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Oregon students' grasp of key subjects slowly grows, but below pre-pandemic levels

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon students continued to make small gains in key subjects over the last year but still haven't returned to pre-pandemic levels.

They're also not keeping pace with many of their peers nationwide when it comes to reading and writing.

The latest results from statewide assessment tests in English language arts, math and science show that across subjects, grades and districts, students tested at the end of

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Oregon students' overall proficiency in key subjects grew by less than 1 percentage point on average from the previous school year, according to the state's most recent data. (Metro Creative Connection)

District reacts to state student assessments

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Lincoln County School District (LCSD) students made year-over-year progress in English language arts, mathematics and science on the 2025-26 Oregon Statewide Assessments, according to data released by the Oregon Department of Education.

Districtwide results improved in all three subjects, with the largest overall gain occurring in science. English language arts increased 2.4 percentage points, science increased 2.9 points and mathematics increased 0.8 points, the LCSD officials said in a release.

"Our need to improve academic outcomes for all of our learners has been a primary

focus as we deepen our implementation of best instructional practices, adopt high-quality materials, increase our secondary elective offerings, and continue to grow our college and career opportunities through partnerships with Oregon Coast Community College," LCSD Superintendent Dr. Majalise Tolan said.

Eighth grade showed the strongest overall improvement, with gains in English language arts, mathematics and science. The largest increase was in eighth-grade English language arts, which rose 9 percentage points. Eighth-grade mathematics increased 7.7 points, and science increased 5.9 points.

Other areas of progress included third-grade English language arts, 11th-grade science and

mathematics in grades 3, 4 and 5. Overall, LCSD improved in 11 of the 17 subject and grade-level comparisons included in the state data.

LCSD's 11th-grade results also exceeded state averages in English language arts and science. At the school level, several schools recorded results above statewide grade-level averages, including particularly strong results at Waldport Middle School, Waldport High School, Crestview Heights School and Newport High School.

The district attributes the gains to a consistent focus on strong Tier 1 instruction, frequent analysis of student data, and targeted support for students. Elementary

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Pelican Brewing opens Yachats Pub

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Pelican Brewing Company has opened its newest coastal restaurant in the town of Yachats, welcoming locals and visitors to its sixth establishment on the Oregon Coast.

Conveniently located along U.S. Highway 101, the neighborhood pub brings Pelican's award-winning craft beer, food, and coastal hospitality to the central coast, according to a release from Pelican.

"When we started Pelican thirty years ago, our goal was to transform food and beverage experiences into lasting memories for our guests," said Mary Jones, Pelican Brewing Company President and Co-Founder. "Opening in Yachats is the result of years of hard work, intentional growth, and a deep commitment to our coastal community. We're

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Third strike felony leads to life in prison

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

A South Beach resident has been convicted and sentenced to life in prison for the repeated sexual abuse of a 16-year-old family member.

On September 22, 2026, Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge Amanda Benjamin sentenced 61-year-old Herman Walter Graham.

After a three-day jury trial, Graham was found guilty of four counts



Herman Walter Graham

of Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree and one count of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree.

Graham's criminal history prior to trial was disturbing, according to a release from Lincoln County District Attorney Jenna Wallace.

Graham had nine prior felony convictions for Sexual Abuse in the First Degree from 1997

and 2001; convictions that stemmed from the repeated sexual abuse of two children in Graham's immediate family.

Under Oregon Law, if a defendant has been convicted of sex crimes two times prior to the current offense, the presumptive sentence is life imprisonment without the possibility of release or parole, unless the sentencing

judge finds substantial and compelling reasons to impose a lesser sentence.

At sentencing, Graham requested a lighter sentence, arguing that a life sentence was unduly harsh. However, Judge Benjamin sentenced Graham to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Benjamin specifically addressed the victim stating, "Your

voice was heard and it was believed clearly through the verdicts of the jury. Your voice prevented further victims and more abuse from happening."

This case was prosecuted by District Attorney Jenna Wallace and investigated by the Benton County Sheriff's Office and Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

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Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
22-Sep.....	0.....	53.73 °F....	65.57 °F
23-Sep.....	0.....	49.06 °F....	66.51 °F
24-Sep.....	0.23.....	51.02 °F....	69.04 °F
25-Sep.....	0.27.....	52.48 °F....	62.76 °F
26-Sep.....	0.01.....	47.17 °F....	68.06 °F
27-Sep.....	0.....	46.49 °F....	63.19 °F
28-Sep.....	0.....	48.08 °F....	60.47 °F
Total rainfall from Jan. 1.....30.65"			

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

High.....	3:35 a.m.....	6.2
Low.....	8:54 a.m.....	2.4
High.....	2:55 p.m.....	7.9
Low.....	10:00 p.m.....	0.6

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

High.....	4:34 a.m.....	5.8
Low.....	9:37 a.m.....	2.9
High.....	3:41 p.m.....	7.8
Low.....	10:58 p.m.....	0.4

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

High.....	5:42 a.m.....	5.5
Low.....	10:30 a.m.....	2.4
High.....	4:38 p.m.....	7.5

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Low.....	12:06 a.m.....	-0.1
High.....	7:00 a.m.....	5.3
Low.....	11:42 a.m.....	3.7
High.....	5:48 p.m.....	7.1

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Low.....	1:20 a.m.....	0.0
High.....	8:21 a.m.....	5.4
Low.....	1:16 p.m.....	3.7
High.....	7:12 p.m.....	6.8

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Low.....	2:30 a.m.....	0.1
High.....	9:27 a.m.....	5.8
Low.....	2:45 p.m.....	3.2
High.....	8:35 p.m.....	6.7

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Low.....	3:31 a.m.....	0.0
High.....	10:17 a.m.....	6.3
Low.....	3:56 p.m.....	2.4
High.....	9:48 p.m.....	6.7

Sunrise/Sunset

Sept. 30.....	7:12 a.m.....	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 1.....	7:14 a.m.....	6:58 p.m.
Oct. 2.....	7:15 a.m.....	6:57 p.m.
Oct. 3.....	7:16 a.m.....	6:55 p.m.
Oct. 4.....	7:17 a.m.....	6:53 p.m.
Oct. 5.....	7:19 a.m.....	6:51 p.m.
Oct. 6.....	7:20 a.m.....	6:49 p.m.
Oct. 7.....	7:21 a.m.....	6:47 p.m.

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Friday, September 25

Mega Millions

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Saturday, September 26

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Saturday, September 26

Megabucks

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Investigation launched into plane crash

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Board is now investigat-
ing the crash of a small
plane that crashed into the
ocean west of Newport
Sept. 21.

The Beechcraft B95
aircraft reportedly entered
the water at a high
rate of speed and sank
with no one observed



The U.S. Coast Guard sent in a helicopter to conduct a search of the area where the plane went down. (Courtesy photo)

disembarking from the plane, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

The aircraft was piloted by former Newport City Councilor Ralph Busby, 78, the only person aboard the craft.

Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Columbia River received the initial report at 12:54 p.m. Sept. 21, and immediately dispatched search and rescue crews. Responding assets included two 47-foot motor lifeboats from Station Yaquina Bay, MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crews from Air Facility Newport and Air Station North Bend, local emergency responders and good Samaritan vessels in the area.

Crews conducted 12 hours of searches, covering 124 square miles. The search was suspended late Monday, Sept. 21.

“Suspending a search is an incredibly difficult decision, and it is one we never make lightly,” said Lt. Nick Torres, Search and for Sector Columbia River Search and Rescue Mission Commander Lt. Nick Torres said. “Our hearts go out to the pilot’s family and loved ones during this difficult time.”

Pedestrian killed after being struck by three vehicles

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon State Police (OSP) report a Portland man has died after being struck while along Highway 101 in Gleneden Beach. OSP responded to a vehicle-ver-sus-pedes-trian crash



The incident occurred along Highway 101 at Gleneden Beach in Lincoln County. (Courtesy from OSP)

operated by 34-year-old Gregory Lear Miller, of Flagstaff, Arizona, and a northbound blue Toyota Sequoia, operated by 50-year-old Michael Aaron Hadden, of Depoe Bay, according to the OSP report. The pedestrian (Perkins) was declared deceased at

the scene

None of the involved drivers reported any injuries.

