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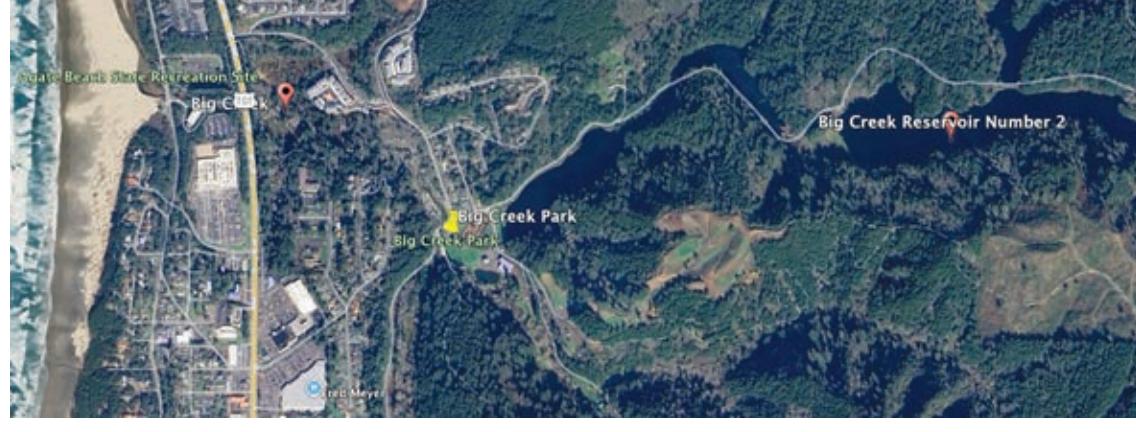


Lincoln County Leader

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Lincoln County, Oregon

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A Google Earth graphic shows the Big Creek Reservoir proportionate to north Newport and Highway 101.

Newport asks for more dam funding

By TONY REED
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Newport Mayor Jan Kaplan addressed the Oregon State

Legislature's Joint Committee on Ways and Means April 16, to ask for support regarding the City's request for the Big Creek Dam Project.

"We're requesting \$2 million to complete the design and Regulatory planning to replace

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DA requests probe into alleged county misconduct

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

A deepening disagreement between Lincoln County District Attorney Jenna Wallace and Lincoln County administrators has reached a point in which Wallace is accusing county officials of misconduct and retaliation.

Wallace said she had planned to make a statement before the Lincoln County Board of Commissioner's public session April 16, but that meeting was abruptly adjourned before she could give her public testimony.

In a lengthy statement

prepared for the Board of Commissioners in which Wallace publicly released, she specifically cites Lincoln County Counsel Kristin Yuille and Lincoln County Human Resources Director David Collier.

"You have allowed Kristin Yuille and David Collier to block me, stop me, control me, threaten me and attempt to silence me," Wallace states. "And when I raised concerns about how I was being treated and the unethical conduct I was observing, instead of taking my concerns seriously

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Easter Egg Hunt brings out families



A child dashes into the field in search of the Easter eggs. See more photos with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website. (Photos by Jeremy C. Ruark)

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A bright blue sky, sunshine, and occasional chilly wind gusts greeted approximately 200 children and their families for the annual Lincoln City Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt at Schooner Creek Discovery Park in Taft, April 19.

The day before the annual hunt, members of the Kiwanis

Club and other volunteers spent hours at the Beach Club filling the plastic eggs with small toys and candies. Community donations at Grocery Outlet helped supply the candy and small toys.

On the morning of April 19,

Organizers carefully spread the eggs along a sectioned off portion of the grassy portion in the park. The

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Children and their parents pick up the plastic eggs and small toys scattered along the grass field. See more photos with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website.

Local fire agencies to receive wildfire defense grants

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Several Central Oregon Coast fire agencies will receive state grant funding to hire additional staff during the upcoming wildfire season, according to the Oregon State Fire Marshal.

The Oregon State Fire Marshal 2025 Wildfire Season Staffing Grants help local fire agencies, many relying on volunteer crews, bring on extra

firefighters during wildfire season.

Central Oregon Coast fire agencies awarded the grant funding include:

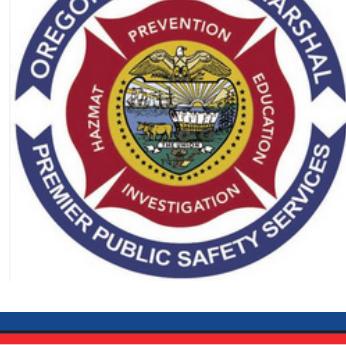
Rockaway FD - \$35,000

(includes carryover funds)

Siletz RFPD - \$35,000

Depoe Bay RFPD - \$26,905

(from carryover funds)



Toledo FD - \$35,000
(includes carryover funds)

Seal Rock RFPD - \$35,000

Yachats RFPD - \$35,000

"The Wildfire Season

Staffing Grant is one of our

most impactful tools to help

local fire agencies respond

to emergencies faster, protect

communities, and support each

other through mutual aid," Oregon State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple said.

"We're thankful to our legislators for continuing to invest in the safety and resilience of our communities."

Since 2022, the grant has

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AM Showers
Saturday: High-52/Low-44
AM Showers
Sunday: High-54/Low-44
AM Showers
Monday: High-56/Low-46
Mostly Cloudy
Tuesday: High-57/Low-48
Cloudy

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
April 6	1.13	49.8	54.0
April 7	0.27	50.9	53.4
April 8	0.90	48.8	53.8
April 9	0.00	48.4	63.0
April 10	0.40	46.4	60.7
April 11	0.00	45.8	54.7
April 12	0.01	43.9	53.5
Total rainfall from Jan. 1	27.97"		

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

	Low	3:12 a.m.	2:8
Low	4:09 a.m.	6.7	
High	10:05 a.m.	7.0	
Low	4:17 p.m.	0.3	
High	10:45 p.m.	7.9	

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

	Low	4:09 a.m.	1.7
Low	10:05 a.m.	7.0	
High	4:17 p.m.	0.3	
High	10:45 p.m.	7.9	

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

	Low	4:59 a.m.	0.4
Low	11:08 a.m.	7.2	
High	5:00 p.m.	0.7	
High	11:19 p.m.	8.7	

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

	Low	5:48 a.m.	0.7
Low	12:06 p.m.	7.4	
High	5:42 p.m.	1.1	
High	11:55 p.m.	9.3	

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

	Low	6:35 a.m.	1.6
Low	1:03 p.m.	7.4	
High	6:25 p.m.	1.7	

MONDAY, APRIL 28

	High	12:33 a.m.	9.8
Low	7:23 a.m.	2.1	
High	1:58 p.m.	7.4	
Low	7:09 p.m.	2.2	

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

	High	1:14 a.m.	9.9
Low	8:11 a.m.	2.3	
High	2:54 p.m.	7.2	
Low	7:55 p.m.	2.7	

Sunrise/Sunset

	April 23	6:19 a.m.	8:10 p.m.
April 24	6:17 a.m.	8:11 p.m.	
April 25	6:16 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	
April 26	6:14 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	
April 27	6:13 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	
April 28	6:11 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	
April 29	6:10 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	
April 30	6:08 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	

Lottery

	Friday, April 18	Mega Millions
5 • 13 • 15 • 17 • 28 • PB-1	5 • 13 • 15 • 17 • 28 • PB-1	

	Saturday, April 19	Powerball
7 • 25 • 37 • 39 • 63 • PB-1 • x3	7 • 25 • 37 • 39 • 63 • PB-1 • x3	

	Saturday, April 19	Megabucks
6 • 9 • 19 • 30 • 31 • 37	6 • 9 • 19 • 30 • 31 • 37	

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Lincoln City city manager resigns

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader



Lincoln City City Manager Daphnee Legarza has submitted her resignation.

"I am sad to say that Council accepted her resignation at last Monday's council meeting, Lincoln City Mayor Susan Wahlke said.

Legarza is stepping out of the work force for an extended period of time to care for family, according to a release from the City of Lincoln City. Legarza's last day will be June 9.

Legarza has been the city manager since April, 2022. In her tenure, she has seen the completion of the Lincoln City Comprehensive Plan 2043, as well as other long-range planning efforts that are in the works.

The Lincoln City City Council instructed staff during the council's April 14 public session, to start a recruitment for a City Manager Pro Tem to fill the gap while a full recruitment is underway for a permanent City Manager.

NEXT STEP

The city is requesting letters of interest from qualified persons to fill the City Manager Pro Tem position for the City

Daphnee Legarza will leave office June 9 as Lincoln City Manager. (Courtesy photo)

of Lincoln City, beginning early to mid-June 2025.

The deadline for consideration in a first round of interest letters received is 5 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2025. See the city's webpage, www.lincolncity.org/governement/announcements for more information about the position and how to apply.

According to the City of Lincoln City's City Manager Pro Tem announcement, the Pro Tem service would begin early to mid-June and will include most of the regular duties of the City Manager.

Projects scheduled for the interim period include adopting the 2025-26 fiscal year budget process with the City Council, union contract negotiation finalization for two unions, and participation on the City

Charter Revision Ad-Hoc Committee to ready potential changes for the November 2026 general election. Additional work on various committees and advisory boards, plan implementation, land transactions, annual partner meetings, local events, and ongoing projects is expected.

The City of Lincoln City operates under the Council/Manager form of government. The City Council is composed of six Council Members, elected from three wards, and the Mayor, who is elected at-large. They have staggered four-year terms. The City Manager, City Attorney, and Municipal Judge all work under the City Council.

Under the general supervision of the City Council, the City Manager is responsible for the overall management of the City's organization and operations. The City Manager will plan and direct the activities of all City departments and functions through subordinate department directors and others, provide information to the City Council and act as its policy advisor, and serve as the City's Chief Administrative Officer and Budget Officer.

Roughly 155 FTEs

offer a full range of city services, including water, sewer, streets, police, emergency services dispatch, economic development, urban renewal, parks and recreation, court, planning and community development, a library, and a tourism-promotion department called Explore Lincoln City.

City administration and operations also include in-house legal representation, finance, information technology, and human resources. The City Manager has fifteen (15) direct reports including department heads and administration staff.

HISTORY

Legarza replaced former city manager Public Works Director Lila Bradley who had been appointed following former city manager Ron Chandler's departure.

Chandler took a similar position in Silverton. Chandler had replaced long-time former city manager David Hawker who served for 15 years and retired at the end of 2014.

CITY MANAGER SALARY

According to the 2024 city budget document, Legarza's annual salary was \$163,232. Chandler's beginning annual salary was \$115,000. Hawker

received \$101,129.60 annually. The current salary range from 2021 will be reviewed prior to issuing the recruitment for a permanent City Manager, according to Wahlke.

Salaries and employee benefits are often the most expensive cost associated with managing and operating a city government. Cities must balance the need to provide competitive wages to draw in quality candidates while managing a strict budget, according to a 2018 League of Oregon Cities (LOC) City Salaries Survey Report.

