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A group of local pilots staged a No ICE demonstration at the Newport Airport in December 2025. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

Newport settles with U.S. Department of Justice over proposed ICE detention facility

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The City of Newport has reached a

settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) following nearly 10 months of litigation over the potential siting

of an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facility

See ICE, page A4

Local veteran's memorial vandalized

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Newport Police are seeking public assistance in finding the person responsible for the vandalism of a local veteran's memorial.

An unknown individual vandalized the Veterans Memorial near Don and Ann Davis Park, Oct. 20, according to investigators.

"Vandalism of a memorial honoring those who have served our country is particularly disheartening," Newport Police stated in a social media

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Newport Police have released these photos showing the vandalism at the Veteran's Memorial. (Courtesy from Newport Police)



Fire crews continued to put out spots at the fire scene Monday. (Courtesy photo)

Fish plant fire forces evacuations at Newport's bay front

JEREMY C. RUARK
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A reported explosion and fire at Pacific Seafood processing plant, 213 SW Bay Boulevard, triggered a mile radius evacuation along the bay-front in Newport Oct. 25. "We received a call at approximately 8:51 and fire crews responded

immediately," Newport Communications Director John Fuller said. "An evacuation zone was established after fire crews determined there were very low levels of ammonia in the smoke." The ammonia is used in industrial refrigeration systems.

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Fire crews on the ground and in the air battle the plant fire along Bay Boulevard in Newport. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)



The bay front at Newport was evacuated for a time as fire crews moved in to battle the blaze.

Over \$3M in fraudulent SNAP benefits uncovered in ongoing fraud crackdown

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

At least 40 people are facing federal charges for conspiring to defraud the United States of more than \$3 million in fraudulent Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) purchases

The schemes involved stealing EBT card data—often through skimming devices—to make unauthorized purchases of large quantities of SNAP-eligible

goods, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon.

U.S. Attorney Scott E. Bradford announced multiple new guilty pleas, 11 new indictments, and major federal sentences in two large interstate fraud schemes involving stolen Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) account information, during

a press conference in Portland, Wednesday, Oct. 21.

"When SNAP benefits are stolen, real families go without food," U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon Scott E. Bradford said. "That is unacceptable. My office will continue pursuing these cases to safeguard the integrity of the program and uphold the trust placed

in us to protect Oregon's communities."

"This organized criminal scheme not only resulted in the loss of food assistance benefits for needy families whose EBT card data was skimmed or otherwise stolen, USDA Inspector General John Walk said. "Egregiously, the corrupt enterprise

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Skimming device used to steal EBT card data.



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Weather

Wednesday: High-53/Low-44
Showers

Thursday: High-51/Low-41
Showers

Friday: High-49/Low-40
Showers

Saturday: High-52/Low-38
AM Showers

Sunday: High-54/Low-41
Partly Cloudy

Monday: High-56/Low-44
Mostly Cloudy

Tuesday: High-55/Low-46
Cloudy

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
17-Oct.....	0.04	50.15 °F	62.65 °F
18-Oct.....	0	43.75 °F	61.38 °F
19-Oct.....	0	48.16 °F	58.97 °F
20-Oct.....	0	47.25 °F	49.32 °F
21-Oct.....	0.01	46.78 °F	68.46 °F
22-Oct.....	0	45.46 °F	60.91 °F
23-Oct.....	0	44.26 °F	58.77 °F
Total rainfall from Jan. 1 30.70"			

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

High.....	2:44 a.m.	6.7
Low.....	7:56 a.m.	2.9
High.....	1:48 p.m.	8.5
Low.....	8:57 p.m.	1.3

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

High.....	3:39 a.m.	6.5
Low.....	8:42 a.m.	3.2
High.....	2:34 p.m.	8.4
Low.....	9:49 p.m.	1.1

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

High.....	4:37 a.m.	6.3
Low.....	9:33 a.m.	3.5
High.....	3:28 p.m.	8.0
Low.....	10:45 p.m.	0.7

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

High.....	5:40 a.m.	6.1
Low.....	10:35 a.m.	3.6
High.....	4:29 p.m.	7.5
Low.....	11:46 p.m.	0.3

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

High.....	5:44 a.m.	6.1
Low.....	10:53 a.m.	3.6
High.....	4:41 p.m.	6.9
Low.....	11:49 p.m.	0.1

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

High.....	6:47 a.m.	6.3
Low.....	12:21 p.m.	3.3
High.....	6:01 p.m.	6.4

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Low.....	12:52 a.m.	0.5
High.....	7:44 a.m.	6.6
Low.....	1:42 p.m.	2.6
High.....	7:25 p.m.	6.1

Sunrise/Sunset

Oct. 28.....	7:48 a.m.	6:12 p.m.
Oct. 29.....	7:49 a.m.	6:11 p.m.
Oct. 30.....	7:51 a.m.	6:09 p.m.
Oct. 31.....	7:52 a.m.	6:08 p.m.
Nov. 1.....	6:53 a.m.	5:06 p.m.
Nov. 2.....	6:55 a.m.	5:05 p.m.
Nov. 3.....	6:56 a.m.	5:03 p.m.
Nov. 4.....	6:57 a.m.	5:02 p.m.

Lottery

Friday, October 23

Mega Millions

3 • 7 • 46 • 49 • 51 • PB-5

Saturday, October 24

Powerball

4 • 5 • 15 • 19 • 55 • PB-19 • x2

Saturday, October 24

Megabucks

6 • 17 • 22 • 23 • 34 • 46

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Yard debris burning reopens in Newport



A permit is required to burn yard debris. To register for a free burn permit online, visit **BeforeYouBurn.com** and select “Check In Now” on the home page. (Metro Creative Connection)

SUBMITTED

Yard debris burning reopened Oct. 15 for those in the City of Newport and the surrounding Newport Rural Fire Protection District.

A permit is required to burn yard debris. To register for a free burn permit online, visit **BeforeYouBurn.com** and select “Check In Now” on the home page.

“Escaped or unattended fires can lead to unintended damage,” Newport city officials stated in a release. “Please burn responsibly and be courteous to your neighbors when burning yard debris.”

For more information or guidance on debris burning, contact the Newport Fire Department at 541-265-9461.

Halloween Safety LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

According to the National Safety Council, children are more than twice as likely to be struck and killed by a vehicle on Halloween night compared to other nights of the year.

Many view Halloween as a time for fun and treats, costumes, and attending spooky parties. Due to the increased pedestrian traffic, especially in low light conditions, it is also time to use extra caution.

Here are some safety tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Safety Council to make Halloween safer for everyone.

CHILDREN SHOULD:
Use caution when Trick-or-Treating



- Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult.
- Know phone numbers for emergency phone calls.
- Carry a note in their pocket with their name, address, and emergency contact.
- Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks if available, and avoid crossing or walking through yards.
- Stop at all corners and stay together in a group before crossing



- the street.
 - Cross streets at the corner, use crosswalks if available, and avoid crossing between parked cars.
 - Always look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.
- Plan a safe costume**
- Wear clothing that is bright, reflective, and flame retardant.
 - Avoid wearing hats that could slide over their eyes.
 - Avoid wearing long,

- baggy, or loose costumes and avoid over-sized shoes to prevent tripping.
- Ensure costume weapons are flexible, not rigid or sharp, and are very clearly toys.

ADULTS SHOULD:
Ensure safe activities for kids

- Supervise children during trick-or-treating and during other activities.
- Supervise children as they cross the street.
- Establish a curfew for older children.
- Prepare homes for trick-or-treaters by clearing porches, lawns, and sidewalks. Place decorations away from doorways, landings, or walkways.
- Avoid giving choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies, or small toys to young children.
- Inspect all candy before children eat it.

- Consider taking advantage of community events where kids can wear costumes and trick-or-treat in one central place without the need to navigate city and neighborhood streets.

Use extra caution on the road and in neighborhoods

- Drive slowly.
 - Watch for children in the street and on medians.
 - Exit driveways carefully.
 - Have children get out of cars on the curb-side, not the traffic side.
 - Avoid distracted driving or driving while tired.
 - Do not drive after using alcohol or other drugs.
- Following these tips can help ensure this Halloween is a safe and fun holiday for everyone.
- For more information and tips visit www.lincolncountysheriff.net*



Paid parking will remain in effect on Saturdays and Sundays, with times, rates and restrictions remaining unchanged. (Lincoln County Leader)

Newport Paid Parking Shifts to Weekends Only Nov. 2

CITY OF NEWPORT

Newport’s paid parking districts will transition to the off-season parking schedule beginning Monday, Nov. 2. Through April 2027, parking in public Bayfront areas and the Nye Beach turnaround will be free Monday through Friday.

Parking will also be free on Saturday, Oct. 31, for Halloween trick-or-treating at Bayfront and Nye Beach businesses, and Saturday, Dec. 5, as the

community celebrates the holiday season with events including the annual Lighted Boat Parade and holiday tree lighting.

Paid parking will remain in effect on Saturdays and Sundays, with times, rates and restrictions remaining unchanged. Vehicles displaying valid and visible disability placards, plates, or permits may park for free in any space within the City’s paid parking districts, excluding private lots and areas. Please

check posted signs for parking hours, restrictions and other limitations when parking on City streets and in public lots.

Revenue generated from the paid parking program is reinvested into improvements and programs exclusively within the City’s parking districts.

For more information about parking locations, rates, and payment options, visit NewportOregon.gov/parking.php

SHERIFF’S TIP OF THE WEEK

Will a trolley service work in Newport?

Council reviewing report

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The Newport City Council is reviewing the results of a study to determine if a trolley system could be established in the coastal city.

“The concept is being evaluated as a system that could connect Newport’s key business districts, operate at a high frequency, and be free or low-cost to use, according to a release from the City of Newport,” Newport

Communications Director John Fuller told the Lincoln County Leader in a June published interview.

Newport is exploring a trolley as a focused visitor-circulation service to complement, not replace, existing transit service, according to the information presented to the Newport City Council during a work session Oct. 19.

“A tourism-oriented service can also support day-today-mobility,” the information states

- Less repeat driving between destinations
- Better use of existing public parking
- Potential relief for neighborhood circulation
- Additional access for residents and employees

The information also outlines the results of the city’s community outreach, through surveys, stakeholder discussions, festival outreach, and a public workshop concerning the establishment of a trolley

system.

- Make it useful
- Simple and intuitive connections between places that people actually visit.
- Make it dependable
- Reliability, convenience, and affordability matter more than serving everywhere.
- Make it work for Newport
- Reduce parking friction and complement walking, biking, and LCT

The route recommendations were selected through existing conditions, mobility data, engagement, and operating tests.

ABOUT THE STUDY
Improving How People Experience Newport

Newport is one of the Pacific Northwest’s most popular coastal destinations, attracting visitors from across the region and around the world. As visitations continue to grow, so do the challenges of getting around, especially between the community’s

most visited areas.The City of Newport is exploring ways to make it easier, safer, and more enjoyable for people to experience everything the community has to offer.

The Challenge

During busy times of the year, getting around Newport can be difficult. Visitors and residents alike experience:

- Congestion in high-activity areas
- Limited connections between key destinations
- Challenges crossing US-101
- Travel challenges that can feel longer and more difficult than expected

These challenges can make it harder to explore multiple areas of Newport in a single trip, limit access to local businesses, and reduce the overall experience for everyone, according to the report.

The city also is reviewing the costs of establishing a trolley system, according to Fuller.

“Part of this assessment and feasibility study will help us understand the costs to the city to operate a trolley and determine what, if any, funding sources such as grants may exist to assist with operating costs,” he said.

Following the Oct. 19 work session, Fuller said the city staff will continue to review the funding options of the trolley system.

“City Council raised several questions about the trolley feasibility study and the potential steps and costs involved in implementing a trolley program in Newport,” he said. “Staff will further research potential funding opportunities, with a particular focus on covering startup costs.”

See detailed trolley illustrations with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website and follow developments online and in the Wednesday print editions of The Leader.

Sudoku answers

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

LCSD Superintendent offers insight following Bend school shooting

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Following the shooting at Bend’s Silver Trail Elementary School that killed three children, one teacher and wounded two others Oct. 15, the Lincoln County Leader reached out to Lincoln County School District Superintendent Dr. Majalise Tolan to seek insight into the safety of our local schools.

