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This humpback whale washed ashore at Yatchats late Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, after investigators said it was entangled in fishing gear. The proposed changes would be a doubling down on whale entanglement prevention. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

## ODFW seeks comments for Dungeness crabbing rules

**NATE SCHWARTZ**  
County Media, Inc.

the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife are accepting public comment in regards to further changes to commercial

Dungeness crab fishing regulations.

A major portion of

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Ahead a meeting in Salem on August 14,

## Child rescue a 'Fourth of July Miracle'

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

Netarts Oceanside Fire District officials said the successful search and rescue of a 4-year-old child is a "4th of July miracle."

The rescue was launched at Cape Lookout State Park along Netarts Bay in Tillamook County, Saturday, July 4, after the child had become separated from her family.

Netarts Oceanside Fire District officials said the child was found 5 miles north on the Netarts Bay Spit, and reportedly had hypothermia and was dehydrated. The child was transported to Adventist Health Tillamook in good condition, the fire district officials said in a

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A U.S. Coast helicopter flies overhead during the rescue operation. (Courtesy photo from Netarts Oceanside Fire District)

# Eight charged with brush fire

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Lincoln County Leader

Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) investigators said a brush fire that forced brief evacuations along Coast Avenue in Lincoln City July 4, was caused by eight people recklessly throwing fireworks.

"The initial report indicates that around 9 p.m. on Independence Day a group of younger folks were observed by neighbors recklessly throwing lit fireworks off of their back porch into a grassy hillside overlooking the beach, which then caught fire," LCPD Sgt. Erik Anderson told The Lincoln County Leader. "The gathering was at a family home on Coast Avenue, and not a Vacation Rental Dwelling. Despite initial denials, once confronted with video evidence taken by a neighbor, the young man hosting the gathering admitted that he and his



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Investigators said the fire caused brief area evacuations. (Courtesy photo)

# Oregon lawsuit could upend federal management of public lands

**ALEX BROWN**  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

A new lawsuit challenging a logging project in Oregon threatens to unravel the management plans governing hundreds of millions of acres of federal public land.

At stake are thousands of leases and permits covering billions of dollars of economic activity — including mining, drilling, grazing, logging, ski resorts, wind and solar projects, outdoor

recreation, hunting and fishing. If successful, the lawsuit could throw the management of huge swaths of the West into chaos.

Some experts fear the new legal uncertainty around federal agencies' management authority could unleash a tsunami of lawsuits targeting everything from mining to the conservation of wildlife habitat.

"They've opened Pandora's Box here," said Susan Jane Brown, the attorney who filed the lawsuit and serves as principal at Silvix Resources, a nonprofit environmental law firm.

"When you throw that whole system into chaos, it's a problem whether

you're the oil and gas industry or the timber industry or someone who wants to take a fall hunting trip. There's a lot at stake here."

The legal battle stems from Republican lawmakers' recent use of the Congressional Review Act, a previously obscure tool, to push for more mining and drilling on public lands overseen by the federal Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service.

Under President Donald Trump, Congress has aggressively used the review power granted by the 1996 law to revoke decisions made during the Biden administration,

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A harvester crane processes a log on a thinning project in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in Washington state. A new lawsuit targeting a timber harvest in Oregon could upend management of federal lands across the West. (Courtesy photo from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources)



Weather

Wednesday: High-61/Low-47 AM Clouds/PM Sun
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Friday: High-61/Low-49 AM Clouds/PM Sun
Saturday: High-61/Low-47 Partly Cloudy
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Monday: High-63/Low-51 Partly Cloudy
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Past Weather

On the Coast

Table with 3 columns: Date, Rain, Low, High. Rows for dates from 30-Jun to 06-Jul and total rainfall.

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Tide table for Wednesday, July 8 with times for low and high tide.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Tide table for Thursday, July 9 with times for low and high tide.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Tide table for Friday, July 10 with times for low and high tide.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Tide table for Saturday, July 11 with times for low and high tide.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Tide table for Sunday, July 12 with times for low and high tide.

MONDAY, JULY 13

Tide table for Monday, July 13 with times for low and high tide.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

Tide table for Tuesday, July 14 with times for low and high tide.

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Table with 2 columns: Date, Sunrise, Sunset. Rows for dates from July 8 to July 16.

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Fatal crash on Highway 18

JEREMY C. RUARK Lincoln County Leader

One person was killed, another hospitalized following a traffic crash along Highway 18 at Otis.

Oregon State Police (OSP) responded to the two-vehicle fatal crash at approximately 10:10 a.m. July 3.

According to OSP's preliminary investigation, a gray Nissan pickup, operated by 35-year-old Bryan James Anderson, of Grand Ronde, was traveling eastbound on Highway 18 and for unknown reasons entered the westbound lane where it collided head-on with a westbound blue Ford Maverick pickup, operated

by 63-year-old Jenny Fiddymment Wiens, of Salem.

The operator of the Nissan (Anderson) was pronounced deceased at the scene. Anderson was reportedly not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash. The operator of the Ford (Wiens) was transported to an area hospital with serious injuries.

The highway was impacted for approximately three hours during the on-scene investigation. Traffic was detoured around the crash site.

North Lincoln Fire & Rescue and the Oregon Department of Transportation assisted OSP during the investigation.



This fatal crash site. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

State issues insurance fraud alert

STAFF REPORT Lincoln County Leader

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

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

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

Victims receive multiple telemarketing calls in which they tell the telemarketer personal information. The information collected during these

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

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

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

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

Sign up for the National Do Not Call Registry. Do not answer the phone if you do not know the caller. If you do answer,

hang up if it is a robot, a stranger, or someone pressuring you.

If you do not know the sender, do not respond to texts, emails, or click on a link.

Question everything. If you do not understand something, do not sign it or agree to it.

Never give personal identifying information to strangers.

Ask your credit card company and bank if they can put a fraud alert on your accounts.

Monitor your financial accounts regularly.

Consider enlisting a trusted family member or reputable bill-paying service. Contact your local

Area Agency on Aging for help with routine payments.

Execute a power of attorney only if you have someone you trust completely, and only after consulting with an attorney. Be sure to ask about gifting clauses, and limit the power you give your selected person. Only grant authority that is necessary.

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LAWSUIT

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including financial regulations, energy efficiency standards and auto emissions rules.

Some legal experts contend that by using the law to target public land policy, Congress unwittingly invalidated hundreds of land use plans, along with decades worth of permits and management decisions. The Oregon lawsuit is the first to test that theory in court — but public lands advocates don't expect it to be the last.

"This is incredibly destabilizing for anyone that cares about public lands, whether you care about those as an industrial developer or a wilderness advocate," said John Ruple, research professor of law at the University of Utah's Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources, and the Environment.

Over the past year, legal experts, agency veterans, conservation groups and industry leaders have warned that Congress was using the Congressional Review Act in a way that could undermine land use plans across the country. Oil and gas drillers could have their permits challenged in court. Ranchers could lose their leases. And understaffed federal agencies would have to redraft hundreds of plans that typically take years to complete.

"This has been flying under the radar," said Michael Carroll, a land management campaign director with the Wilderness Society, an environmental group. "[Congress] basically opened themselves up to multiple lawsuits from any number of stakeholders calling into question whether or not an agency has the authority to issue permits."

The Congressional

Review Act

The three-decade-old Congressional Review Act requires new regulations issued by federal agencies to be submitted to Congress before taking effect. Congress then has a review period of 60 working days during which it can vote to revoke them.

This review power was rarely invoked until Trump's first term, when Republicans used it to overturn 16 regulations. The GOP has been even more aggressive in Trump's second term, overturning 23 rules so far, including conservation standards for water heaters, overdraft lending regulations and restrictions on pollutants in tire manufacturing.

Until recently, management plans for federal public lands were not considered "rules" subject to congressional review under the law. Agencies have issued well over 100 such plans since 1996 without ever submitting one to Congress. Those documents guide the work of agency officials who oversee specific areas of land, often covering millions of acres.

Created after years of public meetings and local feedback, they determine which landscapes will be leased for oil and gas drilling, protected for endangered species or open for off-road vehicles, along with a multitude of other uses.

But last year, Republicans asked the Government Accountability Office, a nonpartisan advisory agency for Congress, to affirm a sweeping new view of the Congressional Review Act. The office found that certain management plans were subject to review because their land use decisions "prescribed

policy," and determined that lawmakers' queries about those plans had opened the 60-day review "clock" in each instance.

Using this new interpretation, Republicans in the past two years have revoked plans that restricted mining and oil production on federal lands in Alaska, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming.

But the repercussions could go well beyond those specific plans.

None of the plans issued by federal land managers over the past 30 years was ever submitted for review, because no one at the time considered them to be rules. In other words, hundreds of plans covering millions of acres of land could be deemed invalid under the new congressional interpretation.

Oregon lawsuit

Now, a lawsuit in Oregon will put that argument to the test. Cascadia Wildlands, a conservation group in the Pacific Northwest, has filed a complaint challenging a timber harvest on Bureau of Land Management land in western Oregon. That logging project was approved under a management plan that was issued in 2016.

Since Congress now considers such plans to be rules, the plaintiffs argue, the 2016 plan never took effect because it was never submitted to Congress.

Cascadia Wildlands has fought numerous legal battles over logging projects approved by the Bureau of Land Management. If the lawsuit over the management plan is successful, said Nick Cady, the group's legal director, the same theory would give them leverage to block any logging project issued under the 2016 plan.

"They let the genie out

of the bottle," Cady said. "Instead of just letting [the Congressional Review Act] move forward with whatever Republicans choose to select, it's worth curbing that by pointing out that it can point both ways."

If the plan is struck down, activists of all types could use that precedent to challenge any activity on public land governed by a management plan that hasn't been reviewed by Congress.

"It is a target-rich environment if our lawsuit is successful, and even if it's not successful we've already demonstrated that there's a lot of interest here," Brown said. "This is what happens when you overturn longstanding precedent and throw spaghetti at the wall."

Cady and Brown said they hope their case compels Congress to revise the Congressional Review Act to exempt public land management plans.

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Don Lindly Park is located in Tidewater. (Courtesy photos)



The purchase represents a change in direction for the property, which had previously been planned for development as a motorized boating facility with paved parking.

## County purchases Don Lindly Park

**STAFF REPORT**  
Lincoln County Leader

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners have purchased Don Lindly Park in Tidewater, according to a release from Lincoln County.

The property had been previously operated by Lincoln County Parks under a lease agreement from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Commissioners Walter Chuck and Casey Miller approved an order during their regular meeting June 17, authorizing purchase of the 10-acre former

recreational vehicle park on the south bank of the Alsea River at milepost 7 on Highway 38.

The county had been operating the park under a 40-year lease with ODFW, whose commission voted in April to approve selling the property to Lincoln County.

The purchase represents a change in direction for the property, which had previously been planned for development as a motorized boating facility with paved parking.

Many residents and visitors pushed back on those plans beginning with a series of public meetings

during 2023, in which County and state agency staff heard overwhelming feedback that the park should be maintained in its more natural state and only developed with an eye toward non-motorized uses – such as swimming, bank fishing, kayaking, and paddleboarding.

That change in plans meant that the County would have to purchase the park in order to keep operating it – otherwise, ODFW would have placed the property on the market for the highest bidder.

The purchase was only possible because of a \$320,000 gift from an

anonymous donor.

With those funds, the County bought the property for \$250,000 and repaid a grant from the Oregon State Marine Board that had been received under the understanding that the park would be developed for motorized use.

Parks Supervisor Kelly Perry said the public should not expect to see any changes to the property in the immediate future, as currently there no funds available for improvements. She is now seeking grants for native plant restoration.

“It is a mature, forested

intertidal wetland,” Perry said. “There are approximately 12 Sitka spruces that have a diameter at breast height of over 160 inches – very large trees. So that’s the foundation, but we want to plant more spruce and more native wetland species, as well as remove invasive species.”

She said the county parks department has already been working with Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District to remove purple loosestrife, one of the top ten invasive species in the state.

Don Lindly Park is a day-use-only facility,

with no overnight parking allowed. The gates are locked from late fall to spring every year, as the property lies in a floodway. There are no restrooms, electricity, or running water.

“Don Lindly Park is one of those places that people simply love, whether they’re casting a line, walking a dog, or watching birds in the shade of the old Sitka spruces,” Perry said. “We are deeply thankful to the public donor whose generosity ensured this treasured property will remain open and accessible to the public.”

## Oregon’s minimum wage rises 50 cents per hour

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Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregonians making minimum wage received a 50-cent bump per hour Wednesday, July 1, resulting in an average of \$573 more per year for someone working full time.

In the Portland metro, the floor for hourly wages will rise to \$16.80. In 15 counties and parts of three counties in the Willamette Valley, Northwest Coast and southern Oregon, the minimum wage rises to \$15.55 per hour, and in 18 mostly rural eastern Oregon counties, the minimum hourly wage will be \$14.55. The rural wage is always \$1 less than the standard wage, and the Portland minimum wage

is always \$1.25 more due to the higher cost of living.

A 2016 Oregon law requires the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries to adjust statewide minimum wages annually for inflation. The bureau announced the 50-cent per hour increase in April, which reflects a 3.3% rate of inflation for the cost of food, energy, essential goods, housing and medical services between March 2025 and March 2026, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Inflation has since gone up, in large part due to the higher cost of fuels driven by the U.S. war in Iran. The most recent rate of inflation calculated

between the end of May 2025 and the end of May 2026 was 4.2%, according to the federal labor statistics bureau.

