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# Lincoln County Leader

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The Newport Safeway store is located at 2020 N Coast Highway in Newport. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

## Newport Safeway to close

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

Company officials confirm that the Newport Safeway store, located at 202 N Coast Highway will close by June.

“Unfortunately, we were unable to renew our lease.” Albertsons Companies Senior Director Communications, Public & Government Affairs Jill McGinnis told the

Lincoln County Leader. McGinnis said there are 90 employees at the Newport Safeway. “Our team is working with the affected

See **SAFEWAY**, page A6

## Pilot walks away from small plane crash at Waldport

**STAFF REPORT**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

First responders rushed to the Wakonda Beach Airport in Waldport at approximately 1:35 p.m. Feb. 11, following a report of an airplane crash.

A small aircraft had struck a grove of trees and was reported to be severely damaged, with the pilot still inside, stuck approximately 50-feet up from the ground.

Responders arrived on scene and contacted the pilot, who was the sole occupant of the aircraft. The pilot, identified as 80-year-old Les Lacasse, was safely extricated

See **CRASH**, page A7



The plane landed in a growth of trees near the Wakonda Beach Airport in Waldport. (Courtesy from the LCSO)

## Lawmakers issue letter of opposition for ICE detention center


**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

Oregon U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley and several other federal lawmakers have issued opposition to the Trump administration’s efforts to establish or expand immigration detention facilities in Oregon.

Merkley and U.S. Congresswoman Andrea Salinas (OR-06) led Oregon’s Democratic members of Congress and ten additional House members in a letter to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Kristi Noem and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) acting director Todd Lyons opposing such plans, including so-called “soft-sided” or repurposed facilities.

The letter, issued February 12, raises serious concerns about the safety, transparency, environmental impacts, and humanitarian standards of ICE facilities, particularly regarding

See **ICE**, page A7



A group pf local pilots staged a No ICE demonstration at the Newport Airport in December; the day Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden conducted a town hall in Newport to hear residents’ concerns about the potential federal facility. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

## \$73M in school bond measure projects taking shape

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

Since voters approve a \$73 million dollar Lincoln County School District bond project in the May 2025 election, crews have been working to complete the improvements, repairs, and additions.

To gain insight into what’s been done and what’s next, the Lincoln County Leader has reached out to Susan Schuytema, the district’s communications representative.

**Lincoln County Leader:** Give us an overview summary of what has been done since the passage of the bond.

**Susan Schuytema:** Since voters approved the bond, Lincoln County School District moved quickly to begin work. In fact, projects began the day after the election, even before bonds were sold, using available capital construction funds that were later reimbursed with bond proceeds. We hit the ground running.

**Lincoln County Leader:** Are the projects on time and on budget? If not, why

not?

**Schuytema:** All projects remain on schedule and on or under budget. Any time there has been even a slight delay on a project, Facilities Director Rich Belloni has filled in with other projects, so the crews are never on hold. Since we’re using our in-house team and local contractors for the relatively smaller projects, we’ve been able to maintain progress and efficiency.

Since passage of the bond, LCSD has completed numerous safety, infrastructure, and facility upgrades across the district, and additional projects are underway or

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LCSD’s Facilities and Maintenance crew finished the rubber fall protection at the Sam Case Elementary School playground. All elementary schools will have these safety features installed. (Courtesy photo from the LCSD)





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Wednesday: High-56/Low-37  
Partly Cloudy

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Sunny

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Mostly Cloudy

Saturday: High-48/Low-38  
Rain

Sunday: High-51/Low-35  
Rain

Monday: High-45/Low-36  
Showers

Tuesday: High-45/Low-37  
Showers

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
February 3	0.00	50.8°F	63.2°F
February 4	0.00	51.3°F	72.6°F
February 5	0.00	48.8°F	70.4°F
February 6	0.00	46.0°F	60.1°F
February 7	0.67	46.8°F	56.4°F
February 8	1.55	47.3°F	53.7°F
February 9	0.01	46.5°F	53.3°F
Total rainfall from Jan. 1	7.92"		

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Low	12:06 a.m.	4.6
High	6:43 a.m.	7.8
Low	2:36 p.m.	1.1
High	10:01 p.m.	5.7

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Low	1:35 a.m.	4.7
High	7:48 a.m.	7.9
Low	3:30 p.m.	0.8
High	10:43 p.m.	6.1

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Low	2:48 a.m.	4.6
High	8:47 a.m.	8.2
Low	4:14 p.m.	0.3
High	11:14 p.m.	6.5

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Low	3:43 a.m.	4.2
High	9:38 a.m.	8.4
Low	4:51 p.m.	-0.1
High	11:41 p.m.	6.7

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Low	4:28 a.m.	3.8
High	10:22 a.m.	8.7
Low	5:24 p.m.	-0.4

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

High	12:07 a.m.	7.1
Low	5:10 a.m.	3.3
High	11:04 a.m.	8.8
Low	5:55 p.m.	-0.6

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

High	12:32 a.m.	7.4
Low	5:50 a.m.	2.8
High	11:45 a.m.	8.8

Sunrise/Sunset

February 11	7:23 a.m.	5:38 p.m.
February 12	7:21 a.m.	5:39 p.m.
February 13	7:20 a.m.	5:41 p.m.
February 14	7:18 a.m.	5:42 p.m.
February 15	7:17 a.m.	5:44 p.m.
February 16	7:16 a.m.	5:45 p.m.
February 17	7:14 a.m.	5:46 p.m.
February 18	7:12 a.m.	5:48 p.m.
February 19	7:11 a.m.	5:49 p.m.
February 20	7:09 a.m.	5:51 p.m.
February 21	7:08 a.m.	5:52 p.m.

Lottery

Friday, February 6

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13 • 21 • 25 • 52 • 62 • PB-19

Saturday, February 7

Powerball

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Saturday, February 7

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# Oregon agency warns of scam targeting Spanish-speaking injured workers

The Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) is warning the public about a scam targeting Spanish-speaking injured workers in other states, including in nearby Idaho and Montana.

In these scams, workers are contacted by phone, email, social media apps such as Facebook Messenger or WhatsApp, or video calls. The scammers try to convince the worker to appear at an online workers' compensation hearing, and at times, this results in an official appearing order in their favor. Thereafter, they are told must pay money to receive the workers' compensation benefits or the settlement for their claim.

These communications may appear official and the hearings may include a fake judge, attorney, or government



**In these scams, workers are contacted by phone, email, social media apps such as Facebook Messenger or WhatsApp, or video calls. (Metro Creative Connection)**

representative. The Oregon Workers' Compensation Division (WCD), part of DCBS, and the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) will never ask anyone to pay to receive benefits

Here's what you should know:

- WCD, WCB, and insurance companies do not ask for payment

to release workers' compensation benefits. Never pay money up front for benefits or settlements.

- WCD and WCB will never ask for payment via gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency. Be skeptical of any requests for payment.
- Official communications from WCD and

WCB will not pressure you to act or pay immediately.

- WCB, which conducts workers' compensation hearings, does not charge or collect fees for hearings or mediation.
- WCB does not use social media or applications such as Facebook Messenger or WhatsApp to communicate with parties about hearings or mediations.

If you are unsure whether a communication is legitimate, do not send money or personal information. Verify before you act by contacting the Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers by phone at 800-927-1271 (toll-free) or email at oow.questions@dcbs.oregon.gov. The office serves as an independent advocate for workers by helping them understand their rights, benefits,

protections, and responsibilities within the workers' compensation system and workplace safety and health laws and rules.

If you believe a scammer has contacted you:

- Report the incident to local law enforcement
- Report any scams, fraud, or suspicious business activity to the Oregon Department of Justice's fraud hotline at 1-877-877-9392 (toll-free)
- Report the scam to the Oregon Department of Justice and the Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers
- Early reporting helps others from becoming victims

*If someone representing an insurance company is calling and threatening you, contact the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation, also part of DCBS, at 1-888-877-4894 (toll-free).*

# Oregon looks to regulate AI chatbots

ROBIN LINARES  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*

Lawmakers who "missed the boat" on regulating social media now have a chance to address the next emerging technology's effects on youth, Oregon lawmakers contend.

Sen. Lisa Reynolds, D-Portland, and the Senate Early Childhood and Behavioral Health committee she chairs are championing Senate Bill 1546 to regulate artificial intelligence chatbots. The committee voted 4-1 to advance the bill with amendments to the Senate floor Thursday.

The bill would require AI programs such as ChatGPT to remind users more regularly that they are speaking to an artificial intelligence tool, not a human. The legislation follows a recently passed California law and similar legislation introduced this year in New York and Washington.

Reynolds, a pediatrician, described parents' struggles with managing electronic use among youth she works with, as kids spend more time using the internet, social media, and now, AI.

"What is coming up for me all the time in my exam room is parents feel like they're fighting a losing battle," Reynolds said.

**Assessing teen AI use**

AI use among teens is increasingly common, with 72% of teens using AI companions, and more than 50% as regular users, according to the nonprofit Common Sense Media. Other research from the organization noted that nearly a third of teens find conversations with AI chatbot companions just as satisfying or more satisfying as real-life conversations.

Robbie Torney, the head of AI and digital assessments at Common Sense Media, said teens are using AI chatbots as companions for emotional support or to discuss mental health.

"Our testing shows that they consistently miss subtle warning signs — and even not so subtle warning signs — that another human being, a parent, a friend or an adult would catch," Torney said.

There have been several cases over the past few years of AI chatbots, including ChatGPT and Character.AI, contributing to teen suicides, according to parents' testimony before a U.S. Senate committee last year.

The Oregon bill proposes additional guardrails for youth access to AI, including calling for programmers , to note that the platform may not be suitable for minors, to not show or

promote sexually explicit content or conduct and to discourage spending extended time interacting with the platform.

Expanding notifications is one way chatbots can promote responsible AI use, said Linda Charmaraman, senior research scientist at the Wellesley Centers for Women at Wellesley College and founder and director of the Youth, Media and Wellbeing Research Lab. She supports educating youth about responsible uses of AI, rather than outright bans.

"Whether it's adults or for minors, just to remind people that there are limits to the technology and that there's inaccuracies," Charmaraman said. "If I could wave a wand, I would love for them to really focus on AI literacy from early ages."

**Suicide prevention focus**

Beyond youth access, Reynolds added that the bill's intent is to protect anyone expressing suicidal tendencies.

The proposed legislation would require programmers who make their tools available to Oregonians to develop protocols for their AI platform to detect signs of suicidal ideation, self-harm or thoughts of intending to do either.

In response, these platforms would be required

to refer users to a suicide hotline and other crisis related resources and immediately interrupt conversation between the chatbot and user. The protocol would also be required to be publicly available on the AI program site.

Reynolds has been in touch with Lines for Life, the Oregon-based suicide and mental health hotline, and its sister hotline YouthLine, about potentially being part of the mental health resources that AI chatbots could offer users.

Hotline volunteers have already seen how AI has impacted users, according to Dwight Holton, executive director of Lines for Life. Youth volunteers are increasingly reassuring users in crisis that they are speaking to a human, not AI, he said.

"We know that intervention works," Holton said. "So, if we can convince our partners in the industry and legislatively, establish guardrails that require that kind of connection to intervention, we will get folks from that path of despair to a path of hope."

Reynolds has also reached out to organizations like TechNet, which supports a network of tech agencies including Google, OpenAI, and Meta.

TechNet officials, while largely supportive

of the bill, mentioned some concerns about Oregon's potential requirements of more frequent notifications than laws in other states. The bill has since been amended to align with other states' notification provisions.

"I am working with a coalition of companies to try and make sure that we have clear definitions and clear requirements on notifications and guardrails and looking forward to working with the senator and the committee," said Rose Feliciano, TechNet's executive director for Washington and the Northwest.

The bill could face legal challenges if passed because of a December executive order President Donald Trump signed to limit state regulation of AI services. While Reynolds is unclear about where the executive order fits in, her plans remain unchanged in addressing unregulated AI use.

"Social media companies have had the opportunity to make some choices that would have kept kids safe from social media but instead they really double down on doing everything they can to keep their eyeballs on social media content for as long as they can," Reynolds said. "I see it time and again in my exam room, so I don't want to wait till it's too late to put some sideboards on AI tools."

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/02/12/oregon-looks-to-regulate-ai-chat-bots/>

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# Siletz Tribe distributes \$248,109.02 in charitable giving to Oregon non-profits

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund (STCCF) distributed \$231,298.09 to 55 organizations in the state on Friday, Feb. 6, at the first quarter award ceremony.

The Siletz Tribe has made contributions through employment, monetary donations and cooperative measures to the Siletz community, Lincoln County and the state of Oregon.

The seven-member charitable fund advisory board has distributed more than \$19.5 million since its inception in 2001. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$7.5 million in cash and fund-raising items since it opened in 1995. The casino also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fund-raisers as well as technical support, manpower for many events.

The second quarter deadline to apply is March 2, 2026. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. The deadline is final, postmarks are not accepted. Early submission is recommended. When possible, apply 1-2 weeks prior to the deadline to allow time for basic screening and to correct applications where required. Assistance is provided as appropriate.

Eligibility for money from the charitable fund is limited to two categories:

- Entities and activities



The Siletz Tribe has made contributions through employment, monetary donations and cooperative measures to the Siletz community, Lincoln County and the state of Oregon. (Courtesy photo)

located in the Siletz Tribe’s 11-county service area (Lincoln, Tillamook, Linn, Lane, Benton, Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties)

- Native American entities and activities located anywhere in the U.S. Applications are encouraged to be submitted via e-mail at [stccf@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:stccf@ctsi.nsn.us). The application and requirements can be obtained at [ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund](http://ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund) or by calling 541-444-8372.

