deviation between 10% and 40% of a dimensional standard, such as a building setback, is subject to Planning Commission review and approval as an Adjustment (NMC 14.33.030(C)). The criteria for approval of an adjustment are: (A) Granting the Adjustment will equally or better meet the purpose of the regulation to be modified; and (B) Any impacts resulting from the Adjustment are mitigated to the extent practical. That mitigation may include, but is not limited to, such considerations as provision for adequate light and privacy to adjoining properties, adequate access, and a design that addresses the site topography, significant vegetation, and drainage; and (C) The Adjustment will not interfere with the provision of or access to appropriate utilities, including sewer, water, storm drainage, streets, electricity, natural gas, telephone, or cable services, nor will it hinder fire access; and (D)

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**LCL26-117 INVITATION TO BIDS CITY OF LINCOLN CITY**  
Spring Lake Water Pump Station. Bids Due: 2:00 PM, April 30, 2026. WORK - The general nature of work, described in detail in this Contract and in the basis of payment, includes furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials necessary for the construction of the project. Primary items of work include: Construction of a new CMU water booster pump station, associated mechanical & electrical, yard piping, site improvements, roadway frontage improvements, and miscellaneous other items. BID SUBMITTAL - Sealed bid proposals will

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If more than one Adjustment is being requested, the cumulative effect of the Adjustments results in a project which is still consistent with the overall purpose of the zoning district. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the criteria described above or other criteria in 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 and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. Letters 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 be personally entered into the record during the hearing. The hearing will include a report by staff, testimony (both oral and written) from those in favor or opposed to the application, rebuttal by the applicant, and questions and deliberation by the Planning Commission. Pursuant to ORS 197.797 (6), any person prior to the conclusion of the initial public hearing may request a continuance of the public hearing or that the record be left open for at least seven days to present additional evidence, arguments, or testimony regarding the application. The staff report may be reviewed or a copy purchased at the Newport Community Development Department (address above) seven days prior to the hearing. The application materials and the applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost or copies may be purchased at this address. Contact Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director, (541) 574-0626. d.tokos@newportoregon.gov (address above). 3/18/26

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be received by Finance Department, PO Box 50, 801 SW Hwy 101 - City Hall, 3rd Floor, Lincoln City, OR 97367 until 2:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (PST) on the 30th day of April, 2026. Late bids will not be accepted. Within two working hours of the bid closing time, bidders must submit the First-Tier Subcontractor Disclosure Form. Submittal of bid proposals shall be in a sealed envelope with identification plainly marked on the outside including project name, bid date, and time, "Bid Proposal, Bid Bond and Certificate of Residency" and bidder's name. Bid proposals shall be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter. Each bid proposal must be submitted on the forms prescribed by the City and accompanied by a Proposal Guaranty (certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond) in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the total amount bid. The ten percent Proposal Guaranty shall be forfeited to the City if the bidder fails to enter into a contract with the City of Lincoln City within fifteen (15) days after the date of the Notice of Award. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond equal to one hundred percent of the amount bid for faithful performance of the Contract. BID DOCUMENTS - Bidders are to contact Amanda Sawyer, Admin Technician by email asawyer@lincolncity.org ) to obtain Bid Documents. The Bid Documents will be emailed to you. The official Planholder's list will be kept by the City and any addenda will be issued by the City. PRE-BID MEETING - There will not be a pre-bid meeting or site visit conducted by the City. Bidders are required to conduct a field review of the project area on their own to acquaint themselves with pertinent conditions prior to preparing and submitting their bid proposal. QUESTIONS - All questions or requests for clarification shall be directed in writing to the Dan Wentz, City Engineer, via email: dwentz@lincolncity.org, or by regular mail to Lincoln City, PO Box 50, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367. All written questions must be received by the Project Engineer by 5 PM PST on April 21, 2026, 9 calendar days prior to the Bid Due date. The Project Engineer will determine appropriate responses, if any, and if necessary an Addendum will be issued to all plan holders of record at least 5 calendar days prior to the Bid Due date. Any verbal response(s) obtained from any source by bidders will be considered informational and shall not be relied upon by bidders. OTHER BID INFORMATION - Bidders must possess a current set of the 2024 Oregon

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**LCL26-125 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE #26-0217**  
On April 21, 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: 1033 and 1025 NE Avery St, Newport, OR 97365. The court case number is 25CV32118, NATIONAL COOPERATIVE BANK, N.A., plaintiff(s) vs. TAYLOR PLESHA; ELLI K

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WORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, defendant(s). This is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand. For more details go to http://www.oregon-sheriffssales.org/county/lincoln/ 3/18/26 3/25/26 4/1/26 4/8/26

**LCL26-126**  
Lincoln City Storage, 3796 SE Hwy 101, Lincoln City, Or. 97367, 541-996-3555. The following unit will be sold at Public Auction Starting 4/7/2026 at 9:00am, Ending 4/14/2026 at 9:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Auction is pursuant to Auction Rules and Procedures for Truax Holdings. Rules are available at the facility office. All bidding will take place ONLINE at bid13.com. Unit# A152, Danielle Edman 3/18/26 3/25/26

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LCL26-127 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Probate Department Case No. 26PB02153. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. In the Matter of the Estate of MARY PATRICIA KEENE, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lisa Bruns has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the personal representative in care of the undersigned attorney at 17040 Pilkington Road, Suite 200, Lake Oswego, OR 97035, within four months after the date of 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 published on March 18, 2026. Lisa Bruns, Personal Representative. Jeremy Herring, OSB No. 063586, Bridgeport Law Group. Attorney for Personal Representative, 17040 Pilkington Road, Suite 200, Lake Oswego, OR 97035, Tel (503) 620-0114, Fax (503) 994-5193. Email: jeremy@herringlegal.com 3/18/26