Calculated at that rate, the average hourly minimum wage bump would be closer to 63 cents.

Oregon is one of more than three dozen states that pay higher minimum wages than the federal standard of \$7.25, which has gone unchanged for 17 years. Over the past decade, Oregon’s standard minimum wage has gone up by \$6.30 per hour, or about 63 cents per year.

About 4% of Oregon workers earn minimum wage, according to state

data. Among them, slightly more than half are women, more than 40% are Black or Hispanic and most — nearly 90% — are adults at least 20 years old, according to recent analysis from the left-leaning Washington, D.C.-based think tank

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## We would like to introduce our Grand Marshalls; Oop and Rita Johnson



Senior court from left: Rhianne, Taylor  
Junior Court from left: Kyleena, Emilee

The 2026 Toledo Summer Festival Grand Marshalls, Oop and Rita Johnson, were both born at Toledo Hospital.

A. Erling "Oop" Johnson was the youngest child of Hans and Alvina Johnson. Raised in Toledo, he followed in the footsteps

of his mother and older siblings by graduating from Toledo High School in 1963.

Rita Johnson was the younger of twin daughters born to Calvin and Theresa Martin. She grew up in Otter Rock and graduated from Newport High School in 1966. Her parents were educators who served in many schools throughout the Lincoln County School District.

Oop and Rita were married on May 16, 1970, and began their life together in Toledo. They purchased the home where they still reside today. Oop worked at Georgia-Pacific's bag plant, while Rita worked at the bank. Soon after, they started their family with the birth of their daughter, Elaine. Rita chose to stay home to raise Elaine and the three daughters who followed: Jill and then twins Cindy and Becky. All four girls were raised in Toledo and graduated from Toledo High School. Rita returned to work during labor strikes and later resumed full-time employment in 1991.

Oop worked at the Georgia-Pacific mill in Toledo for more than 40 years. After the bag plant closed, he completed his career in the tool room. He also earned a contractor's license and spent many summers roofing houses and building decks. Following retirement, he became well known for repairing lawn mowers and chain saws for friends and neighbors throughout the community.

Rita devoted countless hours to volunteer service, working with youth programs including Girl Scouts, the Tall Timber Swim Team, and the Lincoln County 4-H Program. She also became known as a talented at-home seamstress, creating prom dresses and hemming countless pairs of jeans for local families.

Together, Oop and Rita have been blessed with five grandchildren: Devyn, Shelby, Robert, Hailey, and Tommy.

Grand Marshalls :  
Opp & Rita Johnson



Devyn graduated from Toledo Jr./Sr. High School, married her high school sweetheart, Austin, and blessed the family with two great-grandchildren, Trask and Tymber. Shelby and Hailey graduated from Siletz Valley Charter School, and Robert graduated from Toledo Jr./Sr. High School exactly 100 years after Oop's mother, Alvina Johnson.

Oop continues to volunteer every Friday at the Toledo History Center on Main Street, representing the very best of Toledo's spirit of service and community.

For more than 56 years, Oop and Rita Johnson have generously given back to the Toledo community. Their dedication, volunteerism, and commitment to family have left a lasting impact on generations of Toledo residents, and they continue to make a difference today.

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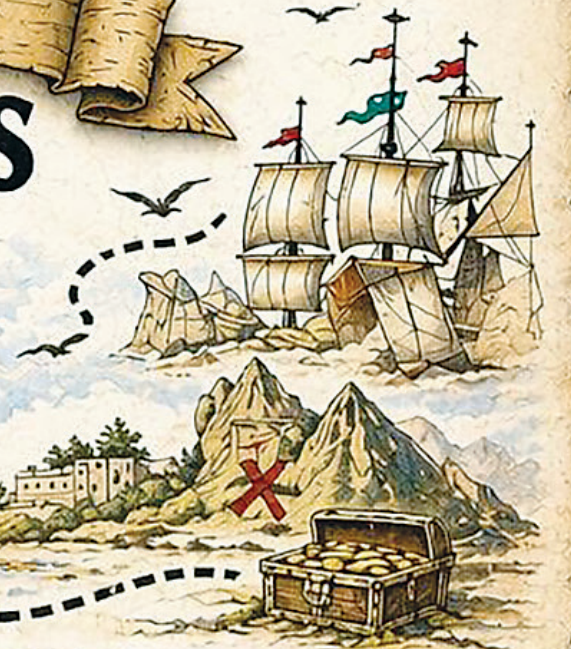


# Toledo Summer Festival

## 2026 Event Schedule

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#### July 9-12, 2026



#### Thursday, July 9

- Sidewalk Chalk on Main St - 10:00 AM
- Queen's Coronation - 7:00 PM

#### Friday, July 10

- Kids Parade - 6:00 PM
- Gates Open - 6:00 PM
- Jon and Doreen Howry Entertainment night
- DOA Pro Wrestling - 7:00 PM
- Pirate Logger Costume Contest - 9:00 PM
- Beer Garden 6:00 PM to 11:30 PM
- Festival Closed 12:00 AM

#### Saturday, July 11

- Grand Parade - 11:00 AM
- Gates Open - 12:00 PM
- Court Introduction - 12:50 PM
- Logging Show - 1:00 PM
- Pirate Logger Costume Contest - 7:00 PM
- The Shinkle Band - 8:00 PM
- Grand Fireworks Show - 10:00 PM
- Beer Garden 12:00 PM to 11:30 PM
- Festival Closed - 12:00 AM

#### Sunday, July 12

- Gates Open - 11:00 AM
- Kids Logging Show - 12:00 PM
- Beer Garden 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM
- Festival Closed - 5:00 PM



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FIRE

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guests had committed the conduct.”

Due to the work of North Lincoln Fire & Rescue, Depoe Bay Fire District, Newport Fire Department, and the Oregon Department of Forestry all working together through mutual aid, the damage was limited to the hillside, and no injuries were reported,

according to Anderson. The Lincoln City Police Department provided assistance in case investigation, maintaining a parameter, and contacting residents.

The following people have been arrested and charged with starting the fire:

- Alexander Chen, 21, of Portland Oregon
- Arvin Kharrazu, 21, of C26212184
- Braeden Carter, 21, of Bend Oregon

- Ethan Thanh-Tai Tieu, 21, of Battleground Washington
- Jeremy Hannah, 21, of Portland Oregon
- Jesse Lindholm, 21, of Portland Oregon
- Logan Carter, 21, of Bend Oregon
- Olin Gilster, 21, of Portland Oregon

All eight suspects were arrested for ORS 164.335 Reckless Burning, an A Misdemeanor. They were cited to appear on July 20 at the Lincoln County

Circuit Court.

Using thermal imaging, an LCPD drone pilot assisted by identifying hot spots and fire movement to coordinate the efforts of fire crews to better protect houses and structures in the area, according to Anderson.

“Our drone program has really become a public safety asset for the community from search and rescue, to locating missing children, and now coordinating with fire-fighting

efforts,” Anderson said.

“This program is really paying off. I have learned that NLFDR is working on standing up their own drone program and I’m thankful for the support of the community as we continue to learn how to best apply this technology.”

Eight Lincoln City Police Department officers worked with the four fire agencies to protect the public during this event, taking them away from other tasks, according to

Anderson.

“This is another example of why we take the reckless use of fireworks seriously,” he said. “In many parts of our country they may not pose as much of a threat. Out here, in our dry months, irresponsible use of fireworks can have grave consequences. Thankfully this time we were able to avoid any of these families’ homes from burning down, but next time, we might not be so lucky.”

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Coastal Oregon’s fishing industry, Dungeness are a species that have become emblematic of the area’s blue economy.

These proposed changes would be a doubling down on whale entanglement prevention, for which stricter regulations were already passed earlier this year. As of April 1, 2026, crabbers were required to comply with a 20% reduction in pot limits, mandatory use of secondary buoy tags, and a depth restriction of 40 fathoms.

While ODFW had been proposing these changes for several years, the adoption was accelerated by a higher rate of whale and turtle entanglements in the past two years. In 2024 and 2025 a record number on humpback whales were caught in Dungeness crabbing gear.

According to ODFW, three were recorded in 2024 and a further four in 2025. Many of these entanglements are reported after the whale has already traveled hundreds of miles while encumbered by fishing gear, with some being found as far as Southern California and Mexico. One juvenile humpback was stranded on a Yachats beach earlier this season.

According to Crystal Adams, Executive Director at the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, who’s offices are here in Coos Bay, these regulatory changes are not unwelcome as long as they are reasonable on a financial level and lead to positive conservation outcomes.

“We are regulated to restriction currently, so adding on regulations is never a good thing, never a happy thing for the fleet, but as long as we do it

together and the outcome is good,” said Adams. “If there’s a reason for it, as long as the outcome shows that its effective, we’ll be alright, we’ll work together and figure out how to do this.”

The hang up with this recent round of proposed changes is that they are additive, rather than restrictive. The last changes reduced pot sizes and fishing depths, these new changes will require new electronic monitoring for vessels’ hydraulic systems, will add additional guidelines for experimental fishing gear permitting, and modify which surface gear commercial crabbers can use.

“The first round of regulations we’ve been working on for years,” explained Adams. “This new information is different. Automating trackers that can go on boats, hydraulic monitoring just to see if they’re pulling

their crab here. More monitoring will be expensive; it will be tough. So, we need to make sure whatever they do, they do it very transparently, and over time, and use the actual equipment on the water.”

Adams called for transparency and communication from ODFW, and keeping the fishermen in the fold. Oregon’s commercial crab fleet has 424 boats across 6 major ports along the entire Oregon coast, and they run a long season, often December to August.

According to their official position as submitted to the ODFW for comment, the commission urges that new requirements should not add costs or complexity in a way that compromises safety or fails to contribute to conservation goals. They emphasized the fact that many of the fleet’s vessels are small, family-owned operations with older technology and basic

hydraulic systems.

“Additional equipment and monitoring can be expensive and technically challenging and may introduce new points of failure if not carefully designed and supported. The fleet is not opposed to new technology; we are asking that electronic monitoring and hydraulic tracking, if required, be phased in with appropriate funding support, clear guidance, and adequate time for training and troubleshooting,” states the Crab Commission’s official position.

Adams explained that while there can be growing pains, regulation is a reality of the industry and if they are to be implemented, they should be introduced with clarity and communication. The fleet supports protecting whales and other marine life, they just want regulations to be reasonable and effective.

“We are asking for regulations—including

any electronic monitoring and hydraulic tracking requirements—that are realistic, affordable, and tailored to a diverse, community based fleet, and for ODFW and the Commission to work closely with industry to refine these requirements, ensure adequate implementation timelines and financial/technical support, and maintain robust outreach so fleet input is genuinely incorporated,” states the Commission.

If you have a vested interest in commercial Dungeness crabbing regulations, you are encouraged to have your voice heard during this comment period. You can submit comment online on the ODFW’s Proposed Permanent Rulemaking page at dfw.state.or.us/OARs. The last day to submit comment is July 24, ahead of the hearing on August 14.

Nate Schwartz is the editor of the Coos Bay World.

Judi Wentz

5/26/1950-6/1/2026

Judith Ann Wentz, 76, passed away in Bend, Oregon on June 1, 2026 after a 15-year battle with multiple myeloma. Born May 26, 1950 in Kirkland, Washington, the daughter of Ed and Cleo Wentz, she attended Snoqualmie schools, Mt Si High, and Fort Wright College of the Holy Names in Spokane.



Judi loved digging for clams along the Oregon Coast and Whidbey Island. Making sauerkraut (only late-winter cabbage!) required bare feet, at least one beer, and rock & roll. She played piano, spoke French, and adored classic cars, including her 1955 Pontiac Star Chief. A prolific pie maker, she gifted hundreds of homemade pies. She was an avid gardener and cook with an infectious personality, bursting with energy and a love for life.

She married Steve Beatty in 1968 in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. In 1978 the family moved to Toledo, Oregon and built a house using materials from buildings they demolished themselves.

Judi worked as a waitress and as Evidence Custodian for the Newport Sheriff’s Office, then as Public Education Specialist with the Kent Police Department, where she created her own kids’ TV show, Judi’s Jungle. As children’s librarian in Toledo she won Oregon Library Employee of the Year in 1996. She founded two businesses: Kraut Queen, making her famous dill pickles and sauerkraut, and Safety Queen, running safety seminars and Neighborhood Block Watches.

Survived by spouse Craig Sullivan; sons PJ (Jamie) and Nate (Laurie) Beaty; grandchildren Aaron (Makenna) and Hannah; great-grandchildren Raylon and Teigan; siblings Margie (Dan) Sanford, Donna, Bob (Debbie), and Russell (Sue) Wentz; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents; cousins Tony and Don McCreary, Elton Belts; niece Ellen Dorothea Wentz.

A celebration of life will be held in Snoqualmie, Washington August 8, 2026, and in Bend, Oregon May 26, 2027.

MIRACLE

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Facebook post. The rescue operation

was conducted and supported by Oregon State Park Rangers, Netarts Oceanside Fire Search and Rescue, and Drone teams, Tillamook Sheriff’s

Department, Tillamook County Search and Rescue Team, US Coast Guard Tillamook Bay with ocean and ground resources, US Coast Guard Astoria helicopter resources, Tillamook Ambulance paramedic team and dispatchers at the Tillamook 911 Center.

