

New county emergency manager sets priorities

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Lincoln County's new Emergency Manager is on the job this month establishing the department's priorities following her appointment in December.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) selected Samantha Buckley, the LCSO assistant

emergency manager for the position, following an extensive search and competitive selection process.

In the following interview, Buckley shares her insight into her new role

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Lincoln City's aggressive apartment buildup

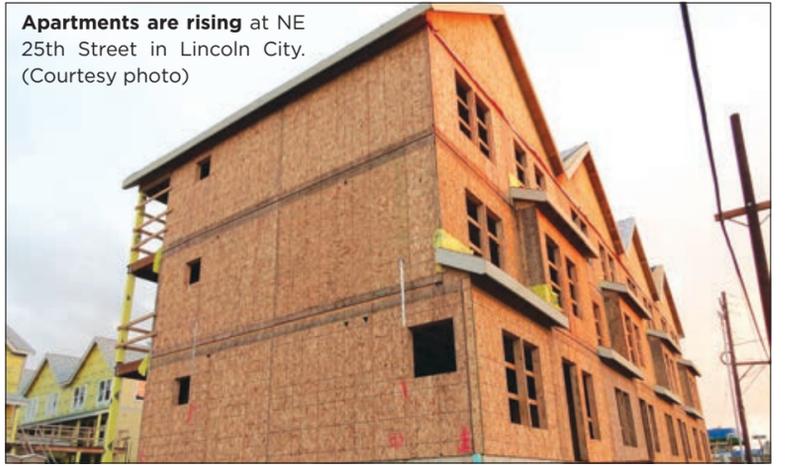
BY NAOMI FAST
For the Lincoln County Leader

LINCOLN CITY — Two affordable housing developments that will provide much needed homes for income qualified tenants are rising up along the stretch of Highway 101 between Grocery Outlet and Safeway.

The developments are designed to provide

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Apartments are rising at NE 25th Street in Lincoln City. (Courtesy photo)



Ice storm thrashes county

Storm disrupts life on the coast

BY MICHAEL HEINBACH
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Area power providers resumed work at restoring power to thousands of Lincoln County customers Sunday, Jan. 14, the morning after an ice storm caused outages, downed numerous trees and slickened roadways throughout the area.

At 9:20 p.m. Saturday night, Central Lincoln PUD, which provides power to portions of Lincoln, Coos County, Coos, Douglas and Lane counties reported it sent home work crews for the that were working on an outage that affected CLPUD customers from North Lincoln Beach

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Icicles on Sunday morning adorn the northbound walking railway of the Yaquina Bay Bridge in Newport. (Photo by Michael Heinbach)

Waldport approves fireworks ban, lodging-tax increase

BY MICHAEL HEINBACH
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WALDPART — Two public hearings followed by council votes highlighted the Waldport City Council's regular business meeting Jan. 11 at the Mark C Campbell City Hall building. One of those public hearings — on consideration of a proposed citywide ordinance to ban fireworks — became somewhat contentious, and the other, which sought to raise the city's transient rental tax rate, received absolutely no citizen testimony.

Following the lead of the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners, who voted Jan. 3 to immediately ban all fireworks in unincorporated areas of the county, the Waldport council, though barely a quorum in attendance with councilors Melaia Kilduff, Michelle Severson and Rick Booth on excused absences, voted

unanimously to follow suit, and institute an all-out fireworks ban within city limits. However, once Mayor Greg Holland opened the floor to public comment on the proposed ordinance to ban the possession and/or use of consumer fireworks within the city of Waldport, tensions within council chambers began to rise.

Penny Burt was the first of three citizens to speak in favor of the ban, noting she lives just outside Waldport city limits, but told councilors a fireworks-related fire recently forced her household to evacuate.

As a group, Burt, Martha Mills, and Jane Rechio raised multiple arguments against the use of fireworks within city limits, including their effect on veterans with PTSD and pets, their

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Lincoln County leader revived

BY FRANK PEREA
Lincoln County Leader publisher

Welcome to the first issue of the newly reprised Lincoln County Leader!

The Newport News-Times and the Lincoln City News Guard have combined forces to resurrect The Leader, a newspaper established 130 years ago and initially

published in the county seat of Toledo.

The Leader was founded immediately after Lincoln County was created in 1893.

It initially published

every Thursday, by J.F. Stewart, and continued thereafter under a variety of different owners, editors and titles, until

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Winter storm challenges north county

Crews work on an icy, closed off roadway in the Lincoln City area. (Courtesy photo)



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A series of brutal winter storms paraded into

north Lincoln County, and across the state, from Friday, Jan. 12 to early Sunday, Jan. 14, leaving a myriad of

downed trees, power outages, and travel challenges.

Snow and ice warnings were issued by the

National Weather Service (NWS) locally. As the first round of wicked

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Sea turtle dies despite aquarium staff's efforts

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Following her stranding the previous weekend miles north on the Oregon coast, and despite the best efforts of staff from the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport, the aquarium announced in a Jan. 9 news release that an endangered sea turtle died while being treated by OCAq staff.

"On Jan. 6, Seaside Aquarium staff responded to reports of a stranded sea turtle on Manzanita Beach," the release reads. "Staff identified the animal as an 11-kg female green sea turtle

and, per standard protocol, transported it to OCAq for immediate triage. Unfortunately, the sea turtle succumbed to its injuries after two days of around-the-clock care."

The release added that sea turtles regularly suffer injuries prior to washing ashore and that aquarium personnel confirmed the female stranded on Manzanita Beach was "lethargic and dehydrated." A necropsy, to learn of the turtle's internal condition, had yet to be performed at the time of the aquarium's news release.

The deceased turtle was named Squirt by

staff members due to its diminutive stature, however the member of an endangered species' size means little to aquarium staff.

"No matter the stature of the animal, every individual makes a difference to an endangered species," the release reads. "OCAq is committed to Oregon's marine wildlife and will continue these efforts knowing that even one saved animal can help species recovery."