The data shows that certain positions have historically been difficult to fill. The most common positions include technical fields (public works, engineering, wastewater technicians), police officers and city managers.

Cities must balance the need to provide competitive wages to draw in quality candidates while managing a constrained budget. This is no easy task, as many of the respondent cities have shown. Lack of funding to provide competitive salaries, as well as the distance from major candidate pools has created difficulties for member cities, according to the LOC Survey conclusion.

Three-vehicle crash claims Newport resident

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

a.m. April 17.

The preliminary OSP investigation indicated an eastbound GMC Terrain, operated by 42-year-old Heather Maria Paz Hosey of Newport, crossed the centerline for unknown reasons and struck a westbound Dodge Journey, operated by 46-year-old Ruston Lee Thommen of Halsey,

head-on.

The GMC rotated and was struck by a westbound Dodge Dakota, operated by 19-year-old Christian Layfield Sagrero of Newport, that was following the Dodge Journey. The Dodge Journey caught fire due to the collision and became fully engulfed in flames. The operator of the

GMC (Hosey) was declared deceased at the scene. The operator of the Dodge Journey (Thommen), who was able to exit the vehicle, suffered unknown injuries and was transported to an area hospital. The operator of the Dodge Dakota (Sagrero) suffered reportedly minor injuries and was transported for evaluation.

The highway was impacted for approximately three hours during the on-scene investigation.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Newport Fire, and the Oregon Department of Transportation assisted OSP at the scene of the crash.

Applications accepted for vacant Depoe Bay Rural Fire Protection District Civil Service Commission

The Depoe Bay RFPD Board of Directors will accept applications to fill one position on the Fire District's Civil Service Commission. The Board will consider any applications received from qualified applicants. Qualifications include living within Depoe Bay Fire District boundaries.

This is an

uncompensated appointment. The Civil Service Commission consists of three people appointed by the District's Board of Directors. These three individuals oversee the administration of the Civil Service rules, exams, and entrance and promotional registers. The Civil Service Commission meets on an

ODF responds to comments, finalizes state forests implementation plans

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) has finalized its Implementation Plans that describe revisions for the Astoria, Forest Grove, Tillamook, North Cascade, West Oregon, and Western Lane (including the Veneta and Southwest units) State Forests districts following a 30-day comment period that concluded March 21.

The department received 28 different comments with many addressing multiple issues. The main areas public comments addressed were the draft Western State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan; forest management; forest health; wildlife; carbon storage and climate change; recreation, education and interpretation; and roads.

"Although we do not have the resources to directly respond to each individual commenter, we do read and consider each one and then summarize



The public commenting period is now open for state forest management annual operations plans that determine and describe individual timber sale locations and other forest activities for the next fiscal year.

and group them into common areas to better address the comments received," State Forests Division Chief Mike Wilson said. "We value the public process and comments we receive are the basis for modifications to our proposed plans."

State forests provide social, economic, and environmental benefits to Oregonians, and are managed under long-range forest management

plans, mid-range implementation plans, and annual operations plans. Implementation plans describe forest management activities such as timber harvest targets, road construction and maintenance, reforestation and young stand management, recreation, aquatic habitat restoration, and protection strategies for species of concern.

Implementation Plans typically cover a 10-year period. However, these revisions to the current Implementation Plans extends through fiscal year 2027 and maintains current forest management plan requirements, updates new information on the district land base and forest resources, clarifies timber harvest targets, and incorporates the components of the draft Habitat Conservation Plan in order to cover the potential Habitat Conservation Plan approval timeline, the new Forest Management Plan and new Implementation Plan development timelines.

PUBLIC COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR ANNUAL OPERATIONS PLANS

Through 5 p.m. June 3, Oregonians can weigh in on draft Annual Operations Plans for state forests on the Astoria, Forest Grove, Klamath Falls, Tillamook, West Oregon, and Western Lane Districts.

These plans lay out on-the-ground activities expected to take place in the coming fiscal year. State forests by law must provide economic, environmental, and social benefits to Oregonians.

To achieve the legal mandate, these lands are managed to create healthy productive forests, high-quality habitat for native fish and wildlife, clean water, benefits and revenues to rural communities and timber related economies, as well as recreation and educational opportunities.

Overall management policies and management goals are established in long-range Forest Management Plans and Implementation Plans.

Annual Operations Plans describe activities to achieve the policies and goals laid out in the longer-range plans. ODF is seeking input on the draft Annual Operations Plans summary documents, which can be viewed on the State Forests' new Annual Operations Plans website.

COMMON TOPICS IN THE ANNUAL OPERATIONS PLAN INCLUDE:

- Timber harvest operations
- Recreation improvement and maintenance projects
- Forest road construction, maintenance, and improvements
- Reforestation/replanting and young stand management activities
- Habitat improvement for native species
- Invasive species management

The most useful input will speak to these specific activities and whether they are consistent with longer-range plans, offer suggestions

to improve efficiency or effectiveness, correct errors, provide additional information, and are solution oriented. Activities that affect fish and wildlife habitat are reviewed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, while operations that may affect threatened and endangered fish and wildlife habitat are shared with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

This year the department worked to improve communications by adding clarity in the documents provided, improved the website, and issued notification to private landowners that share a property line with a proposed operation.

ODF is offering several avenues to comment on Annual Operations Plans:

Online comments can be submitted through ODF's comments page

Comments can be emailed to: odf.sfcomments@oregon.gov

Comments can also be mailed to ODF Public Affairs, 2600 State St., Salem, OR 97310.

Three new fair board members sought

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners is seeking applications from citizens interested in serving on the Lincoln County Fair Board.

The fair board oversees the planning, preparation and production of the Lincoln County Fair and associated events and activities. There are currently four sitting members of the board, and an additional three members are sought.

Often referred to as a "working board," potential applicants should be willing to participate in preparation for, during, and in closing down the fair event. Additionally, fair board members need to meet once per month during the calendar year.

As Lincoln County's annual fair and the fair board continues to grow, the board of commissioners desires that it reflect the community with which it is surrounded while embracing the

values of its traditional roots. Candidates should consider how they fit into the following categories of interest:

- Land-based agriculture
- Youth/education
- Exhibitors/vendors/ local businesses
- Tourism promotion/ visitor services
- Ocean science/commercial fishing
- Recreational fishing/ other ocean use sectors
- Volunteer management
- Marketing/promotion/ event coordination
- Other interests as determined by the board of commissioners.

There is no specific requirement that all the identified interests be included on the fair board at the same time, and board members need not be employed or a working professional in a particular category. Rather, members should have the desire and passion to see the annual fair reflect the

diversity of the community's interests and stimulate curiosity through education and activities that showcase life and industry in Lincoln County.

Lincoln County's annual fair should be an opportunity for visitors and residents to have fun, reflect and celebrate the culture of the county. Prospective board members should have the desire to support a successful execution of the annual fair and additionally bring interests and expertise that can help showcase the vibrant community.

Applications can be filled out at <https://tinyurl.com/FairBoardApply>. For a paper application, contact the board of commissioners' office at 541-265-4100 to make arrangements.

For more information, contact Public Information Officer Kenneth Lipp at public_affairs@co.lincoln.or.us or 541-265-4100.

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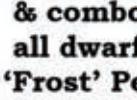
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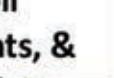
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Lincoln City finalizing Climate Action Plan

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The Lincoln City Council is expected to make its final review and possible adoption of the city's Climate Action Plan (CAP) in the coming weeks.

The plan lays out recommended ways for reducing local greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and responding to current and future impacts of climate change. The Lincoln City CAP builds on regional and state action to implement Comprehensive Plan goals to increase the sustainability and safety of Lincoln City for residents, workers, and visitors alike, according to city documents, which include the follow:

Align and Implement State Goals

Transportation – support EV transition for residents and visitors

Energy – increase efficiency, local energy production, and storage

Equity – advertise grant and rebate programs

Resilience – prepare for hazard events

All actions support economic development and resilience

An overview of the plan was submitted to the Lincoln City Planning Commission for review in December 2024.

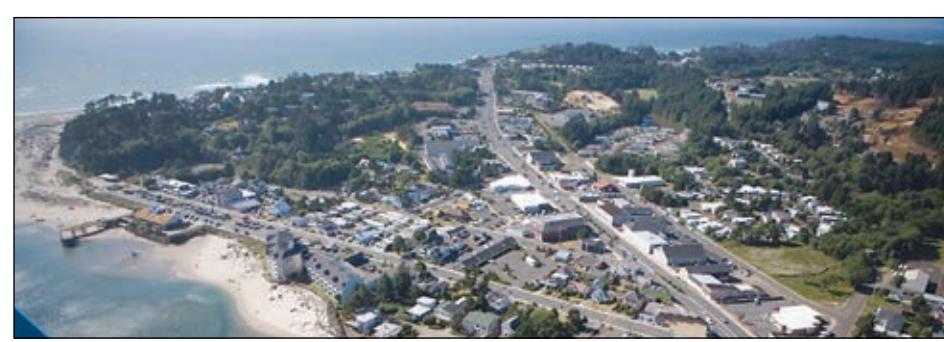
"The purpose of the CAP is to create a clear roadmap for addressing climate impacts while maintaining a safe, economically vibrant, and sustainable city," the Planning Commission report states. "The CAP will present strategies aimed at reducing carbon emissions and increasing resilience to natural hazards arising from climate change."

The report states that the city's consultants developed the CAP strategies by bringing together strategies identified by the Oregon Climate Action Commission to meet greenhouse gas reduction goals with those included in the recently adopted Lincoln City Comprehensive Plan.

City officials said the CAP will help Lincoln City align local planning efforts with state targets and regulations to meet a number of community goals, including reducing energy costs, increasing climate resilience, and supporting the tourism-based economy. The CAP will identify short term strategies to jump start implementation and highlight actions residents can take as individuals.

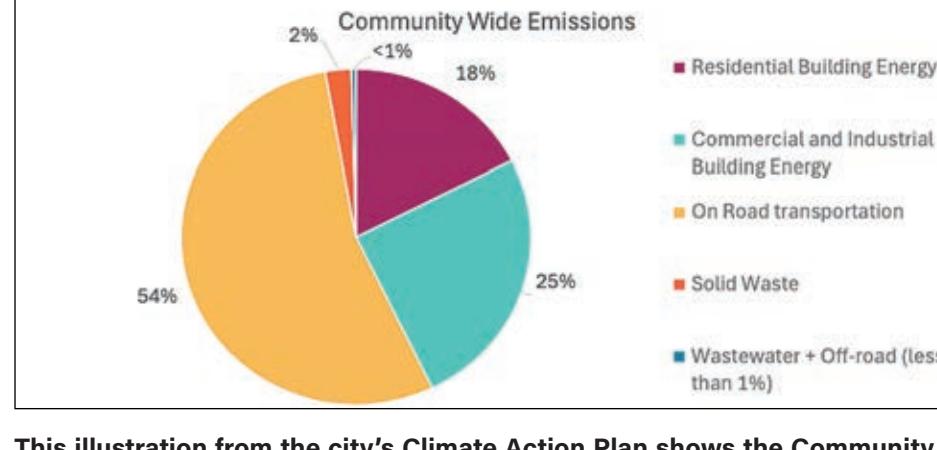
TRUMP ADMINISTRATION IMPACT

Oregon Governor Tina Kotek issued a statement March 13, in response to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Zeldin's announcements on March



The Climate Action Plan document can be seen in full at the city's website. (Courtesy graphics from the City of Lincoln City)

Baseline (2023) Inventory by Source - 239,103.82 MTCO2e



This illustration from the city's Climate Action Plan shows the Community Wide Emissions.