The operator of the Mercedes Sprinter van (Miller) was stopped and detained south of the crash location and taken into custody for failing to perform the duties of a driver.

The highway was impacted for approxi-mately four hours during the on-scene investigation.

The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office, Lincoln City Police Department, Depoe Bay Fire District, Pacific West Ambulance, and the Oregon Department of Transportation, assisted OSP at the scene of the incident.

on Highway 101 near milepost 122 in Lincoln County, at approximately 8:21 p.m. Sept. 19. OSP also received calls report-ing a person walking in the roadway.

The preliminary inves-tigation indicated that a gray Chevrolet Colorado, operated by 61-year-old Renee Ronilyn Wohlwend, of Lincoln City, was traveling south-bound near Gleneden Beach when it struck a pedestrian, identified as 41-year-old Nicholas Ryan Perkins, of Portland, who was in or near the lane of travel.

Perkins was subse-quently struck by two additional vehicles, a southbound white Mercedes Sprinter van,



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Voters encouraged to verify authenticity of election mail

SHAANTH NANGUNERI
Oregon Capital Chronicle

As Oregon officials begin to send ballots out for the upcoming November election, the state’s top elections officer is encouraging voters to verify whether their election-related mail comes from an official source.

Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read’s office recommended in a recent press release that Oregonians look for an official election photo, consider that third-party groups creating fake mail often use outdated or incorrect data and make sure their registration is correct using the oregon-votes.gov website. The office said the most accurate and up-to-date voter registration information will be with people’s local election offices.

“We’re already getting reports about misleading mail going out to voters, so I want Oregonians to have the tools to be able to tell fact from fiction,” Read said in a statement.



Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read speaks at a press conference at Portland Community College on Monday, July 20, 2026. He recently urged Oregon voters to work to check the validity of their election-related mail. (Shaanth Nanguneri / Oregon Capital Chronicle)

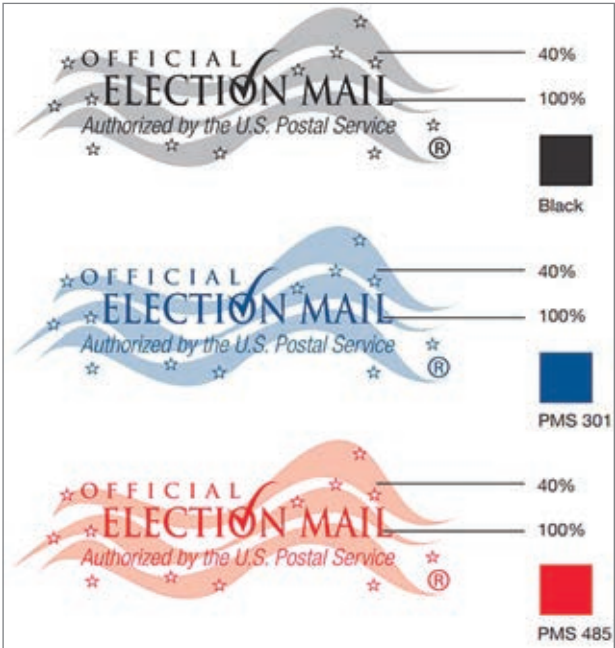
“The good news is, it’s pretty simple: If you receive something in the mail about voter registration or your ability to participate in the upcoming election, look for the official election mail logo to verify that it’s from an official source.”

A logo for official

election mail will come with a note clarifying that it is authorized by the U.S. Postal Service, and it is used for materials such as ballots, voter registration cards and voter reply mail. It features the stars and stripes of the American flag and the words “Official Election Mail”

and “Authorized by the U.S. Postal Service.” It comes in black or specific shades of blue or red.

Read’s office encouraged Oregon voters seeking more information about election-related mail to contact the Oregon Secretary of State’s Elections’ Division



Official logo (Courtesy photo from the Oregon Secretary of State)

at elections.sos@sos.oregon.gov or by calling 1-866-673-VOTE. He also recommended people contact their local county clerks, who are listed on the secretary of state’s website.

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Drive-thru flu shot clinic scheduled in Lincoln City

SAMARITAN HEALTH SERVICES

Flu season is approaching, and Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital is making it easy to stay protected with a drive-thru flu shot clinic from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

The clinic is open to

adults and children who have been seen by a Samaritan provider within the past three years. Flu vaccines will be available for adults and children ages 6 months and older, including a high-dose vaccine designed for adults age 65 and older.

No appointment is necessary. Vaccinations will



The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Oct. 17 at the parking lot of Samaritan Medical Plaza, on the corner of NE 28th Street and Yacht Avenue in Lincoln City. (courtesy photo)

be provided on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last, and insurance will be billed.

The clinic will be held in the parking lot of Samaritan Medical Plaza, adjacent to the hospital at the corner of NE 28th Street and Yacht Avenue in Lincoln City. Please note that this is

not the retail pharmacy drive-thru.

For a quick and easy experience, please wear a shirt or top that allows easy access to your upper arm, and enter the parking lot from NE 28th Street. Watch for directional signs and staff who will guide you through the clinic.

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Spill on Aisle Two and the Deep Fryer is Kaput

PAUL HAEDER
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column

Aging is not for the faint of heart may have been a popularized saying of Mae West (1883-1980), but in today’s world of 70 percent of Americans with no substantial retirement funds and a less than admirable Social Security check, this statement is magnified in today’s corporate world of usury.

You have few options in Lincoln County if you’re older than 65, in need of income to keep the lights on and the auto running: grocery clerk, associate, server, or worse, short-term rental and hotel bed stripper, AKA maid.

It matters to no one if you have a few decades of high-quality/high-end work experience, or if you have a few college diplomas. Slim pickings all around.

Here I am, age 69 and ‘washed out’ as a driver for Sweet Homes, notorious for high turnover rates because of poor management and the millionaire owners’ cold-cold hearts.

I attempted to do some work at Kroger’s, AKA, Fred Meyer. I applied for the home goods

department, was offered the position after an interview, but the “systems” (computerized) never sent me an offer letter.

I called the regional office, and alas, a phone call later, they offered an apology for the laggard response and an offer to work in the “deli,” since the other position had been filled.

I have tons of prime restaurant experience – French, Greek, Italian and Mexican joints. I’ve catered for big venues. The Kroger group said they fought like hell to get me \$16.50 an hour, a dollar more than the starting wage.

The closure of Safeway brought dozens of prospective employees over to FM. Yet this company, Kroger, is continuing its multi-year store closing plan.

This national grocery store chain announced in June 2025 that it would shutter 60 stores in less than two years. They call those closures “underperforming” decisions. Kroger describes the closures at a meeting as a way to shift resources away from struggling locations and into stronger markets.

Dirty corporations know little about the

community of place – our town is challenged with affordable grocery stores and might end up becoming a food desert if Kroger closes. It’s a Cincinnati-based chain expanding and contracting at the same time.

The bottom line is profits for shareholders, and Kroger’s footprint in 2026 is increasing new store builds by 30%. These are called large-format marketplace stores, slated for Ohio, Texas, and Indiana. The corporation has spent a few billion by acquiring Giant Eagle.

Fred Meyer is “over hiring,” as one manager stated. Many laid-off Safeway workers have come on board. The problem in the deli is that four-letter word – h-e-l-p, or lack thereof.

That also means more work, more chaotic schedules, and a lack of training are part and parcel to what I experienced there. The ovens are leaky, and the hood fan for three ovens and two deep fryers wasn’t working.

Imagine that -- customers wanting deep-fried items with one attendant handling those orders as well as back-of-the-house chicken prepping. Imagine sinks leaking

on the workplace floor, clogged drains, a fridge too small for mountains of boxed poultry.

This is not sustainable, and the scoop from fellow workers is that the hours are long and the demands are intense. Lack of complete staffing makes more work. Some associates in other departments told me that they did not want to cross train because then more demands would be put upon them without any increase in pay.

This job I applied for was to be part-time – less than 32 hours. Each shift I worked was more than that, with two days off. The equipment and training have been faulty. There is no way putting new employees’ feet to the fire or running them through ‘retail bootcamp’ is conducive to customer service and employee satisfaction.