LCL26-123 INVITATION TO BIDS. CITY OF LINCOLN CITY

SE Lee Reservoir to Port Water Line. Bids Due: 2:00 PM, April 16, 2026. WORK - The general nature of work, described in detail in this Contract and in the basis of payment, includes furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials necessary for the construction of the project. Primary items of work include: Constructing 980 feet of 12-inch PVC, associated connections, and other miscellaneous items. BID SUBMITTAL - Sealed bid proposals will be received by Finance Department, PO Box 50, 801 SW Hwy 101 - City Hall, 3rd Floor, Lincoln City, OR 97367 until 2:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (PST) on the 16th day of April, 2026. Late bids will not be accepted. Within two working hours of the bid closing time, bidders must submit the First-Tier Subcontractor Disclosure Form. Submittal of bid proposals shall be in a sealed envelope with identification plainly marked on the outside including project name, bid date, and time, "Bid Proposal, Bid Bond and Certificate of Residency" and bidder's name. Bid proposals shall be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter. Each bid proposal must be submitted on the forms prescribed by the City and accompanied by a Proposal Guaranty (certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond) in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the total amount bid. The ten percent Proposal Guaranty shall be forfeited to the City if the bidder fails to enter into a contract with the City of Lincoln City within fifteen (15) days after the date of the Notice of Award. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond equal to one hundred percent of the amount bid for faithful performance of the Contract. BID DOCUMENTS - Bidders are to contact Amanda Sawyer, Admin Technician by email (asawyer@lincolncity.org) to obtain Bid Documents. The Bid Documents will be emailed to you. The official Planholder's list will be kept by the City and any addenda will be issued by the City. PRE-BID MEETING - There will not be a pre-bid meeting or site visit conducted by the City. Bidders are required to conduct a field review of the project area on their own to acquaint themselves with pertinent conditions prior to preparing and submitting their bid proposal. QUESTIONS - All questions or requests for clarification shall be directed in writing to the Daniel Wentz,

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LCL26-122 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

The Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.771, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES: Grantor: JEREMY J. BACCI; Trustee: BRAD WILLIAMS C/O UPF WASHINGTON INCORPORATED; Successor Trustee: NANCY K. CARY; Beneficiary: COLUMBIA BANK FKA UMPQUA BANK 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The real property is described as follows: Beginning at a point 856.5 feet North of the center of Section 17, in Township 11 South, Range 10 West, Willamette Meridian, in Lincoln County, Oregon; thence North 216 feet; thence East 418 feet; thence in a Southeasterly direction along Olalla Slough to a point that is 586 feet East of the place of beginning; thence West to the said point and place of beginning. Except that portion lying Easterly of the West line of that certain tract of land described in deed to Lincoln County for road purposes recorded January 16, 1940, in Book 83, page 320, Deed Records. 3. RECORDING: The Trust Deed was recorded as follows: Date Recorded: November 30, 2021, Recording No. 2021-14989, Official Records of Lincoln County, Oregon. NOTE 1: 4. DEFAULT: The Grantor or any other person obligated on the Trust Deed and Promissory Note secured thereby is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for failure to pay: Variable monthly payments, due the tenth (10) of each month, for the months of January 2025 through November 2025; plus late charges and advances; plus any unpaid real property taxes or liens, plus interest. 5. AMOUNT DUE: The amount due on the Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is: Principal balance in the amount of \$188,835.40; plus interest at 3.500% per annum from December 10, 2024; plus late charges of \$1,724.47; plus advances and foreclosure attorney fees and costs. NOTE 2: 6. DEFAULT: The Grantor or any other person obligated on the Trust Deed and Promissory Note secured thereby is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for failure to pay: Monthly payments in the amount of \$145.58 each, due the tenth (10) of each month, for the months of February 2025 through November 2025; plus late charges and advances; plus any unpaid real property taxes or liens, plus interest. 7. AMOUNT DUE: The amount due on the Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is: Principal balance in the amount of \$9,731.10; plus interest at 3.500% per annum from January 10, 2025; plus late charges of \$103.60; plus advances and foreclosure attorney fees and costs. 8. SALE OF PROPERTY: The Trustee hereby states that the property will be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed. A Trustee's Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Terms of Trust Deed has been recorded in the Official Records of Lincoln County, Oregon. 9. TIME OF SALE: Date: May 21, 2026, Time: 11:00 a.m. Place: Lincoln County

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Courthouse, Main Entrance (parking lot side) 225 W. Olive, Newport, Oregon 97365. 10. RIGHT TO REINSTATE. Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time that is not later than five days before the Trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due, other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred, by curing any other default that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed and by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amount provided in ORS 86.778. NOTICE REGARDING POTENTIAL HAZARDS (This notice is required for notices of sale sent on or after January 1, 2015). Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. You may reach the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503-684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-7636 or you may visit its website at: www.osbar.org. Legal assistance may be available if you have a low income and meet federal poverty guidelines. For more information and a directory of legal aid programs, go to http://www.oregonlawhelp.org. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Lisa Summers, Paralegal, (541) 686-0344 (TS #30057.31859). DATED: December 31, 2025. Nancy K. Cary, Successor Trustee, Hershner Hunter, LLP, P.O. Box 1475, Eugene, OR 97440. 3/18/26 3/25/26 4/1/26 4/8/26

LCL26-121 CITY OF NEWPORT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

The Newport Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers to review and make a recommendation to the Newport City Council on File No. 2-2-26, amendments to the Newport Municipal Code (NMC) Section 14.01.020, Definitions, and Chapter 14.48, Land Divisions, related to expedited and middle housing land divisions. This is an updated version of a package of amendments the Commission considered at a hearing on February 23, 2026. The code changes implement expedited and middle housing land division processes contained in ORS 92.031, ORS 197A.140 to 197A.146, and ORS 197A.420 to 197A.421. Pursuant to Newport Municipal Code (NMC) Section 14.36.010, the Commission must find that the change is required by public necessity and the general welfare of the community in order for it to make a recommendation to the City Council that the amendments be adopted. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the request above or other criteria, including criteria within the Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances, which the person believes to apply to the decision. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the city and the parties an opportunity to respond to that issue precludes an appeal, including to the Land Use Board of Appeals, based on that issue. Testimony may be submitted in written or oral form. Oral testimony and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. The hearing may include a report by staff, testimony from the applicant and proponents, testimony from opponents, rebuttal by the applicant, and questions and deliberation by the Planning Commission. 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 to be included as part of the hearing or must be personally presented during testimony at the public hearing. The proposed code amendments, additional material for the amendments, and any other material in the file may be reviewed or a copy purchased at the Newport Community Development Department (address above). Contact Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director, (541) 574-0626, d.tokos@newportoregon.gov (address above). 3/18/26