FINDING A STRANDED SEA TURTLE

Those who happen upon a sea turtle on the beach are advised



The Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport announced in a Jan. 9 news release that an endangered green sea turtle passed away after stranding on Oregon's shores. (Photo courtesy of Oregon Coast Aquarium)

not to attempt to move the animal, both for its safety and one's own. A sea turtle placed back in the ocean will only again wash ashore, increasing the turtle's risk of injury and delaying potential rescue efforts. Citizens who encounter a sea turtle on the beach are asked to remain nearby, observe the animal, and contact the Marine Mammal Stranding Network at 1-866-767-

6114, or the Oregon State Police Tipline at 1-800-452-7888.

About the Oregon Coast Aquarium

Since it opened in 1992, the aquarium has been a premiere central Oregon coast attraction and an enduring advocate for ocean health. The nonprofit supports marine wildlife and fosters environmental stewardship through its education programs,

community partnerships, and rehabilitation efforts. It's consistently ranked among the top aquariums in the country, and provides visitors an opportunity to connect with more than 15,000 animals at 2820 SE Ferry Slip Road in Newport.

Follow the aquarium on Facebook or Instagram, or call 541-867-3474 for the latest updates.

Roderic Tuttle

June 30, 1938 - December 14, 2023

Roderic David Tuttle, 85, of Seal Rock, Oregon, died on December 14, 2023, at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport, Oregon.

Rod was born in Los Angeles, California on June 30, 1938 to Lois Hope (Chamberlin) Tuttle ("Hope") and Ronald Warren Tuttle. He grew up in the Los Angeles area, graduating from San Marino High School in 1957. He earned

his BA from Occidental College in 1961 and his Master's in political science from UCLA in 1964, concentrating in African studies. With his wife, Judith (Hiatt) Tuttle, to whom he was married for 19 years, he raised two children, Jennifer and Geoff, in Fair Oaks, California. He served as Chief Deputy Director for Legislative and Legal Affairs of the California State Parks Department, after which he taught popular public affairs workshops about the legislative process.



For 15 years, Rod lived in the Beaver Creek community of Seal Rock, having settled with his longtime companion, Tori Butler, in her home state. He loved his woodsy home (which he dubbed "Vista del Beaver") and his kind neighbors and friends and was an avid participant in Le Cercle Francais in Newport. Rod was a warm, kind, and thoughtful person who will be quite terribly missed.

He was predeceased by his parents, sister, and many dogs; he is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Tuttle, son-in-law, David Kuchta, and granddaughter, Sage, of Portland, Maine; his son, Geoffrey Tuttle; his sweetheart of 30 years, Tori, of Portland, Oregon and her family; and his dog, Pia.

For a full-length obituary, please visit the Bateman Funeral Home (Newport, Oregon) website.

LCSD seeks Budget Committee volunteers

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RELEASE

The Lincoln County School District Board of Directors seeks to fill three vacancies on the district's Budget Committee.

Vacancies represent the following zones:

Zone 1, which covers voting precincts 20-24 (Delake, Oceanlake,

Sunset West East, Rose Lodge).

Zone 2, which covers voting precincts 14-19 (Agate Beach and north through Schooner Creek).

Zone 5, which covers voting precincts 1-7 (Waldport, Alsea, Seaview, Tidewater, Yachats, Bayview and Seal Rock).

The complete map of

zones is available from the Lincoln County Clerk's Office.

LCSD Budget Committee members typically only serve for one to three meetings in May annually, receive training each April of each year. All three vacant positions expire June 30, 2026.

Those interested in serving in this volunteer position must be registered voters who reside in the respective zone for the duration of their service and may not be employees of LCSD.

Applications are available on the school district website at lincoln.k12.or.us/get-involved and at the Teaching and Learning Center (District administration office) at 1212 NE Fogarty St., Newport.

Feb. 1 is the application deadline. The school district board hopes to interview applicants and appoint representatives to these positions at its Feb. 13 regular board meeting. For more information, call 541-265-4403.

Barbara Ann Crandall

December 3, 1944 - December 31, 2023

Barbara Ann was born in Glendale, California, on December 3, 1944, to parents Martha May (Burdick) and Nonnie Bledsoe Williams. Nonnie, Martha, Barbara, and her older sister Susan moved to Colton, Oregon in 1949, where Barbara attended elementary school, before moving to Portland. Barbara graduated from Franklin High School in 1962 and graduated from Pacific University in Forest Grove with a bachelor's degree in mathematics.

She met William Vernon Crandall while both worked at Meier & Frank's in downtown Portland, and the two were married in 1967. At this time Barbara met and became a second mother to Bill's 4-year-old daughter Debbie (Deborah Joy) of Washington. Barbara and Bill moved to Lincoln City shortly thereafter. Daughter Mindy Suzan Crandall was born at North Lincoln Hospital in 1973. Barbara, Bill, and Mindy moved to Otis in 1978, and Barbara joined Lincoln County School District in Newport as a data processor and computer systems analyst. Bill preceded her in death in 1990. She retired from LCSD in 1999, where, in keeping with the themes in this obituary, she eschewed the typical retirement gift and instead, asked everyone to contribute to the food bank instead. In 1990, Jerry Warner made "the best decision of my life" when he called her up to see if she wanted to go get coffee. They remained happy partners for the remaining 33 years of her life and his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren became part of her family, just as Bill's first daughter and her subsequent children and grandchildren did.

Family, music, and community were defining features of Barbara's life. Music infused her home life and Barbara played piano from a young age. Soon after arriving in Lincoln City, she joined the Congregational Church of Lincoln City, and was a member the remaining 48 years of her life. She sang in the choir, taught Sunday school, accompanied the choir on both piano and organ, and served on various boards and committees (including as treasurer and helping organize the annual Holiday Bazaar). The church and her fellow members were a huge part of her community and her support network. Of particular note was her support of Peace Village for many years. She helped fundraise, organize activities, and fed countless campers, counselors, and teachers.