The name of the family and details about how the child became separated were not included in the fire district’s post.



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Sudoku answers

Nelson Stewart

November 3, 1934- April 20, 2026

Nelson Eugene (Gene) Stewart was born in Lebanon, Oregon, on November 3, 1934, to Hugh and Gladys Stewart. He grew up in the Lebanon area and graduated from Lebanon High School in 1952. After a short time working for Cascade Plywood, Gene enlisted in the United States Navy, serving both shore duty in California and sea duty in the Western Pacific.



Retirement allowed Gene to fully embrace the activities he loved most—hunting, fishing, trapshooting, and gardening. He approached each with the same passion and curiosity that defined his professional life.

Gene passed away on April 20, 2026, at the age of 91, following a short battle with cancer.

He is survived by his daughters, Tandi Smallwood (Keith Atkinson) and Trena Becker (Rob Earnest); grandchildren Stefani DasGupta (Saubhik), Danielle Smallwood, Brock Becker (Brooke), and Cole Becker (Grace); and great grandchildren Cobi Smallwood, Faith Smallwood, Markus DasGupta, Sofi DasGupta, Brynlee Becker, and Brielle Becker. He is also survived by his sister, Marcia Bond; sister in law, Iva Moynihan (Larry); and many nieces and nephews.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh and Gladys Stewart, and by his wife, Neva Stewart.

His family will remember him for his quiet strength, deep love of the outdoors, and unwavering devotion to those he loved. There will be no service, rather a family gathering at a later date.

In August 1954, Gene married Neva Seems in Berkeley, California. They welcomed two daughters, Tandi and Trena, who remained the center of his life.

Following his four years of military service, Gene attended Oregon State University, earning his Bachelor’s Degree in Fisheries and later completing his Master’s Degree in the same field. His professional career reflected his lifelong dedication to natural resources and fisheries science. Gene worked for the Oregon Fish Commission (1962–1964), Oregon State University (1964–1971), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Rhode Island (1971–1973), and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (1973–1993). He retired in August 1993 after 32 years as a Fisheries Biologist.

Carolyn ‘Gail’ Carroll

February 21, 1936 - January 14, 2026

Carolyn ‘Gail’ Carroll left this world for her heavenly home January 14, 2026.



She was born February 21, 1936 in Berlin, New Hampshire to Burton and Estelle Hanson. She had two brothers Bruce L. Hanson and Scott N. Hanson. She and her family relocated to Bakersfield, Cal in the 1950s and she graduated high school there in 1955. She was active in the arts, acting and singing and enjoyed her days there. She met Earl W. Carroll and they married May 21, 1955.

They were stationed at Tehachapi Edward Air Force Base when their first baby, Stephen Wayne arrived 1956. The young family then moved to Eugene, Oregon where she had two more babies Michael S. Carroll, 1957 and Diane K. Carroll, 1958. After that the family moved to Pismo Beach Morro Bay, Cal. where a fourth child Carol Carroll was born, 1960. The family moved to Bakersfield, Cal.

with their big family and Mark Earl arrived, 1961.

They move back to Oregon in 1975. Small town Coburg Or. then to Eugene starting their first real-estate office. Earl first Gail a home in Yachats in 1979. Then Gail found a place in Otis 1989. Which she still owned until she passed.

Her life was very full with motherhood and also enjoying her artistic endeavors on stage, beautiful oil art work. She enjoyed visiting family on

the East Coast as often as possible and had always wanted to return to Oregon which came true with a move to Lincoln City.

Her artistic efforts continued on throughout the community plus being active at the Catholic Church and other organizations and selling real estate.

She is survived by her children, 13 grandchildren, and 5 great grandbabies. Earl died in 2012 and her son Stephen Wayne passed away 1996 in Newport.

## Public safety and emergency services in Lincoln County are at risk

**PATTI S. MURPHY**  
*Lincoln County Leader*  
*Guest Column*

Six months of local government dysfunction is enough!

This is not a You Issue or a Me Issue or even a They Issue - This is a Bipartisan Issue!

The May Election was supposed to solve this. The Commissioners said so themselves as an explanation for why they have constantly slow-tracked and delayed appointing any of the numerous qualified candidates for the unfilled commission seat after Commissioner Clair Hall's unexpected death nearly half a year ago!

Now, we are being told Oops! Now, we don't want to follow the lead of the voters who have already chosen a commissioner who will take office in January and is ready, willing and able to do so early because common sense would indicate that some continuity for our county government would be better than continued chaos and

non-certainty.

Meanwhile, our disaster preparedness appears to be at an All-time Low after the departure of our former Emergency Services Director in the Fall of 2023. More than a Year ago, our Emergency Alert System (EAS) for radio/television/broadcasting required Monthly State and National Alerts apparently ceased being even tested in Lincoln County. After numerous attempts to resolve this met stonewalling and silence at the County level, State and National intervention by Elected Officials was sought, yet after another Half a Year!!! it is still Not certain whether or how well or consistently even the tests are working now and serious questions remain about If, When, or How either EAS or Lincoln Alerts/OR Alerts will actually inform the public of Dangers.

According to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office website, the latest Annual Test of Lincoln Alerts was scheduled for May 7th in 2021 (no

that's not a typo--five years ago). Since then, the very company that provides the limited electrical power/cell phone/internet dependent system to Lincoln County resident-subscribers only, has been sold privately for cash to a multi-national corporation which is extremely non-transparent and numerous problems with service and accountability are just now coming to light.

Even more disturbing to discover, apparently in March this year, Sheriff Shanks was interviewed by Lincoln Chronicle about his apparently unilateral choice to "test" the 911/non-Emergency Call for Help system we all depend on by quietly turning it over to "AVA" an AI Avatar Experiment (courtesy of WVCC-Willamette Valley Communications, Salem based system that serves our Nine (9) police, fire and ambulance agencies in Lincoln County) instead of REAL HUMANS, ideally local ones! "Ava" is answering your Lincoln

County non-emergency calls to see if artificial intelligence can help dispatchers, according to the Lincoln Chronicle.

Turning over the very lives and safety of Lincoln County residents to an Experimental AI Avatar without even discussing it publicly or even sending notice to our community beforehand puts everyone at risk, not only Lincoln County residents and anyone who comes to or through the area, but our government as a whole as well.

Because such a non-human response system is dangerously and probably illegally inaccessible to numerous vulnerable populations among us: Elders and people with disabilities (speech, hearing, dyslexia, autism, cognitive or mental health issues, PTSD, emotionally distressed, etc.), Non-English speakers, English as a Second Language learners, and anyone in crisis, especially if they have tried and failed to reach 911 directly first (kind of like calling Dial A Prayer and getting a Voicemail

only or hang up) or anyone who was afraid to even try to make the call to authorities at all.

People deserve better from Lincoln County government than to allow this Ambush of the very systems we depend on to "serve and protect" us.

If we value our Public Safety as not only essential for ourselves, our families, our children, our businesses, but also for the protection of the 5-10 Million Tourists, Visitors, Workers, and others who come here, stay here or travel through Lincoln County annually, we need to end the chaos and uncertainty by allowing our only Commissioner-Elect to begin serving on the Board of Commissioners right away.

The public is owed this duty of due care for everyone's public safety. Yes, we do owe every one of the candidates who came forward and applied to fill BOC vacancies, as well as the four remaining candidates still running in the November Election, a round of applause and our

deepest thanks for stepping up when we needed them!

But our community of 51,000 residents deserves a fully staffed and functioning Board of Commissioners right now. Yes, there are many other issues and considerations, but public safety must come first and until we are secure here, the arguments and stalemating must take a back seat to the voters of Lincoln County who at least have chosen one Commissioner-Elect extremely well-qualified as a Leader in that field.

If he is not allowed to begin his work as a commissioner now to fill Clair Hall's remaining term, then at least appoint him into a public safety and emergency services coordinator position immediately so that Lincoln County is protected and served in the meantime.

Lincoln County cannot afford to wait any longer for Public Safety Action!

*Patti S. Murphy is a rural East Lincoln County resident.*

## Can AI help Oregon prepare for wildfires?

**RANDY STAPILUS**  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*

Oregon and the Northwest generally have gotten off light so far this year when it comes to wildfires. That can change and probably will, because wildfires tend to take a worsening turn in the month or so ahead.

But starting this year, we may have some new tools for planning for their arrival.

As of June 25, the National Interagency Fire Center has reported a total 35,118 fires nationwide burning 2.9 million acres — both numbers considerably higher for this point in the year than any year in the last decade and well above the average

this century. The northwest, with its fire-friendly weather and other conditions this year, is unlikely to escape for much longer.

In fact, the Oregon Department of Forestry said June 15 that all of its forestry districts are now considered to be in fire season. Fire Protection Division Chief Michael Curran said that "Looking at the current conditions and projections for the summer, ODF is prepared to have another busy fire season."

Apart from the usual preparation efforts of assembling firefighters, equipment and supplies, is there anything Oregon can do to get ready?

Might this, in part, be a job for artificial intelligence?

An April 10 report from Oregon State University and the Nature Conservancy offers what amount to predictive tools about wildfire probabilities, including some factors wildfire analysts may have missed in the past.

Their model breaks wildfire risk into three groups of factors. One of them, wildfire hazard, includes the probability and intensity of burns, and researchers over the years ordinarily have considered them. Relative dryness, availability of burnable material, climate



**The Bootleg Fire in southern Oregon in 2021 burned more than 435,000 acres, including a quarter of the Klamath East forest carbon project. (Courtesy photo from the U.S. Forest Service / Flickr)**

changes and other environmental considerations are all readily reduced to numbers.

But the new study also includes two more major areas: Infrastructure vulnerability (structural and neighborhood characteristics and defensible space) and social vulnerability (demographics, socioeconomics and types of housing and transportation), both of which seem a little less obvious.

The ability of an area to resist major fires can be broken down into specific physical factors (access to water, materials to block fire, easily burnable buildings or other materials).

And detailed information about those factors can be developed at a hyperlocal level using Census and other data.

In other words, the relative fire risk of the places we live based on elements ranging from building materials to how development is concentrated or scattered can be reduced to a specific number — and implicitly, more factors besides those. The study found large degrees of social vulnerability around the Cascade and Coastal ranges and across much of eastern Oregon, though the most vulnerable tracts were widely scattered.

The writers made the point that they weren't trying to establish specific cause-and-effect relationships between fires and community statistics, but simply that certain of these things tended to go together. From that, over time, researchers could start to focus in on risk factors.

In the new study, all these things were developed for about 400 communities in Oregon and Washington.

For example, co-author Chris Dunn from the OSU College of Forestry said, "Warm Springs and Goldendale have slightly lower wildfire exposure than some nearby, better-resourced communities like Bend and Leavenworth, but they experience greater social vulnerability and therefore are likely to experience greater impacts if a fire occurred. By blending a mix of factors, our assessment method is a path toward more equitable investments in community wildfire risk reduction."

The manipulation of vast amounts of information and assessment of new patterns and sets of probabilities is very much in the wheelhouse of AI, artificial intelligence. Its use in wildfire analysis

has not been central yet, but could become more so.

For example: An extensive September 2025 academic study based in Switzerland titled AI for Wildfire Management: From Prediction to Detection, Simulation, and Impact Analysis looked into the uses even at that point, and existing limits, for AI in fire prediction and planning for containment.

It said "the main domains of wildfire management where AI has been applied — susceptibility mapping, prediction, detection, simulation, and impact assessment — and highlight critical limitations that hinder practical adoption. These include challenges with dataset imbalance and accessibility, the inadequacy of commonly used metrics, the choice of prediction formats, and the computational costs of large-scale models, all of which reduce model trustworthiness and applicability."

Some of these constraints could be eased as the technology progresses.

Whether the OSU and Nature Conservancy used AI in developing their reports didn't seem entirely clear, but going forward AI looks like exactly the sort of tool that might be useful in working our areas of risk from wildfire.

Oregon may need all the help it can get.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/06/25/can-ai-help-oregon-prepare-for-wildfires/>

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people."

*John Adams*

### ONLINE POLL

#### PREVIOUS POLL

**Are you saving more or spending more with the current economy?**

61.5%.....Saving more

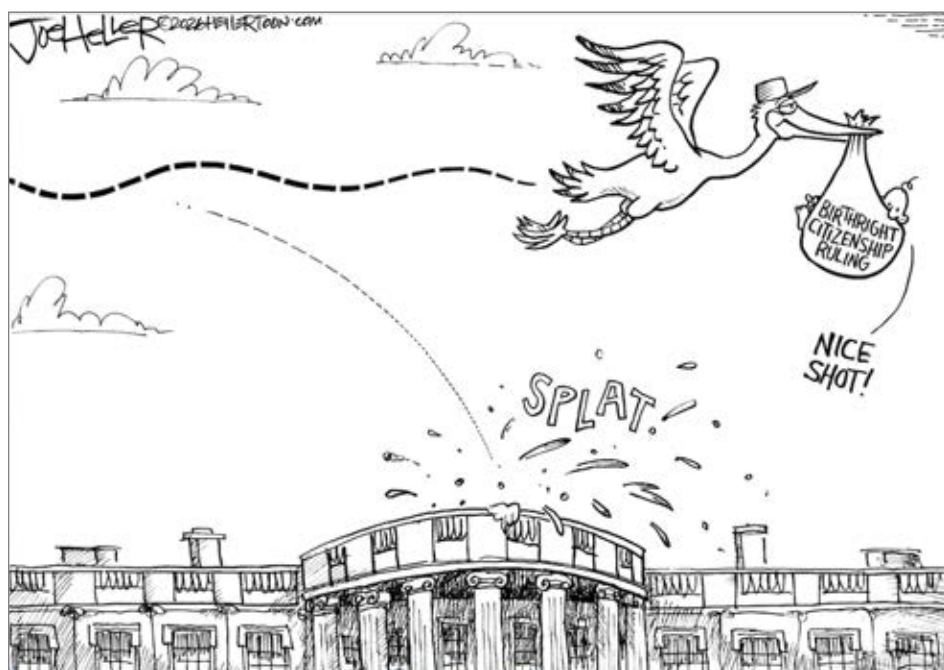
17.9% Spending more

20.5% .....Both

#### NEW POLL

**How important is coastal tourism to you and your family?**

- Very important. Our business/occupation is tourism-based.
- It's important because it affects our business community.
- It's not important. Our livelihood is sustainable without it.