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"The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was created to protect human health and the environment. The actions taken today to roll back landmark environmental regulations will do exactly the opposite. Combating climate change requires collaboration and long-term work – not deregulating polluters – to ensure a healthy planet for future generations."

"There is no turning back. I guarantee that climate action will continue in Oregon, and that we will continue developing innovative solutions to confront the climate crisis and build a brighter future."

According to an Oregon Capital Chronicle report from Jacob Fischler of

States Newsroom, the

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will seek to undo more than 30 regulations, including some aimed at lowering carbon emissions and curbing pollution, as well as redefining what waters and wetlands the federal government can regulate, Administrator Lee Zeldin said Wednesday, March 12.

Zeldin framed the moves as part of President Donald Trump's campaign promise to encourage energy production and cut regulations focused on slowing climate change, Fischler writes in the article. See the full article at: <https://oregoncapital-chronicle.com/2025/03/13/repub/trump-administration-to-roll-back-many-epa-regulations-revisit-contested-water-rule/>

"Today, the green new scam ends as the EPA does its part to usher in the golden age of American success," Zeldin said.

The Oregon Senate Republican Caucus responded to Governor Tina Kotek's criticism of the Trump Administration's EPA measures.

"Oregonians are paying the price—literally—for Governor Kotek's so-called 'innovative solutions' to climate change. Her administration's Climate Protection Program, coupled with her party's extreme environmental policies, has driven up gas prices, made housing less affordable, increased energy costs, and made it more expensive for families and businesses to operate in Oregon," Senator David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford), vice-chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment, said.

"While Governor Kotek is focused on political posturing, working Oregonians are struggling to afford the cost of living. The Governor's refusal to acknowledge the economic impact of her climate agenda shows just how out of touch she is with the challenges everyday Oregonians face," Senate Republican Leader Daniel Bonham (R-The Dalles) said.

Bonham and Brock Smith said Oregon Senate Republicans will continue to fight for "common-sense policies that protect both our environment and our economy without burdening Oregon families with higher costs."

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VIEWPOINT

Vietnam 50 Years Ago and National Poetry Month

BY PAUL HAEDER

Guest Contributor

Flying into Vietnam 30 years ago brought me back to the phone call my family received announcing my father had been shot by the Viet Cong. That was 1969, and I was a 13-year-old fighting schoolmates because I didn't support the war in Indochina.

Even before the cold announcement that my father had been severely wounded carrying cryptographic equipment in a Huey, I knew the United States was wrong to be in Vietnam. Something about the mythology of war, invisible dominoes, never repeating history.

Flying over the mossy forest, a patchwork of clouds, and the glimmer from hundreds of flooded fields and winding rivers, I felt like I was about to drop into a dream.

As soon as we boarded the bus, cutting through rice paddies tended by women in conical hats, surrounded by teary-eyed water buffaloes and frenetic ducks, I knew I was in another world.

It felt like Vietnam instantly. I could almost taste the explosives in the air.

Another war anniversary: The Fall of Saigon, 1975, and here we are, 50 years later with the war mongers of both the Trump Destructive Administration and the languishing Democrats wanting war, war, war.

My Lai was an intentional murder spree. What is happening in Palestine is My Lai on steroids, but in real time videotaped images, with a sick openness by both the US and Israel gleeful about murdering medical personnel and journalists.

This is an upside-down world of fascism.

Both moneyed parties want war with China, Russia, Iran, Venezuela, even Canada, Honduras. This the horse's ass idea of invading Mexico, even Greenland, shows the United States is Monroe Doctrine on meth.

April is also National Poetry month, and before midnight strikes on the nuclear Armageddon clock, we need poetry especially in a time of fascism under this South African child of apartheid (Musk) who is unelected and willing to deploy his techies and AI to run the battering rams demolishing everything in the USA.

Throwing the baby out with the bathwater is the Trump Regime's game.

Former Oregon poet laureate Kim Stafford was on my radio interview show April 9. We talked about war, politics. He read this poem, published in part here: "Gaza, the Sound of Rain"

"My friend writes from where she cries until/ she sleeps. Her sisters gather rain. In the streets,/

dogs eat bodies of the dead. If you go out to find,/ food, you may be shot. She sends me the sound/

of calling birds, of shelling, the sound of rain."

I was in Vietnam on a biodiversity research project, working as both journalist and logistics lead. We covered so much in months -- bat caves and deep forest hikes to record life. I returned to Vietnam two years later to take US veterans on their motorcycles to heal, to bury ghosts, and to make amends to the Vietnamese people.

This scientific expedition into a

Third World country evolved into a weird mix of wanting to be open to a culture and attacking it with these disassociations. With Vietnam, there was emotional baggage and the statistics of war:

- 2 million civilians killed in the north, 2 million in the south;
- 1.1 million military casualties; 600,000 wounded;
- 58,183 Americans (eight of them women) killed;

- 3,869 fixed-wing aircraft and 4,857 helicopters lost;
- 15 million tons of ammunition expended;
- 2,000 Americans and 300,000 Vietnamese missing in action.

I was there to assist Vietnamese biologists in preserving unique forest areas with recent scientifically recorded unique mammal, bird, reptile species, to include bats. So many millions of acres of rain forest and mangroves were destroyed by the USA. More than 6 million lives were lost from 1954 to 1975. America introduced the concept of "ecocide" -- warfare on the ecology -- that still affects each new generation with carcinogenic and mutagenic dioxin from herbicides in human breast milk.

From Yusef Komunyakaa, "Camouflaging the Chimera"

In our way station of shadows rock apes tried to blow our cover, throwing stones at the sunset. Chameleons

crawled our spines, changing from day to night: green to gold, gold to black. But we waited till the moon touched metal, till something almost broke inside us. VC struggled with the hillside, like black silk wrestling iron through grass. We weren't there. The river ran through our bones. Small animals took refuge against our bodies; we held our breath, ready to spring the L-shaped ambush, as a world revolved under each man's eyelid.

Brave men and women remember that war, now old, hobbled, almost gone. Kim Stafford teaches at Lewis and Clark College, and he's had that gig almost 50 years.

He (and his father before him) is deeply anti-war. He's also troubled by our current times: "Citizen of Dark Times"

[...] When you hit rock bottom, dig farther down.

Grief is the seed of singing, shame the seed of song.

Keep seeing what you are not saying.

Plunder your reticence.

Songbird guards a twig, its only weapon a song.

For my young and old students, including listeners of my show on KYAQ, I know they take solace walking our coast's wrack lines, or looking for blowhole sprays, or kicking seaweed for agates.

Eyes to the sky, they watch osprey and giant V's of geese moving south and north. Deep inside, maybe a songbird sings. But for others, we are wired to fight. In the streets if necessary, a duty of all citizens Thomas Jefferson made as a call to action than 200 years ago.

Poetry is another weapon against fascism and war. Songs from our fellow women and men are written with hopes of staving off collective grief.

Paul Haeder is a Lincoln County Leader contributing commentary writer.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU FROM NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL PROM COMMITTEE

Once Upon A Time came to life on April 12 at the Newport Armory as Newport High School students stepped into a storybook world for this year's Prom.

With decorations inspired by classic tales and a journey that began by following the yellow brick road into a magical forest, the evening was truly enchanting.

The event featured fun and memorable experiences including a live caricature

artist, a decorative carriage, and even a canoe photo opportunity. Delicious cookies, beautifully decorated with storybook-themed designs like masks and crowns, added an extra touch of sweetness. It was a night to remember!

The Newport High School Prom Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the businesses that generously sponsored this year's prom: Thompson's Sanitary Service, Table Mountain Forestry, Rogue, and Clearwater Restaurant. Your support helped make

this magical evening possible.

We also want to recognize the amazing individuals who went above and beyond to help bring this event to life. Thank you to Helyn Layton, Taylor Karnes, Gretchen Havner, Janell and Hans Goplen, Tara Daniels, and Ashley and Kyle Humphrys for your time, creativity, and support with decorating and setting up.

With sincere thanks, Bay-Lee Layton, NHS Junior Prom Advisor, and all of the Junior Prom Committee members

A word please

BY JUNE CASAGRANDE

Guest Contributor

You probably don't read a lot of books written in the 1820s. But if you did, you'd see the word "belie" a lot more. According to Google Ngram Viewer, in the early 1800s, "belie" appeared in books about four times as often as it does now.

Maybe that's why I find the word a little intimidating. I never use it, partly because its definition is confusing, but mostly because its past tense is terrifying.

Today I belie, yesterday I belay? Belaid? Belied? And what about in its -ing form? Beling? Belieing? I never know. That's ironic when you consider how well-versed I am in the past forms of "lie" and "lay." Today I lie, yesterday I lay, in the past I have lain. Today I lay the book on the table, yesterday I laid the book on the table, in the past I have laid the book on the table. I've written about "lie" and "lay" so many times I no longer have to look them up.

But for "belie" ... well, better to just avoid the word altogether than to botch its past tense. At least, that's how I've been operating. That changes today, starting with some good news for anyone who's ever struggled to figure out the past form of a verb: Definite answers — not just opinions that amateurs post on the internet — are always handy.

Open any major dictionary, digital or physical, turn to any irregular verb, and the first thing you see after the entry word will tell you how to conjugate it in every form. For example, in Merriam-Webster's online dictionary, after the entry for "begin," you see in bold "began, begun, beginning."

Dictionaries list the simple past tense, "began," first, followed by the past participle, "begun." The easiest way to understand past participles is to think of them as the forms that go with "have": I have begun. For a lot of verbs, there's no difference between the past participle and the regular past tense, which is why you say, "I laid the book on the table" and also "I have laid the book on the table." In those cases, the dictionary lists only the one past form, "laid," indicating that it serves as both.

For past forms of "belie," Merriam-Web-

ster's lists only "belied." So that's the past tense, "Her gentleness belied her strength," and the past participle, "Her gentleness has belied her strength." Not as difficult as I feared. The progressive participle, "belying," seems pretty easy now that I realize the obvious: that "belie" is more closely related to the "lie" that means to deceive than to the "lie" that means to recline. And we all know how to conjugate that type of lying: Today I lie, yesterday I lied, in the past I have lied, I am lying. "Belie" mirrors that.