On a national level, I have heard an author talk about her grocery experience: “Cleanup on Aisle Five: Essential Work, Poverty Wages, and the View from Behind the Supermarket Register” chronicles Ann Larson’s experience working as a cashier during the COVID-19 pandemic at an anonymized major grocery chain in Utah.

She’s been asked: What do you think would need to happen to resolve that tension for retail employees nationwide? Her answer: “Pro-human labor policies like a shorter work week, a predictable schedule, and paid sick and vacation days are a start.”

Just five companies already control over 60% of U.S. grocery sales.

First proposed in 2022, a \$24.6 billion merger between Kroger’s and Albertsons would have created the largest supermarket monopoly in the US. And the beneficiaries would have been Cerberus Capital Management, the private equity firm that controls Albertsons.

A private equity windfall would come at the expense of shoppers who are already paying 25% more for groceries than four years ago. Analysts say that grocery mergers contribute to price inflation because stores can increase costs when consumers have nowhere else to shop.

The associates and cooks never benefit from these acquisitions, mergers, and closures. These companies are bloodless, for sure, and while most customers understand the hard work and high

demands of cooks, servers and preppers, when staffing is low, managers demand more and more from workers. Vacations are rare. Time off requests are denied.

One fellow at another Fred Meyer stated that he’s been there for 12 years and is at the managerial level. However, if he left for whatever reason, for four years and a few months, none of the managerial experience would be counted if he returned. Meaning, he’d start at the minimum wage as a new inexperienced hire would get.

Bloodless.

“While researching the book, I read the French philosopher Simone Weil’s account of working in an auto factory during the 1930s. She concluded that liberty for working people was a ‘search for the material conditions for clear thinking.’ What surprised me the most about writing about the supermarket was how right she was.”

-- Ann Larson

[She’ll be interviewed on my KYAQ show, Finding Fringe.]

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Wildfires to come

RANDY STAPILUS
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon’s wildfires haven’t gotten their due this year.

They’ve made some headlines and generated some discussion, but they deserve more. The condition of Oregon may depend on their getting it.

By some measures, Oregon has been the number one state this year for wildfires. While fire season won’t be over for another month or so, Oregon is likely to rank high for 2026.

As of Sept. 8, the National Interagency Fire Center reported nine active wildfires in Oregon, more than any state but Washington, covering 1.1 million acres so far,



Wildfire smoke rolls over the skies near Warm Springs along U.S. Highway 26 on July 25, 2026, two days after state officials detected the Bench fire. (Courtesy photo from the Oregon Department of Transportation)

with at least two of enormous size, the Big Grass fire near Jordan Valley (578,637 acres) and the Rowe Creek Complex near Fossil (337,927 acres).

The overall state numbers are down in September. In late August KOIN TV in Portland counted 18 fires underway

burning 1.3 million acres. Those acreage counts are enormous in absolute terms: Oregon in total has 61 million acres.

A Legislative Fiscal Office report out in September noted “The start of Oregon’s 2026 wildfire season was both early and aggressive, driven by record-low

snowpack, record-high temperatures, and early-season drought conditions. The unseasonably dry landscape in March and April led to dozens of early-season fires. ... On July 22, 2026, Oregon’s landscape was reportedly inundated by 8,357 dry lightning strikes statewide, sparking at least eight new fires, including the Grasshopper Fire near Mount Hood. By late July, more than 150 wildfires were burning across the state.”

All this was projected at a relatively early point. Governor Tina Kotek in June issued a statewide fire emergency, which set directives for how agencies and responders would cooperate.

These wildfires have been expensive, and are blowing well past previous records. They have been costly to fight (an analysis by KOIN-TV

estimated a grand total figure at \$842 million). The Fiscal Office report figured on a state level “gross large fire costs totaling \$236.2 million and net fire costs totaling \$157.4 million. For comparative purposes, this exceeds the fire season costs incurred as of August 20, 2024, by \$30.2 million gross and \$95.1 million net.

Beyond that, of course, they have damaged significant amounts of land and property.

And they have been responsible for a range of secondary costs. One of the biggest: The cost of electric power, rising in part due to actual and preventative costs of wildfires.

And yet in much of Oregon, the fires seem a little off to the side, peripheral. Most people in Oregon live west or south of the Cascade Mountains,

and nearly all of the large fires are well to the east of those mountains.

Many of the more populous parts of Oregon have had mellow summer weather this year — moderate temperatures in much of Oregon, few very-hot days — compared to much of the country. This hasn’t felt so much like fire season in the Willamette Valley.

Too, most of those parts of Oregon also caught only occasional smoke this year. Orange suns showed up from time to time, but outside the actual and more remote burn areas, they didn’t persist for more than a few days at a time.

One good-news aspect of the lower attention may be that — to judge from a range of on-scene reports — wildfire fighters seem to have been uncommonly

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The rise of powerful AI will either be the best or the worst thing ever to happen to humanity.”

Stephen Hawking

ONLINE POLL

PREVIOUS POLL

Has the increasing price of gasoline made you alter your driving habits?

51.4%.....Yes

48.6%.....NO

New Poll

How confident are you in the integrity of Oregon's mail-in voting SYSTEM?

- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Not that confident
- Not at all confident

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Susan Wahlke is an informed, proven, effective, and a seasoned leadership you can trust.

Following Mayor Wahlke’s successful first term for Mayor, she has the skillset we need in the next four years.

Susan’s leadership over the last four years has been demonstrated by the following: the amazing numbers of workforce, available residential units that now exist; the number of new and small large business’s created; and the effective and practical work by Council members during her watch.

Much of which was promised by former mayors but Mayor Wahlke accomplished her promises.

There are important challenges ahead for our City. We need to repair and/or replace City Hall. A

project of his complexity needs a proven and experienced Mayor, City Council, and informed public input.

Mayor Wahlke brings those talents to the table immediately. For these reasons, I will vote for Susan Wahlke again as our next Mayor.

I encourage our citizens to cast their vote for her as well.

Cindy Thompson, Neotsu

KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

For the past 6 years, Lincoln City has gone through a transition of 5 City Managers, 5 Planning Directors, 2 city attorneys and various contract attorneys.

These changes have impacts on the stability and historical knowledge of a city that has been used to decades of tenured staff.

Retirements also included city employees from various departments who gave years of dedicated and consistent service to this community.

Susan Wahlke was elected as Mayor 5 years ago, adding her community knowledge and pragmatic leadership skills that kept the city moving forward to attain community needs and priorities. Ms. Wahlke has professionally addressed various public opinions that often need a guided direction toward a process that may bring resolution to a conflict or issue.

The Mayor does not work alone, but facilitates a consensus of the Council to create policies and projects through open discussions and inquiry before implementation. Some of the projects and policies that her guidance and dedication have accomplished with the Council:

Working with Siletz Tribal Council for safe pathway along West Devil’s Lake/Neotsu

Lincoln 24 apartments (City contributed the land)

Obtaining State funding to help construct Spring Lake Pump station-making more housing in the area

Resolution against ICE

New Welcome Center at D River – using lodging tax and grant from Lottery funds

New community park – Schooner Creek Discovery Park

Supported increase in lodging tax

The knowledge, experience and stability Susan has provided should continue with her reelection in November: A proven Collaborative Leader.

Judy Casper
Lincoln City

REACTS

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teacher teams regularly analyze reading and math data, identify learning gaps, differentiate instruction, and intensify support when needed. Protected instructional

time, small-group intervention, and the strategic use of ELD and special education staff provide additional support for students.

“The growth reflects the consistent work our teachers are doing every day, looking closely at student data, adjusting

instruction, providing targeted support, and continuing to strengthen reading and math instruction,” said LCS D Director of Elementary Education Sandy Mummy. “We’re proud of the progress, while also recognizing the areas where we still have work to do. Our goal is to

keep building on what’s working and make sure every student has the support they need to be successful.”

Secondary teams are also aligning daily instructional practices with targeted student outcomes while focusing on high-quality instruction in

every classroom.

“While we acknowledge there are still areas where we need to grow, our secondary staff’s dedication to high-quality instruction is moving us in the right direction,” LCS D Deputy Superintendent of Student Services Aaron Belloni said.

District leaders and educators will continue reviewing assessment data by school, grade and student group to identify effective practices, areas requiring improvement and opportunities to provide additional instructional support, according to the release.

