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Police brace for holiday visitors

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Lincoln County law enforcement agencies are bracing for the anticipated surge of heavy traffic and a significant rise in visitors over the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Independence Day holiday activities draw thousands to the coastal cities.

One major holiday event in Lincoln City, the traditional fireworks

display normally held in Taft at Siletz Bay, has been moved to Devils Lake.

Moving the long-time fireworks launch site away from the wild-life refuge and from the Salishan Spit helps protect critical wildlife habitat, including resident harbor seals and nesting shorebirds such as the federally protected Western Snowy Plover, while also eliminating erosion caused by the heavy equipment required

for traditional fireworks production, according to city officials.

The Lincoln County Leader has reached out to Lincoln City Police Department Patrol Sgt. Erik Anderson to gain insight into the holiday traffic congestion challenges, and the city's fireworks regulations.

Lincoln County Leader: Since the fireworks launch site is now at Devils Lake, a more

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USDA Seafood Office to help Oregon's seafood industry

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Federal legislation being considered in Congress is expected to open doors of opportunity for the United States seafood industry, making it more competitive on the national and international stages, according to the Oregon Coast Visitors Association (OCVA).

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

The federal efforts are expected to bolster local seafood harvest, processing, and profitability in sustainable ways. A recent study by the Oregon Coast Visitors Association found that 90 percent of the seafood sold in Western Oregon isn't from local waters.

As part of the Farm, Food and

National Security Act of 2026, Congress is creating the United States Department of Agriculture Office of Seafood – a first-of-its-kind office – to prioritize customer service and ease of navigation for American seafood cultivators, producers and processors to access programs. Integrating

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If you fly it, they will come



Four-year-old Lilianna of Vancouver, Washington runs with her paper kite in hand at the Lincoln City Summer Kite Festival. Saturday, June 27. (Photos by Jeremy C. Ruark)

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For four-year-old Lilianna, it was a matter of holding the kite string tightly and dashing across the grassy field. The child raced to help her small paper kite gain altitude.

The child earlier had made a paper kite at the Family Promise booth at the festival.

Lilianna had joined her family from Vancouver for the annual Lincoln City Kite Festival. Her mother said this was the second time they've visited Lincoln City for the festival and planned to make it

a family tradition.

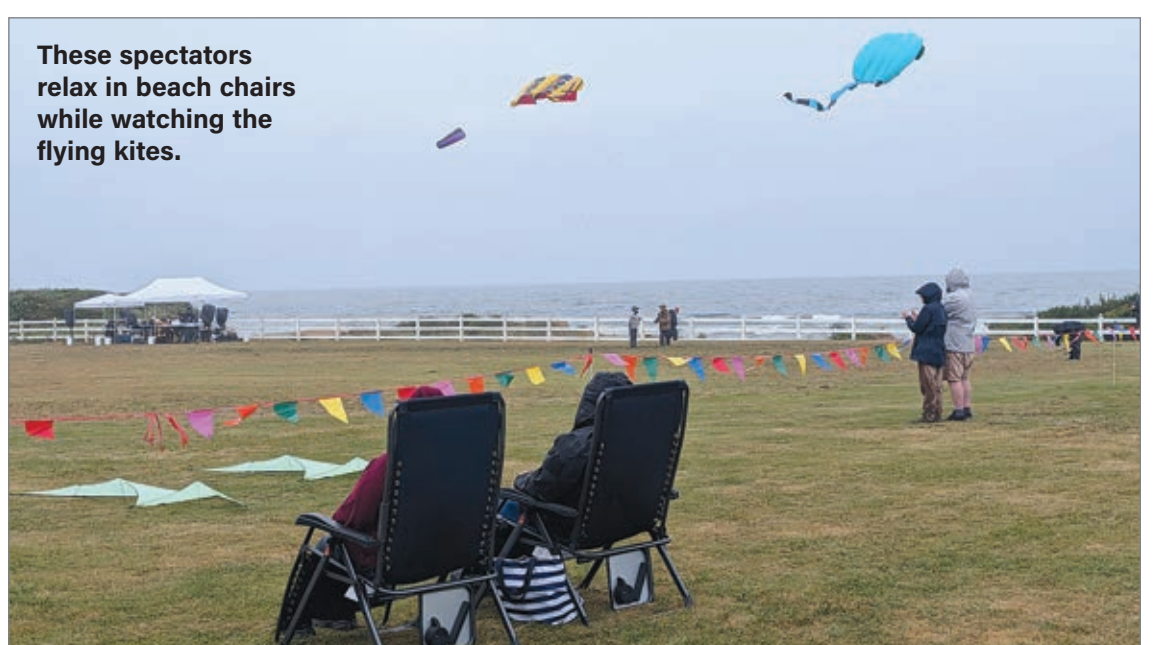
Just feet away was David Ti, a Portland kite flyer who came to demonstrate his kite flying abilities, acknowledged that the frequent rain showers during the Saturday morning, June 27 event were challenging.

"Today is difficult," he said. "The wind is up and down. The rain is about to show up again any minute now, but I finally got my kite up into the sky. The rain will come. It will get wet, and the kite will come down. That's just part of the fun."

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Portland resident and kite flyer David Ti attempts to get his small colorful kite into the air during the Lincoln City Summer Kite Festival.



These spectators relax in beach chairs while watching the flying kites.

Central, North coast rural fire protection districts receive grants

Weyerhaeuser has announced the fifth year of its Fighting Fires Together campaign, combining the company's wildfire management and community support efforts across Oregon.

The campaign unifies support for rural fire districts, wildfire response partnerships, and resources that strengthen firefighter and community resilience in fire-prone areas of the state.

The campaign addresses the realities of wildfire response in rural Oregon,

where communities and agencies often face limited resources to protect both residents and wildland firefighters. The campaign focuses on:

Financial support for Rural Fire Protection Districts (RFPDs), including nearly \$25,000 through the company's recent Giving Fund grants to four fire districts serving

Oregon's vulnerable rural communities.

Siletz Valley Fire District - \$9,335

To provide wildland fire-fighting clothing, tools and water drafting equipment

East Lincoln County Fire And Rescue - \$5,000

To help equip 2 wildland engines

Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District - \$5,000

To fund a new cardiac monitor/defibrillator to enhance rural emergency medical care

Polk County Fire District No.1 - \$4,000

Funding battery-powered rescue saws to improve emergency response and victim extrication.

Wildfire response partnerships with the Oregon Department of Forestry and local agencies to fight active wildfires on the company's forestlands and nearby public and private lands, including a \$10,000 investment in Lane Community College's Wildland

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Past Weather

On the Coast
Rain Low High
23-Jun.....0.....52.19°F...63.99°F
24-Jun.....0.....55.17°F...65.5°F
25-Jun.....0.22.....53.37°F...60.02°F
26-Jun.....0.15.....53.59°F...61.2°F
27-Jun.....0.53.....52.28°F...59.85°F
28-Jun.....0.14.....54.1°F...63.2°F
29-Jun.....0.05.....54.06°F...59.04°F
Total rainfall from Jan. 127.00"

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1
High.....12:59 a.m.....8.4
High.....3:06 p.m.....6.5
Low.....7:49 p.m.....3.6
THURSDAY, JULY 2
High.....1:36 a.m.....8.2
Low.....8:44 a.m.....-0.9
High.....3:39 p.m.....6.6
Low.....8:31 p.m.....3.4
FRIDAY, JULY 3
High.....2:15 a.m.....7.9
Low.....9:17 a.m.....-0.8
High.....4:12 p.m.....6.7
Low.....9:18 p.m.....3.3
SATURDAY, JULY 4
High.....2:56 a.m.....7.4
Low.....9:49 a.m.....-0.3
High.....4:44 p.m.....7.0
Low.....10:09 p.m.....3.1
SUNDAY, JULY 5
High.....3:42 a.m.....7.0
Low.....10:23 a.m.....0.1
High.....5:17 p.m.....7.3
Low.....11:07 p.m.....2.7
MONDAY, JULY 6
High.....4:38 a.m.....6.2
Low.....10:58 a.m.....0.8
High.....5:51 p.m.....7.6
TUESDAY, JULY 7
Low.....12:10 a.m.....2.2
High.....5:47 a.m.....5.7
Low.....11:38 a.m.....1.6
High.....6:30 p.m.....8.1

Sunrise/Sunset

July 15:35 a.m.....9:05 p.m.
July 25:35 a.m.....9:05 p.m.
July 35:36 a.m.....9:05 p.m.
July 45:36 a.m.....9:05 p.m.
July 55:37 a.m.....9:04 p.m.
July 65:38 a.m.....9:04 p.m.
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SEAFOOD

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fishers into USDA programs and working alongside the United States Department of Commerce and other federal partners is expected to revitalize the American seafood industry.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act – the primary law governing marine fisheries in United States federal waters – was signed into law 50 years ago. It provided the fishing industry with long-term economic stability, but for years fishermen across the country have been struggling to navigate programs at USDA that can help them support their businesses, according to the OCVA.

The USDA Seafood Office will assist with developing the America First Seafood Strategy, promoting production, marketing, sales and export of fishery and aquaculture products, while strengthening domestic processing capacity. The American Seafood Competitiveness Act also will allow commercial fishers and processors access to USDA loans, grants and credit services that historically have been reserved only for land-based farmers.

Further legislation – the Buy American Seafood Act – will require federal agencies to procure seafood domestically for child nutrition and

other programs. Directing American harvested and produced seafood to school cafeterias and federal nutrition programs will create a reliable, meaningful market for fishers all over the country. Local leaders and seafood business owners applaud USDA's Office of Seafood with wide-spread support.

The OCVA Executive Director Marcus Hinz said the federal efforts will deliver far more than simply economic benefits.

These developments also can help lead to healthier protein sources being served to children across the nation in schools. More local seafood consumption can help reduce the global import of seafood to communities all over the country. By sourcing more food locally, carbon emissions will be reduced, children will be healthier and more American fishers and processors will be able to prosper, according to Hinz.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

"This isn't just about economy," Hinz said. "It's also about reducing carbon emissions and improving public health. When we harvest and export so much of our local seafood, those planes literally are passing the ones importing seafood from all over the world to be sold and served in our communities. That's not sustainable and it doesn't make

any sense. It also creates greater opportunities for us to put fresh, local seafood – one of the healthiest protein options we have – in front of more children. That will lead to healthier kids and better outcomes in education. There is so much about this initiative to like."

