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Department of Forestry, Newport Fire Department to share new building

Steve Card
Lincoln County Leader

A building is under construction in north Newport that will become the new home of the Oregon Department of Forestry, replacing its current facility in Toledo. The building will also be the new site of the Newport Fire Department's north station.

"It's a joint-use facility. It's all one building," said Newport Fire Chief Rob Murphy. "The city will be leasing a portion of the building from the Oregon Department of Forestry as our north fire station."

Murphy said they have had a fire station at that location since 2012. "We bought the original building from a private party and then converted it to a fire station," he said. Although it has served the purpose, it was more or less a converted warehouse used to store their equipment.

"It will be pretty similar to what we've been doing in the past, but it's a brand new facility, which is better because this will be a purpose-built building as opposed to one that we tried to convert," said Murphy. "And then also being in the same location as Oregon Department of Forestry will open up opportunities for training and working together with them."



A new building is being constructed at the end of Northeast 73rd Street in Newport, just east of the Oregon State Police office, that will become the new home of the Oregon Department of Forestry Newport Unit. It will also be the site of the Newport Fire Department's north station. (Photo by Steve Card)



This rendering shows the new building designed by Capri Architecture that will house the Oregon Department of Forestry Newport Unit and the north station of the Newport Fire Department. (Courtesy image)

The new building does have living quarters for both the department of forestry and the fire department, however, Murphy said NPD has no plans currently to house firefighters there 24/7. The building the fire department had been using as its north station has been demolished, and equipment is temporarily being

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DA staffing concerns trigger dialog

Jeremy C. Ruark
Lincoln County Leader

Lincoln County District Attorney Jenna Wallace recently issued a media release stating the county's crime statistics are "staggering."

"In 2024, the district attorney's office filed 6,977 criminal charges with a 16 percent increase in weapon offenses, 53 percent increase in drug crimes, and 8 percent increase in wildlife offenses. The district attorney's office filed 759 person-on-person crimes; 98 of which involved a weapon. Lincoln County's homicide rate has increased 500 percent from 2023. In the past six months, this county has experienced three officer-involved shootings and two homicides. This brings the total number of pending homicide cases to six, an unprecedented number for this county."

Wallace also released the following statistics:

- In the first 35 days of 2025, the DA's office filed 645 criminal charges, a 17 percent increase from the prior year.
- In 2025, the office has seen a 33 percent increase in person-on-person crimes, 22 percent increase in traffic crimes, 16 percent increase in DUI crimes and a 136 percent increase in drug crimes.
- So far, the DA's office has filed 72 person-on-person charges, 11 of which involved a weapon.

Currently, the Cold Case Team is actively working on the Kelly Disney homicide and has received federal funding and resources from the FBI Behavior Analyst Unit in Quantico, Virginia. However, the DA's office must identify an internal lead detective. The detective position became vacant on Monday, Jan. 27, and on Jan. 29, Wallace issued a press release about that vacancy and the impact it will have on operations. On Feb. 3, Lincoln County responded on Facebook and claimed the press release contained misleading information, according to Wallace.

"This is, in fact, the first time in 20 years that the district attorney's office has been without any detective services," Wallace said. "The full-time detective position has been vacant three times over the past four years, however, during those vacancies, the DA's office employed a second, grant-funded detective that covered many gaps in services." The grant-funded detective position lost funding last September, which reduced that employee's hours. "The position was then eliminated by the county without discussion with the district attorney's office," Wallace said.

The DA's office also currently has a vacant digital forensic analyst position, which has been vacant since January 2024. Since May 2024, Wallace said her office has been actively advocating

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A celebration of seafood and wine



Newport will be a busy place this week as the 48th annual Newport Seafood & Wine Festival gets underway Thursday evening and runs through Sunday. (Courtesy photo)

Steve Card
Lincoln County Leader

The 48th annual Newport Seafood & Wine Festival returns this week, so area residents should prepare themselves for an influx of visitors.

The festival began in 1977 with the intention of boosting the local economy during the slowest time of the year. The chamber president at the time, Bob Spangler, and former Sen.

John Brenneman came up with the idea to simultaneously promote Newport's seafood industry while bringing visitor dollars to the central Oregon coast.

By 1980, attendance was up to 8,000, and the location was moved to the dry moorage building in South Beach. The event continued to grow and expanded to a three-day event. By 1987, a Commercial Wine Competition was added.

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Nye Beach parking plan moving forward

Steve Card
Lincoln County Leader

Plans for a paid parking program in Newport's Nye Beach District were shared last week with members of the Nye Neighborhood Association, a group of residents and business owners who gathered on Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Newport Performing Arts Center.

Newport Community Development Director Derrick Tokos spoke about how the new parking program will likely unfold, although he said details are still being finalized. The group also heard from Newport Police Chief Jason Malloy, who talked about parking enforcement.

"Parking congestion is not a new issue," Tokos said while sharing some of the history about the city's parking program. "The city — in Nye Beach, the City Center and the Bayfront — provides a lot of the parking for businesses and residents alike."



Tom Ettel, president of the Nye Neighborhood Association, opens the meeting on Feb. 13 that addressed details of a new paid parking program in Nye Beach. (Photo by Steve Card)

For a number of years, businesses in those areas would pay an annual fee to the city in lieu

of required providing off-street parking. "Nye Beach, and the Bayfront, in particular, are

terrain constrained. There's no room to build off-street parking," said Tokos.

But while the costs of maintaining parking, streets and signage have continued to go up, the fees being paid did not. "So the city did not have money to maintain the parking, and in 2009 we went a different route with parking districts, and we engaged businesses and residents in all three areas of what that should look like. It's different in all three," he said.

The city later undertook a parking study, which was wrapped up in 2020. "It had a number of recommendations — particularly as it relates to Bayfront and Nye Beach — to shift the demand, having people pay for each parking spot (either with a meter or a permit) to influence where they park and

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Rain

Sunday: High-54/Low-48
Rain

Monday: High-54/Low-45
Showers

Tuesday: High-55/Low-44
AM Showers

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
February 11	0.00	29.6	44.1
February 12	0.00	30.4	47.5
February 13	0.77	33.6	39.1
February 14	0.34	36.7	49.8
February 15	0.21	39.2	52.0
February 16	0.49	47.7	51.4
February 17	0.22	47.6	48.9

Tides Tables

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

High.....3:52 a.m.....7.9
Low.....10:59 a.m.....1.8
High.....5:22 p.m.....5.4
Low.....9:49 p.m.....3.8

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

High.....4:31 a.m.....7.8
Low.....12:07 p.m.....1.7
High.....7:05 p.m.....5.1
Low.....10:34 p.m.....4.2

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

High.....5:24 a.m.....7.7
Low.....1:21 p.m.....1.4
Low.....11:52 p.m.....4.7

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

High.....6:31 a.m.....7.8
Low.....2:27 p.m.....0.9
High.....9:53 p.m.....5.7

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Low.....1:30 a.m.....4.7
High.....7:42 a.m.....7.9
Low.....3:21 p.m.....0.3
High.....10:30 p.m.....6.2

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Low.....2:45 a.m.....4.3
High.....8:44 a.m.....8.4
Low.....4:06 p.m.....0.2
High.....11:01 p.m.....6.6

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Low.....3:42 a.m.....3.8
High.....9:40 a.m.....8.8
Low.....4:46 p.m.....0.7
High.....11:30 p.m.....7.1

Sunrise/Sunset

February 19	7:09 a.m.	5:51 p.m.
February 20	7:08 a.m.	5:52 p.m.
February 21	7:06 a.m.	5:53 p.m.
February 22	7:04 a.m.	5:55 p.m.
February 23	7:03 a.m.	5:56 p.m.
February 24	7:01 a.m.	5:57 p.m.
February 25	6:59 a.m.	5:59 p.m.
February 26	6:58 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
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Hospital CEO addresses financial challenges

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Dr. Lesley Ogden, the CEO of the two nonprofit Samaritan Health Services hospitals in Lincoln County, is looking to the future optimistically.
As an emergency department doctor for several years, followed by 11 years as a hospital administrator, Ogden has experienced both the rewards and challenges of providing health care to a rural county. During a gathering of the Rotary Club of Lincoln City Feb. 5, Ogden presented a Health Care Year in Review.
She focused on new programs and services at the Oregon coast, such as the Samaritan retail pharmacy that opened in January in Lincoln City, robotic-assisted surgery now available in Newport, and the Samaritan treatment and recovery services center that will open this summer.
“While it is extremely satisfying to report on the highlights of health care in Lincoln County, we are also experiencing some obstacles,” Ogden said. “We are not alone in this. Many hospitals across our region and the nation are facing the same complex challenges.”
Financial issues and workforce shortages are the largest challenges for most hospitals, according to

Ogden.
“We are facing significant financial pressures due to factors like a challenging payer mix, stagnant reimbursement rates and increased labor costs,” she said.
Ogden listed the ways hospitals are negatively impacted:

- The amount of charity care provided has doubled due to a new Oregon law requiring hospitals to provide presumptive financial assistance for patients with bills greater than \$500 — based on incomplete data and without allowing communication with the patient.
- Commercial payer problems have increased hospitals’ administrative burden, driving up costs. These problems include increased denials, delays and paying less than anticipated.
- Seventy-five percent of Lincoln County patients are on Medicare or Medicaid. These government programs have not raised their reimbursement rates for several years, leading to underpayment for hospital services provided. Currently, reimbursement is about 70 cents for every dollar spent.
- The Medicaid population in Samaritan’s tri-county region of Benton, Lincoln and Linn counties has grown from 50,000



Dr. Lesley Ogden

to 80,000 while for-profit health care entities in this area are limiting the care they provide to these patients. This means nonprofits like Samaritan Health are covering a disproportionate amount of this population.

- Patients are staying in the hospital longer because of Medicaid eligibility determinations, guardianship issues, lack of rehabilitation or nursing home beds, and increased wariness of post-acute care providers to accept complex patients.
- Inflation has led to higher supply and medication costs, as well as record-setting compensation and wage increases.
- An Oregon hospital staffing law increased the number of professionals required, raising labor expense without increasing revenue.

There are increased agency expenses for temporary traveling health care professionals compared to pre-pandemic costs, due to lack of medical professionals to fill all openings.

- Unexpected events like the ice storm in January 2024 shut down services for a week.
- The Change Healthcare national cyber security incident caused a delay in billing and the inability to collect payments for close to a month, leading to higher charity care.
- As independent physician groups across the region have faltered because of these same financial pressures, Samaritan has leaned in to rapidly create solutions to maintain seamless care. A couple of examples are an anesthesia group in Corvallis and an emergency services group in Albany.

Despite these challenges, Ogden said Samaritan Health Services is committed to its mission of “building healthier communities together.”
“We are newly prepared to remain a safe environment for anyone seeking care, regardless of status,” she said. “We will continue to see all Medicaid patients who need care, at reimbursement levels far below our actual costs,

while for-profit competitors limit how many Medicaid patients they will see.”
Ogden said the Samaritan hospitals in Newport and Lincoln City will continue to offer financial assistance to those who qualify and will adhere to state and federal laws, “some of which have unintended consequences,” she said.
“We will increasingly move away from a fee-for-service approach to a value-based care model,” Ogden said. “This model emphasizes quality of care, provider performance and the patient experience, with the hope of reducing costs while improving health outcomes. I am optimistic that working together we can find solutions that will allow us to continue our important work of ensuring access to health care, no matter who you are or where you live.”
Samaritan Health Services operates Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital in Lincoln City. It is described as a critical access hospital providing top-quality, compassionate care to residents of Lincoln County. Samaritan also operates Samaritan Pacific Universities Hospital in Newport, a community-based, 25-bed critical access hospital serving residents and visitors of Depoe Bay, Newport, Toledo, Waldport and Yachats.

County Administrator Tim Johnson resigns

Steve Card
Lincoln County Leader

Tim Johnson, who became Lincoln County’s first administrator in April 2022, officially resigned his position this month, effective Feb. 7.
A press release issued Feb. 10 by county officials thanked Johnson for his dedication and hard work during his time with the county.
“In his time with Lincoln County, Administrator Johnson has implemented important initiatives,” County Commission Chair Claire Hall said in the press release. “These include innovations to the budgeting process; review of the county’s finances; exciting branding campaigns; and real progress on several

major capital projects, among them the construction of the new Lincoln County Animal Shelter, beginning the redevelopment of the Lincoln County Commons, and the establishment of the Community Shelter and Resource Center.”
Hall added, “Thank you, Administrator Johnson, for your role in Lincoln County’s progress and in its history. We wish you well in your future endeavors.”
Hall was contacted by the Lincoln County Leader last week regarding the plan for finding Johnson’s replacement. Under current county code, the administrator position cannot simply be eliminated but must be filled by another person.
“We really haven’t had all but a very preliminary



Tim Johnson, Lincoln County’s first ever administrator, resigned his position effective Feb. 7. He had served in that role since April 2022. (Courtesy photo)

conversation about (the next steps).” Hall said. “But I think the consensus that’s emerging is that we can get a qualified interim person and then really take some time to do some internal and external

outreach. I don’t want to rush it.”
In his resignation letter to the county, Johnson wrote, “Being a county administrator is not an easy job. Public sector management requires another set of knowledge and energy needed to ensure its diverse operations. As the first county administrator in the 132-year history of the county, it has been a demanding effort to initiate this form of government while simultaneously implementing moving priorities and achieving customer satisfaction valued by county residents while managing a multi-million-dollar organization.”
Johnson pointed out some of the challenges he has faced in his role as the county administrator,

and he made a number of recommendations for the county commission to consider moving forward. He concluded by saying, “Treat the employees of the county with honesty, integrity and dignity, as public service is the most noble of callings, and Lincoln County needs and deserves leaders of character.
“Lastly, I hope that the new commission will work to ensure an environment for success through continued accountability and transparency,” Johnson said in his letter. “Speaking as a fourth generation Oregonian, it is not just deserved, it should be a requirement. Because as Abraham Lincoln said, “You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.”

Public health alert: pet owners warned about raw pet food

Jeremy C. Ruark
Lincoln County Leader

The Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Washington State Department of Agriculture are warning pet owners about the risks of raw pet food after two cats in Multnomah County tested positive for Highly Pathogenic

Avian Influenza (HPAI).
The owners of the cats, in consultation with their veterinarians, elected to humanely euthanize the pets due to the severity of the illness. ODA confirmed both cats ate the same brand of raw pet food before becoming ill.
In both cases, the veterinarians followed the

correct protocol in reporting the illness to ODA, according to a release from the agency. Staff collected samples from the affected cats and opened containers of the raw pet food.
Tests conducted by the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Oregon State University and the National Veterinary

Services Laboratories at the U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed the presence of HPAI in both cats and the food samples.
In response to these findings, as well as additional testing performed by WSDA, a public health alert has been issued, warning consumers about the risk of HPAI in certain lots of raw pet food produced by Wild Coast Raw in Olympia, Washington. Consumers are urged to check the lot numbers on Wild Coast Raw products and not to feed the product to their animals.
“Cats, including both domestic and wild cats, such as tigers, mountain lions, lynx, etc., are particularly sensitive to H5N1 avian influenza, and care should be taken not to expose these animals to the virus,” the ODA said. “Dogs can also contract H5N1, though they appear less susceptible to the virus than cats.”
The two agencies offered the follow tips to help protect your pet from H5N1:

- Do not feed your pet undercooked or raw meat, including uncooked or freeze-dried meat-based diets, treats, or animal products.
- Do not feed your pet

raw (unpasteurized) milk or colostrum.

- Prevent pets from eating birds or other wild animals.
- Wash your hands after touching raw meat and interacting with poultry, livestock, or animals outside your household.
- Consider changing clothing and shoes after interacting with animals or birds with unknown health status and before interacting with your own pets.
- Contact your veterinarian if your pet appears sick. Tell your veterinarian if your pet has been exposed to raw meat, raw milk, or wild waterfowl.

If you suspect your pet has H5N1, ODA and WSDA urge you to immediately contact your veterinarian and tell them about any risk factors. Veterinarians must immediately report any suspected cases of influenza in animals to ODA at 503-986-4711.
Public health monitors all people exposed to animals infected with HPAI through 10 days following their last exposure.
There have been no documented human cases of HPAI following exposure to an infected cat.