Community was also evident in her dedication to volunteering. She was part of an all-volunteer team that developed "Saturdays," a weekly dance and game club for teenagers. For that effort, she was awarded the Lincoln City Community



Involvement award in 1990. Following her retirement, she became very active in local meals programs, purchasing, cooking, and serving food for more than

20 years! She participated in and supported several local efforts to further arts, culture, and youth in Lincoln County, including the Siletz Bay Music Festival, the

Backpack program, Angels Anonymous, the B'nai Brith Camp, and many others. She was twice given a Superintendent's award at LCSD, a volunteer award from Taft Middle School, and was Lincoln City's Woman of the Year in 2012.

Barbara loved life and never failed to see the good (and the humor) in every person, situation, or event. Some people have rose-colored glasses; she had bulletproof bright pink goggles. In addition to loving music, she read voraciously; loved silly movies, plays, and musicals; loved doing crosswords, Sudoku and logic puzzles; and loved playing games, particularly ones with words.

Barbara's time with pancreatic cancer was short and swift. She died at home surrounded by loved ones on December 31, 2023. Barbara Crandall is survived by her partner of 33 years, Jerry Warner of Lincoln City; sister Susan Van Winkle of Portland (with husband Lewis and children Rob, Doug, Jill, and Katie); her daughter, Mindy Crandall (with spouse JP Kaesermann of Corvallis); and grandsons John Crandall (and partner Hanna McIntosh of Madison, Wisconsin) and Theo Vache of St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. She is also survived by her extensive extended family: Debbie Sanders of Everett, Washington; her children Skyler Sanders and Shaunise Phelps (with husband Dan and children Hazel and Elias); Paul and Terri Warner of Montana; Mandel and Renee Warner of Culver, Oregon; their children Sam Buckley (with husband Jesse) and Michelle Vorhees (with husband Kurt and son Henry); Rory Warner of Alsea; and his children Amanda Gray (with husband Kevin and children Kenzie and Jaxson) and Jered Warner. Barbara's family, friends, and community will miss her greatly.

A memorial service will be held Saturday February 3rd at 1pm at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, with a celebration of life reception immediately following. Following Barbara's wishes, in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her name to Habitat for Humanity, the Lincoln City Food Pantry, Family Promise, or another local organization that is working to make the world a better place - as she did, her whole life.

Kathy Jean Knaust

April 22, 1957 - December 7, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Kathy Jean Knaust on December 7, 2023 in Albany, Oregon after a long struggle with various health issues.

Kathy was born in Santa Monica, California on April 22, 1957 to John and Kay Gibson, and was raised in Venice California,

After living and working in California, Kathy moved to Portland Oregon to be closer to father. It was there she met and married Mark Knaust, Jr. where they had a son, Mark Knaust.

Kathy is survived by her son, Mark Knaust, her sisters, Roberta Burch



(Husband Paul) her sister Linda Carlson who lives in Arkansas. Mark Knaust Jr, her ex-husband whom she remained friends with and her pup Duce.

Kathy was deeply loved by her family and will be missed.

Robert Charles (Bob) Meyers

March 1, 1941 - January 1, 2024

Robert Charles (Bob) Meyers, aged 82, of South Beach, passed to the Church Triumphant on January 1, 2024, in his home in South Beach, OR.

A memorial service will be held at a date to be determined at First United Methodist Church in Portland with Bishop Minerva Carcano officiating. Burial of cremated remains will be at Mountain View Cemetery in Altadena, CA.

Bob was born in Pasadena, California to Raymond C. Meyers and Mildred (Mickey) Williams Meyers on March 1, 1941. He attended school in Monrovia, CA and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Washington.

He married Patty (Patricia Haley Meyers) on November 23, 1986 at Lake Oswego United Methodist Church, where she served as associate minister.

Bob served The United Methodist Church in several capacities throughout his lifetime. At age six, Bob's dad started him in "the family business" by having him count the Sunday church offering at Washington Street United Methodist Church in Pasadena. Bob served as Assistant Treasurer of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference for eight years, as the Treasurer, Financial Administrator and Benefits Officer for the Oregon-Idaho Conference for 22 years, Treasurer of the Alaska Methodist Conference for eight years and the Western Jurisdiction Treasurer for twelve years. Additionally, he served on the



General Board of Finance and Administration and Chair of the Board of the United Methodist Federal Credit Union (now called the Interfaith Credit Union) for many years. He served many local congregations and assisted them in their financial and administrative responsibilities.

Bob was known for his love of music, particularly pipe organ and choral music. He enjoyed mystery stories and football games.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond C. and Mildred Meyers, daughters Gail and Laura.

Bob is survived by his wife, Patty, daughters Christine Meyers Dickens, Bobbie Meyers, and Karla Meyers Pedraza, their spouses and children, brother Jerry Meyers (Christine) of Pittsville, WI and sister Judi Lanphear of Mira Loma, CA; by grandchildren and great-grandchildren, many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be given to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) or Trinity United Methodist Church, Toledo, OR.

Bob's family wishes to extend sincere thanks to the medical staffs in the ICUs of Samaritan Hospital in Newport and Providence Medical Center in Portland, the Life Flight EMTs and transporters, friends and neighbors who took care of Tacy, our home, the kind folks of Trinity United Methodist Church in Toledo.

Lincoln City Pacific Power customers seeing rate boost

STAFF REPORT
Country Media, Inc.

The Oregon Public Utility Commission finalized the last of several rate-related filings submitted by PacifiCorp, leading to an overall increase in customer rates that went into effect Jan. 10.

Pacific Power serves approximately 618,000 customers in Oregon, including customers in the Lincoln City area.

The increase stems from an annual adjustment for power costs, which are markedly higher due to market volatility, as well as various additional Pacific Power rate filings, some that increased and others that decreased customer rates, according to a release from the Oregon PUC.