From Newport to Astoria to Coos Bay, Oregon's fishermen drive coastal economies and help feed the nation, according to State Senator Dick Anderson and State Senator Suzanne Weber

The Office of Seafood will ensure they have the necessary federal programs and services needed to keep their legacy and livelihood alive and remain competitive in the global market for the next generation. Oregon's fishermen are essential to our state's economy and America's food supply. This effort is about putting these Fishermen First and cutting barriers through delivery of the support they need to stay competitive and profitable, the two senators said in a release.

"The creation of the USDA Office of Seafood is exactly the kind of bold, coordinated action our fishing communities have needed for years," Oregon State Senator Dick Anderson, R-Lincoln City, said.

Anderson's district includes Newport, one of Oregon's largest fishing ports, as well as Coos Bay. He also

acknowledged that there is a huge disparity of foreign imports flooding local markets. Restrictions such as low catch limits, selling fishing grounds for foreign countries, inaccurate and outdated fisheries data and delayed adoption of modern technology have prohibited Oregon's fish economy from fully realizing its huge economic potential, according to Anderson and Weber.

"As large and important as Oregon's fishing industry already is, we must also recognize the tremendous, untapped potential ahead of us. The Office of Seafood will keep fishermen fishing," Weber said.

Oregon's seafood industry already lands hundreds of millions of pounds annually, generating more than \$600 million in dockside value and supporting thousands of jobs tied to harvesting, processing, and distribution, according to NOAA Fisheries. For decades Oregon fishers have lost market share and the ability to make a family wage living due to Federal government over-regulation, according to the release.

"Providing sustainable food products for the people of America along with responsible natural resource stewardship for our nation will provide and nurture future generations," said Steve Fick of Fishhawk Fisheries, who runs boats out of Astoria, on the northern Oregon

coast.

"USDA Office of Seafood will pave the way for our pink shrimp to be further implemented into the USDA food service programs," said Nick Edwards, from Jordani Pink Shrimp Fishery, Coos Bay, who operates the second largest pink shrimp fishery in Oregon.

NEW ERA

The initiative marks a new era where Oregon, and American fishermen will be recognized by USDA as key part of the U.S. food supply that supports rural and coastal communities, according to the release. The office will focus on infrastructure, marketing and trade, workforce development, and stronger risk management and disaster assistance.

Pacific Seafood, one of Oregon's largest seafood processors, is excited about the Office of Seafood. "We are thrilled about this opportunity that will give West Coast seafood communities a stronger voice and help connect local harvesters and producers to the families and students who rely on nutritious high-quality food," Pacific Seafoods spokesperson Bella Johnson said.

The legislation has been proposed in the House of Representatives and the United States Senate. The bill has passed in the House and negotiations currently are underway in the Senate to finish the legislation.

HOLIDAY

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restrictive location compared to the Taft Beach, and there is limited parking at most locations surrounding Devils Lake, what traffic challenges is the Lincoln City Police traffic enforcement team planning to address, and how will that enforcement occur?

Erik Anderson:

We expect congestion throughout town on Independence Day weekend and especially around the lake on the night of the 4th. We will be restricting vehicle access into Regatta Park and the surrounding neighborhood, as well as blocking off the road shoulders to avoid illegal parking which could hinder medical responses. Boaters should plan on using the Holmes Road Park boat ramp as the Regatta ramp will be closed beginning around 1700 on July 4th through the end of the event. The city is also offering multiple shuttles

from the Community Center to Regatta Park for the fireworks show, including an ADA compliant shuttle. We will be directing traffic after the show to help pedestrians safely cross West Devil's Lake to the new expanded sidewalk back into Oceanlake should attendees choose to walk. To encourage safer driving, LCPD will also be conducting heavier traffic enforcement in the days leading up to this event in the hopes of reducing speeds around town for public safety.

Lincoln County Leader: What recommendations do you have for anyone planning to attend the Fourth of July fireworks at Devils Lake?

Anderson: The city is encouraging viewing from Regatta Park as well as East Devils Lake State Park; however, there should be decent viewing in most areas around the southern end of the lake. There is no planned vending within Regatta Park, so it will be a great opportunity for a family picnic,

and the event should begin around 10 p.m.. There is no alcohol possession, tobacco smoking, or cannabis use permitted in city parks to support this family friendly event. We appreciate cooperation on this front.

Lincoln County

Leader: Overall, Lincoln City traffic usually becomes quite heavy during the Fourth of July weekend. What recommendations to you have to visitors and to locals?

Anderson: PATIENCE!

The driver in bumper-to-bumper traffic just in front of you is just as frustrated, I promise. All drivers should be planning extra time for their commutes and be prepared for drivers unfamiliar with the city. With our newly expanded sidewalks throughout town, this could be a good opportunity to take a walk with the family to the beach or a nearby park.

Lincoln County

Leader: What is the law in Lincoln City about illegal fireworks. What is legal and was is not legal and why?

Anderson: City ordinances prohibit any type of firework in any city parks or open space, on any city property, on any

city streets or on any right-of-way in the city. These range from large mortars to sparklers. I would have to direct you to City Council for the reasoning, but I believe it relates to fire hazards and quality of life issues for residents.

Lincoln County

Leader: What is the LCPD enforcement plan about illegal fireworks and have you already begun to seize illegal fireworks in the city?

Anderson, As of June 29, we have not made any seizures so far this month to my knowledge; however, we will be seizing fireworks illegal under state law as we come across them. Officers have a wide range of discretion in these events and Municipal court fines range up to \$265. Those that run afoul of the law should be prepared for those consequences. A good indicator a firework is illegal under state law is it is aerial in nature and bears a warning "shoots flaming balls." We find that most individuals who possess them buy them in other states and acknowledge they cannot find them in Oregon.

Lincoln County

Leader: What is the

presumptive fine for anyone cited for possession of illegal fireworks?

Anderson: An illegal fireworks possession referred to the municipal court carries fine of \$265; however, the city code does differentiate fireworks that are otherwise lawful under state law, but prohibited in Lincoln City, and those carry a \$250 fine for possession. It is important that merely possessing this contraband leads to these fines, and igniting the fireworks is not required for prosecution.

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Leader: Feel free to add any other comments you might have.

Anderson: We are looking forward to having these multiple events throughout the city on Independence Day from the "Vets", Pets and Pies" celebration at the Community Center from 10 a.m. to noon, Explore Lincoln City's "Stars and Stripes and Wildlife" in Taft from noon to 5 p.m., and of course the fireworks show at Devils Lake. This is going to be great family-friendly year!

See more details about July 4th holiday events in the B Section of this edition.

KITES

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Ti has been making kites since the COVID pandemic.

"It was a good thing to do with friends outdoors," he said. "I had just retired

after making banners for a living for about 40 years and I just switched over making kites after that."

Ti said his favorite part of making kites is using his imagination to create each kite, inspired by a piece of jewelry. Or a bird. Or an animal.

"My second favorite thing is getting my friends to fly the kites," he said. "Many people have never even flown a kite. So, it is really fun to get them out and I have really fun kites, so if you have a good wind, it's easy."

Dozens of people lined the grassy knoll area behind Chinook Winds Casino for the two-day kite event. The traditional festival usually is held at the D River Wayside in Lincoln City, but due to construction of the new Lincoln City Welcome Center at the wayside, the festival was moved to the casino property.

Oceana Natural Foods Co-op advertisement featuring the slogan 'Your lunch is waiting!' and listing products like Complete Salad Bar, Entree, Pizza, and Soup. It also includes store hours (Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.), contact information, and a 35% off promotion.

Hello Sunshine advertisement for gutter cleaning services. It features an image of a gutter and promotes a 35% off discount, free gutter inspection, and a quote good for 1 year. Contact number: 1-855-536-8838.

Safe Routes to School Project to begin in Newport

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

intersection of US 20, NE Harney Street, and NE Moore Drive.

Construction on the Safe Routes to School project will begin July 6, bringing important pedestrian, bicycle and traffic safety improvements to key transportation corridors near Newport schools.

The project area will focus on NE Harney St. Construction is expected to last through the summer, according to Newport Communications Director John Fuller.

As part of a separate project, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will add dedicated turn lanes to the northbound and southbound approaches at the

The project also includes new crosswalks and upgraded traffic signals to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists while enhancing overall traffic flow. Construction is expected to begin in 2027.

Progress on this project can be tracked online at Oregon.gov/ODOT.

The project will include several improvements designed to increase safety and accessibility for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists, including:

- Extension of the sidewalk along the west side of NE Harney St. to US 20
- Improved bicycle lanes
- New and enhanced crosswalks



- Accessibility ramps
 - Additional signage and safety features for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists
 - Stormwater line improvements
 - Pavement rehabilitation
- “During construction, increased construction activity along NE Harney Street can be expected,” Fuller said. “Drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists are encouraged to

use alternate routes when possible to help reduce congestion and improve safety. Any temporary road closures or significant traffic impacts will be announced in advance.”

The Safe Routes to School program is intended to encourage students to walk and bike to school by improving infrastructure and removing barriers that make

active transportation difficult or unsafe.

The project is funded through more than \$1 million in grants from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Safe Routes to School Program, with additional funding provided by the City of Newport Urban Renewal Agency.

Construction work on NE Harney Street will be completed by Road &

Driveway Company of Newport, while improvements at the US 20 intersection will be completed by ODOT.

“The City appreciates the community’s patience during construction and encourages community members to stay informed about traffic impacts and project updates through the City’s social media channels, website, and e-newsletter,” Fuller said.