## College Foundation announces record \$136,000 in scholarships

The Oregon Coast Community College Foundation is proud to announce the award of \$136,000 in scholarships to 98 students for the 2026–2027 academic year — the largest scholarship investment in the foundation’s history.

The awards come in a year of record demand: 121 students applied for foundation support, the highest number ever, making this one of the most competitive scholarship cycles the foundation has seen. Awards span 33 named and donor-designated scholarships alongside the OCCC Foundation’s general scholarship fund, supporting students across nursing, aquarium science, education, business, welding, the arts, and more.

Each application was reviewed and scored by a panel of volunteer judges who ensured every app was read at least three times. The depth and range of stories they encountered made for one of the most meaningful — and difficult — scholarship cycles in the foundation’s history.

“I was genuinely moved by the stories in these applications,” Oregon Coast Community College Foundation Director of Advancement Jeanette Campagna said. “These are students who have overcome homelessness, immigrated alone as teenagers, returned to school as parents, and cared



The award of \$136,000 in scholarships to 98 students for the 2026–2027 academic year is the largest scholarship investment in the foundation’s history. (Metro Creative Connection)

for sick family members — all while pursuing degrees and certificates that will change the trajectory of their lives. Reviewing these applications reminded me exactly why the work of this foundation matters so deeply to our community.”

The 2026–2027 cycle featured the debut of several new named scholarships, including awards from Annette Mulee, the Falch Family,

Dr. Birgitte Ryslinge, and Kempton and Fawn Hewitt. Returning donors including Linda Johnson, Alison Baker and Roger Chickering, Sandi and Ron Williams, Samaritan Health Services, the Yachats Ladies Club, VFW Post 3156 Waldport, and many others continued their longstanding generous commitments to Lincoln County students. In all, 33 named scholarships were awarded this year.

Beyond named scholarships, the OCCC Foundation awarded general foundation scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500 to an additional 34 students — ensuring that high-scoring applicants who didn’t fit the specific criteria of a named award still received meaningful recognition and support. These Foundation scholarships were made possible in part by funds raised by generous donors

from throughout the community who attended Pearls of Wisdom, held in March. The Foundation’s largest fundraiser is focused on raising funds for academic scholarships.

The Foundation acknowledges that with a record number of applicants and finite resources, not every deserving student could be funded this cycle.

“We want every applicant to know that submitting this application took courage, and we read every word,” Campagna said. “The competition this year was extraordinary — students we could not fund would have been award recipients in many prior years. We encourage everyone who applied to apply again next year as you continue your OCCC journey, and we remain committed to growing our scholarship capacity so that one day, no qualified student is turned away.”

### About the OCCC Foundation

The Oregon Coast Community College Foundation supports the mission of Oregon Coast Community College by raising and stewarding funds for scholarships, programs, and student success initiatives. The foundation serves Lincoln County students at all stages of their educational journey. For more information or to make a gift, visit [www.oregon-coast.edu/foundation](http://www.oregon-coast.edu/foundation).

## Work Share gives employers an alternative to layoffs

Oregon employers considering layoffs can turn to the Oregon Employment Department’s (OED) Work Share program to reduce short-term costs and retain skilled employees.

When business slows down, participating employers can reduce staff hours but continue to support their employees with partial Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits to help offset reduced wages.

“Work Share gives employers of all sizes the opportunity to strategize, not downsize,” OED Director Andrew R. Stolfi said. “When times are tough, it offers more options to reduce staffing costs, and that flexibility is a critical tool in any industry. Work Share keeps valuable teams together and helps businesses ramp back up quickly when conditions improve.”



OED hosts a weekly Work Share informational webinar for employers at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, or employers can call 503-947-1800 to ask questions or schedule a consultation. (Courtesy photo)

The program protects employees from many of the hardships of a full layoff, including keeping benefits intact despite work hours dropping below full-time. Unlike traditional Unemployment Insurance, Work Share does not require claimants to search for jobs while receiving benefits, but they must remain fully able and available to work for their employer each week.

“Being a specialty surgical practice, we have many ups and downs, and Work Share has helped us avoid multiple layoffs,” said Chelsea Brown of Portland-based Oregon Weight Loss Surgery. “Most of our staff have been here for 10 years or more, so they’re critical to our business. Work Share has helped us keep all of them.”

There are currently more than 500 employers enrolled.

To be eligible, employers must have at least three employees who are paid Oregon wages; however, seasonal and temporary workers may not participate. There are no program fees and no obligation to use the program after signing up for Work Share.

“We recommend applying proactively so employers have a plan in place if they need it,” Unemployment Insurance Division Director Lindsay Leahy said. “When business is slow, being able to access the program’s benefits quickly can bring some peace of mind. We want all Oregon employers to know that Work Share is here to provide a viable alternative to layoffs.”

OED hosts a weekly Work Share informational webinar for employers at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, or employers can call 503-947-1800 to ask

questions or schedule a consultation. Once signed up, employers and claimants can also attend weekly webinars for guidance on navigating the program. More information is available on the Work Share website.

### About Unemployment Insurance

Oregon’s Unemployment Insurance Program supports people and communities when facing economic uncertainty. For those who are unemployed through no fault of their own, the temporary, partial wage replacement offers financial security while seeking new work. Funded by employer payroll taxes, benefit payments also soften the local economic shock caused by layoffs and help keep skilled workers in their communities. Learn more at [unemployment.oregon.gov](http://unemployment.oregon.gov).

## Oregon authorities log 246% rise in immigration enforcement requests over past year

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Oregon Capital Chronicle

Federal immigration officials asked Oregon’s law enforcement agencies for support at least 329 times over the past year, marking a sharp rise in potential vulnerabilities in the state’s sanctuary protections.

Oregon’s Criminal Justice Commission has released the annual figures in collaboration with Oregon’s Department of Justice, which operates a hotline for Oregonians to report instances when law enforcement or public bodies in the state assist with immigration enforcement without a judicial warrant.

The data shows that federal immigration officials sought assistance from Oregon law enforcement 329 times between June 1, 2025 and May 31, marking a 246% increase over the prior year which recorded 95 instances of requested assistance.

The findings come as a Salem courthouse arrest in

March by federal immigration agents overseen by the Marion County Sheriff’s Office without a judicial warrant appears to have violated the state’s 2021 sanctuary law.

The incident raised questions about whether Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield has any authority to punish law enforcement agencies in the state or compel them to operate in a different manner. Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek and Rayfield have signaled support for updating the state’s sanctuary laws to include stronger protections and enforcement, such as through empowering the attorney general to sue law enforcement agencies who violate sanctuary protections.

Oregon law enforcement agencies are allowed to release information under a court order or if it is public, such as release dates of adults in custody with the Oregon Department of Corrections. But state law otherwise directs them to ignore federal immigration authorities’ requests.



Attorney General Dan Rayfield speaks to a Salem City Club member after his speech at the Willamette Heritage Center in Salem on Sept. 12, 2025. The Oregon Department of Justice fields complaints about potential violations of the state’s sanctuary law, the subject of a recent annual report. (Laura Tesler/Oregon Capital Chronicle)

The report notes at least two instances in the past year in which agencies offered federal authorities information under an administrative warrant

signed by immigration officials rather than a warrant signed by a judge.

The report does not offer recommendations on how to

prevent this from happening in the future.

“The ODOJ is committed to supporting individuals targeted in violations of Oregon’s sanctuary laws, as such targeting can result in the silencing and erasure of community members, the systematic removal of people from this country, dividing families, depriving people of safety and access to important state and local government programs and support, and undercutting opportunity and education,” the report reads.

<https://oregoncapital-chronicle.com/briefs/oregon-authorities-log-246-rise-in-immigration-enforcement-requests-over-past-year/>  
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The 2026 poster *The Long Song of Survival* highlights a coastal setting with a scene that bridges prehistoric and modern oceans through the story of the sperm whale lineage and the changing climate of Earth across millions of years. The musical themes of the orchestra concerts that are featured in the second week reflect the myths, legends, and science of this change. (Courtesy photo)

## 48th Annual Oregon Coast Music Festival

### OREGON COAST MUSIC ASSOCIATION

The 48th Annual Oregon Coast Music Festival begins on Saturday, July 11, and continues through July 25, featuring a variety of musical genres in stunning outdoor and indoor settings in the greater Coos Bay area, with a full 80-piece orchestra performing three unique concerts in the final week.

The first week highlights local and regional musicians. The Bay Area Concert Band - celebrating 50 years - opens the Festival at noon at Mingus Park. On Sunday July 12 afternoon, Portland based jazz vocalist, pianist, educator, and composer Darrell Grant presents an afternoon of Songs for the Soul in the intimate setting of the OIMB boathouse in Charleston.

During the week, the Aaron Johnson Ensemble offers two

evenings of Jazz at eateries in Bandon and North Bend as a Taste of Jazz. North Bend Public Library hosts the Afternoon Café with vocal performances by Tree-O, and Portland based Shamus Hamlin with Patrick Cahill.

An evening of great music at Southwestern Oregon Community College's Hales Performing Arts Center on Thursday July 16 features the cello/piano duo of Dace Gregory and Rachel Palen presenting Musical Moments of Wonder followed by Swingin' in the Rain big band directed by Steve Simpkins.

The Festival continues July 18 with a free noon outdoor concert at Shore Acres State Park gardens featuring the Gothard Sisters and their program of Celtic Song and Dance. On the afternoon of

See **FESTIVAL**, page B4

## Love it! Teach it! College seeks public community ed class proposals

It's that time of year again: OCCC is calling for Community Ed class proposals for our upcoming fall term.

The twist? This year we're asking for proposals from you. Yes, you!

What makes your class special is that you're the only one who can teach it. Your life experience, perspective and approach can't be faked.

If you've ever considered sharing your joy, whether that's a hobby, a passion or a project, now's the perfect time to give it a shot—no teaching experience required.

And, you have questions about the process, our facilities, or anything else, you're welcome to join us at OCCC's North County Center, 3788 SE High School Drive in Lincoln City, from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, July 9, for a free barbecue and Community Education conversation.

Our OCCC team makes it easy by taking on the legwork: advertising your class in our quarterly magazine, *Catch the Wave*, managing registration and sending out reminders to students.

You get to focus on the fun stuff, like choosing when, where and how you'll teach. You could lead a one-day workshop, a multi-week series at any of our four campuses across Lincoln County, an off-site class like last spring's Plein Air Painting, or anything in-between!

In recent years, we've offered everything from Intro to Boat Building to Mushroom Foraging to Gyotaku Fish Printing to Sea Shanties—if it's a skill that can be taught, we want to hear your idea.

"Teaching and taking courses at Oregon Coast Community College has been one of the highlights of living on the Oregon Coast!" said returning instructor Barbara Bush, "... AND[sic] the veritable wealth of classes offered from Birding Classes to Lotions and Potions to Gyotaku to Chocolate Deliciousness and so many more that I have taken have improved and brightened my little world!"

Submit your class proposal between now and 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 15 — [Click Here!](#)

For more information, please visit our website at [Oregoncoast.edu/](http://Oregoncoast.edu/)

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## Time capsules for America's 250th birthday?

JULIA SHUMWAY  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*

What would help Americans 250 years from now understand the Oregon of 2026?

