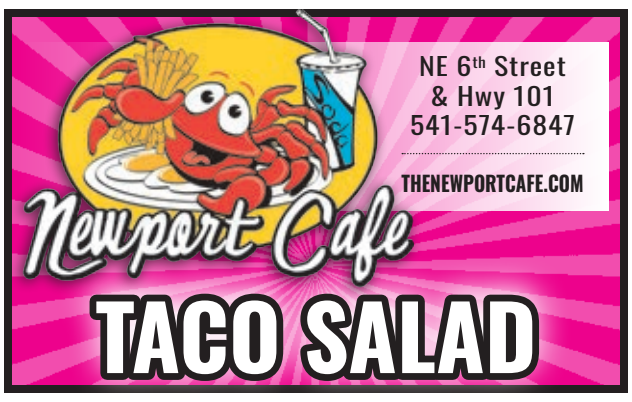


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Rabid bat reports increasing, prompting state advisory

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon could exceed a record number of rabid bats this year, according to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

The two agencies are urging people to prevent exposure to rabies while highlighting the importance of bats and other wildlife to the state's ecosystems.

So far, 22 bats have tested positive for rabies in 2026, according to OHA data. That numbers illustrate that the state has matched – and is poised to surpass – its record for the number of bats that test positive for

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As of July 31, 22 bats have tested positive for rabies in 2026, according to OHA data. (Benton County Health)



The investigation centered on electrical vehicle charging equipment at the Lincoln City Outlet Mall. (Courtesy photo)

Suspects arrested following investigation

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Two people have been arrested and face multiple criminal charges following a theft investigation at the Lincoln City Outlet Mall.

According to the Lincoln City Police Department investigators, a concerned citizen witnessed subjects actively cutting electric vehicle chargers at the Lincoln City Outlet Mall at approximately 1 a.m. July 31 and immediately notified the LCPD.

Officers surrounded the Outlet Mall and intercepted the suspects as they were leaving in a blue Honda Ridgeline, according to LCPD Sgt Erik Anderson.

"Both suspects were taken into custody without further incident," Anderson said. "A search

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Historic Oregon lighthouse relit after repairs

TONY REED
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After months of being dark, the curtain was rolled back, and the light inside Heceta Head Lighthouse was relit on July 23. The historic lighthouse has been dark since mid-March, when it was discovered that the mechanism that rotates the Fresnel lens was worn down.

The light was turned back on in the morning without any fanfare.

"We are so happy to have this iconic lighthouse back up and running, and I invite everyone to come see it in person," said Park Manager Hylah Furnish. "Maintenance is a constant at Oregon State Parks, and caring for a historic lighthouse adds unique challenges, requirements, and costs."

The historic lighthouse was turned off because the supporting assembly needed new carriage wheels. The wheels hold

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The Heceta Head Lightstation, south of Yachats, has been keeping watch over the Pacific Ocean since 1894. (Courtesy photo)

Toledo Public Library to receive $10,000 grant

The Toledo Public Library will be one of 300 libraries to participate in the fourth and final round of "Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities."

The American Library Association (ALA) initiative that provides community engagement and accessibility resources to small and rural libraries to help them better serve people with disabilities.

The competitive award comes with a $10,000 grant that will be applied to updating the library's physical space and accessibility features, as well as improving programs and collections to better serve the needs of all the members of our community.

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The Toledo Public Library is located at 173 NW 7th Street in Toledo. (Courtesy photo)

Weather

Wednesday: High-71/Low-54
Mostly Sunny
Thursday: High-67/Low-52
AM Fog/PM Sun
Friday: High-67/Low-52
Partly Cloudy
Saturday: High-66/Low-53
Partly Cloudy
Sunday: High-64/Low-53
Mostly Sunny
Monday: High-64/Low-53
Mostly Sunny
Tuesday: High-64/Low-53
Mostly Sunny

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
28-Jul	0 "	59.59 °F	70.82 °F
29-Jul	0 "	55.22 °F	67.23 °F
30-Jul	0 "	53.55 °F	68.11 °F
31-Jul	0 "	53.73 °F	70.47 °F
01-Aug	0.07 "	58.39 °F	68.29 °F
02-Aug	0.01 "	52.48 °F	67.81 °F
03-Aug	0	52.06 °F	62.52 °F

Total rainfall from Jan. 1 .....27.14"

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
High.....5:38 a.m.....5.0
Low.....11:03 a.m.....1.9
High.....5:35 p.m.....7.3

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
Low.....12:46 a.m.....0.6
High.....6:58 a.m.....4.6
Low.....11:53 a.m.....2.6
High.....6:27 p.m.....7.4

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
Low.....1:59 a.m.....0.2
High.....8:34 a.m.....4.6
Low.....1:02 p.m.....3.2
High.....7:32 p.m.....7.5

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
Low.....3:12 a.m.....-0.3
High.....10:05 a.m.....4.8
Low.....2:26 p.m.....3.5
High.....8:44 p.m.....7.6

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
Low.....4:17 a.m.....-0.9
High.....11:12 a.m.....5.3
Low.....3:47 p.m.....3.4
High.....9:53 p.m.....7.9

MONDAY, AUGUST 10
Low.....5:14 a.m.....-1.4
High.....12:02 p.m.....5.8
Low.....4:56 p.m.....3.0
High.....10:55 p.m.....8.1

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
Low.....6:04 a.m.....-1.7
High.....12:45 p.m.....6.2
Low.....5:56 p.m.....2.4
High.....11:51 p.m.....8.2

Sunrise/Sunset

August 5.....6:07 a.m.....8:38 p.m.
August 6.....6:08 a.m.....8:36 p.m.
August 7.....6:09 a.m.....8:35 p.m.
August 8.....6:10 a.m.....8:34 p.m.
August 9.....6:11 a.m.....8:32 p.m.
August 10.....6:13 a.m.....8:31 p.m.
August 11.....6:14 a.m.....8:29 p.m.
August 12.....6:15 a.m.....8:28 p.m.
August 13.....6:16 a.m.....8:26 p.m.

Lottery

Friday, July 31
Mega Millions
4 • 18 • 26 • 43 • 51 • PB-4

Saturday, August 1
Powerball
6 • 17 • 27 • 48 • 50 • PB-5 • x3

Saturday, August 1
Megabucks
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Lincoln city animal abuse arrest

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Lincoln City Police detectives have processed the arrest of Nicholas Mumma, related to charges of Animal Abuse in the Second Degree.

Key information was provided to Lincoln City Police Detectives on by a previously unidentified witness in the case, according to a release from the LCPD. The investigators did not publicly release the information provided by the witness.

The animal associated with the charges is currently under the care of Lincoln County Animal Services. Specific details about the abuse were also not publicly released by the LCPD.

"LCPD encourages those with information or video evidence to contact the police directly. This greatly increases our ability to validate the source for evidentiary purposes," the release states.

When the Lincoln City Police Department and Lincoln County Animal Services Deputies receive complaints related to animal welfare or abuse, a thorough investigation is completed including investigation of all reports of alleged abuse, reviewing all witness statements, video provided by citizens, video available on the internet, and through contact with the animal's owner, the LCPD stated in an earlier release.

Anyone with information for LCPD detectives, should contact LCPD Dispatch at 541-994-3636.

Phone call leads to felony warrant arrest

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

A Newport man has been arrested in a felony warrant sex abuse investigation by a Lane County Sheriff's Office deputy following a phone call from the son of an alleged victim.

The arrest was triggered following information provided in a call to Cottage Grove Dispatch from the son of an alleged victim in the Lincoln County investigation.

"The caller reported that his now-deceased mother had been victimized by a man in Newport over several years and wanted to ensure the suspect was brought to justice," the Collage Grove Police Department (CGPD) stated in a social media post. "After recently seeing the suspect posting in the "What's Going on in Cottage Grove" Facebook group, he believed the man was living in or around Cottage Grove."

Officers identified the suspect and discovered he had a nationwide felony warrant stemming from an indictment through the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office for multiple counts of Sodomy, Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, and Unlawful Sexual Penetration.

Officers developed several possible addresses associated with the suspect, including one just outside Cottage Grove city limits. Since the residence was outside the city's jurisdiction, the information was forwarded to the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

A Creswell deputy responded to the location and requested assistance from Cottage Grove officers. The suspect was located without incident, taken into custody on the outstanding felony warrant, and lodged pending extradition back to Lincoln County, according to the CGPD post.

State issues life insurance fraud ring alert

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

The Oregon Division of Financial Regulation is warning people about a recently detected fraud ring that is signing up people for life insurance without their knowledge or consent.

The fraud, which targets mostly older adults, has been found in multiple states, including Oregon.

Here is how the fraud, which involves licensed insurance agents, works:

Victims receive multiple telemarketing calls in which they tell the telemarketer personal information. The information collected during these telemarketing calls is then shared with the insurance agents participating in the fraud ring. The agents then cold call the victim to obtain any additional personal information needed to complete an application for a life insurance policy, which gets submitted without the victim's knowledge or consent.

The life insurance policy, or in many cases multiple policies, is issued and the agent is paid a commission for the sale of the policy, even though the policy has not yet been paid for at this point. When the insurance company attempts to collect the first premium payment, the fraud is discovered.

"Because the insurance company is paying upfront commissions to the agents, the companies are experiencing high losses as a result of this fraud ring," said TK Keen, Oregon insurance commissioner and DFR administrator. "Additionally, the victims of the fraud ring are being targeted for other scams and schemes, putting them at risk for future fraud."

DFR has a website with tips to help protect yourself from fraud. Among those tips are the following:

- Sign up for the National Do Not Call Registry.
  - Do not answer the phone if you do not know the caller. If you do answer, hang up if it is a robot, a stranger, or someone pressuring you.
- If you do not know the sender, do not respond to texts, emails, or click on a link.
  - Question everything. If you do not understand something, do not sign it or agree to it.
- Never give personal identifying information to strangers.
  - Ask your credit card company and bank if they can put a fraud alert on your accounts.
  - Monitor your financial accounts regularly.
  - Consider enlisting a trusted family member or reputable bill-paying service. Contact your local Area Agency on Aging for help with routine payments.
- Execute a power of attorney only if you have someone you trust completely, and only after consulting with an attorney. Be sure to ask about gifting clauses, and limit the power you give your selected person. Only grant authority that is necessary.

DFR's consumer advocates are available to help with questions or to file a complaint. You can reach them at 1-888-877-4894 (toll-free) or email DFR.InsuranceHelp@dcbs.oregon.gov for insurance help and dfr.financialservicehelp@dcbs.oregon.gov for financial services help.

State agency warns of wildfire fraud

STAFF REPORT

As Oregon communities respond to widespread damage from the 2026 wildfires the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) is urging residents to stay cautious and informed to avoid falling victim to fraudulent schemes, particularly those involving online fundraising platforms.

When disasters strike, Oregonians come together to support neighbors and communities. Unfortunately, scammers may try to exploit that generosity by creating fake fundraising campaigns or misrepresenting their intentions. Fraud attempts may come via phone calls, mail, email, text messages, or even inperson visits. To help protect yourself and your donations, OEM offers the following guidance:

Double Check Your Charitable Donations

- **Verify the campaign's authenticity:** Only donate to fundraisers created by people or organizations you know and trust. Look for detailed, transparent information about how funds will be used. You can verify charitable organizations on the Oregon Department of Justice Charitable Activities page.
- **Check for secure websites:** Ensure the fundraising campaign or donation request is fraudulent, contact the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Protection Hotline at 18778779392 or visit OregonConsumer.gov.
- **Protect your donations:** Avoid cash. Use checks or credit cards to maintain a secure, trackable record. Sign up for DOJ Scam Alerts through the Oregon Department of Justice Scam Alert Network.

Avoid Contractor Scams During Wildfire Cleanup and Repairs

As residents begin debris removal, structural assessments, and home repairs, fraudulent contractors may target those seeking quick assistance. Keep these tips in mind:

- **Research contractors thoroughly:** Ensure the contractor is licensed, bonded, and insured. Check reviews and references through trusted sources such as the Oregon Construction Contractors Board.
- **Get written estimates:** Obtain multiple detailed, written estimates. Avoid contractors who demand large upfront payments or offer unusually low prices.
- **Avoid highpressure sales tactics:** Take time to review contracts and make informed decisions.
- **Never pay in cash:** Use checks or credit cards to maintain a paper trail and added security.
- **Beware of doortodoor solicitations:** Scammers may approach residents with unsolicited "fire recovery" offers. Always verify credentials and legitimacy.

Key Fraud Prevention Reminders

- **Public aid is free:** There are no costs to apply for disaster assistance or participate in inspections.
- **Verify government workers:** Inspectors and officials will always carry identification and will never request or accept money.
- **Trust your instincts:** If something seems off, contact law enforcement or your local emergency management office to confirm the validity of claims.
- **Follow trusted information sources:** Monitor local media outlets and official state and county emergency management channels for accurate updates.

Nonprofit Organizations Collecting Monetary Donations to Support Oregon Disaster Response

Financial gifts remain the most effective way to assist people affected by wildfires. They just take a bit more diligence. Monetary donations allow disaster response organizations to purchase exactly what is needed, when and where it is needed. People seeking trusted organizations currently involved in wildfire response can dial 211 or visit 211info.org. See additional links with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website.

All trusted state partners and agencies remain committed to supporting wildfire survivors and preventing the fraudulent activity that slows recovery. Together, we can protect our communities, ensure donations reach those who need them most, and safeguard survivors from fraud and identity theft.

For more information about wildfire recovery resources in your area, contact your ;ocal or Tribal Office of Emergency Management. If you have questions or concerns about donation requests you've received, contact your local law enforcement agency.

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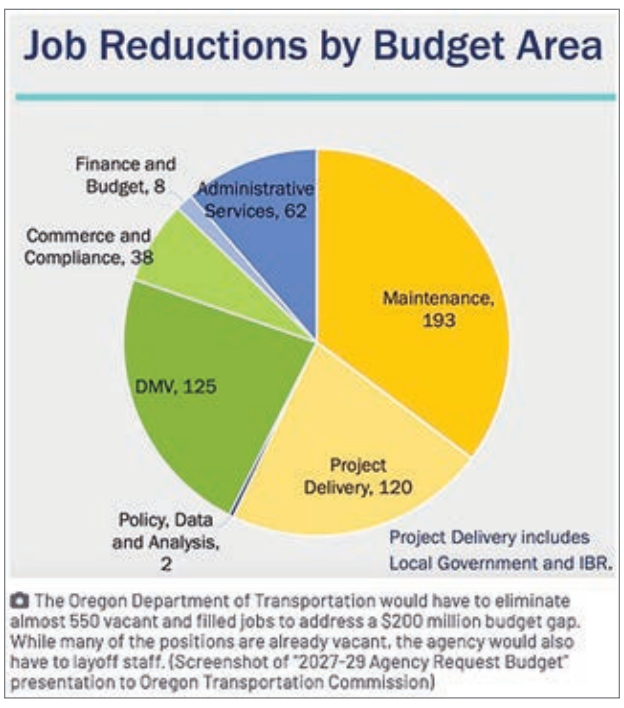
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7	5	1	3	9	8	6	2	4
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3	2	4	1	6	7	9	8	5



A "closed" sign sits at a counter at the DMV office in Albany. Since Jan. 1, 2026, there have been 34 full day office closures across Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle division offices because of staffing shortages. (Mia Maldonado / Oregon Capital Chronicle)

Oregon transportation agency faces $200 million budget gap

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle



The Oregon Department of Transportation would have to eliminate almost 550 vacant and filled jobs to address a $200 million budget gap. While many of the positions are already vacant, the agency would also have to layoff staff. (Screenshot of "2027-29 Agency Request Budget" presentation to Oregon Transportation Commission)

Oregon's beleaguered transportation agency is staring down a $200 million budget gap for the 2027-29 budget cycle and layoffs unless the state Legislature intervenes, according to agency officials.

The Oregon Department of Transportation's budget gap largely stems from inflation and declining gas tax revenue as more people drive electric vehicles, and it means the agency will likely experience its fourth budget cycle in a row having to make reductions, agency deputy director Travis Brouwer said in a virtual presentation Friday, July 31, to the Oregon Transportation Commission, the group charged with setting transportation policy.

That's unless the Oregon Legislature finds a way to provide additional revenue to the agency.

Democratic lawmakers in 2025 passed a law that would bring $4.3 billion in new tax revenue to the agency over the next decade, but voters in a May referendum overwhelmingly rejected most of those new revenue streams, including increases to gas and payroll taxes and car registration and title fees.

The agency by law can't move money from one division's budget to another without legislative approval, and federal funding the agency receives cannot be used toward maintenance, leaving officials with few options for closing the budget gap.