The first quarter distribution awards went to these non-profits serving their communities:

- Cultural Activities: \$11,500**
- Adair Living History, Inc - \$2,000

LCSD NA/AN Education Program - \$4,500  
Powerland Heritage Park - \$5,000  
Drug & Alcohol Treatment: \$4,000  
Soaring Heights Recovery Home - \$4,000

**Education: \$51,161.22**

- Eugene-Springfield NAACP - \$5,000  
Friends of the Albany Public Library - \$1,500  
Friends of the Scio Public Library - \$1,535  
Newport Middle School Booster Club - \$6,000  
Oregon Coast Community College - \$21,943.22  
Oregon Coast STEM Hub/Agricultural Research Foundation - \$5,000  
Philomath Elementary School - \$2,253

Philomath Scout Lodge - \$2,820  
Siletz Tribal Head Start Parent Committee - \$2,610  
St. Clare School - \$1,000  
Youth Development Coalition of Lincoln County - \$1,500

**Environment & Natural Resource Preservation: \$24,700**

- Chintimini Wildlife Center - \$4,700  
City of Siletz - \$20,000

**Health: \$34,500**

- Corvallis-Albany Farmers’ Markets - \$3,000  
Daisy CHAIN - \$4,000  
Fair Share Gleaners - \$4,000  
HIV Alliance - \$5,000  
Looking Glass Community Services - \$4,000  
Mary’s River Gleaners,

Association - \$1,500  
Mountain Gospel Fellowship: Falls City Produce Giveaway - \$3,000  
Our Community Birth Center - \$5,000  
Yamhill County Master Gardener Association - \$5,000

**Historical Preservation: \$14,840**

- Central Grange #360 - \$8,000  
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- CASA - Voices for Children (Lincoln County) - \$3,000  
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**Other: \$43,587**

- Centro De Ayuda - \$2,000  
Lebanon Gleaners, Inc. - \$3,000  
Lincoln City Sunday Market - \$1,400  
Siletz Round Dance Committee - \$10,000  
South Corvallis Food Bank - \$4,000  
The Foundation Athletics dba NS Cal Ripken - \$5,000  
Toledo Public Library - \$10,000  
Waldport Library Foundation - \$1,500  
Women at the Well Grace House - \$6,687

# Immunizations update deadline is Feb. 21

**OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY**

With the annual deadline fast approaching for updating children’s vaccinations, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reminds parents and caregivers that their children may miss school or child care, if they are missing vaccinations.

By the fourth Wednesday in February, under state law, all children in public and private schools, preschools, Head Start and certified child care facilities must submit documentation showing they are up-to-date on required vaccinations or have an exemption.

This year, the annual Exclusion Day falls on Feb. 25. If a child’s records do not show up-to-date vaccinations by that day, the child’s school or child care facility will send them home.

“Vaccine-preventable diseases can be highly contagious,” OHA’s Public Health Division School Immunization Coordinator Stacy de Assis Matthews said. “Last year, for example, Oregon reported 1,552 cases of pertussis, the highest number we’ve seen in 75 years. Vaccination remains our best defense against these diseases, keeping kids and school communities healthy and safe.”

A new OHA report shows parents and guardians seek nonmedical exemptions (NME) for their children’s required school vaccinations for two primary reasons: Concerns over vaccine safety and the inability to get vaccination appointments.

The study was launched in 2023, after Oregon’s kindergarten NME rate reached what was then an all-time high of 8.1%. That continued a steady rise in



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such exemptions over the past decade, interrupted only by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the 2024-2025 school year, the rate reached a new record high of 9.7%.

Record highs for NMEs were recorded for the past three years.

These findings can be found in the report Understanding Nonmedical Vaccine Exemptions in Oregon. “We want to make sure that all families are able to get their questions about vaccines answered by a trusted medical provider, and to get into a clinic where their children can get needed vaccines,” said de Assis Matthews.

For children who are still missing vaccinations for the current school year, county health departments mailed letters to parents and caregivers (on or before Feb. 4) informing them of the upcoming deadline to submit their children’s up-to-date vaccination records.

Last school year (2024-2025), county health departments in Oregon mailed 22,702 letters, which led to 4,504 children being sent home and not able to attend school until their families provided the necessary vaccination records.

School vaccination and exemption rates for the 2024-2025 school year are available at Oregon’s School Immunization Data dashboard. Data for the current school year will be available this spring.

With the upcoming school vaccination deadline, and with difficulty getting vaccines being a factor in increasing exemption rates, OHA wants people to know where to get vaccines for their children.

Parents and caregivers can contact their health care provider or local health department. No one can be turned away from a local health department because of their inability to pay for required vaccines.

Many pharmacists can also immunize children aged 7 and older. Families can also call 211 go to 211info.org to find a local vaccine clinic.

People in Oregon shared their personal stories with OHA on why they decided to vaccinate their children:

- Hear how Sarah’s powerful conversations changed her mom’s long-held views on vaccinations: <https://youtu.be/dPB2sfySwJQ>
- Reverend Dr. Currie encourages people

from all religious walks of life to get their vaccinations: <https://youtu.be/D6XnPm1N4iQ>

- As a parent herself, Dr. Choo talks about why she vaccinates her children: <https://youtu.be/aDy7sseKs24>

*OHA invites people to join the conversation and share why they vaccinate by using #ORVaccinates on social media.*

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Facing a ‘chilling effect,’

Oregon lawmakers seek to beef up abortion, trans health care laws

SHAANTH NANGUNERI  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

In the wake of Oregon hospitals ending access to gender-affirming care for minors, dueling state policies over abortion and increasingly hostile federal actions toward transgender Americans, Oregon Democrats say the state’s protections for doctors and patients need an update.

House Bill 4088 awaits a House floor vote after Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee advanced it earlier this week. It would build on the state’s existing “shield laws” that since 2023 have sought to safeguard providers’ liability insurance and their personal information while protecting them from out-of-state prosecutions, investigations and professional discipline.

The Trump administration has subpoenaed hospitals and providers for providing gender-affirming care, issued warnings to breast binding manufacturers, and threatened some health care providers with prosecution. Those moves, combined with increasingly aggressive enforcement from Republican-led states which have sharply restricted abortion access and health care for transgender youth, spurred Oregon lawmakers to act.

“We’ve seen federal and interstate attacks on abortion and personal health decisions increasing,” Rep. Lisa Fragala, D-Eugene, a bill sponsor, told the Capital Chronicle. “States like Oregon have

adopted shield laws to protect against these outside attacks, but with these increased attacks from the federal government and also incursions from other states, we’ve seen gaps.”

The new legislation would prohibit Gov. Tina Kotek from granting another state’s extradition request for a health care provider if they are engaged in providing reproductive or gender-affirming care in Oregon in a manner consistent with state law. That doesn’t apply if the person is a fugitive facing charges of treason or a felony, for instance.

It also contains new privacy protections and blocks state licensing authorities from revoking a midwife’s license if they faced a criminal conviction or discipline in another state for health care services that are unlawful in other states but allowed in Oregon.

The governor’s office told the Capital Chronicle that she has not received any extradition requests related to reproductive health or gender-affirming care. But Lucas Bezerra, a spokesperson for Kotek, said “care that is legal in Oregon is protected, and the governor will use every tool available to uphold those protections.”

“Health care decisions belong between patients and their providers, not politicians and certainly not prosecutors from another state,” Kotek said in a statement. “People come to Oregon because we respect personal



Planned Parenthood has seen an uptick in demand for abortions in states where they remain legal, like Oregon, since the Dobbs decision overturning Roe. v. Wade by the U.S. Supreme Court. (Dana DiFilippo / New Jersey Monitor)

freedom, privacy, and evidence-based medicine. Those values are reflected in our laws, and I will defend them.”

The bill would block publicly-funded agencies and state employees from cooperating with investigations into legal reproductive and gender-affirming care. The Oregon Health Authority, for instance, would be prevented from disclosing identifiable information of a person related to their use of such care during examination in a court or administrative proceeding.

The legislation comes as support for some policies involving transgender Americans’ rights has decreased, according to a 2025 poll from the Pew Research Center. A New York jury also issued a recent award of \$2 million in a landmark malpractice suit against a patient’s plastic surgeon and psychologist for a breast removal surgery she received as a minor and came to regret. When

it comes to abortion, 13 states nationwide have enacted near-total bans on abortion services.

In Oregon, meanwhile, access to health care for transgender residents has been hampered as more people fleeing other states’ restrictive policies have moved to the state. The advocates behind a ballot measure seeking to enshrine same-sex marriage, abortion and gender-affirming care protections in the Oregon Constitution also abandoned their signature-gathering campaign last week, calling it a “particularly difficult time, as the federal government continues attacking our rights, freedom, and basic humanity.”

Kaiser Permanente announced last year that it would be pausing gender-affirming surgeries for minors younger than 19 in Oregon. Attorney General Dan Rayfield also sued the federal government alongside 11 other attorneys general in January

over a directive conditioning hundreds of billions of dollars in federal health and education funding based on compliance with Trump’s January 2025 executive order on “defending women from gender ideology extremism and restoring biological truth to the federal government.”

**A “chilling effect” on care in Oregon**

While Oregon hasn’t landed on the radar of another state seeking to extradite a doctor yet, Fragala said the possibility of that happening is far from speculative. California Gov. Gavin Newsom in January rejected Louisiana’s extradition request for an abortion provider, and another doctor in the state is facing a federal lawsuit in Texas from the boyfriend of a woman who claims her doctor improperly sent her abortion medication.

“I believe health care is a human right, and so we want it to be free from interference, stigma, surveillance,” Fragala said. “When those things are in place, it creates a chilling effect. And I think the loss of hospitals providing care, the loss of clinics providing this type of care, is a part of that.”

Alongside the heightened backlash from conservative states and the federal government, there has also been some movement among professional health care groups which has created an opening for opponents of gender-affirming care. The American Society of Plastic Surgeons also

recently stated that it recommends waiting until age 19 for gender-affirming surgery for transgender youth, a move that the Trump administration has promised but that is already in line with existing standards of care by the World Professional Association for Transgender Health. Other major medical groups support evidence-based gender-affirming care but with mixed positions on surgery, such as individual decision-making or waiting until adulthood.

The bill faced opposition from some Christian medical professionals and anti-abortion activists, including the Keizer-based Oregon Right to Life, which does not delineate exceptions for opposing abortions in the case of rape or incest.

Melissa Ohden, the Kansas City-based director and founder of the Abortion Survivors Network, told lawmakers at a public hearing last week that the bill would limit transparency and prioritize provider immunity over patient safety, particularly in the case of complications. Research has shown that complications occur in about 2% of elective abortions in the United States, and of that percentage, about a quarter result in hospitalization or a medical procedural intervention.

“Facing fear, uncertainty and trauma, women need information, documentation — like access to their abortion records,

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Hey Newport, You’re in the News

STAN SHELL

Leader Guest Column

Imagine my surprise, while watching my favorite progressive cable news network, to see a picture of our beautiful Yaquina Bay Bridge pop up, later followed by film clips of our town. Of course, that was a few weeks ago and it concerned construction of a potential ICE facility out by the airport.

This was coupled with the sudden removal of our Coast Guard helicopter from Newport and sent to southern Oregon. Later it came out that the helicopter was to be sent further south to help with “border security”.

How did this happen? In the last election, classic Republicans joined with the MAGA crowd and legally elected

Donald Trump. I’m convinced that he won two elections based on preventing “open borders” and removing the “worst of the worst”. Not many, including me, disagree with the goals of this policy. So how is this going? I admit the southern borders are more secure. How? By installing thousands of federal troops along a vast area of the southern U.S, rather than passing lasting immigration legislation through a MAGA/Republican congress, Trump has unilaterally ordered federal troops to the border.

Anybody have a guess how much that is costing taxpayers? How’s the “worst of the worst” thing going? This brings us back to the Newport situation. Far from ferreting out the inevitable crooks in any group of people, ICE is going

after anybody they “suspect” of not belonging in the US. They are being rounded up and placed in “holding facilities” like the one envisioned by the Trump administration at our airport. People who have court dates to decide if they qualify for asylum - -too bad, into a holding area. Troops rappelling down from a helicopter searching for undocumented people (of which none were found), followed by dozens of ICE incidents which are now common. That many U.S. citizens are caught up, often roughed up and held for days at a time is common.

Inevitably, with such a ham-fisted approach, activities like this will generate pushback like in our little town.

Now the inevitable has happened. An ICE agent decided a

non-threatening protester’s wife needed to be shot in the face and killed. Of course, Trump and his “ICE Barbie”, Kristi Noem, insist the driver was trying to and did run over the agent. Any careful review of the films of the incident reveals this to be a total lie. Lately, the Trump administration has decreed that there would be no investigation of this atrocity, in which a U.S. citizen was killed.

Like most liberals I was horrified with the destruction I anticipated by Trump after his election. But I must confess, I am even stunned by how bad it has become.

Like the immigration debacle unfolding in front of us, Trump’s policies regarding insane tariffs on our long-time allies and bordering countries has set us on a course for higher prices,

loss of foreign markets like soybeans to China, Kentucky whiskey to the rest of the world and many other products that are now less attractive to foreign buyers. Look at bankruptcy filings across the country. Now comes his insane threat to take over Greenland. This would be against Denmark, a fellow NATO member, which would end the NATO organization. I wonder what Vladimir Putin thinks about this?

However, the recent events should terrify even the Republicans in our country. Trump has bombed Iran, threatened to bomb Mexico’s suspected drug facilities, has bombed Venezuela and kidnapped their President. He then said we were taking their oil and everyone is going to get rich. This is so ludicrous it’s almost

funny. That we are going to unify a country with many armed factions, spend billions of dollars fixing a broken set of oil fields and take their extracted oil “all on a summers day” is absurd.

Did you, Republicans, vote for this: tariffs, ICE seizures of Dreamers, roughing up citizens, destroying NATO, alienating our neighbors and biggest trade partners, and bombing multiple foreign countries?

Wonder what you think about Donald Trump Jr. saying at the Turning Point Conference on December 21 that it is no longer the Republicans that lead the political right, it’s MAGA! Are you still on this Bandwagon to Hell that you voted for? If not, there is an election in 10 months.