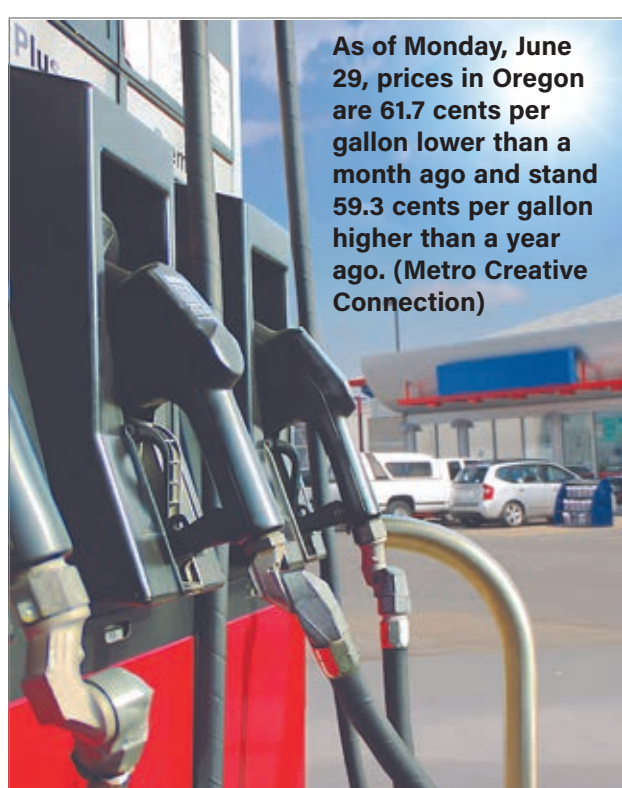
Oregon average gasoline prices: significant decline

Average gasoline prices in Oregon have fallen 19.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.60 per gallon, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 1,307 stations in Oregon.

As of Monday, June 29, prices in Oregon are 61.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 59.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has decreased 11.4 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$4.876 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Oregon was priced at \$3.74/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$6.19/g, a difference of \$2.45/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$3.74/g while the highest was \$6.19/g, a difference of \$2.45/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 6.9 cents per gallon in



the last week, averaging \$3.78/g today. The national average is down 55.6 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 64.2 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to

GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Oregon and the national

average going back five years:

- June 29, 2025: \$4.01/g (U.S. Average: \$3.14/g)
 - June 29, 2024: \$4.01/g (U.S. Average: \$3.48/g)
 - June 29, 2023: \$4.58/g (U.S. Average: \$3.51/g)
 - June 29, 2022: \$5.48/g (U.S. Average: \$4.85/g)
 - June 29, 2021: \$3.56/g (U.S. Average: \$3.12/g)
- Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:
- Eugene- \$4.46/g, down 18.8 cents per gallon from last week’s \$4.65/g.
 - Salem- \$4.57/g, down 22.4 cents per gallon from last week’s \$4.79/g.
 - Portland- \$4.79/g, down 17.1 cents per gallon from last week’s \$4.96/g.

The survey finds that average gasoline prices fell in 46 states over the last week, with diesel declining in 49, pushing the national average to its lowest level

since mid-March.

The declines came despite a turbulent week, as fresh attacks were traded between the U.S. and Iran before both sides agreed to halt hostilities just in time Sunday, June 28, preventing what could have been a significant spike in oil prices, according to GasBuddy Head of Petroleum Patrick De Haan.

“For now, GasBuddy anticipates the national average will continue

drifting lower this week, though the situation

remains anything but predictable,” De Haan said. “A handful of price-cycling states could see prices jump ahead of the July 4 holiday, while many states that already cycled higher last week should see prices fall back down. Motorists in non-cycling states are likely to see continued relief, but the fragile nature of the U.S.-Iran situation means the outlook could shift quickly.”

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Traffic crash injures 13-year-old

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) deputies responded June 28, to a traffic crash in the 600 block of Nashville Road in Eddyville, involving a motorcycle and an Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish and Wildlife patrol vehicle.

The OSP trooper operating the patrol vehicle provided the initial report of the crash to his dispatch center and the LCSO was requested to provide a

third-party investigation into the incident.

Upon arriving, deputies determined that the motorcycle was being operated by a 13-year-old juvenile with a second 13-year-old juvenile passenger.

Based on the initial investigation, the juveniles appeared to have been operating the motorcycle on a private property in the area before entering the roadway where the OSP patrol vehicle was driving through the area. In the roadway, the motorcycle impacted the

passenger side of the patrol vehicle and the juveniles on the motorcycle appear to have fallen off the motorcycle, resulting in the passenger’s left leg and foot falling under the passenger tire or tires of the patrol vehicle.

The juvenile passenger suffered significant injury to his left leg and foot that resulted in his transport to a hospital in Corvallis for treatment. Initial reports expect the juvenile to recover, according to the release from the LCSO.

As of June 29, the investigation was ongoing in cooperation with OSP, and the parents of the juveniles have been notified.

The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office would like to remind all drivers, whether off-road or passenger vehicle operators, to be conscientious of other vehicle traffic in the area. All drivers are required by law to stop before entering roadways and to drive with due regard for the safety of others.

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GRANTS

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Fire Management Program.

Mental health resources from Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance designed for wildland firefighters.

“Wildfire response isn’t just a seasonal concern — it’s a year-round commitment that requires collaboration,” Weyerhaeuser Western Timberlands Vice President Shane Conway said. “Our fifth year of the Fighting Fires Together campaign highlights the fact that preparedness is built on strong partnerships and ongoing support. Working closely with our rural communities and firefighters is essential to keeping Oregon’s forests and communities safe from wildfire.”

RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS Across Oregon, grants

from the company’s Giving Fund help rural fire protection districts secure critical rescue, medical and wildland firefighting tools, along with expanded training to support faster, safer responses when wildfires occur. These grants build on Weyerhaeuser’s 38-acre land donation to the Row River RFPD in 2025. The site will house a new emergency substation and strengthen early suppression efforts in an area of rural Lane County where emergency resources are often stretched thin.

“In rural communities, we’re often the first responders on the scene,” Row River Valley Community Partnership Executive Director Kathleen Istudor said. “Support from Weyerhaeuser helps us strengthen our response and better protect our firefighters and the people who live here in the Dorena, Culp Creek, and

Disston areas. It’s an investment in our community that makes a real difference when it matters most.”

WILDFIRE RESPONSE PARTNERSHIPS

Weyerhaeuser continues to play an active role in fire prevention by collaborating with state and local agencies, including the Oregon Department of Forestry, and providing operational support during wildfire response, including aerial wildfire coordination and suppression efforts when fires occur.

Additionally, Weyerhaeuser is supporting the next generation of wildland firefighters and forestry professionals. A recent \$10,000 grant to Lane Community College’s Wildland Fire Management Program will support funding for tools and safety equipment that expands hands-on training and prepares students to enter the workforce. The

investment enhances field-based learning in fuels reduction, use of wildland firefighting tools, and evaluating fire behavior in real-world conditions.

“This investment will help students safely gain real-world skills used in prescribed burns and wildland firefighting. It’s a critical investment that will make our community safer and open new workforce opportunities for students,” Wildland Fire Management Program Coordinator Rick Glover said.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS

The campaign also offers free and accessible online tools from Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance (FBHA) specifically designed to address the unique mental health challenges that wildland firefighters may face during their life-saving work. Wildland firefighters experience

increased risk of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, anxiety and suicide risk.

The campaign’s online resource hub offers videos and educational articles, links to regional peer groups and access to behavioral health providers who are trained in supporting wildland firefighters and their families.

Through Fighting Fires Together, Weyerhaeuser brings together investments, partnerships and on-the-ground resources that support wildfire preparedness, response and recovery across Oregon. Learn more at: https://www.weyerhaeuser.com/timberlands/fighting-fires-together.

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Learn more at www.weyerhaeuser.com.

Laura Nelson-Orr

4/23/1953 - 2/21/2026

Laura Nelson-Orr, 72, passed away at home on February 21, 2026, surrounded by family.



preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Mary Nelson, and brothers Randy and Ricky.

Laura was cremated, and her family will privately spread her ashes. A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Big Creek Park, 2510 NE Big Creek Road, Newport, Oregon. It will be an informal gathering with food, sharing stories, laughter, and tears. In lieu of

She lived in South Beach for 53 years and was married to Jim for 54 years. Laura was known for her bright smile, her role as the oldest of nine siblings, and her passion for helping women register to vote in the 1970s. She taught her family that strength and truth matter.

She is survived by Jim; daughter Jamie; stepdaughter Stephanie; grandchildren Lydia and Kaiden; and her siblings, Margaret (Doug), Ralph (Teresa), Ronnie, Renee (Stan), Stefani, Tara (Mark), Tomie Jean, and brother-in-love Todd. She was

flowers, donations to hospice or dementia support are appreciated.

Celebration of Life Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Big Creek Park, 2510 NE Big Creek Road, Newport, Oregon

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desire to have youngsters learn. He pointed out the waste in the military – hundreds of idle trucks and heavy equipment rusting in Korea. Each year new parts were put on at the behest of the military industrial rip-off artists, AKA, Military Industrial Complex.

“See those men and women in the field with that mule? That’s a walking plow, and the US government wastes millions on unused jeeps and trucks that could be used by those Americans. It is a crime.”

Lessons not lost on me as a 14-year-old, who had lived in Portugal, Canada, Germany, France, the UK by the time he was 13. Lessons I continued to

militate as I traveled and worked as a journalist in Guatemala, Mexico, Belize and Nicaragua.

Those “yanqui go home” signs were a testament to so much economic and military interference the United States has foisted upon so many countries where I traveled.

Imagine, the best of our youth sanctioned and threatened as valedictorians in this age of Trump.

In critiquing American exceptionalism, Horne states, “You have a number of scholars and intellectuals who make a good living by critiquing the Cuban Revolution... the Russian Revolution... but yet we get the impression that what happened in 1776 was all upside, which is rather far-fetched...”

And we must honor the youth and abandon

this Orwellian impetus to intellectually lobotomize our youth.

“Whether it’s the millions suffering in Palestine, Sudan, Congo, Afghanistan and so many other countries around the world, or the families being torn apart by (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), these are not distant issues. They are happening right now as I speak.” Leen the Valedictorian said, as cheers and applause could be heard from the audience. “My point is, we’re not given a voice to stay silent.”

Paul Haeder is a novelist, journalist, educator and author of “Wide Open Eyes: Surfacing from Vietnam,” Cirque Press.