'Tragic for the state': Agency leaders faced with cutting nearly 550 positions

The transportation agency has made significant progress in addressing its budget gaps, Brouwer said, reducing its spending by over half a billion dollars since 2019 by moving staff out of leased buildings into state-owned buildings, implementing more information technology systems to reduce staff and eliminating at least 11 vacant senior executive positions.

But those budget reductions come at a cost, he said.

Without new revenue, the agency will need to eliminate almost 550 vacant and filled jobs, or 11% of its workforce, he said. The agency's maintenance and operation's branch would get hit the hardest, with 193 jobs cut, followed by 125 jobs within the Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division, 120 project delivery jobs, and dozens of jobs within administrative services, commerce and compliance and the finance and budget division.

"The risk of these cuts is truly tragic for the state in the long term," said Tova Peltz, the agency's chief engineer.

If the legislature doesn't find new revenue streams, Peltz said the agency would have more than half of its road maintenance crews operating with five or less people — putting both Oregonians and those staff at risk.

It means less people plowing roads in the winter, less vegetation removed from roads, less clearing ditches or culverts and fewer pavement repairs. It also means fewer crews available to respond to severe weather events, she said.

At the Oregon Driver of Motor and Vehicle Services Division, budget cuts mean closing even more of its offices. The division already grapples with severe staffing shortages, especially in rural areas.

"We've got about the same number of budgeted positions at DMV as we did 25 years ago, but there are 800,000 more Oregonians, and of course nearly all of them need to come to DMV for our services," division administrator Amy Joyce told the commission.

The Commerce and Compliance Division, which tracks commercial driving and rail operations, would look to close some of its weight locations and redirect its focus to more popular interstate highways, Division Administrator Carla Phelps said.

As for the division that handles the agency's facilities, human resources and IT, cuts would result in deferred facility maintenance, aging technology in a time with greater cybersecurity risks because of artificial intelligence, and possibly more workforce management issues, according to Thomas Amato, the Support Services Division interim administrator.

The meeting somberly closed with Oregon Department of Transportation Interim Director Chief Chris Warner apologizing to agency leaders for having to consider cuts to their staff and services.

"For anyone who has a public service ethic, it must really be painful to present those kinds of scenarios and to be thinking about those," Warner said. "Thank you, and I'm sorry."

A 12-member group of business and transportation stakeholders appointed by Gov. Tina Kotek has since May been working on recommendations for solving the Oregon Department of Transportation's impending funding shortfall. The group will present recommendations to lawmakers before the next Legislative session in 2027.

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ONLINE POLL

PREVIOUS POLL

Do you support President Trump's actions against Iran?

16.7%..... yes

83.3%..... No

NEW POLL

Do you plan a late summer get-away?

- Yes
- No



Thursday, August 13
6:30PM Reception / 7:30PM Recital at Lincoln City Cultural Center
Dreams of Childhood: The Musical Reflections of a New Father
Music by Mozart, Schumann, Villa-Lobos, Debussy, and Prokofiev. Mei-Ting Sun, piano.

Friday, August 14
7:30PM at Lincoln City Cultural Center
Triumph Over Melancholy
Chamber music takes us on a journey through dark to light with works by Hindemith, Beethoven, and Reineke.

Saturday, August 15
7:30PM at Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, Newport
Romance at the Bay
A passionate Sonatabend (or "Evening of Sonatas") with pieces by Bowen, Faure, and Rachmoninoff.

Sunday, August 16
4:30PM at Lincoln City Cultural Center
MUSICAL TAPAS
A cornucopia of tasty musical treats and light bites. Our featured musicians dazzle with Festival favorites and some new twists.

Monday, August 17
7:30PM at Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, Newport
Coastal Crosswinds
For the first time, we return for a second concert in Newport with chamber music by Rozsa, Bernstein, Beethoven, Milhaud, and Newport's own Ernest Bloch.

Tuesday, August 18
7:30PM at Lincoln City Congregational Church
A Musical Gift - FREE CONCERT
Chamber music by Ravel, Ives, Muczynski, and Brahms.

Wednesday, August 19
7:30PM at Lincoln City Congregational Church
Sweet and Spicy
Chamber music by Shulamit Ran, Brahms - and the Mendelssohn Octet.

Thursday, August 20
7:30pm at Lincoln City Cultural Center
Welcome to the Club
A Very Special Night of Jazz! An homage to John Coltrane and Miles Davis for their centenary (both born in 1926). Led by Noah Simpson, trumpet.

Friday, August 21
6:30PM at Lincoln City Cultural Center
Benefit Concert
Scrumptious snacks and the spunky sounds of Soul Proprietors. A night of music and the presentation of the Dick Hyman "For the Love of Music" Award.

Saturday, August 22
2:30pm at Schooner Creek Discovery Park
Free Family Concert
Francis Poulenc's "The Story of Babar the Little Elephant" arranged for wind quintet and narrator. Johann Stuckenbruck conducts.

6:15pm Pre-Concert Discussion with Mei-Ting Sun and Johann Stuckenbruck at Taft 7-12 / 7:30pm Concert
A Night at the Symphony
Johann Stuckenbruck conducts the Siletz Bay Music Festival Orchestra. Music by Kodaly, Wagner, Bach/Webern, and Beethoven.

Sunday, August 23
4:00pm at Taft 7-12
SOUNDS OF THE AMERICAS
Johann Stuckenbruck conducts the Siletz Bay Music Festival Orchestra. Music by Bernstein, Dohnanyi, Tate, and Copland.

All programs subject to change.

Oregon sees record wildfire season

Officials urge precautions

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader



The 2026 summer wildfires have scorched approximately 2 million acres in Oregon. (Courtey photo)

As of Aug. 3, Oregon has set a new wildfire record for total acres burned, at approximately 2 million acres, according to the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center (NWCC).

The NWCC is the Geographic Area Coordination Center for the Northwest Region which includes the States of Oregon and Washington.

The NWCC serves as the focal point for interagency resource coordination, logistics support, aviation support and predictive services for all state and federal agencies involved in wildland fire management and suppression in the region. Cooperating agencies include the: Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, Oregon Dept of Forestry, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington Dept. of Natural Resources and the National Park Service.

The majority of the wildfires have been in Central and Eastern Oregon. Several of the fires were sparked by lightning.

Due to Oregon's increasing drought and new heat waves forecasted for much of the state, the state's public safety services, natural resource agencies, and tourism office are encouraging residents and visitors to practice wildfire prevention, prepare their home and a go-bag for evacuation, and know where to go for real-time alerts and information.

According to the NWCC's predictive services, each year the Pacific Northwest is at elevated risk of significant fires from now until October. With fire crews responding to new fire starts every day, Oregonians and our visitors need to be prepared for wildfires, help prevent future ones, and be aware of up-to-date conditions as they travel across the state.

How can people help prevent wildfires?

The Oregon Department of Forestry is urging the public to actively practice wildfire prevention as the state continues to put out new fires every day. Additional human-caused fires on the landscape will draw the firefighting efforts away from the lightning-caused fires and put extra strain on ground and aviation resources, which are already spread thin. YOU can help prevent wildfires by:

- Checking and following your local fire regulations. The majority of the state is either in high or extreme fire danger right now, meaning even the smallest of sparks could start the next large wildfire.
- Debris burning may be prohibited where you live.
  - Check local restrictions or contact your local ODF office.
  - Return to check on your burn site if you burned earlier in the year.
- Make sure your car has been recently serviced to avoid faulty parts throwing sparks.
- Don't drag tow chains.
- Avoid parking vehicles on tall, dry grass.
- Recreate responsibly. Where campfires are allowed, make sure your campfire is DEAD OUT before leaving it by drowning it with water, stirring it with a shovel and repeating that process until it is cold to the touch. If there is heat coming off it, there are still embers that could reignite.

Take Simple Steps to Protect Your Home from Wildfire

The Oregon State Fire Marshal cautions Oregonians that summer is not the safest time to tackle large landscaping or defensible space projects. Hot, dry conditions increase the risk of starting a fire from using tools or equipment. There are small, safe steps you can take now to reduce wildfire risk around your home. The Oregon State Fire Marshal encourages everyone to plan ahead and do light cleanup tasks that protect your property without increasing fire danger.

Easy tasks to reduce risk in the first five feet around your home:

- Clear leaves, pine needles, and other debris from your roof, gutters, and under decks.
- Trim plants and bushes that are touching your home or growing under roof eaves. Give trees and shrubs space from each other and from structures.
- Remove dead plants and wood mulch. Use nonflammable materials like rocks or gravel near your home. Avoid bark mulch or dry grasses right next to buildings.
- Move firewood, propane tanks, and other flammable items at least five feet away from your home.
- Cover attic vents, soffit vents, and spaces under decks with 1/8-inch metal mesh to block embers.

Avoid using power tools or equipment that could spark a fire, especially during the heat of the day. Summer is a good time to plan defensible space projects, so you're ready to work safely once wildfire season ends.

For more tips or help with defensible space, visit www.oregondefensiblespace.org or https://preventwildfires.oregon.gov.

How can I prepare myself in case I need to evacuate?

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) urges everyone to prepare for wildfires and other emergencies by knowing evacuation levels, staying informed, having a plan, and having a go-kit ready.

Evacuation Levels

- Oregon follows a three-level evacuation notification system, each structured around safety threat level.
- Oregonians should become familiar with "Be Ready, Be Set, Go!" evaluation levels to make informed decisions when receiving evacuation notices.
- OEM urges people to evacuate whenever they feel unsafe, conditions can change rapidly; individuals should always make the best decision for their safety.
- Following evacuation, people should not return to the area until public safety officials state it is safe.

Stay Informed

- Stay informed, sign up to receive evacuation at, ORAlert.gov remember to update information if need be.
- Find the website for your county emergency management, sheriff's office, or tribal police and follow them on social media.
- Check your photo settings to ensure wireless emergency alerts are turned on.
- Build redundancy into how you can access alerts. Have a personal C.E. Plan for what you will do if your cell phone stops working. A good place to start is a hand-cranked NOAA radio.
- If you use a third-party app for alerts and situational awareness and notice discrepancy information, default to the information provided by your local emergency management office.

Have a Plan

- Do you know what to do during an evacuation? See the evaluation checklist with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website that explains what to do before, during and after an evacuation.
- Establish a communication plan with a list of important contacts and a safe place for loved ones to meet if they are separated during an emergency.
- Identify multiple evacuation routes from home, work, or school and plan for transportation needs.
- People with disabilities should consider individual circumstances and specific needs when planning for evacuation, such as special equipment, transportation, and service animals. Then plan extra time, when possible, this may mean treating a level 2 notice like a level 3 notice.
- Have an evacuation plan for pets, make a pet evacuation kit in a tote bag or pet crate, and plan for transportation and sheltering of large animals such as horses and other livestock.

Make a Go-Kit

- Assemble an emergency kit of essential supplies that can be grabbed quickly.
- Pack an easy-to-carry backpack or bag for each household member with health and safety items such as food, water, medication, flashlights, phone chargers, clothing, and important documents. Visit American red Cross to learn more.
- Find more information and resources at Wildfire.Oregon.gov.

Recreate Responsibly

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) encourages visitors to know before they go when it comes to campfire restrictions. OPRD coordinates with local fire officials throughout the summer and bans open flames in high-risk areas around the state until conditions improve. Please check park webpages or the current fire restrictions list before your next visit. Thank you for helping to reduce the risk of wildfires.

Additionally, many waterways in eastern Oregon are currently being used by firefighting aircraft. Stay clear of the center of major waterways. Recreational boats can block aircraft from accessing the water, which means they will not be able to retrieve water to help put out nearby wildfires.

Occasionally, OPRD will need to evacuate a state park. Evacuations occur at level 2 or earlier depending on fire conditions and the time required to get in and out of the park. Please follow park ranger instructions to pack gear and evacuate. Any park closure information will be posted on the park web page and OPRD social media.

How do I know if I should change my vacation plans?

Oregon is a large state, and while wildfires can disrupt travel in some regions, those impacts are often localized and can change rapidly as conditions improve or deteriorate. Because of this, it's important to check current alerts at the resources below to see whether your destination is affected. If you're looking for general guidance about traveling during wildfire season, read travel Oregon's Wildfire Travel FAQ.

Before You Go:

- Check road conditions at Tripcheck.com or by calling 511.
- Review and follow all local fire restrictions and closures.
- Be aware of air quality conditions that could impact health and visibility.
- View real-time hazard updates, maps, and fire information through OEM's Wildfire Dashboard.
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‘E pluribus unum’ is not a slogan. It’s a choice.

TIM STOREY
SUE URAHN
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Like two sides of a coin imprinted with the nation’s motto, “e pluribus unum” — out of many, one — America’s political factions are cast in opposition, but they are intrinsically bound together as parts of a larger whole.

From the beginning, the United States has aspired to build a more perfect union. When our founders convened the Constitutional Convention in 1787, they disagreed about the structure of government, the balance of power and the protection of individual versus collective rights. But when they debated — and they often did, with great conviction and intensity — they honed their arguments on what they thought was best for the entire country, guided by the shared vision of a new nation established on the ideals of individual freedom, equality and opportunity.

Today, that shared commitment to America’s founding creed is under strain.

Most Americans feel exhausted by politics, and a growing number are unhappy with the way the political system is working. Worse, this unhappiness is showing up in unhealthy ways, with low trust in government and each other — a sense that the other side is the problem.

We are painfully aware that partisanship and distrust have grown. We see this too often, when people are reduced to disparaging labels, states are cast as simply red or blue, and the hostility in our politics produces no progress, leaving us all no better off, or worse than before. Our political parties appear deadlocked in a struggle for power, forgetting that they are inseparable sides of the nation’s democratic system, which depends not on who wins but on a shared commitment to the common good. Central to that commitment is a willingness to listen to opposing views, not simply to respond but to understand.

Disagreeing is one thing — it is rooted in our pluralist republic. But when we cannot find ways to work together, it becomes impossible to solve our problems. The founders understood this. They argued passionately, but they shared a deeper allegiance to the nation’s success and its posterity, and they were partners in creating and safeguarding a system that we all continue to rely on.

Whether we choose to engage in political warfare or civil debate is up to each of us. That’s as true in statehouses and city councils as it is at the family dinner table, in the community center, on the debate stage, or standing on opposite sides of a free speech zone. In each of these venues, we can choose to practice democracy by engaging in debate that is spirited, healthy and rooted in strong arguments rather than name calling — or worse, heeding the impulse to withdraw from political engagement altogether.

There are glimmers of hope.

Here in Chicago, as part of the nation’s largest public policy gathering of state legislators and staff from all 50 states and U.S. territories, our organizations, the National Conference of State Legislatures and The Pew Charitable Trusts, are working together to build connections across the political spectrum and share policy ideas and best practices that strengthen legislatures and serve communities nationwide. This follows a series of events held around the country, including a February “America at 250 Forum,” to bring people with opposing views together to discuss issues that matter to everyone. All of the events demonstrate a serious commitment to strengthening our democratic muscles at this historic moment for the country.

Legislators from different parties sitting together to discuss not only their politics but also their human connection and shared belief in the country demonstrates that, despite the spotlight on our divisions, the time is ripe to unite for a common cause. We need to see more unity from our leaders — and be willing to try it ourselves.

Today, Americans must recognize that our political differences are not inevitably divisive, because our futures are fundamentally connected. Politics are difficult, yes, but they do not need to be ugly. Finding common ground is welcome, but at a minimum, Americans need to find the space to connect with one another and the courage to engage in healthy and substantive discussion. We can do that by building up state and local institutions where individuals get to know each other personally and by overcoming the silos and sides we’ve allowed to define us. A far better approach is to deal with people face-to-face and with respect, even when we profoundly disagree.

In a time when polarization and mistrust are treated as inevitable, we encourage all Americans to recommit to the principles and institutions that bind us together: a common belief in individual rights and equality, the rule of law, the legitimacy of representative democracy and our shared pursuit of national prosperity.

As America honors its 250th anniversary, it’s important to say, unequivocally and collectively, that we’re grateful to our country’s founders for starting this great experiment. We care about each other, and we want our fellow citizens to be successful. And we are proud to be part of this diverse, complicated and hopeful country.

Shared beliefs like these are central to the American experiment. E pluribus unum — out of many, one — if we so choose.

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At-will piece work for those Short-Term Rentals

PAUL HAEDER
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column

You may recall the animus throughout Lincoln County:

Unleashed dog(s), dog poop, people unloading boxes of food, children, and bags. Clicking their car alarms, on and off, on and off. Then they use adjacent driveways: loading unused boxes of food, leaving trash to blow around, more dog poop, and loud parties.