LCL26-118 TS No. OR07000103-25-1 APN R319153 TO No 92363192 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, JENNIFER L. KANDU AND PETER W. LAWSON, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to WESTERN TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY as Trustee, in favor

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of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of June 23, 2021 and recorded on June 24, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021-08164 and the beneficial interest was assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC and recorded June 26, 2025 as Instrument Number 2025-04215 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R319153 LOTS 3, 4 AND THE EAST 15 FEET OF LOT 2, BLOCK 7, BEACH PARK ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT, COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF OREGON. TOGETHER WITH THAT PORTION OF VACATED N.W. 18TH STREET ADJOINING THAT WOULD ATTACH THERETO BY ORDINANCE NO. 1616, RECORDED AUGUST 26, 1991, IN BOOK 233, PAGE 1626. LINCOLN COUNTY RECORDS. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PORTION LYING WITHIN OCEAN VIEW DRIVE. Commonly known as: 1725 NW OCEANVIEW DR, NEWPORT, OR 97365 Both the Beneficiary, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elected 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 pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Total Payment(s): Total Payment(s) from 08/01/2024 to 02/15/2026 at \$47,256.65 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at \$434.91 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$339,644.21 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.125000% per annum from July 1, 2024 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on June 23, 2026 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Public Entrance, Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor

LCL26-112 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

The Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.771, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES: Grantor: GEORGE M. SISIKIN. Trustee: WESTERN TITLE COMPANY. Successor Trustee: NANCY K. CARY.

LCL26-112 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

The Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.771, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES: Grantor: GEORGE M. SISIKIN. Trustee: WESTERN TITLE COMPANY. Successor Trustee: NANCY K. CARY.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Amount, and Description. Includes dates like 3/27/26, 3/28/26, 3/29/26, 3/30/26, 3/31/26 and amounts like 156, 96, 64, 44, 24, 4, 8, 1, 5, 3, 2, 1, 8.

Weekly SUDDOKU ANSWER

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers and empty cells, including a 4x4 grid and a 9x9 grid.

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in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) will impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Dated: 02/05/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0485198 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 03/18/2026, 03/25/2026, 04/01/2026, 04/08/2026

LCL26-119 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 819

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 3/30/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by ROWLEY'S TOWING 4822 S COAST HWY S. BEACH, OR. 2016 JEEP PAT 4D VIN = 1C4NJPPBAIGD582582 Amount due on lien \$5395.00. Reputed owner(s) > GEORGE SORIANO TACADINA IQ CREDIT UNION 3/18/24 3/25/26

LCL26-120 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Probate Department. n the Matter of the Estate of: LLOYD DEWAYNE BROWN, Decedent. Case No. 26PB01753. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is given of the following matters: (a) Shane A. Brown has been appointed as the Personal Representative of the above estate. (b) Any person or entity having claims against said estate is required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative's attorney designated below within four months from the date of publication of this notice as stated below, or such claim may be barred. (c) Persons who believe they are an unknown heir of Lloyd Dewayne Brown must present evidence of such relationship to the Personal Representative in care of the attorney designated below, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or any right of such person may be extinguished. (d) Any person whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate (including any heir of the decedent) may obtain additional information from the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. DATED and published: MARCH 18, 2026. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Shane A. Brown. Attorneys for Personal Representative: Kathryn Bourn, OSB #952166 Brownstein Rask LLP, 1 SW Columbia Street, Suite 900, Portland, OR 97204, Email: kbourn@brownsteinrask.com Phone: (503) 221-1772 3/18/25

LCL26-112 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

The Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.771, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES: Grantor: GEORGE M. SISIKIN. Trustee: WESTERN TITLE COMPANY. Successor Trustee: NANCY K. CARY.

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Beneficiary: COLUMBIA BANK FKA UMPQUA BANK 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The real property is described as follows: Lot 4, Block 3, TOWNSHIP '13', A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT in Section 19, Township 13 South, Range 11 West, Willamette Meridian, in Lincoln County, Oregon, together with a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress over Ball Boulevard, Rolph Court and Lundy Lane as the same are shown on the plat filed December 7, 1976 in Plat Book 12, page 23. 3. RECORDING: The Trust Deed was recorded as follows: Date Recorded: February 8, 2013, Recording No. 2013-01158, Official Records of Lincoln County, Oregon. 4. DEFAULT: The Grantor or any other person obligated on the Trust Deed and Promissory Note secured thereby is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for failure to pay: Monthly payments in the amount of \$599.04 each, due the first of each month, for the months of March 2025 through December 2025; plus late charges and advances; plus any unpaid real property taxes or liens, plus interest. 5. AMOUNT DUE: The amount due on the Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is: Principal balance in the amount of \$53,482.52; plus interest at the rate of 3.6250% per annum from February 1, 2025; plus late charges of \$151.47; plus advances and foreclosure attorney fees and costs. 6. SALE OF PROPERTY: The Trustee hereby states that the property will be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed. A Trustee's Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Terms of Trust Deed has been recorded in the Official Records of Lincoln County, Oregon. 7. TIME OF SALE: Date: May 21, 2026, 11:00 a.m. Place: Lincoln County Courthouse, Main Entrance (parking lot side) 225 W. Olive, Newport, Oregon 97365. 8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE. Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time that is not later than five days before the Trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due, other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred, by curing any other default that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed and by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amount provided in ORS 86.778. NOTICE REGARDING POTENTIAL HAZARDS (This notice is required for notices of sale sent on or after January 1, 2015). Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. You may reach the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503-684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-7636 or you may visit its website at: www.osbar.org. Legal assistance may be available if you have a low income and meet federal poverty guidelines. For more information and