Lincoln County Leader: Over the years, school districts across the nation, including the LCSD, have taken proactive steps to keep students, teachers, and staff safe. Could you give us the range of training that the LCSD teachers and staff go thought to be prepared for such violent incidents?

Dr. Majalise Tolan: LCSD has a regular drill schedule that includes evacuations, shelter-in-place, and lockdown procedures. Our staff complete refresher training annually as well as support students through a consistent drill cycle.

In addition, LCSD has installed The Blue Box



This image was released by the Oregon Department of Emergency Management following the Silver Trail Elementary School shooting.

Warning System in all of our schools thanks to our successful 2025 Bond measure. The Blue Box Warning System is a communication and warning tool designed to reduce and prevent injuries and loss of life during a serious time-sensitive threat or acts of violence at school. Blue boxes are hardwired and attached to the walls in common areas inside the school. When a Blue Box is activated, it automatically plays a pre-recorded message over the school’s PA System so everyone will know to

immediately do a Code Red Lockdown. It simultaneously notifies the alarm company so the 911 center can quickly dispatch police to the school.

Lincoln County Leader: What recommendations would you give students and parents as they try to understand this latest sad incident and perhaps worry about the safety of their schools?

Tolan: We remind students that everyone processes in different ways, and all feelings are valued. We must all practice patience and show respect

for everyone’s reactions. We take safety seriously and have preparedness procedures in place. Times like these are very scary, and we encourage families to connect with their child’s teacher or building administrator to answer any questions. More information can be found on our website: <https://www.lincoln.k12.or.us/page/safety-emergency-preparedness>

Lincoln County Leader: While we have yet to learn what led to this latest school shooting, we understand that a

16-year-old Bend resident was the suspect. What should students and parents look for that might give them warnings that a fellow student might act out in such a violent manner, and what steps should they take to prevent such violence?

Tolan: All students should be treated with kindness and respect. When something seems out of the ordinary or causes concern, it is important to report that to a trusted adult at home or building staff. We want all children to feel safe and to get the help they need. LCSD students or community members can make reports of school threats, weapons, violence, drugs, self-harm or other safety concerns at SafeOregon 24 hours a day, seven days a week at <https://www.safeoregon.com/index.html>

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management has provided the following:

Crisis Support

Tragic events involving school violence can have lasting emotional impacts on students, families,

educators, first responders and the broader community.

It is normal for individuals to experience fear, sadness, anxiety, confusion or other emotional reactions following a traumatic event. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to talk with children in age-appropriate ways, provide reassurance, maintain routines when possible and limit repeated exposure to distressing news coverage.

Free and confidential mental health resources are available:

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Call or text 988 for free, confidential emotional support, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Spanish-language support is also available.

YouthLine: Call 877-968-8491 or text teen2teen to 839863 for support designed for teens and young adults.

211info: Dial 211 or visit 211info.org for information about community services and available support resources.

Anyone experiencing an immediate emergency should call 911.



Marbled murrelet in flight. (Courtesy from Kim Nelson and Dan Cushing)



Marbled murrelet nesting. (Courtesy from Brett Lovelace)

Murrelet chicks face predation risk with poor ocean conditions

STEVE LUNDEBERG
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Article

Less favorable ocean conditions mean marbled murrelet chicks take longer to leave the nest, making them more vulnerable to predation, according to a new study of the iconic Pacific Northwest seabird by Oregon State University scientists.

The research, which quantified how murrelet parents provided food for their young under different ocean conditions, is important for understanding how the secretive species might fare as climate change alters the ocean environment, said the OSU College of Forestry’s Jim Rivers, director of the Oregon Marbled Murrelet Project.

Scientists use multiple indicators to measure ocean conditions from an ecological perspective, Rivers explains, but overall poor conditions often mean “it’s warmer and there’s less food available.”

“And in really bad years, murrelets may forgo breeding altogether,” he said.

Murrelets can only produce one offspring per year, and their young require forage fish for proper growth and development.

Adult marbled murrelets spend most of their time in coastal waters eating krill, other invertebrates and fish such as herring, anchovies, smelt and capelin. The dove-sized birds are closely related to puffins and murres, but unlike those birds, murrelets raise their young as far as 60 miles inland in mature and

old-growth conifer forests. Murrelets typically lay their single egg high in a tree on a horizontal limb at least 4 inches in diameter. The birds are monogamous and the parents take turns bringing fish to their offspring, usually in the early morning or late evening.

Steller’s jays, American crows and common ravens are the main predators of murrelet eggs and chicks.

“Murrelets have secretive nesting behaviors that help protect their young from predators,” said Cecelia Frisinger, a graduate student who led the study. “They also commute long distances from ocean feeding areas to inland nesting sites, a behavior that is highly unusual among seabirds. Together, these traits make conducting research on these birds especially challenging.”

Frisinger, Rivers and collaborators at Oregon State used more than

12,000 hours of video recordings to study marbled murrelet chick provisioning at 18 nests over two years of poor ocean conditions and two years of more favorable conditions. Analyzing 1,332 feeding events, the scientists found the chicks received fewer feeding visits per day – consisting of a single fish per visit, typically a smelt, anchovy, herring or sand lance – when ocean conditions were poor.

However, the chicks’ estimated daily energy intake was only slightly greater during better ocean conditions because when conditions were poor, the fish the chicks received were larger and more energy dense.

Nevertheless, under poor ocean conditions, the chicks took an average of 25% longer to fledge, or eight days longer, greatly increasing their exposure

to nest predators.

“This study includes more marbled murrelet chick provisioning observations than all previous studies combined, making it the largest dataset of its kind to date,” Frisinger said. “Determining variation in behavioral traits, including parental care behaviors that buffer reproductive output against changing environmental conditions, is critical for predicting how animals will cope with climate change.”

The findings suggest that successful murrelet reproduction depends on a narrow range of prey species and that climate-driven changes in those species’ availability will affect murrelets’ reproductive output, she said.

Along the West Coast, marbled murrelets can be seen from Santa Cruz, California, to the Aleutian Islands. The species is

listed as threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act in Washington, Oregon and California.

Projected increases in ocean warming coupled with the loss and fragmentation of murrelet nesting habitat suggest that murrelet population recovery will require conservation efforts in both marine and terrestrial habitats, Rivers said.

“On the marine side, we need to enhance populations of murrelet prey items by reducing bycatch of forage fish and protecting spawning areas,” he said. “Those actions will also benefit large predatory fishes, other seabirds and marine mammals, whose populations are also dependent on the long-term

health of forage fish stocks.”

The U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the OSU College of Forestry supported this research, which was conducted in Rivers’ Forest Animal Ecology Lab. The study also included Oregon State’s Matt Betts, Dan Roby, Kim Nelson, Elizabeth Daly, Jonathan Dachenhaus and Kaitlyn Osborne.

The study findings were published today in the journal *Ornithology*.

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Barred owl killing plan in Oregon

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

In his latest newsletter, Oregon State Rep. David Gomberg shares wildlife and animal welfare developments concerning the killing of barred owls.

The effort has attracted the attention of ranchers, the forest products industry, conservationists, hunters, and animal advocates “as we struggle to protect one species at the expense of another,” Gomberg states.

Last year, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced plans to kill more than 450,000 barred owls over 30 years in Oregon, Washington, and California.

The agency said barred owls outcompete legally protected spotted owls for food and territory. Animal rights groups have called the killing cruel and unethical while some conservation groups support it as a way to save spotted owls.

In early October, the Oregon Department of State Lands announced it would shoot and kill barred owls in the Coast Range starting Oct. 22, becoming the first agency in the state to take part in this controversial federal effort to curb the invasive barred owls and boost dwindling northern spotted owl populations, according to Gomberg.

The agency said it has secured permits to kill up to 350 barred owls per year in the 83,000-acre Elliott State Research Forest in Coos and Douglas counties,



Researchers have shown strong evidence that spotted owl population declines are more pronounced in areas where barred owls have moved into the spotted owl's range and are greatest where barred owls have been present the longest. (Courtesy photo)

northeast of Coos Bay. The culling will take place year-round for at least 15 years and cost as much as \$1.2 million,” Gomberg said. “In addition to the Coast Range, barred owls are slated to be killed in the Oregon Klamath region, the Western Oregon Cascades, and Eastern Oregon Cascades, according to the federal plan.

“The Elliott has been a flashpoint in Oregon’s timber wars for decades. Once managed for school-fund timber revenue, it was reborn as a research forest in 2022 after years of conflicts over endangered-species protections and a failed sale. Its new conservation plan allows timber harvest while requiring

species recovery measures,” Gomberg states. “The goal is for spotted owls to return to vacant nesting territories, establish breeding pairs, and raise enough young to rebuild a self-sustaining population.”

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Barred Owl Management Plan

Barred owls are larger, more aggressive, and more adaptable than northern spotted owls.

They displace spotted owls, disrupt their nesting, and compete with them for food. Researchers also have seen a few instances of barred owls interbreeding with or killing spotted owls. Because the spotted owl is already struggling due to its reduced

habitat, the effect of the barred owl’s presence is an added stressor. An already vulnerable population has a much more difficult time withstanding dramatic changes in the ecosystem such as the encroachment of a competitor.

Barred owls are native to eastern North America. It is believed they began expanding west of the Mississippi River around the turn of the 20th century. This could have been a natural range expansion or human-caused, or a combination of both. One common theory is that the barred owl’s westward movement was precipitated by changes to the environment in the boreal forest and Great Plains as Europeans increasingly settled there and dramatically altered the landscape. This may have removed natural barriers that previously inhibited the barred owl’s westward expansion. Barred owls now outnumber spotted owls in many portions of the latter’s range.

Researchers have shown strong evidence that spotted owl population declines are more pronounced in areas where barred owls have moved into the spotted owl’s range and are greatest where barred owls have been present the longest. A recent meta-analysis of northern spotted owl population trends found that northern spotted owl populations experienced significant declines on all 11 study areas, ranging from 2

to 9% annually. Barred owl presence on spotted owl territories was the primary factor negatively affecting apparent survival, recruitment, and ultimately, population trend.

The Northern Spotted Owl Recovery Plan identified 12 Recovery Actions specific to the barred owl threat, including Recovery Action 29 - “Design and implement large-scale control experiments to assess the effects of barred owl removal on spotted owl site occupancy, reproduction, and survival”. We conducted an experiment to test the effects of removing barred owls from certain areas of spotted owl habitat to see if it would benefit spotted owls. The Barred Owl Removal Experiment demonstrated success in reducing populations of barred owls and a strong, positive effect on survival of northern spotted owls, which arrested the long-term population declines of northern spotted owls within the removal areas. Click here for more information on the experiment.

The Barred Owl Removal Experiment provided information for the implementation of Recovery Action 30 - “Manage to reduce the negative effects of barred owls on spotted owls”. We are implementing this though the development of a barred owl management strategy. The strategy will cover the ranges of the northern and California spotted owl subspecies using a

landscape perspective. The approach and recommended actions will vary across the landscape as appropriate to the conditions and urgency in each region.

The purpose of the strategy is to reduce barred owl populations to improve the survival and recovery of northern spotted owls and to prevent declines in California spotted owls from barred owl competition.

For northern spotted owls, the purpose is to stop or slow spotted owl population declines within selected treatment areas in the short term and increase spotted owl populations in the intermediate term. Due to the rapid and ongoing population decline of northern spotted owls, it is critical that we manage invasive barred owl populations to reduce their negative effect on spotted owls before northern spotted owls are extirpated from large portions of their native range. Therefore, action alternatives need to provide for rapid implementation and result in swift reduction in barred owl competition.

Relative to the California spotted owl, the purpose is to limit the invasion of barred owls into the range of the subspecies and respond quickly to reduce barred owl populations that may become established. The southward invasion of the barred owl has reached their range, and future impacts to their populations are inevitable without management

ICE

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in Newport.

Under the settlement, ICE has stipulated that it currently has no plans to expand existing detention facilities or open new long- or short-term detention facilities anywhere in Oregon, according to a release from Newport city officials.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has also agreed to provide the City of Newport with at least 30 days notice before issuing an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement for a plan to construct or operate a detention facility in Newport.

The agreement provides the city with formal notice provisions and a statement of the federal government’s current plans regarding detention facilities in Oregon.