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New county commissioner to be chosen today

Steve Card
Lincoln County Leader

A new Lincoln County commissioner should be selected today (Wednesday) during a regular meeting of the two remaining commissioners.

The board vacancy was created by the resignation of Commissioner Kaety Jacobson, who announced last month that she would be stepping down from her position effective Feb. 14, with two years left in her term.

There were 26 applicants for the position, from which commissioners Claire Hall and Casey Miller selected four finalists — Walter Chuck, of Newport; John Heath, of Gleneden Beach; Ryan Parker, of Newport; and Catherine Rigby, of Newport. Interviews were conducted during a special



Three applicants for the vacancy on the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners were interviewed on Feb. 12. Pictured in this screenshot captured from the livestream of the interviews are Walter Chuck, left, Catherine Rigby and Ryan Parker.

meeting held Feb. 12, however, it ended up being only three applicants, as Heath notified the commissioners that day that he had decided to withdraw from consideration.

The other three, Chuck, Rigby and Parker, spent several hours answering questions during the interviews, and Hall was clear during that process that they would be taking some

time to consider input from all three applicants before making any decision on the final choice.

In fact, plans didn't call for a decision to be made until today's meeting, "and

who chairs the commission, was asked what that process will look like. "Well, I think that's going to depend on the meeting. I imagine we'll have some discussion, and then I'll let Casey make a motion to appoint one of the three."

Hall said she has gotten some feedback about their process for selecting the new commissioner. "What I've heard far more, I think, than anything else was that this shouldn't be decided by us, it should be a special election. But the ORS specifically lays out if there's a vacancy in a countywide elected office, it's the commissioners who make the appointment and that person serves until the next regular election."

Once selected, the new commissioner was expected to be sworn in immediately.

Toledo city manager terminated

Steve Card
Lincoln County Leader

The Toledo City Council, on a split decision at its Feb. 5 meeting, approved the termination of City Manager Doug Wiggins.

Wiggins, along with Toledo Fire Chief Larry Robeson, had been placed on paid administrative leave last September. The reasons for doing so have never been made public because they are personnel matters. At that time, the city's finance director, Amanda Carey, was appointed interim city manager, and Ryan Harris was appointed interim fire chief.

However, after what has been described as considerable turmoil within with both city administration and the fire department. Carey, Harris, and fire training officer Shannon Brecik all resigned their positions on Jan. 22.

During a special session held Jan. 29, the city council reinstated Robeson, and he will serve in a "co-fire chief" position for the time being with Siletz Fire Chief David Lapof.



Doug Wiggins

effective immediately after the vote passed. Wiggins had been Toledo's city manager since August 2023.

As far as the next steps, Cross said, "We are currently going over how we're going to do an interim city manager, and then how we are going to move forward in the selection of the next city manager." That will be a topic of discussion at the council's meeting at 6 p.m. today, (Wednesday) at city hall.

Cross said three people have applied for the interim city manager position. "I'm hoping (tonight) we'll

finalize our process and then probably hold a special meeting within the next week to do interviews and try to go from there." He added that a number of the current council members don't have experience with the process of replacing a city manager, "so a lot of it on Wednesday is going to be an education, the kinds of processes we can go through, use a professional firm, do it ourselves, there's a lot of different ways to handle this."

Cross himself has considerable experience in this area. "This is my 17th year in elected office and my 27th year working in the city, and this is going to be my eighth go around on a city manager search," he said.

"Face it, we're a stepping-stone type of community," he added. "This is where people either get their start or where they want to retire, and that's part of the process, understanding where we are in the pecking order and making sure we

can get the best we can with what we have to offer." He also said, "The average tenure of a city manager, I believe, is now around 2.5 years because they're either moving up, council changes and things go sideways ... it's just the nature of the beast."

Cross said once the city council selects the interim city manager, it should be just a matter of days before that person can be on the job "because all three of them, that's what they do, they do interim jobs."

As far as how long it might take to have the permanent city manager on board, Cross said, "I would say within the next two to three months is a good timeframe to shoot for."

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The event's impact resonated strongly with attendees. "What an incredible event," said local Shelly Heim. "The in-depth content the speakers provided gave us tangible tools to start



these inspiring sessions allowed us to discuss implementation strategies with professionals from various backgrounds, all while enjoying our beautiful coastal setting.”

The conference at-

The Oregon AI Conference demonstrated that innovation can thrive anywhere. As businesses everywhere adapt to new technologies, the local business community is taking steps to ensure it's prepared for an AI-enhanced future.

FESTIVAL

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Today, the event runs for four days and draws thousands of visitors to Newport throughout the last full weekend in February, with more than 125 vendors — seafood vendors, craftspeople, and Northwest wineries — all under a tented venue adjacent to the Rogue Brewery in South Beach. More than 300 volunteers, a dedicated volunteer committee, and local support from city and county agencies make this annual event possible. Presenting sponsor Chinook Winds Casino Resort has generously supported the event for the past 15 years.

The Seafood Chowder Competition, which was first held at last year's festival, will be back. A panel of professional chefs will judge the chowder entries on opening night, and then people will have the opportunity to try those chowders throughout the festival. Visitors can pick their favorite, and a People's Choice Award will be given out on the final day.

Another focus of the Newport Seafood & Wine Festival recently has been to bring a higher level of entertainment. Live music will be performed on each day of the festival, and a complete schedule of this year's musical lineup can be found online at www.newportchamber.org/newport-seafood-wine-festival

Providing an economic boost to the community as a whole remains an important part of the Newport Seafood & Wine Festival. One of the ways this is accomplished is by creating an environment that encourages festival goers to venture out and visit local restaurants, businesses and attractions. "We tweaked hours a bit because we wanted people to be able to spend money elsewhere in Newport, so it's not like an all-night thing where they're just staying there at the festival," said Lauren Pahl, marketing manager for the Newport Chamber of Commerce, which puts on the yearly event. Hours are Thursday, from 5 to 9 p.m.; Friday, from noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "So make your dinner reservations before they all fill up," Pahl said. Hotels and restaurants in the area see some of their busiest times of the year during festival weekend.

There will also be a free shuttle bus again this year, providing transportation between local hotels and the festival.

For complete information about this year's event, and to purchase tickets, go online at www.newportchamber.org/newport-seafood-wine-festival



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VIEWPOINTS

Better grad rates but worse test scores befuddle lawmakers

TIM NESBITT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

There was good news and bad news in the data released over the past few weeks on how Oregon's school kids are doing. Then, the bad news got worse, and so did the responses of lawmakers on both sides of the aisle.

First, the good news. Oregon's high school graduation rate ticked up to nearly 82 percent last year, a slight improvement from the previous year and a big improvement since 2016, when Oregon voters approved Measure 98 and boosted funding for career and technical education. Notably, the graduation rate for high schoolers who took two or more of those courses climbed to about 98 percent last year.

That was exactly what supporters of Measure 98, myself included, had hoped for. Kudos to Stand for Children Oregon, a nonprofit advocating for better educational outcomes, for sponsoring the measure and insist-

ing on adding a program that offers extra support for high school freshmen to get them on track to graduation.

Now for the bad and even worse news.

The latest data on math and reading test scores for Oregon students was more alarming than we first thought, as The Oregonian/OregonLive reported. When adjusted for household income and demographics, our kids are not "near the bottom," they are "at the bottom" of all 50 states!

The responses from the governor and the education establishment at the state and local level were, according to the report, "crickets." But even worse was the defensiveness of some Democratic lawmakers and the reflexive overreach of their Republican counterparts.

When presented with the test score data from the National Assessment of Educational Progress, two Democratic legislators on the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education rallied to the

cause of defending the indefensible. Test scores don't tell the whole story, they said; many kids are smarter than the test results would suggest.

That's a tired argument we've been hearing for years now from defenders of the status quo. Its faults should be obvious. The national assessment rankings were gathered from kids nationwide — good and bad test takers alike. So, unless one has reasons to believe that Oregon kids are exceptionally bad test takers, worse than kids in the other 49 states, there's no basis for clinging to excuses of this kind.

The Democratic lawmakers who trotted out this old argument didn't offer any evidence to support it. What I heard instead was more like a rationalization than a reckoning and a continuing refusal to recognize the consequences of decline in our K-12 school system.

Not that their Republican counterparts were any more reasonable.

They led with vouchers for private school alternatives, which one can view as both raising a white flag for our public school system and waving a red flag at Democrats. But compared to silence and denial, at least one can say Republicans came out swinging.

I feel like we're in the midst of that scene in the movie, "Ferris Buehler's Day Off," where the teacher keeps asking a classroom of the bored and the surly: Anyone? Anyone?

Is anyone offering a compelling and reasonable response to the report cards we've been seeing from our K-12 schools over the past decade?

For years now, the hands being raised in support of education reform in Oregon have been coming from outside the legislature and the education establishment. Nonprofits like Stand for Children, Foundations for a Better Oregon and the former Chalkboard Project have

been developing, fine-tuning and advancing the best strategies for fixing our K-12 system. Meanwhile, lawmakers, the Oregon Department of Education, local school boards, district administrators and the teachers' union have become second responders at best to the most compelling ideas of these organizations.

I was reminded of this dynamic when I read the recent Capital Chronicle commentary by Sarah Pope, executive director of Stand for Children, and Christine Vernier, co-founder of Vernier Science Education.

Their commentary focused on the need to expand the state's Early Learning Success Initiative for third-grade reading — a prescription for reform that goes beyond setting goals to getting things done with techniques, such as regularized tutoring and ongoing summer school programs, that have been forced to the forefront by the tireless efforts of

these nonprofit organizations, their donors and volunteers. Even more importantly, Pope and Vernier sounded like those new, high-energy teachers in a classroom who are able to remind us what we're here for and convince us why it matters.

As Pope wrote to her organization's members, "We can do hard and important things in Oregon, and our steadily climbing graduation rates are proof of that."

No tired old excuses. No jockeying for advantage in response to failure. Just a confident and clear-eyed prescription for what to do next.

Anyone up for that? Anyone?

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Black History Month and the Nobodies

BY PAUL HAEDER

Since his second inauguration, the billionaire, known for his highly discriminatory, anti-immigrant mentality and behavior, has taken the toughest measures in favor of a "cleansing" that will have terrible consequences, even for unborn children.

And here we go with a continual slide into fascism, and yes, a fascist nation turns on its own people. Fascism can also come into the light of the 21st century as techno-feudalism, another form of elite billionaires and their ground troops strangling the working class, even professional managerial class, through digital tracking, surveillance and behavioral modification.

Trump's hatred of diverse workforces, hatred of equitable hiring practices and his love of class inequities will bring the chickens home to roost.

Even this nation's economic/literal hit men (and hit women), the CIA, is worried about recruitment now that Trump is bulldozing fairness and affirmative action, which is in place to level some playing fields: "We're going to strangle off talent pipelines that

were already narrow to begin with. And that's going to deprive our intelligence community and our national security establishment of critical knowledge, talent, skills, language ... that might be valuable in trying to get somebody into a foreign country,"

Black History Month should be transformed into a total curriculum revamp so youth can understand slavery then, followed by the Jim Crowe era, and now with the racist in chief and his goons calling for internment camps and tossing people who disagree with capitalism and him — this penury, predatory, parasitic, casino capitalism — out of the country.

We are — I have many targets on my back — the Nobodies. It is instructive to read the following poem as a dirge for this country's slide into despotism.

THE NOBODIES

By Eduardo Galeano

Fleas dream of buying themselves a dog, and nobodies dream of escaping poverty: that one magical day good luck will suddenly rain down on them — will rain down in buckets. But good luck doesn't rain down

yesterday, today, tomorrow, or ever. Good luck doesn't even fall in a fine drizzle, no matter how hard the nobodies summon it, even if their left hand is tickling, or if they begin the new day with their right foot, or start the new year with a change of brooms.

The nobodies: nobody's children, owners of nothing. The nobodies: the no ones, the nobodied, running like rabbits, dying through life, screwed every which way.

Who are not, but could be.

Who don't speak languages, but dialects.

Who don't have religions, but superstitions.

Who don't create art, but handicrafts.

Who don't have culture, but folklore.

Who are not human beings, but human resources.

Who do not have faces, but arms.

Who do not have names, but numbers.

Who do not appear in the history of the world, but in the police blotter of the local paper.

The nobodies, who are not worth the bullet that

kills them."

For Black History Month, we can see how disconnected our so-called elected officials are with the majority of working class people of all ethnicities. In a study done by Nicholas Carnes in his book, "The Cash Ceiling," he broke down how in 2018, millionaires made up only 3 percent of the public, yet they controlled all three branches of the federal government. While more than 50 percent of U.S. citizens held working-class jobs, less than 2 percent of Congress has held a blue-collar job before their congressional career.

So how can these people understand environmental racism when they are part of the problem?

Trump's team and many in MAGA can't wrap their arms around the fact Black people face some of the highest cancer and asthma rates in the U.S. These rates are without a doubt linked to the environment in which someone lives, works and plays. When African-American Robert D. Bullard began collecting data in the 1970s, few understood how a person's surroundings can affect their health. Bullard was even

surprised how segregated the most polluted places really were.

Bullard was the first scientist to publish systematic research on the links between race and exposure to pollution, which he documented for a 1979 lawsuit. "This is before everyone had (geographic information system) mapping, before iPads, iPhones, laptops, Google," he said. "This is doing research way back with a hammer and a chisel."

This is what Black History Month means for many of my former Latino, Native American and Black college students: highlighting and studying men like Bullard. With 18 books under his belt on this topic, Bullard's work launched a movement — the environmental justice movement.

Imagine a presidential candidate or even president's cabinet embracing this baseline — that everyone has the right to a clean and healthy environment, no matter their race or class.

Former vice presidential running mate with Jill Stein, Amaju Baraka, states this new time strongly:

"It is Western imperialism, led by the U.S., that is responsible for

the billions of human beings living in poverty. It is imperialism that degrades and destroys the Earth, that makes water a commodity, food a luxury, education an impossibility and health care a distant dream. It is the rapacious greed and absolute disregard for human life by imperialism that drives the arms trade, turns human incarceration into a profitable enterprise and transforms millions into migrants and refugees because of war and economic plunder."

Carter G. Woodson was the impetus behind today's Black History Month. In 1924, he was instrumental in the creation of Negro History and Literature Week, renamed Negro Achievement Week. The month of February has stuck, since the organizers of the first celebration picked this month because two valorized men's birthdays fall in February: Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, the 12th and the 14th respectively.

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Street in Newport to close for construction

Northwest Biggs Street, between Northwest 58th and 59th streets, is tentatively scheduled to be closed to all vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic Monday, Feb. 24, through Thursday, Feb. 27, to continue road work related to the Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS) adult residential and outpatient center scheduled to open this summer. Roadwork in this area is scheduled to continue into May, with traffic at times being reduced to one lane. Much of the road work will be dependent on weather conditions. The city of Newport will provide updates if there are changes to the road closure schedule.

In 2022, the Newport City Council pledged funding from the National opioid Settlement under the Oregon Statewide Allocation Agreement to be used toward construction of the facility, which includes renovation of Northwest Biggs Street and the installation of a water main along that street between Northwest 58th and Northwest 60th streets, running along the west edge of Agate Beach Neighborhood and Dog Park. The water main was installed last December.

When complete, the roadwork will help facilitate access to the neighboring park for community members and provide an alternate north and south pathway in the Agate Beach neighborhood.

A detour route and signage will direct traffic around the work zone. The city encourages the public to use alternate routes whenever possible and to use caution when transiting into and around work zones.

Suicidal male arrested Sunday in Waldport

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office received a report of a suicidal male inside his residence on Verbena Street in Waldport at around 4:50 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 16. The initial caller, who was with a suicide prevention hotline, informed the 911 operator that they had heard gunshots while speaking with the man. Patrol deputies immediately responded to the area. Upon arriving at the scene, deputies discovered that another adult and two juveniles were also inside the residence. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Tactical Response Team and Crisis Negotiations Team were notified and dispatched to the location. These teams are regional units consisting of members from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Newport Police Department, and Lincoln City Police Department. Patrol deputies successfully evacuated the other occupants from the residence, as well as from neighboring homes as a safety precaution. During the investigation, deputies determined that the male had committed crimes.