STUDENTS

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the last school year were still about 8 percentage points behind pre-pandemic achievement levels. Overall proficiency in key subjects grew by less than 1 percentage point on average from the previous school year.

Less than half of all Oregon students tested are proficient readers, about one-third are proficient in math and less than one-third are proficient in science according to the state tests, a stubborn trend that has persisted in math and science since before the pandemic and worsened in English language arts since the pandemic. Proficiency for elementary students means they are reading and doing math at or above grade-level standards. For 11th graders, proficiency also indicates college-readiness.

But ongoing declines in the five years since students returned to schools

following pandemic closures have begun to turn into small rebounds in the last two years.

In the state’s 10 largest districts — responsible for educating about 40% of Oregon’s 540,000 students — students have made small gains in most subjects, but most are still on average looking at double-digit percentage point gaps from pre-pandemic proficiency levels.

“We are focused on steady, sustained gains that build over time. And while this year’s results may not feel transformational on their own, sustained improvement year after year can fundamentally change outcomes and the trajectory for our scholars,” said Charlene Williams, director of the Oregon Department of Education, at a news conference Tuesday.

Small gains at bid districts

The small gains made in Oregon’s largest districts mean those students are, on average, testing at

proficiency levels above the state’s overall averages, which inched up by less than a percentage point since last year across all subjects.

The biggest success among the large districts is Portland Public Schools, where students have on average come within a few percentage points of pre-pandemic levels in English language arts, math and science.

Other big districts, such as Salem-Keizer, have seen gains from literacy investments in certain grades.

Salem-Keizer’s third-graders had their second year of improvements in reading and the largest since the pandemic, outpacing the statewide average.

“Last year, we said we had bent the curve, reversing a pattern of loss to one of gain. This year, we are expanding on that pattern with districtwide gains and state-leading gains in third-grade ELA,” said Salem-Keizer

Superintendent Andrea Castañeda in a news release. “Third-grade reading accelerated, math improved in every tested grade, and every school posted a gain in ELA or math. I can’t imagine more affirming news for our hardworking students and staff.”

Angelica Cruz, director of literacy at the Oregon Department of Education, said there are clear signs of improvement in reading across most grade levels. Third graders who took the assessment tests last year were in first grade when the first round of more than \$90 million Early Literacy Success Initiative dollars were released to schools.

Those students have benefited from at least two solid years of literacy-focused support and investments, according to Cruz.

“While long-term impacts will take time to fully emerge, these results represent encouraging early signs that the state’s literacy initiatives are

moving achievement in the right direction,” she said.

The annual assessment tests, called Smarter Balanced tests, are given in the spring to grades three through eight and 11th grade students.

The tests are required by state and federal law, though Oregon allows parents to opt their children out of testing, according to the state education department. Prior to the pandemic, participation in the tests was closer to 95% while this year it was about 88% on average across all grades and subjects. Students were not required to take the tests in 2020 and the state education department scaled back testing in 2021.

This year saw marginally higher numbers of students participating in the tests, but the percentage of high schoolers taking the tests is still below 80%, making their assessment data difficult to interpret effectively, according to state education officials.

Oregon’s slow marginal growth in recent years reflects a nationwide trend showing student learning was negatively affected by the pandemic, which included more than a year of online classes. Students nationwide are, however, making “sizable improvements” in reading according to recent data assessed by NWEA, the Portland-based nonprofit that administers assessments similar to the Smarter Balanced tests called MAP tests.

<https://oregoncapital-chronicle.com/2026/09/24/oregon-students-grasp-of-key-subjects-slowly-grows-but-below-pre-pandemic-levels-assessments-show/>

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WILDFIRES

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effective this year.

But still another reason is where the fires were located. For most Oregonians, they were somewhere over there, far

away and over mountain ranges from heavily populated areas.

For all that, in some ways Oregon dodged a fire bullet this year in terms of impact on large numbers of people and stocks of property.

But that’s this year.

With just a little more than half a year till the start of the next fire season, which quite possibly could be worse, time has come for more intensive planning.

Oregon — and most of the West — has had ongoing small snowpacks. This year, the National Weather

Service is projecting something like more of the same, a warm and relatively dry winter, which sounds like not a lot of mountain snow. Next year’s fire season may be a more unavoidable reality than this one.

We have the larger share

of a year to prepare for what may be a rough fire season in 2027. We should use it wisely.

<https://oregoncapital-chronicle.com/2026/09/22/wildfires-to-come/>

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MERGER

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expansive state film tax credit is also enacted in either California or New York, U.S. production must rise further, to at least 40% of all film production, instead of moving overseas.

Independent Film Fund: The merged company will form and operate a fund to purchase

independent films, contributing \$5 million per year for a total of \$25 million.

Protections for Workers: The merged company will commit \$47.5 million to a Workforce Fund over five years for training and career development for workers displaced by the merger. The company must also honor existing collective bargaining agreements and bargain in good faith with unions

going forward.

Cable Agreements: For five years, the merged company must negotiate Paramount’s basic cable channels separately from Warner Bros.’ basic cable channels, preserving competition between them and helping keep prices down for consumers. The company must also continue to offer a free streaming service, such as Pluto TV, at its current level of service and quality, and must

establish a News Editorial Independence Board to help protect editorial independence at CNN and CBS.

Ongoing Monitoring: The company has agreed

to the appointment of an independent monitor to oversee compliance with this agreement.

Attorney General Rayfield secured this settlement alongside

the attorneys general of California, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, and Washington.



Northwest Training and Testing Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS Available for Review and Comment

The U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard have jointly prepared a second supplement to the 2015 and 2020 environmental analyses of at-sea military readiness activities in the Northwest Training and Testing (NWT) Study Area. The September 2026 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) is now available for review and comment through Oct. 19, 2026.

In-Person Open-House Public Meetings

In-person open-house public meetings will include informational poster stations staffed by project representatives who can answer questions about the Proposed Action and environmental analysis. Comments will be accepted in writing at the in-person public meetings.

Silverdale, Wash. Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026 4-7 p.m. PDT Oxford Suites, Olympic Ballroom 9550 Silverdale Way NW	Everett, Wash. Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026 4-7 p.m. PDT Carl Gipson Center, Cascade View Room 3025 Lombard Ave.
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Live Virtual Public Meetings

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026: 5 p.m. PDT/4 p.m. AKDT
Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026: 6 p.m. PDT/5 p.m. AKDT

The virtual public meetings will consist of a live presentation followed by a question-and-answer session. The public can submit questions in advance of the live virtual public meetings until Sept. 28, 2026, via the question form on the project website. Questions may also be submitted online in writing during the live virtual public meetings. Questions submitted as part of the question-and-answer session are not official comments. Participants dialing in via telephone will not be able to ask questions during the live virtual public meetings. Visit www.nepa.navy.mil/nwtteis to learn more about and attend the virtual public meetings.

Draft SEIS/OEIS Review and Comment

The public, stakeholders, and federally recognized tribes are invited to review the Draft SEIS/OEIS and provide substantive comments on the Proposed Action, the environmental analysis, and the project’s potential to affect historic in-water properties in line with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Comments may be submitted at the in-person public meetings, on the project website at www.nepa.navy.mil/nwtteis, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Northwest
Attention: NWT SEIS/OEIS Project Manager
1101 Tautog Circle, Room 102
Silverdale, WA 98315-1101

Visit the project website at www.nepa.navy.mil/nwtteis to learn more about the project, in-person and live virtual public meetings, and the NHPA Section 106 process; download the Draft SEIS/OEIS; view a virtual presentation about the project; submit questions for the virtual public meetings; and submit comments on the environmental analysis. The website also lists locations where you can view a printed copy of the Draft SEIS/OEIS.

Comments must be postmarked or received online by 11:59 p.m. PDT on Oct. 19, 2026, for consideration in the preparation of the Final SEIS/OEIS.

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John Collier

03/22/1946- 09/05/2026

CPL. John Kenneth Collier of Otis, Oregon passed away on September 5, 2026 from lifelong complications from Agent Orange exposure. Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma March 22, 1946 to Emma-Louise and Morris Collier. John spent part of his childhood in Oklahoma before moving to California around the age of 7.