Overall, customer rates increase with the exact bill impact differing based on customer type and energy usage. View the impact for each customer type below:

12.9 percent average increase in revenues from residential customers. For a single-family residence using the average 900 kWh a month, monthly bills will increase by \$14.92.

12.1 percent average increase in revenues from small commercial/business customers

16.7 percent average increase in revenues from large commercial/industrial customers

Drivers for the increase included an annual adjustment for power supply costs, which is a pass-through cost of Pacific Power purchasing power to meet customer demand. Power costs have risen sharply and increased in volatility in the Western electricity market. There was also an increase due to costs for wildfire risk mitigation actions taken by the company, among other small adjustments.

“The rate increase re-

flects the reality of high market power prices for utilities and the important actions Pacific Power is taking to reduce wildfire risks on its system,” PUC Chair Megan Decker said in a news release. “At the same time, we recognize how difficult it is for families and businesses to adjust to higher bills, and we encourage them to seek out help through energy efficiency programs that reduce usage and rate discount programs to address communities facing high energy burdens.”

Resources for Pacific Power customers

To save on future bills, the PUC encourages customers to review Energy Trust of Oregon’s current incentives and opportunities, including low and moderate income offers, and learn more about low-cost and no-cost tips to reduce energy consumption.

Pacific Power has the Oregon Low-Income Discount Program providing on-bill rate discounts to support customers who are experiencing income restraints. Pacific Power’s most vulnerable customers can also access a variety of bill support programs through local community action agencies, including the Oregon Energy Fund, Oregon Energy Assistance Program, COVID Energy Assistance Program and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Pacific Power also offers a variety of ways to budget for energy expenses, including time of use and equal pay billing options.

In partnership with Energy Trust of Oregon, Pacific Power customers can also tap into information and rebates to help improve energy efficiency and lower utility bills by calling 888-221-7070.

Newport seeks volunteers for committees/work groups

The city of Newport seeks applications from interested community members for multiple openings on various committees/volunteer advisory boards. Committees are a way to give back to the community, help shape the future direction of the Newport community and provide an introduction to local government function and operations.

Vacancies to be filled include seats on the following:

- 60+ Advisory Committee
- Audit Committee
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Budget Committee (term ends Dec. 31, 2025)
- City Council Stipend/Compensation Work Group (temporary/limited duration group)
- Discover Newport Committee
- Parking Advisory Committee
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
- Police Advisory Committee

• Vision 2040 Advisory Committee

The Budget Committee consists of seven citizen volunteers. City councilors and the mayor are also on the committee, which meets several times in the spring and receives budget updates throughout the year. The Budget Committee meets approximately four times annually and reviews the proposed budget presented by the city’s budget officer, and ultimately approves a recommendation of a budget for city council review and adoption. Budget committee members must be Newport residents and registered to vote.

Most other committees meet monthly at City Hall, and terms vary in length from one to five years.

More information and applications are available on the city’s website. Applications can either be submitted online at <https://newportoregon.gov/citygov/comm/com-mapp.asp>.

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Thursday: Rain. High near 52. Breezy. Chance of precipitation is 90%. Thursday night: Rain. Low around 45.

Friday: Rain. Cloudy, with a high near 54. Friday night: Low around 47. Breezy.

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
January 9	0.37	44.3	52.3
January 10	0.38	40.1	47.5
January 1	0.24	41.2	50.3
January 12	0.28	38.6	46.9
January 13	1.60	26.9	38.7
January 14	0.01	25.7	32.5
January 15	0.00	28.5	35.5
Total rainfall from Jan. 1	6.58		

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

	Low	High
January 17		
11:13 a.m. 1.9		4:46 a.m. 9.0
10:47 p.m. 1.9		5:04 p.m. 6.5
January 18		
12:27 p.m. 1.4		5:33 a.m. 9.1
11:39 p.m. 2.9		6:34 p.m. 5.9
January 19		
1:40 p.m. 0.8		6:23 a.m. 9.2
		8:13 p.m. 5.8
January 20		
12:41 a.m. 3.7		7:17 a.m. 9.2
2:45 p.m. 0.3		9:39 p.m. 6.2
January 21		
1:52 a.m. 4.2		8:13 a.m. 9.2
3:42 p.m. -0.1		10:44 p.m. 6.6
January 22		
3:01 a.m. 4.4		9:07 a.m. 9.2
4:32 p.m. -0.4		11:33 p.m. 6.9
January 23		
4:01 a.m. 4.3		9:58 a.m. 9.2
5:15 p.m. -0.6		
January 24		
4:52 a.m. 4.2		12:12 a.m. 7.1
5:54 p.m. -0.7		10:44 a.m. 9.2
January 25		
5:35 a.m. 3.9		12:46 a.m. 7.3
6:30 p.m. -0.6		11:26 a.m. 9.2

Sunrise/Sunset

Jan. 17	7:49 a.m.	5:03 p.m.
Jan. 18	7:48 a.m.	5:04 p.m.
Jan. 19	7:48 a.m.	5:05 p.m.
Jan. 20	7:47 a.m.	5:07 p.m.
Jan. 21	7:46 a.m.	5:08 p.m.
Jan. 22	7:46 a.m.	5:09 p.m.
Jan. 23	7:45 a.m.	5:11 p.m.
Jan. 24	7:44 a.m.	5:12 p.m.
Jan. 25	7:43 a.m.	5:13 p.m.
Jan. 26	7:42 a.m.	5:15 p.m.

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Saturday, January 13
Powerball
13 • 31 • 33 • 51 • 58 • PB-15 • x2

Saturday, January 13
Megabucks
4 • 16 • 21 • 23 • 37 • 43

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State audit faults lax oversight of state's pandemic rent relief

BY JULIA SHUMWAY
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State housing agency can't reliably report number of Oregonians helped

Oregon's housing agency wasn't prepared to manage an emergency rental assistance program that spent \$426 million during the COVID pandemic and still can't determine how many Oregonians were helped by the money, according to a scathing new audit.