Stan Shell is a Lincoln County resident.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REJECTING THE PRESENCE OF ICE

As a homeowner in Lincoln City, Oregon, for 35 years, I support the recent vote of the Lincoln City Council to draft a resolution opposing any operations or housing presence by the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) in our city. We have seen the results of increased ICE activities in other cities across the country. Do we believe things will be different if ICE locates a detention center in Lincoln County or houses its employees in Lincoln City?

Lincoln City is a tourist destination. Although it has only 10,000 or so residents, it routinely hosts more than 600,000 guests from all over the country and the globe, from all social and economic statuses, and from multiple cultures. That diversity, unsurpassed scenery, mild climate,

outdoor recreation, shopping, dining, lodging, and entertainment contribute to the charm of Lincoln City.

That charm would be irreparably harmed by housing ICE detainees in Lincoln County or housing ICE employees in Lincoln City.

The potential damage to the city’s \$330 million-dollar annual tourism revenue alone should be a major consideration in anyone’s decision to oppose an ICE presence. Other considerations include the impact on infrastructure, including water, sewer, and roads; the strain on public services, including police, fire, and healthcare; and the loss of housing for visitors, residents, and temporary workers.

For these and other reasons, I commend the Lincoln City Council’s decision to join our neighbors in Astoria, Newport, Toledo, and Waldport in publicly

rejecting the presence of ICE in our city, too.

Cary Greenwood  
Lincoln City

HELLO FELLOW OREGONIANS

I recently attended a Lincoln City Council meeting in support of a declaration opposing the activities of masked ICE agents and of establishing a concentration camp in our region.

The question for our city leaders, as I saw it was: Should we welcome ICE to our community?

I say No. This organization has a documented track record which cannot be ignored.

Our president and his underlings have been lying to the American public about ICE agents and their assassinations of law abiding US citizens. I compare these masked secret police to the KKK of the 1920s America. No one was restraining them, no one was holding them

accountable for their excesses. It took dedicated district attorneys to build cases which could finally get convictions. Oregon was a KKK state with the governor and political officers all members of

this masked clandestine organization active in the 1920s. I’m sure most of us have grandparents who recall this period of Oregon history only 100 years ago. The Japanese relocation to concentration camps by the US army in the 1940’s was another illegal event which dispossessed US citizens of their freedom, property and future dreams.

What we are asking the Lincoln City Council to do is to declare that the ICE organization is not welcome here. We have no “worst of the worst” operating on the Oregon coast. This was a lie. Trump and his followers lie. We have hard working neighbors who are a

net benefit to our seafood processing industry, our logging industry, our construction industry, our agricultural industry, our hotel industry and our restaurant industry.

Please join the Newport, Waldport and other city leaders across our nation who want to stand on the side of reason and history. Resist the pressure of our local white nationalists to side with trump and his corruption of our country.

Ken Sund  
Otis

SUPPORTS VACCINATIONS

Thank you for your recent article regarding influenza cases in Oregon.

For those individuals wondering whether the flu shot may be worth the effort, please let me add to the discussion. A recent review article in the Journal of the American Heart Association

(2025;14:e042670) puts it best: respiratory infections, such as influenza, significantly increase the risk of acute myocardial infarction (heart attack) and stroke.

Vaccination reduces your risk of having a heart attack and stroke. As an epidemiologist, I can attest that taking measures to protect yourself against influenza may be an act of kindness for yourself, your family members, and your neighbors.

Dr. Mary A.M. Rogers,  
Newport

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

Abraham Lincoln

ONLINE POLL

PREVIOUS POLL

Do you agree with Gov. Kotek’s call to stop all federal immigration enforcement in Oregon until recent violent incidents in Minneapolis, Portland and elsewhere are fully investigated.

Yes..... 60.2%  
No..... 39.8%

NEW POLL

Would you prefer to vote on the referendum on last year’s statewide transportation funding package at the May or November elections?

- May
- November

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# Open House for W. Olive Street Improvement Project

The City of Newport will host a community open house on Wednesday, Feb. 18, to share preliminary designs and gather public input on the W. Olive Street Improvement Project.

The open house will be held at the Newport Public Library from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. No formal presentation is scheduled, allowing attendees to stop by at their convenience.

Improvements as part of this project include the addition of bicycle lanes on both sides of the roadway, curb extensions, and accessible sidewalk ramps along W. Olive St. between NW Nye St. and SW Coast St. Project design is currently approximately 30 percent complete, and a construction timeline has not yet been established.

Project designers and City leadership will be available to discuss the enhancements, answer questions, and receive community feedback. Attendees are encouraged to review the designs and share their input as the project continues to move forward.

**WHAT:** W. Olive Street Improvement Project Open House

**WHEN:** 4:30 p.m. p- 6 p.m. Wednesday, February 18

**WHERE:** Newport Public Library, 35 W. Nye St., Newport

This event is open to the public.





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**Leo J Volmering**

May 15th, 1938 - February 3rd, 2026



Leo J Volmering was born May 15th, 1938, in Ruth, MI, and entered heaven's gate on February 3rd, 2026.

He devoted many years, along with his wife, who passed in 2020, as owner/operator of De Lake Bowl in Lincoln City, OR. Previously he lived with his wife and children in Corvallis, OR, and he was an Air Force Veteran.

Leo is survived by his 4 children, many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

At the request of Leo, and Kay; no services will be held, a small private family gathering will take place to honor Leo, Kay, and their beloved pets in a celebration of life in the near future at one of their favorite places along the Oregon Coast.

# ASPIRE Program helps Toledo students picture their future

**LINCOLN COPUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Walk into the ASPIRE room at Toledo Jr/Sr High School, and it feels less like a classroom and more like a living room or casual café.

Couches, comfortable chairs, and snacks create a welcoming space where students come and go throughout the day, whether they have a scheduled mentoring session or simply need a safe place to talk and think about their future.

That intentional atmosphere is part of the vision of Jen Hamilton, who is in her second year as GEAR UP coordinator and ASPIRE program director at Toledo. Hamilton, along with Melinda Dye, ASPIRE coordinator at Newport High School, was recently named a College Access Champion by Oregon GEAR UP for her work helping students plan for life after high school.

ASPIRE is a state-wide mentoring program overseen by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission. The program pairs trained volunteer mentors with students to provide one-on-one support in career exploration, college planning,



**Toledo senior Tenaya Cordova works with ASPIRE Program Director Jen Hamilton on her college applications. ASPIRE students meet regularly with Hamilton and volunteer mentors for support with college planning, scholarships, and next-step guidance. (Courtesy photo)**

and scholarship research. Mentors help students navigate applications, understand financial aid, and build confidence as they set goals for their future.

Hamilton hosts events throughout the year designed to help students start thinking early about what comes next. One of those is a "Picture Your Future" event, where colleges and local businesses come together to share information with students. "It's really about improving college awareness so students can make a plan," Hamilton said.

She also organizes field trips that connect learning to real-world experiences, including a visit to a

Portland Trail Blazers game, where students learn about the many careers involved in producing a professional sporting event. About two-thirds of Toledo's middle and high school students participate in ASPIRE.

Local ASPIRE mentor coordinator Ron Brocklehurst said the program's impact is especially strong in smaller schools like Toledo and Eddyville. "Middle school students are also participating and starting to learn what it's like to be in high school and why keeping up their grades matters," Brocklehurst said.

Brocklehurst also hosts

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not legal barriers to oversight and accountability of the provider," Ohden said.

Supporters of the bill included Kara Connelly, a pediatric endocrinologist and director of the gender clinic at Oregon Health and Science University's Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland. She testified that her clinic

has faced doxing and death threats over the past few years.

"Specialty clinics at other institutions in Oregon have removed their websites entirely, causing confusion for Oregonians about which programs remain open and resulting in an influx of new referrals to our program which we do not have the capacity to take on," she told lawmakers.

Potential U.S. Supreme Court battle looms

Amanda Barrow, senior staff attorney at the UCLA Law Center on Reproductive Health, Law and Policy, told the Capital Chronicle that Oregon's legislation appears to respond to a "broader strategy" from legal efforts by states

such as Louisiana and Texas to eliminate access to abortion "by any means." She encouraged lawmakers to continue pursuing data privacy protections as well.

"If the extradition provision were enacted in Oregon, that law would generally prevent another state's criminal action from moving forward against an Oregon-based provider in that state's courts," Barrow said.

"That's because it's unlikely that another state could force the Oregon provider to appear in criminal proceedings in that state, and all defendants have a constitutional right to be physically present in the courtroom at the start of a felony case."

The legislation would exempt from public records requests personal information related to the receiving or providing of gender affirming care or reproductive health care that is funded in part or whole by the state.

Lawmakers also adopted an amendment that would expand privacy protections to encompass providers' images and home telephone number, as well as their name, home address and professional address.

It's unclear how disputes in federal court between conflicting state policies on such forms of care could play out. Barrow said the issue could find itself up for debate at the nation's highest court.

"We are all expecting that a clash could make its way up to the Supreme Court for resolution," she said, "but as of now, the shield laws are operating exactly as they intended."

<https://oregon-capitalchronicle.com/2026/02/12/facing-a-chilling-effect-oregon-lawmakers-seek-to-beef-up-abortion-trans-health-care-laws/>

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## SAFEWAY

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associates and labor unions, where applicable, to attempt to find them other work that is both consistent with the applicable law and/or labor agreement," McGinnis said.

The Lincoln Chronicle reported that WinCo signed a lease with Dickerhoof Properties, the owner of the building, to use the 32,000 square foot portion of the building that currently houses

Safeway. The Chronicle added that WinCo was not able to confirm the plans and that the city of Newport had not received permit applications from WinCo as of Feb. 9.

When asked by The Leader if there are any plans to close the Lincoln City Safeway on Logan Road, McGinnis responded:

"There are no other store closures planned," she said.

**BACKGROUND**

As of June 2025, there were 305,156 grocery

stores in the United States, according to GormetPro, which ranked top six stores being Walmart, Cosco Wholesale Corporation, The Kroger Co., Walgreens, CVS Health Corporation, and Albertson's.

According to a Lincoln County Leader published article in March of 2024, grocery stores in the United States have been on the decline, according to a report from Food & Water Watch, a consumer advocacy group.

"The rise in

supercenters and supermarket chains coincides with a steep decline in the actual number of grocery stores — a roughly 30 percent loss from 1994 to 2019," the report states.


"The trend is toward fewer but much larger stores, including a surge in those employing 100 or more employees."

A new supercenter or grocery chain store might bring seemingly greater selection and competitive prices. But these supposed perks conceal the bigger impacts that large grocery retailers have on regional economies, the report states, adding that he U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) analyzed grocery mergers and found that growing market concentration usually leads to a rise in food prices. Many academic studies also make this link. Concentration in the broader agribusiness sector can also reduce efficiency and growth while increasing economic inequality.

"Simply put, market power enables intermediaries like retailers and processors to capture an ever-growing share of food dollars, at the expense of farmers, food chain workers and eaters," the report states.

**Carol Darlene Gillen**

December 25, 1939 - January 13, 2026



Carol was born at home in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Opal and Ellis Speakman on Christmas Day in 1939.

After the Dust Bowl years, she and her family moved to Castle Rock, Washington in 1947 where she grew up and met her future husband, Paul Gillen. After high school she attended Beauty School in Portland, Oregon and then moved to Toledo, Oregon in 1959 where she spent the rest of her life.

Carol and Paul married in 1960 and celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in 2025. She was a beloved and devoted wife and mother, choosing to be a stay-at-home mom raising four children and many

foster children. She loved to give haircuts to anyone who wanted one and gave hundreds over the years. She was a gourmet cook and enjoyed oil painting, knitting, crocheting, sewing, needlepoint, and gardening.

Carol and Paul were lifelong members of Toledo First Baptist Church where she taught children's Sunday School for several decades. She was a living example of the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31.

As was her desire, Carol passed away peacefully at home on January 13, 2026, surrounded by family and friends. Hers was a life well-lived in service to others.



BOND

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scheduled to begin this summer.

- Other bond projects in progress include:
- Districtwide painting
- Installation of play sheds at Oceanlake, Yaquina View, and Taft Elementary
- A synthetic turf playfield at Taft Elementary
- Rubber fall protection under swings at all schools
- A gym upgrade at Toledo Elementary
- A new 2,800-square-foot music room at Taft Elementary
- Bathroom retrofits to single-stall configurations
- New fire alarm systems at Crestview Heights, Newport Middle School,



The new baseball/softball bathrooms at Waldport Middle/High School have been recently completed. (Courtesy photo from the LCSD)

and Taft High School

- Districtwide transition to VOIP phone systems
- Installation of the Blue Box intruder alert system at remaining schools

Auditorium Update: The three new 12,000-square-foot auditoriums at Newport High School, Waldport Middle/High School, and Toledo

Jr/Sr High School are moving into the next phase. Construction Manager/General Contractors (CMGCs) have been selected, and plans are being finalized so construction can begin this summer. The auditorium designs reflect community input gathered during meetings held earlier in the planning process.

**Lincoln County Leader:** When the dust settles, and the projects are complete, what will be the benefits to students and our communities?

**Schuytema:** When completed, the bond projects will significantly enhance safety, security, and learning environments across Lincoln County schools. Upgrades to fire alarm systems, intruder alert systems,

communication infrastructure, and restroom configurations strengthen school safety. Modernized learning spaces, including new auditoriums, music rooms, and Career and Technical Education facilities, expand opportunities for students. Improved play areas, gyms, and outdoor facilities support student health, safety and wellness.

Overall, the bond is delivering on its promise to make schools safer, healthier, and more secure while investing in facilities that serve both students and the broader community for decades to come.

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

ICE

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a potential facility in Newport, according to Merkley and Salinas. The members demanded detailed information about ICE’s detention plans in the state amid a rapid nationwide expansion of detention capacity. The full letter is attached below.

*Dear Secretary Noem and Acting Director Lyons:*

We write to express deep concern and strong opposition to any plans to open or expand Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities in Oregon. We also write with particular concern about the promulgation of “soft-sided” ICE detention facilities and any plans to repurpose existing structures with the goal of rapidly expanding the number of detention facilities in Oregon and across the country.