“Bayshore Board and Committees ignore this and these situations of STRs. None will approach to fix, they ignore it, as Full Time Residents deal with vulgar mouth STR transient tenants - disrespecting other people’s private property.”

Ahh, that’s an old Facebook post, and alas, I just got sacked by one of those evil vacation home STRs, not for doing anything badly, but ironically, because a Bayshore “Karen” supposedly took a video of me making a California stop – rolling stop – at a stop sign.

I got zero recourse from the multimillionaires who own the STR outfit. There were no moving violations, and no second chance for me to, well, slow my roll and stop at stop signs. Terminated.

This is a tale again of the haves and have-nots – and at $17 an hour, delivering laundry/supplies throughout the county and picking up dirty laundry, bags weighing 80 pounds, well, it is a mad dash to get to the dozens of SRT’s before check in.

Now, think of the optics – I was fired on hearsay, and if a video exists, it’s not evidence enough to have me sacked. But rich people breathe from a different atmosphere than the rest of us.

Mostly Mexican housekeepers rush to clean their rentals, from bottom to top, with white-glove inspections. It’s an endless battle with sand, dirty renters, and canine guests.

Three huge vacation homes in a day some of the Latinos clean in teams, so they can “make bank.”

And what a racket. Many of the homes have rickety, cracked wooden stairs. Storm doors are unlatched. In basements where linens and supplies sometimes go, I came across spider-infested rafters. I know my brown recluse and wolf spiders by sight.

Homes in disrepair, many places have rodent traps set up all over, out of sight from guests, who pay, gulp, from $260 to over $600 per night, with larger beachfront properties pushing $1,000+. A cleaning fee is added on.

The Oregon coast short-term rental fight entered a new chapter three years ago with a state ruling by the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals overturning a citizen-approved ballot measure phasing out vacation rentals in unincorporated Lincoln County.

Remember? 15neighborhoods was the coalition of citizens who garnered more than 10,000 Lincoln County residents to vote to phase out STRs.

STRs create jobs, though, as this most recent bitter experience was ramified to me, a union organizer going way back. At $17 an hour, one laundry driver comes from Depoe Bay to Waldport to start her shift. Another worker lived in an RV but was forced to leave the county when rental slips doubled.

Rich folk don’t like workers’ tales, one of which included a college student living in a van. She was sacked because of her “poor tone.” This multimillion-dollar family-owned outfit has no second or third chances in its blood.

The outfit doesn’t just manage other people’s homes. They have purchased many properties: single-family homes, condos, and apartments.

Now, sure, the person who turned me in is, well, a good German in my book. Many workers in this outfit have told me of their own travails with the rich company owners and their HR staff.

Back to the spiders. Brown recluse spiders, like most others, don’t go after humans, but they nest, so when someone rubs up against them, say in bed, the short fangs come out, and venom is injected. Caution should be observed when grabbing stored items—such as boxes in the attic, garden tools, or old gloves.

Short-term rental cleaners are always grabbing things out of these spider-infested locations. One cleaner told me she got bit at one of the SRT’s. She went to the ER, and $1000 later, after they abraded the wound and drained it, and prescribed a course of expensive antibiotics, she went back to cleaning.

She failed to file a workman’s comp claim, received no assistance from her supervisor, and, alas, the millionaire owners allegedly told her she couldn’t prove she was “bitten at one of OUR rentals,” so they decided zero compensation for ER and med bill would be best practices.

Ahh, the stone hearts of rich business owners.

I attempted to get unfired, but I got a boilerplate response back from the millionaire. Rules are rules, but this rich SRT impresario, who is fixing up a conglomerate of single units, is employing a nice Spanish-speaking guy from Nevada. He’s doing wiring, plumbing, and construction work for the owner, without, I am sure, an Oregon contractor’s license.

Brown recluse spider bites can take a person down quickly, and while their venom is complex and can cause serious local tissue damage (necrosis), most bites like the one I got in Phoenix heal on their own. Complications occur with those with compromised immune systems, which currently is a hefty thirty percent of Americans.

Let this sink in: millionaires benefiting from our infrastructure see an injured worker as, well, not worthy of financial help. Millionaires sacking workers with no recourse

Capitalism is vicious, and while people should reject this transactional, bloody economic system, we see none of that in our little town of Waldport’s SRT outfits.

These millionaires have been quoted in the media as stating they know people do not like Short Term Rentals, but “just get over it.” I imagine these millionaires drinking their fancy Merlot with resentment since Oregon has a minimum wage of $15.55 while the federal minimum wage of $7.25 per hour has remained unchanged since July 24, 2009.

I’m no bible thumper, but here I go: “He who oppresses the poor to increase his riches, and he who gives to the rich, will surely come to poverty.” (Proverbs 22:16)

PREFACE TO POSSIBLE CODE CHANGES

“Social capital” broadly refers to those factors of effectively functioning social groups that include such things as interpersonal relationships, a shared sense of identity, a shared understanding, shared norms, shared values, trust, cooperation, and reciprocity.”

Most nonresident owners/investors of Short-Term Rentals (STR) are not residents of Lincoln County. Most do not share these values. This is based on our review of the Public Comments submitted by Proponents of STRs during the Workshops in 2019, 2020, and 2021, media reporting, and even social media accounts.

The Lincoln County Business License model for STRs was adopted without a qualitative and quantitative study of the countywide infrastructure and services’ impacts. We now know from the widely reported experiences during the wildfires and recent bond measures for increased Emergency Services that infrastructure has been affected. Other examples include waste management (septic v sewer), availability of long-term workforce housing, roads, public health and safety, and emergency preparedness. Even the supply of volunteers needed to a variety of government agencies and nonprofits has been affected. We need more volunteers even as fewer are available.

Through personal experience and County records, 15neighborhoods (we) know that the STR Regulation was designed to rely on Neighborhood Reporters. However, licensing STRs in single-family Residential Zones that include pockets of residential areas or neighborhoods was short-sighted. The lack of a robust enforcement program that has allowed the Industry a “pass” for over four years is proof that the Industry cannot self-regulate.

We urge the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners (Board) to look at the record of problems that have been reported in the Public Comments submitted for 2019-2021 Workshops, the Public Testimony provided at the 2019-2021 Workshops, and the Public Input provided during the Board’s pre-COVID meetings. We ask the Board to consider the residential neighborhood problems that prompted you to review the STR Amendments in 2019. Finally, we ask the Board to consider the threats made by property managers and owners, including threats of litigation, against Neighborhood Reporters who report violations. Do not be lulled into believing STRs will ever be good neighbors to permanent residents in single-family areas, regardless of the number of restrictions that you will enact or whether STRs are managed by professional property managers. -- 15neighborhoods

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Journalism largely consists in saying ‘Lord Jones is dead’ to people who never knew Lord Jones was alive.”

G.K. Chesterton

Funding cut puts Lower Columbia fisheries, coastal jobs at risk

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader



The commercial fishery produces roughly $5 million a year in value paid directly to fishermen at the dock, before counting the work created for processors, restaurants, hotels, marinas, fuel docks, boat builders, mechanics, and other local businesses,

State Representative Cyrus Javadi (D-Tillamook) is calling on the Bonneville Power Administration to reconsider its decision to end funding for the Select Area Fisheries Enhancement Program, known as SAFE, in the Lower Columbia River.

According to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), the decision would take effect September 30 and leave a $2.4 million funding gap among Oregon, Washington, and Clatsop County. It could also put more than 7 million hatchery salmon currently in production at risk.

"This may sound like one more fight over a government program with a long name," Javadi said. "But for people who live and work along the Lower Columbia, it is much simpler than that. It is about whether there are fish to catch, jobs to work, and paychecks to bring home."

According to Javadi, the SAFE program supports hatchery production and terminal fisheries in the Lower Columbia River. It creates fishing opportunities for commercial and recreational fishers while directing more harvest toward hatchery fish and reducing pressure on weaker wild salmon stocks.

SAFE fish account for nearly all spring Chinook and most coho caught by the Columbia River commercial fishery. The commercial fishery produces roughly $5 million a year in value paid directly to fishermen at the dock, before counting the work created for processors, restaurants, hotels, marinas, fuel docks, boat builders, mechanics, and other local businesses, Javadi said in a release.

"People sometimes talk about the fishing economy as though it begins and ends with the person holding the rod or standing on the boat," Javadi said. "It does not. When the fish disappear, the effects travel quickly. The deckhand loses hours. The processor handles less product. The restaurant buys less seafood. The marina sells less fuel. The hotel has fewer Guests."

BPA has helped fund SAFE for more than 30 years as part of regional efforts to address the effects of the federal Columbia River hydropower system on fish and wildlife.

"There is a basic principle here," Javadi said. "When federal decisions impose costs on local communities, the federal government should not simply hand those costs back to the people who had the least say in creating them."

Members of the bipartisan Oregon Coastal Caucus are working with fishery partners, state agencies, the Governor's Office, and Oregon's federal delegation to urge BPA to reconsider its decision.

Oregon State Marine Board approves Siletz River rules

The Oregon State Marine Board has approved the following rule language for the Siletz River in Lincoln County:

Siletz River:

a) No person shall use a motor in excess of 15 horsepower and in excess of slow-no wake speed to propel a boat between Jack Morgan Park boat ramp and Old Mill Park boat ramp.

b) All motor use is prohibited upstream of Old Mill Park boat ramp.

c) All motor use is prohibited on all Siletz River tributaries upstream of Jack Morgan's Park boat ramp.

The Board added a fourth component for a smoother rule implementation to avoid negatively impacting anglers and the local community for scheduled angling opportunities this fall and winter: (d) Rule becomes effective on March 31, 2027.

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The Board agreed to delegate out-of-cycle funding authority to Director Warren for Old Mill Park's improvements, with a not-to-exceed amount of $500,000 in boating facility grants. Staff was also directed to develop educational and safety signage in advance of the rule's implementation and to conduct a standard one-year review in 2028 to determine the rule's effectiveness.

The Board also opened rulemaking for two agenda items:

Amending personal flotation device (PFD) definitions in Marine Board administrative rules to align with U.S. Coast Guard terminology; and

Creating a reciprocity rule between Oregon and Idaho Outfitter Guides operating on the Snake River, which intersects both states. The purpose of the rule is to ensure uniformity of laws between Oregon and Idaho, clarifying registration, license, or permit requirements. A reciprocity rule already exists between Oregon and Washington's border waters.

The Marine Board will issue news releases soliciting written public comments for each item once the Notices of Rulemaking are filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

The proposed rulemaking language for both items can be found in the Board Book on the Public Meeting page with other materials presented during the meeting.

The Oregon State Marine Board held its quarterly hybrid-style board meeting on July 30, in Madras.

REPAIRS

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the majority of the weight of the lens and rotating steel framework. Staff found that the old ones were worn to the point of causing misalignment in the machinery.

Since no one manufactures parts for lighthouses, a machinist had to be found to engineer new ones from stock metal.

Furnish previously said the roadbed, which is essentially round tracks, had also become worn.

"Over time, they've developed a weird beveled angle," she said, "so, instead of a smooth, solid 50-degree angle, it wore out in two different directions." She said the machinist who made the wheels was able to locate another machinist with the necessary equipment.



The light inside the Heceta Head Lighthouse. (Courtesy photo)

Etched into the new carriage wheels is "Welch's Machine Works," along with the date 7-20-2026 and "Materials C510 Phosphor Bronze Full Hard."

Park Ranger Ben Ervin said the repairs and installation of the new carriage wheel and roadbed (track ring assembly) went remarkably smoothly, and that OPRD personnel had been activating the rotating assembly to monitor it and ensure that it was working well.

"It went in much better than any of us expected," he said, noting that the installer had to use custom jacks to slightly raise the lens assembly.

The light has been off since mid-March, and a curtain has been used to shield the lens from sunlight while repairs were being made.

As a point of interest, Ervin used a timer to determine the lighthouse makes one revolution every 80 seconds.

The cost of the repairs came to about $35,000, according to the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department.

History and near future

While captains no longer need lighthouses to safely navigate along the coastline, the Heceta Head Lighthouse remains the brightest on the Oregon Coast, casting a beam 21 nautical miles (24 miles). According to hecetalighthouse.com, the cape owes its name to Don Bruno de Heceta, who in 1775 embarked on a secret voyage for the Queen of Spain to sail up the West Coast.

"Due to the onslaught of scurvy, Heceta and his crew turned back just before the Columbia River, but not before he noted the shallow waters and rocky headland that now bear his name," the website says.

"On March 30, 1894, the lighthouse cast its first beam. The first eight years were trying times for the three Lightkeepers and their families who lived in the little community of Heceta Head. Many Lightkeepers were unable to handle the sparse and isolated conditions and moved on. Head Keeper Olaf Hansen worked for over fifteen years to make the Lightstation a sustainable community. Olaf started the vegetable gardens, a schoolhouse, and the Heceta Head Post Office. While just the gift shop and Lightkeeper's house remain at the lower landing, both are still used today.

At the start of October, the Forest Service will be replacing the roof and porch of the Lightkeepers' House. The project will involve scaffolding and limited entry, and is expected to take four to six weeks.

Construction is expected to be completed in time for the annual Victorian Christmas Dec. 12 to Dec. 20.

Tony Reed is the editor of the Siuslaw news in Florence.





DEATH NOTICE

Dick Parks

March 26, 1940- July 21, 2026

https://www.batemanpacificview.com/obituaries/dick-parks/#!/Obituary

A graveside service was held Wednesday, July 29th at Eddyville Cemetery. A gathering to celebrate the life of Dick is being planned. Further details will be announced soon

BAT

From Page A1

rabies in a single year.

Bats have carried the rabies virus in their populations for thousands of years and are well known to carry rabies today, but generally at a very low level. Nevertheless, they account for the most human exposures to the virus more than any other species in the U.S, according to a release from the OHA and ODFW.

The highest number of animals testing positive for rabies since 2000 was in 2006, when 22 bats and two foxes were found to be carrying the disease. In 2023, 20 bats tested positive for the virus.

Emilio DeBess, DVM, public health veterinarian at OHA's Public Health Division, said the more contact someone has with bats, the higher the risk of exposure to rabies.

"Unfortunately, when people find a dead or dying bat, they may pick it up with their hands because they want to help it, or maybe they're just curious," DeBess said. "When a bat or other wild animal is sick or dying with rabies, there's an increased chance they will bite or transmit the virus in other ways."

Colin Gillin, DVM, ODFW state wildlife veterinarian, said that bats and other wildlife rarely bite people but may do so if they are sick or feel threatened. Oregon bats, in particular, eat only insects—about 1,000 insects every hour—and avoid people, Gillin explained.

"Bats provide important ecosystem services in Oregon, but also globally with insect control, seed dispersal, and pollination of specific plants, supporting agriculture and forest systems," Gillin said. "And like many animals that can carry disease, bats can also prevent or suppress disease by reducing mosquitoes and other vectors that carry human and animal pathogens."

WHAT DO TO IF YOU FIUND A BAT

- Bats are protected wildlife, which makes it illegal to harm or keep them. If you see a bat that appears to be sick:
- Stay calm, do not touch it, and keep people and pets away.
- When the sick or dead bat is indoors, do not release the bat. It may have exposed someone or a pet to rabies. If it is safe to do so, place a container or box over the bat.
- When the sick or dead bat is outdoors and may have exposed someone to rabies, cover it with a box or bucket to keep it in place, if safe to do so. Finding a dead bat does not require any action unless someone was bitten or scratched before the bat died.
- Contact your local health authority or veterinarian for your area right away to discuss potential exposures to humans or pets.
- If there are multiple sick or dead bats observed in an area, report to ODFW.
- When a person or pet has been bitten or scratched by an animal that may have rabies, report this exposure immediately to your local animal regulation services or local public health authority. Seek medical care immediately from a medical provider or veterinarian.
- Teach children to avoid all contact with bats and other wildlife.
- Avoid bats seen in the wild, such as while hiking.
- Make sure your dog or cats' vaccinations are up to date, whether they are indoor or outdoor pets.
- Unvaccinated pets that come into contact with a bat may be quarantined for up to four months or euthanized.
- Protect your home from bats by covering vents, chimneys, and other entry points with screens.

If you have roosting (nesting) bats living in your attic or other areas of your house, call a wildlife control operator (WCO). ODFW is unable to respond to homeowner requests for bat removal.

RESOURCES

Find additional information about rabies and bats at:

- OHA's bats and rabies website
- ODFW's bats website
- "Help Oregon's bats with a bat-friendly home" article (ODFW)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's rabies website

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"We are very thankful to the ALA for this opportunity," Toledo Library director Harrison Baker said. "When you do accessibility right, everybody benefits, and that all has to start with conversations and direct input from our community."