When the Tactical Response Team arrived, they surrounded the residence. Members of the Crisis Negotiation Team established contact with the man, who ultimately exited the residence peacefully and was taken into custody. He was identified as 43-year-old Timothy Swander. Swander was transported to the Lincoln County Jail and booked for unlawful use of a weapon and reckless endangering. A search warrant for the residence was obtained and evidence was located. No one was injured during the incident.

The sheriff's office expressed appreciation to the Lincoln City Police Department, Newport Police Department, and Oregon State Police for their assistance during this incident.

OBITUARIES

Murvine Fanning

April 20, 1943 - January 11, 2025

Murv (Montana Murv) Fanning passed away peacefully after a short illness with his family at his bedside.

He is survived by his wife, Connie; daughters, Kawni Michelle and husband Dave Brucha, Tiffany Fanning, 5 grandchildren, Sydney, Kiah, Alanna, Graecyn and Presley. Also 5 great grandchildren, 2 sisters, Margi Welter and husband John, Dee fisher and husband Bill, sisters in law Teri Gillson, husband Rick and Vicki McGuire and husband Greg and brother in law Larry Loudenback and wife Gwen plus many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Murv retired after teaching the upper math at Newport High school for 34 years and coaching track and cross



country for 30 plus years! After retirement Murv and Connie moved to Kona Hawaii for almost 19 years where both had part time jobs to fill in time when not at the beach looking for turtles or working in their yard.

Murv was a great husband, dad, uncle and papa who loved his family and loved teaching math to his students. He always looked forward to visits from past students and hearing what they were up to especially the ones who went into teaching math and used so many of his ways and sayings.

Murv is really missed by so many of us but he made us all a better person by knowing him and his humor.

Memorial service will be held at Newport Elks lodge on April 19th at 1 p.m.

Judith Stempel

September 04, 1937 - January 13, 2025

Judy was born in Portland, Oregon on September 04, 1937 to parents James and Margaret Vaughan. She passed away at the age of 87 on January 13th, 2025 surrounded by her family at North Lincoln Hospital in Lincoln City. The cause of death was determined to be complications related to influenza and pneumonia in her lungs.

Judy grew up in the Eastmoreland neighborhood of Portland. She attended Duniway schools and Cleveland High School where she excelled in academics, sports, and club participation. It was there that she met and fell in love with her high school sweetheart, Bill Stempel. She lovingly joked that he was the boy from the other side of the tracks. Following graduation in 1955, Judy joined the workforce as an insurance secretary while Bill attended college at Lewis and Clark to earn an education degree. They married in June of 1958 and started their family with the birth of their first child in 1959. Bill was offered a teaching job at Taft High School in 1962, prompting a move to Lincoln City where they would remain their entire lives. Four more children followed in the years to come. Judy became a stay-at-home mom raising five kids on Bill's teaching salary. She was amazing at making do with limited means to make sure her kids were happy and healthy. Eventually, she returned to work as the head secretary at Delake School where she worked until her retirement in 1992. In retirement, Judy enjoyed many trips to her and Bill's favorite place, Molokai, Hawaii, as well as many road trips to various places around the



country. Survivors of Judy's family include her brother, Jim Vaughan; son, Bill Stempel and wife Tara; daughters, Sally Hunt, Linda Babb and husband Kevin, Suzy Whittaker, and son, Tom Stempel. Her grandchildren are Melinda Gravelat and husband Adrian, BillyAnn Martin and husband Brock, Jack Stempel and fiancé Hudson. Her great grandchildren are Brady May Martin and Esmé Gravelat. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Margaret; sister, Sue Viskov; son-in-law, Randy Whittaker, and her beloved husband, Bill. At Judy's request, there will be no services. She will, however, be memorialized with a bronze plaque placed on a remote outcropping overlooking the Pacific Ocean on Molokai next to her husband, Bill. The Stempel family would like to acknowledge the staff at North Lincoln Hospital for their wonderful care of Judy in her final days.

At Judy's request, there will be no services.

William (Bill) Turnbull

April 16, 1953 - February 1, 2025

William (Bill) Turnbull came into this life on April 16, 1953 and left February 1, 2025. Bill was married to Doris (Dodie) in 1978. Bill was the love of her life and he will be very missed by those who know and loved him. Bill was a hard worker and always helped others. Bill was born to William and Darlene Turnbull in Ekalaka, Montana. Bill worked at Newport Supply as a small engine mechanic, Henarie Trucking as a large engine mechanic, Lincoln County Road Department and Siletz Public Works. Bill will be remembered as a nice friendly guy who like to tease and find funny things. He loved animals and rescued many over the years. After him and Dodie moved to Oklahoma, they made many friends; Elmer and Brend Long, Jamie and Carlene Long, Ricky and Beverly Logan, Earl and Clarice Shanks, Christie Hunter, Jeff and Tina Bean and Dora Parks, whom he loved to tease as well as many others.



husband Larry (deceased) of Toledo, Oregon, and Darla Bracklow and husband Frank of Canada. Two aunts Carolyn Trammell of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Llewellyn Alspach of Konawa, Oklahoma. Bill loved his nieces and nephews as well as grand nieces and nephews; nephew, Christopher Henarie and wife Shawna of Toledo, Oregon, Russell McKenzie and life Heather, Christian Garbarino; niece, Kimberly Henarie of Toledo, Oregon and Diana Warren and husband James; grand nephews, Russell McKenzie Jr., Liam McKenzie and Grant Henarie; gran nieces, Nadia and Layla Henarie; sister in law, Pamela Yarnell and husband Phillip; brother in law, Skipper Parks; as well as many extended family and friends.

Bill is preceded in passing by his parents, niece Karin Timme; nephew, Sean Timme.

Cremation services are being provided by McCarn Funeral Service. The family will host a Celebration of Life service at a later date.

Velma Hartwig

March 8, 1932 - January 14, 2025

Velma Hartwig of Harlan, Oregon passed away Tuesday January 14, 2025 at her home. She was 92 years old. She was born in California to Bill and Grace Massey. As a young child she moved with her family to Texas, where both of her parents had been raised. Eventually the family moved to Oregon and finally back to California. She had two beloved sisters, Arline Moore, who passed away in 2012, and Ann Garrett.



Velma graduated high school early and started attending the University of California, Berkeley around age sixteen. She dropped out after one semester and entered the work force, but she returned to school in her forties and graduated with a two year degree from D-Q University, the only college in California founded by and for Native Americans.

Her working career included a brief stint as a hat check girl at the Gaslight Club in New York, NY, working for Armco Steel in Berkeley and Davis, CA, Aerojet, and finally seven years as a civilian logistics specialist at McClellan Air Force Base.

Her children remember her hospitality. At dinner time she would count heads and, if there were friends of her children present, she would go into the kitchen and pull out extra vegetables and potatoes to stretch the evening meal to feed everyone. Weekends

and vacations were often spent camping as a family all over Northern California and often into Nevada or Oregon. She would get home on Friday evening, and the children would quickly load the car. Arriving at the campsite, everyone knew their job, and in record time the tent would be set up and dinner cooking on the stove.

She was blessed to spend thirty-five years with her partner and husband Ernest "Ernie" Hartwig, who passed away in 2012. Velma's and Ernie's love for each other was evident to all who knew them.

She was known for her hospitality and welcoming many into her home and family. Although those she treated as her children are many, she gave birth to Jim Inderboe (Janice), Tommy Louttit, who passed away as a toddler, Jessie McKenzie (Maitland), Hunter Galbreath (Margo), Rory Stiles (Jacquie), and Leah Muscutt (Patrick). She also has stepchildren Hank Stiles (Janis) and Melissa Ogata (Ikou), Ernest Hartwig (deceased), and Kimberly Hartwig, who are as close to her heart as her other children. She is also survived by twelve grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held March 8, 2025 at 1 PM at Chapel of the Valley, 934 Mary's Peak Road, Blodgett, OR 97326

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BUILDING

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stored elsewhere.

Matt Thomas, district forester with the Oregon Department of Forestry, said they have been operating out of the Toledo office for a very long time.

“The office has been in Toledo since the late ’30s or so, back when it was a forest patrol association, so it wasn’t even a state agency at that time,” he said. “It was basically the Lincoln County Forest Patrol, which was an association of private land-owners that kind of banded together for fire protection on each other’s property.” He said that’s still kind of how Oregon Department of Forestry works on the fire protection side, just through a state agency rather than a lot of different private associations.

Plans for a new facility have been in the works for more than a decade.

“The decision was made in 2013 or so to start a new relocation process,” Thomas said. “The buildings were old. They were starting to take more money for maintenance than they were worth, so we decided to stop putting money into them. That decision was made in conjunction with



This sign marks the location of the Oregon Department of Forestry’s new building in north Newport, which is expected to be completed this fall. (Photo by Steve Card)

our board of directors, which is made up of land-owners big and small.”

But state processes being what they are, the project has taken time.

“We’ve started and stopped a few times. Originally we were going to be partnered with ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife), and then ODFW decided to go in another direction. That was a couple of years in the planning process,” Thomas said. They next began working on a joint facility with the Oregon Department of Transportation, but

then the COVID pandemic shut down progress on that plan. “Largely we’ve been trying to make this a co-location program, for the betterment of multiple agencies, not just our own,” Thomas said.

With the department of forestry being a fire agency, Thomas at one point began talking with Murphy about a partnership.

“We’ve got a good relationship with all of the fire districts in the county, and I just got to talking with Chief Murphy,” he said. “They had the fire station there ... and it was

just a little piece, I think it was a quarter of an acre or so. And then the neighbor, which was an electrical contractor, approached us early on, knowing that we were looking for property, and he was looking to sell a fair chunk of his property.”

The department of forestry ended up purchasing the property, around two acres, and then worked out a deal with the city of Newport to acquire their section of land, with an agreement to create space in the building for the fire department.

“So they’re going to

have two full engine bays, an office, and three living quarters upstairs as well, in our living quarters, with a living room, kitchen, bathrooms,” Thomas said. “We have three rooms and they have three rooms.”

The new building was designed by Capri Architecture in Newport. “I think from a geological standpoint and with the use of the building being an emergency response facility, it’s always a fun and exciting challenge for us to design around that,” architect Dustin Capri said.

The general contractor,

Woodburn Construction, broke ground on the project last August. The contract price for the building was just a little over \$8 million.

When asked about the expected completion date for the building, Thomas said, “We’re shooting for some time in October. We might be a little bit sooner than that, but we’ll finish fire season and start moving in probably in the fall.”

It will be the Oregon Department of Forestry Newport Unit, he said of the new facility. “It will have our fire crew, which will have four engines and some miscellaneous utility rigs. It will also house our administrative staff, and it will have our stewardship forester, who handles all of the forest practices rules in the county when it comes to logging on private land.”

Thomas said working in close proximity to the Newport Fire Department will be nothing new for his office.

“We have a good working relationship and mutual aid agreements with the forest service and all of the fire districts,” he said. “We cover basically all of Lincoln County for private land, anywhere from the small mom and pop to large Weyerhaeuser lands. On the fire side, we also protect Bureau of Land Management ground.”

PARKING

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how long they park to get better turnover,” Tokos said. The Bayfront pay-to-park system was brought online last year, and the city is looking at starting the Nye Beach program on June 1.

“For many, many years, Nye Beach has had a three-hour parking limitation in certain areas between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.,” said Tokos. “It was those signed areas that were consistently in the summer period above what they call the 85 percent threshold ... that’s when the parking conditions are essentially full. That’s when people can’t find a place to park.”

The proposed changes in Nye Beach are fairly modest compared to the widespread paid parking areas on the Bayfront.

“The only area that we’re looking to put any meters is in the turnaround,” Tokos said. “The turnaround is currently a 16-hour stay in terms of the parking

lot. We would be looking to go with an eight-hour max stay there, at \$1.25 an hour.” Forty-eight spaces would be impacted. “That amounts to about 300 to 320 persons cycling through a day during the summer,” he said.

The Nye Beach streets that are currently designated for three-hour parking will continue that way, with the exception that people will be able to purchase permits for extended parking in those areas.

“We’ll have two different permit pricing levels, one for the residents — \$35 annually, with a 72-hour maximum stay. For commercial, it would be \$35 a month or \$300 annually,” Tokos said.

Chief Malloy said parking enforcement has changed drastically with this new parking system because it’s all done through technology. A parking enforcement officer uses a reader from the patrol car that scans license plates to see if the owner of the vehicle has paid to park there or, in the case of the three-hour parking, has exceeded the time limit.

“It really takes the

guesswork out of it,” said Malloy. He added, however, “we don’t just write tickets. Our goal is not to write tickets. Our goal is to educate, but when we have to, we do issue citations.”

Tokos emphasized that any motorist with a disability who has a placard in their vehicle is exempt from the parking provision, whether they are parked in an ADA space or not.

A Nye Beach business owner in attendance at the meeting said people in that part of Newport didn’t want parking meters when they were first talked about in 2020, “and we still don’t want parking meters because it’s going to chase our tourists away. The first time they get a ticket, they’re done,” she said. “The city spends \$400,000 a year to give to Discover Newport to bring tourists here. Well, we probably lose \$800,000 by chasing people away with tickets or having these parking meters. I feel like the city has moved forward for the parking meters without the consensus of the neighborhood, from the businesses, and it has hurt the Bayfront businesses.”



Newport Community Development Director Derrick Tokos, left, and Newport Police Chief Jason Malloy provided information to Nye Beach residents and business owners about the new parking program soon to be implemented. (Photo by Steve Card)

Another business owner said, “I don’t think it’s needed. I’ve been here now a few summers, and I know the traffic patterns. I kind of think this is just a money grab. I’m sorry to say that ... but this is not needed, and I think that most of the people in this room, if you put it to a vote right now, would say we don’t want this in Nye Beach.”

Tokos replied, “Your elected officials put these policies in place based on the recommendations that

came from the Parking Advisory Committee. What was presented in 2020 by the policy makers was exactly what was recommended by the Parking Advisory Committee. There was nothing snuck in in any way, shape or form.

“Certainly there are differences of opinion about meters,” he added. “They are everywhere. But our policy makers had to weigh everything, and we have to have resources to effectively enforce the time parking limits so we can get better

vehicle turnover, and we need to have resources to be able to actually maintain these parking areas. It’s not free. I want to be very clear. Anything that comes from these programs goes directly into the parking fund. None of it goes to the general fund.”

Additional information about the new Nye Beach parking program will be released as it gets closer to implementation. People can also find information on the city’s website at newportoregon.gov

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to modify the position into a digital forensic detective hybrid position to meet the needs of her office and Lincoln County crime victims.

“Although this modification has no budgetary impact as confirmed by County Administrator Johnson, the county has not approved the modification and the position remains vacant. If the position had been approved and filled, the district attorney’s office would not be experiencing any gaps in detective services,” Wallace said.

Wallace was appointed Lincoln County District Attorney June 21, 2024, by Gov. Tina Kotek. At that time, the DA’s criminal division had one deputy district attorney and eight vacancies, Wallace said, adding that since her appointment, six additional attorneys have started employment there.

“Every day the district attorney’s office is without a detective, this community suffers,” Wallace said. “The district attorney’s office urges Lincoln County to provide resources in this time of need, rather than withholding resources.”

Wallace said her office is actively working with the County Human Resources Department to post and fill the position as soon as possible.

“The Lincoln County District Attorney’s Office is optimistic that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will recognize the community impact this gap in services has caused ... and work to rectify this situation as soon as possible to ensure the pursuit of justice and community safety,” Wallace said.

Commissioners’ Reaction

Following Wallace’s media release, the Lincoln County Commissioners issued the following public statement:

“The district attorney’s

office detective position has been posted for qualified internal candidates to apply. The county has an established process for vacancies and hiring, which it is following in this case. This includes posting vacancies for application by either internal or external candidates. If the position is not filled through the internal applications process, it will be opened to external applicants,” the statement read.