The definition of "belie," though, is another matter. It's confusing.

The main definition is to give a false impression of something, as in Merriam's example "Her gentleness belies her strength." But the secondary definition is "to show something to be false or wrong," as in, "The evidence belies their claims of innocence."

In other words, it can mean to conceal a truth or to reveal a truth.

Some experts disavow this second definition. "The word does not mean 'to disclose or reveal,' as is sometimes thought," writes Garner's Modern American Usage. "That is, some writers wrongly think of it in a sense almost antithetical to sense 1."

It's always unfortunate when a word has a secondary definition that contradicts its main definition. (Read the full dictionary entry for the word "literally" and you'll see what I mean.) So even though "belie" is easy to put in the past tense, I'll continue not using it in any tense.

— June Casagrande is the author of "The Joy of Syntax: A Simple Guide to All the Grammar You Know You Should Know."

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Oregon governor, education director 'hold the line' against Trump funding threats over DEI

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

The Oregon Department of Education will not end diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives to fit the Trump administration's interpretation of federal civil rights law, Gov. Tina Kotek and the state's education director announced Thursday.

"Since the start of the new federal administration, I promised Oregonians that I would not back down from a fight when it comes to safeguarding Oregon values," Kotek said. "Making sure every child has the opportunity to meet their future promise with a strong public education is one of the most

fundamental responsibilities of government and one of my top priorities as governor."

The U.S. Department of Education gave state education officials around the country an ultimatum in an April 3 letter: End programs supporting "certain DEI practices" and "illegal DEI," or lose millions in federal Title I funding that has benefitted students from low-income families for more than 60 years.

State officials were given 10 days to agree to the conditions, and the agency's decision that diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives violate nondiscrimination requirements for receiving federal money under Title



Charlene Williams, director of the Oregon Department of Education, sits for an interview on August 1, 2023. (Photo by Amanda Loman / Oregon Capital Chronicle)

VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The deadline to respond has now been extended to April 24 under an agreement between the

department and several groups suing federal education officials over the directive.

Oregon's director of education, Charlene Williams, wrote to federal officials Thursday that the state's Department of Education would not sign the confirmation letter or require schools to cut programs and initiatives aimed at bolstering diversity, equity and inclusion.

She joins Washington's education director, who announced Wednesday, April 9, he would not agree to the federal ultimatum.

In her letter, Williams enumerated the recent approvals Oregon received from the U.S. Department of Education for complying with federal civil rights law — approvals needed in order to receive Every Student Succeeds Act funding and funding under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act — and that would likely be used to defend the state and its entitlement to Title I funds in court.

The U.S. Department of Education is currently embroiled in several lawsuits brought by the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association, two of the country's largest teachers' unions, as well as the American Civil Liberties Union, over its civil rights

directives and funding threats aimed at schools.

"Oregon has implemented and continues to implement education programs in accordance with state and federal law," Williams wrote. "Oregon remains fiercely committed to its values of diversity, equity and inclusion, and we celebrate our differences and common humanity. Our moral and ethical obligation is to stand up for public education."

About 10% to 14% of Oregon's annual public education budget typically comes from the federal government. Title I funds — about \$134 million — make up nearly 20% of what the state gets from the feds.

Title I funds support programs in about 40% of Oregon schools, serving more than 200,000 students from low-income families, according to the latest data from the National Center for Education Statistics and from the Oregon Department of Education.

Kotek said in a news release Thursday that she directed the state's education department to "hold the line" against the administration's ultimatum.

"We will not tolerate this unwarranted and unlawful attempt to take away resources promised to Oregon students and paid for by the tax dollars we send to the federal government," Kotek said.

Williams in her letter to federal officials said the U.S. Department of Education is unlawfully changing the terms and conditions of funding already awarded to Oregon, without formal rulemaking procedures and has failed to define the very programs that officials are trying to regulate.

"There are no federal or state laws prohibiting diversity, equity, or inclusion," Williams wrote in her response.

Lastly, the request for certification violates the federal Paperwork Reduction Act, Williams said. If federal officials request information from thousands of state and local education agencies they must first, under that law, post a notice to the Federal Register and seek public comment.

Williams criticized federal officials' willingness to withhold funding already promised to public schools and to students with the highest needs.

"There is no circumstance where it is okay to leverage children's resources as a political tool," she wrote in her letter to them.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, three Oregon House Republicans — Reps. Dwayne Yunker of Grants Pass, Darin Harbick of Rainier and Ed Diehl of Stayton — requested U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon launch a federal investigation into Oregon's Department of Education into what they said are discriminatory education programs in the state, including the Oregon Teacher Scholars Program and the Educator Equity Act. Those programs offer scholarships for teachers-in-training who are culturally or linguistically diverse, and set goals and standards for boosting teacher diversity in the state.

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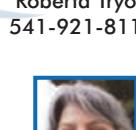


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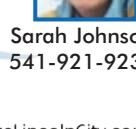
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EASTER

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area was marked for age groups to help best coordinate the dash.

The event began at 11 a.m., with face painting and craft activities capturing the children's interest. The egg hunt began precisely at 12 p.m. with long-time Kiwanian Roger Robertson leading the countdown:

"Five, four, three, two, one!" Robertson shouted to the waiting crowd, triggering a rush as the children, guided along by their parents, dashed onto the field to retrieve the plastic eggs and their treasures inside.

"This celebration has been going for 65 years, and it brings the community together," Robertson said. "It is an event with Lincoln City at its best."

Robertson has been the



master of ceremonies at the hunt for years.

"I love it," he said. "I enjoy seeing the kids and I enjoy watching the parents guiding their children."

The hunt lasted for just a few minutes. At the end, several of the parents and their children found a comfortable spot in the grass to sit and open the plastic eggs to discover the toys and candies inside.



A child (above) fills has Easter basket during the event. See more photos with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website. (Photos by Jeremy C. Ruark)

Following the egg hunt, a parent and child (left) take a moment to see what they found.

DA

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and investigating the conduct, I was ignored, then dismissed, and told by your Director of Human Resources that if I did not stop voicing my concerns, I would be investigated." In her statement, Wallace vowed not to be silenced.

"I will not be run out of office or pressured to resign. I will continue to show up every single day and advocate for the victims of Lincoln County because that is what the victims of Lincoln County deserve and that is what the people of Lincoln County elected me to do. Being

an elected official is not about the power or the title or the photo op. It's about seeking truth and justice in the face of adversity. It's about putting others needs above your own self-serving interests. It's about doing the next right thing regardless of the circumstances or personal consequences."

AT the end of the prepared statement, Wallace concluded:

"I am urging the public to demand transparency and accountability and request the Board of Commissioners order an unbiased independent investigation into Yuille and Collier to determine whether there is merit to the allegations I have

raised repeatedly regarding their conduct."

Wallace was appointed Lincoln County District Attorney June 21, 2024, by Oregon Gov. Tia Kotek.

A highlight of the deepening disagreement is Wallace's efforts to allow her husband to continue as a detective in her office.

COMMISSION CLAIRE HALL'S RESPONSE

Lincoln County Commissioner Claire Hall followed Wallace's public statement release with the following statement.

"The District Attorney's allegations are false and an attempt at retaliation against county leadership for

raising ethical violations and to stop pending investigations regarding misconduct within her office. The DA believes she is above the law and has displayed a pattern of making false accusations in order to avoid accountability.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has been made aware of the ethical concerns and the DA using her public position for personal gain; community members have also reached out to DOJ requesting intervention based on the DA's conduct. The county has been in contact with the Department of Safety Standards and Training (DPPST) regarding DA Wallace filing false

documents in order to bypass state requirements for background checks for police officers. We don't believe our community deserves to have law enforcement officers serving the public who have not passed police background checks under the law."

Hall included Wallace's conflict letter in her release, adding:

"We encourage members of the public to do their own research into Oregon's ethics law, including nepotism. We also encourage the public to research the background requirements for police officers under DPPST."

The Wallace Letter of Conflict in part reads:

"Per ORS 244.120 as an elected public official, I am required to announce any potential or actual conflict of interest. For the FY 2024/2025 fiscal year, I must announce a potential conflict of interest involving District Attorney Office employee Orrin Wallace. Mr. Wallace is my husband and has been an employee of the District Attorney's Office since August 2023. Mr. Wallace was originally hired in the detective position prior to my appointment as District Attorney."

Follow this developing story online at the Lincoln County Leader website and in the Wednesday print editions of The Leader.

DAM

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our sole City water source, the Big Creek Dams," he said. "The project is critical to the survival of our city, for residents, visitors, fishing and fish processing industries, hospitality industries, tourist and scientific facilities and the development of new housing. The failure of our dams would jeopardize north-south travel on Highway 101 for months, if not years."

The City has known for some time that the dams will not likely withstand an earthquake and some inspections have shown the problem to be getting worse, according to City reports.

"Completion will require federal assistance, municipal bonding and grants to cover the cost of construction. The current request will help to complete this design in phases so that we are shovel ready," he said.

"In 2011, the City's Big Creek dams were identified as potentially unsafe. Subsequently, they were defined as 'hazardous' in 2021."

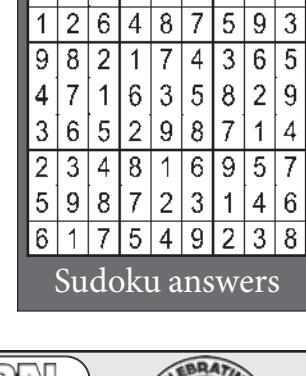
Kaplan explained that in the 2023 biennium, legislature allocated \$14 million in Lottery Bond proceeds to fund

the design and environmental permitting. He said the design work is now approximately 30% complete.

"However rising costs have increased the funding needed by \$2 million," he said. "The city has invested over \$6 million dollars in this project and we need your help to complete the initial phases. This complex project involves 25 distinct task orders covering a wide range of activities and 13 of these tasks have already been completed. The outline budget reflects the remaining work required to finalize the design portion of the project."

Kaplan closed his request with a degree of urgency.

"I literally wake up every morning, anxious to find out that our dam still stands," he said. "It will not withstand any significant earthquake."



Sudoku answers

The lower dam was completed in 1951, and the larger upper dam was added in 1968. Both dams are earthen, not concrete, and were created by packing layers of soil and gravel. The practice was common in the 50s, prior to engineering studies that exposed seismic weaknesses in the designs.

"The new dam would be higher than the existing dams and hold the volumes currently stored in the lower and upper reservoirs," a 2023 city report stated. "The additional storage would address future water supply needs for the community. The current lower reservoir would be reduced or removed to address safety concerns, and the existing upper dam would be lowered, overtopped by water, and incorporated into the

new area of the upper reservoir."

In 2022, the city cleared the first hurdle toward getting \$60 million in federal funding.

"On December 23, 2022, President Biden signed the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023," according to a previous city release. "This package of bills included the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2022. The authorization sets the stage to secure funding for essential water infrastructure modernization efforts across the nation, including an authorization of \$60,000,000 for the City of Newport that can be used to fund the Big Creek Dam replacement project."