“This has been a long and challenging process for our community, and we have remained committed to protecting Newport’s interests every step of the way,” Newport Mayor Jan Kaplan said. “Our responsibility is to stand up for our residents, protect our community’s future and ensure that decisions affecting Newport are made with the transparency and accountability our community deserves. We are pleased to have reached this agreement, and we will continue to keep our community informed.”

Newport City Council President Robert Emond emphasized the importance of the City’s efforts throughout the litigation.

“From the beginning, our priority as a City Council has been to protect Newport and ensure that federal actions affecting our community respect the laws,

agreements and safeguards in place,” Emond said. “Our community has come together in remarkable ways throughout this process. We appreciate everyone who has supported these efforts and helped ensure Newport’s concerns were heard.”

Newport City Attorney Tiffany Johnson worked alongside outside counsel Stoll Berne throughout the litigation, representing the city in its efforts to address the proposed detention facility and protect the community’s interests, according to the release.

Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden released the following statement concerning the settlement.

“Huge praise to the city of Newport for working together to protect what makes their Oregon Coast city such a special place,” Wyden stated in a social media post. “A great example for the rest

of America about how to stand up to ICE bullying.”

Background

In October 2025, the City became aware of federal efforts to potentially establish an ICE detention facility at the U.S. Coast Guard Air Facility at Newport Municipal Airport. The possibility raised significant concerns about the project’s potential impacts on the community, coastal resources and local infrastructure.

The City of Newport retained Stoll Berne as outside counsel, and on December 22, 2025, the city filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court challenging the federal government’s actions and seeking to prevent the proposed facility from moving forward in Newport.

In December 2025, lawyers for the state sought an injunction from U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken in an amended complaint filed as part of an ongoing lawsuit challenging the U.S. Coast Guard’s removal of a rescue helicopter from the Newport Municipal Airport facility in late October.

The lawyers argued that the federal government is skirting federal environmental and coastal land use regulations which would require more notice for Oregon leaders should an ICE facility be constructed in the area.

“Defendants have engaged in these efforts behind closed doors, with no transparency or public process, ignoring direct requests for information from local officials and members of Congress,” the new filing reads. “As a result, the state has been forced to piece together defendants’ plans for the ICE detention facility based on public reporting, inquiries to

and information from federal contractors, the second-hand account of a U.S. Coast Guard witness, and related evidence.”

“We will not allow federal agencies to sidestep the law or build detention facilities where they don’t belong, including along our coast,” Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield said in a statement. “The federal government has to follow the same laws everyone else does when operating in our communities.”

Newport’s lawyers earlier filed a similar lawsuit in federal court asking a judge to require compliance with federal environmental regulations mandating impact assessments before any construction of an ICE detention facility in the city. The U.S. Coast Guard’s deed from 1992 for its Newport Municipal Airport facility specifically mentions its purpose as an aviation site, a purpose the suit says should be honored.

Oregon is one of a few states in the nation that does not have a large-scale, long-term immigration detention facility. People held by ICE in the state are allowed to be detained in processing facilities in cities such as Portland for up to 12 hours, often transferring to a center in Tacoma, Washington, for longer detentions.

In a published report in the Lincoln County Leader in March of this year, The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) stated it was asking a federal court to dismiss the City of Newport’s lawsuit against the federal agency concerning the development of an immigration detention facility at the Newport Airport.

In the court filing, the

DHS states:

“Environmental compliance activities had only just begun when USCG withdrew the Newport AIRFAC site from consideration. No construction has taken place and there had been no irretrievable commitment of resources during their initial assessment of the site.

ICE has made no decision to begin construction of a temporary holding/processing facility. At present, ICE has no plan or intention to begin construction or to open a temporary holding/processing facility in or around the City of Newport, Oregon or anywhere within Lincoln County, Oregon.»

Following the Department of Homeland Security statement in March, Kaplan issued the following:

“While this statement represents a positive step for our community, we must remain vigilant and carefully consider its language. Previously, ICE offered only that it would not build a detention facility in Newport or at the Newport Municipal Airport before May 2026. We have not yet received assurances that ICE will not attempt to establish a facility in our community in the future. That’s why we are pursuing further assurances that ICE will not construct any detention facility, temporary or permanent.

For months, ICE has left our community in a state of uncertainty. We will remain actively engaged until ICE has made a decision, and we will only be satisfied when that decision is to make a permanent commitment not to establish a detention facility in Newport.”



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The compassion missing from the abortion debate

GLENDAY PAYNE
Oregon Capital Chronicle

I live in Tillamook County, a rural dairy-farming community where faith runs deep, and this fall, campaign signs line our roads. Abortion is part of the argument those signs are making. I am writing especially to those of who oppose abortion rights, in the hope that my story reminds you of the compassion Jesus taught.

I was 14 when I made the hardest decision of my life. Fifty-five years later, with the Nov. 3 election nearly here, I’m still asking the people who debate that decision to remember there is a person behind it.

The abortion debate has become a shouting match. I believe it needs more compassion, and that’s why I’m sharing my story.

I turn 70 four days after Election Day. I have advanced mitochondrial myopathy, and I no longer care what others think of me. I have made my peace with the only one whose love really matters. I know without a shadow of a doubt where my soul belongs and to whom.



Abortion providers and support groups are reporting delays in seeing patients and higher demand for help. (Gloria Rebecca Gomez / States Newsroom)

I was a wounded young woman with a deep need to feel loved, and I had come to believe that love came only from the value of my body and not my soul.

My father nearly disowned me when I chose to terminate rather than place my baby for adoption. He had been adopted in Missouri in 1921, when the law treated adoption as a complete legal break from his birth family, and he carried a deep hurt of rejection all his life.

I need you to know that

my choice came from deep compassion and concern for the life my child would lead. I did not want her to spend her life hurting because she felt I had rejected her very existence. In heaven, she would not have to know that pain. That was the logic of my 14-year-old brain.

The father of my baby was a violent teenager who died young. He once picked me up over his head while I was pregnant and threw me to the ground. I truly feared that

I would give birth to a child who could never be loved, because she would be born malformed and broken. And I grieved for her.

But I did what I felt was right. I chose to protect the soul of my unborn child rather than bring her into a world that would only offer hate. That terrified me so much that I felt the kindest, most loving thing I could do was let her soul stay where she was and one day come into a loving family. That was, and is, the power of

my faith.

My favorite Jesus story is in the Gospel of John, chapter 8. A crowd wanted to stone a woman to death. Jesus told them that anyone without sin should throw the first stone, and no one could. I try to remember that whenever I hear this debate.

I grew up in the social revolution of the sixties, when women’s power over our own lives was finally growing. I hate to think of that power shrinking now.

So whoever you vote for on Nov. 3, I’m asking you to remember the women behind this debate: Women who have survived abuse, who have felt denied their own worth, and who deserve a voice in decisions about their own lives. And I’m asking men to stand beside women, not above them.

And yes, I know beyond the shadow of a doubt that I am deeply loved and never condemned by the God who created my soul, even though I made a very painful choice in my youth. I had little

supportive guidance.

I support a woman’s right to choose either option. In today’s more tolerant climate, I encourage adoption. But in certain circumstances, and after much prayer, I believe women and their families can find a peaceful, healing solution to a truly difficult moment in life.

I pray all options will be available to them without misplaced judgment or harsh consequences.

Between now and Nov. 3, I am praying for more compassion in this debate. Whatever your faith, or no faith at all, I hope we can find common ground.

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With our voices, let’s draw the line

DONNI KENNEDY
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column

One morning, shortly after Donald Trump won the presidential election the second time around, I was filled with a sudden resolve.

On a big piece of poster board, I wrote down a quote by a grinning pundit I’d heard on TV: “What’s a little dictatorship among friends?” I crossed out the word “dictatorship” and wrote “discernment”, then “compassion.”

A neighbor passing by didn’t like the sign. She thought it was divisive. She argued that it is

divisiveness that poses the real danger, not fascism, a fear she considered overblown.

“It’s more important that we preserve harmony.” Where have I heard that argument before? Ah, yes: From battered wives who decline to press charges.

I’ve been thinking about about E. Jean Carroll, the only person to beat Donald Trump twice in court, proving that Trump sexually abused her and that she was injured by his conduct. Why didn’t E. Jean Carroll report the rape to the police right after it happened? She’s been asked many times.

I am 74 years old. Here’s what I think: For so many of

us women in E. Jean Carroll’s generation, imagining that we could make it out of young adulthood unscathed would have been, well, naive. It took a long time for many of us to realize that tolerating sexual abuse is not a normal rite of passage into adulthood.

The case of E. Jean Carroll has something important to teach us.

What the MAGA movement under Donald Trump’s direction has perpetrated on our country is not unlike domestic violence writ large. The wish to preserve harmony is admirable, but at some point, in the face of corruption, “extra-judicial killings”,

assaults by masked ICE officers on people who, only moments ago, were our neighbors, friends, workers, caretakers, plans to issue ICE agents “torture gloves”, and now, a televised execution?! The list goes on and on.

At some point, I think we’ve got to stand up to bullying and, for the sake of human dignity, say NO. Enabling leaders to use their governing powers to exact private revenge is not a normal rite of passage for a democracy.

That day I put the sign in the bushes, I asked my husband, “Do you agree with our neighbor? Is the sign too divisive? Should I take it down?” “No,”

he said. “Leave it up. I think it’s important we draw a line.”

Please vote. With your vote, say no to the enablers of the Abuser-In-Chief, the Liar-in-Chief. Say no to the domestic and international violence committed under his command. Say no to the war-mongers in our midst who worship testosterone and sneer at integrity. Say no to the use of bribery and intimidation to hold on to power, subvert our democracy, destroy our environment and amass more and more dirty money.

With our votes, let’s draw the line.

Donni Kennedy is a Lincoln City resident.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUPPORTS JAN KAPLN

I am proud to support Mayor Jan Kaplan for a second term as Mayor of Newport.

His leadership reflects a commitment to bringing people together, building

partnerships, and strengthening our community.

When Newport faced the threat of a detention center, Jan called and presided over an initial community meeting attended by more than 800 people. He helped build a coalition, encouraged cities across Oregon to pass supporting resolutions, and helped raise \$50,000 from other cities for our legal defense. His actions demonstrated the power of community organizing and collaboration. As mayor, Jan helped restore trust in city government during a transition from the previous administration.

He led the City Council with respect, civility, and a commitment to working constructively across differences. Jan’s leadership also extends throughout Lincoln County. Through his work on the county-wide housing advisory board, he helped advance efforts resulting in new housing and shelters. He

understands that addressing housing needs requires cooperation and practical solutions.

Just as importantly, Jan consistently shows up for Newport’s Latino and LGBTQ+ communities, demonstrating his support through meaningful engagement and a willingness to stand alongside community members. Jan’s record reflects initiative, integrity, inclusion, and a commitment to solving difficult problems together.

He has worked to strengthen relationships, address community needs, and ensure that people feel heard and respected. I encourage you to consider Jan’s record of service and dedication as you make your decision.

I am proud to support Jan Kaplan for a second term as mayor.

Gabrielle McEntee
Newport

SUPPORTS DON AND RIGBY

Two dedicated, well experienced candidates stand out for their exceptional qualifications and professionalism. Don and Rigby take seriously the position of representing the county with research, data and knowledge.

Cristen Don, running

for County Commissioner, position 2, has lived in Lincoln County for 22 years and has dedicated her career to public service. Cristen has extensive experience in managing public programs and budgets, building partnerships and helping coastal communities navigate complex issues with clarity and trust.

Cathie Rigby, running for position 1, is the

grant writer for the city of Newport and is very well acquainted with the issues facing Lincoln County. As the daughter of immigrant parents who came to the country with hope and determination she has shaped her life by service, resilience, and a deep belief that we thrive when we take care of one another. Cathie’s education and experience, both lived and professional,

make her the best candidate to take on the challenges we are facing right now in the county commissioners for position 1.

Please join me in voting for these two candidates on the November ballot. And remember to place your ballot in the mail by October 27 or drop it off at an official ballot box by 8pm on November 3.

Mary Infante
Depoe Bay

ONLINE POLL

PREVIOUS POLL

How do you gain information about local and state candidates and measures in elections?

50%..... Voter’s pamphlet
18.2%..... Social media
22.7%..... Newspapers, tv, and radio reports
9.1%..... Other

NEW POLL

What are your expectations of the coming election?