As part of the grant, Toledo Public Library staff will take an online course in how to lead conversations—a skill vital to library work today. Staff will then host a community conversation with residents about improving accessibility. Based on this feedback, the library will use the grant funds to update and improve the space, collection and programs.

Toledo recently welcomed the ARC of Lincoln County, which opened its Circle Center on 3rd Street in March. This presented an opportunity for the library to collaborate with the ARC to provide service to patrons in new and creative ways.

Anyone interested in getting involved or taking part in the conversation, contact Cindy Belleque at 541-336-3132, or attend the Community Conversation at 6 p.m. on August 11, in the library's downstairs meeting room.

Since 2014, ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities initiative has re-imagined the role libraries play in supporting communities, according to Baker.

"Libraries of all types have utilized free dialogue and deliberation training and resources to lead community and campus forums; take part in anti-violence activities; provide a space for residents to come together and discuss challenging topics; and have productive conversations with civic leaders, library trustees and staff," Baker said.

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warrant was obtained and executed, leading to the recovery of over two dozen heavy-duty electric vehicle charging cables and a list of targets throughout Lincoln and Marion Counties."

The two suspects were lodged on the following charges into the Lincoln County Jail:

- Criminal Conspiracy
- Theft 1st Degree
- Criminal Mischief 1st Degree
- Possession of Burglar Tools
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Fentanyl

Electric vehicle (EV) charger thefts are rising due to the high market value of copper wire inside the cables, 24/7 public accessibility, and low criminal risk, according to a PBS report.

The LCPD is asking anyone who may have any information regarding the string of thefts, to contact the Lincoln City Police Department and reference case number LCP26010692.

Clifford Abbas

1958-2026



Clifford Abbas, 68, of Toledo, died on July 9, 2026.

He was born in Newport, and lived most of his life in Toledo. He was a 1976 graduate of Toledo High.

After high school he worked different jobs around the area from nurses' aid to logger. He worked in Bakersfield as a millwright for 5 years. He then moved back to Oregon and began working at Greenberry where he worked in Oregon and Washington.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge and enjoyed volunteering his time helping the Lodge.

Survivors are his brother Dennis of Newport, sister Debby (Chet) of Siletz, 5 nieces and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Henry & Geri Abbas, brother John and niece Cheryn Smith.

There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, August 22nd at his sister's home in Siletz at 1pm. All are invited to attend and share memories and laughter which is what Cliff would have wanted.

Jan Eleanor Shields

September 17, 1936 -July 12, 2026



Jan was born in Fruitland Idaho, to Ruben Ralph Helsley and Vida Stroup Helsley, settling in Tooele, Utah.

She was the oldest of four children. She married her childhood sweetheart, Melvin Jay Shields. They settled in Pine Canyon, Utah, where they raised their family in a home they designed and built together borrowing and paying off loans as they went.

Mom had a zest for life! She was well known for her hospitality, hard work, quick wit, intelligence, and love for her family and friends.

Mom loved many sports and was a season-ticketholder to The Utah Jazz. She was an avid bowler and taught numerous youths within the junior bowling league. Mom loved learning. She soaked up knowledge anywhere she could. She enjoyed watching game shows, playing pinochle, Mexican-Train and poker – where she earned the nickname, "Sharky".

She was a Lifetime member and President of the Lincoln City Senior Center as well as Host/Kitchen coordinator for many consecutive years.

Mom enjoyed gardening, canning, sewing, painting, fishing, camping, family cookouts and get-togethers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings Joanne, Lois and Judy, husband Jay and daughter, Connie.

Jan is survived by son, Danny (Janel), daughter, Jennie Shields Degelbeck, grandson, Clinton Marsh (Amanda) and Special Friend, Antonio Porras.

A Celebration of Life will be held on August 22 at Noon at the Lincoln City LDS church located at 3565 NE West Devil's Lake Rd, Lincoln City, OR 97367.

Marne' Grusing

March 24, 1984-July 22, 2026



Marne' Grusing, age 42, passed away on July 22, 2026, following a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. Throughout her illness, Marne faced each day with strength. She was a resident of Newport, Oregon, and spent a brief period of her life living in Toledo, Oregon.

Marne' received her BS degree at the University of Oregon in Eugene before dedicating her career to nurturing the youngest among us as a childcare provider. Her patience, kindness, and gentle nature brought comfort to countless children and families over the years. Outside of her work, Marne's immense capacity for love extended to her home, where she was a devoted caregiver to her seven beloved cats.

She was an artistic soul who found peace and joy in crafting. Marne' loved beading and working with natural gemstones and crystals.

She is survived by her mother, Vicki Hocken Grusing, and her sister, Sara Grusing. Marne was preceded in death by her father, Richard Norman Grusing.

Marne's loving spirit will be missed by her family, friends, and all the lives she touched.

Arrangements are being entrusted to Bateman's Funeral home. Burial was at Eureka Cemetery August 3, 2pm.

Michelle "Missy" Mckuhn

January 27, 1971 – June 18, 2026



In Loving Memory of Michelle "Missy" Rene Mckuhn

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Michelle "Missy" Rene Mckuhn, who left this world far too soon on June 18, 2026, at the age of 55.

Missy was born on January 27, 1971, and spent her life as the steady, dependable heart of her family. She had a quiet strength that made everyone around her feel safe, loved, and supported. She was the person others turned to in times of need—the one who always showed up, listened without judgment, and gave without expecting anything in return.

Missy dedicated 37 years of her life to Rite Aid. She took great pride in her work and was known for her kindness, loyalty, and strong work ethic. She built lasting friendships with coworkers and touched the lives of countless customers. To many, she was more than a familiar face behind the counter—she was someone who genuinely cared and always made others feel welcome.

Outside of work, Missy found joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved traveling, sunshine, reading, and making memories with her family. She was a devoted daughter, loving sister, loyal friend, and, in the role she cherished most, the proudest Aunt Issy. Her nieces and nephews adored her, and she loved them as her own. She celebrated their milestones, comforted their heartbreaks, and was always the first to offer encouragement or help.

Missy is survived by her mother, Deloris Mckuhn; her brother, Doug Mckuhn Jr. (Stephanie Marshall-Mckuhn); her sister, Jennifer Mckuhn (Kyle Zimmerman); her nieces, Karissa Marshall, Kaydence Mckuhn, Avery Mckuhn, Pearl Zimmerman, and Mayci Zimmerman; her nephews, Kaleb Marshall (Danielle Peterson), Ezra Zimmerman, and Colten Eliasen; her great-nephews, Oliver and Jasper Marshall; and many family members and friends who will miss her deeply.

She was preceded in death by her father, Douglas Edward Mckuhn Sr.

A celebration of Missy's life and potluck will be held on August 15 from 1:00–4:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Newport, Oregon. Bringing a dish is welcome but not required.

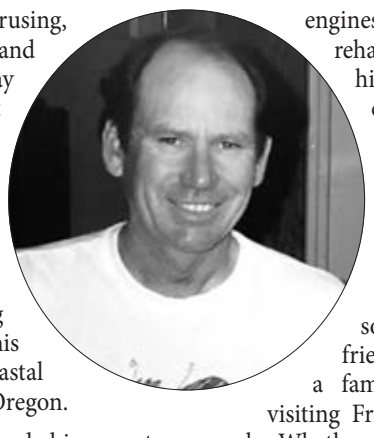
We invite all who knew and loved Missy to join us in sharing stories, laughter, tears, and memories of a life so beautifully lived.

"What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us."

We love and miss you, Missy, and will forever carry you in our hearts.

Richard Grusing

July 27, 1944-October 16, 2023



Richard Norman Grusing, a veteran, craftsman, and family man, passed away suddenly from a heart attack on October 16, 2023, while enjoying a walk. He was 79 years old. Born on July 27, 1944, in Lebanon to Richard Grusing and Hazel Emma Pepperling Grusing, Richard spent his later years living in the coastal community of Newport, Oregon.

Richard honorably served his country in the United States Air Force, where he discovered a lifelong passion for mechanics while working on airplane engines. His time in the service took him to Hawaii, a chapter of his life he always remembered with fondness.

Upon returning to civilian life, Richard married his wife. Together, they shared a life in Oregon and raised two daughters. Richard owned and operated a local recycling business for many years.

To Richard, nothing was ever truly broken—it was just waiting to be fixed. He was a tinkerer who loved working on engines and doing property rehabilitation. He channeled his skills into helping his community, working part-time in maintenance and repairing washers and dryers for neighbors in need.

Beyond his mechanical talents, Richard was a social person who made friends effortlessly. He was a familiar face around town, visiting Fred Meyer several times a week. Whether he was running errands or just out and about, he always took the time to chat with his neighbors. His quiet reliability, easy friendliness, and ability to fix anything will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Richard was survived by his wife Vicki Hocken Grusing, two daughters, Marne Grusing and Sara Grusing, sister Nancy Newton and nieces Katie & Holly and their families.

Arrangements were entrusted to Bateman Funeral Home and a small ash scattering ceremony was attended by family at Agate Beach.

Gasoline prices up 67 cents per gallon over last year

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Average gasoline prices in Oregon have risen 5.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.62/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 1,307 stations in Oregon.

Prices in Oregon are 9.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 69.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 7.1 cents compared to a week ago and stands at $5.326 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Oregon was priced at $3.99/g yesterday while the most expensive was $6.95/g, a difference of $2.96/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was $3.99/g while the highest was $6.95/g, a difference of $2.96/g.



Prices in Oregon are 9.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 69.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. (Metro Creative Connection)

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 0.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.05/g today. The national average is up 28.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 93.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Oregon and the national average going back five years:

- August 3, 2025: $3.93/g (U.S. Average: $3.11/g)
- August 3, 2024: $3.87/g (U.S. Average: $3.46/g)
- August 3, 2023: $4.61/g (U.S. Average: $3.82/g)
- August 3, 2022: $5.01/g (U.S. Average: $4.12/g)
- August 3, 2021: $3.75/g (U.S. Average: $3.19/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

- Eugene- $4.54/g, up 7.9 cents per gallon from last week's $4.46/g.
- Salem- $4.55/g, up 4.0 cents per gallon from last week's $4.51/g.
- Portland- $4.71/g, up 3.2 cents per gallon from last week's $4.68/g.

"Average gasoline prices were a mixed bag across the country last week as oil markets went on a wild ride, surging on geopolitical tensions before pulling back Sunday night after President Trump signaled a potential deal may be in the works," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"However, even as oil prices ease on deal optimism, continued Ukrainian attacks on Russian oil infrastructure are driving refined product prices higher as output plummets, keeping upward pressure on what Americans pay at the pump.

According to De Haan, by later this week, the national average could reach its highest level ever recorded for this point in the calendar year, a sobering milestone even as prices remain well below the all-time record set in 2022.

"Motorists should keep a close eye on developments both in the Middle East and in Ukraine, as either front could quickly shift the outlook," De Haan said.

State agency issues well advisory

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Residents experiencing dry wells during this summer's drought – or anytime – are encouraged to report issues via the website owrd.info/drywell.

Dry well reports help the state track ongoing and emerging shifts in groundwater supplies, and impacts on people who rely on groundwater. Residents who provide reports contribute to a greater understanding of conditions specific to their area.

The Oregon Water Resources Department maintains the state's Dry Well website, including an interactive map where reports can be tracked by county and basin, along with highlighting hotspots with higher numbers of reports.

The website also includes valuable information for well owners, such as maintenance tips, how to find licensed and qualified personnel to service their well, and links to potential financial assistance.

"As Oregon continues to face constrained water supplies, understanding groundwater trends across the state becomes even more important," said Ivan Gall, Director of the Oregon Water Resources Department.

Dry well reporting is required as part of qualifying for financial assistance through OWRD's Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund (WARRF), except for wells damaged by fire. WARRF provides grants to low- to moderate-income homeowners or members of a Federally recognized Tribe to help with the cost of repairing or abandoning and replacing a dry well or a well damaged by wildfire.

The well must no longer provide enough water for essential in-home uses like drinking, cooking or bathing, and the applicant must live at the property full-time. A majority of program funding is dedicated to applications from drought-declared counties or for wells impacted by wildfire. Find more information and apply at owrd.info/warrf.

With bipartisan support, the Oregon Legislature's Emergency Board recently allocated $1 million in additional state dollars to WARRF to ensure families continue to have access to water in their homes.

About the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD): The Oregon Water Resources Department works to assure sufficient and sustainable water supplies are available to meet current and future needs. The agency administers laws governing management and distribution of Oregon's surface and groundwater resources.

For more information, visit oregon.gov/owrd.

State Forests Annual Operations Plan for timber sales finalized

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) has finalized its Annual Operations Plans (AOP). The Plans describe projects planned for state forests in the 2027 fiscal year that began July 1 and runs through June 30, 2027.

These include:

- Planned timber sales for each district.
- Recreation projects, such as the installation of a bridge.
- Other types of forest projects, such as stream enhancement or restoration projects.

ODF received 1,515 written comments during the public comment period that was open from April 3 to May 18.

"We received many thoughtful and constructive comments from the public," ODF's State Forests Division Deputy Chief Nick Palazzotto said. "These represent diverse perspectives and demonstrate a high level of interest and engagement in State Forests. The comments help us in the challenging work of trying to balance ODF's legal obligation to manage state forests for timber production to meet economic goals as well as social and environmental outcomes—a concept referred to as Greatest Permanent Value."

State forests provide:

- Outdoor recreation
- Forest education
- Clean water
- Critical fish and wildlife habitats
- Sustainable harvest volumes that produce jobs and revenue that funds vital services in rural counties

The majority of timber sales are on Board of Forestry lands, where about two thirds of the resulting revenue is split with the counties. In turn, the counties share those revenues with special districts that support local schools or provide other essential community services. ODF retains one third of the revenue to fund management of state forests. A small portion of the timber sales are located on Common School Forest Lands and generate revenue for the state's Common School Fund.

Some comments resulted in edits to specific timber sales while others are addressed in a high-level summary of comments received highlighting the major themes, topics, and agency responses.

"We read and consider every comment," Palazzotto said. "However, we do not respond individually to each one. Sale specific comments are considered by the field and technical specialists and changes are documented in the plans. We also develop a summary with broad categories that capture the high-level comments and provides our responses to the public commentary."

The comment summary document has the following sections:

- Recreation
- Timber Harvest
- Climate Change and Fire Mitigation
- Young Stand Management
- Aquatic, Water Quality, Wildlife
- Roads and Slopes
- Process and Document Improvement
- Specific Sales
- Out of Scope

The Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Operations Plan documents are available for ODF's Astoria, Forest Grove, Klamath-Lake, North Cascade, Tillamook, West Oregon and Western Lane districts. These are located on the same webpage as the summary of comments and agency response document.

"Because we manage state forests for the Greatest Permanent Value, we have to consider how our decisions impact all Oregonians, not just a single commenter," Palazzotto said. "This means individual members of the public or stakeholder groups may be disappointed with some choices made and satisfied with others. We recognize that and seek to be as transparent as possible in our decisions. We know Oregonians care about their forests as we received more than fifteen-hundred comments this year. Given the high interest in how state forests are managed, ODF will continue to work on improving communications with landowners, neighbors and concerned citizens. Our goal is to raise awareness of our AOP process and how people can connect with us to have their concerns heard."

Emergency alert system more popular in rural areas than metro area

SHAANTH NANGUNERI
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Participation in Oregon's voluntary statewide emergency alert system designed for natural disasters and public safety threats has been far higher in rural counties than in the Portland metro area, according to a new study.

Researchers from the Ohio-based Miami University published their findings July 27, in Disaster Prevention and Management: An International Journal. They found that the OR-Alert system has "surprisingly" high enrollment rates above 100% from counties such as Clatsop, Curry, Douglas, and Lincoln, while the Multnomah County area had an enrollment rate of 13% that mostly included "internal Portland employees." The rates above 100% are likely due to people signing up for the alerts more than once.

"Enrollment also varied geographically, with some rural counties reporting surprisingly high participation rates, while urban areas like Multnomah County showed low participation, leaving large populations more vulnerable," the study reads.

That's a reflection of the fact that natural disasters such as landslides and floods are more common in rural Oregon in comparison to the Portland metropolitan area.

The OR-Alert system kicked off in Oregon in 2021 and allows people to visit a statewide portal to connect with local emergency alert systems in all 36 counties and tribal governments across the state who rely upon a universal mass notification service. The system allows for local emergency notification managers to coordinate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, which can send alerts to all cell phones in a given area.