Under the Trump Administration, the number of people in ICE detention centers has skyrocketed. Just last month, it was reported that there were 73,000 people in ICE detention centers, which is a record high. And from the start of 2025 to November 2025, the number of ICE facilities increased by over 90%. Additionally, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act includes \$45 billion for ICE detention capacity

over the next four years, which will further balloon a detention system with a budget larger than the entire federal prison system. Due to the sharp increase in both funding for detention facilities as well as the sharp increase in the detained population, we request detailed information about plans for facilities from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and ICE. In particular, we request detailed information on plans or communications regarding the development of immigration detention facilities in Oregon.

In addition to our concerns about an increase in detention facilities in Oregon and nationwide, we also have concerns regarding the type of detention facilities DHS and ICE plan to develop. Reports indicate that ICE plans to reach its detention facility expansion goals through increased reliance on temporary, “soft-sided” structures or repurposing existing structures, including in Newport, Oregon. Given the cold and wet climate of the Oregon Coast, a soft-sided detention facility or an existing structure not intended to safely house people would threaten the safety and well-being of the people who would be detained there.

Moreover, we find it increasingly difficult to believe that ICE can responsibly house and care for people humanely

given the well-documented cases of overcrowding, medical neglect, and insufficient nutrition at the facilities it currently operates. In addition to human rights concerns, we also request information on how the facility’s construction will comply with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Given these grave concerns, we urge you to stop any plans to repurpose existing structures or build facilities for the purpose of detaining people in Oregon. We also request answers to the following questions and requests for information:

1. Is ICE planning to expand current detention facilities or open any new long or short-term detention facilities in Oregon?
2. If ICE is moving forward with detention, will any contracts be issued through ICE or through a separate agency contracting process?
3. If ICE is planning to expand or open facilities in Oregon, please confirm the estimated size of each facility and type of structure.
4. Is ICE planning on purchasing, renting, or repurposing any existing property or structures in Oregon for the purpose of detaining people?
5. Please provide information on the environmental impacts of any planned facility construction or expansion

in Oregon and how the agency will comply with requirements under the National Environmental Protection Act. Please also provide the results of any environmental assessment, and the names of the individuals who completed the assessment.

6. Has ICE coordinated with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and state emergency management officials to assess, mitigate, and plan for potential facility or detainee risks from natural disasters including a tsunami?
7. Please provide any reports or analysis DHS or ICE have conducted on the impacts of military readiness and coastal safety if the Coast Guard is affected or displaced.
8. Please provide detailed data on the location, capacity, and average length of stay at each soft-sided facilities in the U.S.
9. Please provide detailed information on any plans for new or additional soft-sided facilities or detention capacity in FY 2026 and FY 2027.
10. How does ICE maintain the Performance Based National

Detention Standards (PBNDS) in soft-sided facilities to meet requirements for care related to food, hygiene, bedding, access to legal counsel, and temperature?

11. Please provide detailed data regarding all areas of non-compliance and violations of PBNDS 2011 or other detention standards at soft-sided facilities.
12. Please provide a detailed list of every detention standard that has been waived for a soft-sided facility in CY 2025 including the date of the waiver, reasoning, and who signed off on issuance.

The letter asks that Homeland Security respond to the questions and requests for information by Monday, February 23.

firm in its opposition to such a federal detention facility.

“On behalf of Newport City Council, I want to begin by acknowledging the deep concern, frustration, and fear many in our community expressed regarding reports of a potential ICE facility being considered for Newport. We have heard your voices through conversations, emails, phone calls and at our Special Meeting, and our community can be assured that we share your commitment to ensuring that Newport remains a place that reflects our values of inclusion, compassion, and respect for all who live and visit here.

We recognize that even the possibility of such a facility being erected here has caused understandable alarm. I want to make it absolutely clear that City staff is working alongside our legislative leaders at local, state, and federal levels to explore every available legal and municipal avenue to oppose the siting of an ICE facility in Newport.

Newport is a city built on trust, diverse cultures, and shared responsibility. We will work together, thoughtfully, transparently, and within the bounds of the law to protect those values.

*Read previous coverage of this issue at the Lincoln County Leader website and follow developments in the Wednesday print editions of The Leader.*



The pilot was safely extricated from the aircraft by first responders. (Courtesy photo from the LCSO)

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from the aircraft and evaluated by medical staff. No fatalities or injuries resulted in this incident, according to the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office.

As of Monday, Feb. 16, the specific cause of the crash had not been released and was under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Pacific West

Ambulance, Seal Roak Fire, Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue, Yachats Rural Fire Protection and Newport Fire crews responded to the incident.

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# Federal legislation introduced to stop grocery price gouging, lower costs

STAFF REPORT

Lincoln County Leader

U.S. Senators Ben Ray Luján (D-N.M.), ranking member of the Senate Agriculture Committee’s Subcommittee on Food and Nutrition, and Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) have introduced the Stop Price Gouging in Grocery Stores Act of 2026.

The legislation is designed to ban corporations from leveraging new technologies to increase grocery prices for Americans. Specifically, the legislation prohibits the use of surveillance pricing in grocery stores, the practice of using personal data to set individualized prices for goods.

Corporations often collect and purchase your personal information to create a detailed profile of consumers. This data, coupled with mobile apps, electronic shelf labels, facial recognition, and other biometric technology, allows companies to charge different people different prices for the same item.

As grocery prices rise and the federal programs that fight hunger are slashed, some of the largest grocery chains appear poised to implement the widespread use of electronic shelf



The legislation is designed to ban corporations from leveraging new technologies to increase grocery prices for Americans. (Metro Creative Connection)

labels, a technology that allows stores to change the price of an item in a matter of seconds from a remote location, Merkley and Luján explain in a release.

The Stop Price Gouging in Grocery Stores Act of 2026 levels the playing field by implementing commonsense guardrails to protect Americans families.

“In New Mexico and across the country, Americans are struggling to put food on the table,” Luján said. “With rising costs driven by President Trump’s trade war

and Republican cuts to SNAP, Congress must act to ensure that technologies are being used to improve the lives of Americans, not increase their grocery bills. Our friends, family, and neighbors should be able to shop at their local grocery store without worrying about predatory pricing.”

“Working families are paying more than ever for groceries, while huge corporations are raking in record profits,” Merkley said. “We must protect Americans from price gouging and from billionaire corporations abusing folks’ personal

information just to charge higher prices. The Stop Price Gouging in Grocery Stores Act cracks down on this corporate greed—in the store and online—putting people over profits.”

“Every single American will be affected by these predatory pricing practices, including the more than 800,000 grocery workers that UFCW represents, who are on the frontlines of this war on consumers,” UFCW International President Milton Jones said. “Families deserve to shop without worrying that they’ll be targeted with a higher price because of their income level or zip code. We applaud Senators Luján and Merkley for their commitment to ending the affordability crisis and protecting consumers.”

Specifically, the Stop Price Gouging in Grocery Stores Act of 2026 addresses the ability of corporations to leverage new technologies against consumers by:

- Prohibiting surveillance pricing in grocery stores;
- Requiring grocery stores to disclose the use of facial recognition technology;
- Banning electronic shelf labels in large grocery

stores; and

- Establishing an enforcement mechanism to hold corporations accountable.

During the government shutdown, Senator Luján led the Senate Democratic Caucus in introducing legislation that prevents the Trump administration from illegally withholding available funds for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). During debate on the Republican Budget Betrayal, Senator Luján spearheaded efforts to reverse the bill’s drastic cuts to food assistance.

Together with Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Ranking Member of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, Senator Luján convened a Spotlight Forum titled “Hunger by Design: The GOP’s Assault on SNAP” to underscore the devastating impact of Congressional Republicans’ plan to gut SNAP.

This legislation is endorsed by The United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW).

# Oregon population growth sustained by international immigration

LUKE COURY

Leader Guest Article

Most of Oregon’s population growth between 2024 and 2025 came through international immigration according to new estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. This dynamic was even more pronounced over the longer period between 2020 and 2025, when immigration was the only positive component of population change.

Between July 2024 and July 2025, around 9,600 more people moved into Oregon from other countries than moved out (net international migration). That was more than four times the net number of people who moved into Oregon from other states (net domestic migration) which was 2,200.

Oregon continued to have around 0.9 births for every death, resulting in a natural population decline of 3,800. Since 2020, net international immigration added 56,700 to Oregon’s population, net domestic migration resulted in a drop of 670, and natural population change reduced the population by 19,500.

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Between July 2024 and July 2025, around 9,600 more people moved into Oregon from other countries than moved out. (Metro Creative Connection)

# Oregon housing bill tries to reduce rental barriers for older adults

ROBIN LINARES

Oregon Capital Chronicle

A clerical error on an online rent payment portal nearly led to one Milwaukie renter losing her home — and that’s just one example of housing advocates’ increasing concerns as online portals become more standard for finding housing and paying rent.

Mistyping one piece of personal information on her apartment’s online portal meant Beth Walker didn’t realize her rent payment hadn’t gone through until after her landlord applied a late fee and prepared to start an eviction filing.

“It ultimately took hours of frantic communication and a forced day off work just to ensure the process wasn’t initiated the following morning,” Walker wrote in legislative testimony. “The digital divide isn’t just about internet access — it’s about making sure that people who lack access to or familiarity with technology like smartphones and electronic portals can still meet their fundamental needs, including housing.”

Walker is one of dozens of Oregon tenants, landlords and housing advocates who urged lawmakers to pass Senate Bill 1523, which would require landlords to accommodate

renters by giving the option to use a paper application, pay by check or other non-digital methods and have non-digital keys to access rental spaces. The Senate Housing Committee advanced the bill Tuesday.

Advocates say it’s a way to stop technological advancements from limiting housing access for older adults, low-income renters, renters with disabilities and those otherwise technology adverse.

While smartphone ownership has drastically increased over the past decade, data from the nonpartisan Pew Research Center shows roughly 1 in 10 adults — and approximately 1 in 4 for seniors 65 and older — don’t own one.

Sybil Hebb, director of legislative advocacy at the Oregon Law Center, told lawmakers that some of her clients have nearly lost their housing because of technological mishaps from tenant portals that made rent payments appear late or even missing.

These concerns are exacerbated among low-income seniors, especially those at risk of homelessness, according to advocates at the Northwest Pilot Project. Often rental applications require multiple devices, like a computer and a phone, which some low-income



Oregon lawmakers are considering a bill to force landlords to provide renters options to apply or pay rent by paper. (Barbara Barrett / Stateline)

residents cannot afford.

“The client is basically stuck with moving forward with an application, and these are not minor inconveniences. They directly prevent people from applying for housing, and some of these clients simply give up and they don’t apply at all,” said Jason Colthurst, housing access manager at Northwest Pilot Project. “Access to housing should not depend on a person’s ability to afford or use technology.”

Most opposition to the bill came from landlords and housing providers, who noted that the lack of standardization of

where applications come from could make the process less efficient, delaying housing approvals. Others mentioned that they felt many accommodation requests for renters were already covered through the Oregon Fair Housing Act.

“We are concerned about risk in not having equal opportunity for those needing housing due to delays in delivering paper applications and having too many paper applications that need to be processed,” wrote Jonathan Clay, government and public affairs manager with Multifamily NW. “You would simply be moving the workload

from one group to another. Either the housing advocate inputs the information into the portal or the housing provider has to do it.”

Existing protections under the Fair Housing Act require legal accommodations for those with disabilities. However, the act does not cover accommodations for age or income status, which housing advocates contend creates a dangerous loophole.

Judy Annon, a board member at the Oregon State Tenants Association, said that many members paid dues by check and rely on neighbors for technological support.

“And so we’re going to ask you to please take into consideration the human element here of seniors who don’t have disabilities that need you to support this bill,” she said to the committee.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/02/10/oregon-housing-bill-tries-to-reduce-rental-barriers-for-older-adults/>  
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Talk About Art



Lisa Emonds

Historical Costuming with guest speaker Lisa Emond

**SUBMITTED**

The Coastal Arts Guild presents “Talk About Art: Historical Costuming with guest speaker Lisa Emond, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, February 19, at the Newport Visual Arts Center, 777 NW Beach Drive, 2nd floor classroom.

This event is free and all are welcome.

Lisa Emond, retired

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**Lisa and Robert Emonds. (Courtesy photos)**



Delbert Anderson blends Diné Heritage, Jazz and Funk at LCCC



Delbert Anderson Quartet. (Courtesy photo)

The Lincoln City Cultural Center welcomes the Delbert Anderson Quartet for an electrifying night of contemporary jazz at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in the Cultural Center Auditorium, 540 NE Hwy 101.

Tickets are available now at <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=314586> or by calling 541-994-9994.

Led by Diné trumpeter, composer, and educator Delbert Anderson, the quartet blends traditional Diné “spinning songs” with modern jazz, funk, and hip-hop influences. The result is a bold, groove-driven sound that honors heritage while pushing musical boundaries.

Raised in Shiprock, New Mexico, Anderson began playing trumpet at age 10 and later studied music at the University of New Mexico. He formed the Delbert Anderson Quartet to create original music grounded in Navajo culture while engaging audiences through improvisation and contemporary energy. His compositions draw inspiration from Navajo Nation landscapes, historical events, and the desire to preserve and educate about Diné history.

“Our music reflects who we are and where we come from,” Anderson has said. “It carries tradition forward while creating something new for today.”

The quartet has performed across the United States and internationally, earning recognition for technical mastery, vibrant stage presence, and meaningful cultural expression. On stage, audiences can expect soaring trumpet lines, tight rhythmic interplay, and moments that shift from meditative reflection to high-energy celebration.

Delbert Anderson’s

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DRAG SHOW FUNDRAISER

Out in LC’s Annual Pride Festival Fundraiser

Out in LC invites the community to turn up, show out, and give back at its second annual fundraiser—an electrifying night celebrating queer joy, creativity, and coastal pride.