- A big shift is going to happen, leading to big changes
- A big shift is going to happen but not much will change
- The status quo will remain, but changes will still happen
- The status quo will remain and not much will change

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The vote is the most powerful nonviolent change agent you have in a democratic society.”

John Lewis





Smoke from the fire rises over the bay front and towards homes along the nearby hillside. (Photos by Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)



Fire crews used specialized protective gear at the fire site due to the potential of hazardous materials in the smoke.

FIRE

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Ammonia is a toxic, corrosive chemical that causes severe irritation and chemical burns upon contact with skin, eyes, and the respiratory tract. Inhaling high concentrations of ammonia gas or fumes leads to coughing, severe throat irritation, shortness of breath, pulmonary edema (fluid in the lungs), and airway obstruction, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Ammonia Chemical Fact Sheet.

A Level 3 “Go Now” evacuation was established in the area of the fire. The evacuations were later reduced to a small area around the fire scene.

City officials recommended that residents and visitors in Newport wear protective face masks while the smoke lingered in parts of the city.

The Oregon State Fire Marshal mobilized several resources to help first responders, including a hazmat team, to the large

fire at the plant. The State Hazmat Team 05, Linn-Benton, responded because of the presence of anhydrous ammonia, used in refrigeration, at the facility. The team deployed specialized equipment to monitor the air and model where there may be impacts to help with evacuations.

The state agency mobilized a task force with a ladder truck and four engines from Marion County to provide relief to local firefighters. A strike team from Lane County with five engines was scheduled to arrive Monday morning, Oct. 26.

“The ammonia tank has been found and, thankfully, doesn’t appear to be punctured or leaking,” State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple said later Sunday afternoon. “Our team is on the ground and will remain in Newport through the duration of the incident. The Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System is frequently used during wildfire response; it is designed for all hazards, including hazmat. This response highlights its strength in protecting

communities and providing resources to local responders.”

The cause of the fire was under investigation as of Monday. There were no reported civilian injuries. One firefighter was evaluated and treated for exhaustion, according to Fuller.

“Approximately 30 to 40 employees were inside the facility when the fire broke out,” Fuller said. “All of those employees have been accounted for by Pacific Seafood.”

Pacific Seafood is a large seafood processing and distribution facility operated along the bay front in Newport.

During a Newport City Hall news conference later Sunday afternoon, Newport Mayor Jan Kaplan said the plant is a critical economic driver in the city and that Newport would do all it could to help the plant and its employees following the fire.

In a statement issued Sunday afternoon, Ashton Meier, Pacific Seafood VP Resource Sales and Processing, said the company was devastated by the

fire.

“Although we are still working with emergency response officials to determine the full extent of the damage, we expect that it will be a major loss,” Meier said. “As a family-owned business, we deeply value our people and our community. We are eternally grateful for the help of the emergency responders today and thank them for all of their efforts. We are incredibly thankful and glad to report that all of our team members on site are safe and accounted for and that at this time we are not aware of any injuries to others in the area.

“Our focus going forward will be on supporting our team members, our neighbors, and the people of Newport. In the days ahead, we will continue to work with public safety officials to make sure they have the access and information necessary to determine the cause of the fire, the extent of the damage, and any ongoing hazards or effects. We appreciate everyone that has jumped into action, provided support, or reached out to us today”

Volunteers and Food Share of Lincoln County prepared emergency food boxes and offered help to those gathered at an emergency shelter established Sunday at the Atonement

Lutheran Church at 2315
N Coast Highway.

“We are closely monitoring the fire at Pacific Seafood in Newport,” Oregon Governor Tina Kotek said in a social media post. “Thank you to the first responders working tirelessly to protect lives and property. The state will continue to provide all resources necessary to support local fire teams on the ground.”

Sen. Dick Anderson
(R-Lincoln City) issued
the following statement on
Sunday.

“My thoughts are with the people of Newport today, especially the workers at Pacific Seafoods, the families and businesses along the bayfront, and the first responders who are working to keep our community safe,” Anderson said. “I’m grateful to the Newport firefighters, the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office, and the state and regional crews who are responding. My office will keep working with state and local officials to support Newport and Lincoln County through the response and recovery. If you need help connecting with state resources, please contact my office.”

Newport City Manager Nina Avett and Kaplan credited quick action from the city's fire department, neighboring first

responding agencies, and the U.S. Coast Guard in helping resolve the situation.

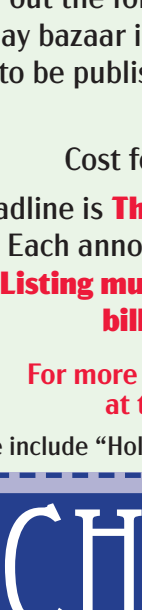
Fuller released the following update Monday morning Oct. 26.

- Fire crews extinguished the fire at approximately 6 p.m. Sunday night. Crews continue to work on a few hot spots.
- The Oregon State Fire Marshall is leading the investigation into the cause of the fire assisted by Newport Fire.
- There is still smoky air around Newport. Community members were asked to wear a mask if they must be outside.
- There is no threat or risk of contamination to the community. As reported Sunday, the ammonia tanks inside the facility were stabilized.
- Most of the Bayfront is reopened. A specific area at the fire was still closed Monday to vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians so that fire crews can continue to work and the investigation can take place. See the map attached to this story at the Lincoln County Leader website.
- Pacific Seafood is currently running.

Fire crews from Stayton, Silverton, Mt. Angel, Keizer, Willamette Valley, Marion County, and Salem came in Sunday night for the overnight shift. Depoe Bay, Siletz, Seal Rock, Central Oregon Coast Fire, Toledo, North Lincoln, Corvallis, Philomath, Linn Benton County Hazmat, the Oregon State Fire Marshall, the U.S. Coast Guard, Newport Police, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Lincoln County Emergency Management, Pac West Ambulance, and Newport Public Works assisted with emergency response and information.

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

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SNAP

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also placed public health and safety – including of babies – at risk by selling products like infant formula on the black market. I commend the U.S. Attorney’s Office, USDA OIG Special Agents, and our law enforcement partners for disrupting this dangerous scheme and bringing the fraudsters to face justice.”

Case Summaries
U.S. v. Ramirez Dumitru et al.

- In October 2024, a federal grand jury in Oregon charged 17 people in a scheme that stole more than \$2.4 million in SNAP benefits.
- Investigators say that from August 2023 to October 2024, the group used skimmers and other methods to

- steal EBT card information, then used the stolen accounts to buy large amounts of infant formula, energy drinks, and other SNAPeligible items in Oregon, Washington, and California, including through curbsidepickup orders.
- More than 120,000 pounds of goods were purchased with stolen benefits, stored in Oregon and Washington, and then shipped to California to be sold on the black market.
- All 17 defendants were arrested in October 2024.
- One defendant, Ana Escalante, who helped transport stolen goods across state lines, was sentenced in September 2026 to 27 months in prison and ordered to pay \$2.4 million in restitution.

- So far, 12 defendants have been sentenced to a combined 157 months in prison, and two more have pleaded guilty and are awaiting sentencing in December 2026.

U.S. v. Alexandru Telescu et al.

- In November 2025, Alexandru Telescu and eleven others were charged in a 26count federal indictment involving a scheme to steal and use EBT card information.
- Estimated losses total \$700,000.
- Starting in in April 2025, the group used stolen EBT numbers and PINs—and skimmers placed on retail payment terminals—to buy SNAPeligible items in Oregon, Washington, and California. They repeatedly made purchases with victims’

benefits, stored some of the items in storage units, and shipped others to California in vans and trucks.

- On September 29, 2026, Telescu pleaded guilty to accesdevice fraud and aggravated identity theft and is scheduled for sentencing on January 28, 2027.
- Codefendants Aramis and Cristina Manolea previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy and were each sentenced in May 2026 to time served plus three years of supervised release.

New Indictments
U.S. v. Kehi

- On October 7, 2026, Bly Gnionsiekan Rodoophe Kehi was indicted by a federal grand jury for conspiracy to commit accesdevice fraud and possession of

devicemaking equipment, alleging he installed skimming devices on Washington County payment terminals to steal customers’ card data.

Additional Cases

- In September and October 2026, federal grand juries charged ten additional defendants with unauthorized use of access devices and aggravated identity theft.
- Prosecutors allege that each defendant used stolen EBT card numbers and PINs during 2024.
- Each case involves more than \$1,000 in merchandise obtained using benefits stolen from SNAP recipients. Estimated losses total \$143,000.

Coordinated Law Enforcement Effort

A multiagency partnership—including USDA

Office of Inspector General, IRSCriminal Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations, the U.S. Marshals Service, multiple police departments, and state agencies—is driving the investigation and prosecution of these cases. This coordinated effort targets organized groups responsible for stealing millions in SNAP benefits, according to a release from the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Oregon.

Continued Commitment to Enforcement

The U.S. Attorney’s Office remains committed to identifying, charging, and dismantling networks engaged in SNAP fraud and will continue working with partners across jurisdictions to protect recipients and safeguard taxpayer dollars, the release states.

MEMORIAL

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post. “We appreciate our community’s assistance in identifying the person responsible.”

Newport Police

investigators are asking anyone who may have witnessed suspicious activity in the area, or has information regarding the incident, to contact Officer Coren Loper at 541-574-3348. The case number is NPP26013679.

You may also submit information via our Tip Line at 541-574-5455, or Text-a-Tip at 541-270-1856 or tipline@newport-police.net. Please do not post the names of anyone you believe could be the suspect in the comments.

FESTS

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assistance to rural organizations and partnerships to foster the awareness (and future success) of our local entrepreneurs -they are truly an essential foundational element of our local economy here in Lincoln County. The 2026 Fail Fest event

is also supported by the Georgia-Pacific Toledo Mill.

The Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County (EDALC) is an independent Oregon 501(c)(6) nonprofit economic development organization. EDALC staff members work every day to attract, support and grow businesses in Lincoln County to ensure

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- Following a market downturn, if a property’s Real Market Value drops below its Maximum Assessed Value, the property is assessed at its Real Market Value. The Assessed Value may fluctuate up or down annually with the market, with no limitation, until it returns to or above the Maximum Assessed Value. At that point, the Assessed Value will once again be restricted to 3% annual growth under Measure 50.

Levies

Total property taxes, fees and special assessments are up approximately 3.6% from last year, the release states. Generally, property taxes are a product of assessed value and underlying taxing district rates. Like changes in assessed values, changes in tax rates can impact overall property taxes. Below are notable taxing district rate changes this year. Rates are displayed as a dollar amount per \$1,000 assessed value for properties within the District’s service area.

- **Lincoln County Local Option Levy:** New 5-year local option levy for Veterans Services with a rate of \$0.035
- **Makai Special Road District District:** New 5-year local option levy with a rate of \$0.85
- **Siletz Area Enhanced Law Enforcement Service District:** Budget reduction, resulting in a rate decrease of -\$0.15
- **City of Depoe Bay:** No sewer bond levy for 2026, resulting in a net rate decrease of -\$0.64

There are 85 taxing districts in Lincoln County, including education districts, health districts, city, county, port, fire protection, water, road, special assessment districts and urban renewal. Most taxing districts have varying tax rates and geographic boundaries, so overall rates for individual properties vary by location.

NEW for Rural Fire Protection Districts: See attached “House Bill 3940 (2025)” flyer summarizing changes to property subject to Rural Fire Protection District taxes beginning in 2026/27.

Property tax statements display total amounts imposed by individual taxing districts, along with current and prior year property values. Values for both years are categorized by land, structure, total real market value and total assessed value. Taxpayers disputing their property values are encouraged to contact the Assessor’s office. Appraisal staff will be

available to answer questions and review properties for value adjustments up to December 31, 2026. Taxpayers also have the option to file petitions with the Property Value Appeals Board until December 31, 2026. Appeal rights are described in detail on the back of the tax statement.

Lincoln County Assessor’s and Tax Collector’s offices are currently open to public service Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.. Generally, value and tax-related questions can be answered by phone or email. County courthouse offices are also open for walk-in visits. Contact information for both offices is listed below.

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225 West Olive Street, Rm 207
541-265-4102 assessorinfo@co.lincoln.or.us

Tax Office:
225 West Olive Street, Rm 205
541-265-4139 taxinfo@co.lincoln.or.us

David Moe

May 27, 1953-September 26, 2026

David Eric Moe, beloved father, grandfather, husband, brother, uncle and friend, passed away unexpectedly from heart failure on Sept. 26, 2026. He was born in Newport to Ray T and Dorothy (Jane) Moe on May 27, 1953.