DEATH NOTICE

CHESTER BEN 11/19/1953-06/15/2026

Age: 72 years Town of Residency : Siletz . Oregon Funeral Services are June 26th 2026 @ 2:00 pm On Government Hill at the Siletz Tribal Community Center

Sudoku grid with numbers 5 7 3 2 9 6 8 4 1, 8 4 9 1 3 7 5 2 6, 6 1 2 5 8 4 3 7 9, 1 3 8 9 4 2 6 5 7, 2 9 7 8 6 5 1 3 4, 4 5 6 3 7 1 2 9 8, 9 2 4 6 5 8 7 1 3, 7 8 5 4 1 3 9 6 2, 3 6 1 7 2 9 4 8 5

Sudoku answers

Richard Clark Haller

July 20th, 1954 – June 18th, 2026

Richard Clark Haller passed away on June 18th, 2026, at the Evergreen Hospice House in Albany, Oregon, following a three-year battle with Lewy Body dementia. Richard was born in Portland, Oregon, to Charles Haller and Joanne Gothard. He was one of seven children, with two brothers and four sisters. He attended various educational institutions in the Portland area.



large birds of prey. He was also passionate about automotive mechanics and racing. Furthermore, he cherished time with his family, engaging in card games, and listening to music, with The Beatles and The Rolling Stones being among his favorite bands. After retiring as a chef he took up painting beautiful artwork.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Haller and Joanne Gothard; his brother, Roger; his sisters, Linda, Nancy, and Diane; and his stepdaughter, Trisha. Richard is survived by his wife of 29 years, Lois Haller; his sister, Barbara; his daughters, Anna and Cara, and their respective children; his stepdaughter, Shannon, her partner Dan Courtney, and her children; his stepson, Nikolas; his in-laws, Janee and Pat Guthrie, Ken and Diane Paulson, and Larry Marxen and Sandi Tijerina; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his two daughters from his first marriage to Debra: Anna Haller and Cara Acohido. In 1996, he married Lois Haller, who brought three children to their union: Shannon Herrmann, Trisha Riggs-Schultz, and Nikolas Riggs. Together, they shared seven grandchildren: Christopher (son of Anna); Gabe, Kekoa, and Chloe (children of Cara); and Stacy, Jonathan, and Klarissa (children of Shannon).

Richard was a kind and caring man with a profound appreciation for the outdoors, particularly enjoying fishing and observing

A celebration of life will be held on July 18th, 2026 at Richard and Lois’ residence

Stephanie Jean Downing Allison

April 26, 1950 - May 14, 2026

Stephanie Jean Downing Allison was born April 26, 1950, in Salem, Oregon. Stephanie passed away on May 14, 2026, in Keller, TX, with her sister, Marie, at her side at her beautiful Casita.



or owls on it. She was an accomplished cross stitch artist and leaves behind a treasury of handmade gifts.

Preceded in death by stepfather, Robert M Turnbull [2000]; father, Robert “Bob” Downing [2011]; mother, Rosemary (Austin) Downing [2012]; younger brother, Francis Robert “Bobby” Downing [2014].

Stephanie grew up in Lincoln City, Oregon, where she attended Oceanlake Elementary and Taft High Schools.

Stephanie married Ronald Allison and settled in Fort Worth, TX. Together, they operated a successful business, Allison Belting Specialists, for 25 years. After retiring, they enjoyed traveling and spending time with family. Stephanie maintained a lifelong love of the ocean and the beach and never missed a chance to travel back to Oregon to visit family; and patronize many of the local shops.

Stephanie is survived by her husband of 37 years, Ronald Allison; Uncle, Charles Austin; siblings Mike Downing [Donna], Marie Downing Wilson [Roger], John Downing [Aleta]. Nieces and nephews Emily, Brian, Caleb, Kate, Jennifer. Greatnieces and nephews Graden, Elijah, Eden, Gideon, Lilliane, Jude, Paxton, Rosie, Louise, Mac.

A private family Celebration of Life will be held in Lincoln City, OR over the summer with a scattering of ashes in the Pacific Ocean.

Full obituary and condolences at https://www.dignitymemorial.com

Stephanie was a voracious reader and loved history and autobiographies, as well as fiction. She loved shopping and collecting beautiful things, even if Ron complained they collected dust. Stephanie loved art, jewelry, and anything with cats

John “Jay” B. Whisler

November 24th, 1948 - May 10th, 2026

Jay Whisler, son of John and Beula Whisler and long-time resident of Newport, Gleneden Beach, and Toledo, passed away on May 10th in Salem, Oregon. He was 77 years old.



the final years of his life he had moved to Salem where his daughter and grandkids live.

Jay is survived by his daughter, Mel Fuller (spouse Justin, children Fox and Charlie), and siblings Janice Loudon (spouse Bruce, children Becky and Josh), Jill Peden (spouse David, children Ruth and Rose)

Jay grew up in Newport and graduated from Newport High School with the Class of 1967. He was drafted into the Army shortly afterwards. Upon his return from Vietnam he returned to worked at 101 Tire Service, raced stock cars on the dirt track in Siletz and generally raised hell.

He married Vicky (Dobbs) on May 29, 1971. She was the love of his life. Jay went to work at KGBLB Water District and on March 9th, 1977, they adopted Melani Jo.

Jay was Captain of the Gleneden Volunteer Fire Hall. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, fixing and painting cars, and helping others in the community. Jay worked at several other water districts before buying Pump Pro Well Service and settling in Toledo. Vicky passed unexpectedly in 1996. Jay sold the business and retired in 2020. In

and Joe Whisler (spouse Kathy, children Joseph John and Amy), and several grand nieces and nephews.

It is important for us to mention Everett Thompson (spouse Patricia) of Kansas, his Lieutenant, and friend, who Jay served alongside in Vietnam as ARVN Infantry Advisors and as part of the Phoenix Program.

A Celebration of Life will be held 12:30 PM, July 18, 2026 at the Gleneden Community Hall.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to: Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund.

Our Unfinished American Revolution

JEFF MERKLEY

*Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column*

On busy days in the Senate, when I am rushing through the Capitol, I sometimes pause in the rotunda and reflect on John Trumbull’s massive painting of the Continental Congress being presented with the draft of the Declaration of Independence.

It captures the moment, in the summer of 1776, when our nation declared that all people are created free and equal.

Declaring those values was as revolutionary as declaring independence from Britain. Before 1776, authoritarian governments of kings and conquerors derived their power from the barrel of a musket. But a just government, the Declaration said, derives its power

from the consent of the people. That vision replaced violence with voters, rulers with representatives, tyranny with democracy. Lincoln simply called it, “government of the people, by the people, for the people”.

This summer, we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Over two and a half centuries, we have progressed toward the vision of liberty and justice for all by including those originally excluded: Native Americans, women, and communities of color. And we have grown freer, stronger, fairer, and richer every time we have lived up to the values of freedom, equality, inclusion, and opportunity for all.

Those opportunities shaped my life. My dad was a millwright, a

mechanic who kept a timber mill’s machinery humming. When I was young, he took me to the schoolhouse doors and said, “If you walk through those doors and work hard, you can do anything because you live in America.” It was a promise of opportunity under our government “for the people”.

I believed in that promise. I became the first in my family to go to college. And, in 1976, our bicentennial summer, I was thrilled to get an internship with Oregon’s Senator Mark Hatfield in Washington, DC.

That experience was transformative. Opening and sorting the mail each morning, I read about the hopes and cares of ordinary Oregonians, including housing, health care, education, and good-paying jobs, the very foundations for families to

thrive. I also had the chance to cover the Tax Reform Act, and I saw how a bad policy can hurt millions of people, while a good policy can help millions of people.

Fifty years later, those lessons are still the bedrock of my career in public service and how I think about public policy. And they are the bedrock of the American Dream. Every family deserves to live in a decent home in a decent community. Every person deserves to see a doctor when they are sick. Every child deserves a quality education. And every worker deserves a fair wage for an honest day’s work.

But, on America’s 250th anniversary, the American Dream is in trouble. Government by and for the people is turning into government by and for the powerful.

Houses are becoming profit centers for hedge funds instead of homes for families. Health care is focused on profits over patients. Education is becoming a privilege for the wealthy. And full-time workers cannot make ends meet. Everywhere we look, it feels like families lose and billionaires win. Restoring the American Dream starts with rebuilding the foundations for all families to thrive.

Our country has come through tough times before. From Bunker Hill and Gettysburg to suffrage and civil rights, ordinary Americans — from all generations, all walks of life, and against all odds — fought and sacrificed for a more just future. Citizenship and patriotism mean taking responsibility for your community, investing in your neighbors, and building a better

world for your children.

Walking through the Capitol rotunda, Mr. Trumbull’s painting looks out over marble statues of historic Americans. Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and other presidents are now joined by Martin Luther King, Jr., Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Lucretia Mott, each of whom brought our country another step closer to realizing the Declaration’s promise of liberty and justice for all.

On this 250th Fourth of July, as we enjoy cook-outs and fireworks, let us rededicate ourselves to the unfinished American Revolution of government of the people, by the people, for the people. Let’s save our republic!

Jeff Merkley is a Democratic United States Senator representing Oregon.

Bombs Bursting in Air – Busting our Science Programs, Literacy and Safety Nets

PAUL HAEDER

*Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column*

“What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July? I answer: a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim.” from Frederick Douglass’s Fourth of July Speech, 1852.

Now, try a June 3, 2026 speech, highlighting 250 years of a country steeped in genocide (native peoples), slavery (13th Amendment still allows for prison slavery), and land theft (just do your history of what America looked like before 1776).

“Before I leave the stage, I have one last thing to say. Every single person here has a voice, and we are privileged to have the freedom to use it when so many people around the world are

struggling and suffering to be heard.” High School valedictorian Leen Hijaz in Johnston County, North Carolina Hijaz, said.

Her mic was cut, and she was threatened with having her diploma withheld.

Reality hurts and thinking of myself and other faculty – adjunct teachers in colleges and universities – we have been precarious since day one of our contracts. Told to be nice to students, to not grade too hard, and to not bring up controversial topics (sic).

Imagine social studies or politics in your local high school, using books or articles by Gerald Horne (Acknowledging Radical Histories; The Counter-Revolution of 1893: The Hawaii Coup and the Roots of U.S. Imperialism in the Asia-Pacific Basin); or Howard Zinn (People’s History of the United States).

The price of those red, white and blue sparklers has been huge on humankind: Since 2001, the United States has been systematically destroying a region of the globe, bombing Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Libya, Somalia, Yemen, and Syria, not to mention the Philippines. The United States has “special forces” operating in two-thirds of the world’s countries and non-special forces in three-quarters of them.

Students are not allowed to read articles like, “How Many Millions Have Been Killed in America’s Post-9/11 Wars?” by Nicolas Davies. The researcher estimates 5 to 7 million people directly killed by U.S. wars since 2001 in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Libya, Syria, Somalia and Yemen (up to 2017).