John was an award-winning wrestler for Livingston High School graduating in 1964. Shortly after graduating High School, John attended Modesto Junior College and was working towards a degree that would allow him to coach his beloved wrestling and teach physical education when he was drafted in 1968 to serve in Vietnam. He voluntarily signed up for two more tours after being drafted, serving in the 101st Airborne (Screaming Eagles), Comanchero A/101 AHB, and 1st Calvary Division among other divisions in the Army. John was a well decorated soldier, flying over 1,000 combat missions as a helicopter crew chief and door gunner. He was a recipient of four Purple Hearts and multiple awards for acts of bravery and valor in combat including a Bronze Star. He was a well-respected hero and a brother to all veterans. He was instrumental in helping hundreds of veterans secure benefits and awards as a national service officer. John loved fishing in creeks and rivers since he was a young man in California, and continued to do so while living in Hawaii and eventually Oregon. John also loved photography, recording and taking photos and videos of family members, friends, and



nature. He had a passion for vintage cars, especially Corvettes. He loved watching football and was an enthusiastic 49er fan. John is survived by 8 children, Gayle Smith, Kelly Collier, Cassia Collier, Stephanie Hegarty (Mark), Juan Collier, Golda Collier (Geoff), Cora Collier, and Marcus Collier; 13 Grandchildren, Alexandra Cole, Caitlin Gonzalez (Alexander), Mark Hegarty the 2nd, Gabriela DeMarco, Christian Hegarty, Jaden Collier, Sage Collier, Christiana DeMarco, Lily Collier, Orion McAlwee, Camellia Forbes, Aurora McAlwee, and Carly Forbes; and 3 Great-Grandchildren, Alexander and Adonis Gonzalez, and Celine DeMarco.

Graveside services will be at noon, September 28th at the Willamette National Military Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

OBITUARY POLICY

1. DEATH NOTICE: This option includes basic information such as the deceased's name, age, town of residency, and details about any funeral services. There is no charge for this service. If you wish to add a photo, there is a \$35 fee.

2. SERVICE NOTICE: A Death Notice that includes a link to a free obituary will be charged \$75 dollars.

3. STANDARD OBITUARY: For \$100, you can submit an obituary with up to 200 words. Each additional 200 words cost \$75. A small photo can be included at no extra charge. If you'd like to add more photos, each additional one costs \$35.

4. 50% OFF PICK-UP OPTION: If you choose to republish an obituary within one month of its original publication date without making any changes, you'll receive a 50% discount.

5. ONLINE: All obituaries are placed online at no additional charge

Obituaries need to be submitted and paid for by 4 p.m. on Wednesday the week prior to publication. Need further assistance? Call 503-842-7535 Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. or email classifieds@orcoastnews.com

Merkley proposes Housing Downpayment Savings Initiative

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon U.S. Senator Jeff merely has introduced new legislation to help support the dream of homeownership for Americans.

Merkley’s proposed bill would ensure working families have a credible path to save for a down payment sufficient to purchase a modest home by age 30.

Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden cosponsored the legislation.

The Homeownership Promise Act would create Homeownership Promise Accounts, a basic new standard for Americans that would allow any first-time homebuyer who saves \$1 for a down bpayment on a house to get a \$5 match from the federal government. As young Americans struggle to purchase their first home—with the median age of first-time homebuyers rising to 40 years old in 2025—Merkley’s legislation is essential to restoring the dream of homeowner-ship for millions of families nationwide.

“Working families should be able to afford a decent home in a decent community,” said Merkley. “For millions of young Americans, homeownership remains further out of reach than ever before, keeping them from establishing the foundation that has enabled middle-class families to build equity for generations.”

“My new Homeownership



The Homeownership Promise Act would create Homeownership Promise Accounts, a basic new standard for Americans that would allow any first-time homebuyer who saves \$1 for a downpayment on a house to get a \$5 match from the federal government. (Metro Creative Connection)

Promise Act would restore the promise of homeownership—one of the foundations that working families need to thrive—by allowing all Americans to save for a home and live that piece of the American Dream,” Merkley concluded.

The Homeownership Promise Act would:

- Direct the U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD) to create a matching down payment grant, called a Homeownership Promise Account, that supports first-time homebuyers purchasing a median-priced principal residence.

- Establish an overall maximum contribution limit of \$60,000 (\$10,000 maximum combined personal, employer, and nonprofit

contributions in addition to \$50,000 maximum federal matching funds).

Merkley, earlier in his career, led Portland Habitat for Humanity and has continued to fight for affordable housing at every level of government.

In the Senate, Merkley, when serving on the Banking Committee, led the charge to end predatory mortgages that had turned the dream of

homeownership into a nightmare. This ban was passed into law as part of the Dodd–Frank Act in 2010.

More recently, he has led the fight to kick hedge funds out of the housing market. His efforts produced the first-ever ban on hedge funds buying up single-family homes as part of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act, which recently became law.

Lincoln, Tillamook Jobless Report

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Lincoln County’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.8% in August, unchanged from July, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

It was down from 6.3% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.1% in August, and the national rate was 4.1%. Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 15 in August to 18,300 jobs (-0.1%).

Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 100 jobs was expected for the month, and the county’s total



There were 20,416 employed and 1,233 unemployed in Lincoln County in August in Lincoln County and 11,699 employed and 598 unemployed in Tillamook County in August. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

nonfarm employment increased by 90, with a gain of 10 jobs in the private sector and a gain of 80 jobs in total government employment. Leisure and

hospitality lost 40 jobs (-0.7%). Local education added 70 jobs (+9.5%).

August’s total nonfarm employment numbers were

down 370 jobs over the year (-1.9%). The largest gain occurred in private education and health services which rose by 120 jobs over the year in August (+5.3%). Retail trade lost 160 jobs (-5.7%). Local government lost 120 jobs (-3.7%).

TILLAMOOK COUNTY

Tillamook County’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.2% in August, unchanged from July, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

It was 5.4% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.1% in August, and the national rate was 4.1%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm

payroll employment decreased by 70 in August to 9,600 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. An increase of 60 jobs was expected for the month, and the county lost 10 jobs, with a loss of 20 jobs in the private sector and a gain of 10 jobs in total government employment. Food manufacturing lost 30 jobs (-2.2%). Other industries had little to no change in employment.

August’s total nonfarm employment was down from the previous year by 50 jobs (-0.5%). Manufacturing added 60 jobs (+3.4%). Leisure and hospitality lost 50 jobs (-2.9%). Local government added 30 jobs over the year (+1.9%).

Oregon reaches settlement in Paramount merger lawsuit

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield has announced a settlement with Paramount Skydance Corporation (Paramount), resolving a lawsuit brought by Oregon and a coalition of attorneys general challenging Paramount’s merger with Warner Bros. Discovery (Warner Bros.).

In July, Attorney General Rayfield and the coalition sued to challenge the merger. The settlement was announced Sept. 21.

“We stepped up to challenge this merger to limit rising costs for working families, to preserve competition, and to protect Oregon’s film production industry,” Rayfield said. “Today’s agreement keeps real competition in place, ensures that productions will continue, and ensures journalistic independence. That’s a win for Oregon workers and consumers.”

Today’s settlement, pending court approval, requires a five-year, court-enforceable



In an aerial view, the Paramount logo is displayed on a water tower at the Paramount Studios lot on July 13, 2026 in Los Angeles, California. (Justin Sullivanv / Getty Images)

commitment to increase film output; a minimum \$1.5 billion commitment to boost domestic film production; a \$47.5 million fund for workers affected by the merger; and restrictions on how the company handles cable negotiations to help keep prices competitive.

The settlement includes:

- An annual film release commitment. Paramount has agreed to a five-year term in which the merged company will commit to release:
- 30 films a year, including 20 wide releases in the first two years.

- 32 films a year, with 21 wide releases in years three, four, and five.
- At least four independent films in each year of the commitment period.

If Paramount fails to meet this film output requirement in any year, the company must

divest Miramax Studios and pay \$30 million per missed film toward health care and retirement trust funds for the Writers Guild of America (WGA), the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE), the Directors Guild of America (DGA), International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) and other unions; toward the Motion Picture & Television Fund; and to the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) for further antitrust enforcement.