He and Darla created a successful mail order business “Left-handed Headquarters” then in retirement, David wrote creative short stories of seafaring adventures.

He was deeply loved for his humor, generosity and kindness. It’s our great sorrow that he is no longer with us.

David was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Ray and Nick Moe. His family remaining are wife Darla, daughters Renee

David grew up in Newport, graduating from Newport High School in 1972.

He married Darla Scoggins on Jun. 14,1988 and reared a family at their country home in Toledo.

Most of his working career was spent in Pacific and Alaskan waters. He commercial fished out of Dutch Harbor beginning Jun.1974 then earned his U.S. Coast Guard Ocean Master’s license in Oct.1984. Later, he worked as a Merchant Marine in Middle Eastern and Japanese waters.

Brandon, Stephanie Roberts, son Trevor Moe, 7 grand and 5 great-grandchildren. Also brother Tom Moe, sisters Jimmie Cheney, Jane Clayton and their families.

A memorial celebration honoring David will be held Dec. 5, 2026 from 12:00-3:00 pm at the home of Tom and Vicki Moe at 1830 Tumalo Dr SE, Salem OR 97317

Glory Truax

10/13/1934- 09/22/2026

Glory Vilbig Truax of Newport, Oregon was born in Dallas, Texas on Oct. 13, 1934 to Edwin Vilbig and Dorothy Bryan. She passed away on September 22, 2026 at the age of 91.



labradors to the beach and entertaining guests.

After Wayne passed away in 2001, Glory continued with a very full life surrounded by friends and volunteer opportunities. She was a member of a women’s choir, a Spanish club, traveled with Doctors Without Borders where she specialized in women’s health, traveled globally, and played with her beloved

She was a graduate of Southern Methodist University and attended the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston graduating with a medical degree in 1960. Glory was one of only three women in her class.

Glory went into private practice in La Marque, Texas, with a specialty in cardiology. She married her husband, Wayne Truax in 1974 and they moved to Los Angeles where she continued her cardiology practice.

They moved to Boring, OR in 1978 where they lived in a home that Wayne designed. Eventually, Glory decided to branch out of her specialty to work with young people, settling at Oregon State University as a general practitioner. Glory began her work at the student health center in 1983 where she worked until retiring in 1994.

Once again, Wayne designed a beautiful home in 1992 on the Oregon coast where they both retired and enjoyed taking their

dogs in the surf.

Glory will be remembered for her long history of helping others. She served as a mentor, friend, adviser, and loving companion to those lucky enough to be included in her circle. She will be remembered for her warmth, willingness to help without having to be asked, wisdom, humor, and for accepting others just as they were.

She leaves behind her cherished “baby” sister, Kaye, and brother-in-law Jay Glore. Her loving friends, Chris Schneller, John Waffenschmidt, and Cecie Carey, were honored with being a part of her support network in her later years.

A celebration of life will be held in the summer of 2027.

DEATH NOTICES

Sharon Chopp
11/10/1944-10/15/2026

Sharon lived in Newport for 35 years and was a secretary at Gold motors for years and also co-owner of the Newport Sears store. She leaves behind her husband Warren of 54 years.

In Remembrance Of
Jean Folwell Hamilton



Jean was a woman of many talents, boundless curiosity and a generous heart. Jean loved golfing, cooking, and reading cookbooks from cover to cover as though they were novels. She had a special love for animals, particularly dogs and horses, and was always eager to learn something new. Giving back to her community was an important part of her life. She generously volunteered her time and talents to numerous organizations, including Rotary Club and Bright Horizons, along with many others in both Oregon and

Arizona. Her enthusiasm for learning led her to become a Master Gardener and a docent. She also volunteered, with her dog Kelly, as a therapy dog handler, bringing comfort and smiles to patients in hospitals etc...Jean was also a successful business woman, having owned and managed The Champagne Patio and a chain of Great Clips Salons. Over the years Jean made her home throughout the country. In our community it was Siletz and Logsden, as well as Newport. She later moved to Brownsville, Oregon before her final home in Gilbert, AZ., where she passed away in 2025, following a brief, unexpected, illness. Above all Jean was a giver. She shared her time, her talents and kindness freely, leaving a lasting impression on the many people and communities whose lives she touched. She will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.

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County issues property tax statements, values, levies, taxes

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Statements 2026/27 prop-erty tax statements for Lincoln County were scheduled to be mailed on October 23, according to a release from the Lincoln County Assessor.

Taxes can be paid in full or in thirds, with an initial pay-ment due by November 16th, 2026. Full payments made by November 16th, 2026, will receive a 3% discount, while two-thirds payments will receive a 2% discount. For property owners making one-third payments, the second pay-ment will be due by February 16th, 2026, and the third pay-ment will be due by May 17th, 2026.

Payments can either be made electronically online, mailed with a postmark on or before November 15, dropped off at a collection box located in the courthouse parking lot or in person at the tax office, located in room 205, on the second floor of the county courthouse.

Visit the following webpage for more information about property tax payments:
• <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/445/Tax-Office>

Values

The assessment date of prop-erty for property tax purposes is January 1st of each year. Overall, Real Market Value of all property in Lincoln County is up approximately 1.3% from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2026. This value change reflects market conditions for

existing property, development of new property, and destruc-tion or removal of old property.

Countywide Assessed (tax-able) Value has increased approximately 3.6% overall. However, most property own-ers will see a 3% increase in their Assessed Value, which is normal.

This is due to Measure 50 – a constitutional amendment approved by Oregon voters in 1997 which aimed to limit annual property tax growth. When Measure 50 was first implemented, a “Maximum Assessed Value” was assigned to each property, which equaled the property’s 1995 value minus 10%, according to the release.

Maximum Assessed Value is generally restricted to 3% annual growth. For each year following 1997, property is assessed on the lesser of its Maximum Assessed Value or its Real Market Value. So, if the Real Market Value remains higher than the Maximum Assessed Value, the Assessed Value can increase up to 3%. This is the most common sce-nario. However, a property’s Assessed Value may increase more or less than 3%, or even decrease. Following are two primary reasons:

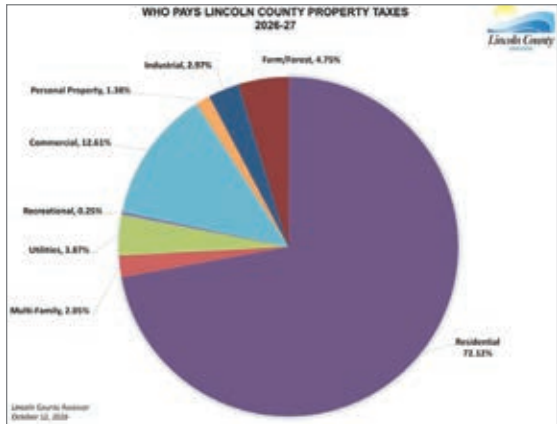
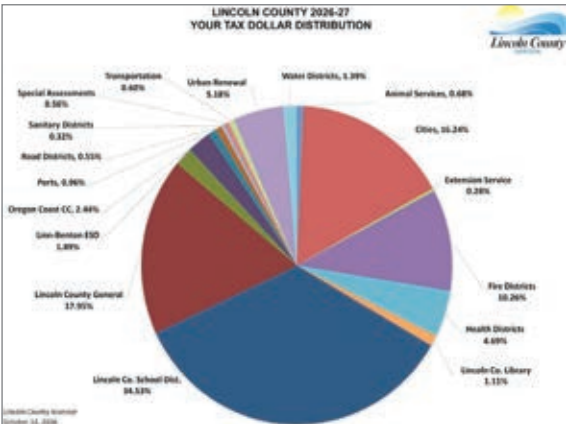
- New construction, develop-ment, damage/destruction or other changes to property, considered a “Measure 50 Exception” event, may add to or lower the property’s

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Payments can either be made electronically online, mailed with a postmark on or before November 15, dropped off at a collection box located in the courthouse parking lot or in person at the tax office, located in room 205, on the second floor of the county courthouse. (Metro Creative Connection)

SUMMARY OF COUNTYWIDE PROPERTY TAXES IMPOSED		
	2025-26	2026-27
Operating Levies & Bonds	\$148,685,729.66	\$153,459,575.34
Urban Renewal	\$7,601,778.42	\$8,443,590.52
Special Assessments	\$918,341.63	\$913,638.77
Add Tax & Penalties	\$158,567.47	\$214,518.65
Total	\$157,364,417.18	\$163,031,323.29



Fall Fest 2026

ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMNT ALLIANCE OF LINCOLN COUNTY

The Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County is thrilled to announce our third Fail Fest on Thursday, Nov. 12 at Primaltones in Newport.

This event will feature busi-ness owners and entrepreneurs sharing their stories and the lessons learned from experi-encing the failures necessary to innovate and create suc-cessful businesses. Fail Fests celebrate failure as part of the learning process and change the narrative from failure being fatal, to failure being fertilizer for future success. EDALC is proud to highlight the courage and perseverance of business owners while encouraging aspiring entrepreneurs to keep trying, learning, and growing.

“My story is about how hav-ing deep experience in a sub-ject doesn’t prevent you from



failing.” Shawn Livengood, one of this year’s Fail Fest speakers said. “Hubris can make you think that a job will be simple, only to find out that it’s much more difficult than you expected. I went into this experience thinking that

I’d get an easy win. Instead, I found one of the biggest fail-ures of my career.”

Shawn is the owner of Shawn Livengood Consulting, a digital marketing agency based on the Oregon Coast. He also works as an advisor

to other entrepreneurs at the Oregon Coast Small Business Development Center.

The Fail Fest event is a project that the Economic Development Alliance is excited to bring back to our coastal community.

“This is the third year of this awesome event,” EDALC Executive Director Paul Schuytema said. “The heart and soul of our business com-munity is our base of small entrepreneurs, with more businesses starting up every month. Not everything an entrepreneur does works just right out of the gates, but fail-ure can be fertilizer for future success. Fail Fest celebrates those missteps in a fun and supportive atmosphere and gives us all a chance to learn from and cheer on our local entrepreneurs as well as their pluck and grit.”

Join us for an evening of

inspiration, community, and empowerment, where we turn setbacks into stepping stones!

Fail Fest will be held at Primaltones, located at 2925 SE Ferry Slip Rd #122, Newport, on Thursday, November 12th at 5 p.m. Networking begins at 5:00pm and the program will start at 5:30 p.m. This is a FREE event, celebratory snacks and a complimentary beverage will be provided. Space is limited, so reserve your spot by registering at tinyurl.com/FailFest26.

EDALC’s entrepreneurial ecosystem events, including Fail Fest, are funded in-part from grant dollars from Business Oregon’s Rural Opportunity Initiative (ROI) program.

The ROI program pro-vides funding and technical

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Oregon to increase 2027 payments to care organizations for Health Plan members

SHAANTH NANGUNERI
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Next year, Oregon will pay an average of nearly \$630 per member every month to the organizations arranging pro-viders for the vast majority of Oregon’s 1.4 million Medicaid members under new fixed pay-ment rates announced by the Oregon Health Authority

While the new rates — a 6.1% increase from this year — still need formal approval by the federal government, the agency said in a Monday news release that it expects the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid to approve the rise by the end of 2026. The health authority said the increases will ensure healthcare remains accessible statewide in light of people losing coverage due to federal policy changes and rising healthcare costs.

“Oregon Health Authority remains focused on ensuring people enrolled in the Oregon

Health Plan can receive quality healthcare well into the future,” Rochelle Layton, the Oregon Health Authority’s chief finan-cial officer, said in a statement. “Our updated 2027 rates sup-port the financial stability of the coordinated care organizations that help us deliver Medicaid benefits across the state.”

The increase for payments to Oregon’s 15 coordinated care organizations is lower than last year’s rate increase at 10.2%, but it aims to stabilize the health market in Oregon at a time when operating margins have been slow to climb for providers who are reliant upon the model and state funding.

Providence Health Assurance, which is contracted with a coordinated care organization, for instance, announced earlier this year that it would be end-ing coverage in Oregon. The organization cited an untenable financial environment, and its members by 2027 will transi-tion to CareOregon for their

coverage instead.