How many Lincoln County high schoolers would get to read, “How

Death Outlives War by Costs of War”? From 2023, this report estimates 4.5 to 4.6 million people killed directly or indirectly by U.S. wars since 2001 in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Syria, and Yemen.

None, I sadly say.

The U.S. government provides weapons, military training, and military funding to almost every dictatorship and oppressive government on earth. See David Swanson’s 2020 book, 20 Dictators Currently Supported by the U.S.

Do we have discussions around the barbeque about career options for our kiddos in this disaster capitalism America, where slave wages define one group of people? Where houselessness hits our own citizens here who work as maids, restaurant workers, and even students going to college?

What lessons can be

learned with a current reckless criminal president who uses terms like “pussy grabbing” and makes fun of adults with disabilities? What do we tell our kiddos about how wonderful this project is after 250 years?

Is it now time to give Juan and Tina “the talk”? No, not about sexual relations, but about which uniformed branch of the military will be heavily recruiting them in their sophomore through senior years?

The US Army made its recruitment goals for 2026. That’s a big lie for many of us, “service,” through invasions of other countries, drones hitting civilians throughout West Asia, and targeted killings of fishermen in the Caribbean.

The U.S. Army’s active-duty recruiting goal of 61,500 new soldiers has been met. Officials attribute the early “success” to

restored enlistment incentives, expanded outreach, and programs designed to help applicants meet academic and physical fitness standards before officially joining.

Which K12 substitute would last more than one period by stating: “Of the benefits that Americans are told they reap in return for investing vast sums in defense, many are diffuse or difficult to perceive.”

I can harp on this fact: My old man, 32 years in two branches of the military – Air Force as enlisted and Army as an officer. He was shot in Korea and Vietnam. His undying commitment to anti-racism was supreme when he had men and women under his command.

His commitment to state-funded, inexpensive college education was grounded hard in his

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PARADE FOR DEMOCRACY

Lincoln County Indivisible celebrates democracy for all Americans with a flotilla on D Lake, Saturday, July 4th, 10 - 11 a.m.

Watch for local paddlers and their family, friends, and dogs in kayaks, rowboats, canoes, rafts, and even on stand-up paddle boards. Cheer their watercraft as they pass, festooned with colorful

decorations, banners, signs, and balloons. Expect noisemakers and bubbles.

•WHAT: July 4th

Paddle for Democracy

•WHEN: Saturday, July 4th, 10 - 11 a.m.

•WHERE: paddlers will be out on D Lake

Launch site: Devil’s Lake State Park

205 NE East Devil’s Lake Road

Lincoln City, OR 97365

•WHO SHOULD

WATCH:

Anyone who loves democracy

*Shar Walbaum
Lincoln City*

WORKING TSUNAMI SIRENS

As a concerned citizen and resident of Lincoln City and the county of Lincoln, it has come to my attention, there are currently no working tsunami sirens for warning in

Lincoln City.

After I contacted Cassidy Boyle, the emergency preparedness coordinator in Lincoln City regarding my concern, I learned that the warning system sirens are broken and have been broken for quite a while. New sirens have been ordered and are now in the city however have not been installed yet and is leaving Lincoln City residents and visitors in danger. I would like to ask that this matter be brought to the attention of the residents and hopefully tourists as well.

As we are a tourist town and with the upcoming celebration weekend of Fourth of July fast approaching this matter needs to be addressed and people made aware. I’ve lived here through my youth and now into my adulthood and am aware that this system is extremely important to anyone in the coastal regions.

We know too well that tourists do not often read or heed warning signs posted in concern to riptides, getting caught in them, and having to

be rescued by the Coast Guard and at times losing their lives by drowning because these warning signs are not taken seriously.

We are so lucky as a community that we have the Coast Guard as well as the helicopter (which we fought to get back) as they are vital tools in keeping our community and visitors safe just as our sirens does the same and without working tsunami sirens the community is left at risk as people assume the sirens are working and this is currently not the case.

This safety system need corrected to be installed as soon as possible.

Respectfully
*Kimmie Skandin
Lincoln City Resident*

WALDPOR CITY COUNCIL RECALL

This matter affects not only the citizens of Waldport it affects the surrounding community. I urge everyone to take the time and read the charter, read the Oregon laws, the Oregon Constitution and the minutes of the meetings and resolutions going back at least 2 years.

Our community thrives when we work together to address challenges with compassion, fairness, and foresight.

The recall of the Waldport City Council is necessary because of mismanagement, lack of transparency, abuse of authority, unethical behavior, complacency, and a lack of accountability. Key issues:

• Mayor’s Firing: The council’s justification for firing the mayor lacks independent investigation, with allegations from a single event and implies the charter has more authority than the Oregon constitution.

• City Manager’s Authority: The city manager abuses his authority, the council follows his lead and alters meeting minutes to support his actions, such as paying his personal legal fees.

• Financial Mismanagement:

• Audits: The city has failed to conduct annual audits for six years.

• Grant Funds: Grant monies are not tracked separately leading to potential misappropriation.

• Budget Overruns: Projects consistently go over budget without proper pre-authorization, and the city has circumvented procurement laws.

• Water Rates: A six-year increase in water rates, justified by vague claims of future projects.

• Abuse of Authority: The city manager acted beyond his administrative role, engaging in litigious, vindictive, and unethical behavior, and making unsubstantiated accusations against various individuals and groups. The council has condoned these actions.

• Lack of Transparency and Accountability: How is it possible for the council to make decisions without the city manager submitting actual numbers, why are past minutes altered, and why is litigation the default solution.

• The recall aims to address systemic issues; bring transparency, inclusiveness, professionalism, and cooperation back to Waldport.

Vote Yes on recall.
*Tony Thimakis
Chief Petitioner
Waldport*

ONLINE POLL

PREVIOUS POLL

What is your favorite summer pastime?

14.8%.....Camping

18.5%.....Hiking

59.3%....Quiet time at home

7.4%Visiting Saturday Markets

NEW POLL

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

- Saving more
- Spending more
- Both

Kotek's prosperity council pushes for lower taxes, fewer regulations

SHAANTH NANGUNERI
Oregon Capital Chronicle

To jumpstart Oregon's economic development, the state should cut taxes, eliminate a key state climate program and allocate a quarter of a billion state dollars for business infrastructure needs every two years, according to a new report from Gov. Tina Kotek's economic advisers.

The numbers Kotek's prosperity council put forth in its 33-page report and shared in a council meeting Thursday afternoon paint a negative picture of Oregon's economy: The state is second-to-last in the nation when it comes to increases in employment, 41% of Oregonians live either below the federal poverty level or are unable to afford basic needs, and the state's unemployment rate is at 5.2%, a figure that has remained above the national average for months. The report comes as U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data identified Oregon as the only West Coast state to lose jobs overall since last year.

"We have to chart a better future for everyone," Kotek said during Thursday afternoon's meeting. "We are hearing constantly about the challenge for everyday Oregon working hard can't make ends meet. I also want to make sure that Oregon is one of the best places in the country to have a business, and I think we can achieve that."

She commended the council for producing recommendations she called "bold" and "practical," particularly praising changes to identify redundant regulations and reimagine the state's economic development agency.

But while the report identifies 10 key solutions, it defers to the Oregon Legislature when it comes to changing what it calls a "one-and-a-half-legged stool" system reliant on personal income taxes and property tax to fund state revenues. It's an issue even the council couldn't agree on, according to Curtis Robinhold, executive director of the Port of Portland and co-chair of the council.

"We are not equipped to come up with the right answer on the tax code. It deserves a really good look...but boy, it's complicated, and you know, I think we probably each could imagine a system that would be better," he told the Capital Chronicle. "What we really need is the governor and the Legislature to get their heads together on what will get us the outcomes we



Gov. Tina Kotek speaks to reporters after the release of her prosperity council's report on July 25, 2026. (Julia Shumway / Oregon Capital Chronicle)

want."

Another major suggestion: The report argues the state should adapt a cap-and-trade program to push polluters to pay for their emissions, like exist in California and Washington, then repeal Oregon's Climate Protection Program. Former Gov. Kate Brown spearheaded the program, which allows state environmental regulators to set declining emissions caps, after quorum-denying Republican walkouts in 2019 and 2020 quashed legislative efforts to pass a cap-and-trade program.

The report stressed that the below changes to Oregon's tax code should be revenue neutral:

- Expand Oregon's Research & Development tax credit through incentives such as a 15% credit for company-led research and development and 2% for projects within Oregon universities.

- Increase the estate tax exemption threshold from \$1 million to \$3 to \$5 million.

- Increase the filing and taxability threshold for Oregon's Corporate Activity Tax, which now applies to businesses with \$1 million in Oregon commercial activity. Businesses now pay \$250 plus 0.57% of their Oregon taxable commercial activity above \$1 million. The prosperity council urged raising that threshold to \$2 million and allowing businesses to completely deduct the cost of creating or providing a service or product.

- Reconnect the state tax code to a portion of the federal 2025 tax law that allows non-corporate investors to exempt their small business stock sales from capital gains tax. Disconnecting from this exemption saved Oregon nearly \$40 million in revenue for the current two-year

budget cycle.

Establish a work group that can by 2029 deliver a long-term proposal to the governor addressing issues such as expiring federal state and local tax provisions, the corporate activity tax, local government funding and reducing the burden of personal income taxes.

"I would like us to be targeted in making sure we have a tax structure that and takes care of all Oregonians," Kotek said. "We have a tax system right now that we hope can be as progressive as possible, by making sure that people who pay taxes have the ability to pay them and what we have from this report is we probably need a longer-term conversation about what our tax system looks like."

Revisiting such issues would likely leave state lawmakers figuring out how to balance state revenues while changing the systems that fund hundreds of millions of dollars in state revenue at a time when political capital for tax increases is low. Oregonians at the ballot box in May sharply rejected transportation tax increases passed by Democrats last year, but state lawmakers also unsuccessfully attempted to increase the exemption threshold for the estate tax in Oregon this year.

"Every single one of these recommendations is in the context of 'What do other people do? How are we different? Are we better? Are we worse?'" said Renée James, founder of semiconductor company Ampere Computing and council co-chair.

Kotek established the prosperity council last year amid concern about the state's economic development climate hampering her reelection campaign. Her Republican opponent, state Sen.