Following the commissioners’ statement, the Lincoln County Leader reached out to the board of commissioners with the following questions, which were answered by Lincoln County Public Information Officer Kenneth Lipp.

Lincoln County Leader: Do the commissioners feel that filling the county’s detective position is a priority? If so, what action is being taken by the commissioners to expedite the process?

Kenneth Lipp: Filling

all vacancies in critical functions is a priority. Vacancies occur regularly, and the county follows the same process for filling each. The district attorney appears to be attempting to use crime statistics — without providing the source of those figures — to pressure the county into circumventing established employment and hiring practices.

Lincoln County Leader: What is the message the commissioners wish to send to the public following the DA’s statement in her release that the county’s homicide rate has increased 500 percent from 2023 and in the past three months the county has experienced three officer-involved shootings and two homicides? Are the figures concerning, and if so, what action are the commissioners taking to partner with the DA in addressing this issue?

Lipp: According to the Oregon State Police Uniform Crime Reporting Data

dashboard, there were no murders in Lincoln County during 2023. (See <https://www.oregon.gov/osp/pages/uniform-crime-reporting-data.aspx>. An image of the graph with Lincoln County and the correct timeframe is included on the next page.)

Any murder, and any loss of life involving law enforcement is concerning and tragic, and this issue indeed deserves immediate attention from our local government and law enforcement. It is critical that we have full transparency and access to the data referenced by the district attorney to have a complete picture. If these numbers are accurate, they are clearly troubling. The safety of our community is top priority. However, stating that the rate of murders “has increased 500 percent” creates a misperception that homicides are somehow rampant. If there had been one murder in 2023, any increase from that year’s number would be at least 100 percent.

Elected officials, along with law enforcement agencies and district attorneys, must come together to assess the root causes of any increase in crime. This could involve patrols, enhanced community engagement, and an evaluation of current policies or training. Additionally, from what I understand, there are ongoing meetings once a month with all of the county’s law enforcement agencies including the sheriff, district attorney, parole, probation, Newport police, Lincoln City police, Toledo police and Oregon State Police to address these issues. With this law enforcement collaboration, we are continually assessing threats to, and the needs of the community to create stronger accountability measures, data sharing, and, potentially, policy reforms.

Follow developments at the Lincoln County Leader website and in the Wednesday print editions of The Leader.

College honors inaugural graduates of pre-apprenticeship trades program

Oregon Coast Community College has graduated its first class of Pre-Apprenticeship for Construction Trades (PACT) students. This program, developed in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) and Northwest Oregon Works, is designed to help fill the gap of skilled trades workers in Lincoln County.

The inaugural PACT cohort included 12 students who received certificates of completion from the State of Oregon BOLI, Apprenticeship & Training Division, TradesFutures Apprenticeship Readiness Program (MC3), and a non-credit training certificate from OCCC.

“We are incredibly proud of our inaugural pre-apprenticeship graduates, who demonstrated tremendous dedication, determination, and growth,” said Apprenticeship Coordinator Craig Watkins-Brandt. “Their achievements mark a significant milestone not only in their personal journeys but also the evolution of OCCC’s educational



The first class of Pre-Apprenticeship for Construction Trades (PACT) students at Oregon Coast Community College received certificates of completion on Jan. 31. They are pictured with Craig Watkins-Brandt, (far right) OCCC Apprenticeship Coordinator. (Courtesy photo)

landscape.”

Graduates celebrated on Friday, Jan. 31, with family and friends, industry partners (Pacific Inside Electrical IBEW, Northwest Oregon Works, WorkSource Oregon, O’Brien Construction and more), and community leaders, including Representative David Gomberg and OCCC Board of Education

member Chris Chandler.

Program curriculum included learning about different trades, completing certifications and trainings, solidifying math skills, and other activities to familiarize and prepare students for the trades industry. After graduation, participants will be pursuing careers in electrical, plumbing, sprinkler fitting,

lineman, and others.

The program, set to begin its second cohort in the fall, was made possible by the Future Ready Oregon Bill, a measure investing \$200 million in trades education in rural communities. There was no cost for students to participate.

Bureau of Labor and Industries Commissioner Christina Stephenson

visited the program in November to celebrate National Apprenticeship week. BOLI awarded the college a \$299,000 grant in 2024 to address talent-development challenges while providing a pathway to high-wage, in-demand jobs for rural and coastal communities.

OCCC is committed to advancing trades education

in Lincoln County through the PACT program and constructing an Oregon Coast Advanced Technology & Trades (OCATT) center, funded by a bond measure passed by voters in May 2024. The center will expand pre-apprenticeship training and programming for county residents, as well as offer a variety of certificates and degrees in the marine and technical fields while supporting Registered Apprenticeship Programs in Lincoln County. Site preparation is set to begin as early this summer.

To learn more about the PACT program (or register for the waitlist for fall 2025), visit oregoncoast.edu/pact.

Learn more and discover the full range of degree and certificate programs available at Oregon Coast Community College at oregoncoast.edu. Follow OCCC on TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook, @occcsharks. You can also join the OCCC Community on LinkedIn. Or, call the College at 541-867-8501.

Small Business Development Center offers free workshop on accessibility

The Oregon Coast Community College Small Business Development Center is pleased to announce that its upcoming workshop, “A Day in the Life of Disability,” will now be offered at no cost to participants, thanks to funding provided by the Inclusive Career Advancement Program (ICAP) grant.

Scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., at OCCC’s Central County Campus in Newport (400 SE College Way), this workshop is designed to help small businesses understand the importance of inclusivity and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance — not only as a legal obligation but as a

key factor in their overall success and bottom line.

The workshop, led by instructor Taylor Yount, will offer attendees an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by individuals with accessibility needs. Participants will be encouraged to view the world through the lens of those they interact with daily — whether it be family members, veterans, or individuals with conditions such as long COVID. The session aims to inspire and educate business owners on how inclusivity can enhance their customer experience and workplace culture.

OCCC is a recipient of ICAP grant funding, an initiative of the Oregon

Department of Human Services, to support opportunities to advance understanding and facilitation of changes in organizations that support the access and success of adults with disabilities.

“With the generous support of the ICAP grant, we are thrilled to remove financial barriers and provide free access to this valuable training,” said Kelliane Parker, assistant director of the OCCC SBDC. “We encourage local business owners and entrepreneurs to take advantage of this opportunity to foster a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all.”

Registration for “A Day in the Life of Disability” is now open. For more

information and to register online, visit oregoncoast.edu/sbdc.

For additional details about the ICAP program, visit the Oregon Department of Human Services ICAP page or contact your local Vocational Rehabili-

tation office.

About Oregon Coast Community College

Since 1987, OCCC has served Lincoln County with educational opportunities, workforce

training, and community enrichment programs. The college offers two-year transfer and associate degrees, career-focused certificates, and a range of non-credit community education courses. Learn more at oregoncoast.edu.

Officials warn SNAP users about fraud

Lynne Terry

Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregonians who receive supplemental federal food benefits need to be more vigilant than ever against fraud. Officials say if their monthly benefits are stolen, they’ll be gone for good.

In the past, the federal government replaced benefits lost to fraud, but that policy changed late last year. The federal government is no longer replacing stolen benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

That could mean a total loss of tens of thousands of dollars in SNAP benefits in Oregon, primarily through “skimming,” according to officials from Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon. That happens when a device is inserted into a credit card reader and steals financial information when the card is run through the reader.

Only a small minority lose their benefits this way. Oregon has nearly 447,000 households receiving SNAP benefits. From Oct. 1 through Dec. 20, nearly 200 households had their benefits stolen, losing \$77,000 in food aid.

The average household receives \$310 in SNAP



The federal government, which oversees food aid, is no longer reimbursing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. (Photo by Justin Sullivan/Getty Images)

benefits, which are not meant to foot an entire food bill, but the money is often crucial for those who need it.

Jake Sunderland, press secretary for the Oregon Department of Human Services, said SNAP users should take several precautions to protect themselves from fraud:

- Only manage your account through the ebtEDGE website or mobile app, which can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play.
- Freeze your card right away after each use and unfreeze it before you make purchases and block

purchases made outside of Oregon or online through Cardholder.ebtEDGE.com.

- Keep your PIN secret, and cover the keypad when you enter it.
- Check your account activity regularly and cancel your card immediately if you see purchases you didn’t make.

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Celtic Light Orchestra performs in Lincoln City



The Celtic Light Orchestra will perform two concerts at the Lincoln City Cultural Center — at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, and again at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 9. (Courtesy photos)

Join the Celtic Light Orchestra at the Lincoln City Cultural Center for an early Saint Patrick’s Day Party like no other. The orchestra will give two performances — one at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, and the second at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 9.

This multi-media production promises to be an unforgettable experience for the whole family

with rousing Irish jigs and reels, dazzling LED lights, Irish dance, soaring stilt walkers, and more.

The Celtic Light Orchestra is the world’s only light up orchestra. Each production features rousing Celtic fiddle music played on the group’s revolutionary patented Glow Bowz invention — LED light-up violin bows that react to players’ movements and dance with the

music. Combined with traditional Celtic instrumentation, Irish step dancing, Celtic folklore, dazzling lights, and theatrical storytelling, each Celtic Light Orchestra production is a can’t miss event for the whole family.

The Celtic Light Orchestra is an all-ages, all-inclusive community orchestra founded by Portland-based music teacher and Celtic fiddle virtuoso Katie



Portland-based music teacher and Celtic fiddle virtuoso Katie Jane Lubiens was the inspiration behind the Celtic Light Orchestra, which uses dazzling LED lights in its performances.

Jane Lubiens. The spirited fiddler started the CLO to share her love of Celtic music and culture with audiences of all ages. Many of the Celtic Light Orchestra members are students of Lubiens, and many are local school music teachers with a shared passion for making Celtic music and traditions accessible to everyone.

Learn more about Katie Jane

and the Celtic Light Orchestra at www.katiejaneband.com/CLO

The Lincoln City Cultural Center is located at 540 NE Highway 101. Business hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. For tickets and more information, go online at www.lincolncity-culturalcenter.org/concerts, call 541-994-9994 or stop by the center.



Food Share of Lincoln County is seeking jewelry donations for the 16th annual Be Jeweled, which will take place May 10 in Newport. (File photo)

Food Share seeks jewelry donations for Be Jeweled

The 16th annual Be Jeweled jewelry sale, the annual fundraiser for Food Share of Lincoln County, is set for Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Central Coast Assembly Church, 236 NE Sixth St., Newport. This sale is made possible by donations of “pre-loved” jewelry by community members.

“We take any jewelry, any era, in any condition,” said Food Share Executive Director Nancy Mitchell. “Grandma’s vintage bling? Yes! Your ’80s chunky bracelets? Yes! Our team of volunteers sort, clean and repair pre-loved jewelry for sale. What can’t be repaired is repurposed into fun sun catchers and other cool items. This is the ultimate sustainability story. Everything we sell is pre-loved, so please donate any jewelry you no longer wear to help us feed our neighbors in Lincoln County.”

Donations of jewelry are being accepted at the following locations:

- Food Share of Lincoln County
- Lincoln City Cultural Center
- Newport 60+ Activity Center
- Newport Chamber of Commerce
- Oregon Coast Bank – all

branches

- Diamonds by the Sea, Newport
- Martek Real Estate, Newport
- Rustic Ridge Antique Mall, Newport
- 1st Security Bank — all locations
- Yachats City Hall

All proceeds from the sale benefit Food Share of Lincoln County, which is dedicated to eliminating hunger by creating access to food through a network of partner agencies such as food pantries, meal sites, backpack programs, senior outreach, and youth programs.

The annual Be Jeweled sale, as well as the year-round sales at Rustic Ridge Antique Mall, Nostalgia Estate Sales Antique Mall, Oceanic Arts, and the Food Share of Lincoln County eBay store, raise over \$35,000 per year. That money is used to purchase and distribute food for Lincoln County food pantries and partner agencies. Food Share of Lincoln County serves over 1,600 families and 4,000 individuals per month.

To learn more about Be Jeweled, call Food Share of Lincoln County at 541-265-8578 or visit Food Share of Lincoln County’s website at www.foodsharelc.org

Restoring Oregon’s coastal balance: bringing sea otters back

The Oregon Coast Community College Foundation is pleased to announce the return of the Williams Lecture Series. Briefly interrupted by the pandemic, the annual series has brought thought-provoking speakers to Lincoln County for three decades.

Join Chanel Hason, director of outreach and community relations for the Elakha Alliance, for an engaging presentation about the organization’s efforts to restore sea otters to the Oregon coast. Discover how these charismatic marine mammals are vital to the health of the coastal ecosystems, the history behind their disappearance, and the collaborative work being done to bring them back. Learn how you can support this critical conservation mission and help make a lasting impact on Oregon’s marine environment.

The presentation will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101. The presentation



Chanel Hason, director of outreach and community relations for the Elakha Alliance, will give a presentation about the organization’s efforts to restore sea otters to the Oregon coast. Her talk is part of the Oregon Coast Community College Foundation’s Williams Lecture Series. (Courtesy photo)

is free, but donations to the foundation and/or The Elakha Alliance are welcome.

Sea otters once thrived

along the Oregon coast, living in harmony with the region’s

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Volunteers sought for public arts advisory committee



Applicants are being sought for the new Newport Public Arts Advisory Committee. This public art sculpture is located at the Newport Visual Art Center. (Courtesy photo)

In January of this year, the city of Newport transferred oversight of the Newport

Public Arts Committee to Oregon Coast Council for the Arts (OCCA), which currently

operates Newport’s performing and visual arts centers.

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Judges sample wines during the Commercial Wine Competition that has been a part of the annual Newport Seafood and Wine Festival for nearly 40 years. (Photos by Chiara DeZiel)

Swafford On Wine



The Newport Seafood and Wine Festival Commercial Wine Competition crew, pictured in the front row, are: Maggie Conrad (left), chamber events director; Joseph Swafford, competition founder; and Lonna Applegate, 2025 competition coordinator. In the back row is the wine judging panel. They are: Randy Stokes, left, manager/buyer for Eugene’s Sundance Wine Cellars; Brooks Tish, Seattle wine and food writer; Christina DeZiel, Seattle protege of Tish; Pilar Lemma Oun, member of one of Portland’s oldest wholesale wine distributorships; and Thomas “Mac” McLaren, former sommelier for Lincoln City’s Bay House Restaurant.

A brief aside: I took Oregon Pinot noir to an old Army mate, Grant, and his wife, Judith, when Christina and I visited them in Pacific Palisades about three years ago. Then the wind-driven firestorm hit the California neighborhood where Christina and I had also lived for nine years and put our kids through elementary school. I put through a fearful call to my friend Grant, whose recorded voice said, “Leave me a message.” I left a message — and three more over the next week — without a response.

We had learned that both houses we had owned back then, as well as those of many of Rachel and Johan’s classmates, had burned to the ground. Then a text message came from Judith saying that, sadly, Grant had died unexpectedly on Jan. 6, the day before the fire, and she had been evacuated since Jan. 7. I am in mourning for them and that young family that was us then, and for those we love who have lost so much here and now.

But this is a wine column and this is February in Newport, so the subject must change. It is time for the 48th annual Newport

Seafood and Wine Festival, which opens its four-day run this Thursday, Feb. 20, and runs through Sunday in a huge tent erected in the marina across the bridge. It is also 39 years since I was urged by then-festival chairman Evan Boone to stage the first Commercial Wine Competition that has been a part of the festival for 38 years, missing only in COVID-compromised 2022.

It is encouraging to see the competition regaining momentum in the very good hands of current Chairperson Lonna Roe Applegate, her predecessor Bobbi Price and Event Director Maggie Conrad. In retirement I can now sit on the sidelines as an observer and consultant.

As usual, the competition takes place some weeks before the festival opens so that wineries can get an early marketing start in the new year, and festival-goers can get first crack at tasting the medal-winners. The panel of five judges was led for the 38th time by Seattle-area food and wine writer Brooks Tish, the first judge to join the panel and a member of every panel since. Also from Seattle was judge Christina DeZiel, long-time protege of

Tish. Completing the panel was Randy Stokes, manager/buyer of Eugene’s Sundance Wine Cellars; Pilar Lemma Oun, whose family once owned one of Portland’s most prestigious wholesale wine distributorships; and Newport’s Thomas “Mac” McLaren, who was for many years the wine-buyer for the Bay House Restaurant in Lincoln City.