The authorization builds

on \$14 million in funding approved by the Oregon State Legislature and Governor in the 2021.

Richard Bradshaw

June 1, 1947 - March 20, 2025

One of Newport's own, Richard Bradshaw, passed away peacefully in his home on March 20, 2025.

Richard is remembered for his amazing craftsmanship in auto body work, his service in the Army National Guard, and house remodeling work.

He was a great husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, son, and brother.

In every step of his life, as a dedicated servant of God, he freely donated his time, intellect, and energy at church wherever he found a need.

He is survived by



his wife, 5 children, 7 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Church of the Nazarene in Newport, Oregon.

There will be no service

Gary O'Brien Cunningham

10/21/1946 - 3/30/2025

Gary O'Brien Cunningham was born on October 21, 1946 in Portland, Oregon to Martin O'Brien Cunningham and Dorothy C. Holesapple (Grischaw). Gary passed away in Newport, Oregon on March 30, 2025.

In Gary's time, he graduated from high school in Hobson, MT and later joined the Navy. His career in the Navy took him to many places within his time. Outside Gary's time in the Navy, he was a police officer in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and for 55 years was an LG appliance repairman in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.



New Mexico. On March 1, 1966, Gary married in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Gary is survived by his mother, Dorothy Holesapple (Newport, Oregon), daughter Cynthia Doyle (Newport, Oregon) and son Jared Cunningham (Truth or Consequences, New Mexico).

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Trump's impact on Oregon businesses

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Oregon Capital Chronicle

Portland-based clothing company Wildfang received a shipment from China right before President Donald Trump announced a 152.5% tariff on all Chinese goods.

If that order had gone through just 48 hours later than it did, it would have cost Wildfang nearly \$180,000 extra because of Trump's tariffs, CEO Emma Mcilroy told Gov. Tina Kotek during a roundtable at Salem's Chemeketa Community College on Wednesday, April 16.

"We believe manufacturers our size are going to go under," Mcilroy said.

She joined fishermen, clothing and food manufacturers, winemakers and drink distributors in describing the extraordinary costs Oregon's small and medium-sized companies now face to import essential products for their businesses.

Many of the businesses have paid millions on imports since April 9, they told Kotek, when Trump issued a 10% import tariff on nearly all goods coming into the U.S.

For other Oregon businesses, it's retaliatory tariffs that could sink the ships.

European Union leaders recently added a 25% tariff on Oregon shrimp to a list of retaliatory tariffs against the U.S. Nick Edwards, a lifelong shrimp fisherman out of Coos Bay, exports 50% of his catch, and nearly all of it goes to Danish buyers who are now looking elsewhere, he told Kotek.

Kotek called the information "sobering" and said the state was willing to work with businesses to come up with plans to respond to the chaotic federal changes.

"We are resilient. We are creative. We will think of some



Workers unload hops to be used in beer brewing at Coleman Agriculture in St. Paul, Oregon. About 45% of all beer exported from Oregon goes to Canada, which is turning away from U.S. products under President Donald Trump's tariffs. (Photo by Erika Bolstad/Stateline News)

things," she said.

Oregon consumers will pick up much of the tab for tariffs, according to federal and state economists.

Kotek was joined by State Treasurer Elizabeth Steiner, who said federal economists estimate Trump's tariffs will cost the average U.S. household \$3,800 more per year. The Treasury's statewide "financial wellness scorecard" published in January found the average Oregon family does not have an extra \$500 available to cover emergencies.

"If they can't find \$500 for an emergency, how will they find an additional \$3,800 to pay for essentials?" she said.

Trey Winthrop, CEO of Bob's Red Mill, based in Portland, confirmed that consumer prices would soon continue to rise.

"Our hand is being forced to pass some of these increases on to the American consumer, people already hurting the most with inflation through grocery prices," he said.

Outlook from state economists

Oregon's state economist, Carl Riccadonna, came to the roundtable with two major messages to share with businesses at the roundtable. The first was to take a survey from Business Oregon, the state's economic development agency, so it can gather more information about tariff impacts.

"At economic turning points, the feedback from business is absolutely critical," he said. "Whenever there is any shock to the economy — a hurricane, an earthquake, trade tensions — the first step is to evaluate the problem, collect the data. You can't address the problem if you don't understand the scope of the problem."

Second, he said, is that the full impact of these tariffs on Oregon's economy — measured by growth of new or existing businesses, increases in hiring and decreases in inflation — likely won't be known until mid-summer. In the meantime, he said, the state is looking at historical changes that could paint a picture of what's ahead.

Before Trump's 2018 tariffs on steel, aluminum and other imported materials, Oregon's economy was growing by about double the pace of the national economy, Riccadonna said. Following the tariffs, Oregon's growing economy almost immediately shrunk by about 2.5 percentage points.

If the 10% tariff was in place last year, he said, Oregon businesses would have paid \$7.4 billion in tariffs on \$28.2 billion of imports.

The state is heavily dependent on trade and on manufacturing exports, according to Damon Runberg, an economist at Business Oregon. Oregon is the 20th biggest trade state in the U.S., he told the roundtable.

"That might not sound like a very high ranking, but we are the 26th largest economy. So relative to the size of our economy, trade is disproportionately important for us," he said.

Other countries retaliate Winthrop of Bob's Red Mill, as well as drink distributors and wine industry representatives

at the roundtable, described distress over the future of their Canadian markets. Bob's Red Mill has been exporting to Canada for 25 years, Winthrop said.

Recently, a Canadian news program did a segment called "buy or bye," he said, showing a litany of U.S.-made products next to Canadian alternatives. Bob's Red Mill pancake mix was marked as "bye," next to a Canadian brand marked "buy."

"The message is very clear: Canadians should not be buying U.S. brands, and we're seeing that impact," he said. "I feel very strongly that once we have long-term clarity on the tariff situation, there will be lasting damage to our export market there, and we will not be able to sell our products to the country."

Wine producers described orders being returned or terminated from Canadian sellers and Steve Gibbs, a lobbyist for Wilsonville-based beverage distributor Columbia Distributing, said Canadians are turning away from Oregon beers. Nearly 45% of Oregon beer exports go to Canada, Gibbs said.

Of all Oregon exports, 88% are from small and medium sized businesses like Bob's Red Mill and craft breweries, said Curtis Robinhold, executive director of the Port of Portland.

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Youth Entrepreneurship Pitch Competition

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County and the Oregon Coast Small Business Development Center will host Lincoln County's Youth Entrepreneurship Pitch Competition, May 7 in Lincoln City.

The event will feature the students who participated in the Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) presenting their business plan pitches to compete for prize money towards their professional futures. The YEP program launched last year with its first group of students and was a great success, according to organizers.

"Building on that momentum, the second cohort began in January 2025, bringing together

30 local students from every high school in Lincoln County," organizers state in a release. "These students are participating in weekly classes focused on entrepreneurial thinking and business plan development."

The participants worked in teams or independently to build a business plan and pitch. The top five candidates will compete May 7 for cash stipends that can be used towards any type of education, training, or development towards their career or entrepreneurial endeavors.

The YEP pitch competition is an event that the Economic Development Alliance is proud to bring to our coastal communities again this year, according to Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County Executive Director Paul

Schuytema.

"Entrepreneurship is not just about building a business - it's about developing the thinking tools to problem solve and plan like a business owner," Schuytema said. "The high school students who will participate in the pitch competition will be marrying those skills with their passion to create an enterprise of their own - this event is an opportunity for us to celebrate their hard work and creativity."

The YEP Pitch Competition will be held at 5:30 p.m. May 7, at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, located at 540 NE Highway 101 in Lincoln City.

The event is free and includes celebratory refreshments and snacks. Those interested in RSVPing for this event, can visit tinyurl.com/2025YEP

com/2025YEP

The Youth Entrepreneurship Program could not be possible without its generous sponsors, the City of Lincoln City, Georgia Pacific, Northwest Oregon Works, and the Oregon Coast Small Business Development Center, according to Schuytema.

EDALC's entrepreneurial events, including the YEP pitch competition, are funded in-part from grants from Business Oregon's Rural Opportunity Initiative (ROI) program.

"The ROI program provides funding and technical assistance to rural organizations and partnerships to foster the awareness (and future success) of our local entrepreneurs - they are truly an essential foundational element of our local economy here in Lincoln

County," Schuytema said.

About the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County

The Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County (EDALC) is an independent Oregon 501(c)(6) nonprofit economic development organization.

EDALC staff members work every day to attract, support and grow businesses in Lincoln County to ensure community-wide economic well-being and an improved quality of life.

EDALC has served Lincoln County for over 30 years and is governed by a local board of directors. It receives funding from local governmental units, local business community and grants.

Learn more at BusinessLincolnCounty.com.

The Top 10 Reasons for Financial Literacy

Happy Financial Literacy Month! You might wonder why it gets a whole month—well, it's because there's so much to cover! Financial literacy isn't just about saving money; read on to learn what it is and its importance.

What is Financial Literacy? Essentially, financial literacy is about understanding how your money works. For example, it's more than just having a bank account, it's about knowing how to manage it effectively. Financial literacy

cultivates empowerment, enabling you to make informed decisions regarding credit, investment strategies, retirement planning, and all related financial matters.

Here are the Top 10 Reasons Financial Literacy is Important

It helps you build a foundation of financial security so you're better prepared for unexpected events.

Understanding finances opens doors to opportunities like buying a home, starting a business, or saving for retirement.

When you control your finances, you might

experience less stress and anxiety.

You are less likely to fall prey to predatory lending or engage in unsustainable spending habits when informed.

Understanding the long-term implications of your choices leads to more stable financial behaviors.

It promotes intergenerational wealth transfer, as financially literate parents are likelier to pass on sound financial principles to their children.

Knowing how to track your income and expenses so you can make intentional decisions about where your money goes.

It helps you build a financial safety net and save for



Julia Carlson

your future goals.

Knowing how credit scores work and how to use credit responsibly means you can avoid unnecessary debt and secure better financial opportunities.

Learning about investing to grow your money over time enables you to make the most of your money, capitalizing on compound returns and potentially outpacing inflation.

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Lincoln City hosts first Dark Sky Event

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Central Oregon Coast Friends of the Night Sky in collaboration with Community Days, Explore Lincoln City, and Lincoln City Parks and Recreation will host the first "Dark Skies Over Devils Lake" from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday April 24 at Regatta Park, NE 14th Street in Lincoln City.

Lincoln City Mayor Susan Wahlke presented this photo describing the city's efforts to attract new visitors to the city during its dark sky initiatives. (Courtesy photo from Lincoln City)

Guests are invited to this free event to enjoy an evening of community storytelling and a classical music concert under a blanket of stars. In addition, Explore Lincoln City will drop 30 special edition dark sky themed Finders Keepers glass floats between April 24 and 27 along the city's seven miles of sandy beach.