Domestic Production:

Paramount has agreed to boost the merged company’s U.S. film production, spending at least an additional \$1.5 billion over five years above its 2025 U.S. spending levels. This is a baseline. Currently, about 5% of Paramount’s production takes place in the U.S. If a federal film tax credit of at least 20% is enacted, U.S. production must rise to 20% of all film production in years one and two, and at least 30% in the remaining years. If a more



Local artist Ivan Kelly’s “Incoming At Seal Rock, Dawn.” (Courtesy photo)

Toledo’s Weekend Art Walk

SUBMITTED

Toledo’s First weekend Art Walk will showcase paintings by local artist

Ivan Kelly.

Kelly’s oil painting “Incoming At Seal Rock, Dawn” earned two national recognitions.

The work was juried into the American Impressionist Society’s

See **TOLDEO**, page B2

Siuslaw Forest firewood cutting permits available



Maps and relevant information about the firewood cutting will be available on the Siuslaw National Forest’s firewood cutting webpage by mid-October. (Metro Creative Connection)

STAFF REPORT

Lincoln County Leader

Siuslaw National Forest firewood cutting permits will be available on the October 15, 2026. Rules, restrictions, and

locations for firewood cutting are specific to each office; call before you visit to ensure permit availability. Commercial and personal use permits are required and must be

on-hand when harvesting or transporting firewood. Personal use permits will be free of charge and households are limited to a maximum of

See **FIREWOOD**, page B2

Yaquina Art Association’s feature artists

YAQUINA ART ASSOCIATION

The public is invited to enjoy a colorfully blended art show featuring Yaquina Art Association (YAA) artists Ann Nicholson and A.T. Ronan.

Their show is aptly titled “Color-Full!”, providing a spot of joy before the dark winter months settle over the Oregon Coast.

When Ronan suggested that they team up for the show featuring colorful flowers, Nicholson enthusiastically responded, “I’m all in! Color is everything and flowers are gifts from God.”

This show will feature Nicholson’s original acrylic 6x6 paintings of vivid sunflowers and pansies, prints of her new study: playful frogs surrounded by flowers, as well as cards with hummingbirds, bees, fish and of course, flowers. Ronan will feature hand painted dried roses artfully detailed and displayed in glass, Fall wreaths, glass painted vases lavishly embellished as well as flow art painted clay pots and journals. Her fun bonus for the show is a lighted bird cage complete with



Watercolor and acrylic artist Ann Nicholson will show her art at the YAA Gallery show October 3 - 16. (Courtery photo)

Indigo, Ink, Gold Leaf and More: Fall lineup of classes and arts learning



Artwork by Robin Berry (Courtesy photo)

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Autumn on the Oregon Coast is made for making things!

This fall, Oregon Coast Council for the Arts (OCCA) will offer six one-day workshops, a weekly after-school program for young artists, and open studio sessions for adults who want time,

tools, and good company to work on their own projects. The classes range from natural indigo dyeing to block printing, mushroom watercolors, and holiday gilding, and all take place at Newport Visual Arts Center (VAC) in Nye Beach.

Shades of Blue: Intro to Indigo Dyeing with Anna Biszantz

The season opens with a deep dive into Persicaria, or Japanese indigo, one of the world’s natural sources of color-fast true blue. Participants will work through three processes: dyeing with fresh leaves, preparing leaves for fermentation to extract pigment, and blending the extracted pigment with gum arabic



Khara Gilding (Courtesy photo)

to make watercolor paint. Everyone goes home with handmade watercolor paint and a hand-dyed silk handkerchief. Biszantz is a fiber artist and educator based on the Oregon Coast whose work centers on weaving artwork and wearable cloth, and she keeps a dye garden for

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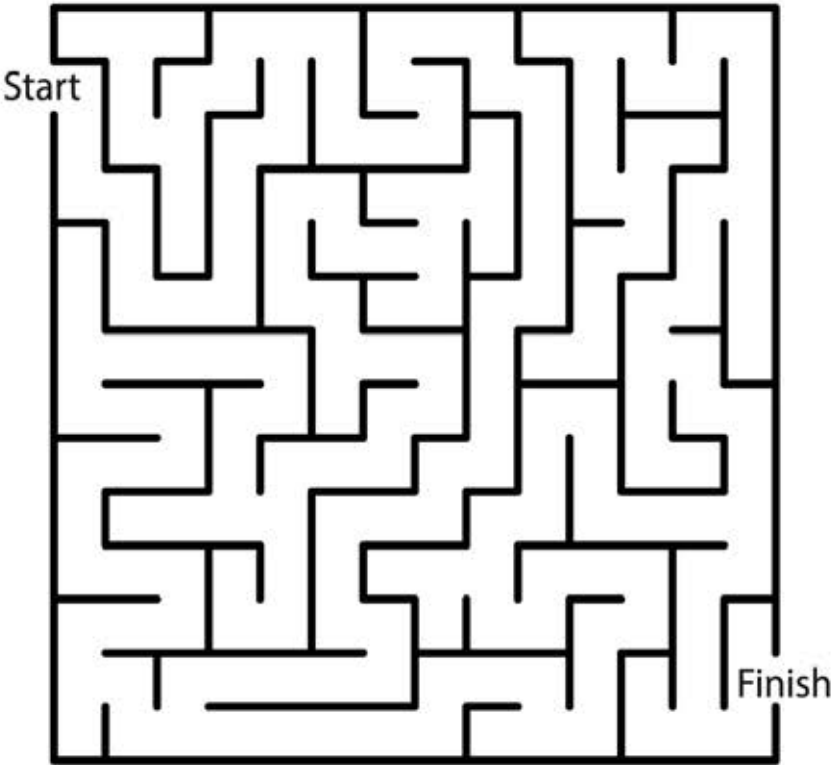


Figure drawing (Courtesy photo)



Maze Craze

Can you find your way through the maze?



THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1867: Toronto becomes the capital of Ontario.

1924: The first aerial circumnavigation is completed by a team from the United States Army.

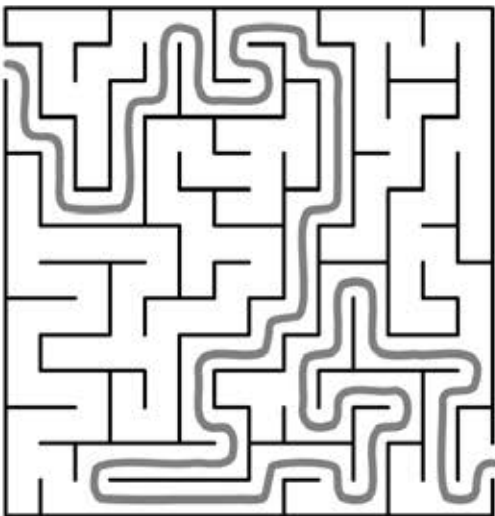
1951: CBS makes the first color televisions available for sale to the general public.

Health FACT:



True or false? Bigger is not better when it comes to choosing a child's backpack.

Answer: True, a backpack should be sized to the person so it doesn't get too heavy.



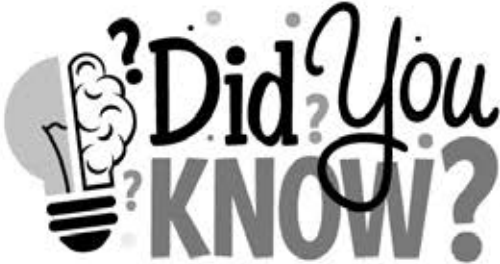
NEW WORD

SECURE

fixed or fastened

How they say that in...