The increased dollars to coordinated care organizations also come after the payment structure has faced increased scrutiny for its use of taxpayer dollars. A September audit from the Oregon Secretary of State’s Office found that the health authority made up to \$4.1 million in erroneous pay-ments through its fixed monthly payment program to the local insurers.

Amy Bacher, a health author-ity spokesperson, stressed in an email that the audit found a low payment error rate and that “OHA already takes steps to identify these instances and fol-low-up proactively.” The audit found that 0.0004% to 0.0064% of Medicaid program spend-ing over the past few years involved duplicative monthly fixed payments.

“This low percentage is the result of coordination between OHA, federal and state partners, ensuring strong



A stethoscope sits on top of money next to a calculator. Oregon will increase the amount of money it pays local care organizations for Medicaid next year. (Photo courtesy from Getty Images)

accountability for taxpayer funds while keeping healthcare accessible and sustainable for Oregon,” she said.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/10/20/oregon-to-increase-2027-payments-to-care-organizations-for-health-plan-members/>

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Director Richard Eyre’s beloved production of Bizet’s masterpiece stars mezzo-soprano Elena Garanča in the title role of Carmen and tenor Roberto Alagna as Don José. (Courtesy photo)

Met Opera’s Beloved Carmen returns to the big screen in Newport

SUBMITTED

Oregon Coast Council for the Arts (OCCA) will present a special encore screening of Bizet’s Carmen in Ultra HD at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, in Newport Performing Arts Center’s Alice Silverman Theatre. Director Richard Eyre’s beloved production of Bizet’s masterpiece stars mezzo-soprano Elina Garanča in the title role of Carmen and tenor Roberto Alagna as Don

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Newport Symphony to perform



Guest artist, pianist, Rodolfo Leone. (Courtesy photo)

NEWPORT SYMPHONY

The Newport Symphony continues its 20th anniversary season of Maestro Adam Flatt as their music director with a concert titled, “Songs for the Homeland.”

The Nov. 7 program, at the Newport Performing Arts Center, features nationalist music by Scandinavian composers Edvard Grieg and Jean Sibelius, along with the 20th century American composer, William Schuman, who wrote several pieces that reflected on American culture. His work, New England Triptych, that will open the concert, is

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Lincoln City’s Angels continue a ‘Heavenly Affair’

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

It is a holiday tradition that spans years and is an essential fundraiser for the less fortunate in our community. Tickets are on sale now for the 2026 Festival of Trees and Angel Ball, a special four-day fundraising event coordinated by Angels Anonymous and held at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City. The event begins on Wednesday, Dec. 2, and culminates with the formal Angel Ball on Saturday, Dec. 5. All proceeds from the event will go to support Angels Anonymous and its mission. The Festival of Trees offers the public a chance to view beautifully decorated Christmas trees throughout the week. The viewing hours are from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. All of the trees are uniquely decorated and donated by local businesses, organizations, and individuals, with each offering a different theme and an assortment of unique items. In addition to the Christmas Tree Auction, there will also be a silent auction featuring beautifully designed wreaths and a special raffle table filled with donated items, from tools and jewelry to prized glass floats. Raffle tickets are only one dollar each. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present for photos and to hand out candy to children from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday,

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Carefully decorated trees on display fill a large room at the Chinook Winds Casino during the Festival of Trees. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)



These holiday wreaths are part of a previous Festival of Tress display in Lincoln City. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)



During a previous Angels Ball, Mike Holden, Jim Davis, Roger Sprague and Roger Robertson, the Angels Anonymous founders, presented an Angel Award to Siletz Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley for the continued support of the Siletz Tribe and Chinook Winds Casino Resort. (Courtesy photo)



The Resource Fair will be conducted at the OCCC Newport campus, located at 400 SE CollegeWay. (Courtesy photo)

OCCC to Host Community Resource Fair Nov. 4

Oregon Coast Community College will host a community resource fair for Lincoln County residents from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 4. The fair will be located at the OCCC Newport campus, located at 400 SE College Way. Local organizations will be on hand to share resources for housing and food insecurity, mental and emotional health, physical health, childcare issues, and flexible employment opportunities. Participating organizations will include: 211info, Community Services Consortium, Lincoln County DA - Victim Advocate, Lincoln County Health & Human Services, Oregon Department of Human Services - Self Sufficiency, and WorkSource Oregon, and many more. The resource fair

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NOVEMBER 7 @ 7:30PM & NOVEMBER 8 @ 2:00PM

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CARMEN

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José. Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts. The special encore screening of the iconic, fan-favorite 2010 Met performance celebrates the 20th anniversary of Metropolitan Opera’s Live in HD series.

The opera’s melodic sweep is as irresistible as the title character herself, a force of nature who has become a defining female cultural figure. Carmen was a scandal at its premiere but soon after became a triumphal success and has remained one of the most frequently staged

operas in the world. The score contains a wealth of instantly recognizable tunes, including the baritone’s famous Toreador Song, the tenor’s wrenching Flower Song, and the title character’s alluring Habanera and Seguidilla.

One of three special encore performances offered this season, tickets range from \$14 to \$30, with discounts available for students, seniors, and OCCA members. Met Opera season subscribers can add this encore to their package for \$19. Tickets are available at the Newport Performing Arts Center box office, by phone at -541-265-2787, or online (surcharge). Newport Performing Arts

Center is located at 777 W Olive Street in Nye Beach. Visit coastarts.org/events/carmen-special-encore for more information.

The Met: Live in HD is an award-winning series of live, high-definition cinema simulcasts. Oregon Coast audiences can enjoy the beauty, grandeur, and excitement of world-class opera, broadcast from the Metropolitan Opera stage directly to Newport Performing Arts Center’s big screen in Ultra HD — and savor every delicious note through the unrivaled sound quality of the center’s state-of-the-art Meyer Constellation Acoustic System.

To learn more, visit www.coastarts.org/met



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TREES

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Dec. 4.

The festivities will conclude on Saturday, Dec. 5 , with the much-anticipated Angel Ball. This year’s theme is WINTER WONDERLAND!

This elegant evening begins with a cocktail hour at 5 p.m., followed by a formal dinner and the highly anticipated Christmas Tree Auction. Guests will then be able to dance to the soulful and funky sounds of the horn band, Sole Proprietors, featuring the music of Aretha Franklin, Tower of Power, Stevie Wonder, Earth Wind and Fire, and more.

Tickets for the event are



The dance floor at the Chinook Winds Casino fills up fast during the Angel Ball. (Lincoln County Leader)

now on sale and can be purchased online at www.angels-anonymous-lc.org or in person at the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce.

The heavenly affair

brings the community together for a lavish ball and raises cash for the needy in North Lincoln County through an annual fundraiser. The fundraiser collects money for

one-time payments to help the needy with rent, electricity, food, transportation and other bills.

Since the effort began 20 years ago, the effort has raised more than one

million dollars and helped from 50 to 100 families each year, according to Roger Robertson, one of the four active founders.

“We found too many were people falling through the cracks,” Robertson said in a published interview in 2017 in the Lincoln City News Guard. “They may have lost a job, or their hours were cut back. They may have health issues. These were full time residents and there was just no additional support for them.”

ABOUT ANGELS ANONYMOUS

Angels Anonymous helps individuals and families in north Lincoln County, Oregon, from Depoe Bay to Rose Lodge, Oregon. Names

of those assisted are kept anonymous.

Operating as a non-profit foundation, the purpose and vision of Angels Anonymous is to provide immediate and basic services to those in need in the North Lincoln County area, while complimenting existing services. The desire of Angels Anonymous is to provide a service that is immediate and to help those we serve to find solutions for long-term problems.

The Board of Directors is comprised of local citizens volunteering their time and energy, whose goal is to make a positive impact within this community. Funds will be raised by private benefactor donations and fund-raising events.

SYMPHONY

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a setting of three hymns by William Billings (1746–1800), an important New England composer of the Revolutionary era. Schuman admired Billings’s music for its

“sinewy ruggedness, deep religiosity, and patriotic fervor.” The final movement brings a spirited setting of the hymn that became a marching song of the Colonial Army:

*Let tyrants shake their iron rod,
And slavery clank her galling chains,*

*We fear them not, we trust in God,
New England’s God forever reigns.*

Following this will be Sibelius’s most popular work, Finlandia, that grew out of a patriotic pageant in Helsinki in 1899, when Finland was still a grand duchy of the Russian Empire. The hymn-like melody that made the work famous became known as “Be Still My Soul,” but in Finlandia it serves as a powerful musical expression of Finnish national identity and hope.

After intermission

the renowned, Italian, world-touring pianist, Rodolfo Leone, will join the NSO to wow the audience with Grieg’s most loved piece, the Piano Concerto in A Minor. A staple in the repertoire, it is enjoyed for its memorable melodies and the rhythms in the final movement that are reminiscent of the Norwegian folk dance known as the halling.

The program will conclude with Sibelius’s Symphony No. 5 that has an ingenious use of musical tone-painting in the finale, where the orchestra

mimics the gestures of migrating swans seen near his home, Ainola. The grandiose “swan theme” rises majestically from the horns, only to be interrupted by the swans landing, where the music then sounds like swans congregating on the lake.

The symphony concludes with a satisfying climax of the swan theme blasted by the entire brass section. Sibelius wrapped it up with six emphatic chords with unusually long silence between them which provides an exciting and dramatic ending to an extraordinary

musical journey.

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8

Where: Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W. Olive St. Newport

How much: Tickets starting at \$45. Students \$10 with ID.

Repertoire:

- William Schuman: New England Triptych
- Jean Sibelius: Finlandia
- Edvard Grieg: Piano Concerto in A Minor
- Jean Sibelius: Symphony No. 5

To purchase tickets you may call 541-265-2787 or go to coastarts.org

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

SUDOKU

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

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

FAIR

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Oregon Coast Community College serves Lincoln County at four locations—in Newport, Toledo, Waldport and Lincoln City. The College offers two-year transfer and associate degrees as well as a range of career-focused certificate programs.

This year, OCCC launched two new transfer degrees – in

Natural Resources and Psychology. The College is also constructing the \$30 million Oregon Coast Advanced Technology & Trades (OCATT) Center on its Central County Campus in Newport.

A recent economic impact study found that, from the student perspective, every \$1 invested in an OCCC education generates \$4.90 in higher future earnings, representing a 21.2% annual rate of return.

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TIPS AND CLIPS



Here are two photos of the same subject, The Portland Japanese Garden. They illustrate the impact of depth of field. (Courtesy photos from Bob Gibson)

Taking your photography to the next level

BOB GIBSON
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column

Think about what draws you to a photograph. As opposed to snapshots, compelling photographs don’t answer all the questions. They leave some room for the viewer

to think about the story or message. What does this mean and how does it relate to your photography? You can use the tools of photography to guide the viewer through the photograph and into your story. The viewer’s eye is drawn to areas of sharpness. The point of focus and

areas of sharpness will attract attention. Depth of field can be used to give hints to your story. Likewise, high contrast attracts the viewer. Using exposure, in addition to shadows and brightness, can create interesting compositions that hold the viewers attention. The direction and quality of the

light has a significant effect on the image. The advantage of digital photography is that you can play and experiment with both exposure and depth of field to find your photographic voice. Of course, everyone will have a unique voice. It will be your choice to decide how much of

the story to reveal, and how much to leave for the viewer to discover. Until next time, make some photographs!
Bob Gibson is a Lincoln County photographer. He may be reached at The Photography Studio, 4846 SE Highway 101, in Lincoln City.

City Hall Trick or Treat Ghost Walk

CITY OF NEWPORT

The City of Newport will host its annual Trick or Treat Ghost Walk on Friday, Oct. 30, from 3 to 6 p.m.

The free, family-friendly event will begin at Newport City Hall, located at 169 SW Coast Highway. Trick-or-treaters of all ages are requested to enter at the south doors of the building on the corner of US 101 and SW Angle St.

Trick-or-treaters of all ages are invited to follow a festive route through City Hall, the 60+ Activity Center, and the Recreation and Aquatic Centers, collecting treats along the way. Public parking lots and roads in the area will remain open. City staff and volunteers will be available to help direct participants along the route.

The event is scheduled for the day before Halloween to allow City employees to volunteer and help accommodate other activities planned around the City Hall campus on Halloween, including events at the Newport Farmers Market and Recreation Center.

Costumes are encouraged! Bring family, friends, neighbors and co-workers for an afternoon of Halloween fun at the Trick or Treat Ghost Walk.