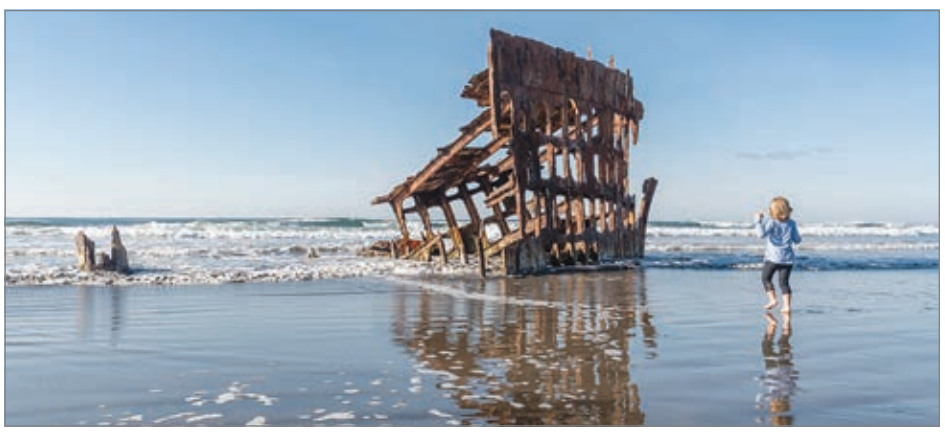
While more than 50% of the alerts the system sent out use text messaging, push notifications were "underutilized" at 2%, posing "substantial barriers for time-sensitive earthquake warnings," according to researchers. They said the geographic and notification-type disparities represent barriers to risk reduction.

"Institutional coordination between emergency management, public health, and community organizations can build the engagement and trust necessary for effective warning response," the study reads.

The U.S. Geological Survey offers another tool that delivers automatic notifications to people on their cellphones ahead of damaging earthquakes at their locations. That is not an opt-in tool, but recipients must allow their cell phones to receive emergency alerts in their settings.

https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/briefs/oregon-emergency-alert-system-more-popular-in-rural-areas-than-metro-area-study-says/

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Fort Stevens State Park near Astoria is Oregon's largest public campground. The 4,300-acre property has beach access, a freshwater lake, trails and the Peter Iredale shipwreck. (Courtesy photo from Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department)

Oregon lawmaker says he'll introduce bill to make state parks free to residents

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

An Oregon lawmaker wants to make visiting state parks cheaper for residents.

Rep. Cyrus Javadi, D-Tillamook, last week floated the idea of introducing a bill to make parking at Oregon State Parks free for state residents.

Javadi, who is up for reelection in November

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Whale Watching Center to close for repairs



This temporary closure will allow the contractors to complete essential roof replacement work. (Courtesy photo from the OPRD)

STAFF REPORT

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Whale Watching Senter and viewing area around the building in Depoe Bay has closed for repairs this summer, according to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD).

"This has been an ongoing need for the building, and we've just recently been able to secure funding," ODPR Park Manager Burke Martin said. "We appreciate the community's patience and support as we work to protect and preserve this unique coastal facility."

The whale watching

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Imagination on the Beach

Sand building contests at Lincoln City

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The Lincoln City Sandcastle Contest at Siletz Bay is a wondrous, fun-filled day celebrating one of Lincoln City's best adventures—playing on the local beaches, according to organizers.

The public is encouraged to participate in the Sandcastle Contest, held at Siletz Bay in the Historic Taft District presented by Mo's Restaurant Lincoln City. Head to SW 51st Street and watch the sand come to life with categories like mermaids, chowder heads, cruise ships, and more.

In a published report in the former Lincoln City News Guard, Alex Ward, the former President of the Bay Area Merchants Association said the sand building contests are a positive community connector.

"If the whole town embraces an event like this, or like the kite festival, it helps create a momentum that is a critical mass that really lifts up the whole town,"

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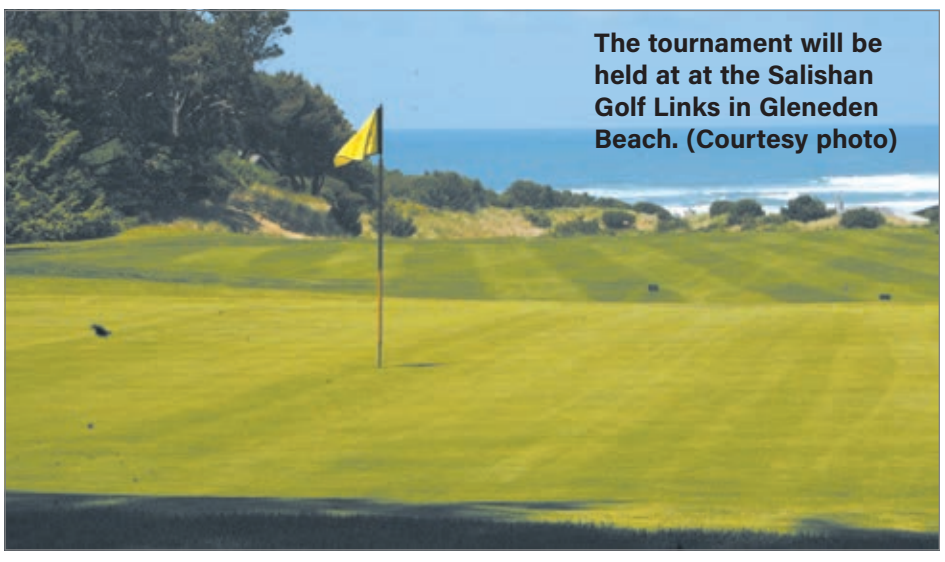
A sand witch at a previous Lincoln City sand building contest. (Photos by Jeremy C. Ruark)



Dog on the sand from the 2013 Lincoln City sand building contest.



Cool off time at the 2014 Lincoln City sand building contest.



The tournament will be held at at the Salishan Golf Links in Gleneden Beach. (Courtesy photo)

Salishan 2026 Booster Bash Golf Tournament registration opens

Registration is now open for the 2026 Booster Bash Golf Tournament at the Salishan Golf Links in Gleneden Beach. We hope you'll join us for a great day of golf, fun, and community support!

Please click the registration link below to sign

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$488,500 'highly rural' transportation grant to assist local military veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded $488,500 in grants to 2026 Highly Rural Transportation Grant to support local Veterans with transportation needs.

The Highly Rural Transportation Grants (HRTG) program helps Veterans living in highly rural areas with free transportation to VA and VA-authorized health care facilities.

"Transportation should never be the reason a Veteran misses needed care," said Karla Azcuy.

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Veterans in highly rural areas can visit www.va.gov/resources/transportation-to-va-health-appointments-in-highly-rural-areas/ to locate resources in their area. (Metro Creative Connection)

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"These grants will help us reach Veterans in remote areas and make sure they can get to their appointments safely, reliably and without added stress."

The HRTG program provides funding to Veteran Service Organizations and State Veterans Service Agencies that serve counties with fewer than seven people per square mile. This year, VA awarded more than $6.1 million in grants through HRTG. The program reduces transportation barriers for rural Veterans so they can get essential medical care, including primary care, specialty appointments and mental health services.

Since the HRTG program launched in 2014, VA has awarded more than $46 million to organizations in 15 states, U.S. territories and tribal lands. These grants help ensure that Veterans in remote communities can reach health care services despite long distances, limited public transportation and other geographic challenges.

Veterans in highly rural areas can visit www.va.gov/resources/transportation-to-va-health-appointments-in-highly-rural-areas/ to locate resources in their area.

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up for the tournament: https://www.newportboosterclub.org/blank-1

Registration closes on Friday, August 14, so be sure to reserve your spot before the deadline!

Every dollar raised through the Booster Bash directly supports the student-athletes of Newport High School by helping provide equipment, uniforms, training opportunities, and other resources that enhance their athletic experience.

If you know friends, family members, coworkers, or fellow golfers who would enjoy a great tournament while supporting a great cause, please forward this email and invite them to join us. The more participants we have, the greater the impact we can make for Newport High School students.

Newport Booster Club organizers thanked supporters for their continue support.

"We truly appreciate your generosity and look forward to seeing you on the course," the organizers stated in a release.

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Ward said. "These events really illustrate a community working together toward a common goal. It's pretty awesome."

The 2026 event registration begins on August 8, outside Mo's Restaurant in Lincoln City.

There will be prizes awarded to the best sand sculptures.

- 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Registration
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Castle Building
- 12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. - Judging and Prizes

Only sand, water, shells and other natural beach materials found on the beach that day can be used for construction. Forms can be used in the construction process but cannot support the final structure. Hand tools are allowed, but not power tools. This is an amateur competition—professional "sand artists" are disqualified from winning prizes.

The organizers said there will be pre-contest activities this year, including games, and more.

Art on the Beach & Sand Art Competition

Celebrate creativity on the Oregon Coast with a day of beachside art for all ages.

The public is invited to the Art on the Beach and Sand Art Competition from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, August 15, on the beach in front of Chinook Winds Casino Resort, at 1777 NW 44th Street in Lincoln City.

The event is Cascade Head Biosphere Collaborative.

Watch professional artists and skilled volunteers create a spectacular giant sand art graphic, then enjoy a family-friendly sand art competition where teams transform the beach into works of art inspired by the coast and the Cascade Head Marine Reserve.

Whether you're competing or simply watching, it's a fun way to experience art, community, and the beauty of the beach together, according to organizers.

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in a politically split district along the North Coast, framed the idea as a way to make enjoying public land more affordable, particularly for low-income Oregonians. His district is home to several state parks, including Cape Lookout, Fort Stevens and Bob Straub.

"The idea is that state parks are a public good, a place that Oregonians can go and enjoy without additional fees, if possible, especially the Oregonians who don't have a lot of extra disposable income," he told the Capital Chronicle.

State parks already face budget constraints

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department oversees 250 state park properties across more than 113,000 acres, including 362 miles on the coast. It's one of the country's most popular state park systems, receiving the third most visitors for day-use out of any state park system, according to the agency.

The agency mostly relies on lottery funds and user fees, including day-use parking fees of $10 for in-state residents and $12 for out-of-state visitors at many popular sites.

"Free parking would create a substantial gap in the agency's budget that would have to be filled by a stable source of funding that can address current and future needs," agency spokesperson Lauren Wirtis said in an email. "The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is not aware of any such source."

About half of the agency's $393.4 million two-year budget comes from lottery funds, a funding system voters passed in 1998 when they voted in favor of a ballot measure splitting 15% of state lottery proceeds between state parks, beaches and wildlife conservation efforts. A third of the agency's budget relies on money generated through camping, day-use and RV registration fees. Federal funds make up the remainder of the budget.

Last summer, the agency faced a 14% budget shortfall because of increasing costs, record visitation, and declining lottery funds. In response, it increased several of its fees, including day-use fees that only exist at the most visited parks.

It's too soon to tell whether these changes have stabilized the budget, Wirtis said, but it's the only option the agency has to address budget constraints.

Javadi doesn't have a concrete proposal yet, but he said he doesn't want to defund the agency either.

"Oregon's state parks are underfunded, so I do not think we can simply eliminate parking fees without replacing that revenue," he said.

He said he's open to realigning the programs that receive lottery funds, using the transient lodging tax lawmakers recently increased to fund state park operations or potentially increasing or adding day-use and camping fees for out-of-state residents at all of Oregon's state parks. Another option he said he'd consider is making state park access free during the week.

Past proposal looks to other states

Residents in at least a dozen states, including Montana, Idaho and Michigan, can buy an annual state parks pass at the time of registering a vehicle.

Oregon doesn't have an option to buy a state parks pass while registering a car. Instead, it offers an annual day-use state parks pass for $60 for state residents and $75 for out-of-state residents for purchase on the agency's website or in person at some parks.

Rep. Rob Nosse, D-Portland, introduced a bill in 2025 offering to eliminate day-use state park passes with an option for Oregonians to donate $19 to the park system. The bill didn't receive a hearing and died in the committee process. In an interview, Nosse said the bill wasn't a priority then as the Oregon Legislature grappled with an impending transportation budget crisis.

The goal of the bill wasn't necessarily to make state parks free, but to support a more robust funding system for the agency as long as Oregon could maintain a certain threshold of participation, said Justin Boyle, a conservation advocate for Environment Oregon who worked on the bill.

"It is really just a more convenient way to purchase an annual pass," Boyle said, adding that he's planning to work on legislators in 2027 for a similar proposal.

Existing free options to visit Oregon State Parks

More than 150 of Oregon's 250 state parks are free to visit.

Additionally, the agency last month launched a Library Pass Program, allowing families to borrow any of the 200 day-use parking permits handed out to 82 libraries statewide. Each participating library has at least four parking permits, while libraries closest to state parks have more passes.

The agency also offers special access passes for free camping four nights per month and free parking year-round for foster families, veterans with disabilities and active-duty military on official leave.

Javadi said he is considering ways to expand free state park access to Oregonians who qualify for the Oregon Health Plan or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/07/30/oregon-lawmaker-says-hell-introduce-bill-to-make-state-parks-free-to-residents/

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LAW ENFORCEMENT TIP OF THE WEEK

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



While many of us welcome the warmer weather, we must remember that some of our loved ones may find themselves in an uncomfortable predicament. It could even result in their death.

Pets regularly accompany many people on trips and errands, which often leaves them alone in a vehicle. Pets should not be left unattended in a parked car. On warm days, and even cloudy days, the temperature in a car can rise to dangerous levels in minutes, even with the windows left open.

A brief stop at a store or another errand can quickly turn into 15 minutes or more before we know it. Leaving pets in a car for this time could be a mistake that takes their life. Leaving the windows cracked won't cool the car enough to protect your beloved pet, even if they have water available.

Oregon was the 11th state to pass a Good Samaritan Law, which allows anyone – not just law enforcement – to enter a vehicle (by force or otherwise) to remove an unattended domestic animal without fear of civil or criminal liability.

If you come upon a scenario where you believe an animal could perish, please contact our dispatch center at 541-265-0777 before deciding to enter the vehicle. Be ready to convey your location, the vehicle description, and a description of you. Our Animal Service Deputies will make every effort to respond quickly.

If you determine that more immediate life-saving action is necessary, please ensure you do all of the following:

- Have a reasonable belief that the animal is in imminent danger
- Notify law enforcement or emergency services either before or soon after entering the vehicle
- Use only the minimum force necessary to enter the vehicle
- Stay with the animal until law enforcement, emergency services, or the owner or operator of the vehicle arrives.

For more information and tips, visit www.lincolncountysheriff.net

REPAIRS

From Page B1

Center is located just off Highway 101 in Depoe Bay.

The postwar-era building was built in 1956 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2012. This temporary closure will allow the contractors to complete essential roof replacement work. Construction will repair leaks from the promenade deck, replace the original roofing membrane and drains, according to the OPRD.

Construction was to begin as early as Aug. 1 depending on the contractor's schedule and mobilization plans. Because this is a roofing project on the Oregon coast, construction during the summer months will allow work crews to take advantage of typically drier weather. This timing helps reduce the risk of weather-related delays and protects both the structure and contractor safety, according to the OPRD.

The Whale Watching Center will remain open until construction officially begins. OPRD anticipates completing repairs by the end of October – well ahead of the annual gray whale migration in the winter.

"We acknowledge that this temporary closure may be inconvenient for visitors and the Depoe Bay community, and we appreciate everyone's understanding as we complete these essential improvements," Martin said.

The turn out about a block north of the Whale Watching Center will remain open.

There are still plenty of places along the Oregon Coast top see whales from Astoria to Brookings.

Nearby parks such as Boiler Bay, Rocky Creek and Cape Foulweather also offer fantastic views for whale watching.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

SUDOKU 数独

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

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

Support these Local Nonprofit Community Organizations!





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IN THE GARDEN

Hebes offer long-lasting color for Pacific Northwest gardens

KYM POKORNY
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column

If you want to prolong color in your landscape from summer into fall, consider planting evergreen shrubs called Hebes for vivid flowers and striking foliage.

"Most Hebes flower in the summer, but others bloom in late fall," said Neil Bell, horticulturist with the Oregon State University Extension Service. "Some have colorful foliage that lasts through autumn. They provide an interesting change from the usual asters and maples we customarily rely on for autumn interest."

Native to New Zealand, Hebe (pronounced HEE-bee) includes hundreds of cultivars, though relatively few are familiar to American gardeners.

"The plants may have acquired a reputation for lack of hardiness because some of the most popular cultivars introduced here are not hardy in very cold winters," Bell said. "However, many Hebes do well in the Pacific Northwest if grown in a sheltered spot."

Large-leaved Hebes are more sensitive to cold and may be injured below 25 degrees, while small-leaved types tend to be hardier. Bell suggests placing large-leaved cultivars in sheltered sites or growing them in containers that can be moved under cover during hard freezes.