State auditors with the Secretary of State's Office acknowledged that Oregon Housing and Community Services was working under unprecedented and unpredictable circumstances. Demand for rent assistance ballooned in the COVID-19 pandemic, as one out of seven Oregon workers lost their jobs in spring 2020.

"There is no doubt OHCS, like all of Oregon government, was working under unprecedented emergency conditions during the pandemic," Audits Director Kip Memmott said in a state-

ment. "As auditors, it's our job to ensure public monies are being spent in accordance with program guidelines and properly accounted for. It's extremely concerning that OHCS is unable to verify whether millions of dollars went to the Oregonians who needed and deserved this money the most."

The audit coincides with a housing crisis in Oregon, and at least 18,000 are homeless across the state. After taking office, Gov. Tina Kotek declared a housing emergency and persuaded lawmakers to allocate \$1.2 billion toward housing and shelters in last year's session. She wants them to approve even more in the upcoming session.

As part of federal pandemic relief packages, Oregon received about \$500

million to help renters and landlords in 2021 and 2022, according to the report. The state housing agency was under pressure to spend that money quickly, as the federal government planned to claw back funds from state and local governments that hadn't spent a significant portion of the money by September 2021 and reallocate it to other governments that had. Oregon received additional funding because other states failed to spend their portions.

OHCS used a portion of its funds to create a new state program and launched an online application through the software provider Allita in May 2021. After a growing backlog of applications in metro counties, the agency approved a contract in August 2021 with Massachusetts-based Public Partnerships to work on the backlog. The agency used contractors to vet applications and distribute funding.

A statewide eviction moratorium ended on June 30, 2021, and lawmakers approved a 60-day grace period from eviction for renters who had applied for rent assistance. But because of the application backlog, that grace period wasn't long enough for thousands of renters, and lawmakers returned in a special session in December 2021 to extend the grace period so no one with a pending rent assistance application could be evicted. Lawmakers also requested an audit of the program.

Auditors noted that the agency experienced significant staff turnover between 2020 and 2022, and that the agency was focused on reacting to issues like potential fraud instead of having plans in place to protect from it. More than a year after the program ended, the agency still hasn't conducted a full review of the program.

"As a result, the agency has no way of knowing how much of the \$426 million went to eligible Oregon recipients and how much was sent to landlords, renters, and non-eligible recipients in error," the audit report said. "The lack of verification also undermines the agency's attempts to determine whether its equity-centered approach for Oregon ERA was successful in reaching people who have been historically and systematically excluded from housing opportunities."

It also noted that agency leaders still didn't know how many Oregonians were helped by the program.

"Since January 2023, OHCS reported several different numbers as program outcomes," the report said. "The number of total applications paid has been reported as 56,320, 65,020 or over 67,500; the number of households assisted has been reported to be 51,320 or 51,744. When asked in November 2023 for the exact number, OHCS personnel indicated the final figures had not been calculated."

Potential for fraud
Auditors heard from community action agencies, which distributed some of the funds, that they denied approximately \$37 million in requests made by fraudsters. They also reviewed 61 randomly selected payments, totalling about \$375,000, that were approved by the contractor Public Partnerships and found close to a 30% error rate. One incorrect landlord received \$2,700 that hadn't been recouped, and they found overpayments to other landlords and tenants. Based on that limited sample, auditors estimated the state may have misspent about \$11 million.

They warned that Oregon Housing and Community Services needs to be prepared to respond to increased demand for rent assistance and housing

needs.

"Housing-related emergencies are not expected to abate anytime soon: Homelessness in Oregon was declared an emergency in 2023, and agencies have been urged to prepare for the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami, an event predicted to displace between 16,800 and 257,000 people in the Portland tri-county region alone," the report said. "The agency's success in responding to the current homelessness crisis and future emergencies depends upon its commitment to evaluating its recent actions and implementing needed improvements."

The agency and its partners have been under pressure over the past several months to spend an additional tranche of \$85 million in rent assistance tied to Gov. Tina Kotek's homelessness declaration, and auditors noted that the current rent assistance program could suffer from the same problems as the pandemic program.

The agency's budget has more than doubled in the past six years, going from a total budget of about \$1.2 billion in the 2015-17 budget period to \$2.9 billion in the biennium that ended in June 2023. And its responsibility will continue to grow: Kotek plans to seek another \$600 million for housing and homelessness, including \$33 million for rent assistance, during the legislative session that begins in February.

"OHCS leadership has told us on multiple occasions they view the program and any challenges it had as a one-time, emergency-only related occurrence," the audit said. "We disagree with this perspective. The governor's plans to address homelessness continue to add pressure on OHCS to ensure outcomes in a short amount of time."

LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Auditors made 16 recommendations to the agency, including creating a permanent independent ombudsman, developing more data analysis and creating internal programs to find fraud. The agency accepted half of the recommendations, partially agreed with six and disagreed with two, including giving an ombudsman the power to independently investigate programs.

The audit included a defensive response letter from agency Executive Director Andrea Bell, who stressed that Oregon Housing and Community Services faced an unprecedented challenge and helped tens of thousands of Oregonians keep their homes. Bell, the former director of the division that governed the emergency rent assistance program, was promoted to executive director in April 2022 after former director Margaret Salazar took a job with the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department.

"Throughout two years of administering (emergency rental assistance), OHCS allocated more rental assistance than in the previous decade," she wrote. "Additionally, 97% of those funds were delivered successfully, and the U.S. Department of the Treasury's multiple reallocations of tens of millions of dollars from non-performing states to (emergency rental assistance), which far exceeded auditors estimates of questioned costs, was a vote of confidence in the agency and our partners' work."

Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade urged the agency to implement the audit recommendations.

"The urgency with which OHCS acted to distribute rental assistance during a global crisis is laudable," Griffin-Valade said in a statement. "As auditors, it's our job to ensure state agencies properly account for how they spend public money. I encourage OHCS to work speedily to implement the recommendations in this report in preparation for future emergencies."