The Feb. 22 event will feature a full-throttle drag show starring four of the Oregon Coast’s most beloved drag entertainers, a vibrant silent auction filled with must-have items from local businesses, and plenty of surprises designed to delight all night long.

Leading the evening is Sweeney Gray, the Oregon Coast’s number one—and only—drag pianist, serving camp, chaos, and charisma as your master of ceremonies. The stage will also shine with performances by Lincoln City locals Mai Fai Rit, a fierce lip-syncing powerhouse, and Misty Magi, a bold and imaginative creative force. Completing the lineup is Salem’s own Thee Dutchess, whose commanding presence

See **PRIDE**, page B2



Newport Seafood and Wine Festival Feb. 19-22

The Newport Seafood and Wine Festival February 19-22, offers coastal seafood, Oregon wines, and a full week-end of festivities.

The festival will be staged at the South Beach Marina. A shuttle bus will be operating to and from the event. Read more about the economic impact of the festival online at the Lincoln County Leader website and in the Feb. 11 print edition of The Leader.

**FESTIVAL HOURS:**

Thursday 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Saturday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**TICKET DETAILS**

Online prices are inclusive of service fees. All persons must be 21 years old or over for admission into the festival, ID required.

**Ruby Wine Club \$150.00 advance online sales only**

Valid for one person,

comes with all 4- days of the festival VIP entry, Access to VIP room, swag bag with festival coupons, commemorative wine glass, complimentary wine tastings, VIP restroom, Seafood Chowder tasting kit and Thursday Night VIP Reception.

**\*3-Day Pass (Friday - Sunday) \$75. advance online sales only**

3-day pass, Friday ,

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Singer Linda Yapp at Zurita Restaurant

Linda Yapp, Lincoln County singer song/ writer, is singing every Tuesday night from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Zurita Restaurant in Nye Beach.

“My music is a combination of original songs, and thoughtful covers, with a bit of an Americana vibe,” Yapp said. “I play the guitar and sing solo, although on occasion have others join me.”

Zurita Restaurant is located at 711 NW 2nd Court in Newport’s Nye Beach.



Singer and songwriter Linda Yapp of Lincoln County. (Courtesy photo)



# Ribbon cutting set for new animal shelter

The Lincoln County Animal Shelter, Sheriff’s Office, and Board of Commissioners are excited to announce the ribbon cutting event for the new animal shelter facility.

The public is invited to the event on March 5, to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and generosity shown over the last six years of this project.

**What:** Animal Shelter New Facility Ribbon Cutting Event

- Ribbon cutting
- Building tours

A closer look at shelter operations and what it takes to keep it running

**Where:** 220 SW Dahl Avenue Waldport

**When:** 10:30 a.m. – Ceremony  
Community members and media are invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony, guided shelter tours, and meet our team.

RSVP: Members of the



The ribbon cutting is scheduled for March 5 at the shelter, 220 SW Dahl Avenue in Waldport. (Courtesy photos)

media and community members are encouraged to RSVP to help with event planning. Click here to RSVP as a member of the media. Click here to RSVP as a community member

**Other:**  
Parking is limited so carpooling is encouraged. The main Animal Shelter parking lot will be saved for ADA parking and the

ribbon cutting ceremony. Street parking is available (see attached map).

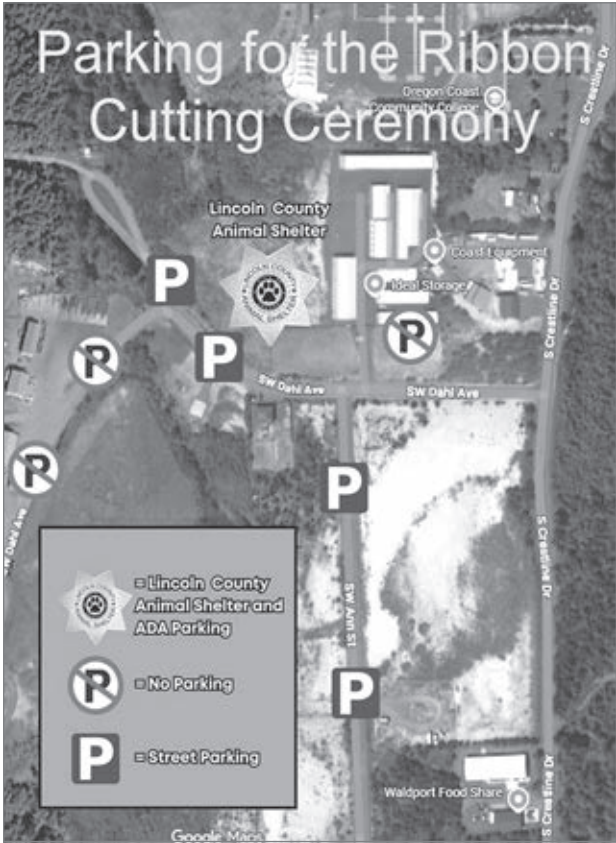
Please do not bring personal pets to the animal shelter event.

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socializers, foster homes, and more are needed. Learn more about volunteering and submit a volunteer application today.

## JAZZ

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unique sound and contribution to contemporary jazz was featured in the New York Times when Michael Powell said, “By mining traditional Navajo “spinning songs” of love, healing and courtship, and marrying them to jazz and funk lines, Anderson and his trio have taken a place at the forefront of a vibrant Native American jazz scene.”

“We are excited to showcase an artist who is contributing to the evolution of jazz through centering his cultural identity and commitment to community. We are honored to host Delbert shortly after his performance with Acosia Red Elk at the Portland Jazz Festival”, said Serena Dressel,

Executive Director at LCCC.

### About the Band members

**Robert Muller - Piano**  
Robert Muller is a talented pianist and keyboardist based in Santa Fe, NM, known for his versatility across genres from jazz to neo-soul and underground hip hop. Robert spent his formative years in Portland, Oregon, including mentorship under Blue Note jazz legend Andrew Hill. Post-college, Muller’s journey took him to New York City, performing in iconic venues like the Blue Note and the Knitting Factory. Now a fixture on the New Mexico music scene, Robert collaborates with notable artists such as Hillary Smith, Joy Harjo, Delbert Anderson, and Ryan Montañño. The New Mexico Music Awards

lauded Muller’s Kodama Trio for their jazz achievements, showcasing his significant contribution to the genre.

**Khalill Brown - Drums**  
Khalill Brown, with roots in the Blackfoot and Cherokee tribes, is a dynamic Funk/Fusion drummer based in Denver, known for his technical prowess and ability to weave rhythms from various cultures and styles. His musical journey began at the tender age of eight, opening for Ziggy Marley. He has seen him share stages with renowned acts like Steel Pulse, KRS-One, Snarky Puppy, and Stephen Marley despite overcoming a career-threatening wrist injury. Raised in a family steeped in Reggae and Rasta culture, and with extensive experience in drumline and backing

bands across Hip-Hop, Jazz, Funk, and Country genres, Khalill’s style is a vibrant testament to his diverse upbringing. He aims to elevate the spirits of his audience, leaving them better than they arrived through music.

**Evan Suiter - Bass**  
Evan Suiter’s musical voyage began at the young age of thirteen. Since then, he has developed into a seasoned bassist with a repertoire spanning jazz, country, Latin, funk, classical, and rock/pop genres. His formal education culminated in a B.A. in Music in 2008, followed by invaluable experiences at Victor Wooten’s Center for Music and Nature. This background enabled him to share stages with luminaries like Tito Puente Jr., Bob Dorough, and The Drifters. Residing in Albuquerque, NM,

Evan is an integral part of the music scene, currently performing with Chevel Shepherd and the acclaimed Delbert Anderson Quartet. His extensive touring and recording career highlights his versatile talent and commitment to his craft.

**Delbert Anderson**  
Delbert Anderson, a Diné jazz trumpeter, composer, and educator, merges Navajo “spinning songs” with jazz and funk, creating a unique sound in the Native American jazz scene. Leading the Delbert Anderson Quartet, he incorporates elements from Diné culture and landscapes into his music. Noteworthy projects include “The Long Walk: 1,674 Days,” reflecting on Navajo history, and a forthcoming tribute to Indigenous Jazz legends Don Cherry and Jim

Pepper. Anderson also spearheads the “Build A Band” program, teaching jazz improvisation to youth, emphasizing Diné values. His work has earned acclaim from Chamber Music America, the First Peoples Fund, and coverage in The New York Times and NPR.

**Event Details**

- What: Delbert Anderson Quartet in Concert
- When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11
- Where: Lincoln City Cultural Center Auditorium, 540 NE Hwy 101, Lincoln City, OR

Tickets: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=314586>

- Phone: 541-994-9994
- Website: [www.lincolncity-culturalcenter.org](http://www.lincolncity-culturalcenter.org)
- Advance ticket purchase is recommended. Seating is limited.

## FESTIVAL

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Does not include Thursday Night, Swag Bag or the Thursday Night Reception.

**Thursday Ticket \$27. advance, \$30 at the door**

Valid for one person on Thursday 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Does not include commemorative wine glass

**Friday Ticket \$35. advance, \$40 at the door**

Valid for one person on Friday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Does not include

commemorative wine glass

**Saturday Ticket \$40 advance, \$45.00 at the door**

Valid for one person for Saturday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Time is for E-tickets only, at the gate available after 1 p.m. depending on capacity

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Valid for one person for Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Thursday - TBD  
Friday- TBD  
Saturday- TBD  
Sunday- TBD

\*Food and Wine is not included in the daily ticket price, with the exception of VIP tickets (see description above). Each vendor sets their own prices.

### TRANSPORTATION

With safety as a number one priority, the free shuttle buses are back in 2025. Look for the Big Yellow bus. The shuttle busses will run on a continuous loop, stopping at most of the major hotels as well as Agate Beach, Historic Nye Beach, Deco District, Historic Bayfront and South Beach. The shuttle bus will be going as far south as Seal Rock to as far north as Agate Beach.

## PRIDE

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and undeniable talent have made her a fast favorite along the coast.

This night is more than entertainment—it’s a celebration of queer resilience and community. Proceeds from the event will directly support this summer’s Pride Event at the new Schooner Creek Discovery Park in Taft, helping ensure Pride on

the coast is accessible, joyful, and unapologetically visible.

This is a 21+ event and admission is \$20. Tickets can be purchased through the Lincoln City Cultural Center, online [app.arts-people.com/?show=312621](http://app.arts-people.com/?show=312621) or in person. These tickets are limited, so be sure to get them in advance.

*For more information or to support this annual event with a donation, call 541-994-9994.*

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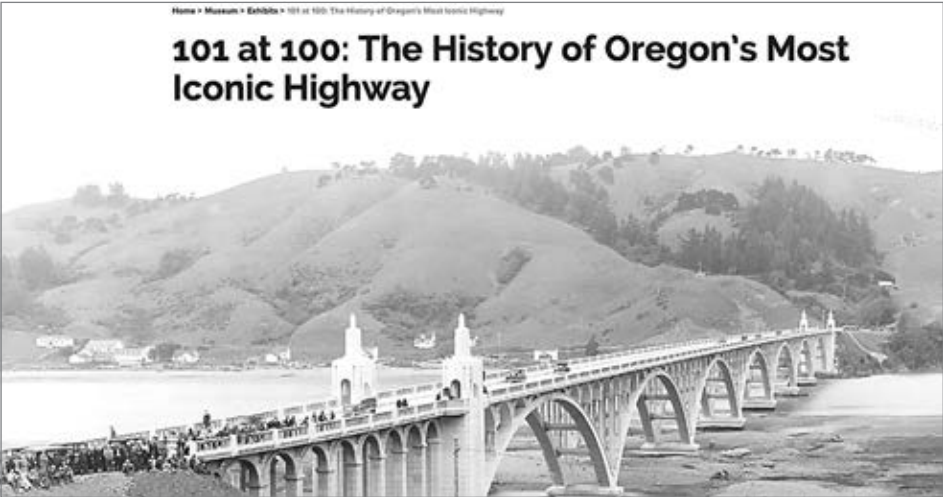


Heceta Head with lighthouse, 1950. See more photos with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website. (Courtesy photos)



Highway 101 on Cape Perpetua, 1938. See more photos with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website.

# Celebrating 100 Years of Highway 101



On view through October 11, this interactive installation explores a century of transportation, culture, and coastal life shaped by one of Oregon’s most beloved roads. See more photos with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website.

The History of Oregon’s Most Iconic Highway has opened at the Oregon Historical Society (OHS), at 1200 SW park Avenue, in downtown Portland

On view through October 11, this interactive installation explores a century of transportation, culture, and coastal life shaped by one of Oregon’s most beloved roads.

Stretching 363 miles along the Pacific Coast, U.S. Highway 101 has connected communities from Astoria to Brookings since its designation as a federal highway in 1926. 101 at 100 traces the road’s evolution from Indigenous travel routes to a vital corridor for commerce, tourism, and daily life.

“Having grown up on the Oregon Coast in Reedsport, Highway 101 was a constant presence in my life,” OHS

Boyle Family Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk said. “This exhibition invites visitors to discover the rich diversity of Oregon’s coastal communities and to appreciate the remarkable feat of engineering that made Highway 101 possible.”

In conjunction with the main exhibition, visitors can also see From Highway 101: Images of Oregon’s Most Iconic Highway, a supporting photographic exhibition by local photographer Peter Marbach. This visual celebration offers contemporary views of life along the coast — from majestic bridges and misty shorelines to the vibrant communities that line the highway — serving as a love letter to the road on its centennial.

The Oregon Historical Society’s museum is open daily in downtown Portland, from 101 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday

through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free every day for youth 17 and under, OHS members, and residents of Multnomah County.

Learn more and plan your visit at [ohs.org/visit](https://ohs.org/visit).

**ABOUT HIGHWAY 101**

Since time immemorial, people have lived and traveled along Oregon’s coast. Native people used waterways, beaches, and extensive trail networks for travel and trade. In the 19th century, non-Native migrants settled along the coast, constructing makeshift roads of sand, wood, and gravel to navigate a stunning but isolating landscape of cliffs, forests, and wind-swept beaches.