For showy fall flowers, Bell recommends:

- 'Amy'
- 'Alicia Amherst'
- 'Purple Picture' (blooms in June and again in October–November)
- 'Hobby' (red flowers lasting into November or December during mild years)
- 'Bowles Hybrid' (lavender summer blooms and additional fall flowers; hardier than most)



Hebe 'La Seduisant' is not cold hardy in most areas of Oregon but is great for pots that can be protected. (Courtey photo from Neil Bell)

"Except for 'Bowles Hybrid,' which is hardier, all these hybrids are susceptible to cold," Bell said. "Plant them against a sheltered wall or between other shrubs and be prepared to give them cover if temperatures drop suddenly."

Colorful small-leaved cultivars

Several hardy, small-leaved cultivars suitable for Western Oregon offer unusual foliage:

- 'Quicksilver' — small silvery leaves
- 'Boughton Dome' — grayish foliage
- 'James Stirling' — ochre leaves with a conifer-like appearance

Some cultivars change color seasonally, taking on purplish or reddish tones in winter. Well-known examples include:

- 'Caledonia' — turns purple
- 'Sapphire' — bright red shoot tips in winter

Variegated options

Variegated cultivars are visually striking but tend to be large-leaved and therefore less cold-hardy. They include:

- Hebe speciosa 'Variegata'
- 'Tricolor'
- 'Andersonii Variegata'

These require a protected location for winter survival.

Growing conditions

Hebes grow best with:

- At least partial sun
- Well-drained soil
- Summer irrigation

Minimal pruning (a light annual shaping after bloom is sufficient)

Kym Pokorny writes for the Oregon State University Extension Service.

Longboard Classic returns to Pacific City

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

The 27th Annual Cape Kiwanda Longboard Classic returns to Pacific City September 18–20, bringing together more than 240 surfers to compete in the Pacific Northwest's premier longboard surf competition.

The event is hosted by Moment Surf Company and Pelican Brewing Company.

Longboarding surfing is a style of riding waves using a long surfboard, typically 9 feet or longer, characterized by stability, smooth gliding, and classic maneuvers like nose-riding. See more at https://xanadusurf.com/about-longboard-surfing/

Known for combining competitive surfing with community impact, this year's event marks the beginning of a new fundraising initiative focused on improving water rescue capabilities along the South Tillamook and North Lincoln County Coast.

After successfully helping fund and build the Pacific City Skate Park over past years, event organizers are now directing proceeds toward equipment and training for water rescue personnel at Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District and North Lincoln Fire & Rescue. The effort aims to strengthen local rescue resources and improve safety for everyone who enjoys the ocean, including surfers, dory fishermen, beachgoers and visitors.

"Strong water rescue programs are vital in coastal communities," said event announcer Tyler Cunningham. "Supporting the training and equipment needed for these teams is an investment in the safety of residents and visitors alike."

The Cape Kiwanda Longboard Classic continues to attract an increasingly high level of competition with surfers traveling both nationally and internationally to compete in the event. Competitors from the Pacific Northwest as well as California, Hawaii and Canada are expected to participate across categories for all ages.



Longboarding surfing is a style of riding waves using a long surfboard, typically 9 feet or longer, characterized by stability, smooth gliding, and classic maneuvers like nose-riding. (Courtesy photo from Xanadu Surf & Yoga Retreat)

Despite its growth over the past 27 years, the Cape Kiwanda Longboard Classic remains largely volunteer-run, relying on the dedication of community members, sponsors and local partners to make the event possible. "For nearly three decades, the Classic has been about bringing people together around surfing and community," said Jeff Mollencop, owner of Moment Surf Company. "Each year it is incredible to see the community come out to support the surfers and this event."

In keeping with the competition's spirit starting after the 25th annual event a rotating set of artists from the local PNW surf community are commissioned for each year's poster art until the 30th Annual event when longtime artist Todd Fisher is set to return. The poster art for the 27th Annual Cape Kiwanda Longboard Classic is by Pacific City local and longtime competitor of the event Taylor Blackman.

For more information about the event, registration, and fundraising efforts, visit https://capekiwandalongboardclassic.com.

View the Future first annual fundraising event: Rooted & Rising

View the Future is proud to announce its first annual fundraising event, Rooted & Rising: An Evening with Indigenous Leaders and Advocates, taking place from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, September 12, at the Yachats Commons,

The evening will bring together community members, conservation supporters, and Tribal leaders to celebrate the deep connection between Indigenous stewardship, land conservation, and the future of the Yachats area. The event will raise critical support for View the Future's work to preserve the natural and cultural landscapes that define the Yachats community.

The keynote speaker will be Amy Bowers Cordalis, a Yurok attorney, fisherwoman, and nationally recognized advocate for Indigenous rights and Klamath River restoration. Her leadership has been instrumental in one of the largest river restoration efforts in U.S. history and has inspired conservation efforts across the country.

Joining her as a featured speaker is Robert Kentta, Tribal Council member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, respected cultural leader, and historian. Kentta has spent decades preserving and sharing the history, culture, and traditions of Indigenous peoples on the Oregon Coast.

"This evening is about more than fundraising," said Gretchen Dubie, Executive Director of View the Future. "It is an opportunity to honor Indigenous leadership, celebrate the partnerships that make conservation possible, and inspire our community to invest in the future of the lands and stories that make Yachats so special."

Guests will enjoy:

- Inspiring presentations from nationally respected Indigenous leaders
- Live music by pianist Vicki Brabham, joined by vocalist Sage Parks
- Complimentary small bites and hors d'oeuvres by William Webster
- Silent and live auctions
- Exciting raffle prizes
- An evening of community, storytelling, and conservation

Proceeds from Rooted & Rising will directly support View the Future's mission to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural environment through collaborative conservation, education, and cultural stewardship.

Tickets are $75 per person.

For tickets and additional information, visit https://www.viewthefuture.org/upcoming-events

Event Details

- Rooted & Rising: An Evening with Indigenous Leaders and Advocates
- Date: Saturday, September 12, 2026
- Time: 4–8 p.m.
- Location: Yachats Commons, 441 Hwy 101, Yachats, Oregon

About View the Future

View the Future is a nonprofit land trust dedicated to preserving, protecting, and enhancing the natural environment through collaborative actions that support scientific, educational, recreational, cultural, and economic goals for the benefit of the Yachats community and future generations. Since 2004, the organization has worked alongside community members, Tribal partners, conservation organizations, and public agencies to protect the landscapes, watersheds, wildlife habitat, and cultural heritage that define the Yachats area.

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LCL26-382 NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE
Notice is hereby given that a ballot title for a measure referred by the City of Newport has been filed with the City Elections Officer on July 20, 2026. The ballot title caption is "Bonds to repair critical facilities; wastewater treatment, protect drinking water." A copy of the ballot title is available from the City's Elections Officer. An elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in the Lincoln County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 pm August 14, 2026 under ORS Section 250.296. 8/5/26

LCL26-381 CITY OF LINCOLN CITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE NOTICE
IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lincoln City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-16 on July 27, 2026, referring a proposed revised Lincoln City Charter to the qualified electors of the City for the November 3, 2026, General Election. Pursuant to ORS 250.275, the official ballot title has been filed with the City Elections Officer. CAPTION: ADOPT REVISED LINCOLN CITY CHARTER Copies of Resolution No. 2026-16, the proposed Charter, the official ballot title, and the explanatory statement are available for public inspection at the Office of the City Recorder, Lincoln City Hall, 801 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367, during regular business hours. Any elector of the City of Lincoln City may file a petition for review of the ballot title with the Lincoln County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. on the deadline established by ORS 250.296. DATED this 27th day of July, 2026. Jamie Young City Recorder / City Elections Office 8/5/26

LCL26-380 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN
Probate Department Case No. 26PB05569 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of COLE MCFARLAND, JR., Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Morrison DeSoto Webb has been appointed Personal Representative of the above Estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers, to the undersigned attorney for the Personal Representative at 6400 SE Lake Road, Suite 440, Portland, OR 97222, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, as stated below, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in the Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published on August 5, 2026. Morrison DeSoto Webb Personal Representative Theressa Hollis, OSB #982626 Fitzwater Law Of Attorneys for Personal Representative 6400 SE Lake Road, Suite 440 Portland, OR 97222 (503) 786-8191 TheresaH@fitzwaterlaw.com 8/5/26

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26-2113 / Newport **$149,000**

NEW LISTING

OCEAN VIEW Nye Beach Condo, 2BD/2.5BA. Bonus suite downstairs w/ private entrance & bath, ideal for guests, multigenerational living, or rental for supplemental income. Stroll to beach, dine & shop, or enjoy deck & take in ocean.
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26-1646 / Toledo **$419,000**

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Spacious Custom Newport home in Candletree Park w/Ocean Views, luxury finishes, & rare accessibility features: Stiltz elevator & Bruno stair lift. Designed w/comfort & long-term living in mind. Too many features to list, this home is a must see!
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26-1754 / Newport **$499,000**

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al-estate-transfers Dated: 06/25/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0491441 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 08/05/2026, 08/12/2026, 08/19/2026, 08/26/2026

LCL26-378 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VAR 2026-02

5100 NW Keel The Lincoln City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider VAR 2026-02 5100 NW Keel on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 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 variance from the minimum lot size requirements in the Roads End Zone. The subject property is addressed as 5100 NW Keel Ave, and is identified as Assessor's Map 06-11-34-DD-04900-00. The property owners and applicants are Robert Alton and Linda Alton Cotrustees. The applicable criteria governing this review are: Lincoln City Municipal Code (LCMC) Chapter 17.17 Single-Unit Residential, Roads End Zone (R1RE); Section 17.76.050 Type III Procedure; and Section 17.77.140 Variance. 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.lincolncityor.gov by going to Departments in the top bar, then Planning & Community Development, then Land Use Cases, then Variance, and then VAR 2026-02 5100 NW Keel. 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, Senior Planner, 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 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.lincolncityor.gov/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. Contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Kevin Mattias, at 541-996-1221 or kmattias@lincolncity.org to request information in an alternate format or other assistance. Those requesting to give public comment via telephone must email planning@lincolncity.org no later than noon on the meeting day. The request must include the speaker's name, the case the person wishes to address, and the phone number the person intends to use. Instructions will be sent to the speaker. 8/5/26

LCL26-377 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE. TS NO.: 25-76695

Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by SARAH L. OGG AND TRISTIN JOHN SMITH, NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON, BUT WITH THE RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP as Grantor to WESTERN TITLE AND ESCROW, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for CORNERSTONE FIRST MORTGAGE, INC., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 12/13/2021, recorded 12/14/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-15554, in mortgage records of Lincoln County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK 1, PETERSON PARK NO. 4, IN THE CITY OF WALDPORT, COUNTY OF LINCOLN, STATE OF OREGON. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 1360 SOUTHEAST VIRGINIA PLACE WALDPORT, OREGON 97394 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: R509649 & R53110 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 7/1/2025, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 7/1/2025 Total of past due payments: $24,190.76 Late Charges: $190.08 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): $2,183.12 Trustee's Fees and Costs: $1,829.50 Total necessary to cure: $28,393.46 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement' and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: $378,762.46 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 10:00 AM on 10/23/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the south entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Newport, OR 97365 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and ' beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Starting March 1, 2026, Federal Law may prohibit ZBS Law from issuing a Trustee's Deed Upon Sale in connection with this trustee's sale until information about the winning bidder is reported to the U.S. Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. See, 31 CFR § 1031.320 (https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-31/subtitle-B/chapter-X/part-1031/subpart-C/section-1031.320). If this trustee's sale qualifies as a "reportable transfer" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(b), and you, as buyer, qualify as a "transferee entity" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(1) or "transferee trust" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(2), you will be obligated to provide information about the Beneficial Owner(s) of the transferee to ZBS Law or ZBS Law's designated representative. If you qualify as an exempt entity or trust under 31 CFR § 1031.320(n)(10-(11), you may be required to provide evidence of the exemption supported by a declaration under penalty of perjury. If the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale cannot be issued due to a qualified transferee's failure or inability to provide the necessary reporting information, the qualified transferee will be responsible for all fees and costs to re-notice the trustee's sale. Dated: 6/9/2026 ZBS Law, LLP By: Amber L. Labrecque, Esq., OSB#094593 ZBS Law, LLPAuthorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 48232 Pub Dates 08/05, 08/12, 08/19, 08/26/2026

LCL26-376 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the Estate of LEATRICE LIEL LILY, Deceased. Probate Case No. 26PB05650 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 Mark P. O'Donnell, attorney for Personal Representative, at O'Donnell Law Firm LLC, 1 Centerpointe Dr., Ste 505, Lake Oswego, OR 97035, 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 attorneys for the personal representative, Mark P. O'Donnell. Dated and first published August 5, 2026. KENNETH BRENSDAL, Personal Representative ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Mark P. O'Donnell, OSB No. 681192 O'DONNELL LAW FIRM LLC 1 Centerpointe Dr., Ste 505 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 274-1155 email: mark@odlf.net 8/5/26

LCL26-375 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 819

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 8/17/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by ROWLEY'S TOWING 4822 S COAST HWY S. BEACH, OR 2012 HYUN ELA SD VIN=5NPDH4AE2CH081151 Amount due on lien $5572.00 Reputed owner(s) > CHRISTINE ANNETTE MILLER 8/5/26 8/12/26

LCL26-374 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF MARION PROBATE DEPARTMENT Case No. 26PB01280 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO HAILEY VEGA ON FIRST AMENDED PETITION TO CONTEST TRUST; FOR BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY; FOR REMOVAL OF TRUSTEE; AND FOR EQUITABLE RELIEF Gregory S. Hewitt Petitioner, Pro Se, v. Joann V. Hofmann Individually and as Successor Trustee Respondent, and Persons Whose Interests May Be Affected: Gregory J. Marshall; Hailey Vega; Rebecca E. Hofmann; Dawndriel L Tupul Pom; Nathan Bovee; Forrest Rae Jr.; Nicole Rae; Maria Trujillo; William D. Hewitt; Vicki A. Aguilar. To: Hailey Vega IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and defend the First Amended Petition filed in the above-entitled proceeding within 30 days from the date of first publication stated below. If you fail to appear and defend, Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief requested in the First Amended Petition. SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDING: Petitioner seeks to invalidate the William Boyce Hewitt Trust dated January 28, 2020, based on alleged undue influence; remove Respondent as trustee; obtain an accounting and preservation of trust property; and obtain related equitable relief. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear," you must file with the court a legal document called a "motion" or "answer." The motion or answer or reply must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein, along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on Petitioner. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at https://www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling (503) 684-3763 in the Portland metropolitan area or toll-free elsewhere in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. Date of first publication: August 5, 2026. Dated: 10th day of July, 2026 /s/ Gregory S. Hewitt, Gregory S. Hewitt, Petitioner Pro Se 5150 Mae Anne Avenue, Suite 405, #5243 Reno, Nevada 89523 8/5/26 8/12/26 8/19/26 8/26/26

LCL26-373 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of RAYMOND CHARLES MILLICAN, Deceased. Case No. 26PB06025 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-captioned estate. The lawyer for the personal representative is Laura A. Laskey, OSB#202484, of LaLaLaw llc. All persons having a claim against this estate are required to present them to the under¬signed personal representative at 2604 NE HWY 101, Ste B, Lincoln City, OR 97367, 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 lawyer for the personal representative. DATED AND PUBLISHED ON: August 5, 2026. /s/ Marlese Millican, Personal Representative 8/5/26

LCL26-386 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT

ESTATE OF THEODORE HERBERT WILCOX, DECEASED CASE No. 23PB03317 NOTICE To INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that Amanda Wilcox is the appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four (4) months after the date of the publication of this Notice, or their claims may be barred. Claims are to be presented at the address of the attorney for the personal representative, set forth below. All persons whose rights may be affected by this estate proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Circuit Court, the personal representative, J.F. Ouderkirk, attorney for the personal representative. Date of publication: August 5, 2026 J.F.Ouderkirk, OSB # 752903 Attorney for the Personal Representative 541-574-1630 P. O. Box 1167 615 SW Hurbert Street, Suite A Newport, OR 97365 Amanda Wilcox Personal Representative P. O. Box 1167 Newport, OR 97365 Telephone: 541-574-1630 8/5/26

LCL26-385 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Probate Department Case No. 26PB06348 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of MARY ELIZABETH CONSOR NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Capella Lapham has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the Personal Representative at 1271 NE Highway 99W Ste 514, McMinnville, OR 97128, within four months after date of publication of this Notice, as stated below, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in the Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published on August 5, 2026. Capella Lapham Personal Representative Sean Dunning, OSB #210647 Dunning Litigation LLC Attorneys for Personal Representative 1271 NE Highway 99W Ste 514 McMinnville, OR 97128 Phone: (971)237-8312 Email: sean@dunninglitigation.com 8/5/26