CLARIFICATION

Due to a production error, Leslie O'Donnell's story, titled "50 years of caring and sharing," which ran on the Business page in the Jan. 10 edition of the News-Times, did not publish in its entirety. Read the complete story here: <https://www.newport-newstimes.com>.

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Sudoku answers

VIEWPOINT

Black History Month is Too Short

Carter G. Woodson came up with the idea of a “Black History Week” in 1926; however, terminology labeled it Negro History Week, the second week of February. Then another “president” attempted to stretch out the “learning.” Gerald Ford’s 1976 declaration for schools and groups to give a nod to Black History officially turned it into a month.

Woodson’s goal was to have that week work itself out of existence, hoping that “time would come when Negro History Week would be unnecessary and we as a nation would willingly recognize the contributions of Black Americans as a legitimate and integral part of the history of this country.”

So much work is needed in the K12 arena. Now, in a time when school librarians have armed guards escorting them, and when shouting Red and Blue fools land mainstream “news” coverage, the dream of Woodson to provide and adopt a more inclusive, thorough approach to Black history is being shattered.

In Florida — and in so many other states with corporate-soaked and under-educated political leaders — they are pushing not just condensed and oversimplified versions of Black history, but possibly just a few posters with guys/gals like Jesse Owens and Oprah allowed on campus.

I miss talking about amazing black leaders, including Dick Gregory, plus those I never got to see live such as Paul Robeson. I have spent time with presidential candidate Cornel West, an amazing mind and thought leader who almost four years ago resigned from Harvard for meaningful reasons.

One of the nation’s foremost Black scholars and an outspoken progressive activist, West announced his resignation from Harvard University, accusing the school of “intellectual and spiritual bankruptcy of deep depths” That university failed to give tenure to this giant of a philosopher. The 72-year-old stated politics were a factor in Harvard’s decision not to extend tenure to him. Why? His outspoken support for the Palestinian cause.

“We all knew the mendacious reasons given had nothing to do with academic standards. ... I knew my academic achievements and student teaching meant far less than their political prejudices,” West stated.

I have no idea how many people in Lincoln County know West is running for president. I know that my students here and elsewhere in Oregon and Washington have no idea about what I was taught in prepping to be a substitute teacher: The education system has let down millions of students who hope to understand their own history, which is revealing in a nation where Black people were once considered “three-fifths” of a person.

Here is the reality now: Librarian Cicely Lewis has organized weekly Black History Month celebrations at her school in Norcross, Georgia.

“We had a head-wrapping station. We had a storybook station ... We had a station where you can listen to August Wilson monologues from our own drama department,” she says. “We even had our school jazz band there.”

That was in 2022, and she wasn’t sure whether the celebration would actually happen. In January, Georgia lawmakers introduced four bills that would ban teaching concepts that cause “guilt, anguish, or any other form of psychological distress” because of a student’s race, sex or identity.

We can’t get more of American Dream and Success Story than Paul Robeson’s — Paul Leroy Robeson (1898-1976) was an American bass-baritone concert artist, stage and film actor, professional football player, and activist. His talents made him a revered man of his time — for a period — but his radical political beliefs which I especially included in lessons caused me grief from administrators up in Vancouver, where I substituted in three school districts. “Too political for high school.”

Robeson began finding work as an actor in the mid-1920s when he played the lead in Eugene O’Neill’s “All God’s Chillun Got Wings” (1924) and “The Emperor Jones” (1925). His voice is amazing, and he sang in many languages. However, his story must include context and history around his blacklisting. During the 1940s, Robeson’s black nationalist and anti-colonialist activities caught fascist Joseph McCarthy’s attention.

Robeson was a master world-renowned singer, actor. He also spent years as an entertainer to the Allied forces during World War II. Yet, Robeson was singled out as a major threat to American democracy. His story covers a wide range of American history, not just for Black Americans, but for all Americans exercising. For Florida and other states, teaching about Robeson is not allowed.

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

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VIEWPOINT

January Medicare benefits announced

The new year is a time of hope and renewal, but it can also bring financial challenges to those facing up-front health costs.

When President Joe Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) in 2022, he made a commitment to lowering health costs for Americans and increasing savings each year. At HHS we see how this commitment improves the lives and health of our beneficiaries. This landmark law has already made recommended vaccines free to people with Medicare, capped monthly costs for covered insulin products at \$35, and empowered Medicare to begin negotiating the prices of 10 vital medicines. These drugs, which include cardiovascular medications Eliquis, Entresto, and Xarelto, and the diabetes medications Jardiance, Januvia, Farxiga, are taken by millions of seniors and people with disabilities on Medicare.

One community member working at a local pharmacy in Wash-

ington State told us about a senior on insulin whose copayment decreased from \$440 to \$35 because of the insulin benefit in the IRA. Thanks to this new law, people nationwide are saving on drug costs and have more money in their pockets for other essential needs.

This month, there are two new benefits that may provide more breathing room to Oregon residents grappling with high drug costs. First, Medicare is expanding its Extra Help program for Part D, which means millions more people with low incomes may be eligible for \$0 premium, a \$0 deductible, and drug copays as low as \$4. An estimated 3 million seniors and people with disabilities could benefit from the Extra Help program now, but have not taken the first step to enroll.

Help us get the word out to everyone who can benefit. Tell your family, friends, and people in your community to update their information at Medicare.gov and

check their benefits. Some people who already receive help paying for their Medicare costs are automatically enrolled in Extra Help, but that’s not true for everyone. Go to Medicare.gov/extrahelp or call 1-800-Medicare for more information.

Also, beginning this month, for the first time, patients with high costs will no longer be required to pay out of pocket costs once they reach a certain level of spending known as the catastrophic phase of Medicare Part D. For some who take costly drugs for chronic conditions such as cancer or multiple sclerosis, this policy will mean thousands of dollars in savings. As we look for more peace of mind in the new year, we hope this cost relief will help.