As automobiles gained popularity in the early 20th century, the coast’s isolation became a barrier to travel and economic growth. In response, Oregon leaders formed

the Oregon Highway Commission in 1913, launching an ambitious effort to build a coast highway.

Completed over a decade through remarkable feats of engineering, the 363-mile road became U.S. Highway 101 in 1926, linking communities across seven counties. This exhibition traces how this iconic highway reshaped the coast and asks visitors to consider how movement, access, and infrastructure continue to influence who can travel, live, and thrive along Oregon’s shores.

For more information, call 503-222-1741.

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doctor and costumer extraordinaire, will discuss her costuming passion at February’s Talk About Art, sponsored by the Coastal Arts Guild. She will focus on the costumes that she has created for various historical reenactments with the Society for Creative Anachronism, Renaissance faires, and events taking place in the Regency era (picture Jane Austen novels).

Some of the costumes that Lisa has created will be displayed, and she herself will model. All

those interested in costuming, design, sewing, and historical fashion and textiles, will be intrigued by her work.

Lisa started historical costuming at age 18 when she needed something for a Renaissance Faire. She found that she really enjoyed the process so started participating other historical events.

Lisa has now been

creating costumes for over 40 years, and she has made historically accurate garments ranging in styles from Ancient Greek to late Victorian. Locally, she designed and fabricated the costumes for the Newport Performing Arts Center’s recent production of Fiddler on the Roof.

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**LCL26-067 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN.**  
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that ERIK SEIDLER is appointed Personal Representative of the above Estate. All persons having claims against Estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the personal representative at 4248 Galewood St., Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035, within 4 months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published on February 18, 2026. Jennifer Martin, OSB #190038, J. Martin Esq. LLC, Attorney for Personal Representative, 4248 Galewood St., Lake Oswego, OR 97035, (503)444-0600, [jmartin@jmartinesqlaw.com](mailto:jmartin@jmartinesqlaw.com). Erik Seidler, Personal Representative

LCL26-068 NOTICE OF SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE (SDC).

Salishan Sanitary District hereby issues public notice, pursuant to ORS 223.304 (7), of its intent to consider a system development charge (SDC) methodology and project list. If adopted, the proposed SDC methodology will go into effect for all applicable new sewer connections applied for on or after April 21, 2026. Implementation of the proposed methodology consists of two separate components: 1) The proposed SDC methodology report will be available for public review on February 15, 2026 (60 days prior to public hearing). 2) The Salishan Sanitary Board will hold a public hearing on April 21, 2026, regarding the proposed Resolution adopting the SDC methodology and project list. The proposed SDC methodology will be available for public review at the following locations: Salishan Sanitary website - <https://bit.ly/301Dbha>. If you have any questions or want to provide written comments, please contact Salishan.sanitary.board@gmail.com or call (541) 921 5964.

**LCL26-073 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN.**  
In the Matter of the Estate of RUTH ANN ANDERSON, Deceased. Case No. 26PB00876. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE

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IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at Dana Ducote, 4634 Hwy 93 S, Whitefish, MT 59937, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative. Traci P. McDowell, DATED AND PUBLISHED ON: February 18, 2026. /s/Traci P. McDowell, OSB #184063, Attorney for the Personal Representative, Newport Law, LLC, 111 SE Douglas St., Suite F3, Box C, Newport, OR 97365, T: (541) 264-8157, [traci@thenewportlaw.com](mailto:traci@thenewportlaw.com). PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Dana Ducote, 4634 Hwy 93 S, Whitefish, MT 59937, (406) 270-9876

**LCL26-070 LINCOLN CITY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY. NOTICE OF HEARING CONCERNING TRANSFER OF THREE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY PROPERTIES TO THE**

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**CITY OF LINCOLN CITY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY.**  
On February 23, 2026 at 5:00 pm or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Lincoln City Urban Renewal Agency (URA) will have a Joint Meeting with the Lincoln City City Council, in the Council Chambers located at City Hall, 801 SW Hwy 101, 3rd Floor, Lincoln City, Oregon, and will conduct a public hearing to consider approval of transfer of real property via a Disposition & Development Agreement between the City of Lincoln City and The City of Lincoln City URA. Pursuant to ORS 221.725, any resident of the city shall be given an opportunity to present written or oral testimony at the hearing. There are three subject real properties, all owned by the City, and all located within the Nelscott Urban Renewal Area. The first property involved in the conveyance (1700 Blk of SE 23rd Drive, tax lot 07-11-23-CB-00300-00) includes Recording Doc: 2024-00279. The value of the property is approximately \$20,000.00. The second property (3 tax lots) involved in the conveyance (1400 Blk of SE 23rd Drive, tax lot(s) 07-11-22-AD-02100-00, 07-11-22-AD-02002-00,

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07-11-22-AD-02101-00) includes Recording Doc: 2025-05659. The value of the property is approximately \$699,000. The third property (9 tax lots) involved in this conveyance (3500 Blk of SE Highway 101, tax lot(s) 07-11-27-BA-13300-00, 07-11-27-BA-13400-00, 07-11-27-BA-13500-00, 07-11-27-BA-13600-00, 07-11-27-BA-13700-00, 07-11-27-BA-13800-00, 07-11-27-BA-15800-00, 07-11-27-BA-15900-00, 07-11-27-BA-16000-00) includes Recording Doc: 2025-05647. The value of the property is approximately \$395,000. The subject properties were purchased for public benefit to include projects identified in the Nelscott Urban Renewal Plan. These projects include new road connections for improved route choice, circulation, emergency access and/or improvements to existing roads while meeting the intended projects of the City's Transportation System Plan. City and URA staff support this transfer of properties. The Disposition and Development Agreements are subject to all applicable quasi-judicial and legislative approval processes, including local budget law. The staff report and supporting materials may be reviewed on the City of Lincoln City's website

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under "Agenda, Packets and Video" "Upcoming Meetings" "February 23, 2026."  
**LCL26-071 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN.**  
In the Matter of the Estate of PAUL WILLIAMS, Deceased. Case No. 26PB00475. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at 835 Bay St., Apt. 4, Santa Monica, CA 90405, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative. Traci P. McDowell, Newport Law, LLC, 111 SE Douglas St., Suite F3, Box C, Newport, OR 97365. DATED AND PUBLISHED ON: February 18, 2026. /s/Traci P. McDowell, OSB #184063 Of Attorneys for Personal

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**LCL26-072 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT.**  
ESTATE OF JAMES PHILLIP TRAMP, DECEASED CASE No. 26PB00762. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that Patricia A. Chong has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or their claims may be barred. Claims are to be presented at the address of the attorney for the personal representative, set forth below. Persons whose rights may be affected by this estate proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Circuit Court, the personal representative, or Jeffrey C. Hollen, attorney for the personal representative. Date of publication: February 18, 2026. Attorney for the Personal Representative: Jeffrey C. Hollen, OSB #761757, 541-574-1630, P.O. Box 1167, 615 SW Hubert Street, Suite A, Newport, OR 97365. Personal Representative: Patricia A. Chong, 310 SW 2nd St. #650, Newport, OR 97365, 541-973-5845

**LCL26-050 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE #26-0088.**

On March 12, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Room 203, in the City of Newport, Oregon, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 3705 Sea Mist Avenue, Depoe Bay, OR 97341. The court case number is 25CV15397, Willber, Inc., an Oregon corporation, plaintiff vs. Colin B. Coleman, defendant. This is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE FORECLOSURE SALE BIDDERS AND BUYERS. WARNING - READ CAREFULLY BEFORE BIDDING: This foreclosure sale does NOT eliminate the 2024 Lincoln County Property Tax Lien Foreclosure Judgment or any other valid liens that are senior to Plaintiff's lien. The Lincoln County tax lien foreclosure judgment includes a statutory one-year right of redemption. That redemption right may be exercised only by: 1. The record owner of the property (or anyone claiming through or under that owner) as of the date the tax-lien foreclosure judgment was entered; or 2. A lienholder of record (or anyone claiming through or under that lienholder) as of the date the tax-lien foreclosure judgment was entered. Redemption rights do not apply to interests or transfers recorded after the tax-lien foreclosure judgment was entered. The Lincoln County property tax lien foreclosed in 2024 remains senior to Plaintiff's judgment lien and may be redeemed only as provided in ORS 312.120-312.125. Sale proceeds from this sheriff's sale will NOT be applied to satisfy the tax lien or any other lien that is senior to Plaintiff's lien. If you bid at or purchase this property and you are not legally entitled to redeem the tax lien, you may forfeit the purchase money. Plaintiff's judgment lien is a junior lien. All valid and existing liens senior to Plaintiff's lien-including the Lincoln County property tax lien (subject to statutory redemption rights)-will continue to encumber the property after the sale and will not be paid from the sale proceeds. This supplemental notice is NOT LEGAL OR TAX ADVICE. Prospective bidders and buyers must conduct their own independent due diligence, including investigation of title, taxes, liens, zoning, and redemption rights, and should consult legal counsel and/or tax advisors of their own choosing before bidding or purchasing. BID AND BUY AT YOUR OWN RISK. For more details go to <http://www.oregonsheriffssales.org/county/lincoln/>

**LCL26-051 NOTICE OF UPCOMING PROJECT. INTRODUCTION: HIGHLAND ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (HEHA)** is undertaking a project to improve its roadways. This notice is being posted in advance of the Request for Proposals to give contractors added notice about this project. This notice shall serve only to provide general information about the project. Anticipated publishing of Request for Proposals is expected to occur in the first week of April, 2026 and may be found at [dcoregon.com](http://dcoregon.com). The anticipated start of construction is May 4, 2026. The estimated construction completion day is June 30, 2026. Project specific inquiries may be directed to: Jacquie Puett, Program Coordinator, Columbia Pacific Economic Development District [jacquie@nworegon.org](mailto:jacquie@nworegon.org), 971-203-6547 [www.nworegon.org](http://www.nworegon.org). Project Location: Otis, Lincoln County, Oregon. Starting at the intersection of NE Highland Rd and Highway 101 (milepoint 111.05), terminating approximately 1.6 miles uphill at the end of NE Highland Rd. Note that work is not expected along the entire 1.6 miles to the terminus. See Project Description for more detail. Project Description: This project calls for milling and repaving of approximately 100,000 sqft of damaged and aging

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existing paved roadway, NE Highland Rd is part of a road network used by HEHA residents and extends to a few side roads. Along NE Highland Rd, the roadway alternates from portions of pavement to crushed rock and back to pavement multiple times. For this project, only specifically outlined portions of the existing pavement will be worked on. Note that areas and construction details are subject to change prior to publishing the Request for Proposals. This notice is just meant to provide general project information. Note that work includes the access point to Highway 101. In coordination with ODOT it is understood that the proposed construction timeline imposes limited work windows on the project, that would affect ODOT Right-of-Way traffic and would require traffic control. This includes no-lane-closure-days and limited work hours (7PM - 6AM only). These limitations are expected to apply for the westernmost portion of work only. Other portions of road improvements are expected to be completed without impact to ODOT Right-of-Way traffic. Furthermore, the selected contractor will be expected to have a certified inspector capable of performing DEQ ESC inspections related to the project's 1200-C permit. The project engineer will obtain the 1200-C permit prior to construction beginning but the related inspections and BMP maintenance will be the responsibility of the contractor. Further project specific details will be included in the official Request for Proposals.

**LCL26-052 PUBLIC NOTICE THE LINCOLN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

has in its physical possession the unclaimed personal property described below. If you have any ownership interest in any of that unclaimed property, you must file a claim with the Lincoln City Police Department within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, or you will lose your interest in that property. The personal property is described as: 14' Boat on a trailer. Contact: Lincoln City Police Department; 1503 SE East Devils Lake Rd; Lincoln City, OR 97367; 541-994-3636 to submit a claim. Published February 11 and February 18, 2026. This notice is published in accordance with ORS 98.245.

**LCL26-054 TS NO.: 142809-OR APN: R211946 // 14-12-23-CB-00100-00**

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE. WHEREAS, on 3/27/2009, a certain Mortgage Deed of Trust was executed by BERT D. HARLEY AND ELAINE C. HARLEY, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as trustor in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR FINANCIAL HERITAGE BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS as beneficiary, and was recorded on 3/9/2009, as Instrument No. 2009-02612, in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family house; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Mortgage Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated 9/7/2017, recorded on 10/23/2017, as instrument number 2017-10377, in the office of Lincoln County, Oregon; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage Deed of Trust in that the payment due upon the death of the borrower(s) was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of 1/28/2026 is \$652,110.78; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, SEE ATTACHED notice is hereby given that on 3/12/2026 at 10:00 AM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder. Legal Description: COMMENCING AT THE WEST QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 12 WEST, WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN; A DISTANCE OF 776.07 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING EAST 465.09 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE ABOVE SAID SECTION 23; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID LINE 400.51 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF AN EXISTING GRAVELED ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 357.54 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE OREGON COAST HIGHWAY NO. 101, 216 FEET; THENCE WEST 220 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE EASTERLY

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LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY, 200 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING AND SITUATED IN SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 12 WEST, WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF OREGON, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THOSE PORTIONS CONVEYED TO BERT HARLEY AND ELAINE HARLEY BY DEEDS RECORDED SEPTEMBER 29, 1983 IN BOOK 144, PAGE 974 AND RECORDED MAY, 1984 IN BOOK 149, PAGE 2318, AND RECORDED MARCH 18, 1996 IN BOOK 314, PAGE 2160, FILM RECORDS AND THAT PORTION CONVEYED TO ELAINE B. RUMERY BY DEED RECORDED SEPTEMBER 3, 1963, IN BOOK 258, PAGE 613, DEED RECORDS FOR LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON Commonly known as: 323 NE FOREST HILLS ST, YACHATS, OR 97498 The sale will be held at: AT THE OLIVE STREET ENTRANCE TO THE LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 225 W OLIVE STREET, NEWPORT, OR 97365 Per the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the estimated opening bid will be \$471,090.00. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, the winning bidder with the exception of the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling ten percent (10%) of the Secretary's estimated bid amount in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to the undersigned. Foreclosure Commissioner. Ten percent of the estimated bid amount for this sale is \$47,109.00. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$47,109.00 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15 day increments for a fee of: \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the Foreclosure Commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgage or others subsequent to a foreclosure

sure Commissioner By: Alison Arrendale Title: Foreclosure Assistant 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: (858) 750-7777 Fax No: (858) 412-2705