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a directory of legal aid programs, go to http://www.oregonlawhelp.org. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Lisa Summers, Paralegal, (541) 686-0344 (TS #30057.31883). DATED: December 31, 2025. Nancy K. Cary, Successor Trustee, Hershner Hunter, LLP, P.O. Box 1475, Eugene, OR 97440. 3/11/26 3/18/26 3/25/26 4/1/26

LCL26-106 Sale of Abandoned Recreational Vehicle and its contents:

One (1) 1997 WILD recreational vehicle, Vin number 1ED-5F3321V2384648, has been abandoned by Curtis Wayne Bunch. The property is located at 923 SE Bay Blvd, Unit 209, Newport, OR 97365. Sale shall be by private bidding, with sealed bids, and "as is." Bids to be delivered to: Harbor Village RV Park at 923 SE Bay Blvd, Newport, OR 97365, no later than March 23, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Minimum bid shall be \$797.84, to be paid by purchaser. Bids must be for a single stated amount and not a range of amounts. Upon confirmation of the winning bid, the purchaser must promptly tender full payment in cash, money order, or cashier's check and take possession of the vehicle and remove it from Harbor Village RV Park. All property must be purchased and removed by purchaser. Please contact Heather Manzer for more information and/or questions at 541-265-5088. 3/11/26 3/18/26

LCL26-103 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE #26-0196

On April 16, 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 defendants' interest in the real property commonly known as 589 NW Sunset Blvd, Toledo, OR 97391 will be sold, subject to redemption. The court case number is 25CV36526, PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, plaintiff vs. Douglas Nyberg; Joanna M. Stephens; United States of America, Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"); Capital One, N.A.; Parties in Possession, defendants. This is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand. For more details go to: www.oregon-sheriffssales.org/country/lincoln 3/11/26, 3/18/26, 3/25/26, 4/1/26

LCL26-097 NOTICE OF LAPSE OF DORMANT MINERAL INTEREST

Notice of Extinguishing Dormant Mineral Interest Pursuant to ORS 517.170 through 517.180. Name of Holder: Smurfit Newsprint Corporation ("Holder"). Holder's Last Known Address: 427 Main St, Oregon City OR 97045 And: 419 Main St, Oregon City OR 97045. Name of Party Giving Notice: Homefront Enterprises, LLC ("Owner"). Address of Party Giving Notice: 6910 Chakarun LN SE, Salem OR 97306. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Owner is the vested owner of the property described below (the "Property"). Holder holds an interest in the Property's mineral rights other than oil, gas, and other minerals and hydrocarbons. The original mineral interest was created in that certain Warranty Deed recorded on May 9, 1962, at Book 225 Page 9 in Lincoln County Records. The first date of publication pursuant to ORS 517.180 is on March 4, 2026. Holder must submit a Statement of Claim to the Lincoln County Clerk within sixty (60) days after the last date of publication of this Notice or the Holder's mineral interest will be extinguished. The last date of publication will be on March 18, 2026. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERRTY AFFECTED. Beginning at a point that is 18.04 chains North and 11.91 chains West of the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 11 South, Range 11 West, Willamette Meridian, in Lincoln County, Oregon; thence North 10.97 chains; thence East to the North-South center line of said section; thence North on the North-South center line to its intersection with the East-West center line; thence West on the East-West center line to a point that is North of the point of beginning; thence continuing on said East-West center line 3.04 chains; thence South 21.94 chains to a point that is 3.04 chains West of the point of beginning; thence East 3.04 chains to the point of beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM

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being Publishers Paper Co. who later changed the name of its entity with the Oregon Secretary of State filed June 2, 1986 #446021-26663390. The first date of publication pursuant to ORS 517.180 is on March 4, 2026. Holder must submit a Statement of Claim to the Lincoln County Clerk within sixty (60) days after the last date of publication of this Notice or the Holder's mineral interest will be extinguished. The last date of publication will be on March 18, 2026. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERRTY AFFECTED Beginning at a point that is 18.04 chains North and 11.91 chains West of the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 11 South, Range 11 West, Willamette Meridian, in Lincoln County, Oregon; thence North 10.97 chains; thence East to the North-South center line of said section; thence North on the North-South center line to its intersection with the East-West center line; thence West on the East-West center line to a point that is North of the point of beginning; thence continuing on said East-West center line 3.04 chains; thence South 21.94 chains to a point that is 3.04 chains West of the point of beginning; thence East 3.04 chains to the point of beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM

LCL26-096 NOTICE OF LAPSE OF DORMANT MINERAL INTEREST

Notice of Extinguishing Dormant Mineral Interest Pursuant to ORS 517.170 through 517.180. Name of Holder: Wineberg Properties, Inc. an Oregon dissolved corporation ("Holder"). Holder's Last Known Addresses: 201 NW 52nd St., Vancouver, WA 98663-1217 And: 910 NE Minnehaha, Ste. #7, Vancouver WA 98665. Name of Party Giving Notice: Homefront Enterprises, LLC. ("Owner"). Address of Party Giving Notice: 6910 Chakarun LN SE, Salem OR 97306. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Owner is the vested owner of the property described below (the "Property"). Holder holds an interest in the Property's mineral rights other than oil, gas, and other minerals and hydrocarbons. The original mineral interest was created in that certain Warranty Deed recorded on May 9, 1962, at Book 225 Page 9 in Lincoln County Records. The first date of publication pursuant to ORS 517.180 is on March 4, 2026. Holder must submit a Statement of Claim to the Lincoln County Clerk within sixty (60) days after the last date of publication of this Notice or the Holder's mineral interest will be extinguished. The last date of publication will be on March 18, 2026. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERRTY AFFECTED. Beginning at a point that is 18.04 chains North and 11.91 chains West of the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 11 South, Range 11 West, Willamette Meridian, in Lincoln County, Oregon; thence North 10.97 chains; thence East to the North-South center line of said section; thence North on the North-South center line to its intersection with the East-West center line; thence West on the East-West center line to a point that is North of the point of beginning; thence continuing on said East-West center line 3.04 chains; thence South 21.94 chains to a point that is 3.04 chains West of the point of beginning; thence East 3.04 chains to the point of beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM

LCL26-097 NOTICE OF LAPSE OF DORMANT MINERAL INTEREST

Notice of Extinguishing Dormant Mineral Interest Pursuant to ORS 517.170 through 517.180. Name of Holder: Smurfit Newsprint Corporation ("Holder"). Holder's Last Known Address: 427 Main St, Oregon City OR 97045 And: 419 Main St, Oregon City OR 97045. Name of Party Giving Notice: Homefront Enterprises, LLC ("Owner"). Address of Party Giving Notice: 6910 Chakarun LN SE, Salem OR 97306. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Owner is the vested owner of the property described below (the "Property"). Holder holds an interest in the Property's mineral rights other than oil, gas, and other minerals and hydrocarbons. The original mineral interest was created in that certain Warranty Deed recorded on April 30, 1974, at Book 48 Page 1691, Lincoln County Records and later corrected on May 31, 1974, at Book 49 Page 1126, Lincoln County Records. Holder acquired its mineral interest under that Certificate of Merger recorded January 15, 1975 with the State of Oregon at Book 54 Page 545, reserving a mineral interest in favor of Publishers Paper Co., a Delaware corporation. The surviving corporation

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

LINCOLN COUNTY CONSORTIUM FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Consortium for Solid Waste Management will hold a public hearing on March 26, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioner's Conference Room, Room 108, 225 W. Olive Street, Newport, Oregon. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 as approved by the Consortium Budget Committee and to adopt the budget. Financial summary of the budget is provided below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained from the Lincoln County Solid Waste District Office, 880 NE 7th Street, Newport, between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. This is a public hearing. Any person may appear and present arguments for or against any item in the budget document. This Budget has been prepared using budgetary practices and techniques guided by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 294.305 to 294.565.

DATED: March 13, 2026

Paul Seitz, Budget Officer

Publish March 18, 2026

Table with 4 columns: Financial Summary, Adopted 2024-2025, Adopted 2025-2026, Proposed 2026-2027. Rows include Total All Funds, Anticipated Requirements (Personal Services, Materials & Services, Contingency), and Anticipated Resources (Total Contributions from Member Agencies, Property Taxes, Beginning Balance, Total Resources).

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that portion conveyed to Robert M. Farrington, et ux by deed recorded December 13, 1996 in Book 329, page 1789, Lincoln County Records. 3/4/26 3/11/26 3/18/26

**LCL26-087 SUCCESSION TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

The Successor Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.745, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES. Grantor: 3 Parleys Inc., an Oregon Corporation. Trustee: Western Title & Escrow Company. Successor Trustee: Christopher B. Matheny, Attorney, Matheny Law, LLC. Beneficiary: Lincoln City Commercial, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company. 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY. The real property is commonly known as 1330 NE Hwy 101, Lincoln City, and located in Lincoln County, Oregon and further described as follows: LOT 3, BLOCK 20, RAYMOND TOWNSITE, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, EXCEPT THEREFROM THAT PORTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL LYING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF HIGHWAY 101. 3. RECORDING. The Trust Deed was recorded on June 16, 2023, as document no. 2023-03989, in the official records of Lincoln County, Oregon. 4. DEFAULT. The Grantor or any other person obligated on the Trust Deed is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for failure to make payments as required by the Trust Deed and the Promissory Note secured thereby, as more particularly described below. 5. AMOUNT DUE. The amount due on the Promissory Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is \$788,680.05 as of January 20, 2026. See below itemized calculations: Unpaid Principal: \$738,775.44, Unpaid Interest: \$22,506.88, Security Penalty: \$3,000.00, Property Taxes: \$8,315.83, Insurance: \$3,283.50, Costs to date: \$1,782.40, Attorney Fees to date: \$2,940.00. The payments and late charges continue to accrue and additional advances may be made. The sums stated above are estimates only. Before attempting to pay the amounts due hereunder, call the Successor Trustee at (503) 581-1542 to determine the exact amounts of monetary defaults and actions required to cure possible other defaults. 6. SALE OF PROPERTY. The Successor Trustee hereby elects to sell the property and states that the property will be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust

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Deed. 7. TIME OF SALE. Date: June 5, 2026, Time: 10:00 a.m. Place: Lincoln County Courthouse, main entrance, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, Oregon 97365. 8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE. Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time that is not later than five (5) days before the Successor Trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure dismissed by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount due, and by curing any other default that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the Note and Trust Deed, and by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the Note and Trust Deed, together with the Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amount provided in ORS 86.778. You may contact the Successor Trustee at 503.581.1542. DATED: March 4, 2026. /s/ Christopher B. Matheny, Christopher B. Matheny, Successor Trustee, Matheny Law, LLC, 1644 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR 97302 3/4/26 3/11/26 3/18/25, 3/25/26

**LCL26-093 TS No. OR08000145-25-1 APN R337281 || 07-11-03-DC-71264-00 TO MO 250577551-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, KATHERINE DIETRICH-FORNER, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN AS GRANTOR to WESTERN TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for ANGEL OAK MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS LLC, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of April 14, 2022 and recorded on April 15, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022-03964 and the beneficial interest was assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of Angel Oak Mortgage Trust 2024-6, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2024-6 and recorded November 12, 2025 as Instrument Number 2025-08093 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R337281 || 07-11-03-DC-71264-00 THAT CERTAIN UNIT NO. 264-C AS DESCRIBED IN THAT CERTAIN DECLARATION OF UNIT OWNERSHIP OF SURFTIDES PLAZA, RECORDED ON THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1974. IN VOLUME 47, AT PAGE 929, OF THE DEED RECORDS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, AMENDED BY INSTRUMENT RECORDED JULY 30, 1976, IN BOOK 66, PAGE 1717, AND BY INSTRUMENT RECORDED OCTOBER 17, 1977, IN BOOK 80,

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PAGE 708, APPERTAINING TO A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY, LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, AS DESCRIBED IN SAID DECLARATION, WHICH IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF AS IF FULLY SET FORTH HEREIN, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED PERCENT OF THE GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN SAID DECLARATION APPERTAINING TO SAID UNIT. Commonly known as: 1415 NW 31ST PL UNIT 264, LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367 Both the Beneficiary, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of Angel Oak Mortgage Trust 2024-6, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elected 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 pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Total Monthly Payment(s): Total Monthly Payment(s) from 06/01/2025 to 01/01/2026 at \$19,646.32 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at \$313.80 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$271,495.11 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.99900% per annum from May 1, 2025 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on June 18, 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, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised

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Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) will impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> Dated: 1/30/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0484615 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 03/04/2026, 03/11/2026, 03/18/2026, 03/25/2026

**LCL26-094 SUCCESSION TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

The Successor Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.745, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES. Grantor: 3 Parleys Inc., an Oregon Corporation. Trustee: Western Title & Escrow Company. Successor Trustee: Christo-

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pher B. Matheny, Attorney, Matheny Law, LLC. Beneficiary: Lincoln City Commercial, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company. 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY. The real property is commonly known as 1333 NE Keel Ave, Lincoln City, and located in Lincoln County, Oregon and further described as follows: The South 30 feet of Lot 2, Block 20, RAYMOND TOWNSITE, in Lincoln County, Oregon, EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion of the above described parcel lying within the boundaries of Highway 101. 3. RECORDING. The Trust Deed was recorded on June 16, 2023, as document no. 2023-03992, in the official records of Lincoln County, Oregon. 4. DEFAULT. The Grantor or any other person obligated on the Trust Deed is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for failure to make payments as required by the Trust Deed and the Promissory Note secured thereby, as more particularly described below. 5. AMOUNT DUE. The amount due on the Promissory Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is \$374,842.48 as of January 20, 2026. See below itemized calculations: Principal Balance: \$345,350.34, Interest: \$14,305.41, Security Penalty: \$3,000.00, Property Taxes: \$6,167.61, Insurance: TBD, Costs to date: \$1,105.90, Attorney Fees to date: \$2,765.00. The payments and late charges continue to accrue and additional advances may be made. The sums stated above are estimates only. Before attempting to pay the amounts due hereunder, call the Successor Trustee at (503) 581-1542 to determine the exact amounts of monetary defaults and actions required to cure possible other defaults. 6. SALE OF PROPERTY. The Successor Trustee hereby elects to sell the property and states that the property will be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed. 7. TIME OF SALE. Date: June 5, 2026, Time: 10:30 a.m. Place: Lincoln County Courthouse, main entrance, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, Oregon 97365. 8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE. Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time that is not later than five (5) days before the Successor Trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure dismissed by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount due, as set forth above, and by curing any other default that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the Note and Trust Deed, and by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the Note

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and Trust Deed, together with the Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amount provided in ORS 86.778. You may contact the Successor Trustee at 503.581.1542. DATED: March 4, 2026. /s/ Christopher B. Matheny, Christopher B. Matheny, Successor Trustee, Matheny Law, LLC, 1644 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR 97302 3/4/26 3/11/26 3/18/26 3/25/26

**LCL26-077 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing instrument shall constitute notice, pursuant to ORS 86.764, that the Grantor of the Trust Deed described below has defaulted on its obligations to beneficiary, and that the Beneficiary and Successor Trustee under the Trust Deed have elected to sell the property secured by the Trust Deed: DEED OF TRUST AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: This instrument makes reference to that certain Deed of Trust dated October 26, 2022, and recorded October 31, 2022, as Instrument No. 2022-10239, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, State of Oregon (the "Deed of Trust"), wherein OLALLA CENTER, an Oregon corporation, is the Grantor, KEVIN P. MORAN, attorney at law is the original Trustee, and WASHINGTON FEDERAL BANK, is the Beneficiary. The aforementioned Deed of Trust covers property (the "Property") described on Exhibit A, together with all buildings, structures, fixtures and other improvements now or hereafter located thereon (the "Improvements"), all Additional Collateral described in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and all other personal property described in the Deed of Trust. The undersigned hereby certifies that he has no knowledge of any assignments of the Deed of Trust by the Trustee or by the Beneficiary or any appointments of a Successor Trustee other than the appointment of BALLARD SPAHR LLP, as Successor Trustee as recorded in the property records of the county in which the Property described above is situated. Further, the undersigned certifies that no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the Deed of Trust. Or, if such action has been instituted, it has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). The name and address of the Successor Trustee are as follows: Ballard Spahr LLP, 601 SW Second Avenue, Suite 2100, Portland, OR 97204. The Successor Trustee has authorized Andrew J. Geppert, Esq., OSB No. 203744, an attorney at Ballard Spahr LLP, to sign on behalf of the Successor Trustee. The Deed of Trust is not a "Residential Trust Deed", as defined in ORS 86.705(6), thus the requirements of Chapter 304 [S.B. 558], Oregon Laws 2013, Chapter 112 [S.B. 1552], Section 4a, Oregon Laws 2012, and ORS 86.771(10) do not apply. DEFAULT BY GRANTOR: There are continuing and uncured defaults by OLALLA CENTER, an Oregon corporation (the "Grantor") that, based on the provisions of the Deed of Trust and the loan documents executed in favor of WASHINGTON FEDERAL BANK ("Beneficiary"), for Loan No. 62765231766, including the Promissory Note dated and effective as of October 26, 2022 ("Note"), Commercial