Priya Helweg is the US Department of Health and Human Services Deputy Regional Director for Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and 272 Federally Recognized Tribes in Region 10.

CLOSING ARGUMENT

Donald J. Trump v. United States of America

At the end of a trial comes the opportunity for counsel to summarize the evidence and argue for the result the lawyer was hired to win.

This argument is not intended for any of the criminal and civil matters now pending wherein Donald J. Trump is a defendant. The jury being addressed here is not 12 citizens screened and sworn in one of those trials, but instead, all citizens who will vote in the 2024 presidential election.

THE CLOSING ARGUMENT:

Ladies and gentlemen of the electorate, you have seen and heard much evidence during this trial. My responsibility is to review for you the evidence supporting the case against the re-election of Mr. Trump as president. After this review, opposing counsel will have the opportunity to review any evidence supporting his re-election.

You have received instructions regarding the standards of proof applicable in this matter. You do not need to follow the criminal standard of “beyond a reasonable doubt.” You need only reach a verdict that is supported by a “preponderance of the

evidence.” That is a standard that only requires it be more likely than not that the charges are true.

With that standard in mind, we begin our review of the evidence against the re-election of Mr. Trump.

You learned that Mr. Trump had no prior experience in elective office before becoming president of the U.S. He inherited wealth from his father and became a real estate investor. He had a checkered history, with a number of failed enterprises and a reputation for not paying obligations due to creditors and contractors who worked for him and his corporate entities. He rose to national

prominence through a “reality” television program. The Apprentice provided the name familiarity and some of the followers needed to support a successful campaign for president.

Alleged violations of law, before, during and after his presidency are extensive. Some verdicts are expected before the November 2024 election, and may have some influence over which candidate should be supported. Criminal convictions should be especially

influential, since they require a unanimous verdict, established to the satisfaction of 12 jurors as being beyond any reasonable doubt.

Much time was spent arguing that the 2020 election was rigged, but over 60 efforts in various courts failed to support that argument. Mr. Trump led the effort that resulted in disrespect for elections and elections officials, and now, the judicial system. Few things are more important to the protection and preservation of democracy than our elections and judicial systems.

The attacks and accompanying misinformation have led to a national initiative by the National Association of Secretaries of State. Oregon’s Secretary of State notes that “the lies and false information that spread after the 2020 election” have made this effort necessary. Her office reports that 34 percent of county clerks have retired or resigned since 2020, noting, “it isn’t clear how this expertise will be replaced.”

Mr. Trump, who was able to avoid military service, has made clear his disrespect for veterans, and has even accused a senior military leader and former advisor of treason. Mr. Trump suggested that outgoing Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

MARK MILLEY WAS A TRAITOR WHO DESERVES TO BE EXECUTED.

Historians of today and tomorrow will not hesitate in naming the worst president ever to lead the United States of America. We believe we have established, by at least a preponderance of the evidence, that Donald J. Trump should not be re-elected, based on the evidence and history we have reviewed, and further, on the plans he has announced should he return to the most powerful office on earth.

We now have the opportunity to hear from opposing counsel, who we trust will summarize evidence and make arguments in support of the re-election of Mr. Trump.

Keith A. Mobley is a retired lawyer living in Newport, who was a Republican candidate for the Oregon House of Representatives in 1980. He lost, and then served as the Antelope city attorney against the Rajneehes until late 1982 when he was hired as assistant to the president of Oregon State University. He grew up on a wheat and cattle ranch near Shaniko.



Photographs taken from a drone show ice enveloping tree tops, powerlines and transformers Sunday afternoon in a residential Newport neighborhood. (Photo courtesy of Casey Felton)



Central Lincoln Public Utility District crews work on repairing a transmission line to Newport. (Photo courtesy of Central Lincoln PUD)

STORM

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south to Heceta Head, just north of Florence. That outage included areas of Yachats, Waldport, Seal Rock, Newport, Toledo, Siletz, Depoe Bay, Lincoln City and Lincoln Beach.

“Crews are being called in for the night for their safety and much needed rest,” CLPUD posted to social media the evening of Jan. 13. “They’ll be back at it tomorrow, (Jan. 14) starting at 6 a.m.”

In that post, Central Lincoln PUD told customers they should be prepared to be without power the remainder of the evening, and the Oregon Department of Transportation closed both Highway 20 and Bay Boulevard, making it difficult to respond to certain outages in the area.

“Ice continues to accumulate and will contin-

ue to bring trees down, making it extremely dangerous for crews to work,” CLPU posted. “We’ve brought in crews from out southern areas and they will continue to work on restoring power to accessible areas as long as it is safe to do so.”

On Sunday, Jan. 14, CLPUD again posted to social media, this time to let customers know that some areas may be without power throughout today and into Monday morning.

“These are never easy posts to make, but due to the extent of ice damage and large number of trees and wires down, customers in the following areas should start preparing for another night without power: Toledo, Siletz, Agate Beach areas of Newport, Beverly Beach, Otter Rock, Depoe Bay and Lincoln Beach.”

As of 12:21 p.m. Sunday, CLPUD reported all

of its line and tree crews were working to restore power to its approximately 9,500 customers without power. It added that Highway 229, from Toledo to Lincoln City remained closed, and that the utility’s efforts were concentrated on transmission lines between Newport and Agate Beach, where three power poles broke overnight.

Also Sunday, Pacific Power reported its crews were working to restore power to nearly 31,000 of its customers impacted by the previous day’s weather. According to Pacific Power, 2,500 customers in the Lincoln City area were without power Sunday morning.

The city of Newport declared an emergency shortly before 9 p.m. Saturday, and reported someone was transported to an area hospital after a tree fell in the area of a homeless

encampment. Lincoln County followed suit early Sunday evening, and declared a county-wide state of emergency. Sunday night, a city of Newport release declaring the state of emergency noted that power generally remained out north of Northwest 15th St., and that crews were diligently working to bring the Agate Beach substation back online.