Event activities include:**Lyrid Meteor Shower**

Viewing: Experience the wonder of the Lyrid meteor shower in a setting with minimal light pollution.

Telescope Observation

Party: Join local astro-professional Sifan Kahale for guided stargazing and up-close views of the night sky.

Live Classical Music: Enjoy live piano performances by

local musician, Sweeney Gray, who will play pieces by composers like Philip Glass and Bach.

Community Storytelling:

Listen as local voices share stories inspired by place, nature, and the mystery of the night.

Family-Friendly Activities:

Participate in eco-friendly luminaria crafting, dark-sky-friendly red flashlights, and a chance to win raffle prizes.

International Dark Sky Week, held this year April 21 - 28, is a global celebration of the night. The Dark Skies movement advocates for the reduction of light pollution through responsible outdoor lighting practices. Its goals

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Finders Keepers Festival in Lincoln City

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

A landmark anniversary celebration and festival of Lincoln City's signature and beloved Finders Keepers program is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 26, at the Taft Waterfront Park, 51st Street in Lincoln City.

Those attending the free festival will have the opportunity to meet some of the talented glass artists who produce the popular glass artwork, shop unique pieces from local vendors, receive a commemorative glass coin, and enjoy live music provided by Zuhg Life Presents. Organizers encourage those planning to attend to dress for the weather.

The Lincoln County Leader reached out to Kara Wetterlin and Stephanie Hull, at Explore Lincoln City, for insight into the Finders Keepers promotion.

Lincoln County Leader:

How did Finders Keepers become the iconic Lincoln City

These colorful glass balls are frequently hidden along Lincoln City beaches for anyone to find and keep through the Finders Keepers program. (Courtesy photos from Explore Lincoln City.)

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Solo piano recital this weekend



Dr. Daniel Immel

Dr. Daniel Immel, Professor of Music at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, will perform a solo piano recital at the Doerfler Family Theater, 333 SE Bay Street, Newport on Friday at 7 p.m. This is Dr. Immel's fourth public performance in Lincoln County and he is fast developing a following. "Immel is a fantastic performer and always has extremely interesting and varied programs. His piano skills are phenomenal, and his easy and personable demeanor onstage make any recital an enjoyable experience," says Jessie Treon,

president of the Lincoln County Oregon Music Teachers Association which is sponsoring the concert. "You will never be bored and you will

surely hear some music you have never heard before." The concert is free, but donations to

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'Voyages' concert series continues in Lincoln City

The "Voyages: Adventures in Music" concert series presents its final show at the Lincoln City Cultural Center at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 25, with a performance by Barbra Lica.

Lica, a JUNO-nominated artist, is a fast-rising Canadian vocalist and songwriter and has been receiving accolades for a unique approach that stresses subtlety, grace and storytelling. Based in Toronto, Lica's live show captivates audiences all over North America with her



Barbra Lica

genuine warmth and confident stage presence.

The "Voyages: Adventures in Music" series is sponsored by a

grant from Creative West, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as a Community Partnership Program grant from Explore Lincoln City.

All seats in this year's series are cabaret style, limited to 100. Tickets are on sale now at the cultural center, open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, by calling 541-994-9994, or through the Arts People ticket link: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=lccc>

Oregon Coast Youth Symphony Festival this weekend in Newport

Six Oregon high school string orchestras descend upon Newport or four days of workshops, clinics, and two free concerts, Friday and Saturday evening. The high schools participating in the 2025 Festival include South Eugene, Grants Pass, Klamath Union, Newberg, McNary (Salem-Keizer) and Pendleton plus special guest,

the Drake University String Ensemble of Des Moines, Iowa. Students from the Newport Youth Symphony of the Oregon Coast (NYSOC) will also participate in the activities.

The four day Festival includes two free public concerts this Friday and Saturday at Newport Middle School at 7:00 PM. The Festival's opening concert on Friday features the

Grants Pass, Newberg and South Eugene high school string orchestras followed by special guest Drake University String Ensemble.

Saturday's concert features performances by the Pendleton, Klamath Union and McNary (Salem-Keizer) high school string orchestras. This concert concludes with all six high school

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The Drake University String Ensemble of Des Moines, Iowa are the special guest performers Friday, April 25 at the Oregon Coast Youth Symphony Festival. (Courtesy photo)

A former Oregon Coast Youth Symphony Festival student returns as an orchestra teacher

In 2016 a group of Newport classical music education enthusiasts gathered at the Performing Arts Center to discuss creating a new unique festival for Oregon high school music students. The idea proposed by former Newport Symphony Orchestra board President Dr. Michael Dalton and board member Jim Myers was to create an annual Oregon Coast Youth Symphony Festival every spring where Oregon high school string orchestras would be invited to attend a four day event in Newport consisting of workshops, clinics, and two free public concerts at no cost to them. Support grew for such a



Lexi Candy, a former Oregon Coast Youth Symphony Festival student in 2017 returns to the Festival on April 25 & 26 as a teacher conducting the Klamath Union High School String Orchestra. (Courtesy photo)

Festival among the music community including

Newport Symphony Orchestra Music Director and Conductor Adam Flatt and the late David Odgen Stiers among others. Financial support from grants, business and individuals help fund the project. In April of 2017 the Oregon Coast Youth Symphony Festival was launched in Newport with five Oregon High School orchestras attending and performing over two nights of free public concerts.

One of the original 2017 orchestras came from North Medford High School under the direction of Lynn Gervais. Among her orchestra students was a young cello player by the name of Lexi Candy. A talented cellist, she also

was adept at playing other instruments and aimed for a career in music education following graduation.

Ms. Candy graduated from North Medford High School in 2020 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from the University of Oregon in 2024.

From a 2017 Festival student participant Lexi is now returning this April 25 and 26 as a Festival teacher and conductor of the Klamath Union High School string orchestra. She teaches grades 5 through 12 and travels between six different schools, working with a wide range of young musicians every day. Lexi said "I first attended the Oregon Coast Youth

Symphony Festival in 2017 as a high school student. It was such a memorable experience to be invited to play and learn alongside students from five other schools across the state. I loved being able to connect with other orchestra students, teachers, and professionals in such a unique and supportive environment.

We didn't just make music; we built friendships, played games, and created a true sense of community.

Now, it's incredibly special to return to the festival as a teacher. It's a full-circle moment I'm incredibly grateful for. I'm honored to come back to the place that inspired me as a student and now

have the chance to inspire the next generation of musicians."

Candy's Klamath Union String Orchestra will be performing Saturday, at 7 p.m. at the Newport Middle School gymnasium. The other high school orchestras from Grants Pass, Pendleton, South Eugene, Newberg and McNary will also perform on Friday and Saturday at 7:00pm in addition to special guest the Drake University String Ensemble (Friday) and the mass orchestra finale (Saturday) when all 150 perform numbers by Ernest Block and Soon Hee Newbold. For further information go to youthsymphonyfestival.org.

Mozart's Le Nozze di Figaro to be streamed live to the big screen April 26 at PAC from the Metropolitan Opera stage in New York

On Saturday at 10 a.m., the Metropolitan Opera will live-stream Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Le Nozze di Figaro directly to Newport Performing Arts Center — allowing Oregon Coast audiences the opportunity to watch the performance take place in real-time, from nearly 3,000 miles away. Oregon Coast Council for the Arts invites one and all to experience this incredible opera in ultra-HD on the big screen in the Alice Silverman Theatre.

A profoundly humane comedy, Le Nozze di Figaro is a remarkable marriage of Mozart's music at the height of

his genius and one of the best librettos ever set. Conductor Joana Mallwitz makes her Met debut, leading an extraordinary cast in this comic masterpiece. Bass-baritone Michael Sumuel stars as the clever valet Figaro, opposite soprano Olga Kulchynska as his betrothed, the wily maid Susanna. Baritone Joshua Hopkins is the philandering Count, sopranos Federica Lombardi is his anguished wife, and mezzo-soprano Sun-Ly Pierce takes on the role of the adolescent page Cherubino.

In adapting a play that caused a scandal with its revolutionary take

on 18th-century society, librettist Lorenzo Da Ponte focused less on the original topical references and more on the timeless issues embedded in the frothy drawing-room comedy. Seville, the setting of Le Nozze di Figaro and its prequel, The Barber of Seville, was famous in Mozart's time as a place filled with hot-blooded young men and exotically beautiful women sequestered behind latticed windows. The current Met production of Le Nozze di Figaro places the action in the 1930s.

Mozart's outstanding score mirrors the complex world it depicts. Standout

solo numbers include the Countess's two arias, Cherubino's "Voi, che sapete," Susanna's "Deh, vieni, non tardar," and Figaro's arias, the angry Act IV diatribe against womankind, "Aprile un po' quegli occhi," and Act I's "Non più andrai," in which not even the most buoyant and memorable melody in the world can entirely hide the character's sarcasm.

This presentation is part of the Met's award-winning "Live in HD" series, which brings world-class opera to screens across the globe with better-than-front-row angles and glorious sound. The production, sung in Italian with

English subtitles, will be streamed live from the Metropolitan Opera stage in New York. Run time is approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes, with one intermission. Tickets range from \$12-\$28 when purchased at the Newport Performing Arts Center box office (777 W Olive Street) or by phone.

Online ticketing is also available (additional fee applies).

To learn more, call 541-265-2782 or visit coastarts.org/events/met-le-nozze

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include preserving the natural night sky, minimizing the ecological impact of artificial lighting, and promoting energy efficiency.

During her annual State of the City address in March (see the story at the Lincoln County Leader website), Lincoln City Mayor Susan Wahlke stated that for too many people, the night sky has become a forgotten wonder, washed out by the glow of artificial lights.

"With 80% of Americans unable to see the Milky Way from home, dark sky tourism is surging as people seek escapes from urban light pollution," she said. "Lincoln City has the chance to become one of these destinations. With the vast, light-free expanse of the ocean beside us, we already have a head start—but to truly maximize our dark sky potential, we must take steps to reduce light pollution within the city itself."

Wahlke said reducing light pollution brings countless benefits, including protecting nocturnal wildlife, reducing energy consumption, improving public health, and boosting the local economy by attracting visitors who value the night sky.

"There are no designated dark sky locations on the Oregon Coast so far," she stated. "We are taking steps toward a



International Dark Sky Week
2025

International Dark Sky Week, held this year April 21 - 28, is a global celebration of the night. The Dark Skies movement advocates for the reduction of light pollution through responsible outdoor lighting practices. (Courtesy photo)

darker, star-filled sky—evaluating street lighting, exploring partnerships, reviewing ordinances, and engaging the community." Wahlke said.

Organizers recommending those attending the April 24 event at Devils Lake should dress for the weather.

For information about the event, and ways to get involved, visit the Explore Lincoln City event page or visit www.friendsofthensky.com

OCCA presents The Bob Taylor Quartet at the Newport Performing Arts Center on Friday, at 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of world-class live jazz in the intimate setting of the David Ogden Stiers Theatre, featuring Newport's own Bob Taylor on trumpet and flugelhorn, Bill Hartsell on guitar, Dave Captein on upright bass, and Todd Strait on drums.