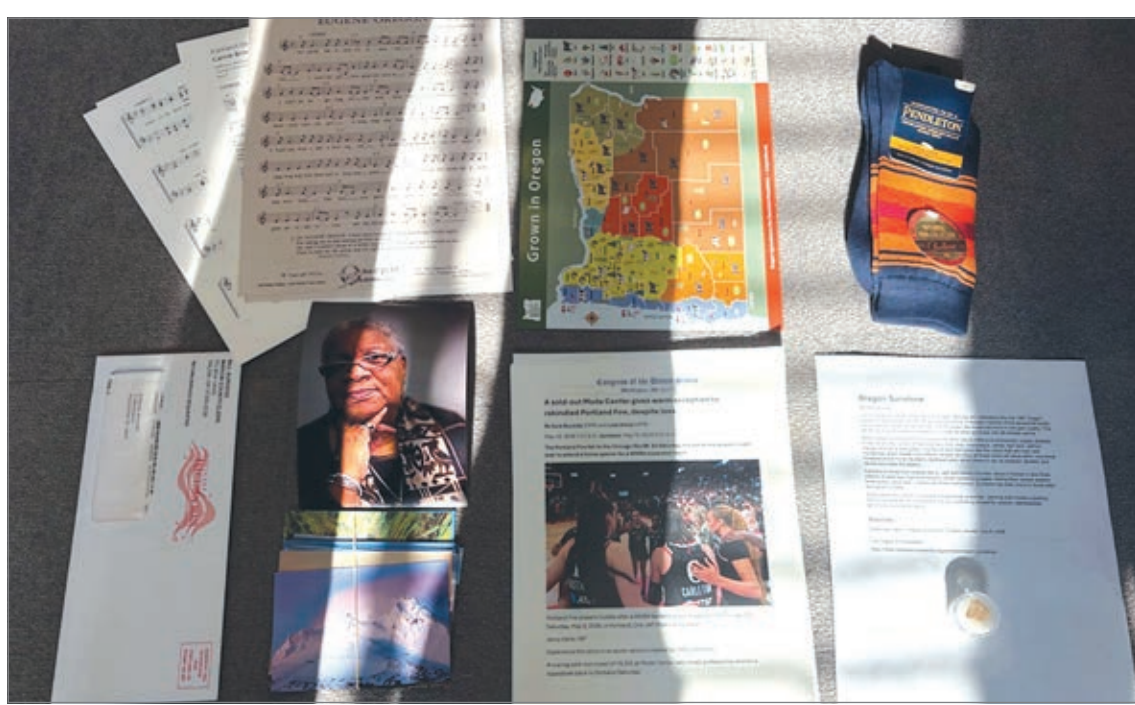
For the eight members of Oregon's congressional delegation who selected the state's contributions to the semi-quincentennial congressional time capsule, the answers were as eclectic as the Beaver State's geography and people: A gemstone found only in eastern Oregon, a pair of socks, a mail ballot, sheet music from "Portlandia," a portrait of a trailblazing state senator and more.

"Although there may have been skeptics who feared that asking several Oregonians to agree on time capsule items might resemble a 'Parks and Rec' episode, our state's diversity, beauty and innovative spirit made this task a labor of love," the state's senior senator, Democrat Ron Wyden, said in a statement. "What my colleagues and I have submitted shows why Oregon is such a special place to live, work and raise a family."

The congressional time capsule, sealed in late June beneath the U.S. Capitol's visitor center to be opened in 2276, is distinct from America's Time Capsule, the 900-pound vault that will be interred in Philadelphia on July 4. Oregon's contribution to that time capsule, selected by a state commission, is a



The Semiquincentennial Congressional Time Capsule is seen during a dedication ceremony in Emancipation Hall at the U.S. Capitol Building on June 24, 2026, in Washington, DC. Lawmakers held the ceremony as part of a series of celebrations honoring the nation's 250th anniversary celebration. (Anna Moneymaker / Getty Images)



Oregon's contributions to the Semiquincentennial Congressional Time Capsule, pictured before they were sealed in a vault. (Courtesy photo from Sen. Ron Wyden's office)

See **250**, page B7

## Seven Capes Bird Alliance hosts Lincoln City Osprey Days

Seven Capes Bird Alliance invites everyone to celebrate our Oregon State Raptor at the second annual Lincoln City Osprey Days on Friday and Saturday, July 10-11.

Activities throughout the two days will raise awareness of this impressive raptor that migrates to the Oregon coast every spring to nest and rear its chicks before returning to points south in fall. Osprey nests are easily visible throughout Lincoln City, which has more Osprey nests per capita than any other city in Oregon. Learn more through these scheduled events:

**Bird Walks, 9-11 a.m.**  
• Friday: Join us at Nesika City Park to visit the nesting

Osprey pair and look for songbirds in the woods and wetlands. Meet at SE 3rd and Mast.

• Saturday: Join featured artist and expert birder Kai Frueh at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area to experience peak nesting season for seabirds! Meet at the Visitors Center.

**Osprey Day Activities, 2-5 p.m. Friday, 1-4 p.m. Saturday**

Lincoln City Community Center, 2150 NE Oar Pl.

Enjoy an afternoon of family-friendly Osprey-oriented activities! Featured artist Kai Frueh offers a birdy children's concert at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, and Chintimini Wildlife Center

presents live raptors at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

On both days, enjoy an interactive Osprey story time, a presentation on Living with Ospreys by Elise Jackson from PacifiCorp, Osprey observations at Kirtsis Park, children's craft activities, a Biology of Birds exploration table, free snacks, and fun! Check our website at [www.sevencapes.org/ospreydays](http://www.sevencapes.org/ospreydays) for the full schedule.

**Free Community Concert by Kai Frueh, Friday, 7 p.m.**

Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101

Don't miss this one-hour immersive bird-themed concert

See **OSPREY DAYS**, page B4



Osprey. (Courtesy from Ruth Shelly)

# OCCC celebrates Class of 2026 at annual commencement

Oregon Coast Community College held its 38th Annual Commencement Ceremony Friday, June 12, at the Newport Performing Arts Center, honoring graduates who together earned more than 200 degrees and certificates this year.

Those credentials spanned the fields of healthcare, transfer education, skilled trades, and more.

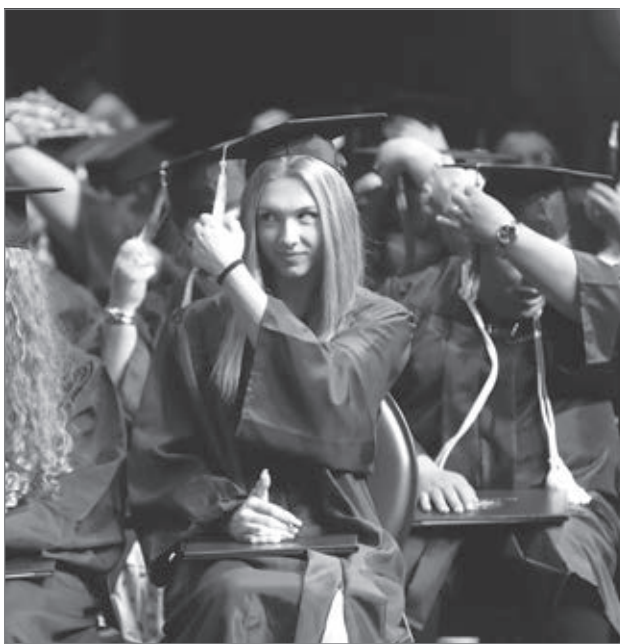
OCCC President Dr. Marshall Mease Roache and Board Chair Debbie Kilduff welcomed graduates, families, faculty, and community members to the ceremony. Graduate Kara Norton delivered the student address before the conferring of degrees and certificates.

“Commencement is always a special occasion at OCCC,” said President Roache. “But this year felt even more so. There was an undeniable energy in the room — the

College is celebrating its 40th year, and the stunning new Oregon Coast Advanced Technology & Trades building is rising on our Newport campus. It’s a powerful reminder that the future of this College, and this county, begins with the graduates we celebrate tonight.”

OCCC’s nursing program produced one of its largest cohorts yet, with 42 students earning an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing and four more completing the Practical Nursing certificate — credentials that will help meet ongoing healthcare workforce needs on the Oregon Coast. The program celebrated with its traditional Pinning Ceremony, hours before the College-wide commencement.

Twenty-three graduates completed the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree, joined by graduates of the Associate of Science Oregon Transfer Degree in Business, the



OCCC students turn their tassels at the close of the ceremony. (Courtesy photo)

Associate of Science Transfer Degree in Computer Science, and the Associate of General Studies — pathways designed to prepare students for seamless transfer into bachelor’s degree programs.

Graduates also completed a range of career-technical

programs tied directly to coastal industries, including the Associate of Applied Science in Aquarium Science and a dozen additional Aquarium Science certificate completers, welding and shipbuilding repair certificates, Medical Assisting, Early Childhood Education, and

Accounting.

Rounding out the Class of 2026, 48 students completed OCCC’s Small Business Management Program, 32 graduates completed English for Speakers of Other Languages instruction, and 15 students earned their GED — reflecting OCCC’s commitment to lifelong learning and workforce readiness for residents across Lincoln County.

Among this year’s graduates were students recognized with Highest Academic Honors, members of Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, military veterans, and three current high school students who earned college by participating in Early College and Dual Credit programs offered via a partnership between the Lincoln County School District and OCCC.

Following the ceremony, graduates and their families gathered for a reception in the lobby.

A recording of the ceremony is available at [youtube.com/@occcsharks](https://youtube.com/@occcsharks), and all OCCC graduates are automatically granted complimentary membership in the OCCC Alumni Association. At that YouTube link, viewers can also watch the OCCC Nursing Class of 2026 Pinning Ceremony.

**About Oregon Coast Community College**  
Oregon Coast Community College serves Lincoln County from locations in Newport, Lincoln City, Toledo, and Waldport. The College, now in its 40th year, provides transfer degree programs, career and technical education, workforce training, community education, and services tailored to entrepreneurs. OCCC provides student services and support designed to help learners achieve their educational and career goals while strengthening Oregon’s coastal communities.

# Lincoln City family finds hidden treasure in Hidden Bottle Hunt

**STAFF REPORT**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

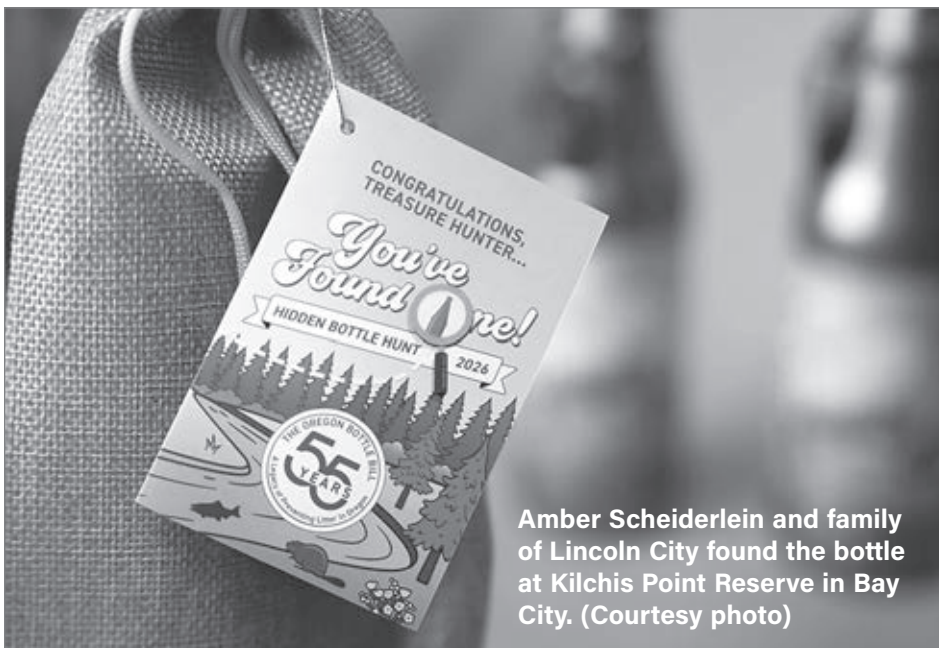
A Lincoln City family is one of the winners in the statewide Hidden Bottle Hunt.

Oregonians across the state decoded clues and visited sites to find six hidden commemorative bottles between June 25-28. The annual summer event celebrated the 55th anniversary of Oregon’s Bottle Bill, which has made a lasting difference for millions of Oregonians and helped

keep Oregon litter-free for decades.

The 2026 Hidden Bottle Hunt was a resounding success, according to host Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative, operator of the BottleDrop network.

“We love seeing Oregonians getting outdoors, learning more about Oregon’s history and connecting with one another in the natural areas Oregon’s iconic Bottle Bill has helped keep pristine over the last 55 years,”



Amber Scheiderlein and family of Lincoln City found the bottle at Kilchis Point Reserve in Bay City. (Courtesy photo)

• Zone 5: Rory and Amber Rittenbach of Pendleton found the bottle at Wallowa Lake near Joseph and are directing the \$1,000 donation to Pioneer Humane Society/Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter. The volunteer clue writers for each zone are:

- Zone 1E: John Dutt, who is directing \$500 to the Portland Rose Festival Foundation.
- Zone 1W: Glorie Gary, who is directing \$500 to Portland Rose Festival Foundation and Lincoln City Youth League.
- Zone 2: Joe Gantt, who is directing \$500 to the Portland Rose Festival Foundation and Portland Urban Debate League.
- Zone 3: Eric Chambers, who is directing \$500 to Boomer Boosters.
- Zone 4: Levi and Crystal Roberts, who are directing \$500 to Furry Freight Shelter Transport.
- Zone 5: Kelly Luzania, who is directing \$500 to Avalon Microsanctuary and the Portland Rose Festival Foundation. The history of the Hidden Bottle Hunt, information about previous winners and an explanation of previous clues (including this year) can be found on the BottleDrop website.

**Support these Local Nonprofit Community Organizations!**

Samaritan House envisions a community where all families can live together in safe, affordable, and sustainable housing; and all generations are able to thrive.

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[samfamshelter.org](http://samfamshelter.org)

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OBRC Vice President of Outreach and Strategy Devon Horsfield said. “Congratulations to this year’s winners and the nonprofits they selected to receive their donations! We are grateful to everyone involved, particularly our incredible volunteer clue writers and to the dedicated hunters who participated this year.”