**LCL26-055 TS NO: 143334-OR APN: R399633 // 13-12-13-AD-07100-00**

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE. WHEREAS, on 10/21/2008, a certain Mortgage Deed of Trust was executed by CHARLES L. CHANDLER AND LILLIE M. CHANDLER, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as trustor in favor of WORLD ALLIANCE FINANCIAL CORP as beneficiary, and recorded on 10/27/2008, as Instrument No. 2008-12525, in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family house; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Mortgage Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated 3/18/2021, recorded on 3/18/2021, as instrument number 2021-03393, in the office of Lincoln County, Oregon; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage Deed of Trust in that the payment due upon the death of the borrower(s) was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of 1/29/2026 is \$318,206.68; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage Deed of Trust to be immediately

due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, SEE ATTACHED notice is hereby given that on 3/12/2026 at 10:00 AM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder. Legal Description: LOT 7, BLOCK 23, BAYSHORE DIVISION NO. 4, COUNTY OF LINCOLN, STATE OF OREGON. Commonly known as: 2406 NW CONVOY WAY, WALDFORD, OR 97394 The sale will be held at: AT THE OLIVE STREET ENTRANCE TO THE LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 225 W OLIVE STREET, NEWPORT, OR 97365 Per the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the estimated opening bid will be \$325,860.46. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, the winning bidders with the exception of the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling ten percent (10%) of the Secretary's estimated bid amount in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to the undersigned. Foreclosure Commissioner. Ten percent of the estimated bid amount for this sale is \$32,586.05. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$32,586.05 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must

be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15 day increments for a fee of: \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the Foreclosure Commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgage or others subsequent to a foreclosure

completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacated. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. The amount that must be paid if the Mortgage Deed of Trust is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is based on the nature of the breach, this loan is not subject to reinstatement. A total payoff is required to cancel the foreclosure sale or the breach must be otherwise cured. A description of the default is as follows: FAILURE TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL BALANCE AND ANY OUTSTANDING FEES, COSTS, AND INTEREST WHICH BECAME ALL DUE AND PAYABLE BASED UPON THE DEATH OF ALL MORTGAGORS. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. Date: January 29, 2026 CLEAR RECON CORP Foreclosure Commissioner By: Hamsa Uchi Title: Foreclosure Supervisor 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: (858) 750-7777

Fax No: (858) 412-2705

**LCL26-057 THE MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NO.182576A, LOCATED AT 10 BREEZE ST #12 DEPOE BAY, OR 97341** is abandoned. The former tenant for the space in the Lincoln Trailer Park is Gabino Capuchino. The home will be sold by private sale, seal bids, with a minimum bid of \$8,000. The landlord, Henry Nguyen, is accepting bids until February 22, 2026. Please mail your bid to PO Box 32, Beaverton, OR 97075 and contact the landlord at 503-318-9616 if you wish to inspect the home.

**LCL26-064 SELF STORAGE PUBLIC SALE.**

Safe-Lock Storage, 3639 SE Ash St., South Beach, Oregon 97366. Saturday, 2/28/2026 @ 10:00am. F49 - Nick Kamerer, F50 - Leneve Kosmecki, I10 - Catherine Galstaun, K09 - Catherine Galstaun, L16F - Arron Davis, R06 - Marti Johnson, S12 - Paula Richards. Sale Subject to Cancellation. Safe-Lock Storage reserves the Right to refuse any and all bids.

**LCL26-065 LINCOLN CITY STORAGE, 3796 SE HWY 101, LINCOLN CITY, OR. 97367**

541-996-3555. The following unit will be sold at Public Auction, Starting 3/3/2026 at 9:00am, Ending 3/10/2026 at 9:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Auction to be pursuant to Auction Rules and Procedures for Truax Holdings. Rules are available at the facility office. All bidding will take place ONLINE at [bid13.com](http://bid13.com). Unit# A144, Linda Hoffman; Unit# A152, Danielle Edman

**LCL26-066 RE: NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF LANDLORDS LIEN.**

You are hereby notified that we intend to hold a public auction on 2/26/26 at 11:00AM in order to sell the following items that have stored in our facility unit



**NOTICE OF LINCOLN CITY URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT**

The Lincoln City Urban Renewal Agency has published the FY 2024/25 Lincoln City Urban Renewal Agency Annual Report. It is on file at City Hall and with the Agency. The full information is available to all interested persons.

The Year 2000 Urban Renewal Area: The Year 2000 Area has reached its maximum indebtedness and is no longer impacting taxing districts. It is operating on program income. In FY024/25 the Agency received \$302,815 in program income including a \$250,000 transfer from the Property Rehabilitation Fund and expended \$326,948. The FY 2025/26 budget includes \$529,565 in revenues and expenditures in the General Fund and \$488,711 in revenues and expenditures in the Property Rehabilitation Fund.

Roads End/Villages at Cascade Head Urban Renewal Area: In FY 2024/25, the Agency received \$703,386 in property tax revenue and expended \$37,645. The estimated tax revenues for FY 2024/2025 are \$843,795. The FY 2025/26 budget includes \$2,328,214 in revenues and expenditures. The amount of maximum indebtedness remaining is \$86,990,581.67. The maximum indebtedness incurred in FY 2024/25 was \$33,495.75.

Nelscott Urban Renewal Area: In FY 2024/25, the Agency received \$150,219 in property tax revenue and expended \$535. The FY 2025/26 budget includes \$361,133 in revenues and expenditures. The amount of maximum indebtedness remaining is \$128,999,465. The maximum indebtedness incurred in FY 2024/25 was \$535.

The impacts on taxing districts due to the Roads End/Villages at Cascade Head Urban Renewal Plan in FY 2024/25 are shown below.

Taxing District	Taxes Levied with Urban Renewal	Taxes Levied without Urban Renewal	Urban Renewal Taxes Levied
Lincoln County General	26,757,389	26,907,531	150,142
Lincoln County Extension	428,390	430,665	2,275
Lincoln County Animal Services	1,044,359	1,050,046	5,687
Lincoln County Transportation	924,845	929,850	5,005
City of Lincoln City	9,060,827	9,279,215	218,388
North Lincoln Fire and Rescue #1	1,905,676	1,941,017	35,341
Water Devils Lake In	163,828	164,401	573
Water Devils Lake Out	187,100	187,543	443
North Lincoln Health	1,887,823	1,915,349	27,526
Oregon Coast Community College	1,663,779	1,673,106	9,327
Lincoln County School District	46,469,618	46,731,228	261,610
Education Service District Linn, Benton, Lincoln	2,886,714	2,902,866	16,152
TOTAL:	\$93,380,348	\$94,112,817	\$732,469

The impacts on taxing districts due to the Nelscott Urban Renewal Plan in FY 2024/25 are shown below.

Taxing District	Taxes Levied with Urban Renewal	Taxes Levied without Nelscott Urban Renewal	Urban Renewal Taxes Levied
Lincoln County General	26,757,389	26,789,700	32,311
Lincoln County Extension	428,390	428,845	455
Lincoln County Animal Services	1,044,359	1,045,497	1,138
Lincoln County Transportation	924,845	925,755	910
City of Lincoln City	9,060,827	9,107,689	46,862
North Lincoln Fire and Rescue #1	1,905,676	1,913,380	7,704
Water Devils Lake In	163,828	1,226,613	6
Water Devils Lake Out	187,100	188,428	1328
North Lincoln Health	1,887,823	1,893,739	5,916
Oregon Coast Community College	1,663,779	1,665,599	1,820
Lincoln County School District	46,469,618	46,526,048	56,430
Education Service District Linn, Benton, Lincoln	2,886,714	2,890,127	3,413
TOTAL:	\$93,380,348	\$94,601,420	\$158,293



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The Yachats Urban Renewal Agency (Agency) has published the FY 2024/25 Yachats Urban Renewal Plan Annual Report. It is on file at the City of Yachats. The full information is available to all interested persons.

- In FY 2024/25, the Agency received \$570,143 in current and prior years property tax revenue.
- They spent \$736,000
- The estimated tax revenues for FY 2025/26 are \$587,885.
- The FY 2025/26 budget includes \$959,485 in revenues and expenditures.

The impacts on taxing districts due to the Yachats Urban Renewal Plan in FY 2024/25 are shown below.

Taxing District	Impact
Lincoln County General	\$175,522
Lincoln County Extension	\$2,771
Lincoln County Animal Services	\$6,833
Lincoln County Transportation	\$6,035
City of Yachats	\$10,666
Yachats RFPD	\$17,210
Port of Alsea	\$2,050
Pacific Communities Health	\$22,548
Oregon Coast Community College	\$10,932
Lincoln County School District	\$305,569
Education Service District (LBL)	\$18,979
TOTAL:	\$579,115

**Kimmie Jackson**  
Recorder / Election Officer / Notary  
501 Hwy 101 N. – PO Box 345  
Yachats OR 97498  
[recorder@yachatsmail.org](mailto:recorder@yachatsmail.org)  
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#: B29. The above listed property is being held under claim of a Landlord's Lien for failure to pay rent in the amount of \$11,140.00. The amount due to us may be paid and your property recovered by paying in IN FULL prior to the date of this sale. The amount due is through the month that this letter is dated, after the first of the next month another months rent is due. Anchor Storage Management, P.O. Box 985, Lincoln City, OR 97367 541-765-2931

**LCL26-040 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

File No. 25-00840OR Reference is made to that certain deed of trust made by Jasmine Rochelle Massender and Jose Adan Hernandez, as grantor, to Krista L. White, Esq., Bishop, White, Marshall & Weibel, P.S., as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as beneficiary, dated September 12, 2023, recorded September 15, 2023, in the records of Lincoln County, Oregon, under instrument No. 2023-06444, and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, covering the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state: LOT 22, BLOCK 5, BAYSHORE DIVISION NO. 1, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 26, 1963 IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 47, PLAT RECORDS, APN: 13-12-13-DA-10000-00 Commonly known as: 2001 NW Mackey St., Waldport, OR 97394. The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary and no appointments of a successor trustee have been made, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property

is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$31,736.36 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$381,436.98 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: 1. The installments of principal and interest which became due on March 1, 2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Affinia Default Services, LLC, the undersigned trustee will on May 12, 2026 at the hour of 01:00 PM (PST), as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Public Entrance, Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365, County of Lincoln, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. For Sale Information, contact Auction.com at (800) 280-2832 or www.auction.com. In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by Affinia Default Services, LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Affinia Default Services, LLC may be deemed to be a debt collector and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. File No: 25-00840OR Dated: 12/29/2025 Affinia Default Services, LLC By: /s/ Laura Coughlin Name: Laura Coughlin Officer Title: Officer Trustee's Mailing Address: Affinia Default Services, LLC 16000 Christensen Rd., Suite 310 Tukwila, WA 98188 Phone Number: (503) 836-3799 Trustee's Physical Address: Affinia Default Services, LLC 10151 SE Sunnyside Road, Suite 490 Clackamas, OR 97015 Email: [inquiries@affiniaservices.com](mailto:inquiries@affiniaservices.com) NPP0482530 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 02/04/2026, 02/11/2026, 02/18/2026, 02/25/2026

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1 Soft drink giant

9 Pappy

12 "Botch- —" (old hit song)

15 Masticate

19 Oval wind instruments

20 Took too far

22 Put concrete on

23 Start of a riddle

25 Partially

26 Heir, often

27 Penta- plus one

28 Spitting beast

30 Everything

31 Unusual

34 "Our Gang" novelist Roth

37 Actress Peet of "Trust Me"

39 Riddle, part 2

44 Leonardo of "Titanic"

45 Curvy letter

46 Given a permanent post

47 Cereal grain

48 Computer menu option

50 Prefix with chemistry

53 Curiosity's planet

54 Riddle, part 3

60 Palatable

61 Computer menu option

62 Revise, as a manuscript

63 Yank's home

66 Try to be like

69 A couple of

71 Mice, e.g.

73 House divs.

74 Kinda

77 And higher, as in price

80 Perfect

81 Riddle, part 4

85 Dalai —

88 Contaminate

89 Big burden

90 Sports draw

91 Paper-folding craft

94 Part of BTW or OTC

96 "Allow me to assist"

99 End of the riddle

103 Allergy sufferer's device

104 White swan in "Swan Lake"

105 Audit org.

106 Spy's device

107 With

112-Across, "Hold on!"

109 Sneak attack

112 See

107-Across

115 Akron's state

117 Riddle's answer

123 Painter Vincent van —

124 Fastening feature of many a face mask

125 Ultimate consumers of products

126 With 83-Down, Italian veal dish

127 'Zine staffers

128 Antis' votes

129 Occupied, as an inn

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1 Female whales

2 Eight, in Peru

3 "Misery" actor James

4 Prado display

5 102, to Nero

6 Walk- — (small roles)

7 Plastering strip

8 Arthur of tennis

9 Troy of "A Summer Place"

10 Gardner or DuVernay of film

11 Biden's party: Abbr.

12 Basketball coach Rupp

13 Re-sol linkup

14 Boiled, salted soybeans

15 1040 pro

16 Dance similar to the tango

17 Unsaintly soul

18 Marshy habitats

21 Holy artifact

24 Trade show

29 "So true!"