LCL26-384 PUBLIC LIEN SALE: U-STORE SELF STORAGE

Auction to be held online at storageauctions.com Auction will run from: 08/11/2026 10am & ends 08/21/2026 10am 105 NE 73rd St Newport, OR 97365 Vicki Lanegan #528, Steven Perry #CY06, Lynda Pruett #247,#306. GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION SOLD BY STORAGE LOT. CASH & CREDIT CARD ONLY 8/5/26 8/12/26

LCL26-372 FORECLOSURE SALE

at The Storage Place/ South Beach Mini Storage, 4822 S Coast Hwy South Beach OR 97366. Starting at 10:30am on 8/07/25 for unit #B13 rented by Robert Harvey, unit #B27 rented by Steve Lamb 7/29/26 8/5/26

LCL26-371 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 819

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 8/10/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by ROWLEY'S TOWING 4822 S COAST HWY S. BEACH, OR 2023 TOYT TAC LL VIN = 3TMAZ5CN1PM219720 Amount due on lien $6675.70 Reputed owner(s) > MITCHELL A & SHANNON M PARSONS TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP 7/29/26 8/5/26

LCL26-369 TS NO. OR06000002-26-1 APN R504599 II 08-11-21-AD-00501-00 TO NO 260001360-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, SCOTT C. MUNDALE, AN UNMARRIED MAN as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE as Trustee, in favor of U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Beneficiary dated as of May 1, 2020 and recorded on May 4, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020-04353 and re-recorded on April 29, 2026 as Instrument No. 2026-03002 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R504599 || 08-11-21-AD-00501-00 LOT 5, BLOCK 1, SEAGROVE, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILED ON JUNE 11, 1981, IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 39, LINCOLN COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly known as: 75 SCHOOL HOUSE LOOP, LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367 Both the Beneficiary, U.S. Bank National Association, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Monthly Payment(s): 8 Monthly Payment(s) from 07/01/2025 to 02/28/2026 at $1,462.14 4 Monthly Payment(s) from 03/01/2026 to 06/30/2026 at $1,494.81 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at $43.07 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of $227,208.04 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.99000% per annum from June 1, 2025 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on November 10, 2026 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, Public Entrance, Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Dated: 06/18/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0491007 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 07/29/2026, 08/05/2026, 08/12/2026, 08/19/2026

LCL26-365 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOHN VARNER; STEPHANIE M. VARNER; PARTIES IN POSSESSION Defendants. No. 26CV14668 CIVIL SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS: Unknown Heirs of John Varner NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! A lawsuit has been started against you in the above-entitled Court by Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff. Plaintiff's claim is stated in the written Complaint, a copy of which is on file at the Lincoln County Courthouse. You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff's attorney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the plaintiff. The object of the complaint is to foreclose a deed of trust dated February 3, 2004 and recorded as Document No. 200402025 given by John Varner on property commonly known as 425 Southeast Port Avenue, Lincoln City, OR 97367 and legally described as: LOTS 4, 5 AND 6, BLOCK 10, EAGLE POINT, IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY, COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF OREGON. The complaint seeks to foreclose and terminate all interest of Unknown Heirs of John Varner and all other interests in the property. The "motion" or "answer" (or "reply") must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. The date of first publication of the summons is July 22, 2026. If you are in the active military service of the United States, or believe that you may be entitled to protection of the SCRA, please contact our office. If you do not contact us, we will report to the court that we do not believe that you are protected under the SCRA. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling (503) 684-3763 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll-free elsewhere in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. Attorneys for Plaintiff, LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP By:_____ _____ [ ] James A. Craft, Senior Associate Attorney, #090146 [jcraft@logs.com] [ ] Cara J. Richter, Senior Associate Attorney, #094855 [crichter@logs.com] [ ] Eric Marshack, Managing Attorney, #050166 [ermarshack@logs.com] 1499 SE Tech Center Place, Suite 255, Vancouver, WA 98683 (360) 260-2253; Fax (360) 260-2285 7/22/26 7/29/26 8/5/26 8/12/26

LCL26-359 FIBRE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION V. MEL DAVID ROSE; MARY LOU ROSE;

NEIGHBORS FOR KIDS; STONEBRIDGE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION; OREGON CREDIT & COLLECTIONS BUREAU, INC.; CREDITORS COLLECTION SERVICE, INC.; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.; ALL OCCUPANTS; and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MICHAEL M. CUTLER, PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY SUMMONS - CASE NO. 26CV18278 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MICHAEL M. CUTLER, PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY (collectively, "Defendant"), the above-named defendant. You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this summons, and in case of your failure to appear and answer, plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in its complaint, to-wit: A. FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF: 1. For judgment for foreclosure and sale of the Property located at 240 SE Whalesong Drive, Depoe Bay, OR 97341, and a declaration of amount owed and secured by plaintiff's Deed of Trust comprising of the unpaid principal balance of $185,783.52, plus accrued interest in the amount of $3,196.49 through March 27, 2026, plus interest accruing thereafter at the contract rate of 4.00 percent per annum ($20.36 per diem), from March 28, 2026, until the date said judgment is entered; plus the title search cost of $665.00; together with any additional sums required to be paid by plaintiff during the pendency of this suit for the protection of the Property and the plaintiff's interest therein; plus plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements incurred herein; plus interest on the total on the total sum in paragraph 1 at the contract rate of 4.00 percent per annum from the date judgment is entered, until paid in full; 2. That plaintiff's Deed of Trust, dated May 24, 2007, recorded May 25, 2007, as Recording No. 200707650, Records of Lincoln County, Oregon ("Deed of Trust"), be declared a first lien upon the Property for the amount of the judgment prayed for herein. The Deed of Trust was modified by a Modification Agreement recorded on September 11, 2018, as Recording No. 2018-08976, Records of Lincon County, Oregon. The Deed of Trust was assigned to Fibre Federal Credit Union by way of an Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on February 17, 2026, as Recording No. 2026-01092, Records of Lincoln County, Oregon; 3. For judgment and decree that plaintiff's Deed of Trust upon the Property be foreclosed, and that the title, claim, interest, or demand of defendants in said Property, and every part thereof, except their statutory rights of redemption, be foreclosed; 4. For judgment and decree that the Property, with all of its appurtenances, rights, privileges, and easements be sold on execution by the Sheriff for Lincoln County, Oregon, after giving notice as required by law; that plaintiff may be and become a purchaser at said sale; that the Sheriff give the purchaser thereof a Certificate of Sale and, unless the Property is redeemed before the expiration of the redemption period, a deed; that said purchaser have immediate possession of the Property, and every part thereof; and that said purchaser be entitled to such remedies as are available at law to secure such position, including a writ of assistance, if defendants or any other parties or persons shall refuse to immediately surrender possession to the purchaser; and 5. That the proceeds of the sale be applied as follows: first, to pay the costs and expenses of said sale; second, to pay the judgment of plaintiff; and third, the surplus, if any, be paid to the Registry of the Court subject to further court order. WARNING: You may get offers from people who tell you they can help you keep your property. You may get offers from people who want to buy your "redemption rights" or "all rights under ORS chapter 18." You should be careful about those offers, as a sale of your rights to a property in foreclosure may include your right to claim any surplus funds arising from the foreclosure sale. Make sure you understand any papers you are asked to sign. If you have any questions, talk to a lawyer or one of the organizations mentioned below before signing. There are government agencies and nonprofit organizations that can give you information about foreclosure and help you decide what to do. For the name and telephone number of an organization near you, please call the statewide telephone contact number at 1 (855) 480-1950. You may also wish to talk to a lawyer. If you need help finding a lawyer, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503-684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-7636 or you may visit its website at: http://www.osbar.org. Legal assistance may be available if you have a low income and meet federal poverty guidelines. For more information and a directory of legal aid programs, go to http://www.oregonlawhelp.org. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ CAREFULLY!! YOU MUST "APPEAR" IN THIS CASE OR THE OTHER SIDE WILL WIN AUTOMATICALLY. TO "APPEAR" YOU MUST FILE WITH THE COURT A LEGAL PAPER CALLED A "MOTION" OR "ANSWER". THE MOTION OR ANSWER (OR "REPLY") MUST BE GIVEN TO THE COURT CLERK OR ADMINISTRATOR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION SPECIFIED HEREIN ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED FILING FEE. 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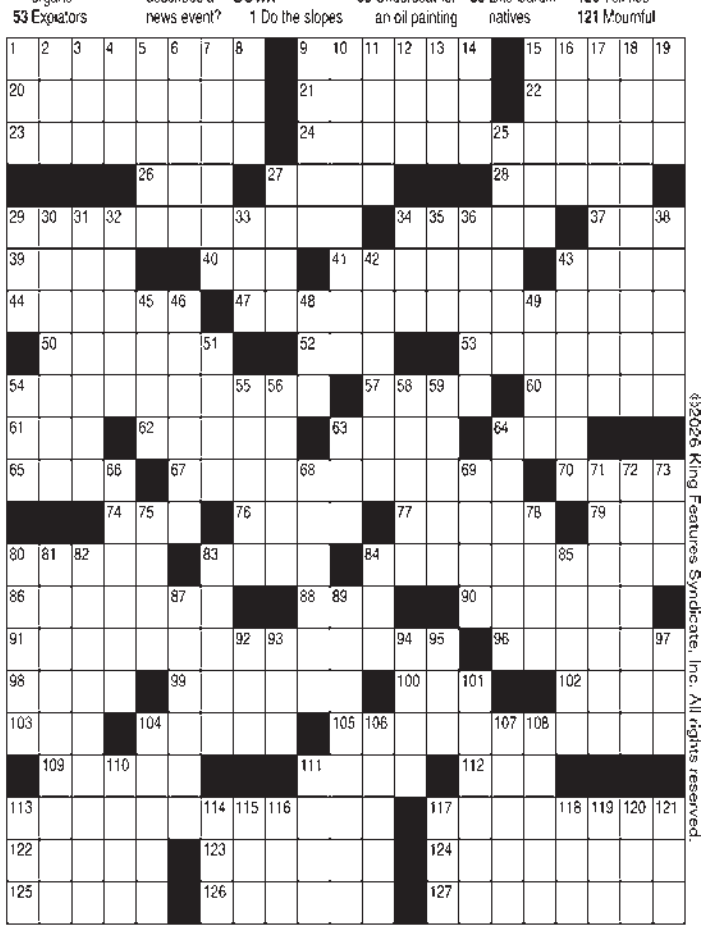
Super Crossword — ODD DUCKS

ACROSS

1 Arctic footwear item
9 Triaging concern
15 "Rope- —" (Alining tactic)
20 Study of forces acting on mechanisms
21 Twinkled
22 Adversary
23 Brief seconds
24 Diane plays her role flawlessly?
26 See 61-Across
27 Dandy dudes
28 On guard
29 Foxx amuses his audience?
34 Flock babies
37 Droop
39 Phone button abbr.
40 Special span
41 Granola snack option
43 Flood preventer
44 Muscles called "guns"
47 Paul acts in a serious film?
50 Military pupils
52 One of a pair of sense organs
53 Expiators
54 Elmer greatly anticipates catching Bugs Bunny?
57 Favored ones
60 "Hence ..."
61 With 26-Across, maker of Tater Tots
62 Philadelphia's La — University
63 WWII battle city in France
64 Adaptable truck, in brief
65 Christ. in Cremona
67 Oldham fashions clothes?
70 Cheer shouts
74 Court org.
76 "Look at Me" novelist Jennifer
77 Bunk
79 Gunk
80 "ATM" rapper
83 Small warbler
84 Wynonna puts out her first album?
86 Orchestrate
88 Miracle- —
90 Brown ermines
91 Roger describes a news event?
96 "C'mon, quit it!"
98 "It's all clear"
99 Lightning source, informally
100 TV "Science Guy" Bill
102 Put in a juicer
103 One of a pair of sense organs
104 Cultural spirit
105 Billy steps off his ship?
109 Plow inventor John
111 Swiss mounts
112 "— had it!"
113 Jason bounces the basketball?
122 Architect Jones
123 — d' (headwaiter)
124 Cubic — (fake diamond)
125 De Mille the dancer
126 Less than retail
127 How this puzzle's nine longest answers are viewed?

DOWN

1 Do the slopes
2 Writer Anais
3 Carry- — (flight totes)
4 Sweaty, say
5 Straitlaced
6 Indian tongue
7 Scale's span
8 Road curve
9 Certain opening for a bolt
10 Elated bliss
11 Gives help
12 German link
13 Rx request
14 Suffix with lime or Gator
15 Seed casings
16 Belly flop, say
17 Unusually big
18 People eating meals, e.g.
19 High trains
25 Maze-running rodent
27 Mrs., in Berlin
29 Burglarize
30 Gourmet
31 Tenths of centuries
32 "Judge —" (Stallone film)
33 Slip up
34 Piece of mail: Abbr.
35 Court org.
36 Mothers, informally
38 Undercoat for an oil painting
42 Skilled sorts
43 Evening eats
45 People who are hoofing it
46 Rock layers
48 — Moines
49 Perfectly
51 Song for one
54 Hazy stuff
55 Not as young
56 Pigeon perch, maybe
58 Yale for whom Yale is named
59 "I swear —!"
63 Capitol fig.
64 No longer bothered by
66 Remove the cargo from
68 Hazard
69 Motions "yes"
71 "Equus" actress Jenny
72 Time in a Jacuzzi, e.g.
73 "Rescue us!"
75 Road curve
78 "The Lady" star Michelle
80 Farr or Foxx
81 Fighting for change
82 Called for a pizza, say
83 Like Cardiff natives
84 Write hastily
85 City in Iraq
87 Go- — (no idler)
89 Climbing roses
92 "Am — blame?"
93 Refusals
94 Cuts off
95 Pink Floyd's Barrett
97 Evening hrs.
101 Add while proofing
104 Paul who published many math papers
106 Surprise win
107 Tennis legend Chris
108 Park seat
110 Threshold
111 Counter-tenor
113 Rip cammaker
114 "— bad boy!"
115 Slugging club
116 Razor brand
117 Israeli weapon
118 College org. of sisters
119 Suffix with opal
120 Tell fibs
121 Mournful



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kids' corner

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

	3		28
1	9	10	20
16		6	24
37	14	21	

Solution

6	2	16
10	9	1
5	3	20

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

AUG 2

1610: During Henry Hudson's search for the Northwest Passage, he sails into what is now known as Hudson Bay.

1776: The signing of the United States Declaration of Independence takes place.

1939: The space shuttle Atlantis is launched to deploy the TDRS-5 satellite.

Health FACT:

This refreshing fruit is an excellent source of lycopene, which helps keep the heart healthy.

Answer: Dog

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

LCESI FO MNOEL

Answer: Slice of melon

NEW WORD

HYDRATE

cause the body to absorb water

How they say that in...

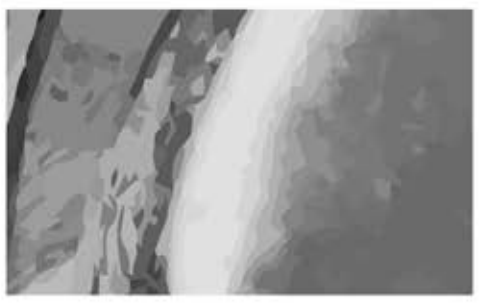
English: Watermelon
Spanish: Sandía
Italian: Cocomero
French: Pastèque
German: Wassermelone

Did You KNOW?