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Loan Agreement dated and effective as of October 26, 2022 ("Loan Agreement"), Commercial Security Agreement dated and effective as of October 26, 2022 ("Security Agreement"), and Forbearance Agreement dated and effective as of June 20, 2025 ("Forbearance Agreement") and together with the Note, Loan Agreement, Security Agreement, and other loan and security documents executed in connection therewith are herein referred to collectively as the "Loan Documents", authorize the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust and the sale of the Property described above, which uncured and continuing defaults include but are not necessarily limited to the following: Grantor's failure to pay to Beneficiary monthly interest payments due, as provided under the Loan Documents, May 15, 2025 through November 15, 2025, including default interest, and other charges, is in the amount of \$57,743.61. Pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement Beneficiary agreed to conditionally forbear from enforcement of its remedies under the Loan Documents during the forbearance period set forth in the Forbearance Agreement (the "Forbearance Period"). The Forbearance Period expired on September 15, 2025. Consequently, Beneficiary is free to enforce its remedies including but not limited to issuing this Trustee's Notice of Sale. TOTAL UNCURED MONETARY (PAYMENT) DEFAULT: As of December 10, 2025, the amounts which must be paid to the Beneficiary to effect a statutory cure under ORS 86.778 and discontinue the trustee's sale are: Missed Monthly Interest Payments from 5/15/2025-11/15/2025: \$24,447.57, Non default interest through 5/15/2025 @ 5.550% (per diem \$82.36); \$1,811.98, Default interest from 5/16/2025 thru 12/10/2025 @ 9.550% (per diem \$141.72); \$29,478.45, Late Charge: \$349.26, Loan Return Check Charge: \$80.00, Legal Fees: \$1,576.35, Total Bring Current: \$57,743.61. The aggregate amount owing on the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust is \$567,542.57 as of December 10, 2025, together with default interest accruing on the unpaid principal balance at a rate of \$141.72 per diem, plus additional costs and expenses incurred by Beneficiary and/or the Successor Trustee (including their respective attorney's fees, costs, and expenses). ELECTION TO SELL: Notice is hereby given that the Beneficiary, by reason of the uncured and continuing defaults described above, has elected and does hereby elect to foreclose said Deed of Trust by advertisement and sale pursuant to ORS 86.752 et seq., and to cause to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the Grantor's interest in the subject Property, which the Grantor had, or had the power to convey, at the time the Grantor executed the Deed of Trust in favor of the Beneficiary, along with any interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust as well as the expenses of the sale, including compensation of the Trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of Trustee's attorneys. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the sale will

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be held at the hour of 11:30 a.m., in accordance with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, on April 30, 2026, at the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St # 201, Newport, OR 97365. RIGHT OF REINSTATEMENT: Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five (5) days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by (A) payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due, other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred, together with the costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the terms of the obligation, as well as Successor Trustee and attorney fees as prescribed by ORS 86.778; and (B) by curing all such other continuing and uncured defaults as noted in this Notice. NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771(9): Without limiting the Successor Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Successor Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. DATED: December 17, 2025. BALLARD SPAHR LLP Andrew J. Geppert, OSB No. 203744, Successor Trustee, Ballard Spahr LLP 601 SW Second Avenue, Suite 2100, Portland, OR 97204, Telephone: (503) 778-2100, Facsimile: (503) 778-2200, Email: Gepperta@ballardspahr.com. EXHIBIT A Legal Description Lot 5, CARTWRIGHTS SUBDIVISION, in Nye and Thompson's Addition to Newport, County of Lincoln and State of Oregon. EXHIBIT B Additional Collateral The Collateral located on the Property as detailed in the Loan Documents, as follows: (A) All accessions, attachments, accessories, tools, parts, supplies, replacements of and additions to any of the collateral described herein, whether added now or later. (B) All products and produce of any of the property described in this Collateral section. (C) All accounts, general intangibles, instruments, rents, monies, payments, and all other rights, arising out of a sale, lease, consignment or other disposition of any of the property described in this Collateral section. (D) All proceeds (including insurance proceeds) from the sale, destruction, loss, or other disposition of any of the property described in this Collateral section, and sums due from a third party who has damaged or destroyed the Collateral or from that party's insurer, whether due to judgment, settlement or other process. (E) All records and data relating to any of the property described in this Collateral section, whether in the form of a writing, photograph, microfilm, microfiche, or electronic media, together with all of Grantor's right, title, and interest in and to all computer software required to utilize, create, maintain, and process any such records or data on electronic media. 2/25/26 3/4/26 3/11/26 3/18/26

# King Crossword

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- 1 Banner
- 5 Invoice fig.
- 8 Experts
- 12 Earring site
- 13 Brit's restroom
- 14 Carry on
- 15 Capital of Paraguay
- 17 Slender weapon
- 18 Rationed (out)
- 19 Urges forward
- 21 "La Dolce —"
- 24 Granola morsel
- 25 Luke's teacher
- 28 Folklore monster
- 30 Mel of Cooperstown
- 33 "Caught ya!"
- 34 Welcome
- 35 Bankroll
- 36 "Tasty!"
- 37 Give temporarily
- 38 Burden
- 39 Navarro on "The View"
- 41 Mausoleum
- 43 Continue
- 46 Skiers' mecca
- 50 Bank statement no.
- 51 Capital of India

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- 57 Bouquet
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- 59 Norms (Abbr.)
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- 2 Misplace
- 3 Border on
- 4 Swiss metropolis
- 5 Foreman foe
- 6 Cattle call
- 7 Author
- Morrison
- 8 Venezuelan corn patty
- 9 Capital of South Africa
- 10 Daring Knieval
- 11 Beholds
- 16 Roman 401
- 20 Champagne brand
- 22 Ripped
- 23 Rep
- 25 Candied veggie
- 26 Resistance unit
- 27 Capital of Syria
- 29 Make over
- 31 Sigma follower
- 32 QBs' goals
- 34 Glitzy rock genre
- 38 Fixate
- 40 Peculiar
- 42 Irate
- 43 Grate
- 44 Canyon comeback
- 45 Concludes
- 47 Conspiracy
- 48 Barak of Israel
- 49 Guitarist Lofgren
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆**

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## Despite playoff disappointment, Newport's heads held high

WILL LOHRE  
Lincoln County Leader

A phenomenal regular season had Newport's varsity boys ranked #2 heading into the state playoffs, but a hot performance from Hidden Valley ended the Cubs' campaign in the first round.

It was Head Coach Will Burghardt's third successive trip to the playoffs, after Newport finished without a postseason appearance for four seasons. Before the playoff game, Burghardt was named the Oregon West Coach of the Year, powered by the 8-2 league record and a 19-4 mark overall.

In the March 6 matchup with the Hidden Valley Mustangs, Newport lost 62-80, but the score didn't tell the full tale of the competitive battle.

After going down early, the Cubs never gave up, but a hot-shooting Mustangs team never ceded the lead and kept Newport at bay.