The 2026 Hidden Bottle Hunt included six simultaneous hunts geographically dispersed in parks, trails and special places across Oregon. Each lucky winner kept their commemorative bottle and selected a BottleDrop Give nonprofit partner to receive a \$1,000 donation through the BottleDrop Containers for Change program. In addition, the seven clue writers were

also able to direct \$500 donations to the nonprofits of their choosing.

Thousands of nonprofits across Oregon collectively raise more than \$5 million for their organizations through the BottleDrop Give program each year.

The lucky bottle finders for each zone are:

- Zone 1E: Anna Soderberg and Lisa Kristine of Portland found the bottle along the Springwater Corridor in Portland and are directing the \$1,000 donation to The Peer Company.
- Zone 1W: Amber Scheiderlein and family of Lincoln City found the bottle at Kilchis Point Reserve in Bay City and are directing the \$1,000 donation to Lincoln

City Youth League and North Lincoln Hospital Foundation.

- Zone 2: Drew and Danielle Anderson of Eugene found the bottle at Lookout Point Lake/Reservoir in Lowell and are directing the \$1,000 donation to Run Hub Gear Grants.
- Zone 3: Jennifer and Melody Ingram of Medford found the bottle at Golden State Heritage Site near Wolf Creek and are directing the \$1,000 donation to Committed Alliance to Strays (C.A.T.S.).
- Zone 4: Kellen and Rhys Klein of Sisters found the bottle at Metolius Preserve near Camp Sherman and are directing the \$1,000 donation to Sisters Habitat for Humanity.

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆**

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

# Perch & Pour Birding Happy Hour

Seven Capes Bird Alliance has teamed up with Salishan Coastal Lodge to host “Perch & Pour” on Wednesday, July 15.

This bird-oriented happy hour is open to everyone and starts at 3 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month in The Attic.

Salishan opens The Attic an hour early for birders of all levels to gather in conversation and sip on a craft cocktail or non-alcoholic beverage in a cozy setting.

In addition to sharing recent bird sightings, this month we welcome Dawn Harris, Visitor Services Manager for the U.S. Fish

& Wildlife Service. Dawn will suggest day trips to nearby national wildlife refuges for excellent birding experiences.

The Attic presents a farm-to-fork dinner menu crafted from sustainably sourced ingredients. And beverages. Perch & Pour participants are welcome to stay when The Attic

opens to the public at 4 p.m. And don’t miss out on live music every Wednesday from 5–7 p.m.—come for the birds, stay for the tunes!

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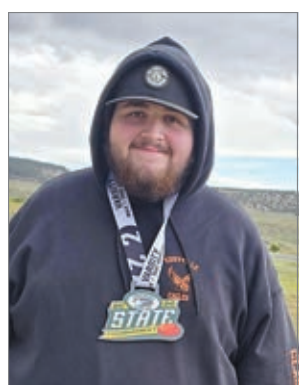
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# Lincoln County students earn VFW Awards



Reese Warfile.



Carter Borton.



Eddyville Team. (Courtesy photos)



Kate Huhn

### SUBMITTED

Lincoln County high school students have been recognized with awards at two different Oregon state championships events.

Twelve members of the Newport 4-H Program team enjoyed sunny weather from 15-17 June at the Albany Rifle & Pistol and Trap Clubs for the Oregon 4-H State Shooting Sports Championship. Eddyville Charter School 8th Grade student Reese Warfield earned medals for both the Trap Hi-Point and Reserve

Champion. Completely different weather made for a much more challenging competition the very next week at the USA Clay Target State

Championship on 27 June in Bend. This time a team from Eddyville Charter School showed off their skills. Mr Dave Boyce serves as head coach for both teams and is assisted by Bob Cusick, with Kim Warfield acting as team coordinator, with regular training conducted at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post in Toledo. Despite strong winds

and occasional rain showers, a total of seven members qualified for the follow-on National level competition. Three of these seven, Josh Brown, Reese Warfield, and Carter Borton made "All-State" level. Borton, a Siletz resident, also took second place in the overall Varsity level competition. Representing Santiam Christian Schools, Kate

Huhn distinguished herself by taking third place in the Female Novice category, which is quite an accomplishment for taking up the sport just a few months ago. Under the supervision of Mike Peterson, certified Range Safety Officer, these motivated teens regularly hone their target skills at the VFW trap range located at 268

Pioneer Mountain Loop, in Toledo, Oregon. The VFW range is also open to the public for target shooting from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The success of these students provides a great source of pride for the Toledo VFW and Lincoln County. The events were conducted in June.



Chinook Winds Casino Resort will host the annual Bacon, Brews and Charities. (Courtesy photo)

## Chinook Winds hosts Beach, Bacon and Brewfest

### CHINOOK WINDS CASINO RESORT

Celebrating 11 years of Bacon, Brews and Charities, Chinook Winds will host the annual Beach, Bacon, and Brewfest in Lincoln City on July 11.

Joining Chinook Winds is the generous bacon sponsor Hill Meat Company, and Brewer sponsor Bigfoot Beverages. Similar to previous years, the Lincoln City Chamber is in partnership assembling and organizing the charity cooking teams.

Live music returns with Tsunami Zone and Huckle Buck Highway. Brewer connoisseurs can expect to enjoy samples from over 12 microbrew and Ciders, with many breweries

returning again to showcase their latest flavors.

Attendees can taste from the following breweries for a day of fun: Pelican, Ninkasi, Fort George, Breakside, Wild Ride, Blakes, Monkless, Arch Rock, Bend Cider, Deluxe, Bauman's Cider and Geloso. Our designated drivers are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Les Schwab Tire Center is returning to support safe attendance.

For our meat lovers, several charity cooking teams will be competing and serving bacon bites in all forms. Vegetarians we will be offered vegetarian dishes to taste.

Charities competing in the bacon competition will win the ultimate bragging rights of People's and

Judge's choice champions.

Competing teams are: Friends of Lincoln City Parks, Kiwanis, Lincoln City Elks, Oceana Family Literacy, Oregon Coast Bank (Lincoln City Branch), Oregon State Credit Union, Salom river Grange 516, Taft Tiger Boosters, Figz Dog Rescue, Salvation Army, Lincoln City Playhouse, and United Way.

Ticket prices are \$30, which includes \$5 in slot pay, 5 charity food tastings, beer tastings, and live music from bands Tsunami Zone and Huckle Buck. Designated driver tickets are \$20. You can purchase tickets in person at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort Box Office or go online to [www.chinookwindscasino.com](http://www.chinookwindscasino.com).

The event isn't possible without the support of sponsors TLC Credit Union, NW Natural, Taylor and Taylor Realty, Hill Meat Company, Bigfoot Beverages, First Choice Fresh Market and our Designated Driver sponsor, Les Schwab Tire Center.

Chinook Winds Casino is located at 1777 NW 44th Street in Lincoln City.

For more information, contact Chinook Winds Casino Resort at 888-244-6665.

### CLASS REUNION

The "NHS Class of '72 at the age of 72 Reunion" will be held Saturday, July 25, 2026, Yaquina Bay Yacht Club, Newport Waterfront.



music and plenty of memories to go around. Aiming for a 5 p.m., total gathering on Saturday.

There will be a Friday night gathering at the Newport Restaurant, 5 p.m., followed by all day Saturday at the Yacht Club. Potluck,

Classmates, and others are welcome to attend and visit. There is no cost involved.

For more information contact Matt Jarvis at 541- 290-9365 or Vicki Owens at 541-270-3344.

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# Cascade Head Biosphere Region's 50 Anniversary

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

The community is invited to join community partners, scientists, artists, musicians, educators, and coastal stewards, to celebrate the Cascade Head Biosphere Region's 50 Anniversary, Saturday July 18.

Daytime Events from 1 p.m. to 5p.m.  
The afternoon begins

with a special presentation by the individual who first nominated the Cascade Head Biosphere Region for UNESCO designation 50 years ago. We will also hear remarks from a representative of the United States Biosphere Network, who will share perspectives on the region's place within UNESCO.

Following the opening presentations, enjoy a variety of guided outdoor

experiences, including estuary boat tours, birding excursions, kayaking, surfing, and guided hikes.

Throughout the afternoon, visitors can also explore hands-on art and science activities, live music, educational exhibits, and family-friendly experiences that celebrate the connections between people, nature, research, and stewardship along the Oregon Coast.

Night Sky at Knight Park 8 p.m.–10 p.m.

As daylight fades, the celebration continues beneath the stars at Knight Park. Settle in for an evening of classical music under the night sky before exploring distant galaxies, star clusters, and other celestial wonders through a guided deep-space astronomy experience led by professional astronomer Sifan Kahale.

The evening's musical performances feature Brandon Lucas of Singing Sasquatch Music Center and Dan Pack of the Siletz Bay Music Festival, providing a memorable soundtrack to a night of music, discovery, and the wonders of the cosmos.

### BACKGROUND

Established in 1976 and renewed and expanded to its current 102,000 sq

acre footprint in 2017, Organizers said Oregon's Cascade Head Biosphere Region is an extraordinary convergence of land and sea that includes a complete coastal temperate rain forest watershed and a protected marine reserve.

"This is a vibrant living landscape where communities, ecosystems, and research come together," the organizers said.

# Wildlife Crossing Projects gain momentum across Oregon

Every year, thousands of deer, elk, bear, and other wildlife attempt to cross busy roadways in search of food, water, and mates.

Too often, those crossings end in tragedy for wildlife and sometimes for motorists, according to the Oregon Wildlife Foundation.

Improving habitat connectivity is one of Oregon Wildlife Foundation's conservation priorities. Proceeds from the sale and renewal of the Watch for Wildlife specialty license plate are allocated to habitat connectivity and wildlife passage projects throughout Oregon.

The Foundation also serves as the fiscal sponsor for multiple passage projects - providing fiscal administration and fundraising support to these initiatives throughout their development.

"Our participation in wildlife passage work began in 2017 with an undercrossing on Highway 97 in Central Oregon" Oregon Wildlife Foundation Executive director Tim Greseth said. "This experience deepened our understanding

of the impact that wildlife-vehicle collisions are having on many different species and led us to adopt habitat connectivity as an organizational priority."

Assessing Existing Bridges and Culverts Across Oregon Statewide

Oregon Wildlife Foundation has retained a consulting team to evaluate existing bridges and culverts throughout Oregon that may already be in use by wildlife or, with modifications, can be improved or made ready for wildlife to use - all in service of keeping animals off busy roads by providing them with safe alternatives.

The consulting team is evaluating existing conditions at culverts and bridges large enough to accommodate deer and elk, documenting evidence of wildlife activity, and recommending cost-effective modifications that may increase use by wildlife.

"Building new wildlife overcrossings and undercrossings can be expensive, so we're enthusiastic for opportunities to provide safe passage for



Courtesy from the Oregon Wildlife Foundation

animals through simpler modifications to the areas around existing bridges and culverts wherever and whenever possible," Greseth said.

Most Project milestones include:

Bend to Suttle Lake Wildlife Passage Initiative in Central Oregon

This section of Highway 20 experiences the highest frequency of deer and elk collisions in Oregon. The Bend to Suttle Lake Wildlife Passage coalition has completed a Phase I wildlife crossing mitigation study and developed conceptual crossing designs for multiple locations

along the corridor. Following that work, four wildlife overcrossings were identified as the highest priorities for Phase II design and engineering. The coalition has raised more than \$850,000 in non-federal matching funds in preparation for the Federal Highway Administration's Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program, which is slated to open for applications sometime in July or August.

Wallowa County Wildlife Crossing Project in Northeast Oregon

The Wallowa County Wildlife Crossing Coalition has completed a Phase I study of Highway

82 between Enterprise and Wallowa to determine priority crossing locations and develop conceptual designs to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity within this high-risk corridor.

Interstate 84 Wildlife Crossing Project in Northeast Oregon

Interstate 84 is an almost permanent barrier to wildlife movement. The focus of this project is the completion of a wildlife crossing study and conceptual design for the highest priority locations on I-84 between Pendleton and La Grande. The funding needed to

begin this project has been raised, marking an important step in its development.

Wanaket Wildlife Area Wildlife Crossing Project in Northeast Oregon

In partnership with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, Oregon Wildlife Foundation is providing funding support and serving as the fiscal sponsor for a wildlife crossing study on the Wanaket Wildlife area, which is located along the Columbia River, just east of McNary in northeast Oregon. The wildlife area is bisected by Highway 730 and the incidence of vehicle strikes is high within this section of road.

To learn more about Oregon Wildlife Foundation's wildlife crossing initiatives or to support this work through the Wildlife Movement and Migration fund, visit [www.myOWF.org/wildlifemoves](http://www.myOWF.org/wildlifemoves). Or donate directly via <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/oregon-wildlife-foundation/wildlife-migration-and-movement-fund-formerly-known-as-watch-for-wildlife-fund>

## FESTIVAL

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July 19, 7 Devils Brewery sponsors Horse Feathers at the OIMB Boathouse. Under the direction of Festival Orchestra Music Director Martin Majkut, orchestra week features three concerts with the theme of Myths Legends and Science. Our Solar System on Tuesday evening July 21 features the virtuosity of bassonist Martin Kuuskmann. The

Orchestra presents the North American premiere of Tõnu Kõrvits' Beyond the Solar Fields written especially for the soloist. Next the selection explores beyond the earth with bassoon artistry in Carl Maria von Weber's composition Andante & Rondo on gongarese. The evening ends with performance of Brahms Symphony No. 3.