Now for some numbers: 53 — the number of wineries at the festival; 132 — entries in the 2025 Commercial Wine Competition; 63 —medals awarded (11 gold, 21 silver, 30 bronze). After two days of sipping, spitting, discussing and finally voting on the award, the panel chose Trella Vineyards 2018 Umpqua Valley Pinot Noir to receive the Joseph H. Swafford Best of Show Award. (The JHS/BOS name selected by the judges was thought better than naming it after the current occupant of the White House).

I called Trella Vineyard’s owner Stephen Williams to congratulate him on his successful wine competition. In addition to the BOS Pinot noir, Trella won gold for a Malbec, silver for Tempranillo and silver for Grüner Veltliner. I noted that all were from the 2018 vintage, and Williams explained that his small winery hasn’t been discovered yet, so there is an inventory of more mature wines. It is just over the hill from Hillcrest Vineyards, where history was made when Richard Sommer made Oregon’s first Pinot noir in 1961. The Trella Tasting Room is in historic downtown Roseburg in a 127-year-old building at 646 SE Jackson St., telephone 541-671-2018. With over 20 wineries in the area (including last year’s Best of Show winner, Paul O’Brien Winery), Roseburg is a great wine-tasting road trip destination.

Zerba Cellars also had a very successful 2025 competition, taking home three gold medals with a Syrah, a Nebbiolo and a Semillon. Located in Milton-Freewater, the far northeast corner of Oregon, Zerba also has another tasting room in Dundee. Also gold medals for white wines went to Compton Family Wines’ Méthode Champenoise, D’Anu’s Sauvignon Blanc and Bluebird Hill Cellars’ Chardonnay. Red wine gold medals went to Stone Griffon Vineyard’s Cabernet Franc, Kristin Hill Winery’s Pinot Noir and Vintyr Wines’ Red Blend. Go online to Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce to see the complete list of competition results.

Again I remind you, just because a wine did not medal is no reason not to try it. Oregon and Northwest wines are of high quality, and this last weekend in February in Newport is a time to taste the proof of that statement.

Cheers!
Joseph Swafford
jcswoff56@gmail.com

Tea & Talk set in Newport

The Coastal Arts Guild will hold its next monthly Tea & Talk event at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27. The speaker will be fiber artist Vince Zettler.

Tea & Talk is held at the Newport Visual Arts Center, located at 777 NW Beach Drive. It is free and open to all.

Zettler will talk about his design process and the inspiration for the materials and subjects of his artworks. Drawings are the beginning of the process of how a weaving starts, whether abstract or realistic. Examples of drawings and designs will be shown in the presentation, either for the artist to choose from or for a patron to confirm for commission. Selecting the direction of future artworks is how new work happens, he says.

Artwork by Zettler is currently on display in the “Woven Works” exhibit at the visual arts center, and the second half of his talk will take place touring the 10 weavings he has on display in the exhibit.

Zettler, who lives in Summit, has spent most of his life making and displaying art. He has been curator of both the Corvallis Art Center and the Benton County Historical Museum. He has taught as adjunct faculty at the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, and Western Oregon University, teaching weaving, drawing and design. He has also been a certified autism specialist at both South Albany and West Albany high schools, using art therapy as part of his curriculum.



Fiber artist Vince Zettler will talk about his artwork during the next Coastal Arts Guild Tea & Talk, which takes place on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Newport Visual Arts Center. (Courtesy photo)

‘My VIP and Me Dance’ at Newport Rec Center

The small gym at the Newport Recreation Center will be transformed into a garden-themed wonderland for the upcoming “My VIP and Me Dance” on Friday, Feb. 28.

Children aged 3-13 are invited to put on their best dancing outfits and bring their VIP adult to spend an evening having fun and making memories. Ages 3-6 will have their own My VIP and Mini Me hour from 6 to 7 p.m., and ages 7-13 are welcome from 7 to 9 p.m.

“This is a new event for the recreation center and continues our mission to offer inclusive opportunities to Newport and our surrounding communities,” said Jenni Remillard, recreation program specialist. “Daddy/daughter dances

are very popular right now, but not all family structures are the same. We wanted to create an opportunity for all youth to have this experience. Any youth age 3-13 are welcome to be accompanied by a parent or trusted adult at the My VIP and Me Dance.”

The dance will feature a DJ, craft area, and cupcakes from My Petite Sweet included in your ticket. Additionally, face painting, fairy hair transformation, and professional photography will be available as options for an additional cost. This event was partially sponsored by a donation from First Interstate Bank and First Security Bank.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at

the Newport Recreation Center (225 SE Avery St.) or online via the Newport Parks and Recreation online catalog. For further information or questions, contact j.remillard@newportoregon.gov or call 541-265-7783.

My VIP and Mini Me Dance

Ages 3-6
Friday Feb. 28, 6-7 p.m.
Purchase tickets at <https://tinyurl.com/5n-7jnas2>

My VIP and Me Dance
Ages 6-13
Friday Feb. 28, 7-9 p.m.
Purchase tickets at <https://tinyurl.com/9kx-tzpc>

Michael Sheen stars in live-recorded London performance of ‘Nye’

Oregon Coast Council for the Arts (OCCA) presents National Theatre’s live-recorded London production of “Nye” on screen — in ultra-HD — on Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. in the Alice Silverman Theatre at Newport Performing Arts Center.

Michael Sheen (“Good Omens”) is Nye Bevan in this surreal and spectacular journey through the life and legacy of the man who transformed Britain’s welfare state.

From campaigning at the coalfield to leading the battle to create the British National Health Service, Aneurin ‘Nye’ Bevan is often referred to as the politician with greatest influence on Britain without ever having been Prime Minister. Confronted with death, Nye’s deepest memories lead him on a mind-bending journey back through his life, from childhood to mining underground, Parliament, and fights with Churchill in an epic Welsh fantasia.

“Sheen is a delight as the fiery, but unassuming Bevan,” said Andrzej Lukowski, theater editor for Time Out. “He never at any point changes out of his red striped pajamas, a pleasingly absurdist touch at the heart of Norris’s stylish production, in which the green hospital ward repeatedly dissolves into the past to the sound of wheezing



National Theatre’s live-recorded London production of “Nye” will be shown at the Newport Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. (Courtesy photo)

lungs.”

Written by Tim Price and directed by Rufus Norris (“Small Island”), the production was filmed live from the Olivier stage of the National Theatre in London.

Tickets for this one-night-only event range from \$16-\$22 when purchased in person or by phone (additional fee applies to tickets purchased online). Call 541-265-2787, visit coastarts.org/events/ntl-nye, or stop by the Newport Performing Arts Center box office at 777 W Olive St. (Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

Viewers should note that this production takes place in a hospital setting and references medical conditions and procedures. It also contains strobe-effect lighting and the use of strong language.

Enjoy mid-week magic as Oregon Coast Council for the Arts brings National Theatre Live to Newport on select Wednesday evenings. Each production is filmed in front of a live theatre audience, using state-of-the-art techniques and masterful angles, then presented in stunning ultra-HD on the big screen in the Alice Silverman Theatre at Newport Performing Arts Center. It’s a theater experience like no other, and a chance for local audiences to enjoy performances direct from London. To learn more and view upcoming National Theatre Live titles, visit www.coastarts.org/ntlive

This presentation was made possible, in part, by a donation from Dan Gleason and Wendy Ware.

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SUDOKU

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

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

Benefit concert Feb. 28 at Primaltones

Friends of June and Joren Rushing are holding a silent auction and benefit concert to help with medical related expenses on Friday, Feb. 28, at Primaltones in South Beach. Primaltones has donated their venue to host the concert and auction, which runs from 6 to 9 p.m.

June and Joren Rushing are long time coastal residents who often have given their time and musical talent to help their community. A variety of entertainment will fill the stage all evening during this benefit concert.

Acts scheduled include Blue Variant, Eric Levine, Chandler Davis and The World Beat Review, Amy Pattison, Morgen Silverhorn, The Huckleberries,

and RoosterFish. The silent auction can now be viewed online — go to <https://www.32auctions.com/ForJune> to see the items and place a bid if you find something you might like to have. The silent auction ends at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 28, which is the halfway point of the benefit concert. People can pick up their winnings at the concert or can arrange pick-up options with the auction administrator.

Donations for the auction are still being accepted — contact Marilee Harrison at salsapriestess@gmail.com.

Primaltones is located in Aquarium Village, 2925 SE Ferry Slip Road, #122, in South Beach.



A silent auction and benefit concert to help with medical related expenses for June and Joren Rushing will be held on Friday, Feb. 28, at Primaltones in South Beach. (Courtesy photo)

Support upcoming graduates through fundraiser

High school graduation may not be until June, but that doesn't mean people can't start supporting graduating seniors now.

One way to do this is to dine at the Rogue Bayfront Public House today (Wednesday) from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and help

support Newport High School's annual Grad Night Party. This is a special annual event dedicated to keeping Newport's

graduating seniors safe on their big night. The all-night celebration is made possible by the hard work of local parents fundrais-

ing throughout the year. Rogue Ales will be donating 10 percent of all food and pint sales on this day to help support

NHS graduating seniors. The Rogue Bayfront Public House is located at 748 SW Bay Blvd., Newport.

OTTERS

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abundant kelp forests and rocky reefs. As a keystone species, they played a crucial role in maintaining a balanced marine ecosystem by controlling populations of sea urchins, which, if left unchecked, can devastate kelp forests.

However, by the early 1900s, sea otters were hunted to near extinction

due to the global demand for their luxurious pelts during the fur trade in the 18th and 19th centuries. While successful reintroduction efforts have restored sea otters to parts of Alaska, British Columbia, and central California, these animals have yet to reclaim their historic range along the Oregon coast.

The Elakha Alliance is at the forefront of the effort to change that. By working with scientists,

local communities, and policymakers, the organization aims to reintroduce sea otters to Oregon waters in a sustainable, ecologically sound way that benefits both the marine environment and

coastal economies.

About the Williams Lecture Series

With a 1993 donation to the Oregon Coast Community College Foundation, Wendy Williams

created the Williams Lecture Series in honor of her husband, William Appleman Williams, a noted historian. Williams was known as the "father of revisionist history." He taught American diplo-

matic history and foreign policy for more than 30 years at Oregon State University. His final teaching assignment was at Oregon Coast Community College, where he taught maritime history.

COMMITTEE

From Page B1

The transfer was part of several cost-cutting modifications made following the results of a study of the city's committee structure.

OCCA now seeks applicants for the new Newport Public Arts Advisory Committee (NPAAC), the mission of which is to enhance community spaces through the promotion, creation, and preservation of public art. Community members, artists, and representatives from Newport and surrounding communities are sought and will be selected based on their expertise, dedication to the arts, and commitment to community development.

The ideal applicants will feel a passion for and a commitment to NPAAC's purpose, which is to foster cultural enrichment and community pride by integrating art into public spaces, support the creation of artwork that complements the natural beauty, diverse identities and history of the region; and serve as a resource for local artists, civic leaders, and community members seeking to develop public art proj-

ects. The committee will be tasked with developing and overseeing public art projects, managing the selection and commissioning of new works, advocating for public art funding, and coordinating public art conservation and maintenance efforts.

"We look forward to collaborating with community members in this exciting next chapter of the committee," said Chasse Davidson, OCCA's director of the Newport Visual Arts Center. "If you're excited about the opportunity to bring lasting beauty to the city of Newport and make an impact through the arts, please consider applying."

It should be noted that OCCA is seeking a youth member for the committee, as well as adults.

Those interested may submit an application at www.coastarts.org/npaac. The deadline to apply is Feb. 28.

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Sudoku answers

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ACROSS

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5 Resistance units
9 Circular paths
15 Imprison
19 Starch-yielding plant
21 They may disturb sleep
22 — -Seltzer
23 Nut acquired with great effort?
25 Nail salon job, in brief
26 — box (TV)
27 Cathedral in London
28 R&B's Brown
29 Prohibits
30 Erfurt article
31 Sprinkle sofa shams with water drops?
35 Calf-roping event
37 Link with
38 Casino cube
39 "Boo!" shouter
43 French city on the Rhone
47 Tax org.
48 Stan of jazz saxophone
49 Catholic dignitary's vigorous strength?
52 West African country
54 Juneau native

- 55 Directives
57 Like Stoker's "Dracula"
61 Steal from
62 Liking a lot
64 Overly crooked?
66 Quite dry
68 Stock debut, for short
70 "Nope"
71 Often-twisted cookie
72 Long-billed wading bird that loves perching on flexed arm muscles?
78 Testing stage
81 Early 1960s atty. gen.
82 Navy engineer
83 Made airtight, say
85 Liken (to)
87 Joan of folk
89 Climate that promotes the growth of powdery fungus?
91 Pale-looking
94 "Get 'em, Fido!"
96 Model X carmaker
97 Runs after
98 Aussie leaper
99 Grand house
101 "You're — pal!"

- 103 Class teaching the techniques of Civil War photographer Brady?
108 Marcel Marceau's clown
109 — -Cherry (Ocean Spray flavor)
113 Pretty good grade
114 Antennae and tentacles
116 Chicago airport
117 Unlatch, e.g.
118 Baseballer Rod when not using a chauffeur?
122 Indian bread
123 Literary afterthought
124 Great skill
125 Small vortex
126 Literary journalist Gay
127 Syringe fluids
128 "Iliad" city

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- 1 Polite title for an Indian man
2 Luxury handbag label
3 Longtime senator Hatch

- 4 Big fusses
5 "... Mac — PC?"
6 Goofed (around)
7 Quebec city
8 Stair unit
9 At just the right time
10 Author Dahl
11 Actress Jacqueline
12 "Kinda sorta"
13 Golf peg
14 Detroit-to-Memphis dir.
15 Crawford of the NBA
16 In style
17 "Told ya so!"
18 — faire
20 Soggy
24 Pat gently
28 "Let's Get Loud" singer, familiarly
30 1996 presidential candidate
32 2006 Nintendo debut
33 Salon service
34 "We have the OK"
35 Japanese "energy healing"
36 Thereabouts
39 Egyptian beetles
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- 41 Coffee type
42 Ave. crossers
44 Old Italian money
45 Stops
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50 Crazy caper
51 Small bird
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56 Sailor's mop
58 Victory cries
59 Lacking frost
60 Snug-fitting necklaces
63 Artistic work
65 "Riverdale"
67 "You Light Up My Life" singer
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69 City in Utah
73 Stir-fry tidbit
74 Teeter-totter
75 Café au —
76 Macpherson or Fanning
77 Gets hitched
79 Protective shoe tip
80 "— and the Night Visitors"
84 Oscar — Hoya
86 School org.
88 Galvanizing element

- 90 Cary Grant played a male one in 1949
91 Radius or ulna
92 S.O.S or Brillo product
93 Very helpful tip, informally
95 Pigeon sound
99 "Bonjour, — amis!"
100 Fashion frill
102 Michael formerly of Disney
104 Word on Winnie-the-Pooh's pot
105 Total overhauls
106 Suit fabric
107 Wallach of film
109 Intone
110 Less typical
111 "Am not!" retort
112 Full of the latest info
115 Spacewalks, in NASA lingo
116 Mo. #10
118 Tennis unit
119 Air quality gp.
120 — Mama (rapper)
121 School stat

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Calendar of EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

‘PERCH & POUR’ AT SALISHAN

Seven Capes Bird Alliance will hold a “Perch & Pour” event at 3 p.m. in The Attic at Salishan Coastal Lodge, 7760 Highway 101, Gleneden Beach. The group holds these gatherings on the third Wednesday of each month.

LINCOLN CITY CRIBBAGE CLUB

The Lincoln City Cribbage Club meets at 4 p.m. every Wednesday at Pioneer Joe Coffee Co. in the Marketplace at Salishan, 7755 Highway 101, Gleneden Beach. \$9 entry, six games. Forget the rest, come play with the best. Info: Jack Shumate, 541-574-7668.