"Props to Hidden Valley, they had a great game. They had a good game plan for us; they made a lot of shots. Contested, uncontested; it just seemed like everything they were shooting was going in that night, which was hard. That kind of brought our spirits down a little bit," Burghardt said. "We made a pretty good push in the third quarter. I believe we cut it to five points, and we had a chance to cut it down more and missed a shot."

After that miss, Hidden Valley went on another run. They hit a layup, and on subsequent possessions, knocked down two of their thirteen threes on the night to push the lead back up to double digits. From there, the Mustangs maintained the gap, staying out of reach of the Cubs' claws.

"We made our push; it's not like we rolled over, but they just had all the answers that night," Burghardt said. "It's a great effort to make that run, and you're giving it all, and you feel like you have that momentum and that energy going your way, and then: Boom! A couple of threes get knocked down, and the whole gym gets deflated."

Playing in front of a vibrant Newport home crowd, the Cubs refused to give up, but the bounces didn't go their way.



The 2025-26 Newport Cubs put it all on the court this season. (Courtesy photo from OSAA)

Burghardt credited senior Aaidyn Bokuro and junior Collin Fierro for their undeterred efforts in guarding the Mustangs' two best players all night long. It was a microcosm of their energy and intensity all season, along with the play of Newport's other two seniors, Easton Herrmann and Aiden Brown.

Bokuro put it all on the line in his final high school basketball game, showing why he earned both Defensive and Offensive Player of the Year for the Oregon West, as well as being named to the First Team All League. Against Hidden Valley, Bokuro notched 28 points, leading the way for the Cubs and exhibiting all the skills that made him the league's most decorated player this season.

Herrmann scored 21 in the playoff loss and was also a

representative in the All-League awards, earning First Team honors in the Oregon West. Also receiving recognition was Fierro, who was awarded Second Team plaudits. In the final game of the season, each of Newport's stars showed why they earned those awards, and right beside them, the rest of the team was there for the challenge.

When the final buzzer sounded and the season was over, Burghardt made sure his team knew they had nothing to be ashamed of. This year brought high highs and low lows. Whether it was cutting the net after the first league championship in seven years or dealing with the emotions after earlier losses, the Cubs put 100 percent into it.

"I was trying to give perspective on how much they accomplished this year," Burghardt

said. "We did great things. We've probably accomplished more than anyone thought we were going to. I was just trying to give them props to keep their heads up. Letting them know that they unified the community. The amount of people at that game was unbelievable. It was a really fun environment. There were even more people than at the league championship game. The community was bought in; those guys were playing good basketball. You can be sad your season is over, but over the marathon of a basketball season, there's a lot to be proud of."

Though Burghardt needed some time to decompress after the game and reflect on the season, he's already got some high hopes headed towards next year.

Since taking over in 2023, Burghardt has reached the

playoffs in each of his first three seasons. Each year under his supervision, the Cubs have improved their record and end-of-season ranking. The next thing on the list will be to grab that elusive first playoff win.

That's a story for next season, though, and for now, recognizing the program's upward trajectory is important.

"Coming into the job, I had no idea what to expect," Burghardt said. "I'm really proud of the way the kids have bought in and worked these past three years.

It's been a true joy to coach these kids. Taking the wins out of it, just the way that they've committed to each other, the way that they work, the way they bought into building a program. It's been way better than I ever imagined, and I believe that we can keep this thing rolling."



Former state placer Yaneli Hermosillo-Carrasco in her Air Force wrestling uniform. (Courtesy photo from Robb Ellis)

## Taft alum wrestles for her country

WILL LOHRE  
Lincoln County Leader

A former Taft wrestler in the Air Force competed at the 2026 Armed Forces Wrestling Championships this past weekend, continuing her commitment to high-level wrestling while serving her country.

Yaneli Hermosillo-Carrasco placed third in the state of Oregon in her junior year at Taft High School, and though she is serving with the Air Force based in Italy right now,

she qualified to be part of the Air Force wrestling team and competed in the Armed Forces Wrestling Championships in Fort Bliss, Texas, the weekend of March 14-15, 2026.

Competing in a dual meet, Air Force narrowly took the victory, 25-24. In her lone match, Hermosillo-Carrasco faced Army's Areana Villaescusa at 57 kg. Villaescusa proved a handful and is a former World Team member; she defeated Hermosillo-Carrasco by pin in their lone match.

## Newport Jr Cubs win state!

WILL LOHRE  
Lincoln County Leader

The Newport Jr Cubs continued their run of dominance at the 7th-grade level, as the program captured its fourth consecutive state championship at the State Basketball Tournament in Salem, Feb. 20-22.

The Central Oregon Coast has been establishing itself as a hub of youth basketball in the past few years, and that development was just further reaffirmed this winter as the Newport Jr Cubs sent multiple age groups to the State Basketball Tournaments in Salem, with both the 6th and 7th grade teams making the finals, and the 4th grade girls landing in the top four.

The headline from the weekend at the Oregon capitol was the Newport 7th-grade boys lifting the trophy once again. It was the fourth straight for the program at that level, and they met a familiar foe in the finals. Newport faced off against Cascade in a rematch of last year's final, and though it was a different year, the result was the same. The Jr Cubs walked away victorious, winning 53-49 in the final.

The 6th-grade boys, they managed to make it to the final, but they couldn't quite get over the final hurdle. In a close battle with Marshfield, Newport fell just short, losing in the final 58-53. Despite the loss, there were plenty of smiles all around for the team; after all, reaching those heights is an achievement in itself.



The 4 time State Champion 7th grade boys team celebrates their win. (Courtesy photo from Eddie Townsend)



The Jr Cubs 4th grade girls, 6th grade boys, and 7th grade boys all together after competing all weekend at the State Basketball Tournament in February. (Courtesy photo from Eddie Townsend)

Finally, the 4th-grade girls also played their hearts out in Salem and managed to put together a successful weekend without making the final. The girls took fourth place, which marked them as Consolation Champions, and had them leaving the state capitol as one of the best teams in the state. In a post on the program's Instagram page, the

caption congratulated them for their "incredible growth" this season.

With so much success at the youth level, it's a promising sign for years to come. There's no doubt the future of basketball is bright in Newport! Keep an eye out for these kids as they make their way to the high school hardwood.