On Thursday, July 23, Pops conductor Adam Stern provides a lively concert, The Stuff of Legends featuring

a collection of works steeped in the ever-rich world of fantasy, from Greek mythology's Orpheus in the Underworld to The Wizard of Oz from "Wicked". Festival Orchestra's own Nicole Buetti is featured soloist on contrabassoon for Ruth Gipps' Leviathan, a composition about mythical sea serpent likely an ancient sperm whale!

On July 25, the final Orchestra concert features a powerful concluding evening of orchestral

music inspired by our planet and natural world. Our Blue Home provides a journey from Haydn's The Representation of Chaos from "The Creation" to a landscape of serene beauty with Beethoven's Symphony No. 6, Pastorale. After intermission, the Orchestra presents the Oregon Coastal Premiere of Adam Schoenberg's composition, Losing Earth with Terry Longshore as percussion soloist. The unique percussion concerto was

inspired by the book of the same name on the science of climate change by Nathaniel Rich. The concerto invokes an amazing journey of human life on earth and ends on a hopeful note.

### About the poster

The 2026 poster The Long Song of Survival highlights a coastal setting with a scene that bridges prehistoric and modern oceans through the story of the sperm whale lineage and the changing climate of Earth across millions of

years. The musical themes of the orchestra concerts that are featured in the second week reflect the myths, legends, and science of this change.

The posters will be available for sale at events, and at the OCMA Office during and after the festival.

For tickets and more information visit <https://www.oregoncoastmusic.org/> or call 541.267.0938. Oregon Coast Music Association, PO Box 663, Coos Bay OR 97420

## OSPREY DAYS

From Page B1

as Kai explores myriad ways composers have drawn inspiration from birds in their piano works from the early 1700s through today. Kai's field

recordings recreate a natural soundscape in this unforgettable experience!

Since 2023, Seven Capes Bird Alliance has conducted an annual Osprey Nest Watch. This year, more than 50 volunteers are documenting activity in more than 40

nests throughout Lincoln County.

This citizen science project maintains a database of when Ospreys arrive in our city, where they nest, how many chicks they raise, and when they depart. Seven Capes hopes these data

will help increase our knowledge not only of Osprey behavior, but also the health of our coastal environment. Ospreys eat exclusively fish—and with Lincoln City's seven miles of oceanfront, major rivers, rich estuaries, and a freshwater lake,

there are plenty of places to catch a meal!

See [www.sevencapes.org/ospreydays](http://www.sevencapes.org/ospreydays) for full event details. Seven Capes thanks its generous sponsors--Explore Lincoln City and Lincoln City Parks & Recreation--for making this event possible.

All Seven Capes Bird Alliance bird walks are free, family-friendly, easy to moderately easy, and open to the public; no pre-registration or experience is required. Binoculars and guidebooks are provided. Outings are held rain or shine; dress appropriately for coastal weather and

muddy trails.

Be sure to carry water. Look for the Seven Capes sign at the meeting site. For details and any cancellations, check our website ([sevencapes.org](http://sevencapes.org)) or Facebook (@sevencapesbirds).

Seven Capes Bird Alliance was founded as Audubon Society of Lincoln City in 2005. A nonprofit membership organization and chapter of the National Audubon Society, Seven Capes is active in education and advocacy for protection of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats in Lincoln and Tillamook Counties.

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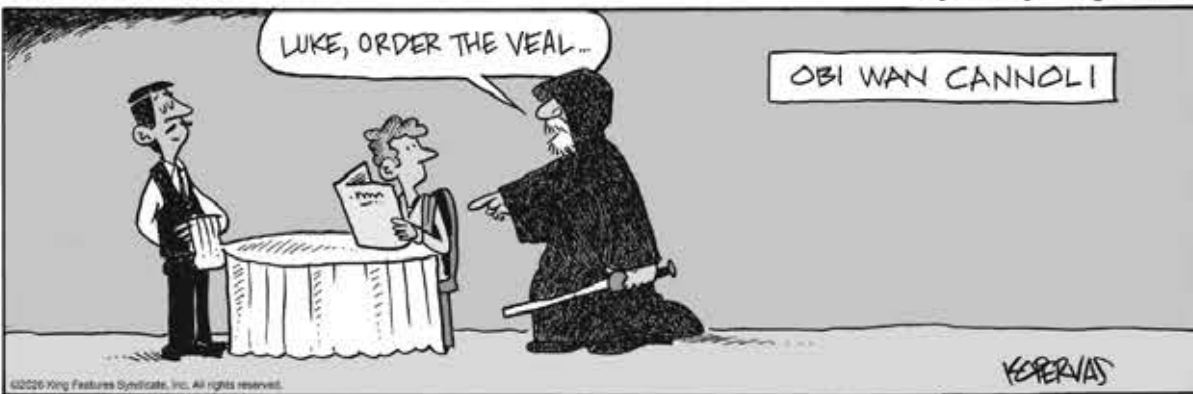
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### CryptoQuip

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: K equals L

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TODAY'S WORD

### CryptoQuote

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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.

ANM QKMOG AEGIXM, ANM  
 QKMOH NMOT OGT ANM  
 FHZINA MLM OHM FZHAN-  
 HZINAW EV MOQN TOL.  
 - RZKKZOD EWKMH

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### Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is Walter White's codename in the drama "Breaking Bad"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which month of the year has the fewest letters in its name?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is known as the Prairie State?
- LANGUAGE: What is the British term for a bike's training wheels?
- ASTRONOMY: What is the Earth's only natural satellite?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is a more common name for the fruit sometimes called "alligator pear"?
- MOVIES: What kind of creature is Thumper in the animated movie "Bambi"?
- LITERATURE: What is the name of the python in "The Jungle Book"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which countries and islands make up the geographic area known as Oceania?
- ANATOMY: What is a more common name for cerumen?

### Answers

- Heisenberg.
- May.
- Illinois.
- Stabilisers.
- The Moon.
- Avocado.
- Rabbit.
- Kaa.
- The four regions are Australasia (Australia and New Zealand), Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia.
- Earwax.

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 reaction from walking  
 among too many daisylike  
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### CryptoQuip

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### LCL26-339 NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The City Council of the City of Lincoln City will hold a public meeting on Monday July 13th, 2026 at 6:00pm, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 801 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City. At this meeting, the City Council will hear public comment on proposed rate increases for customers of North Lincoln Sanitary Service. Interested persons may deliver comments in writing at anytime prior to, or orally at, the meeting. 7/8/26

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### LCL26-341 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT ESTATE OF GARNETT PETER RADEBAUGH, DECEASED CASE No. 26PB05709 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that Sharon Lynn Radebaugh 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 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.

### LCL26-342 SELF STORAGE PUBLIC SALE

Safe-Lock Storage 3639 SE Ash St. South Beach, Oregon 97366 Saturday, 7/25/2026 @ 10:00am. H15F - Gary Batchelder, J09F - Jesse Luckini, O05 - Jesse Luckini, O06 - Jesse Luckini. Sale Subject to Cancellation. Safe-Lock Storage reserves the Right to refuse any and all bids. 7/8/26 7/15/26

### LCL26-338 CITY OF NEWPORT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

The Newport City Council will hold an on the record public hearing on Monday, July 20, 2026,

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set forth below. All persons whose rights may be affected by this estate proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Circuit Court, the personal representative, J.F. Ouderirk, attorney for the personal representative. Date of publication: July 8, 2026. J.F. Ouderirk, OSB # 752903 Attorney for the Personal Representative 541-574-1630 P.O. Box 1167 615 SW Hubert Street, Suite A Newport, OR 97365 Sharon Lynn Radebaugh Personal Representative P.O. Box 1167 Newport, OR 97365 Telephone: 541-574-1630 7/8/26

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at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers to consider an appeal of the Planning Commission decision approving an Adjustment Permit Application (File No. 1-ADJ-26). The appellant is Casa Del Puerto LLC. The applicant is Mike Hagen, Hagen Construction; the property owner is Brad Benner. The subject property is located at 1175 SE Harbor Crescent Drive (Assessor's Map 11-11-09-CA-00403, Tax Lot 0403). The Planning Commission approved a 33.3% reduction to the rear (south) yard setback in the R-1 zone, from 15 feet to 10 feet, for a proposed single-family dwelling on a landlocked split-zoned (R-1/R-2) parcel. The Commission also interpreted the north property line as the front property line for purposes of applying setback standards, consistent with the orientation of the driveway access serving the parcel. The appellant raises two specific grounds: (1) The location and extent of the access easement benefiting the subject property (Tax Lot 403) were misidentified by the Planning Commission. The Commission found that the applicant wished to orient the front of the house toward the access easement, when in fact the easement terminates at the western

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lot line of the subject property. All findings and conclusions that flow from this misidentification of the easement's extent and location are therefore alleged to be invalid and unsupported by substantial evidence in the whole record. (2) The applicant failed to provide a storm drainage plan or substantive evidence that the adjustment would not interfere with storm drainage, as required under NMC 14.33.050(C). The Planning Commission nonetheless accepted the applicant's bare statement on this point, which the appellant asserts is unsupported by substantial evidence in the whole record that would permit a reasonable person to make the same finding and conclusion. The applicable criteria are per NMC 14.33.050; Criteria for Approval of an Adjustment: (A) Granting the Adjustment will equally or better meet the purpose of the regulation to be modified; and (B) Any impacts resulting from the Adjustment are mitigated to the extent practical. That mitigation may include, but is not limited to, such considerations as provision for adequate light and privacy to adjoining properties, adequate access, and a design that addresses the site topography, significant vegetation, and drainage; and (C) The Adjustment will not interfere with the provision of or access to appropriate utilities, including sewer, water, storm drainage, streets, electricity, natural gas, telephone, or cable services, nor will it hinder fire access; and (D) If more than one Adjustment is being requested, the cumulative effect of the Adjustments results in a project which is still consistent with the overall purpose of the zoning district. At this appeal hearing, the City Council will accept arguments from the appellant, applicant (if different from appellant), and comment from city staff. All arguments must be directed toward evidence in the record that is relevant to the criteria described above or other criteria in the Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances which the person believes to apply to the decision. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the city and the parties an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes an appeal based on that issue. Council members may ask the participants questions and, after accepting testimony, will deliberate and render a decision. Other interested persons may attend and observe

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LCL26-336 NOTICE OF ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR CENTRAL LINCOLN PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that on November 3, 2026, an election will be held for the purpose of electing three (3) Directors to fill the following positions and terms, including any vacancy which may exist, on the Board of Directors of the Central Lincoln People's Utility District. Position: Director for Central Lincoln PUD Subdivision No. 1: Newport area. Most of the City of Newport, District territory in Lincoln County voting precincts: 09 Nye Creek; 10 Newport Bay; 11 Oceanview; 12 Yaquina; 13 Pacific; 14 Agate Beach. Term: Four years, beginning Monday, January 1, 2027. Position: Director for Central Lincoln PUD Subdivision No. 2: Depoe Bay, Lincoln Beach, Otter Rock, Siletz, Toledo. District territory in Lincoln County voting precincts: 15 Otter Rock; 16 Depoe Bay; 17 Fogarty Creek; 27 Fruitvale; 29 Siletz; 31 East Toledo; 32 South Toledo. Term: Four years, beginning Monday, January 1, 2027. Position: Director for Central Lincoln PUD Subdivision 5: Gardiner, Hauser, Lakeside, rural North Bend, Reedsport. District territory in Douglas County voting precincts: 01 Unincorporated Reedsport; 03 Reedsport City; and District territory in Coos County precincts: 1 Lakeside City and Rural; 2 Rural North Bend. Term: Four

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years, beginning Monday, January 1, 2027. Each candidate for the positions listed above must file a declaration of candidacy or petition for nomination for office with the Elections Department in the Office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Oregon; this may be done no sooner than July 16, 2026, and no later than 5 p.m. on August 25, 2026. More information may be found at: https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/clerk/page/welcome then "Elections" The Lincoln County Clerk's Office may be reached at 541-265-4131. Candidates must be registered voters, or capable of being registered voters, residing in the Subdivision for which they are filing. Candidates must also have resided in Central Lincoln's District continuously for two years or more. Ballots for the November 2026 General Election must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day November 3, or mailed with a valid postmark of no later than Tuesday, November 3, 2026. This legal notice is to be published in: The Lincoln County Leader The World /s/ Ty Hillebrand, P.E. General Manager Central Lincoln PUD 7/8/26

LCL26-337 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF PHILIP M. THIELEN, DECEASED, Lincoln County, Oregon, Circuit Court Case No. 26PB05674. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at 285 SW Highway 101/P.O. Box 700, Waldport, Oregon 97394-0700, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. DATED and published: July 8, 2026. Law Office of Holly Anne Gibbons, LLC Attorney for Personal Representative P.O. Box 700 Waldport, OR 97394-0700 Wendy Thielen Personal Representative 7/8/26