LIVE MUSIC BY BOX AND BUCKET

Box and Bucket, featuring renowned Nashville guitarist Porter McClister and electric washtub bass player Barbara LePine, performs from 5:30 p.m. to close every Wednesday at Luna Sea Fish House, 10111 Pacific Coast Highway 101, Seal Rock. Info: www.lunaseafishhouse.com

RANDY MCCOY AT THE DRIFT INN

Randy McCoy performs from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

THURSDAY, FEB. 20

WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Newport Parks and Recreation's Winter Lecture Series at the rec center (225 SE Avery St.) presents “Exploring an Abandoned Naval Base at the Edge of the World,” Jenni Remillard. 6 p.m. Info: www.facebook.com/newportparksandrec/events

BRINGING SEA OTTERS BACK

The Oregon Coast Community College Foundation's Williams Lecture Series presents Chanel Hason, director of outreach and community relations for the Elakha Alliance, talking about bringing sea otters back. Free, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101.

JOHN & SPARK DUO AT THE DRIFT INN

The John & Spark Duo performs from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

BIG BAND DANCE

Enjoy the sounds of the Big Band era with the Lincoln Pops from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Gleneden Beach Community Club, 110 Azalea St., Gleneden Beach. Admission: \$10 at the door. Refreshments available. Info: 503-949-8222 or on Facebook.

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

TEEN FRIDAY AT NEWPORT REC CENTER

Enjoy an ice cream social from 4 to 7 p.m. during Teen Friday at the Newport Recreation Center, 225 SE Avery St. Admission free for recreation center members and included with a \$3 Youth Friday Drop-In Pass. Info: 541-265-7783.

IAN SMITH AT THE DRIFT INN

Ian Smith performs classics beginning at 6 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

‘SOMETHING ROTTEN’ AT THE PAC

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LINCOLN CITY GLASS CENTER CELEBRATION

The Lincoln City Glass Center, 4821 SW Highway 101, celebrates its 20th anniversary from 5 to 7 p.m. there will be a

glass blowing demonstration, a silent auction of glass items and other items, and complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres.

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

DESIGN YOUR FUTURE

Design your future with a fun, free vision board experience from 1 to 3 p.m. at Ocean Unity, 385 NE Alsea Highway, Waldport (across from Ray's Market). All supplies are furnished. Info: 503-805-0506.

LIVE MUSIC AT BEACHCREST

The Rob Swenson Trio performs from 4 to 6 p.m. at Beachcrest Brewing, located at the Salishan Marketplace, 7755 N Highway 101, Gleneden Beach.

ARGENTINE TANGO

Learn Argentine Tango at Newport Tango's weekly Sunday lesson and practice. 5 to 8 p.m., South Beach Community Center, 3024 SE Ferry Slip Road. Info: www.newportdancetango.com or newportdancetango@gmail.com

MONDAY, FEB. 24

BARBARA LEE TURRILL AT THE DRIFT INN

Barbara Lee Turrill performs beginning at 6 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

TUESDAY, FEB. 25

MIKE TOLLE PERFORMS ON ACOUSTIC GUITAR

Mike Tolle performs on acoustic guitar from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

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TRIVIA NIGHT

Enjoy Trivia Night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Beachcrest Brewing, located in suite E5 at the Salishan Marketplace, 7755 Highway 101, Gleneden Beach. Free. Show off your knowledge for the chance to win prizes. Teams of up to six allowed.

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

TEA AND TALK AT VAC

Join the Coastal Arts Guild for Tea & Talk at 2 p.m. at the Newport Visual Arts Center, 777 NW Beach Drive. This month's event features fiber artist Vince Zettler talking about his art and his current show at the VAC. For more information, call 541-574-3364.

WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Newport Parks and Recreation's Winter Lecture Series at the rec center (225 SE Avery St.) presents “Tsunamis and Survival: What to Know About Lincoln County,” with Dr. George Priest. 6 p.m. Info: www.facebook.com/newportparksandrec/events

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

BENEFIT AUCTION AND CONCERT

A silent auction and benefit concert to help with medical-related expenses for June and Joren Rushing, 6 to 9 p.m. at Primaltones in Aquarium Village, 2925 SE Ferry Slip Road, #122, South Beach.

‘MY VIP AND ME DANCE’

Children ages 3-13 are invited to bring their VIP adult to spend an evening having fun and making memories at the Newport Recreation Center, 225 SE Avery St. Ages 3-6 from 6 to 7 p.m., and ages 7-13 from 7 to 9 p.m. Info: 541 265 7783.

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NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE IN HD

See National Theatre Live's production of “Nye,” starring Michael Sheen, on screen in HD at the Newport Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. For tickets: call 541-265-2787, visit coastarts.org/events, or stop by the PAC box office at 777 W Olive St.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

YACHATS BIG BAND

Join the Yachats Big Band from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Yachats Commons, 441 Highway 101 N. The band plays dances featuring big band classics on the first Thursday of every month. Admission is \$5 for adults, free for children under 12.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

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SATURDAY, MARCH 8

PETAL HEADS NURSERY AT CONNIE HANSEN GARDEN

Growers of outstanding annuals and perennials will give a free talk for hortiholics, plant nerds and garden gurus at 11 a.m. at Connie Hansen Garden, 1931 NW 33rd St., Lincoln City. Followed by plant sale. Info: conniehansengarden.com or 541-994-6338.

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CELTIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

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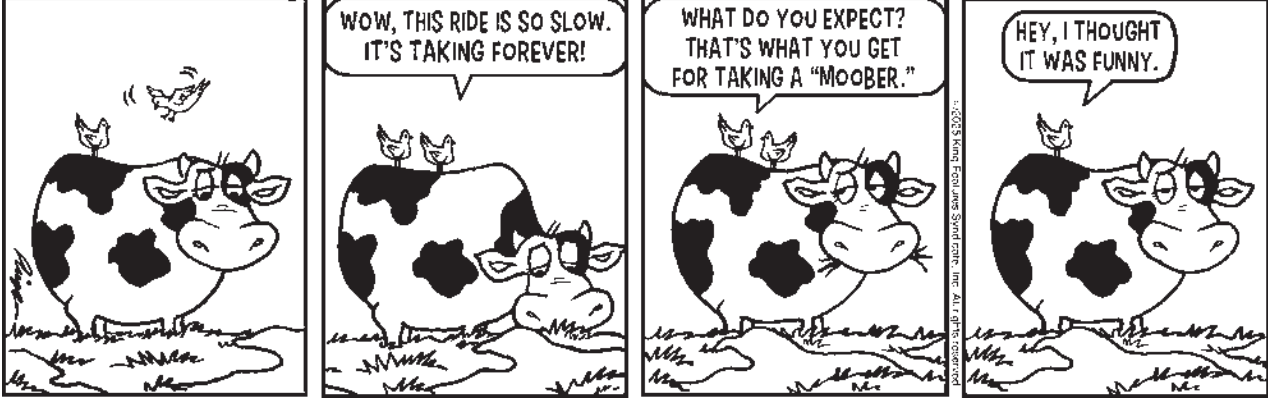


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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Recliner or folding

2. Applied glue

3. Foolishness

4. Wedding location

5. Household servant

6. Gladden

7. Purple fruit

8. Stripe

9. Military time out

10. Car bumper
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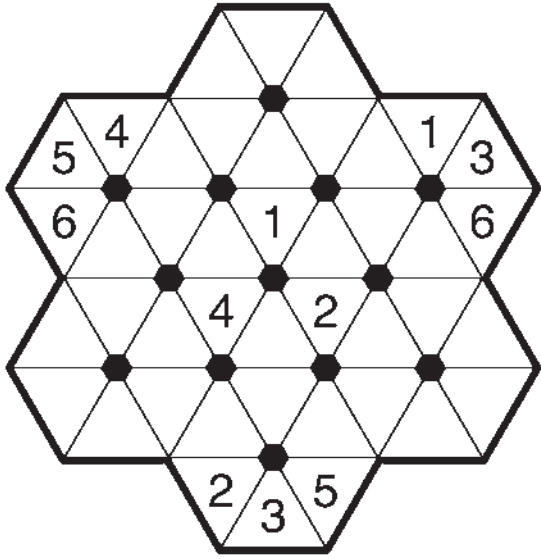
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

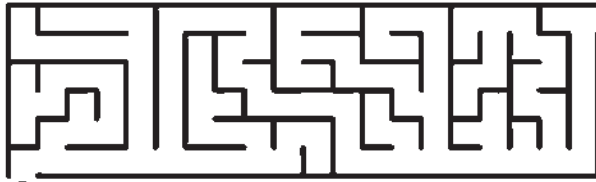
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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

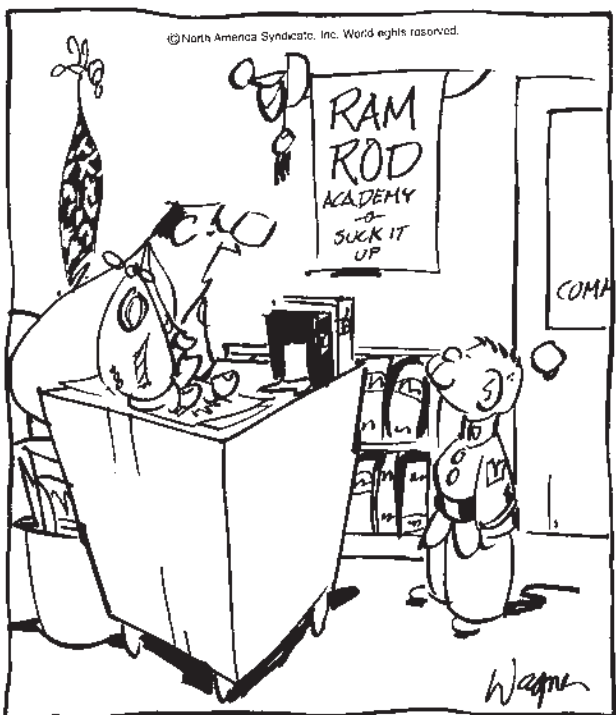


Kids' Maze



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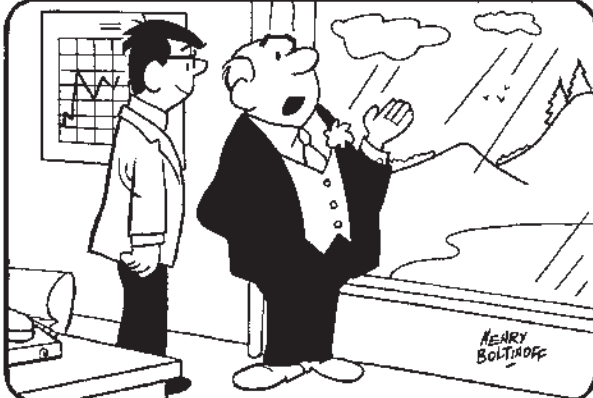
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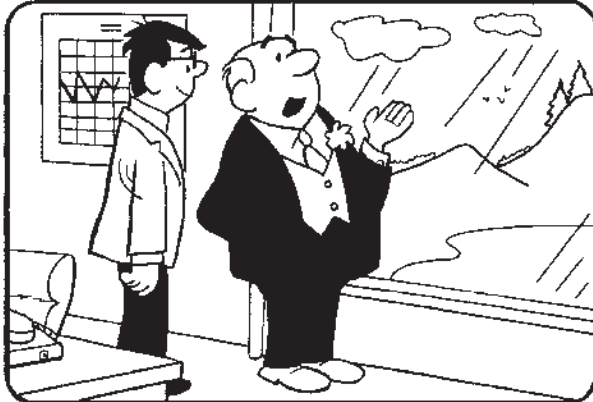
"Figby, we've had reports that you've been combative. Congratulations!"

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Vest is shorter. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Chair is taller. 4. Foot is moved. 5. Chart is different. 6. Curtain is not as wide.

King Crossword

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5 Slender

9 Venomous viper

12 — Bator

13 Director Wertmuller

14 Cutesy- —

15 Beau

17 "Nova" airer

18 Oodles

19 Media mogul Winfrey

21 Brother of Moses

24 Concerning

25 Large amount

26 Novelty dance at a wedding

- 30 Pampering, for short

31 Sri —

32 Tokyo's historic name

33 Quarantines

35 L-Q bridge

36 Baseball legend Willie

37 Mission man

38 Arizona city

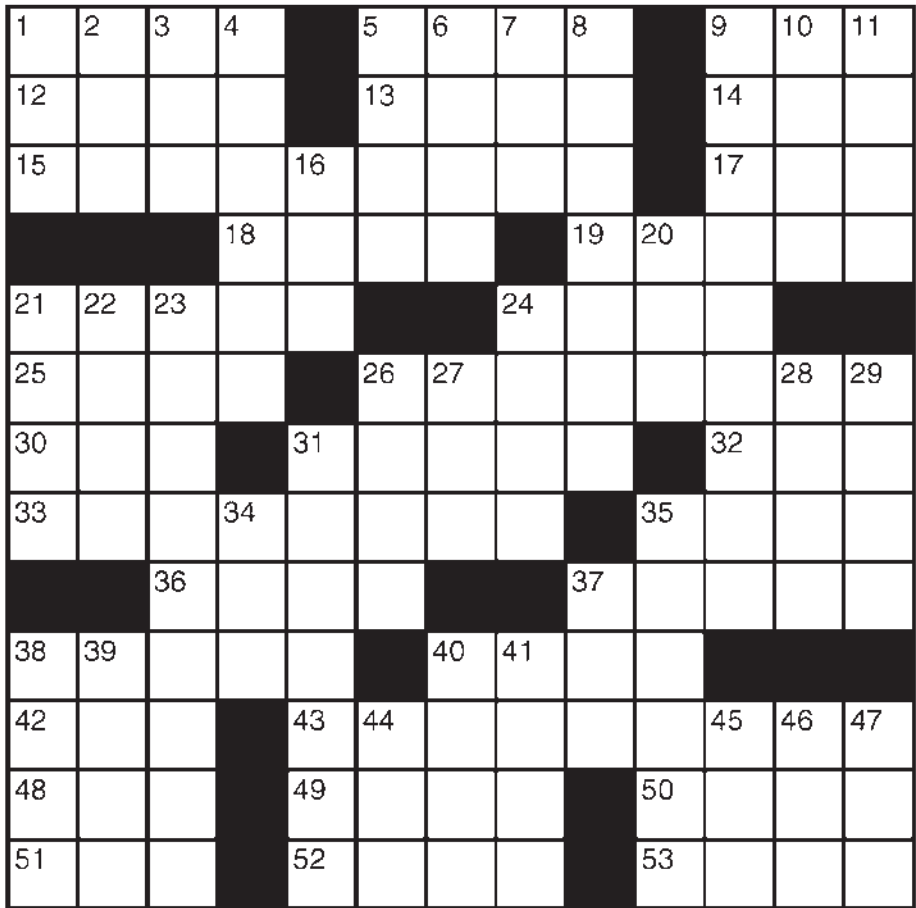
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21 Sparkling Italian wine

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26 Cave creatures

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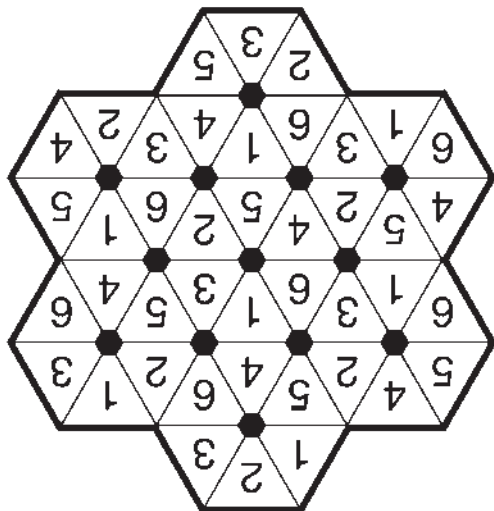
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1. Chair, Chair
10. Fender, Lender

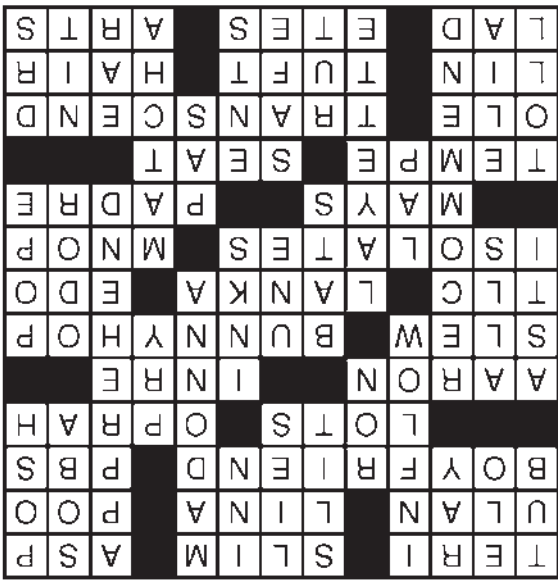
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7. Grape, Grace

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Even Exchange



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LCL25-0045 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Port of Newport claims a lien in the amount claimed below, pursuant to ORS87.152, for the reasonable and agreed charges for labor and materials, storage or services provided at the request of the owner or lawful possessor of the following described personal property: Personal property: Sailboat Voyager; Official number: 638316; Reputed owner: Thomas Martin Sailboat Voyager; Last known address:1885 NW Portland APT 316, Portland, OR 97209; Security interest holder: None; Amount of

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25-235 \$295,000

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Views & Maintenance Free beach retreat close to shops & restaurants. Cozy & comfy for storm watching! The unit has easy access and comes fully furnished with a gas fireplace and in unit washer and dryer. The HOA fees include all utilities, WIFI, dish service, reserves, amenities, pool, crabbing dock, maintenance and more.