31 Fertilizable cells

32 Chip go-with

33 Actress Bo

35 "The risks outweigh the benefits"

36 Intense beam

38 Some reunion-goers

39 U.S. women's soccer star at the Atlanta Olympics

40 Living ink squirter

41 Assistant

42 Idaho's capital

43 Person doing penance

44 One searching for water with a divining rod

49 Tariff

51 Sporty truck, in brief

52 Daiquiri

55 "Cool" cash amount

56 Very little, as of salt

57 Tantrum

58 Brian of electronica

59 Give as a bonus

63 Like wasted food

64 In a theatrical manner

65 Snoozing

67 Shoe tip

68 Like Nin's writings

70 "Mind Train" singer Yoko

72 Baseball great Roush

75 Old Pan Am competitor

76 "Shy" singer DiFranco

78 ETs' craft

79 Fail to keep one's cool

81 Return to base after a fly ball

82 — nous

83 See 126-Across

84 "Likewise"

85 African capital on the Gulf of Guinea

86 Wyoming tribe members

87 Small swine breeds

92 Several

93 Plant-eating sea mammal

95 Catches in a snare

97 "Planet Money" airer

98 Includes

100 People logging things

101 Politician Mo, Mark or Tom

102 Ship's rigging

108 "If only — known!"

110 — of March

111 Taboo thing

112 Litigated

113 Poet Pound

114 "— la vie!"

116 "Well well!"

118 Charged atom

119 Animal park

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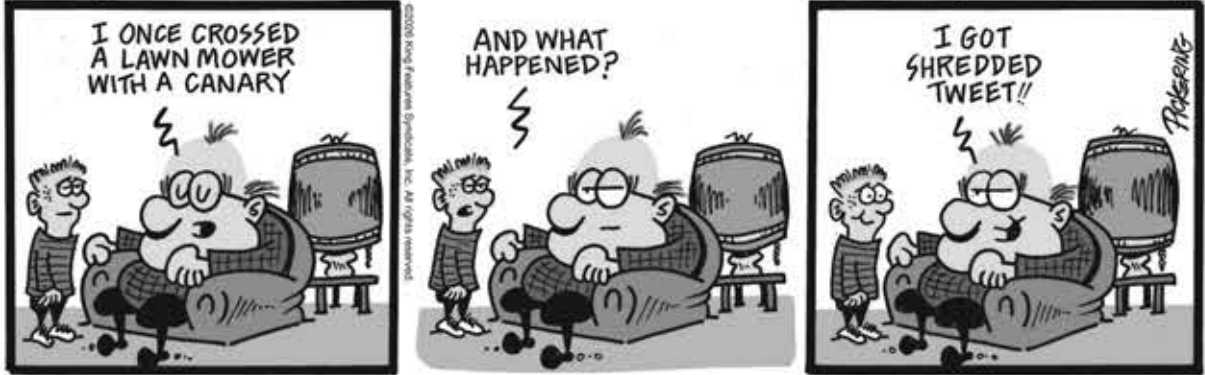
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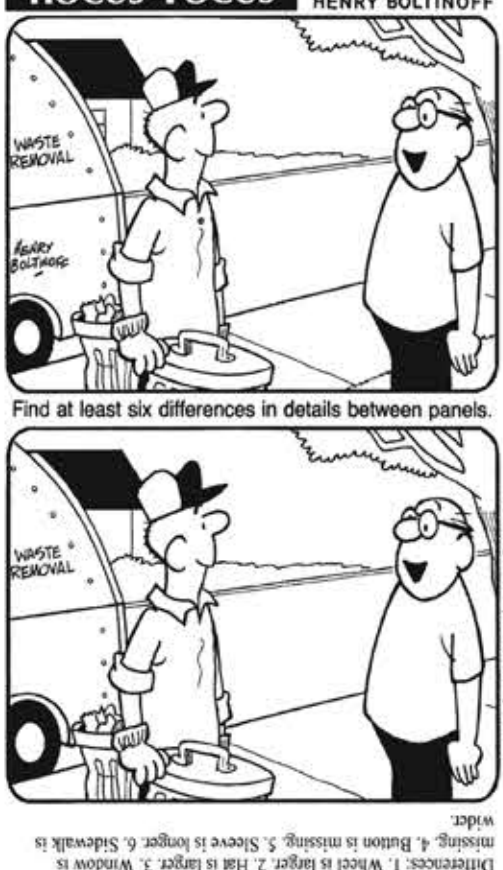
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Just Like Cats & Dogs



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: N equals V

NFQV QFEOHGIS OICG-OIHGFCV  
AQTS BOITJOMCTQFA GI  
RWTCYFQI MOEGJWQIGO:  
ROI JFQIOIAW NOEGTB.

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Fly  
TEAVIA  
Notebook  
RIBEND  
Walk  
REDITS  
Press  
NAKED

TODAY'S WORD

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.

ZM'L DFM MNWM SZWXFDSL  
WBI W HZBV'L TILM JBZIDS,  
TRM ZM'L QFRB TILM JBZIDSL  
UNF WBI QFRB SZWXFDSL.  
— HZDW TWBBIPW

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Trivia  
test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. FOOD & DRINK: What is a bunch of bananas called?
2. MOVIES: Who is Neo's nemesis in "The Matrix"?
3. MUSIC: The Broadway show "Jersey Boys" is about which music group?
4. TELEVISION: In which U.S. city is the sitcom "New Girl" set?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What is the name of the helicopter that transports U.S. presidents?
6. GEOGRAPHY: The Lake of the Ozarks is in which U.S. state?
7. HISTORY: When did construction begin on the Berlin Wall?
8. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called magei-rocophobia?
9. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system has the Great Red Spot?
10. LITERATURE: Which country is the setting for the novel "The French Lieutenant's Woman"?

Answers

1. A hand, and each banana is a finger.
2. Agent Smith.
3. The Four Seasons.
4. Los Angeles.
5. Marine One.
6. Missouri.
7. 1961.
8. A fear of cooking.
9. Jupiter.
10. England.

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CryptoQuote  
answer  
— Gina Barreca

It's not that diamonds are a girl's best friend, but it's your best friends who are your diamonds.

Very relaxing anti-anxiety drug manufactured in southern California: San Fernando Vallum.

CryptoQuip  
answer

STARVED  
Today's Word  
1. Aviate; 2. Binder  
3. Stride; 4. Knead  
solution



"This is delicious — I must really be"



# Tigers take on District Championships

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

Taft High School’s swimming season came to an end at the District Championships in Astoria, with the girls finishing fifth and the boys fourth, narrowly missing state-qualifying marks in several events.

Head Coach Lissa Parker said it was a successful campaign, but late-season illnesses put several of Taft’s strongest swimmers behind the eight-ball going into the final meet of the year. Despite not getting to continue on to the state championships, there were still some highlights from the swims at the Astoria Aquatic Center.

“We had some best time swims at districts. Unfortunately, a couple of my key swimmers have been sick leading up to the meet, at the beginning of the week, so we narrowly missed the cutoff for at least one relay and a couple of individual swims at state,” Parker said. “Overall, they had a pretty successful season, with both girls and boys



Taft’s girls at the District Championships at the Astoria Aquatic Center. (Courtesy photo from Lissa Parkers)

winning the Tillamook Cheese relays, and their last home meet against Blanchet and Gladstone, both boys and girls placed first. They also did well at the Blanchet Invite, placing fairly high in those results.”

The district championship proved to be challenging, but not without its highlights. Of the 24 athletes who competed for Taft, 19 delivered personal best times. The three most substantial drops came from sophomores Heidi Moreno, Hadley Twigg, and Ava Graves. Moreno dropped

an impressive 33 seconds off her career best in the 500 Free. Twigg axed 8.5 seconds off her best time in the 200 Free, and Graves took almost 5 seconds off her personal best in the 100 Back.

Another remarkable moment of the weekend came from Spanish exchange student Fedrico Guzman, who competed in the 500 Free for the second time ever. Guzman finished seventh in the 12-person field, one of Parker’s highlights of the meet.

The three areas where

Taft came closest to securing a state qualification were the boys’ 400 Free Relay, the boys’ 100 Butterfly, and the boys’ 50 Free. The boys’ 400 relay, made up of sophomore Max Serrato, junior Dylan Murphy, senior Blaiah Gray, and senior Elijah Fingerson, finished third behind Tillamook and Newport, just missing the cut. Serrato also placed fourth in the 100 Butterfly, finishing just three seconds off third place. Elijah Fingerson also just missed out on a top-two finish in the 50



Taft’s boys team at the District Championships, which took place Feb. 13-14.

Free. Fingerson’s 24.37 was just .17 seconds behind second place, a tough end to a decorated swimming career at Taft for the senior.

The final team standings from the District Championships were:

**Girls Team Scores**

1. Newport - 283
2. Valley Catholic - 209
3. Tillamook - 174
4. Astoria - 160
5. Taft - 140
6. Seaside - 110
7. St. Helens - 54
8. Scappoose - 46
9. Banks - 34
10. Rainier - 22

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11. Tillamook - 229
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17. Valley Catholic - 79
18. Seaside - 66
19. Neah Kah Nie - 10

While the swim season ended in Astoria, this year saw plenty of highs for the Tigers. Winning the Cheese Relays, the Last Chance Home Invitational, and taking top-three finishes in boys and girls divisions at the Blanchet Invitational were feats to be proud of.

# Newport cheer takes second in state

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

The Newport High School cheerleading squad earned a second-place trophy at the 2026 OSAA State Cheerleading Championships, with many falling in love with their performance on Valentine’s Day.

More than 100 teams competing at the 3A/2A/1A, 4A, 5A, and 6A levels came to compete at Oregon City High School, but just 10 were crowned state champions. Competing at the 4A Small level, the Cubs finished with a total score of 80.50, netting them second place behind Sweet Home, who won with 89.80 points.

It had been a battle between the two programs all season, with Sweet Home proving tough throughout the



Cubs cheerleaders accept their second place trophy at the 2026 OSAA State Cheerleading Championships. (Courtesy photo from the Newport High School Athletics Facebook page)

regular season. Newport was seeking its third consecutive title, entering as the defending state champion two times over. Sweet Home and Newport were in a league of their own, with the

Cubs clearing third-place Cascade by just under 14 total points, but it was Sweet Home’s turn to hoist the trophy.

The full scoring breakdown for the state championships between Sweet

Home and Newport was:  
**Sweet Home**  
Overall: 31.50  
Building: 31.50  
Tumbling and Jumps: 28.80  
Safety Deductions: -2.00

Total Score: 89.80  
**Newport**  
Overall: 27.50  
Building: 28.90  
Tumbling and Jumps: 24.10  
Safety Deductions: 0.00

Total Score: 80.50  
While the Cubs couldn’t quite get back on top of the pyramid, their season has still been a sterling example of the high standards of the program.



The NHS Cubs performing their routine at the 2026 OSAA State Cheerleading Championships. (Courtesy photo from the Newport High School Athletics Facebook page)

# Newport girls take first, boys second at swimming district championships

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

The Cubs hit the water at the Astoria Aquatic Center for the District Championships Feb. 13-14, and Newport High School came away with some of the top marks, with the girls repeating as champions, and the boys taking second heading into the upcoming state championships.

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Newport’s girls secured back-to-back district championships with an impressive 283 points, a 74-point margin over second place. Powering the Cubs to their dominant finish was a collection of exceptional swims and numerous personal bests, according to Head Coach John Wray.

“I am very proud of all the kids and happy for them to achieve those time drops,” Wray said.

Across both divisions, Newport was dominant in the relay events, winning five of six across the boys and girls divisions. To go along with stellar team displays, there were

plenty of individuals who stole the show.

Senior Gwynn Postlewait broke her own school record for the second time this season in winning the 100 Breaststroke with a time of 32.84. She also placed second in the 50-yard free and was a part of all three of Newport’s girls relay teams. Sophomore Ilona Weisz won the 200 and 500 free, with both races being within 1.5 seconds of school records that have stood since 2001. Junior Hana Parker won the 100 butterfly and placed second in the 200 Individual Medley. The final top three placers for Newport’s girls were Junior Ruby Perucci, who took 3rd on the 100 Back and 100 Free.

Also performing well for Newport were freshman Skyla Chen, who

placed 4th in the 100 Fly and 5th in the 200 IM, sophomore Gigi Howard, who placed 4th in the 200 and 500 Free, senior Brynn Hillebrand, who placed 5th in the 100 Back and 9th in the 100 Free, and Junior Alondra Balderas, who finished 11th in the 200 free and 8th in the 100 Fly. Freshman Daphne Grant took 11th in the 50 Free and 9th in the 100 Free, Senior Pacie Young placed 12th in the 100 Free, and freshman Ashlyn Conrad took 10th in the 500 Free.

For the boys, junior Jahan Eibner led the way, capping a phenomenal junior regular season by winning the 200 IM and 100 Fly. Other standouts were junior Clyde Bretz, who took 2nd in both the 100 and 200 Free, and freshman Hudson Cline, who took 2nd in

the 50 Free and 4th in the 100 Free.

Also scoring for Newport’s boys were freshman Dylan Gibson, who placed 5th in the 200 Free and 9th in the 100 Fly, senior Sam Smith, who placed 4th in the 50 Free & 8th in the 100 Free, freshman Rowan Pettett, who took 11th in the 100 Back and senior Zane Carver, who took 6th in the 50 Free and 7th in the 100 Breast. All those swims scored team points on Saturday.

Also competing and setting personal best times were Tristin Speer, Anaid Hernandez, Leo Granilio, and Kindal Brandenberger. In the JV Girls 50 free, sophomore Chloe Postma won, with junior Giselle Sanchez placing 3rd. Both with personal best times.

After the meet, Wray

said the team celebrated in the only way you can after a long day at an away meet.

“[The] team was very excited, we celebrated by eating and riding a bus back home for 3 hours,” Wray said.

Thanks to their fine showing in Astoria, Newport will be represented by Alondra Baldares, Skyla Chen, Ruby Perucci, Daphne Grant, Gigi Howard, Hana Parker, Gwynn Postlewait, Ilona Weisz, Brynn Hillebrand, Anaid Hernandez, Pacie Young, Clyde Bretz, Zane Carver, Jahan Eibner, Dylan Gibson, Rowan Pettett, and Sam Smith.

Going into the state meet, Wray said his team will need to sleep, rest, eat well, and fix the small things to be at their best.