English: Strap
Spanish: Correa
Italian: Cinghia
French: Lanière
German: Riemen



Belts and straps help to redistribute the weight of a backpack evenly across the body and should always be worn.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Backpack

OFF TO COLLEGE WORD SEARCH

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WORDS

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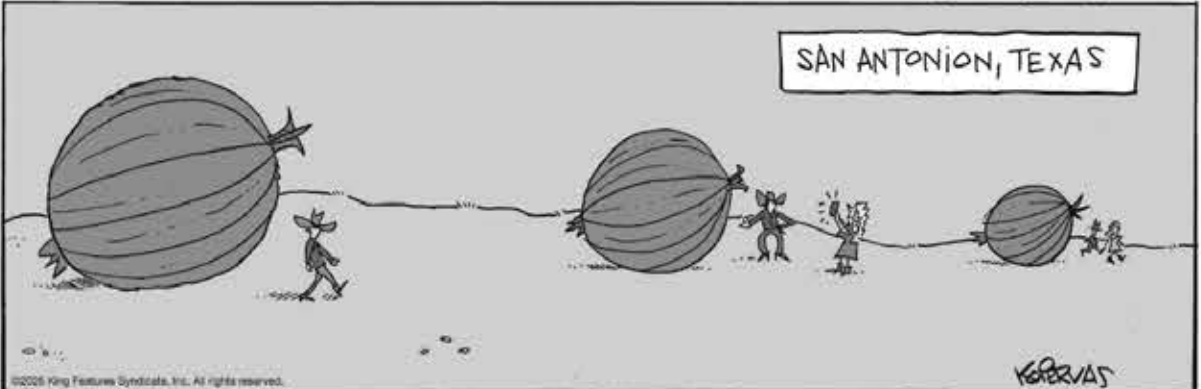
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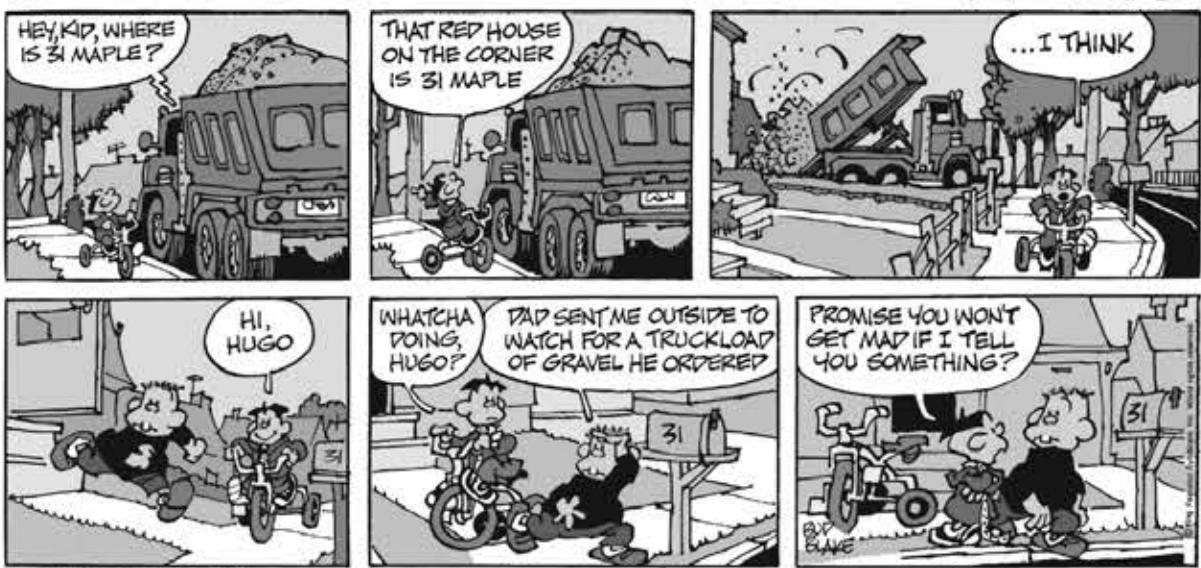
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: O equals R

AVSPO YGW YVR JWHKPUUPQ
DW KOPJBRPUX DBHP DW DGP
RPJWIQ VIXDGBIM RGP
JWWSPQ: APDDX JUWJSPO.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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

G FTI'P FT PAGIUR CTD

PAZ DZROTIRZ TD PAZ

BTIPDTNZDRX. G QYRP VGNZ

HX VGCZ. — DGAKIIK

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Almost 90% of the world's population lives in which hemisphere?
- AD SLOGANS: Which major retailer uses the ad slogan, "Save money. Live better"?
- MOVIES: Which district is Katniss from in "The Hunger Games"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What was singer Elvis Presley's favorite sandwich?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the poem "Paradise Lost"?
- U.S. STATES: Which U.S. state is the only one with its own power grid?
- TELEVISION: Where does Fred Flintstone work on the animated series "The Flintstones"?
- MUSIC: Which band released the hit song "Don't Stop Believin'"?
- HISTORY: What is the Code of Hammurabi?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the two-faced Roman god?

Trivia answers

- Northern.
- Walmart.
- District 12.
- Peanut butter, bacon and banana.
- John Milton.
- Texas.
- Slate Rock and Gravel Company.
- Journey.
- An early written legal code.
- Janus.

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Today's Word

3. Value; 4. Minor

1. Placid; 2. Loser

Solution

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!

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LCL26-441 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN
Probate Department Case No. 26PB06348 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of MARY ELIZABETH CONSER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Capella Lapham has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the Personal Representative at 1271 NE Highway 99W Ste 514, McMinnville, OR 97128, within four months after date of publication of this Notice, as stated below, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in the Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published on September 30, 2026. Capella Lapham Personal Representative Sean Dunning, OSB #210647 Dunning Litigation LLC Attorneys for Personal Representative 1271 NE Highway 99W Ste 514 McMinnville, OR 97128 Phone: (971)237-8312 Email: sean@dunninglitigation.com 9/30/26

LCL26-442 LAND USE NOTICE OF TYPE III PUBLIC HEARING THE CONFEDERATE TRIBES OF THE SILETZ
has submitted a conditional use permit application to allow a Men's Transitional Living Center (TLC), a shared living quarters with support services, off street parking, and open space Map & Tax Lot 10-10-04-DD-600. The subject property is located at 60 Judd Rd. The City Council determined that such "nursing/retirement home" is a similar use to a TLC as listed in Zoning Code. (Single Family Residential Zone) Chapter 17.16.010. The application file is available for public review until October 19, 2026, with a public hearing scheduled with the City Council on October 26, 2026. Applicable Siletz Municipal Code criteria include Chapter 17. Chapter 17.28 Conditional Uses, and Chapter 17.45 Type III Quasi Judicial Procedures. All evidence to be relied upon to make a decision on this application is in the public record and available for review at the City of Siletz, 215 W Buford Ave, Siletz, at no cost. Copies can be made at a reasonable cost. HOW TO PARTICIPATE: All interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Siletz City Hall, PO Box 318, Siletz, OR 97380 by October 19, 2026. Failure to participate in this review in writing or failure to address relevant issues may preclude your ability to appeal this decision. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: City of Siletz at 541-444-2521, or recorder@cityofsiletz.org, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Published: Lincoln Leader DATE: September 30, 2026 9/30/26

LCL26-443 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN
In the Matter of the Estate of: SCOTT ALAN SMITH, Deceased. Case No. 26PB07675 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DEBRA BEELER has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Personal Representative, DEBRA BEELER, at the address below, within four months after the date of publication of this notice. September 30, 2026, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative. ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: c/o Attorney Joshua D. Zantello, OSB #121562 Zantello Law Group 1818 NE 21st Street Lincoln City, OR 97367 9/30/26

LCL26-444 BID PROPOSAL OPPORTUNITY
Lincoln County School District Newport High School Auditorium Fortis Construction Inc. is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for the following scopes of work on the Newport High School Auditorium Project: Final Cleaning, Millwork and Casework, Exterior Siding, Roofing, Joint Protection, Doors, Frames and Hardware, Coiling Doors, Glass and Glazing, Metal Stud, Drywall and Ceilings, Tile, Flooring, Floor Treatment, Wood Flooring, Acoustic Treatments, Painting, Signage, Interior Specialties, Roof Accessories, Entertainment Equipment, Window Treatment, Seating, Wheelchair Lifts, Site Concrete, Site Pavements, Site Furnishings, Landscaping Bid Documents: Contract terms, conditions, specifications, and all solicitation documents may be obtained and reviewed electronically at the Fortis Public Plan Room: <https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5430e7da5cd/c2e0300dda7f6> Submission Deadline: Proposals must be received by October 7th 2026 at 5:00 PM PT. Proposals must be submitted electronically through Building Connected or via email to Will Mau at will.mau@fortisconstruction.com. Prequalification: Prequalification is required. Applications be submitted no later than October 5, 2026. 9/30/26

LCL26-446 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN
In the Matter of the Estate of KAREN K. HOLSEY, Deceased. Case No. 26PB07602 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at Dustin G. Anderson, Schulz Anderson LLC,