24-2462 \$240,000

PRICE REDUCED

One-Owner 2021 MFD Home, 1,248sf. featuring spacious layout w/large guest bath, utility room, 2guest bedrooms, & primary en-suite. Large windows throughout , low-maintenance lot w/small fenced yard, concrete patio, & storage shed plus a paved driveway & covered front Trex porch.

24-2479 \$338,000

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Best of Both Worlds! Private wooded country setting on over 3/4 acre, yet only 2.5 miles from town. Spacious 1,980 SF floorplan features main level living w/bedroom & bathroom on main level, plus 2 bedrooms, bonus room, & bath upstairs. Attached garage + large detached shop. Sale also includes a vacant .18 acre lot across the street.

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claim of lien: \$19,162.25 (which includes storage of property and accrued late charges until sale date, and costs of lien foreclosure). The Port of Newport has retained the property for at least 60 days from the date when the charges for services provided were due. Notice is hereby given that unless the lien is paid prior to the date set forth for sale below, said property will be sold to the highest bidder. The successful bidder must pay 10% of the bid price in cash or certified check immediately upon being declared the successful bidder. The balance of the bid price is to be paid in cash or certified check within 24 business hours of offering the successful bid. The lien claimant may bid part or all of the lien amount claimed, plus storage and foreclosure sale expenses, which will be an offset against the lien amount. Minimum bid is \$8,175.10 Bids accepted until: March 12, 2025 Email bids to: mbrown@portofnewport.com OR drop bid off at: Port of Newport, 600 S.E. Bay Blvd., Newport, OR 97365. Bid forms can be found online at www.portofnewport.com or at the address listed above. The sale of the property will be “as is, where is” and there are no representations by the lien claimant as to the condition of the property or its title. Any person wishing to inspect the property prior to the sale may do so during normal business hours, by contacting the Harbormaster at 541-270-5557.

LCL25-0055
PERSUENT TO ORS
CHAPTER 819

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be Sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 3/4/2025 The sale will be held at 10:00am by CAR CARE TOW PRO INC 2795 SE 23RD DR LINCOLN CITY, OR 1998 Dodge R15 VIN = 3B7HF13Z5WG211734 Amount due on lien \$5920.00 Reputed owner(s) GONZALEZ DEL CID, MANUEL RELIABLE CREDIT ASSN

LCL25-0054
PUSUANT TO ORS
CHAPTER 819

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 3/4/2025. The sale will be held at 10:00am by ROWLEY’S TOWING 4822 S COAST HWY S. BEACH, OR 414 KIA OPT 4DVIN=5XX-GN4475EG348370 Amount due on lien \$5292.00 Reputed owner(s) > JOSE LUIS GARCIA JUAREZ DGO BROS INC DA4521.

LCL25-0053 NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
CITY-INITIATED

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ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS (2) ZOA 2025-02 AND 2025-03
The Lincoln City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider two Zoning Ordinance Amendments (ZOAs) to Lincoln City Municipal Code (LCMC) on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The Lincoln City City Council will hold a public hearing to consider these same two ZOAs on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The public hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City, Oregon. Persons who may be affected are invited to participate in the hearing and present written and/or oral testimony concerning the project. ZOA 2024-02 proposes amending LCMC Title 17 to expand the definition of duplex; and ZOA 2025-03 proposes amending LCMC Title 17 to add a new zoning classification of R1-2.5 to create opportunities for smaller lot sizes. The applicable criteria are LCMC Chapter 17.76 Procedures; and LCMC Section 17.77.130 Text Amendment. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearings and will be provided at reasonable cost to individuals who request it. The complete file for each Zoning Ordinance Amendment may be reviewed online at www.lincolncity.org by going to Departments in the top bar, then Planning & Community Development, then Recent Zoning Amendments. The applications, all documents and evidence submitted by or on behalf of the applicant, and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at reasonable cost upon request at Lincoln City Planning and Community Development, 801 SW Hwy 101. For additional information, please contact Richard Townsend, Planning Project Manager, at rtownsend@lincolncity.org or 541.996.1228. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing in person, or by letter/email, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the Planning Commission and/or City Council an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). Please email your comments to planning@lincolncity.org or mail to Lincoln City Planning and Community Development, PO Box 50, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367. This meeting will be rebroadcast on Charter Channel 4 Lincoln City at various times. This meeting will also

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be available for viewing at www.lincolncity.org/publicmeetings. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, for a hearing-impaired device, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. To request information in an alternate format or other assistance, please contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Kevin Mattias, at 541-996-1221 or kmattias@lincolncity.org. F19

LCL25-0052
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING PLANNED
DEVELOPMENT (PD
2025-01) VILLAGES AT
CASCADE HEAD

The Lincoln City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider PD 2025-01 on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City, Oregon. Persons who may be affected are invited to participate in the hearing and present written and/or oral testimony concerning the project. PD 2025-01 proposes to amend the conditions of approval for the Preliminary Master Plan for the Villages at Cascade Head Planned Unit Development and the Refined Preliminary Master Plan for Rock Creek Village as contained in Planning Commission Final Order 98-17. The proposal also amends conditions imposed in City Council Final Order 2012-12 on an appeal of Planning Commission actions. The Final Order approving the Preliminary Master Plan for the entire Villages at Cascade Head PUD and the Refined Preliminary Master Plan for Rock Creek Village contains almost 200 conditions of approval. City Council Final Order 2012-12 contains another 18 conditions. Many of the original conditions of approval have been fully complied with and are no longer necessary, while others have been determined to be unreasonably onerous, making the development of the properties economically unfeasible. The applicable criteria governing this review is Lincoln City Municipal Code (LCMC) Section 17.77.120 Planned Development. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearing and will be provided at reasonable cost to individuals who request it. The complete file may be reviewed online at www.lincolncity.org by going to Departments in the top bar, then Planning

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& Community Development, then Land Use Cases Under Review, then Planned Development, and then PD 2025-01 Villages at Cascade Head. All documents and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at reasonable cost upon request at Lincoln City Planning and Community Development, 801 SW Hwy 101. For additional information, please contact Richard Townsend, Director, at rtownsend@lincolncity.org or 541.996.1228. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing in person, or by letter/email, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the Planning Commission and/or City Council an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). Please email your comments to planning@lincolncity.org or mail to Lincoln City Planning and Community Development, PO Box 50, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367. This meeting will be rebroadcast on Charter Channel 4 Lincoln City at various times. This meeting will also be available for viewing at www.lincolncity.org/publicmeetings. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, for a hearing-impaired device, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. To request information in an alternate format or other assistance, please contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Kevin Mattias, at 541-996-1221 or kmattias@lincolncity.org. F19

LCL25-0051 NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
CUP 2025-01

Spring Lake Pump Station The Lincoln City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider CUP 2025-01 on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City, Oregon. Any person who may be affected is invited to attend and participate in the hearing and present written and/or oral testimony concerning the project. The Lincoln City Planning and Community Development Department received an application for a conditional use permit for a new water pump station and redevelopment of the existing parking lot in the Spring Lake Open Space. The subject property is unaddressed and is identified as Assessor's Map 07-11-11-CC-00100-00. The property

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owner is The City of Lincoln City. The applicable criteria governing this review are: Lincoln City Municipal Code (LCMC) Chapter 17.43 Open Space (OS) Zone; Chapter 17.52 Supplementary Regulations and Exceptions; Chapter 17.55 Landscape Standards; Chapter 17.56 Off-Street Parking and Loading; Section 17.76.050 Type III Procedure; and Section 17.77.060 Conditional Use Permit. A copy of the staff report will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearing and will be provided at a reasonable cost to individuals who request it. The complete file may be reviewed online at www.lincolncity.org by going to Departments in the top bar, then Planning & Community Development, then Land Use Cases, then Conditional Use Permit, and then CUP 2025-01 Spring Lake Pump Station. The application, all documents and evidence submitted by or on behalf of the applicant, and applicable criteria are available for inspection at no cost and will be provided at reasonable cost upon request at Lincoln City Planning and Community Development, 801 SW Hwy 101. For additional information, please contact Weston Fritz, at wfritz@lincolncity.org or 541.996.1226. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing in person, or by letter/email, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the Planning Commission and/or City Council an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). Please email your comments to wfritz@lincolncity.org or mail to Lincoln City Planning and Community Development, PO Box 50, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367. This meeting will be rebroadcast on Charter Channel 4 Lincoln City at various times. This meeting will also be available for viewing at www.lincolncity.org/publicmeetings. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, for a hearing-impaired device, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. To request information in an alternate format or other assistance, please contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Kevin Mattias, at 541-996-1221 or kmattias@lincolncity.org. Citizens requesting to give public comment via telephone must email planning@lincolncity.org no later than noon on the

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meeting day. F19
LCL25-0050
The Toledo Urban Renewal Agency (Agency) has published the FY 2023/2024 Toledo Urban Renewal Plan annual report. It is on file at City Hall and with the Agency. The full information is available to all interested persons. In FY 2023/2024, the Agency received \$419,499 in property tax revenue. The expenditures totaled \$445,830. The estimated current year tax revenues for FY 2024/2025 are \$421,440. The FY 2023/2024 budget includes \$801,091 in revenues and expenditures. The amount of maximum indebtedness remaining for the Plan Area is \$30,711,610. The impacts on taxing districts due to the Toledo Urban Renewal Plan in FY 2023/2024 are shown below. Taxing District: Impact: Lincoln County General \$84,540 Lincoln County School Unit \$147,139 Lincoln County Extension Service \$1,347 Lincoln County Animal Scvs District \$3,272 Oregon Coast Comm College \$5,245 EDS Linn-Benton-Lincoln \$9,094 Lincoln County Transportation Serv Dist \$2,887 Greater Toledo Pool Recreation Dist \$23,048 Port of Toledo \$7,025 City of Toledo \$155,270 TOTAL: \$438,867

LCL25-0050 IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE STATE OF
OREGON FOR THE
COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of: Betty Joy Davis, Decedent. No. 25PB00021 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative, care of Alexander M. Bluestone, attorney for the Personal Representative, at: Alex Bluestone Law, LLC, 4742 Liberty Road S., #550, Salem, OR 97302-5037 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative. Dated and first published on February 19, 2025, Alexander M. Bluestone, OSB No. 183071, Alex Bluestone Law, LLC, Attorney for the Personal Representative, 4742 Liberty Road S., #550, Salem, OR 97302-5037,

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503.383.1304, alex@salemprombate.com
LCL25-0049
The following unit will be sold at Public Auction Starting 3/11/2025 at 9:00am, Ending 3/18/2025 at 9:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Auction to be 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# B297 Kiah Totenkopf

LCL25-0048
PUBLIC AUCTION

At Anchor Storage 1673 SE East Devils Lake Rd. Lincoln City, Or. 97367 Contact number is 541-921-9878. The following unit(s) will be sold at Public Auction on March 6th, 2025 Beginning at 11:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Unit #D34 Beatrice Nava.

LCL25-0041 REQUEST
FOR PROSALS CITY
OF DEPOE BAY
ESTABLISHMENT
OF A DESTINATION
MANAGEMENT
ORGANIZATION
(DMO) TO MANAGE
TOURISM MARKETING
& PROMOTION

SERVICES RFP 2025-02
The City of Depoe Bay (the “City”) is seeking proposals from qualified organizations or individuals with a successful track record in promotion and visitor attraction services to create and implement multi-media tourism marketing services with the overall objective of increasing tourism activity and bed stays, and the development of the City's identity as a destination market that unifies tourism around a central and compelling brand. Information regarding this solicitation can be obtained from City Hall at 570 SE Shell Avenue, Depoe Bay or requested by email: info@cityofdepoebay.org or can be found on the City's website at cityofdepoebay.org. Qualified proposers shall submit their proposal by the response deadline of February 27, 2025 at 5:00 PM PST to the Deputy City Recorder at info@cityofdepoebay.org. Any proposal received by the City after 5:00 PM PST will be considered late and will not be considered. Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by the City Administrator/Recorder or member(s) of the staff or other individual(s) as designed. After initial review, an award recommendation will be made by the City Administrator/Recorder to the City Council, who shall make the final award.

LCL25-0040 REQUEST
FOR PROPOSAL
TO PROVIDE
ACCOUNTING AND

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FINANCIAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF DEPOE BAY RFP 2025-01
The City of Depoe Bay (the “City”) is seeking proposals from a qualified Certified Public Accountant or Certified Public Accounting Firm to provide financial audit support, general accounting services, financial operational assistance, and grants management support on a contract basis for a three-year period with the option to extend for an additional one to two years. Information regarding this solicitation can be obtained from City Hall at 570 SE Shell Avenue, Depoe Bay or requested by email: info@cityofdepoebay.org or can be found on the City's website at cityofdepoebay.org. Qualified proposers shall submit their proposal by the response deadline of February 20, 2025 at 5:00 PM PST to the Deputy City Recorder at info@cityofdepoebay.org. Any proposal received by the City after 5:00 PM PST will be considered late and will not be considered. Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by the City Administrator/Recorder or member(s) of the staff or other individual(s) as designated. After initial review, an award recommendation will be made by the City Administrator/Recorder to the City Council, who shall make the final award.