NEWPORT HALLOWEEN WEEKEND EVENTS (ALL EVENTS ARE FREE)

Friday, October 30

- Newport City Hall Trick or Treat Ghost Walk, 3 – 6 p.m.
- Newport Public Library Halloween Puppet Show, 4 – 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 31

- Newport Farmers Market Crafts and Pumpkin Design Contest, 10 a.m. – 1p.m.
- Newport Farmers Market Trick or Treat, Noon – 1 p.m.
- Newport Public Library Trick or Treat, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Little Monsters Craft Bash (Performing Arts Center), Noon – 2 p.m.
- Nye Beach Businesses Trick or Treat, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Bayfront Businesses Trick or Treat, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- City Center Trick or Treat, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- NewportNaz Church Trunk or Treat (227 NW 12th St.), 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- NE 20th St. Neighborhood Trick or Treat, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 1

- Día de Muertos Celebration (Performing Arts Center), 4 p.m. start



Newport Recreation, Aquatic Center announces November family closures

Gym closures			
Date	Area	Closure time	Reason
Saturday, Nov. 7	Large and small gyms	10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Private rental
Friday, Nov. 13	Large gym	Closes at 9 a.m.	Art show setup
Friday, Nov. 13	Small gym	Closes at 12 p.m.	Art show setup
Saturday, Nov. 14 – Sunday, Nov. 15	Large and small gyms	All day	Oregon Coast Art Show
Saturday, Nov. 21	Large gym	8 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Basketball assessments

SUBMITTED

The Newport Recreation and Aquatic Center will be closed for three city holidays in November, and its large and small gyms will have additional closures for a private rental, the community art show, and basketball assessments.

Patrons are encouraged to review the schedule below and plan their visits accordingly.

November Closure

Schedule

Full facility closures (city holidays)

The entire facility will be closed on the following days:

- Wednesday, November 11 — Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 26 — Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 27 — Day after Thanksgiving

Following the art show, both gyms will reopen for normal operations on Tuesday, November 17.

The pool and all other

areas of the facility will remain open during gym closures, except on the city holidays listed above.

The Newport Recreation & Aquatic Center thanks the public for its patience and understanding during these closures. Staff wish all community members a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

For current hours and program information, contact the Recreation Center at 541-265-7770 or visit playnewport.net



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Food FACT:

This beloved food, which tends to be served round or square, is enjoyed all over the world by the slice or the entire pie.

Answer: Pizza

What’s the Difference?

Find the four differences between the two pictures.

A



B



Answers: 1. Sauce on all pizzas 2. Cheese in bowl 3. Missing hand soap 4. Woman's hair is longer

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1682: Philadelphia is founded in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

1924: The Uzbek SSR is founded in the Soviet Union.

1961: NASA tests the first Saturn I rocket in Mission Saturn-Apollo 1.

NEW WORD

PEEL

wooden or metal tool used by cooks to slide pizzas into and out of an oven

How they say that in...

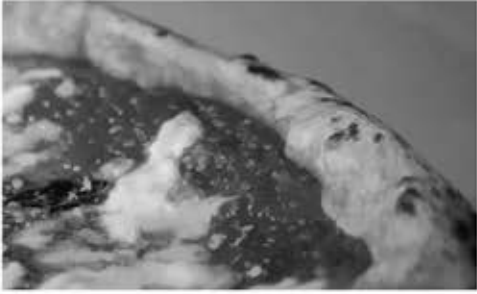
English: Sauce
Spanish: Salsa
Italian: Salsa
French: Sauce
German: Soße

Did You Know?

Pepperoni is the most popular pizza topping across the globe. It is closely followed by extra cheese and sausage.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Pizza

PRESCRIPTIONS WORD SEARCH

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U S F R A C N O I T P I R C S E R P R Z
A H C O N T R A I N D I C A T I O N G T

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

WORDS

AUTHORIZATION
BRANDS
COATED
COMPOUNDING
CONTRAINDICATION
COPAY
DISPENSE
FORMULARY
GENERIC
MEDICATION
MOUTH
OTC
PHARMACY
PRESCRIPTION
PRO RE NATA
REFILL
SIDE EFFECT
SIGNA
STATIM
SUBLINGUAL
TOPICAL

Amber Waves

THIS HALLOWEEN IS SURE TO BE OUR BIGGEST SCORE!! REMEMBER BIG SMILES!!

WELL, LOOK AT YOU GUYS. HERE YOU GO.

WHOEVER CAME UP WITH "FUN SIZE" FOR SMALLER CANDY WAS JUST CRUEL.

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb

THEN...

SIMON SAYS, TOUCH YOUR NOSE AND JUMP ON ONE LEG!

NOW...

SIRI SAYS, PROVE THAT YOU'RE NOT A ROBOT...

by Gary Kopervas

The Spats

I WONDER WHY THEY'RE CALLED HUMMINGBIRDS?

BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW THE WORDS.

by Jeff Pickering

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

OLIVE & POPEYE

By Randy Milholland

YA DONE TH' RIGHT THING RETURNIN' THAT MAP POMMY.

I JUSK WONDER HOW PAPPY AN' JOE WILL HANDLE THERE BEIN' NO TREASURE.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I TOLD YOU I DON'T LIKE SHOPPING FOR CLOTHES. LAST TIME I FOUND A SHIRT THAT FIT, I WAS IN THE MATERNITY SECTION.

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: U equals C

KG ZUDPFYY YDXIF ZIC SFP

URXIFY GKRRFC EO Z DSFZDFP,

K YEOOXYF XIF NXERC YFF

PXNY XG YSZPXI.

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Accord
CUTER

Later
NEECH

Repeat
CORNEE

Break
AUTHIS

TODAY'S WORD

"I'm afraid that rainy day we saved up for turned into a _____."

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

SMFXXQYKRR MR YNA G

FIPIQH UIA G YKJKRRMAH

NW ATK TILGY RBMQMA.

— KXSGQX GUUKH

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: In which year was the euro currency introduced?

2. U.S. STATES: Which state is the driest in the nation?

3. ANATOMY: A phalange refers to what in the human body?

4. MOVIES: Which 2012 movie has the tagline "The D is silent"?

5. LANGUAGE: What does it mean to anthropomorphize?

6. TELEVISION: What's the name of Bart's teacher on "The Simpsons"?

7. MONEY: Which president is pictured on the \$50 U.S. bill?

8. LITERATURE: The characters Tweedledee and Tweedledum appear in which children's novel?

9. MUSIC: Who was the founder of Motown Records?

10. GEOGRAPHY: Where is East Timor located?

Answers

1. 1999.

2. Nevada.

3. Finger or toe.

4. "Django Unchained."

5. To give human traits to non-human things.

6. Edna Krabappel.

7. Ulysses S. Grant.

8. "Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There."

9. Berry Gordy Jr.

10. Southeast Asia, occupying half of the island of Timor.

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Cryptoquote

— Edward Abbey

Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit.

answer

If actress Stone and her clones filled up a theater, I suppose one would see rows of Sharon.

answer

Cryptoquip

HURRICANE

Today's Word

3. Encore; 4. Hiatus

1. Truce; 2. Hence

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LCL26-471 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of MARY K. DEMEYER, Deceased. Case No. 26PB09122 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tina L. Hamel has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the attorney for the Personal Representative at Willamette Valley Law Group, 494 State Street, Suite 430, Salem, Oregon 97301, within four months after the date of publication of this Notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, Willamette Valley Law Group, 494 State Street, Suite 430, Salem, Oregon 97301, DATED AND PUBLISHED: October 28, 2026. Stephen E. Montgomery, OSB No. 153941 Attorney for Personal Representative 10/28/26

LCL26-472 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

In the Matter of the Estate of: RICHARD WILLIAM CHRISTIAN, Deceased. Case No. 26PB09383 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT COLLEEN RONEK has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Personal Representative, COLLEEN RONEK, at the address below, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: c/o Attorney Joshua D. Zantello, OSB #121562 Zantello Law Group 1818 NE 21st Street Lincoln City, OR 97367 DATED and first published: October 28, 2026. /s/ JOSHUA D. ZANTELO, Attorney for Personal Representative 9/28/26

LCL26-473 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

In the Matter of the Estate of CONNIE RUTH COOPER, Deceased. Case No. 26B08603 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Nicole Marie Danzik has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative, Nicole Marie Danzik, at 143 SE 130th Dr. South Beach, OR 97366, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative, Traci P. McDowell, OSB #184063, DATED AND PUBLISHED: October 28, 2026. /s/ Traci P. McDowell, Traci P. McDowell, OSB #184063 Lawyer for Personal Representative PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Nicole Marie Danzik 143 SE 130th Dr. South Beach, OR 97366 (541) 961-6677 LAWYER FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Traci P. McDowell, OSB #184063 Newport Law, LLC 111 SE Douglas St., Suite F3, Box C Newport, OR 97365 T: (541) 264-8157 traci@thenewportlaw.com 10/28/26

LCL26-463 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PORT OF NEWPORT

claims a lien in the amount claimed below, pursuant to ORS87.152, for the reasonable and agreed charges for labor and materials, storage or services provided at the request of the owner or lawful possessor of the following described personal property: Personal property: Shack at Holst Dock plus any Personal Property; Reputed owner: Safe Coast Seafoods; Last known address: 25447 Industrial Blvd, Hayward, CA 94545; Amount of claim of lien: \$3,292.06 (which includes storage of property and accrued late charges until sale date, and costs of lien foreclosure); The Port of Newport has retained the property for at least 60 days from the date when the charges for services provided were due. Notice is hereby given that unless the lien is paid prior to the date set forth for sale below, said property will be sold to the highest bidder. The successful bidder must pay 10% of the bid price in cash or certified check immediately upon being declared the successful bidder. The balance of the bid price is to be paid in cash or certified check within 24 business hours of offering the successful bid. The lien claimant may bid part or all of the lien amount claimed, plus storage and foreclosure sale expenses, which

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following described personal property: Personal property: Springside plus any Personal Property on vessel; Official number: OR859AAJ; Reputed owner: Mr. Perry Bordeaux F/V Springside; Last known address: PO Box 131, Philomath, OR 97370; Security interest holder: Til you can't LLC PO Box 282, Ilwaco, WA 98624; OR Dept of Revenue, 955 Center Street, NE, Salem OR 97301; Amount of claim of lien: \$14,407.26 (which includes storage of property and accrued late charges until sale date, and costs of lien foreclosure). The Port of Newport has retained the property for at least 60 days from the date when the charges for services provided were due. Notice is hereby given that unless the lien is paid prior to the date set forth for sale below, said property will be sold to the highest bidder. The successful bidder must pay 10% of the bid price in cash or certified check immediately upon being declared the successful bidder. The balance of the bid price is to be paid in cash or certified check within 24 business hours of offering the successful bid. The lien claimant may bid part or all of the lien amount claimed, plus storage and foreclosure sale expenses, which

will be an offset against the lien amount. Minimum bid is: \$14,407.26. BIDS ACCEPTED UNTIL: Wednesday, November 11, 2026. Email bids to: mbrown@portofnewport.com OR drop bid off at: Port of Newport, 600 S.E. Bay Blvd., Newport, OR 97365. Bid forms can be found online at www.portofnewport.com or at the address listed above. The sale of the property will be "as is, where is" and there are no representations by the lien claimant as to the condition of the property or its title. Any person wishing to inspect the property prior to the sale may do so during normal business hours, by contacting the Harbormaster at 541-270-5557. 10/21/26 10/28/26

LCL26-465 TS NO. OR07000122-26-1 APN R328040 I R335078 TO NO 260267960-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, MAX E GLENN as Grantor to WESTERN TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for MUTUAL OF OMAHA MORTGAGE, INC., Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of June 12, 2024 and recorded on June 17, 2024 as Instrument No. 2024-04033 and the beneficial interest was assigned to MUTUAL OF OMAHA MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, and recorded March 4, 2026 as Instrument Number 2026-001508 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R328040 | R335078 PARCEL 1; COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIPE SET IN THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE OREGON COAST HIGHWAY, SAID POINT BEING 2998.29 FEET SOUTH AND 439.90 FEET WEST OF THE QUARTER SECTION CORNER SET IN THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 12 WEST, WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON; THENCE SOUTH 74° 19' EAST, 100.27 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT HEREIN TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE SOUTH 15° 41' WEST, 100 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 74° 19' EAST, 88 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 15° 41' EAST, 100

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FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 74° 19' WEST, 88 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, PARCEL II: EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN THE DOCUMENT RECORDED MARCH 15, 1966 IN BOOK 265, PAGE 26, LINCOLN COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly known as: 1395 KING STREET, YACHTS, OR 97498. Both the Beneficiary, Mutual of Omaha Mortgage Servicing, Inc., and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay the principal balance which became all due and payable based upon the death of all mortgagors, pursuant to paragraph 7 under the Note, and pursuant to paragraph 10 of the Deed of Trust. By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$298,042.14 together with interest thereon from December 26, 2025 until paid; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on February 3, 2027 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the south entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers. Dated: 9/17/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0494886 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 10/21/2026, 10/28/2026, 11/04/2026, 11/11/2026

Super Crossword

GIVE P'S A CHANCE

ACROSS

1 "It's — cause!"