Christine Drazan of Canby, acknowledged that political reality in a brief statement praising the recommendations.

"We all know this council was an election-year gimmick, but these recommendations are a meaningful start and deserve strong bipartisan support," Drazan said. "Let's build on the ideas that create jobs, fix our economy and make Oregon more affordable. That includes bold tax cuts for families and businesses. I'm ready to get to work."

The left-leaning Oregon Center for Public Policy panned the recommendations for failing to meet the moment, saying the state must focus on protecting health care and food assistance in the wake of federal cuts.

"The Council's recommendations respond to this dire challenge by cutting taxes for millionaires and by prioritizing corporate handouts over direct investment in the success of working families across our state," the center's deputy director, Daniel Hauser, said in an email. "Oregon cannot chart a path towards shared prosperity by cutting taxes on the few who are prosperous."

Competing factions within the council sparred over how far the state should go when it comes to slashing taxes to incentivize business development.

A key point of contention was her decision to tap former Senate Republican Leader Tim Knopp as her chief prosperity officer. Some council members also disagreed over the extent to which the state should replicate federal tax cuts.

Prosperity council leaders acknowledged that disconnect legislation fueled disagreement among the council, but they said that they did find a "supermajority" of consensus on every issue aside from taxes. Missing from the report are detailed recommendations on improving the state's K-12 education outcomes, an issue that council leaders said was outside the scope of their duties.

"I think there's a misnomer in the dialogue that it's all about rich people wanting tax cuts," Robinhold said. "And I want to make sure, because this is super important for the Legislature to hear in this report, we need to holistically look at our tax code, because we are hurting, we're hurting our middle- and lower-income Oregonians just as much, if not more."

The report also acknowledges similar disagreements, noting that two council members

"disagreed with some of the short-term tax changes and expressed concerns about the necessity of broader business incentives and their long-term impacts to the state." It's a likely nod to when two labor-affiliated members of the council in April issued a public rebuke of business groups in the state and argued that tax breaks would only harm Oregon's economic development further.

"They agree that Oregon must strengthen its long-term competitiveness but believe increasing investments in talent and quality of life is more effective for enhancing the state's economy," the report reads.

Other recommendations include:

- Transform Oregon's economic development agency, Business Oregon, into the Oregon Commerce Authority. It would be governed by business and innovation leaders alongside the governor.

- Establish statewide permitting timelines and guardrails by requiring agencies to approve or deny applications within clear timelines.

- Reduce regulatory and administrative burdens by 20% by 2029 by removing old and excessive regulations.

- Create a dedicated site readiness and infrastructure fund of \$250 million, likely through lottery bonds, for each two-year budget cycle. Robinhold said the council heard from businesses including Daimler that they wanted to expand in Oregon but didn't have available and ready land.

- Create a Governor's Cabinet of Economic & Talent Development to lead a strategy to attract talent to the state and promote its competitiveness.

- Align Oregon with other West Coast states' higher education funding policies and commit \$20 million to a fund for innovative university research.

Capital Chronicle editor-in-chief Julia Shumway contributed to this report.

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State jobless report reveals significant details

STAFF REPORT
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Oregon's unemployment rate was 5.2% in each of the first five months of 2026, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

In May, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 3,600 jobs, following a gain of 600 jobs, as revised, in April. May's gains were largest in other services (+2,000 jobs) and professional and business services (+1,800). Losses were largest in manufacturing (-1,100 jobs).

Although nonfarm payroll employment rose by a total of 4,200 jobs during April and May, this broad measure of Oregon's employment was still 9,100 jobs, or 0.5%, below its May 2025 level.

Over the past 12 months, nine of the major industries have cut jobs, while only five industries have added jobs. At 1,977,100, Oregon nonfarm payroll employment has been slightly below two million jobs for the past four years and is down 20,900 jobs from its peak of 1,998,000 in September 2024.

The rapid expansion during the prior three years within health care and social assistance is slowing. Since October 2025, growth appears to have leveled off in ambulatory health care

services and in hospitals. However, the other two industries within the broader sector continued their rapid expansion. Since October, nursing and residential care facilities added 1,500 jobs,

while social assistance added 4,600.

Manufacturing employment dropped 1,100 jobs in May, following steep losses over the prior three years. In the past 12 months, durable goods

manufacturing cut 5,900 jobs, or 4.7%, while non-durable goods manufacturing cut 2,200 jobs, or 4.0%.

The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.3% in March, April, and May.

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A television camera operator catches a fireworks safety demonstration conducted by the Oregon Fire Marshal's Office in Salem. (Courtesy photo)

Check fireworks restrictions, keep celebrations legal and safe

The Oregon State Fire Marshal is reminding people to celebrate the Fourth of July responsibly and legally.

The 2026 fireworks retail sales season in Oregon runs from June 23 through July 6, and the agency's message is clear: "Keep it legal. Keep it safe." As Oregonians make plans for the holiday, they're urged to check local rules and restrictions on both the sale and use of fireworks, whether celebrating at home or traveling.

"Before lighting any fireworks, make sure you know what's allowed where you are," Oregon State Fire Marshal Assistant Chief Deputy Mark Johnston said. "We want everyone to enjoy the holiday, but it's critical to follow the law and avoid actions that could cause a fire or injury."

Local governments across Oregon may set additional restrictions on the sale or use of fireworks, especially in areas at higher risk of wildfires. It's the

responsibility of those using fireworks to understand and follow local laws.

Fireworks safety and legal reminders

- Consumer-legal fireworks may be purchased only from permitted retailers and stands. These fireworks may not be used on:
- Public lands and parks
- National parks and forests
- Bureau of Land Management lands

See **SAFETY**, page A5

State Parks Day-Use Parking Passes available for checkout at Newport Public Library



The passes circulate for a two-week checkout period. Because only four passes are available, patrons must contact the library to place a hold before checking out a pass. (Courtesy photo)

The Newport Public Library is pleased to announce that four Oregon State Parks Day-Use Parking Passes are now available for checkout by library patrons.

These passes serve as one-day parking permits and are honored at all Oregon State Parks day-use sites that charge a parking fee. The passes provide an excellent opportunity for community members to explore Oregon's beautiful state parks while enjoying free parking during their

visits.

The passes circulate for a two-week checkout period. Because only four passes are available, patrons must contact the library to place a hold before checking out a pass.

Each pass is valid for one vehicle and may be used to visit multiple participating day-use areas during operating hours throughout the checkout period. However, possession of a pass does not guarantee a parking space. The pass may

not be used for camping fees, extra vehicle fees, or other charges beyond standard day-use parking.

Oregon State Parks day-use areas are generally open from dawn until dusk. Visitors are encouraged to check the Oregon State Parks website for specific park information, seasonal hours, and closures before traveling. Patrons should note that the replacement fee for a lost or stolen pass is \$60.00.

See **PARKS**, page A2

Lincoln County to celebrate America's 250th year

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Local organizers in Newport, Lincoln City, and other Lincoln County cities said they plan to celebrate America's 250th year of independence in grand style.

The Devils Lake Neighborhood Association fireworks show will be conducted at approximately 9:30 p.m. July 3 and will be viewable from the East Side State Park (Brown Bear Park) and from Sandpoint Park for shore-based public access at Devils Lake in Lincoln City.

For boaters, the epicenter will be approximately off the point near NE 20th Street, west of Leisure Bay, the same as the past few years.

The association will also conduct its annual boat parade on the lake from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 4. The procession will work around the lake counterclockwise.

On July 4, events include an Independence Day fireworks celebration over Yaquina Bay at Newport.

Residents and visitors are invited to gather along Newport's Bayfront and surrounding viewing areas to



A previous fireworks display over Newport's Yaquina Bay. (Tony Reed / Country Media, Inc.)

See **FIREWORKS**, page B5



More information about firework smoke and lung health can be found at Lung.org. (Metro Creative Connection)

Lung Association issues fireworks smoke advisory

Fireworks are a summertime staple and an iconic element of Independence Day celebrations. However, many people don't realize that the resulting smoke is hazardous.

The American Lung Association is educating the public about the risks associated with firework smoke and sharing tips to enjoy these spectacular displays more safely.

When fireworks explode, they release irritating gases and harmful metals, including carbon monoxide, aluminum and cadmium, into the air. Firework smoke also contains tiny particles, known as particulate matter (PM), which can irritate the lungs, trigger asthma attacks and cause other respiratory symptoms. It's also important to note that particulate matter levels

tend to be elevated not only during the fireworks, but for hours or even days afterward.

The amount of pollution depends on how big the fireworks are, how long they last, and the weather conditions at the time. Breathing in firework smoke is unhealthy for everyone, but children, older adults, those

See **ADVISORY**, page A2

In the Garden: How to keep butterflies in your garden longer

KYM POKORNY
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column

Fragile, beautiful and fascinating, butterflies flutter into gardens and often just as quickly disappear again.

It isn't because they want to leave, said Heather Stoven, an entomologist with the Oregon State University Extension Service. Rather, they often don't find what they need to remain in one place.

Butterflies require very specific "room and board." Like all wildlife, they need shelter, water and food — but their diets, especially in the caterpillar stage, are extremely limited.

When butterflies hatch into caterpillars, they emerge ravenous and equipped with chewing mouthparts. That means gardeners who want butterflies must tolerate some plant damage.

Host plants matter most
Only a small number of plants — sometimes just one — provide the nutrition each species of caterpillar needs. Without the correct host plants, Stoven said, caterpillars starve.

"If you see a weird worm creeping along one of your plants, don't kill it until you have identified it," she said. "It may well be a butterfly caterpillar, maybe a rare one you didn't expect."

Gardeners can take caterpillars to a county Extension office for help from a Master Gardener volunteer (call ahead to confirm office hours) or submit a photo and question to Ask Extension.

What adult butterflies need

In addition to host plants, adult butterflies rely on nectar plants. Many — such as zinnias, daisies, asters, goldenrod and milkweed — are common garden choices.

Because butterflies are nearsighted, Stoven recommends planting a single species and color in noticeable swaths: a block of blue asters for swallowtails, or a yellow patch of goldenrod for red admirals.

Fragrance helps, too. Lavender, mint, sweet William and honeysuckle are reliable options.

Shelter, sunshine and water

Taller plants around nectar and host plants help buffer wind. In winter, caterpillars and adult butterflies often shelter in crevices in trees, walls, under mulch or leaf litter, or in empty sheds.