LCL25-0032 NOTICE
TO INTERESTED
PERSONS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the ESTATE OF JEFFERY DEAN LISWIG, DECEASED, Lincoln County Circuit Court Case Number 24PB10984. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365 or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date first published: February 5, 2025. John Kyle Liswig, Personal Representative of the Estate of Jeffery Dean Liswig, Gari Lynn Lovejoy, Attorney at Law, Attorney for Personal Representative, PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365. F5 F12 F19

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, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Security Agreement dated November 2, 2015, and recorded November 3, 2015, as Instrument No. 2015-11023, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, State of Oregon (the “Deed of Trust”), under which SHILO INN, NEWPORT, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company, is the grantor, TIGOR TITLE COMPANY, is the original trustee, and NATIXIS REAL ESTATE CAPITAL LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is the original beneficiary, and the beneficial interest under the Deed of Trust having been assigned to WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SG COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2016-C5, COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2016-C5, by that certain Assignment of Deed of Trust dated effective as of July 19, 2016, and recorded August 16, 2016, as Instrument No. 2016-07707, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, State of Oregon, and the beneficial interest under the Deed of Trust having been further assigned to the current beneficiary RSS SGCMS2016-C5 – OR SIN, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company (“Beneficiary”), by that certain Assignment of Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Security Agreement dated effective as of May 3, 2021, and recorded May 10, 2021, as Instrument No. 2021-06082, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, State of Oregon. The aforementioned Deed of Trust covers property (the “Property”) described as: PARCEL I: All of Blocks 5, 6, 7 and 8, BLOOMERS ADDITION TO NEWPORT, in the City of Newport, County of Lincoln and State of Oregon. PARCEL II: Beginning at the intersection of the North line of Evans Street, as platted in Bloomers Addition, with the West line of Elizabeth Street, as deeded by R.M. and Lura M. Kie to the City of Newport by deed recorded in Book 112, Page 510, Deed Records; thence North 3° 49' 42" East along the West line of said street, 295.00 feet; thence North 87° 14' 18" West parallel with the above mentioned line of Evans Street, a distance of 280.00 feet to the high water line of the Pacific Ocean; thence Southerly along said high water line, a distance of 295.00 feet to the intersection of the high water line and the North line of Evans Street; thence South 87° 14' 18" East along said North line of Evans Street a distance of 340.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, in Lincoln County, Oregon. PARCEL III: That part of Block 67, CASE AND BAYLEY'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF NEWPORT, in Lincoln County, Oregon described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Block 67, said point begin the intersection of the Northerly line of Fall Street and the East line of Elizabeth Street; thence North 03° 49' 42" East along the East line of Elizabeth Street, 100.00 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence South 86° 10' 18" East at right angles to said Elizabeth Street, 100.00 feet; thence North 01° 02' 05" West 48.51 feet to the corner common to Lots 3, 4, 9 and 10 of said Block 67; thence North 86° 10' 18" West at right angles to Elizabeth Street, 42.50 feet; thence North 03° 49' 42" East parallel to Elizabeth Street, 93.00 feet to the Southerly line of S.W. 4TH Street; thence South 56° 29' 12" West along the Southerly line of S.W. 4TH Street, 67.15 feet to the East line of Elizabeth Street; thence South 03° 49' 42" West along the East line of Elizabeth Street, 100.60 feet to the Point of Beginning.. Together with all buildings, structures, fixtures and other improvements now or hereafter located thereon (the “Improvements”), all Additional Collateral described in Exhibit A 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 original trustee or by the original beneficiary or any appointments of a Successor Trustee other than the appointment of DAVID W. CRISWELL, ESO, 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. The name and address of the Successor Trustee are as follows: David W. Criswell, Successor Trustee, Lane Powell PC, 601 SW Second Avenue, Suite 2100, Portland, OR 97204. 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 Shilo Inn, Newport, LLC (the “Grantor”) that, based on the provisions of the Deed of Trust and the loan documents now held by Beneficiary, including the promissory note dated and effective as of November 2, 2015 (“Note”) and loan agreement dated and effective as of November 2, 2015 (“Loan Agreement”), authorize the foreclosure of the Deed of

Trust and the sale of the Property described above. The uncured and continuing defaults are the following: 1. Grantor's failure to pay to Beneficiary, the required Monthly Debt Service Payment Amounts (as defined in the Loan Agreement) due on January 5, 2021, and thereafter through and including November 5, 2024. Grantor has made limited Monthly Debt Service Payments during that time period which have been credited to the indebtedness. Additionally, while Borrower also failed to make the Monthly Debt Service Payment amount from March through December 2020, pursuant to the moratorium imposed by Oregon House Bill 4204 (“HB 4204”) such missed payments have been added to the loan balance and must be paid when full performance of the obligations under the Loan Documents (as defined in the Deed of Trust) is due. The March through December 2020 missed Monthly Debt Service Payments have been excluded from the amounts necessary to cure and reinstate the subject loan under ORS 86.778. Late charges, property protection advances, special servicing fees, workout fees, taxes, reserves, insurance and other charges through November 5, 2024, total \$2,149,914.68. Default Interest from January 1, 2021, due as of (i.e., through and including) November 5, 2024, is in the amount of \$1,938,157.28. ALL SUCH AMOUNTS are now due and payable along with all costs and fees associated with this foreclosure. 2. Additional defaults include Grantor's failure to pay personal and real property taxes owing to Lincoln County as set forth below:

Account No	Tax Period	Amount Due
P173710	2023-2024	\$17,941.21
P490427	2023-2024	\$4,585.42
P173710	2024-2025	\$17,755.93
P490427	2024-2025	\$4,543.01
R312098	2024-2025	\$1,116.13
R451342	2023-2024	\$50,509.04
R451342	2024-2025	\$51,727.25
R456093	2023-2024	\$76,625.87
R456093	2024-2025	\$78,473.94
R467852	2023-2024	\$118,821.76
R467852	2024-2025	\$121,083.39
R453722	2023-2024	\$2,577.70
R453722	2024-2025	\$3,556.73
R458390	2024-2025	\$27.43
TOTAL		\$548,754.81

TOTAL UNCURED MONETARY (PAYMENT) DEFAULT: As of November 5, 2024, the amounts which must be paid to the Beneficiary to effect a statutory cure under ORS 86.778 and discontinue the trustee's sale (in addition to the above tax payments that must be made to Lincoln County by Grantor) are as follows:

Shilo Inn Newport Bring Current	
P&I Payments (through 11/05/2024 payment)	\$2,512,351.38
Unpaid monthly reserves/impounds due from: 02/6/2021 through 11/5/2024	\$557,342.10
Default Interest (01/05/2021 - 11/05/2024)	\$1,938,157.28
Late Fees Due	\$332,711.48
UCC Filing	\$148.23
Special Servicing Fees	\$198,822.58
Workout Fee	\$77,064.05
Est. IOAs (as of 11/5/2024)	\$455,318.25
Property Protection Advances	\$143,541.07
NSF Fee	\$150.00
Payoff Processing Fee	\$950.00
Sub Total	\$6,216,556.42
Tax and Insurance Advances	\$374,866.92
Estimated Pending PPA Invoices	\$9,000.00
Sub Total	\$6,600,423.34
Suspense Balance	\$4,400.72
Total	\$6,596,022.62

Newport High School recaptures district title

Will Lohre
Country Media, Inc.

The 2025 4A-3A-2A-1A Special District 3 swimming championships are in the books, and Newport High School set the standard in Astoria, placing first as a team in the boys division, and the ladies locked up second.

The event was initially slated to be a two-day event, with preliminary races on Feb. 14, and finals on Feb. 15. Due to inclement weather concerns, the meet was shortened to a one-day event, but the Cubs did what they had to do to be one of the top teams in the district.

Newport coach John Wray said the team came out “on fire” at the 2025 championships and detailed where the Cubs stacked up with some of the other teams in attendance.

The boys defended their district title, taking first place with 270 points, a solid 70 points ahead of the second place Astoria. On the girls side, Newport finished second behind Valley Catholic by a mere 23 points, finishing with 243 points.

Full results for the boys and girls teams in attendance were:

Boys

- Newport - 270
- Astoria - 200
- Tillamook - 195
- Taft - 178



The Newport Boys Team with the District Championship trophy. (Courtesy photo)

- Scappoose - 112
- Seaside - 111
- St. Helens - 69
- Valley Catholic - 42

Girls

- Valley Catholic - 266
- Newport - 243
- Taft - 178
- Astoria - 141
- Tillamook - 109
- St. Helens - 87
- Seaside - 82
- Scappoose - 40
- Rainier - 38
- Banks - 37
- Neah Kah Nie - 6

One of the highlights for Newport was seeing some of its top swimmers take home the top honors in their events. Wray reported that senior Ben Hurty and sophomore Gywnn Postlewait each won two individual

events, while Senior Ivan Farias, sophomores Jahan Eibner, Hana Parker, and Clyde Bretz each “claimed a district championship.”

In addition to gold medals, freshman Gigi Howard, seniors Allison Pettett, Will Postlewait, and Connor Brown, and sophomores Ruby Perucci, Eibner, and Parker each recorded 2nd individual place medals.

Looking further down the ranks, junior Brynn Hillebrand picked up a 7th in the 50 Free & 6th in the 100 Backstroke, while Senior Eleyna Greenwald placed 4th in the 100 Breaststroke. Some of the other results from the weekend included Junior Sam Smith finishing with a 5th and 16th place, Freshmen Chloe Postma a 19th and 24th place showing, Ian Ruiz-Ramierz placing 22nd in the 50 Free, and



The 1st place 200 Free relay from Newport High School from left to right: Gigi Howard, Eleyna Greenwald, Brynn Hillebrand, Allison Pettett. (Courtesy photo)

Giselle Sanchaz-Munoz with a 20th in the 100 Back. Senior Alyssa Greenwald placed in the 50 and 100 Free, while Marian Kimberly placed 12th in the 100 Breast and 15th in the 500 Free.

While the team swam well individually, it was the relays where Newport really distinguished themselves.

In the relays is where NHS really shined the brightest,” Wray said. “Out of the six relays contested, the Cubs won five of them and placed 2nd in the sixth. All six relays earned a trip to the State Championships in Portland.”

For both the boys and girls teams, success in districts means a trip to Portland to defend their state titles, an honor both teams earned in a sweep of the 4A/3A/2A/1A State Champi-

onships in 2024. Stay tuned for results from the final event of the season next week.

Note on Taft

Taft High School finished fourth in the boys division, while the girls team finished third in Astoria. According to the Taft High School Boosters Facebook page, the Tigers will be represented by Elijah Fingerson and Brenden Wilson in individual events.

Wilson ended up as the winner in the 500 Freestyle, while Fingerson came in second in the 50 yard Freestyle. Additionally, a relay team made up of Wilson, Fingerson, Max Serrato, and Dylan Murphy will also have the chance to compete at state, thanks to their performances in Astoria.



Girls Head Coach Jake Tolan showing off his team's new record. (Courtesy photo from Taft Tigers Girls Basketball)

Historic seasons for Taft

Will Lohre
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It's been a historic season for both the boys and girls basketball teams at Taft, as the boys are amid their best season in more than a decade, and the girls have racked up the most wins in program history, a record that has stood since 1979.

Let's see how each team finished the regular season and what might await them as the postseason gets underway.

Historic achievement

Earlier this year, girls basketball Head Coach Jake Tolan said that one of the goals for his team was to reach 18 wins, a mark that would set the new all-time win record in program history. On Feb. 12, that dream and goal became a reality.

The Tigers crushed Willamina 54-26, cementing the 2024-2025 season in the history books, as the previous record for most wins in a season had stood since 1979, according to an update posted to the Taft Tigers Girls Basketball Facebook page.

“A goal was set to break the all-time win record at Taft set in 1979. The team has been ripping off a page for each win with a goal of reaching this one. Tonight was their night! Good news: records are made to be broken and we've got games to go! Go Tigers,” the post stated.

It's been a great season for the Tigers, who came away from league play with a 12-4 record and an 18-5 record overall. Taft ended the season as the #9 team in OSAA's 3A classification and as the third-best team in a competitive PacWest Conference.

The result of the Tigers' Feb. 18 league playoff game against Jefferson is not known at time of press, but Taft entered the game having won six of their last seven games, though the

one defeat did come at the hands of Jefferson on Feb. 7.

The Tigers will hope to keep the momentum of their historic season going into a memorable postseason run befitting their historic 2025.

Boys on a roll

The boys basketball team has also been putting together a storybook season. The Tigers finished last season with a 15-13 record and ranked at #20. This season, Taft has gone up another level. Ahead of the postseason, the Tigers are 20-4 and ranked #5 in the state.

Taft's recent success shows how much the program has grown in the past few years. Though Taft was above .500 this and last season, the most recent time before that dates all the way back to 2016-2017, when the team had a 14-13 record. The Tigers are writing a new script this year, putting together the best league record they've had since at least the 2005-2006 season, according to MaxPreps.com.

The Tigers have been on a tear in the 3A PacWest League, going 14-2 during the regular season and winning 13 of their last 14 games. Taft's only losses in the league this year came against Scio on Dec. 18 and Dayton on Feb. 11.

Looking at the 3A-3 PacWest Conference, Taft is still the cream of the crop heading into the league playoffs. The Tigers are atop the conference, with Dayton (12-4), Scio (11-5), Santiam Christian (11-5), Amity (8-8), Blanchet Catholic (7-9), Jefferson (6-10), Sheridan (2-14), and Willamina (1-15).

As of Feb. 17, their league playoff matchup has yet to be determined. The Tigers will hope that their best season in at least two decades leads to some big wins in the playoffs.

Eddyville Eagles Soar to First League Title in 29 Years



From left to right: Asst Coach Jaydn Spangler, Head Coach Eddie Townsend, Parker Crowe, Darian Schultz, Kaden Foley, Ethan Musick, Leo Poli-Covington, Ashton Fawver, Nixon Clendenin, Manager Tayvin Purdom, Asst Coach Charlie Russell, Manager Eli Townsend. (Courtesy photo)

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For the first time since 1996, the Eddyville Eagles boys' basketball team can call themselves league champions. With a dominant 13-1 record in Mountain West League play and a historic 20-win season—the first as far back as records show—the Eagles have cemented themselves as one of the top teams in Oregon's 1A classification.

Led by Stars, Built on Defense

Eddyville has been led by Mountain West League Player of the Year, Parker Crowe, a senior guard; first-team All-League wing Darian Schultz, a junior; and Second-Team All-League guard Nixon Clendenin, a sophomore. The Eagles have relied on a suffocating defense, allowing just 33.9 points per game, the best scoring defense in all of 1A basketball in Oregon.

Crowe, a transfer from 2024 2A State Champion Western Christian, has been a do-it-all leader, averaging 15.5 points, 10.3 rebounds, and 7.8 assists per game. Clendenin, who transferred from 1A playoff team Falls City, has been the team's leading scorer at 16.8 points per game. Schultz has provided toughness and versatility, putting up 10.1 points, 9.7 rebounds, and 2.9 steals per game.

Supporting them are standout role players like Ashton Fawver, a defensive powerhouse, and Ethan Musick, who has dominated the boards down the stretch of the season. Freshman guards Diego Slaughter and Kaden Foley have also stepped up, providing elite defense and timely

shot-making.

A Winning Culture Returns to Eddyville

The turnaround started with head coach Eddie Townsend, who previously led Toledo High to six consecutive Sunset League titles and a 2A state championship in 2020. Townsend took over the program from Charlie Russell, who remains on staff as an assistant, and the results have been undeniable.

“No one really knew what would happen this year,” Townsend admitted. “New coach, new expectations, new constraints, and new relationships—things could have gone either way. But we had some key moments where the boys decided they wanted to be a great unit, a true team. Since that time, around the Clemens Tournament, we've been on a roll, winning 16 of our last 17 games.”

That roll was nearly derailed in late January, when the Eagles suffered their only league loss to Mapleton, 35-28. Townsend recalled, “That was a tough loss. We played with no identity, no energy, and it was a low moment for us. But two days later, we went to Troutdale and defeated Open Door 54-33. That was a defining moment of our season. We pulled together, regained our confidence, and haven't looked back since. Like I tell the guys, a great man gets up. Just get up and keep battling.”

A Championship Moment

The championship moment came this past Saturday evening when Eddyville traveled to Mohawk and dismantled the Mustangs 76-28. The post-game

celebration was emotional, as the team gathered at mid-court to commemorate a feat no Eddyville team had accomplished in 29 years.

“This group of kids never considered that they could win a league title initially,” Townsend said. “I always tell them, if something can be done, why not us? It's all about seeing the vision, working for it, and watching it come true. What a ride!”

The Road Ahead

Eddyville now awaits its opponent in the Mountain West League Championship Game, scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd, at 1:30 PM at Junction City High School. They will face the winner of Triangle Lake vs. Mapleton, and if they win, they will host a first-round OSAA playoff game for the first time since 1996.

“We hope it's Mapleton,” Townsend said. “We split with them during the regular season, and we're ready to battle. If we win, we get to bring playoff basketball back to Eddyville. The community should be proud of these boys!”

The OSAA 1A State Playoffs will qualify 32 teams, with the final eight advancing to Baker City for the State Tournament. Townsend and the Eagles have their sights set high.

“Our ultimate goal is to make it to Baker City,” Townsend declared. “We have to win two games to get there. It's a tall task but why not us? Why not now?”

With history on their side and momentum in their favor, the Eagles are proving that their time is now.