Taylor, who often performs with local jazz ensembles Pacific Standard Time and NewPortland, has collaborated with many noted jazz

instrumentalists, including Mike Stern, Mike Miller, Vinnie Colaiuta, Brandon Fields, and more. Hartsell plays with Lincoln Pops Big Band, Pacific Standard Time, and is currently the musical director and principal composer for the Central Coast Jazz Alliance. Captein and Strait are both regulars at the annual Oregon Coast Jazz Party. Captein was inducted into the Oregon Music Hall of Fame in 2015, and four of Strait's

recordings have been nominated for Grammy awards. These seasoned artists bring their signature style and deep musicality to the beautiful central Oregon coast, delivering an unforgettable evening.

Seating for this one-night-only concert event is limited. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased in person at the Newport Performing Arts Center, by phone at 541-265-2787, or online at coastarts.org/events/bt-quartet.

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OMTA are welcome.

This year's program will feature a combination of composers rarely

presented together. He will open the concert with Sonata in C Major, K. 309

was written by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart at age 21. He closes the program with the Concert Suite from the Ballet "Sleeping Beauty" by Pyotr Tchaikovsky arranged by Mikhail Pletnev, a contemporary arranger known for his virtuosity and brilliant transcriptive abilities. In between, Immel as usual, mixes things up with one of Liszt's Grandes Etudes de Paganini which he dares to follow with Paganini Jazz by Fazil Say who uses the same theme as Liszt and takes it on a jazz journey Liszt never dreamed of. Immel will close the first half of the recital with another unexpected twist, Improvisation on "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" by Art Tatum and just so we don't forget our history, he opens the second half with J.S.

Bach! Heads are spinning in anticipation.

Dan Immel has international credentials including degrees from Boise State University, Indiana University, and the University of Texas at Austin. He received a Diploma from the American Conservatory in Fontainebleau, France. He has performed in the United States, Europe, Canada, and Russia. He has performed at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. "Lincoln County is fortunate to have a pianist with top credentials performing in our community at the beautiful Doerfler Theater," says Treon, OMTA President, "You won't want to miss this fantastic concert."

For more information call Jessie Treon 541-961-0959 or visit omta-lincolnco.org or on Facebook Lincoln County Oregon Music Teachers Association.

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orchestras (140 students) coming together to perform two pieces, "Perseus" by Soon Hee Newbold and Ernest Bloch's Concerto Grosso (first movement).

The Festival's lead clinician is Adam Flatt, Music Director of the Newport Symphony Orchestra, the Colorado Ballet and the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) Symphony. Special guest clinician is Dr. Mark Laycock, Professor of Music and Orchestras at Wichita State University. Both concerts are free to the public with donations gratefully accepted. For more information go to the Festival website – www.youthsymphonyfestival.org. Newport Middle School is located at 825 NE 7th.

The Oregon Coast Youth Symphony Festival organization conducts three major events each year: This annual four day Festival for six high school string orchestras, a Chamber Music Concert Series and a Composers' Symposium Series. One

of the primary purposes of these activities is to bring students together to play music without putting any kind of financial barriers or obstacles in their way. Schools participate completely at no cost.

The Chamber Concert Series features high school quartets and professional quartets playing side-by-side. It provides an opportunity for talented high school students to perform in front of a live audience in a real concert hall outside their home town. These concerts are provided free of charge to the Lincoln County community. The Composers' Symposium Series is a unique opportunity for high school students to submit an original composition (i.e., score), receive instruction from professional composers and have it performed.

The Festival's activities are endorsed by all seven major Oregon orchestras: the Oregon Symphony, Eugene Symphony, Oregon East Symphony, Rogue Valley Symphony, Corvallis OSU Symphony, Central Oregon Symphony and the Newport Symphony.

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promotion that it is today?

Wetterlin and Hull:

The Finders Keepers project began in 1997, when a local artist first thought of glass floats as an intriguing way to launch the new millennium. Lincoln City sponsored the project, hosting the inaugural season in 1999-2000. The promotion became so popular, Explore Lincoln City continued the promotion and now is celebrating the 25th anniversary.

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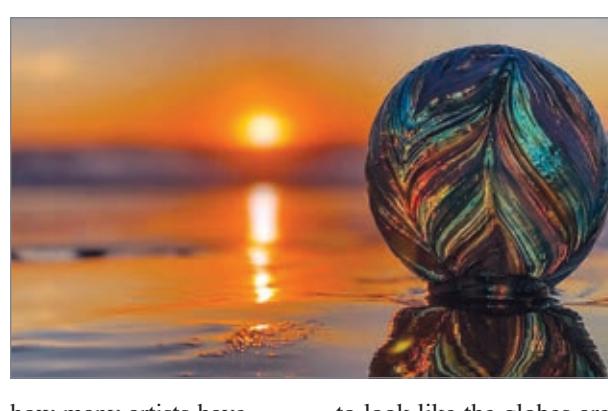
Leader: How many glass floats have been hidden along Lincoln City beaches since this promotion began?

Wetterlin and Hull:

The grand total of floats dropped including the partial 2025 season is 55,060. From that inaugural season until 2019 floats were dropped in the off season and each year matched the number of floats dropped. During the 20th anniversary season, Explore Lincoln City decided to drop floats year-round and came up with roughly 3,000 dropped per year.

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Leader: Over the years, how many artists have participated in the Finders Keepers glass floats development, and where are the artists from?



to look like the globes are pretty spectacular to see in person.

BACKGROUND

The glass floats are frequently hidden along Lincoln City beaches by "Float Fairies." Those finding the signed, numbered, and handcrafted glass floats are encouraged to bring the treasure to Explore Lincoln City, at the Lincoln City Visitor Center on the 4th floor of Lincoln City Hall at 801SW Highway 101 to receive a Certificate of Authenticity and information of the artist who created the glass float.

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Leader: Describe a few of the unique designs that we've seen over the years.

Wetterlin and Hull:

The first time we were introduced to glow in the floats by The Hot Shop was really special. The texture of the glow in the dark material is close to sand and designs were textured on some floats while others were styled with an extra layer of clear glass to add smoothness to them. Also, Fernhill's Earth Day floats which are created

washed up, until it was nearly impossible to find any in the late 1990s.

In 2000, a group of artists and community organizations worked together to celebrate the new millennium and renew the joy of finding floats on the beach. The Finders Keepers program has kept that tradition alive for 25 years and has inspired, supported, and brought together phenomenal glass artists from all over the Pacific Northwest, according to the NLCHM.

The NLCHM is offering an exhibit, 25 Years of Finders Keepers, that will walk visitors through the history and development of the program, show a unique example from year year since 2000, and celebrate the glass art community that has developed around Finders Keepers.

The exhibit is on display at the NLCHM, through November 15, 2025. The NLCHM is located 4907 SW Highway 101 in the Taft District of Lincoln City.

For more information about the exhibit, contact: 541-996-6614, or www.nlchm.org. For more information about the Finders Keepers Festival, contact Explore Lincoln City at 541-996-2119

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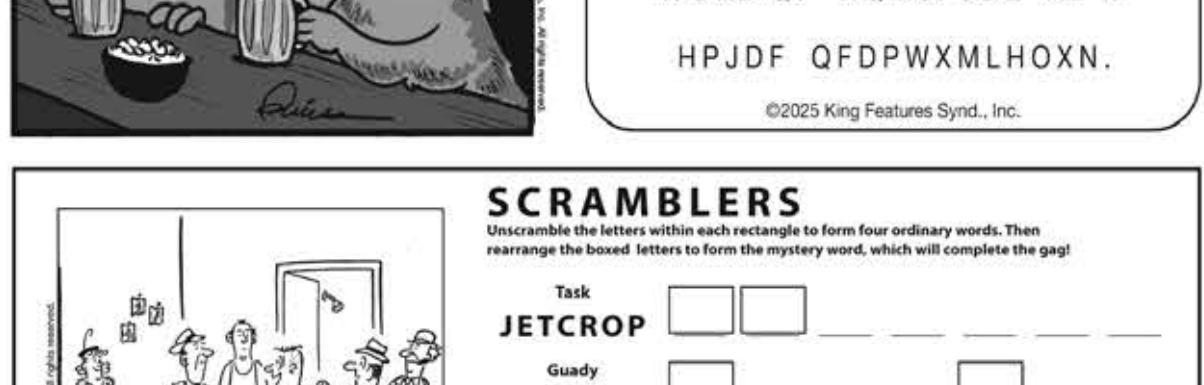
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by Dave T. Phipps

**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: B equals W

WOF WBM BFPHFDDXTF IPIIPDH

PQF XLHFNQPQJDF. X WOXLT

WOFE'QF NQMJPJDE XL P

HPJDF QFDPWXMLHOXN.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR

is LONGFELLOW

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

QMD'B ICWTV CB C FMWBV

JMU VHA CJJYRBCBHMAD;

VY HA MDIF BUFHDT MD

MDY JCRY CJBYU

CDMBVYU BM JHDQ VHA MGD.

- IMTCD XYCUACII AEHBV

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'ITrivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: Which animated movie was the first to be nominated for a Best Picture Academy Award?

2. GEOGRAPHY: Interior and exterior film shots of Alnwick Castle in England are featured in the first two movies of which film series?

3. TELEVISION: What was the last name of the family in the sitcom "Married ... With Children"?

4. LITERATURE: For which category is the Caldecott Medal awarded?

5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Also known as a double eagle, what is the golf term for scoring three under par on a hole?

6. ANATOMY: What is the protein that carries oxygen in the blood?

7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the first to name a woman as a Cabinet member?

8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby toad called?

9. FOOD & DRINK: Which fast-food chain's secret ingredient is 11 herbs and spices?

10. ASTRONOMY: How many moons does Mars have?

Answers

1. "Beauty and the Beast."

2. "Harry Potter."

3. Bundy.

4. Outstanding children's picture books.

5. Albatross.

6. Hemoglobin.

7. Franklin D. Roosevelt named Frances Perkins as Labor Secretary.

8. Tadpole.

9. Kentucky Fried Chicken.

10. Two: Phobos and Deimos.

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are inseparable. I think

The two weasel-like mammals

ANSWER

CryptoQuip

— Logan Peersall Smith

another to find his own.

one face after

he is only trying on

for his affection;

Don't laugh at a youth

answer

CryptoQuote

Today's Word

3. Intake; 4. Throne

1. Project; 2. Garish;

solution

SCRAMBBLERS

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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!

Task

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RIGSHA

Profit

INKTEA

Chair

HORNET

TODAY'S WORD

SPARRING

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SCRAMBBLERS



Baseball and softball quick hits

WILL LOHRE
Country Media, Inc.