6 Square mile, say

14 Puccini's "— Butterfly"

20 Roping event

21 Broken ceramic bit

22 Trapped after a blizzard

23 Stumbled and really got hurt?

25 Starting a golf game, with "off"

26 As yet unborn

27 Don't fully believe

29 Find

30 Winged seed of a maple or elm tree

31 Stress felt after eating jalapeños?

36 Arranged like a ladder

38 Organic compound

39 Gymnast?

47 Banquet

51 One giving paid money back

52 U.S. territory since 1898

53 Noonday nap

54 Slight-related

55 Flooring square

58 Person walking with a limp?

60 Actor Mineo

62 Lac liquid

64 Pro vote

65 OR hookups

66 Bribed a judge in order to win?

74 Body part with three bones

75 Wiggly fish

76 Tram cargo

77 Actor Linden

78 Battles between Thelonious Monk and Dizzy Gillespie?

83 Ex-U.N. leader Annan

86 Martini & — (vermouth)

90 DeGeneres and Burstyn

91 Get really wet

93 Exchanges favors, in politics

95 More guileful

96 Mailed in the opposite direction of?

99 Hoops great Bryant

101 Last Greek letters

102 Bounding along merrily on a Swiss mountain?

108 Himalayan guide

114 Johnson who directed "Knives Out"

115 Electric fan's sound

116 Dissolves out via percolation

117 Riddle

119 Sluggish mammal wearing a pair of hats?

124 Golden ager

125 Fearful

126 San Diego ballplayer

127 Third-largest Danish city

128 Cold carnival treat

129 Tarnish

DOWN

1 "— a jealous mistress"

2 — Doone (cookie brand)

3 Strong dislike

4 Train system in Philly

5 Heavy drinker

6 Raised coif

7 Negaling word

8 "What was — do?"

9 General —'s chicken

10 Sound made during a physical

11 Novelist Charles

12 Mistake

13 Do a tally of

14 Glove alternative

15 High card

16 Heavy slumber

17 "Sayonara!"

18 76-Across digger

19 A right one is 90 degrees

24 Wiped clean

28 Male sibling, in dialect

31 Father: Prefix

32 Pixieish sort

33 Good bud

34 Prudish sort

35 Opera singer Anne — von Otter

37 Tech news website

39 To and —

40 Sales agt.

41 Small newt

42 Old cereal with an alien mascot

43 Open, as a drink bottle

44 British tavern

45 Gasol of the NBA

46 TV prizes

48 Meat jelly

49 Actor Carell of "Vice"

50 Sailors, colloquially

53 Spherical bacterium, informally

56 Zodiac feline

57 Body part with three bones

59 Establish

61 Gazes creepily

63 ET's craft

66 Cave dwarf

67 Insinuate

68 Dawn moisture

69 Blink brightly

70 Rangle

71 Olds oldie

72 Basketball great Bird

73 Socially cold

74 \$5 bills, informally

79 Looking through a keyhole, say

80 2002 scandal company

81 King, in Nice

82 Devilize

84 Writer Fannie

85 Ames' state

87 35mm camera type

88 — -mo replay

89 Doctrine

92 Psy and BTS' music genre

94 Very excited, slangily

96 Meeting, informally

97 U.K. record label

98 Lion lair

100 Watch out for

102 Playground rejoinder

103 Like ruled paper

104 Pamphleteer Thomas

105 Saint — and Nevis

106 Writer Shaw

107 Teaser ad

109 Lock holders

110 Dazzling success

111 1970s sitcom

112 — dish (bio lab item)

113 Ghostly white

116 — majesty (high treason)

118 Year divs.

120 AAA service

121 Tolkien fiend

122 Multi- (hybrid dog)

123 Play on words

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LCL26-469 LINCOLN CITY STORAGE

3796 SE Hwy 101 Lincoln City, Or. 97367 541-996-3555 The following unit will be sold at Public Auction Starting 11/10/2026 at 9:00am Ending 11/17/2026 at 9:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Auction to be pursuant to Auction Rules and Procedures for Truax Holdings. Rules are available at the facility office. All bidding will take place ONLINE at bid13.com Unit# A112 Brett Walker Unit# A144 Linda Hoffman Unit# A148 Margaret Johnson Unit# C427 Jeff Gregg Unit# D512 Margaret Johnson Unit# LA04 Ivan Humphrey Unit# LB28 Dana Frost 10/21/26 10/28/26

LCL26-470 NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT

The following request will be reviewed at a public hearing by the Toledo City Council on November 4, 2026 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at Toledo City Hall, 206 N Main Street, Toledo, Oregon. Any comments you wish to make will be appreciated. Please contact Planner Justin Peterson at (541) 336-2247 ext. 2130 for further information. In-Person and Virtual Meeting: The meetings will be held at Toledo City Hall with

FORM OR-LB-SBH

Notice of Supplemental Budget Hearing

LCL26-474

Oregon Department of Revenue

Use for supplemental budget proposing a change in any fund's expenditures by more than 10 percent.

A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for Lincoln County, Oregon, for the current fiscal year, will be held at 225 W Olive St. Room 108 Newport, Oregon, on Wednesday November 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the supplemental budget with interested persons. A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after Wednesday October 28, 2026 at 225 W Olive St. Room 108 Newport, OR 97365, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES

AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE REVISED TOTALS IN DOLLARS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

FUND: 226 VETERAN'S SERVICES

Resource Amount Expenditure indicate Org. Unit / Prog. & Activity and Object class. Amount

1. Revenues \$ 413,003 1. Capital Outlay \$ 34,288

2. 2. Personnel Services \$ 316,165

3. 3. Materials & Services \$ 62,550

Revised Total Fund Resources \$ 413,003 Revised Total Fund Requirements \$ 413,003

Explanation of changes:

The Veteran's Services was notified that the expected amount of revenue to be received is \$413,003 instead of the original anticipated amount of \$413,300, resulting to a \$297 difference that needs to be adjusted. The Capital Outlay appropriation/ budget will be reduced by \$297 to accommodate the changes of the revenue

FUND:

Resource Amount Expenditure indicate Org. Unit / Prog. & Activity and Object class. Amount

1. 1.

2. 2.

3. 3.

Revised Total Fund Resources Revised Total Fund Requirements

Explanation of changes:

50-504-767 Rev 11/19/21

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The Tigers celebrate after the final whistle of their 48-13 win over Woodburn. (Courtesy photo from the Taft 7-12 Football Facebook page)

Taft seizes first league win

WILL LOHRE
Lincoln County Leader

Woodburn couldn't match Taft High School when the two teams met in the penultimate game of the Special District 1 football season.

The Tigers delivered a banner performance against the Bulldogs on Oct. 23, on the road. In the first league win of the season, Taft had its highest-scoring game, and the outburst led to Taft's largest win of the season: a 48-13 blowout.

Sophomore quarterback Hayden Weiss had a fantastic

game, throwing for 298 yards and three touchdowns on 15 completions from 20 attempts. He also showed his versatility with his legs, rushing for 27 yards and a touchdown. In an electrifying punctuation mark to the first half, Weiss connected with junior Corban Smith for a TD with just seconds remaining before the break. With that last-gasp score, the Tigers took a commanding 20-7 lead into halftime, and they never looked back.

Smith did damage all game for the Tigers, finishing with

seven catches for 162 yards and two touchdowns. Not to be overshadowed, junior running back Lonnie West was a wrecking ball in the ground game. West was a North Star for the Tigers offense, rumbling for 180 yards on 17 carries, and showed his nose for the end zone with two TDs. Senior captain Logan Burt was instrumental in leading the charge for the Tigers' offensive line, bullying Woodburn's front line and opening plenty of gaps for West to exploit. The Tigers were as effective on the ground as through the

air, finishing with 243 rushing yards and four rushing touchdowns.

Defensively, the Tigers were ferocious. Junior Hunter Hanson was everywhere, with six solo and 18 assisted tackles for an eye-popping 24 total. Two of his tackles were sacks, showing his relentless hustle. Callen Ward also showed his big-play ability, sacking the quarterback and coming down with an interception. The Tigers forced turnovers and recovered two fumbles to keep the Bulldogs from building momentum.

The balanced attack and tenacious defense kept Woodburn out of their comfort zone, and the Tigers added four more touchdowns in the second half to canter to the 48-13 win.

That victory gave Taft a much-needed league win, made all the more impressive by the fact that they did it on the road in front of a homecoming crowd. Going into their final game against Banks on Oct. 30, the Tigers were 1-4 in the league but 3-5 overall. They'll look to close out the season on a high note.

Taft volleyball fight down the stretch

WILL LOHRE
Lincoln County Leader

Taft's volleyball season has wrapped up, and in a season that saw them compete in one of the toughest 4A conferences, the Tigers held their own.

The result of Taft's final league game against Cascade on Oct. 27 is unavailable at press time, but heading into that game, Taft had already shown they could compete at the 4A level.

The Tigers had a 13-9 overall record and were 3-6 in league. A testament to their season was that they ranked #13 in OSAA's rankings heading into the final game. Unfortunately, they couldn't get the third and final playoff spot out of the Oregon West, as the three teams ahead (Stayton, Central, and Cascade) all boast above .500 records and rank inside the top 10.

Head Coach Boone Marker has been thrilled with the fight his team has brought this season, and it's been great to see them duke it out with some of the best teams in the state.

"Oregon West has been a lot of fun to compete against this season. We have had some great 5-set matches, and the level of competition keeps us on our toes and pushes us to grow," Marker said. "With four teams dancing around



The 2026 Taft volleyball squad. (Courtesy photo from OSAA)

the Top-10, we have shown that we can compete here, even though we are one of the smallest 4A schools in Oregon. I give credit to this amazing group of players who love to play for each other."

With four seniors on the team, next year's Tigers will look a lot different. Despite losing some of the team's big hitters, the team also has a blend of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen who got

valuable reps this year and can help carry the team into future seasons.

Heading into the offseason, Marker said there's been notable improvement up and down the roster. The team's commitment to each other and giving their all has shown time and time again.

"I've seen growth from our whole team, but players that stick out include our Libero, Layla Jones - she has really

stepped up as a great defender and captain of the back row. Willa Zalewski has continued to show growth as a right-side hitter and is an incredible teammate. Katelyn Hatton has also stepped up as a setter, and right-side hitter," Marker said. "I've also had a few freshmen enter the game and show their skills. Each week, the Tigers show me something new, and I'm really proud of our season."

One highlight this October was the team's run in the Silver Bracket at the Seaside Tournament hosted by Seaside High School. The Tigers went 3-0, beating Milwaukie, La Grande, and Warrenton. It was the second time the Tigers conquered a Silver Bracket this season, as they also went 3-0 at the Sisters Tournament.

Going into the final league stretch of the season, Marker talked about the effects that having a confidence-boosting tournament can have.

"Having a good tournament late in the season is important. It allows us to face teams we normally wouldn't play, but also gave me an opportunity to play my whole team and give other players needed experience," Marker said.

In their next game after the Seaside Tournament, Taft lost to the league-leading Stayton Eagles, but competed hard, taking a set off the presumptive league champions. Taft followed that matchup with a 3-0 win against Philomath, but then lost to Central and neighboring Newport.

The loss against Newport came down to the wire, and the Cubs clawed their way to a 3-2 victory at Taft High School. While the play-offs slipped away down the stretch, it was a hard-fought season, and there's plenty to look forward to with the young Tigers who will be returning next year.