Butterflies also need a warm place to bask. They rarely take flight below 60 degrees, Stoven said.

Provide water by sinking a shallow dish into the ground and filling it with wet sand for a "butterfly puddle."

And skip the pesticides — they undermine butterfly habitat.

Monarchs and milkweed

Although monarchs get most of the public attention, Stoven noted that little is known about the western monarch's migration, which may explain why they are less common west of the Cascades.

"It certainly doesn't hurt to plant milkweed just in case," she said. "But it makes more sense to plant it for other butterflies native to the area as well."

Here are examples of butterflies commonly seen in Oregon this time of year, with their host and nectar preferences:



Painted Lady Butterfly. (Courtesy photo from Lynn Ketchum)

Western tiger swallowtail

Host: big-leaf maple, willow, aspen, cottonwood
Nectar: lilac, rhododendron, honeysuckle, milkweed, mock orange, sweet William, lavender, verbena, asters

Pale swallowtail

Host: buckbrush, cherry, plum, hawthorn, cascara, oceanspray
Nectar: oceanspray, columbine, garden mint, thistle, blackberry, penstemon, sweet William, asters

Pure white

Host: pine, Douglas-fir,

true fir, hemlock, redcedar
Nectar: dusty miller, daisies, coreopsis, lobelia, goldenrod, strawflower

Red admiral

Host: stinging nettle
Nectar: daisy, aster, thistle, dandelion, goldenrod, milkweed, fireweed

Painted lady

Host: thistle, sunflower, pearly everlasting, hollyhock

Nectar: Oregon grape, rabbitbrush, zinnia, dandelion, aster, cosmos, milkweed, purple coneflower

Great spangled fritillary

Host: violet
Nectar: gloriosa daisy, thistle, verbena, milkweed

Monarch

Host: milkweed
Nectar: milkweed, lantana, lilac, cosmos, goldenrod, zinnia

Woodland skipper

Host: grasses
Nectar: bluebeard, lavender, oxe-eye daisy, garden sage, pearly everlasting, black-eyed Susan, aster

Kym Pokorny writes for the Oregon State University Extension Service.

Woodturners Open House

The Oregon Coast Woodturners, a nonprofit in South Beach, invites the community to a free open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 18, for the public to see what we do and to engage anyone interested in wood turning on a lathe.

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Hands Across the Sand Walkathon



Indivisible Lincoln City (ILC) presents Hands Across the Sand Walkathon from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sunday, July 5, following July 4th celebrations on the beach.

This event celebrates the beauty of Lincoln City beaches and promotes the protection of our ocean. The Walkathon will benefit UNESCO Cascade Head Biosphere Region. CHB Collaborative works on behalf of the marine ecosystem by engaging in outdoor environmental

education, climate research, and community outreach.

Walkers will begin at various points from Roads End southward. Donors pledge a set amount based on walker's starting point. The further they walk to get to the finish line at Taft, the higher the donation.

•WHAT: Indivisible Lincoln City Hands Across the Sand Walkathon

•WHEN: Sunday, July 5th, 10 am - 12 pm

•WHERE: Finish line

is at Taft Ocean Beach Access from Taft Waterfront Park on SW 51st or SW 50th

•WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Anyone who wants to cheer on walkers and supports the work of CHBR.

•WHAT TO BRING: Water for walkers or a bag and plastic gloves to pick up debris post-July 4th beach celebrations.

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ADVISORY

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who are pregnant and individuals with lung or heart disease are especially vulnerable.

To help residents protect their health and stay safe, the American Lung Association has released the following guidance:

- **Stay Upwind:** Try to stay upwind from firework displays to help

minimize your exposure to harmful particles.

This applies to personal fireworks too, especially because the smoke stays closer to the ground.

- **Stay Indoors:** If it is smoky outside, stay indoors with the windows closed and if you have air conditioning, use it on recirculate. This helps keep indoor air clean and reduces your exposure to outdoor pollution.

• Monitor Air Quality:

Keep an eye on local air quality reports, especially during holidays when fireworks are common. A 2015 study found that air pollution levels increased by an average of 42% on the Fourth of July. Websites and apps such as AirNow.gov provide real-time air quality information to help you make informed decisions about outdoor activities.

• Follow Your Action Plan:

If you have asthma or COPD, follow your action plan if you experience symptoms. This may include using your inhaler or seeking medical attention if necessary.

- **Keep an eye on**

symptoms. If you are experiencing wheezing, shortness of breath, difficulty taking a full breath, chest heaviness, light-headedness, dizziness, a persistent cough or experience difficult or painful breathing, contact your healthcare provider.

- **Ask for help.** The American Lung Association's free Lung HelpLine at 1-800-LUNGUSA is staffed by nurses and respiratory therapists who can answer any lung health questions, including how to protect you and your family from firework smoke.

More information about firework smoke and lung health can be found at Lung.org.

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PARKS

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The addition of these passes is just one more way the Newport Public Library is helping community members discover new recreational opportunities and enjoy the outdoors this summer. The library extends its sincere appreciation to the

State Library of Oregon and Oregon State Parks for making this program possible.

For more information about checking out an Oregon State Parks Day-Use Parking Pass, placing a hold, or learning more about library services, visit www.newportlibrary.org or contact the Newport Public Library at 541-265-2153.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: U equals V

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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.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: Who was the only actress to appear in the 1961 and 2021 film versions of "West Side Story"?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which month of the year has the most letters in its name?
3. SCIENCE: What protects the Earth from solar winds?
4. TELEVISION: What is the name of the bar in "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"?
5. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the first Ben & Jerry's ice cream shop?
6. LITERATURE: What are the names of the two brothers in the "Hardy Boys" novel series?
7. LANGUAGE: What is a polyglot?
8. FOOD & DRINK: Which herb is most often used in traditional pesto?
9. ANATOMY: Membranes called pleurae cover the surface of which human organs?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of South Korea?

Answers

1. Rita Moreno.
2. September.
3. The magnetosphere, an invisible magnetic bubble generated inside the Earth.
4. Paddy's Pub.
5. Vermont.
6. Frank and Joe.
7. A person who speaks several languages.
8. Basil.
9. The lungs.
10. Seoul.

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the estate are required to present them within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice, or their claims may be barred. Claims are to be presented at the address of the attorney for the personal representative, set forth below. All persons whose rights may be affected by this estate proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Circuit Court, the personal representative, or Jeffrey C. Hollen, attorney for the personal representative, set forth below. Date of publication: July 1, 2026. Jeffrey C. Hollen, OSB #761757 Attorney for the Personal Representative 541-574-1630 P. O. Box 1167 615 SW Hubert Street, Suite A Newport, OR 97365 Personal Representative John A. Wilkinson 2442 NE 57th Ct. Lincoln City, OR 97367 541-921-3924 7/1/26

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

1. The names of the holders of the mineral interest, as shown of record: Lincoln County, a political subdivision of the State of Oregon 2. The instrument creating the original severed mineral interest, now dormant, is

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

LCL26-333 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT

ESTATE OF DAVID LYNN SMITH, DECEASED CASE No. 26PB02512 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that Glenn R. Smith has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims

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against the estate are required to present them within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice, or their claims may be barred. Claims are to be presented at the address of the attorney for the personal representative, set forth below. All persons whose rights may be affected by this estate proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Circuit Court, the personal representative, or J.F. Ouderkirk, attorney for the personal representative, set forth below. Date of publication: July 1, 2026. J.F. Ouderkirk, OSB # 752903 Attorney for the Personal Representative 541-574-1630 P. O. Box 1167 615 SW Hubert Street, Suite A Newport, OR 97365 Glenn R. Smith Personal Representative 541-574-1630 P. O. Box 1167 615 SW Hubert Street, Suite A Newport, OR 97365 7/1/26

LCL26-334 MILL FOUR DRAINAGE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING JULY 6, 2026 5:00PM

Timbers Restaurant 181 S Main St, Toledo Election of officers, Tax assessment, other business 7/1/26

LCL26-329 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROPOSALS

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(District) is proposing to dredge up to 2,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment from the lower (west) end of Devils Lake in Lincoln City, Oregon to improve natural ows through the area, maintain ood control and debris accumulation, and restore safe navigation and recreational uses to the west (lower) end of the lake adjacent to Hosteler Park. The proposed dredge prism measures approximately 1.08 acre (47,200 square feet) in total area, with accumulated sediment depths ranging from 0.5 to 2 feet. The proposed leave surface (i.e., vertical limit of dredging) is approximately 10.8 feet. The full Request for Proposal may be obtained from... and questions posed to: Boone Marker, District Manager Devils Lake Water Improvement District 4006 NE West Devils Lake Rd. Lincoln City, OR 97367 Telephone: (541) 994-5330 Email: lake.manager@DLWID.org Proposals will be received by the District until closing at 5:00 p.m., on July 5, 2026. Responses received after this time will be

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rejected as non-responsive. Proposers shall submit proposals in a sealed opaque envelope, plainly marked "Proposal for Dredging Services" Attention: Boone Marker, at the above address. Faxed and emailed proposals will be rejected as non-responsive. 6/24/26 7/1/26

LCL26-327 SELF-STORAGE PUBLIC SALE

On Tuesday 7/14/26 ending 12:05pm auction will be held online at StorageTreasures.com by Safe & Sound Storage 833 NE 3rd St Newport OR 97365 for unit A6-Cooper Smith 6/24/26 7/1/26

LCL26-297 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Case No. 26CV08261 GEORGE CADENA, Plaintiff, v. KATHRYN ASMUS; DENISON SURVEYING, INC., an Oregon corporation dissolved August 24, 2015; WAUNETA F. KNAPP, also known as JUANITA KNAPP, also known as JUANITA CORDOVA,

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deceased; THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF WAUNETA F. KNAPP, also known as JUANITA KNAPP, also known as JUANITA CORDOVA, deceased; and ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN. Defendants. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO THE DEFENDANTS: • Wauneta F. Knapp, also known as Juanita Knapp and Juanita Cordova, if living or deceased; • The heirs and devisees of Wauneta F. Knapp, also known as Juanita Knapp and Juanita Cordova; and • All other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the real property described herein. YOU ARE HEREBY REQUIRED to appear and defend the Complaint filed against you in the above-entitled action within 30 days from the date of first publication of this Summons, and in the event you fail to do so, Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Com-

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plaint. This action concerns title to real property located in Lincoln County, Oregon, commonly referred to as the Knapp Parcel, identified as Map & Tax Lot 11-11-32-D0-01400-00, Assessor Account R456548. The object of the Complaint is to quiet title in the subject property and determine all adverse claims, interests, liens, or estates therein. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY. You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear," you must file with the Court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" must be given to the Court Clerk or Administrator within 30 days along with the required filing fee. It must also be served on Plaintiff at the address designated below. DATED this 10 day of June, 2026. George Cadena Plaintiff, Pro Se 408 NW 8th St #A Newport, OR 97365 6/10/26 6/17/26 6/24/26 7/1/26

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Super Crossword RAISING A RACKET

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FORM OR-LB-SBH Notice of Supplemental Budget Hearing LCL26-331 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 Port of Newport for the current fiscal year, will be held at online at portofnewport.com. The hearing will take place on July 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after June 24, 2024 at 600 SE Bay Blvd between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE REVISED TOTALS IN THOSE FUNDS BEING MODIFIED. FUND: 500 NOAA Lease Revenue Fund. Table with columns: Resource, Amount, Expenditure-Indicator, Org. unit / Prog. & Activity, and Object class, Amount. Revised Total Fund Resources: \$ 4,780,000. Revised Total Fund Requirements: \$ 4,780,000.