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2451 Willamette Street, Eugene, Oregon, 97405, within four months after the date of first publication, 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, Dustin G. Anderson, Schulz Anderson LLC, 2451 Willamette Street, Eugene, Oregon, 97405. Dated and first published on September 30, 2026. /s/ Dustin G. Anderson, Personal Representative 9/30/26

LCL26-447 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT
The following request will be reviewed at a public hearing by the Toledo Planning Commission on October 14, 2026, and the City Council on November 4, 2026. The Planning Commission meeting will begin at 6:30 pm and the City Council meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. Both meetings 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 an option for attendance through the Zoom video meeting platform. Call (541) 336-2247 ext. 2130 or e-mail planning@cityoftoledo.org to receive the meeting login information or visit www.cityoftoledo.org for the meeting details. City File No. PA-126 is a proposed ordinance to adopt the Toledo Parks and Recreation Master Plan and replace Toledo Comprehensive Plan, Article 8 (Recreational Needs) for updated goals, policies, maps, and inventories. Information on the Parks Master Plan project can be found at www.cityoftoledo.org/1248/Parks-Master-Plan-Project-Criteria for the request: City of Toledo Charter (Ordinance Adoption), Oregon Statewide Planning Goals, Oregon Administrative Rules, and Oregon Revised Statutes, Toledo Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Toledo Municipal Code Chapter 17.80 (Amendments), and Toledo Municipal Code Chapter 19 (Land Use Procedures). Oregon law requires that testimony and evidence

presented be directed toward the relevant criteria in the Toledo Zoning Ordinance, Comprehensive Plan, or other City plans or policies which a person believes pertains to the request, and which will be used in making the decision. The application, all documents and evidence submitted by or for the applicant, and the applicable criteria and standards can be reviewed at City Hall at no cost and copies can be provided at reasonable cost. The staff report and recommendation to the Planning Commission/City Council will be available for review at no cost seven days before the scheduled hearings and copies can be provided on request at a reasonable cost. You may present your testimony at the public hearings or provide written comments to the Planning Department prior to the public hearing dates. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter at the hearing, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision-maker an opportunity to respond to the issue, means that an appeal based on that issue cannot be filed with the State Land Use Board of Appeals. 9/30/26 10/7/26

LCL26-448 LINCOLN CITY STORAGE 3796 SE HWY 101 LINCOLN CITY, OR. 97367 541-996-3555
The following unit will be sold at Public Auction Starting 10/20/2026 at 9:00am Ending 10/27/2026 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# B205 Richard Wheeler III 9/30/26 10/7/26

LCL26-439 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
File No. 26-01187OR Reference is made to that certain deed of trust made by Dean Sander and Jacob Justen, as grantor, to Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for State Farm Bank, F.S.B., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as beneficiary, dated May 30, 2017, recorded June 2, 2017, in the records of Lincoln County, Oregon, under instrument No. 2017-05205, and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to

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Taft and Newport football league look-in

WILL LOHRE
Lincoln County Leader

Newport and Taft have each played two league games this fall. While the Tigers are still finding their footing in 4A football, the Cubs earned their first win of the season, the program's first win in almost a year.

Let's take a look at who they've lined up against in league so far, and what the coming matchups might bring.

TAFT HIGH SCHOOL

The Tigers' opening league games in Special District 1 have pitted them against two teams that were some of the best in Oregon last season.

The Tigers played Seaside on Sept. 18 and fell 28-7 to the Seagulls away from home. The Seagulls made the playoffs in 2025, and the Tigers couldn't keep pace over four quarters. Seaside went up 21-0 in the first half, and the Tigers never quite got back into the game.

Sophomore quarterback Hayden Weiss finished with 139 passing yards but also threw two picks. Of his 16 completions, six went to James Tolan, who racked up 66 yards. Juan Ortiz and Corban Smith each caught five balls; Ortiz finished with 55 yards, and Smith with 18.

On the ground, Lonnie West kept the legs working, rumbling for 89 yards on 16 attempts, and notching the Tigers' lone touchdown of the day.

Next up, the Tigers faced Scappoose High School on the road on Sept. 25. Scappoose has been a powerhouse at the 4A level, making the state semifinals each of the last four seasons, and they showed why against the Tigers.

Scappoose took a 14-0 lead after the first quarter and kept



The Tigers took on Scappoose away from home on Sept. 25, falling 55-14. (Courtesy photo from the Taft 7-12 Football Facebook page)

the pressure on in the second, building an authoritative 35-6 lead heading into halftime. Taft added another touchdown and a two-point conversion in the second half, but they couldn't slow the Indians, who won 55-14.

The next game for Taft will be against the Tillamook High School Cheesemakers on Oct. 2, where they'll look to bounce back. The Cheesemakers made the state quarterfinals last season, so Taft will need to be ready for another tough battle.

In front of their home fans, the Tigers will be looking to make a stand.

NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL

The Cubs captured their first win of the season against Gervais on Sept. 25, putting on a dominant display. It was homecoming night for Newport, and the Cubs dazzled the hometown fans, beating the Cougars 42-0.

It was a banner win for the Cubs, as wins have been tough to come by in recent seasons.

The 42-0 win was Newport's first win since they beat Blanchet Catholic 21-20 on Sept. 26, 2025. That 42-point margin was Newport's biggest win in years, and the last time they posted a score that lopsided was when they beat Jefferson 61-6 on Sept. 23, 2022.

It wasn't just the offense that stood out either. The Cubs' defense was ferocious, stymying the Cougars and shutting them out for the first time since 2022.

It was an excellent bounce-back game for Newport, as their first league game saw them lose 42-0 to Kennedy on Sept. 18. The Cubs finished 1-8 last season, and matching their win total in just their second league game is a great step forward, and they'll be looking to grab that second win in the coming weeks.

Though their game against Blanchet Catholic on Oct. 2 was canceled, the Cubs will get back into battle against Salem Academy on Oct. 9.

Newport soccer's season so far

WILL LOHRE
Lincoln County Leader

Newport's soccer players have been burning up and down the field in the opening weeks. While the girls are still awaiting their first win, the boys have carved out a strong record as the season kicks into high gear.

NEWPORT BOYS

Newport's boys have picked right up where they left off in 2025. After making the state quarterfinals last year, Newport has kicked on this fall, starting league play with a win over Philomath on Sept. 24.

The Cubs registered their highest-scoring game of the season against the Warriors, taking down Philomath 4-1 away from home. Newport went 1-1 against Philomath last season, and the three-goal victory was a statement as the Cubs seek their second straight trip to the state playoffs.

Heading into the game, Newport had a 2-1-2 record and entered off the heels of a 1-1 draw against Tillamook/Neah-Kah-Nie on Sept. 15. Newport's lone loss of the season came against Klamath Union on Aug. 28, but they didn't take long to rebound.

Newport drew against Lebanon/Central Linn 0-0 on Sept. 3, and then scored back-to-back shutout wins against North Bend/Bandon and Astoria on Sept. 8 and Sept. 10. Newport took the game 2-0 on the road against the Bulldogs, and beat the Fishermen 3-0 at home a couple of days later.

The boys are putting together a solid campaign thus far, and the result of their league game against Cascade on Sept. 29 is not available at the time of press. They'll look to add to their win tally when they play Stayton at home on Oct. 1.

GIRLS SOCCER

The young Cubs squad is still seeking its first win of the season, but their most recent game against Philomath offered a high-light, even in defeat.

The Cubs welcomed the Warriors to Newport High School on Sept. 24. Though they lost 5-1, that goal marked Newport's first of the season, breaking a goal drought that spanned the team's first four matches.

In Newport's preceding match against Tillamook/Neah-Kah-Nie on Sept. 15, the Cubs managed a 0-0 draw, their first clean sheet of the year, and the first for Newport since Oct. 22 of last season. Before that, Newport lost to North Bend, Lebanon, and Klamath Union, but the margins of defeat narrowed each game until the loss to Philomath to kick off Oregon West Conference play.

The girls also played Cascade on Sept. 29, but the result is unknown at the time of writing. Catch the Cubs back on the pitch when they play Stayton away from home on Oct. 1



The 2026 Newport Cubs boys soccer team. (Courtesy photo from OSAA.org)



The 2026 Newport Cubs girls soccer team. (Courtesy photo from OSAA.org)