Spring continues to roll on, and so do the balls and strikes of the softball and baseball seasons. Both Newport High School and Taft High School are into the meat of their league schedule, and as such, every game holds some significance in the eventual playoff picture.

Let's take a trip around the basepath with the Cubs and the Tigers to see how each program is faring now that the stakes are ramping up.

TAFT SOFTBALL

The Tigers have been up and down throughout the season so far, but are holding their own en route to a 7-8 overall record and a 3-5 start to league play.

Some of the big highlights for Taft this year have come in blowout wins. The Tigers beat Siuslaw, Jefferson, Blanchet Catholic, and Sheridan each by at least 10 runs. The highest-scoring win came against Jefferson on Apr. 4, and they took care of the Spartans 26-2.

In addition to some high-scoring wins, Taft has also taken some tough losses. As predicted, Special District 3 has proven to be a tough division, and three of Taft's league losses have come against top-10 OSAA programs. Yamhill-Carlton (2), Dayton (3), and Willamina (6) have each inflicted defeat on the Tigers.

The result against #1 ranked Scio on Apr. 22 is not known at time of press. Ahead of that game, Taft was ranked #23 in OSAA's rankings and seventh of the 10 teams in Special District 3.

NEWPORT SOFTBALL

The Cubs' softball team may have started 0-4, but Newport has found wins easier to come by as the schedule has

continued to roll along. Newport's first W of the season came in a 7-6 game against Siuslaw on Apr. 1. The biggest win of the early season came on Apr. 5 when the Cubs mauled Pleasant Hill 14-4.

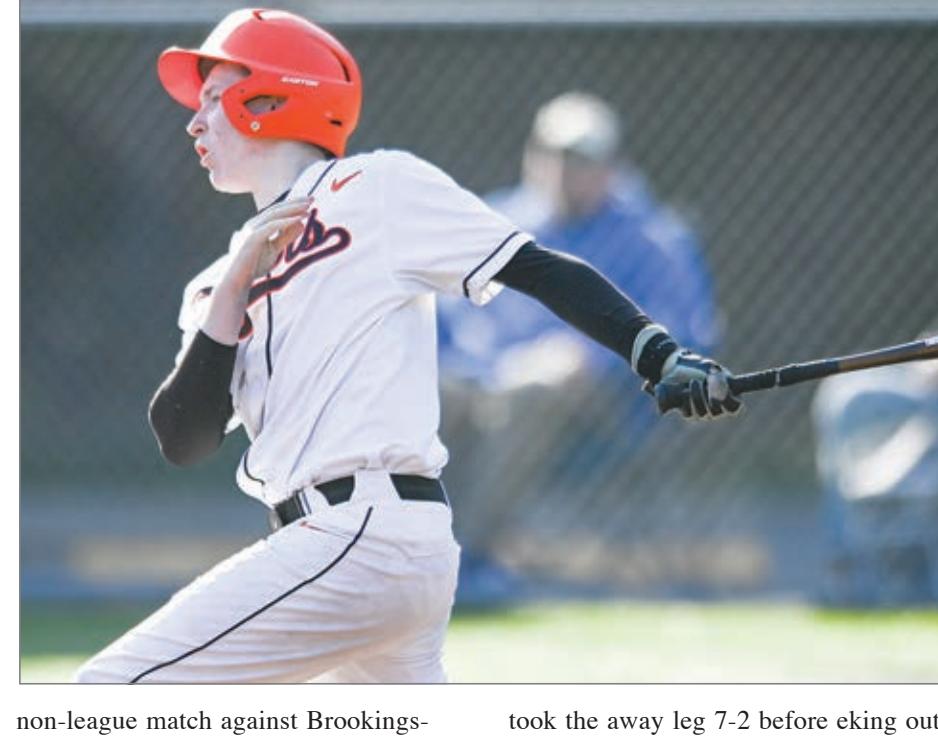
League play started on a bit of a rocky note, as Newport ended up on the wrong side of a 0-18 loss to Stayton, but the Cubs were quick to rebound. Newport went on the road and took a 13-4 win against North Marion on Apr. 16. Next up was a heartbreaking loss to Sweet Home, who narrowly defeated Newport in a 4-5 nailbiter.

The result of the Apr. 21 matchup with Philomath is not known at the time of press. Heading into that game, Newport was ranked #30 in OSAA's 4A rankings and fifth out of the six teams in the Oregon West Conference.

TAFT BASEBALL

The Tigers are roaring through the regular season so far! Taft is still streaking through league play, now 6-0 to start. According to OSAA.com, Taft has also chalked up another two wins without even swinging a bat as well, as both games against Sheridan on the schedule have already been marked as wins due to forfeiture.

The most recent wins in the streak came in the season series against Amity. In the home game, Taft again ran up a double-digit win, beating Amity 10-0 on Apr. 16. It was the fifth time in the league that the Tigers have beaten an opponent by 10 runs or more. Facing off against the Warriors away, Amity put up a fight. The game was tied 7-7 heading into the final inning, but Taft saved their best for last, scoring four runs in the final frame to take an 11-7 win. That W was the seventh of Taft's streak, as they also won a



non-league match against Brookings-Harbor on Apr. 5.

The two biggest games of Taft's season thus far are upcoming matchups with the #2 3A team in the state, Blanchet Catholic. The first game is away from home on Apr. 22, and the result is not known at time of press. They will play the reverse home fixture on Apr. 24.

Going into the Apr. 22 matchup, Taft is ranked #10 of OSAA's 3A programs and sits second of the ten teams in Special District 3.

NEWPORT BASEBALL

The Cubs kicked off their regular season with a sweep of league opponent Stayton. Newport played the Eagles in three consecutive matchups (away, home, and then away again) on April 14, 16, and 17 and came away with three hard-earned wins. The Cubs

took the away leg 7-2 before eking out a 12-11 victory. In the final game of the season series, Newport closed out the Eagles 10-7. Three up, three down.

Newport kept the good times rolling in their next matchup against North Marion/Gervais and cruised to the win in the first of their three matchups with the Huskies, 12-2 on Apr. 21. That victory improved the Cubs' record to 11-3 overall and 4-0 in the league. After losing to Pleasant Hill on Apr. 5, the Cubs have been on fire, with six consecutive wins.

Ahead of their Marion/Gervais matchup on Apr. 21, Newport had clawed their way into the top ten in the state. The Cubs were ranked #7 of the 31 4A teams in the state and are atop the Oregon West Conference, with Philomath in tow.

Their next game is against Marion/Gervais on Apr. 23.

Newport swim team's new coach, and recent results

WILL LOHRE
Country Media, Inc.

The Newport Swim Team has announced who will be taking on the role of head coach for the program, but the appointment marks a continuation with the program for a familiar face.

Gavin Santiago will immediately be taking over as the head coach for the local age-group swim club in Newport. Santiago has already been getting to work for the program, as he was named interim head coach for the Newport Swim Team (NST) when previous Head Coach Shayna Swanson resigned last month.

Santiago is currently employed by the Lincoln County School District, and he brings over 10 years of coaching experience to his new post. He was previously employed by NST as an assistant coach, with the primary responsibility of developing 10-and-under swimmers. Not content with just helping with younger age groups, Santiago also served as the assistant swim coach for the Newport High School swim team.

"Gavin is very excited with this opportunity, looking to build on the nearly 50-year



New NST Head Coach
Gavin Santiago. (Courtesy photo)

history of NST in the community," NST Board Member John Wray said in a news release.

In addition to new leadership, NST has had athletes competing in the pool. Over the weekend of Apr. 12-13, NST athlete Ashlyn Conrad, 13, partook in the annual Hugh Genuardi Invitational swim meet at the Dallas Aquatic Center. Ashlyn competed in three events and posted a personal best in the 100 Breaststroke with a 5-second drop.

Next on the docket was the annual 2025 NST Wray Open Sprint Meet at the Newport Aquatic Center on Apr. 18-19. Newport Swim Team played

host to six other Oregon teams and one California team. Close to 80 swimmers took to the lanes during the meet, but the out-of-towners were no match for the Newport locals.

"The locals took care of business in a big way, running away with the combined boys and girls team scores," Wray said.

THE FINAL COMBINED SCORES WERE:

Newport Swim Team: 625
Salem Swim Club: 337
Lebanon Community Swim Club: 260
Tillamook YMCA Sharks: 233.5

South Coast Aquatic Club: 183.5
Crescent City Swim Club: 68

Unattached: 46
Corvallis Aquatic Team: 45

It wasn't just about being the best of the assembled competition for NST, though. Many swimmers were competing against their own personal bests, and some even took on NST history!

According to Wray, in the past year, Oregon Swimming has added the 50 Breast, 50 Butterfly, and 50 Backstroke as sanctioned events for 13-14 and 15 & Over age groups.

At the meet, seven new team

records were set in these newly established events:

13-14 Girls:
Skyla Chen - 50 Butterfly,
Ashlyn Conrad - 50 Breaststroke

15 & Over Girls:
Gwynn Postlewait - 50 Butterfly, Hana Parker - 50 Backstroke

13-14 Boys:
Dylan Gibson - 50 Butterfly, Xander Florian - 50 Backstroke

15 & Over Boys:
Jahan Eibner - 50 Butterfly

In addition to setting records in these new events, 9-year-old

Kenlie Ware broke a 25-year-old record that belonged to Kelli Miezieo. Miezieo set the record in the 9-10 Girls 400 Individual Medley in 2000.

Now, after a quarter of a century, Ware is the new holder.

"Congrats to all the record setters," Wray said.

In addition to locking in some new records, NST swimmers recorded 69 personal best swims out of 93 total races,

recorded 77 Top-3 finishes (34 where first place ribbons), and established 2 Oregon A 12-year-old qualifying times in the 50 & 100 Free by 11-year-old Zoey Chappell.

Some of the standouts from the weekend included folks who set multiple personal

records and won events. Collin Isseri had six personal records in each of his six races. Dylan Gibson went 5/5 in with new PRs, and 6-year-old Grayson Ware won four races in the 8 & Under boys division.

Emma Zamudio, Patty Parker, and Zoey Chappell were each 5/5, setting personal records in their events, with Zoey also winning all five of hers. Kenlie Ware was 5/6 on new personal bests and won six events. Jay Eibner won four events, and his brother Jahan won three. Iker Leo won three events and was 4/5 in PRs, and Gwynn Postlewait continued her excellent season, recording four blue ribbons for the meet.

There were also three new swimmers making their presence felt in the pool: Remi Chappell, Dallin Conrad, and Zain Clendenin.

The entire NST roster who competed at the meet were Reign Berry, Rem and Zoey Chappell, Skyla Chen, Zane Clendenin, Ashlyn, Dallin and Collin Conrad, Jahan, and Jay Eibner, Xander Florian, Dylan Gibson, Jacob Hoffman, Collin Isseri, Iker Leo, Hana Parker, Patti Parker, Gwynn Postlewait, Slate Steenkolk, Grayson and Kenlie Ware, River Weaver, and Emma Zamudio.