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LCL26-335 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR LINCOLN COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF UNIT OWNERS OF EMBARCADERO CONDOMINIUMS, INC., an Oregon Non-Profit Corporation, Plaintiff, v. THE HOWARD SISTERS LLC, an Oregon Limited Liability Company; and ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1000 SE BAY BLVD #M-136, NEWPORT, OR 97365, Defendants. CASE NO.: 26CV17476 SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION (AS TO DEFENDANT ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1000 SE BAY BLVD #M-136, NEWPORT, OR 97365 Via publication only Date of First Publication: July 8, 2026 ASSOCIATION OF UNIT OWNERS OF EMBARCADERO CONDOMINIUMS, INC. has filed a civil complaint asking the Court to foreclose its lien, consisting of \$5,707.70 plus continuing assessments, late fees, fines, attorney fees and costs on the real property commonly known as 1000 SE BAY BLVD #M-136, NEWPORT, OR 97365. You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication of this summons, and in case of your failure to do so, for want thereof, Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer." The motion or answer or reply must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on Plaintiff's attorney or, if Plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service upon Plaintiff. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling (503) 884-3763 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll-free elsewhere in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. STATE OF OREGON, County of Multnomah 1, the undersigned attorney of record for Plaintiff, certify that the foregoing is an exact and complete copy of the original summons in the above entitled action. Dated: June 26, 2026 Allison S. Campbell, OSB No. 226036 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF Lepore Law LLC 1836 NW Overton Street Portland, OR 97209 www.lepore-law.com e: allison@lepore-law.com p: 541-897-8132 7/8/26 7/15/26 7/22/26 7/29/26

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LCL26-332 NOTICE PURSUANT TO OREGON ORS 517.180 TO REMOVE DORMANT MINERAL RIGHTS

Interests 1. The names of the holders of the mineral interest, as shown of record: Lincoln County, a political subdivision of the State of Oregon 2. The instrument creating the original severed mineral interest, now dormant, is deed recorded July 10, 1962 in Book 226, page 366 Lincoln County, Oregon records. 3. The lands affected by the mineral interest: The North half of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 22, Township 7 South, Range 11 West, Willamette Meridian, in Lincoln County, Oregon. 4. The person giving the notice: James Nordell, on behalf of Lincoln 44 LLC, property owner. 5. The date of first publication of the notice: July 01, 2026. A holder of the mineral interest, as described above, must submit a statement of claim to the Lincoln County Clerk within 60 days after the date of the last publication (July 15, 2026), or the mineral interest of the holder may be extinguished. 7/15/26 7/8/26 7/15/26

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handcrafted pin from Portland-based artist Lillian Pitt, who is of Warm Springs, Wasco and Yakama descent and grew up on the Warm Springs Reservation in Central Oregon.

Pitt's pin, "She Who Watches," is a depiction of a famous petroglyph that represents Tsagagalal, a wise and powerful chief transformed to stone who continues to keep vigil over her people and the Columbia River.

"I am honored that my work will be included in this time capsule and am heartened to know that when it is opened in 250 years, people will be reminded of those who have made this land their home since time immemorial," Pitt said in a statement.

Here's a closer look at the items Oregon's congressional delegation picked for their time capsule.

A ballot and envelope Oregon was the first state to vote entirely by mail, running every election by mail since 2000. The time capsule includes a ballot envelope from Marion County Clerk Bill Burgess, addressed to the famed suffragist Susan B. Anthony at her New York home-turned-museum. Sheet music and lyrics of songs about Oregon

The state's largest city has long had a fraught relationship with the eight-season sketch comedy show "Portlandia," equal parts love letter

"One day, someone will open this time capsule and get a glimpse of who we were in 2026. I hope they'll see a state that took pride in its natural beauty, celebrated its culture, valued its farmers and workers and believed deeply in democracy."

— U.S. Rep. Andrea Salinas, D-Oregon

and lampooning of the city's hipster culture. The song "Portland, Oregon (You're My Home)," canonically a theme song the show's mayor asks Carrie Brownstein's and Fred Armisen's characters to compose, includes references to public transit, "underemployed coffee drinkers" and beards on men and women alike.

Dolly Parton's "Eugene" is a love song to the Lane County fans who welcomed her at a Valentine's Day show in 1972, when she was a little-known young singer traveling the country. Only one Oregon-born musician made the cut, Eugene's Mat Kearney, with his song "Coming Home (Oregon)."

Photo of late state Sen. Avel Gordly

Avel Gordly, who died in February, was the first Black woman elected to the Oregon state Senate and an advocate for social justice, mental health and education. U.S. Rep. Janelle Bynum, Oregon's first Black member of Congress, urged her inclusion in the time capsule.

"In a time when Black women's contributions and accomplishments in service to America are being overlooked, recognizing Sen. Gordly stands as a

testament to strength, resilience, and independence," Bynum said in a statement. "These are not just her values, but they are Oregon values."

A sunstone The official state gemstone is a rare labradorite found only in eastern Oregon's high desert, where it formed from lava flows millions of years ago. Indigenous people historically traded them across the West and used them in ceremonies, burial sites and sacred bundles.

The small gem in the time capsule is a pale yellow, but they can range in color from pale yellows and pinks to deep red and blue-green. Some sunstones appear to glow from within because of copper particles.

Socks

The capsule includes a pair of "Crater Lake" patterned socks from Pendleton Woolen Mills, established in 1909 in eastern Oregon. The company, known for its famous blankets and the sweater Jeff Bridges wore in "The Big Lebowski," operates two of the longest-running woolen mills in the U.S.

News article about the Portland Fire

Oregon's newest professional sports team, the



Artist Lillian Pitt's "She Who Watches" pin is Oregon's contribution to the America250 time capsule. (Courtesy from America250)

WNBA's Portland Fire, played its first game May 9. It ended in a 98-83 loss to the Chicago Sky, but as the printed version of an OPB article in the time capsule notes, the team and the sold-out crowd of nearly 20,000 were more excited about the birth of a new team than that temporary setback.

Agriculture illustration and iconic landscapes

Agriculture is big business in Oregon, which leads the nation in producing hazelnuts, Christmas trees, rhubarb and grass seeds. A map in the time capsule highlights the fruits, vegetables, plants, meat and fish grown in each county.

Members of Congress also selected printed photos of iconic Oregon landscapes, from snow-capped

peaks to lush forests and the jagged coast. "One day, someone will open this time capsule and get a glimpse of who we were in 2026," Rep. Andrea Salinas, D-Oregon, said in a statement. "I hope they'll see a state that took pride in its natural beauty, celebrated its culture, valued its farmers and workers and believed deeply in democracy."

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## More Tigers receiving awards

**WILL LOHRE**

Lincoln County Leader

While the baseball team for Taft High School has gotten plenty of shine (and rightly so), there were a host of other Tigers who received all-state or all-star recognition for their athletic excellence this year.

Senior Abby Mode was named to the softball 3rd Team All-State for her play in the outfield for the Tigers this year. She joined Zack Hankins, Callen Ward, and Lonnie West as Taft players recognized as among the top in the state on the baseball or softball diamond.

For the girls track and field team, there were a host of all-state performers. The girls finished fourth overall at the 2026 Track and Field Championships in Eugene, and they also had a lot of individual awards to show for it.

Senior Laney Lee had an amazing season, and she was named to the First Team All-State for her win in the 300m Hurdles, First Team All-State in the 4x100 Relay, Second Team All-State for second place in the 100m Hurdles, and Honorable Mention in the 4x400 Relay.

Each of Taft's state-winning runners in the 4x100 Relay were recognized with First Team honors, and Kasey Lee, Katelyn Holmes, and Ava Zalewski joined Laney Lee on the first team for the event.

The Tigers had two other Second Team All-State



There was no shortage of awards for the Taft Tigers this spring, as evidenced by all the award certificates that the school received. (Courtesy photo from the Taft High 7-12 Athletics Facebook page)

recipients. Sophomore Aida Lupo took second in the High Jump, posting a 1.64m leap, matching Joelle Quesinberry's all-time Taft record, set back in 1980. Thanks to her silver medal, Lupo also got to compete against some of the best athletes in the country at the Nike Outdoor Track & Field Nationals at Hayward Field. Also receiving Second Team honors was Kol Tolan in the Long Jump, where he finished

second.

Rounding out the awards were a host of honorable mentions. Kol Tolan took 8th in the triple jump, and Elijah Fingerson took 6th in the 400m dash, each earning Honorable Mention status. Ava Zalewski was a two-time Honorable Mention, earning her spot among the state's best in the 800m and 1500m. Finally, the quartet of Katelyn Holmes, Aida Lupo, Ava Zalewski,

and Laney Lee also received Honorable Mention status for their performance in the 4x400 Relay.

In addition to these all-state selections, there was more exciting news relating to Taft athletics when it was announced that Tigers Football Coach Jake Tolan was selected to coach this year's Oregon East-West Shrine All-Star Football Game. The all-star game is a charity event that features some of

the top graduating high school football players in Oregon, and all proceeds benefit Shriners Children's in Portland. Tolan will get the chance to coach Tigers graduates Kol Tolan and Riley Gilbreath in the game on July 25, 2026, at Baker Bulldog Memorial Stadium in Baker City.

The summer is in full swing, but there's still plenty of good work to reflect on from the Tigers this season.

## Newport welcomes new coaches

**WILL LOHRE**

Lincoln County Leader

The summer has marked a season of change for Newport basketball, with new head coaches announced for the boys' and girls' teams.

The developments were revealed in separate Facebook posts to the Newport High School Athletics page on July 1. Rob McAfee will take over for the girls varsity team, while Darryl Erwin is the new Head Coach for the boys squad.

Erwin will take over from Will Burghardt, who was named Coach of the Year for the Oregon West Conference during the 2025-26 season after he coached the Cubs to a 19-5 record. Burghardt left his



Darryl Erwin will be taking over as Head Coach of the Newport boys basketball team. (Courtesy photos from Newport High School Athletics Facebook page)

position at Newport for the head coaching role at Richland High School in Washington. Erwin is not new to Newport



Rob McAfee is the new Head Coach for the varsity girls basketball team at Newport High School.

High School, and he previously coached the girls' varsity team, leading them to a state playoff game in 2023.

In the announcement, the school said, "We are proud to announce Darryl Erwin as the Head Boys Basketball

Coach at Newport High School.

Coach Erwin brings passion, leadership, and a commitment to developing student-athletes both on and off the court."

Following a season that saw Newport hit new heights on the court, Erwin will be looking to keep the good times rolling in his new position.

Meanwhile, Rob McAfee will take over operations for a girls team that is looking to bounce back after a tough season in 2026. The Cubs finished 1-19, including 0-8 in the Oregon West Conference, and over the last two seasons they have a combined record of 6-34. McAfee will be hoping to bring the Cubs back to .500 for the first time since 2023.

The school included the following statement with the welcome announcement: "Please join us in welcoming Rob McAfee as our new Head Girls Basketball Coach at Newport High School! Coach McAfee brings a passion for the game, a commitment to student-athlete development, and a dedication to building a culture of hard work, teamwork, and Cub pride."

Whether it's building on success or bringing the program back to previous levels, both coaches will have plenty to work on in preparation for next spring. Despite being deep in the summer, summer workouts will begin soon, because everybody knows the Cubs never stop grinding.

## Officials needed for high school sports

**OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**

As more boys and girls turn out for their high school sports teams, the call for more officials always follows. That's the situation up and down the Willamette Valley. Top to bottom, the need for prep officials in all sports is great.

At the start of the new school year, there will be football games, volleyball matches, soccer matches and cross-country runs. All need officials. Eligibility begins at 18 but all you really need is a heart to give back to your prep sports community. Best part, you'll have a view of the unfolding action right before your eyes and get paid as well.

Veterans take note, using the Mike Pereira "Battlefields to Ballfields Program," all of your training, clothing and even the

whistle, can be paid for.

"What started as a small pilot program in California has grown into a national movement, transforming the lives of over 2,500 veterans across 45 states," said Pereira. "Our mission remains unchanged - to honor military service by creating new opportunities for veterans to serve their communities."

The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) is a non-profit, board-governed organization comprised of its member schools, both private and public. The OSAA is dedicated to ensuring equitable competition for Oregon high school students through OSAA-sponsored events. The foundation for that goal lies in a belief that no school, team or individual should be treated as any more or less than another.

OSAA standardized rules



For more information about being an OSAA Official, go to [www.osaa.org/officials/registration](http://www.osaa.org/officials/registration). (Courtesy)

of eligibility and competition and put in place a standard of education regarding participation in interscholastic activities. Administered equally and fairly, OSAA policies strive to allow no one school to outweigh its brethren.

**OUR MISSION**

The mission of the OSAA is to serve member schools by

providing leadership and state coordination for the conduct of interscholastic activities, which will enrich the educational experiences of high school students. The OSAA will work to promote interscholastic activities that provide equitable participation opportunities, positive recognition and learning experiences to students, while enhancing the achievement of educational goals.

**OUR HISTORY**

In 1918, a corps of high school administrators met to establish rules on age, amateurism, attendance and scholarship. The resulting action was the formation of the Oregon State High School Athletic Association.

In 1947, the name was changed to the Oregon School Activities Association to reflect the widening scope of

activities, which included more than sports. Today, the OSAA sponsors 113 team and 426 individual event state championships for students competing in 19 interscholastic activities. We are a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations, NFHS.

How We Succeed

Like any team, the OSAA must work together with schools, businesses, and concerned individuals to bring quality endeavors to Oregon students.

These efforts take time and dollars. The OSAA raises its revenues from three main avenues: interscholastic championship events, membership fees, and corporate sponsorship.

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