Watermelon contains 92 percent water. That means that watermelon is both tasty and can help keep the body hydrated.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Watermelon

FAIR DAYS WORD SEARCH

U	I	K	C	O	T	S	E	V	I	L	Z	C	T	T	R	B	S	D	S
E	G	X	H	D	Q	U	G	B	B	F	X	H	M	X	U	N	K	C	W
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G	V	J	K	F	M	U	T	R	A	C	T	O	R	B	P	W	D	W	P

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

WORDS

APPLES
BLUE RIBBON
CARNIVAL
CAROUSEL
CHURRO
COASTER
CONCERT
CORNDOG
COTTON CANDY
EXHIBIT
FERRIS WHEEL
FRIES
FUNNEL CAKE
GAMES
GRAND STAND
JUDGES
LEMONADE
LIVESTOCK
MIDWAY
POPCORN
PRIZE
QUILT
RACING
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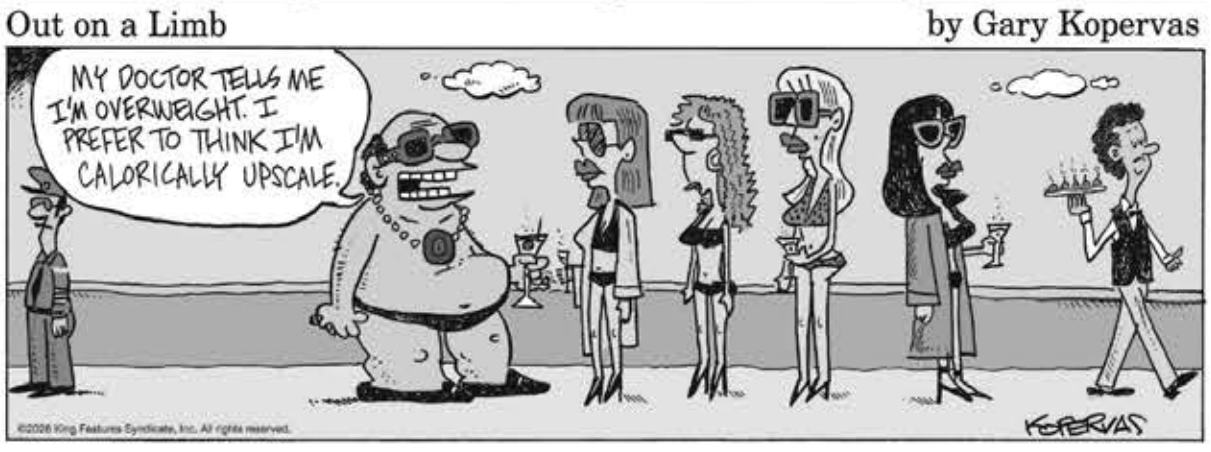
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



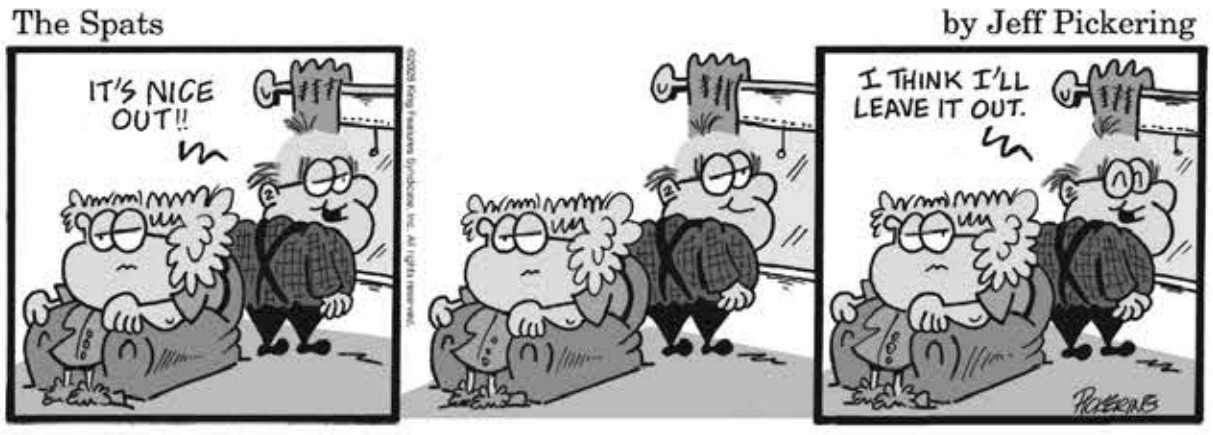
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



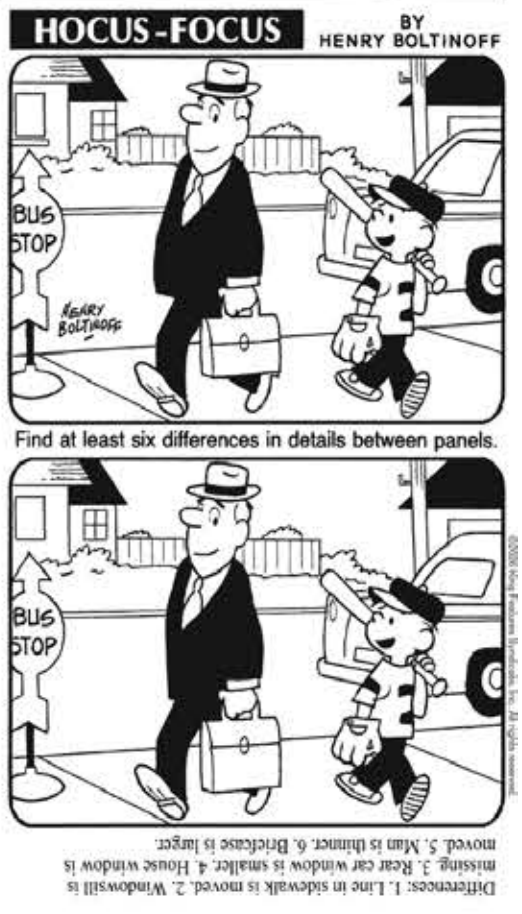
OLIVE & POPEYE

By Randy Milholland



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Line in sidewalk is moved. 2. Windowsill is missing. 3. Rear car window is smaller. 4. House window is moved. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Briefcase is larger.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **G** equals **R**

VL NZPGP QPGP S OVBRY

GPEVHVBRY HGBRO LBRXCPC

AD BXP BL NZP APSNEPY,

QBREC NZPD AP EPXXBXVNPY?

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Avoid **EGHED** ☐ ___ ___ ☐ ___

Quench **EATS** ___ ___ ☐ ☐

Lovely **SCINCE** ___ ☐ ___ ☐ ___ ___

Follow **ALIRT** ___ ___ ☐ ☐ ___

TODAY'S WORD ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___



"Bad news, Dad — my grades are pretty awful, but at least that shows that I'm not _____."

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

DAB PUQPLDPNB MY KMFXJLN

UPE PLU LJNAD JO DAPD EMR

BPFL BLMRNA DM HPE DAB

UMWDMF KABL EMR TFBPX

UMKL. — OHBPXBF RLXLMKL

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries border Argentina?
2. GAMES: What is a perfect score in a bowling game?
3. TELEVISION: In the animated series "Family Guy," what kind of creature is often fighting with Peter?
4. COMICS: What is the name of Batman's butler?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What ingredient gives the Greek liquor ouzo its distinctive taste?
6. LITERATURE: What are the names of Nancy Drew's best friends in the detective novel series?
7. MOVIES: What brand-name underwear does Marty McFly have in the movie "Back to the Future"?
8. SCIENCE: What is the Prime Meridian?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Carlsbad Caverns National Park?
10. ASTRONOMY: What is the largest moon of Saturn?

Answers

1. Five: Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil
2. 300.
3. Ernie, the giant chicken.
4. Alfred Pennyworth.
5. Anise.
6. Bess and George.
7. Calvin Klein.
8. An imaginary line at 0-degree longitude.
9. New Mexico.
10. Titan.

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SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Hedge; 2. Sate
3. Scenic; 4. Trail
Today's Word
CHEATING

CryptoQuip
answer
If there were a pious religious group founded by one of the Beatles, would they be Lennonites?

CryptoQuote
answer
The advantage of working day and night is that you earn enough to pay the doctor when you break down. — Speaker Unknown



Matt Hager is no stranger to long trips, this one will see him cross the United States. (Courtesy photos from the Pedaling Pilgrim blog)



Hager, left, and his traveling companions, Geeto Reilly and Lecy.

Newport to Newport: Group prepped for cross-country bike ride

WILL LOHRE
Lincoln County Leader

Three friends are about to set off on the journey of a lifetime, launching a coast-to-coast bike ride from Newport, OR, to Newport, RI, in fulfillment of a long-held dream.

Illinois resident Matt Hager has lived and traveled many places in the United States, but has long aspired to undertake the challenge of a continent-crossing bike ride.

"The inspiration is something that I've been thinking about since I was about 12 years old. I had a friend back at that time, and both of us had seen the Tour de France once or twice, and heard about some kind of cross-country bike ride that was going on, and thought that might be something that'd be cool to do someday," Hager said. "For whatever reason, that seed that was planted when I was like 12 years old just never came about until recently."

Hager's youngest daughter is preparing to start graduate school in Corvallis, and with her heading out to Oregon, he couldn't resist following up on his dream trip. He decided he wanted to drive out to Oregon with his daughter, and return home by bike, jump-starting his pedal-propelled odyssey.

Rather than start from Corvallis, Hager elected to begin his journey in Newport, ensuring that the bike will get baptized in the Pacific ahead of the 3,730-mile traverse to Newport, Rhode Island. From there, the route will take them northeast into Washington, Idaho, and Montana. They'll continue through North Dakota into Minnesota, and take some rest once they reach Batavia, a reset at home base.

"So that's kind of the first two-thirds of the journey. That'll be about 40 days or so getting back here," Hager said. "And then, from [Illinois] to the East Coast is about another 20 days."

But Hager won't just be making the trip alone. Hager is biking with longtime friends Geeto Reilly and Mark Lecy. The three met in college and have stayed in touch since their university days. All three are excited to get on the roads and see for themselves what the challenge of the ride will be, as well as seeing the country up close and personal. While Hager, 58, and Reilly, 60, are retired, Lecy, 58, is still working. Ahead of the trip, Lecy is still planning to work remotely on the road, though how that's supposed to work with so much time in the saddle is not something Hager is going to worry about.

For Hager, the largest concerns come relating to more practical needs and safety on the road. The group will be spending time with friends at various stops on the way, like in Walla Walla, Minneapolis, and Bismarck, ND, but they'll also be doing a mix of camping and hotel/motel stays. With some of the areas they are traveling through being less populous, Hager and his group are making sure to provision wisely. With sometimes more than 100 miles between towns, the group will need to plan their stops proactively. Especially considering the distances they'll be cycling.

"On a hot day, I go through about five liters of water over 60 miles, and most of our days are gonna be like 65 miles or more. And if this heat kind of continues, then we better figure out where along the way we're gonna make sure we can stock up for water and have water for the day that we're in, as well as waking up with water the next morning to start our journey if we're in the middle of nowhere," Hager said. "And then just making sure that we're carrying enough food along with us, in case we have to go for long stretches, but not carrying, you know, a 20-pound grocery sack because the weight just adds more work."

Also important to note is that Hager is a type 1 diabetic, which Hager described as an "extra challenge, if it wasn't hard enough already." While it requires a little bit more planning, Hager said that it's not a barrier that will keep him from chasing after his goals.

"I've done other things, and I guess some of this is just to prove to people that you can be a type 1 diabetic and still have a completely normal life and do all the challenging things that everybody else can do," Hager said. "You just have to think a little bit more wisely and strategically about it."

No stranger to long trips in the elements, Hager is excited to get the trip on the road. In scale, this trip is similar to a kayak trip from the source of the Mississippi to New Orleans. That trip was 2,100 miles over about 75 days. Hager said provisioning for that excursion was a challenge that has him feeling confident this time around.

For this upcoming journey, Hager and the crew will start in Oregon, and it's his third time visiting the state. He saw some of the state visiting it before his daughter decided on grad school in the Pacific Northwest, and he described it as "beautiful." He and his travel companions will be staying at the Elizabeth Oceanfront Suites in Newport on Aug. 6 ahead of their first leg, which will start on the morning of Aug. 7.

Hager and his friends will make the entirety of their journey on standard bicycles, not E-bikes in sight. For this crew, the journey is as much about pushing through adversity and meeting the challenge as it is about enjoying a nice view.

"All pedal power," Hager said. "If it wasn't a challenge, I would not be so interested in it. If it's just a sightseeing trip, then well, why don't I just do that from the comfort of the car? So it's not about a sightseeing, luxury tour. It's about pushing yourself mentally and physically and seeing what you become as a result of that."

If people are curious about how the journey progresses, they can follow Hager and his companions at pedalingpilgrim.blog. He will be posting daily updates about how their travels are unfolding, and he wants to let other people "share in the journey" as much as possible.

Keep an eye out for him, Lecy, and Reilly in Newport on Aug. 7, they'll be making the first strides of their more than 3,000 mile trek that day.

Researchers look for clues about disappearance of old, female rockfish

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Off the coasts of California, Oregon, Washington, Canada and Alaska, three species of female rockfish have largely disappeared in the last 40 years.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife scientists hope to learn why when they board an Oregon State University trawler Aug. 1 for two weeks — including a two-day journey westward across 322 miles of ocean — to the Cobb Seamount and the edge of the North Pacific Gyre to search for the old females.

The seamount is an inactive underwater volcano that has created a solid ocean shelf where marine ecosystems thrive, and the gyre is one of Earth's five large, rotating ocean currents. It spans from North America to Asia and stops at the equator, where the currents of the South Pacific Gyre pick up.

Some records from federal scientists and fishing crews in the 1960s detail sightings of larger, perhaps old, female black, canary and yellowtail rockfish that have largely today disappeared from Oregon's Coast.

They are three of 86 species of rockfish found in Oregon, and both male and female black and yellowtails can live up to 60 years, while canary rockfish can live even a decade longer.

But commercial and recreational fishing crews and fisheries managers up and down the West Coast of the U.S. and Canada for the last few decades have caught very few females over 30 years old. Most of the female population begins to decline after 12 years, leaving almost exclusively males, explained Leif Rasmuson, who leads the rockfish research at ODFW's Marine Fisheries Research Program.

For the department, knowing whether the old females exist, and whether they still reproduce, is helpful for managing fisheries and catch limits to balance ocean fish stocks. The rockfish are sexually mature at 6 years old, so the disappearance of the elder females off the Coast has not yet been detrimental to stocks managed by the state.

But Rasmuson said the research is also about alleviating concerns over unanswered, "disconcerting" questions about the future of the species and whether they are dying of causes set off by a toppling domino wall of human effects. If they find the older females, he and the crew will study whether they are genetically related to nearshore populations of rockfish, and whether their diet differs from other populations and will tag and release some to learn about any migration patterns.

Hypotheses

Among the lesser possible explanations, according to Rasmuson, is that the older females are out in the ocean, clustered in spots along the West Coast from California to Alaska, but just in places that all researchers, commercial and recreational fishing crews and fisheries managers have just completely overlooked for the last four decades.

"That seems highly improbable to me," he said. "Fishermen are really good at catching fish, and I just struggle to envision a way where females get this magical ability to avoid every type of fishing gear ever known to man on the entire West Coast."

Another hypothesis is that fishing crews are catching and killing more young black, canary and yellowtail female rockfish than males, keeping the females from growing old. But, Rasmuson said, only those three rockfish species lack evidence of older females. The other 83 species of rockfish that live off the Oregon Coast don't have the same problem, indicating fishing is not cutting into the overall ratio of females in the overwhelming majority of species.

Another option is that aging females are swimming very far north or south somewhere. Researchers in Alaska have tagged some females that have gone as far as the Bering Sea, but they weren't very old when they were found there, Rasmuson explained.

Still another possibility is that the females swim from shore and go out into the middle of the North Pacific Gyre as they age. He said that articles from the 1960s and later research from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration detail black rockfish in the gyre that were larger than most of their species, indicating perhaps advanced age.

If it is the case that the females go out to age in the gyre, it opens up even more questions for Rasmuson and the other researchers.

"The thing is, if it's just old females that go out into the middle of the gyre and there aren't a bunch of males, what does that mean? Is it just like a retirement home for old females?" he asked. "It's hard to wrap your mind around. Why is this evolutionarily stable? What's the point? Is it: 'Hey, we just go out there and hang out for the last 40 years of our lives?'"

To him, the most probable hypothesis is that the females are dying at younger ages of some sort of natural cause, which could still be human-influenced, such as the loss during the last century of an important food source they need.

Dicey international waters

It was not easy to get permission to go to the seamount to catch fish for research, according to Rasmuson. It's located in international waters and regulated by an international intergovernmental group called the North Pacific Fisheries Commission that includes representatives from the United States, Russia, Korea, Japan, China and Canada, among others.

In those waters there is effectively a moratorium on commercial fishing, and growing international skepticism of the motivations of the U.S. government led other member nations to scrutinize the research and researchers more heavily, Rasmuson said.

Some commission officials shared concerns about the research boat possibly scouting deep sea mining areas, and representatives from Japan and Korea threatened to come aboard the ship to ensure the researchers are not doing any illegal fishing, he explained. When he proposed the team be allowed to catch and take with them 50 fish, commission officials were shocked, he said, believing it was a proposal for 50 tons of fish.

He said representatives from the U.S. did not help to make the process smoother, but the Canadian delegation stepped in to vouch for the researchers.

"The United States kind of dropped the ball. We've just had to lean on Canada," he said. "It's still been an ongoing adventure on the policy side."

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