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FIREWORKS From Page B1

The Taft District will be the location for Stars, Stripes, and Wildlife designed to offer music, local flavors, and family fun celebrating the wildlife, ecosystems, and natural beauty of Siletz Bay. Festivities start at 12 p.m. with live music, a food truck, a beer garden, fun giveaways, and local partners on hand to share knowledge about Siletz Bay wildlife and the natural surroundings of the bay and ocean. Events will be taking place on SW 51st turn around area in Taft. Parking for the Stars, Stripes and Wildlife will be in the public parking areas throughout Lincoln City's Taft District. Event parking at Taft High School will be open at 11 am. A shuttle service will make rounds from Taft High School to the event site until 6 pm. The fireworks launch site will be near Lincoln City's Regatta Park on Devis Lake. Parking is very limited at the park, which will be closed off to vehicles at 6 pm. A shuttle service will be provided to

enjoy an evening celebrating the nation's history, independence, and community spirit. The fireworks display, launched over Yaquina Bay, has become a cherished Newport tradition and draws spectators from throughout Oregon each year. In Lincoln City, the annual Fourth of July fireworks display at Siletz Bay on the Taft Beach has been moved to Devils Lake in Lincoln City. Along with the fireworks show, there will be a pet parade, a pie eating contest, live music, and food vendors around the city. From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Vets, Pets, & Pie! will open the Lincoln City celebration. Enter your best pie for judging, join the pie eating contest and walk your pet in the pet parade. Best pies and pets will receive a prize. Veterans receive free entry to the Community Center all day, and a special gift from Lincoln City Parks & Recreation.



This is a view of the 2017 Lincoln City fireworks display over Siletz Bay. The 2026 Lincoln City fireworks display will be conducted over Devils Lake. (Courtesy photo rom Cody Cha)

Regatta Park, with parking available at the Lincoln City Community Center. The shuttle service will be running from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m. AREA INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS JULY 3 9:30 p.m. Devils Lake Neighborhood

Association Celebration JULY 4 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Gleneden Beach Community Hall Pancake Breakfast 1 p.m. Gleneden Beach Parade 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Vets, Pets and Pie Lincoln City Community Center

12 p.m. – 5 p.m. Stars, Stripes and Wildlife Celebration in Taft 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. Devils Lake Boat Parade Dusk Lincoln City Fireworks at Devils Lake 4 p.m. Newport Middle School Concert 10 p.m. Newport Fireworks at Yaquina Bay

10 p.m. Waldport Fireworks at Alsea Bay 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Fourth of July Celebration Toledo 11 a.m. La de aa Parade Yachats 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. Yachats Community Celebration Sundown Yachats River Fireworks

SAFETY From Page B1

• U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service properties • Oregon state beaches, parks, and campgrounds • Private lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry To help reduce the risk of fire and injury, fire officials urge Oregonians to follow the four Bs of safe

fireworks use: • Be prepared: Have a bucket of water or a hose nearby. • Be safe: Keep children and pets at a safe distance. Never use fireworks near dry grass or other flammable materials. • Be responsible: Do not relight duds. Soak used fireworks in water before disposal. • Be aware: Use only

legal fireworks and only where they are allowed. Illegal fireworks and consequences Oregon law prohibits the possession, use, or sale of any fireworks that fly into the air, explode, or travel more than 12 feet horizontally on the ground without a permit from the state fire marshal. This includes items such as bottle rockets, Roman candles, and firecrackers.

Violations are a Class B misdemeanor, with a maximum fine of \$2,500. Those who misuse fireworks or are found to be responsible for them causing damage may be held financially responsible for fire suppression and other costs. Parents can also be held liable for damage caused by their children. Learn more The Oregon State Fire Marshal offers resources

on fireworks laws, retail sale permits, and safety tips on its fireworks webpage. For a safe celebration this Fourth of July, know the law, check local restrictions, and always keep it legal and safe. ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL Since 1917, the Oregon State Fire Marshal has

been dedicated to protecting people, property, and the environment from fire and hazardous materials. The agency works with local fire agencies, communities, and other partners to strengthen fire prevention, preparedness, and response statewide. Please note: the Oregon State Fire Marshal is no longer an office after becoming an independent state agency in 2023.



Photos from this year's Young Athletes Day. Kids were out getting active at the Newport High School turf! (Courtesy photos from LCSD)

Young Athletes Day brings students from the county together

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

In the final weeks of the school year, students from all over Lincoln County came together to participate in an event that celebrates inclusion, physical activity, and community.

Young Athletes Day is an annual Special Education event held in partnership with Special Olympics, and this year, more than 70 students from the Student Learning Center (SLC) and Resource classrooms in grades K-8 from all Lincoln County Schools traveled to Newport High School on May 29.

Ollie Richardson is an Adaptive Physical Education Specialist at Newport High School, and this was the third year the event has taken place.

"We have a strong partnership with Special Olympics to provide lots of the equipment needed so we can run all 12-13 activities during the event," Richardson said. "In addition, they provide pizza, fruit, and snacks for all participants and staff."

The turf football field at Newport was the venue, and students had a chance to rotate through a variety of stations and activities with the aid of

40 Newport High student leadership volunteers.

"Everyone did an excellent job," Richardson said.

Young Athletes Day is special because for many of the participants, it's one of the first times they get to get out of the classroom with their peers and reconnect or introduce themselves to students and faculty from around the county.

"This is always a favorite activity for students, and for many it is their first time going on a field trip with their class. Many students get to reconnect with past teachers and friends while interacting in a positive and supportive environment," Richardson said. "Lots of high fives and fist bumps are had by all."

One of the highlights for Richardson at the event is seeing the social interactions between the students. While there's plenty of running, jumping, and playing, it's the relationships that get built that are special. Over the course of the two-hour event, Richardson said there were plenty of instances of students helping each other, being kind, and showing compassion for others.

"Being able to witness this life-changing event brings joy to all," Richardson said.



Newport High School's new track coming soon

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

Newport High School's track is undergoing major renovations, a big finishing touch for the field, which has seen significant changes in the past couple of years.

The project was made possible by the school district's bond that voters renewed in May. Lincoln County School District (LCSD) Facilities and Maintenance Director Rich Belloni gave some details on how the funds for the project were secured.

"Early in the planning process for the district's 2025 bond renewal, LCSD hired BRIC Architecture to complete a Long-Range Facilities Plan. That assessment identified the tracks at both Taft 7-12 and Newport High School as Tier 1 capital improvement needs," Belloni said. "As a result, both projects were included in the voter-approved replacement bond passed in May 2025."

The track at Taft 7-12 was approximately 15 years old and due for an overlay. Beynon Sports of Tualatin completed the project at a cost of approximately \$250,000. For Newport High School, the need was even greater.

The Newport High School track was



Work will soon be done on the track at Newport High School, replacing the track which has been there for 30 years. (Courtesy photo from Newport High School Facebook)

approximately 30 years old and required a full replacement.

"The existing track surface was removed down to the asphalt base, and installation of the new track is being completed this week," Belloni said. "The project cost is approximately \$450,000, with Beynon Sports serving as the contractor."

Though both projects experienced minor weather-related delays due to rain, construction has otherwise progressed as planned.

Newport High School

Athletic Director Shelley Moore gave some insight as to why the new track was such a high priority. The track replacement is really part of a larger body of work that's been underway on a myriad of other facilities.

"In the last three years we've had new grandstands and new turf, a new scoreboard and new track upgrades that they've done just in general. So, we have this beautiful facility, except for this eyesore of a track," Moore said. "It's kind of full circle

by having a new track along with the brand new turf because it will match now. The track will be navy blue, and it will match the blue in our turf, and the navy blue in our new grandstand. So, the whole thing, we will have a brand new state-of-the-art facility top to bottom now after three years by adding the track."

Prior to the replacement, some of the lines were wearing out, and there were significant wear spots at various locations on the track,

including holes in both lanes one and two. Moore said there was also significant wear and tear in the high jump area.

In addition to the work made possible by the bond, the Newport High School Booster Club is also supporting the project by assisting with the different colors on the track for the relay exchange zone.

In the course of all the work, one of the highlights was when the grandstands were added to the field three years

ago.

"We were without grandstands for a year and a half. We had two football teams, five soccer teams, and to try and run games without any bleachers was something else. It was really hard, but we made the best of it, and people pulled out their lawn chairs and sat on the track, and so that was extra special; we were really thankful for all the partnerships that helped make that happen," Moore said.

With so many changes happening at the school, there's been a need for students and staff to be flexible, and luckily, this summer provided time to cap the project while students are out of the classroom. One thing Moore has been so impressed with throughout all the renovations is the adaptability of the athletes and coaches.

"My coaches, I'm really proud of them, because, literally, off and on for three years we've had something closed. Like we just got done with the gyms being closed because we had new bleachers put in both gyms, also because of the bond," Moore said. "It's fun to see the students all excited about it."

With much of the work finally getting wrapped up, it will be nice for the Cubs to reap the benefits of years of hard work.