Pacific Power, on Monday morning, Jan. 15, reported that 99 percent of its Lincoln City customers had power restored.

After restoring power to areas of Toledo and South Beach, Central Lincoln PUD’s focus Monday morning turned to Newport, and a transmission line on Big Creek Road, Steenson Road, Northwest Pacific/Northwest 22nd St., and Yaquina Bay Rd./SE George St. and areas of Toledo that included Tom Jack Road,

Northeast Burgess and Northeast Arcadia. Central Lincoln PUD was assisted by three mutual-aid crews from other utility providers.

Just after 10:30 a.m. Monday morning, Central Lincoln PUD said that 7,950 of its 20,647 Lincoln County customers remained without power.

“Multiple crews are working to restore the transmission line that will power up a large portion of customers from Newport to Gleneden Beach,” CLPUD posted to Monday morning to social media.

“When crews heat up the transmission line, customers from the southern end of Newport to Lincoln Beach will come back on slowly and in sections, allowing the system to hold the load. However, there will still be pockets within those areas that do not come on — due to multiple tap lines, and crews needing

to patrol those lines and address issues before energizing, which may not happen today.”

People throughout the county are asked limit travel to only when absolutely necessary as downed trees and powerlines, working utility crews and debris makes navigating already icy roadways more treacherous. Always avoid downed power lines, and subscribe to Lincoln Alerts, the county’s emergency management and community information notification system.

Subscribe to receive information via text message or email by visiting <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/789/Lincoln-Alerts>.

It remains imperative that people stay far away from downed power lines as they may be energized prior to repair. To report a downed power line to CLPUD, call 877-265-3211.

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walkable access to groceries and other services.

Lincoln City's population grew at an average annual growth rate (AGR) of 0.97 percent between 2000 and 2020, outpacing Lincoln County's 0.63 percent AGR as a whole, according to a report for the city by FCS GROUP, a planning and analysis consultant firm for the public sector.

The report also said that as of 2020, more than 25 percent renters in Lincoln City were severely cost burdened by housing expenses alone, which means they pay more than 50 percent of their gross income on housing and utilities.

Studies estimated up to 1,100 individuals were confronting homelessness in Lincoln County, and only 73 of those individuals were "sheltered."

RESPONDING TO NEED

It took a village to build up the affordable housing city residents are now seeing under construction. Alison Robertson, Lincoln City's Director of Urban Renewal & Economic Development, said it can be difficult to value affordable housing projects due to various funding sources, income restrictions, and whether or not housing was built on city property. However, for people who qualify to rent the units, a home will be priceless.

Another value consideration is the number of units to be provided. The Lincoln City Planning Department's latest Housing Needs Analysis found that, including demand for "middle housing," about 1,500 housing units are needed for the 2022-2042 span.

Robertson said community members can expect a new city housing update in the next few weeks. The 2023 Annual Lincoln City Housing Update was presented to City Council last April by Robertson and Anne Marie Skinner, the city's former Director of Planning and Community Development.

Referring back to that update, there are several affordable housing projects in the planning stages. Projects include the Fernwood Villages at Cascade Head, which will be a mix of market and low-income housing; a 12-unit affordable tiny house development by Lincoln County Housing Authority; plus, Camy Tiny Houses received development review approval for 21 tiny houses on SW Bard Road.

Also in Lincoln City, Habitat for Humanity has a pair of houses nearing completion, and HALC is partnering with Lincoln County Health and Human Services to develop a 28-unit affordable housing complex for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness.

Something to keep an eye on at the next housing update will be city zoning and ordinance amendments as the state legislates changes that streamline affordable housing development.

Lincoln County Commissioner Claire Hall, who made housing and homelessness a primary focus of her work at local, state and national levels, currently chairs the Oregon Housing Stability Council. The Governor-appointed council members work with Oregon



The Wecoma Place development at NE 29th St. in Lincoln City takes shape. (Courtesy photos)

Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to set policy, approve or disapprove program rules and standards, approve or disapprove loans and grants, and receive public comments. Part of the council's mission is to provide leadership in the development and financing of affordable housing in Oregon. Results are becoming tangible in Lincoln City, and visible in the form of roadside construction and plywood taking shape.

"I've been working with others to help bring more housing to Lincoln County for several years, and those efforts are really starting to pay dividends," Hall said. "But we have to keep it going and work even harder. Having adequate housing stock is key to a healthy economy, children's success in school, and a host of other things that make for strong, vibrant communities."

Lincoln City Mayor Susan Wahlke said the 25th Street Apartments project has been underway since 2018 when the city issued a request for proposals for the city-owned land.

"These projects take a long time to complete," Wahlke said. "Many workers in Lincoln City cannot afford to live here and this will begin to help that situation."

Lincoln City Councilor Mitch Parsons, who serves as a HALC board member, said that the benefits of having affordable housing are significant, and allow individuals making less than 60% of the area median income a safe, decent, affordable space to live.

"Some of the HALC properties are geared specifically towards seniors or individuals with disabilities, and we are seeing an increasing need for this type of housing in our community with an aging population on fixed incomes," Parsons said. "Of the population that HALC serves, 343 individuals are elderly and 447 are disabled."

Parsons said that for the NE 25th Street project, Lincoln City invested \$4,093,204, including \$498,204 for land acquisition, \$880,000 in deferred system development charges (SDCs), and \$2,715,000 of pre-development and capital improvement costs.

Lincoln City also invested \$735,281 in the Wecoma Place development, including \$326,071 in deferred SDCs and \$409,210 of pre-development and capital improvement costs.

THE BUILDING NEXT TO ST. JAMES

The NE 25th Street Apartments are being built on city property near Grocery Outlet and directly across from the North Lincoln Fire & Rescue station at 2525

Oregon Coast Highway. There are 107 units. All units are for people who earn 30% and 60% average median income.

People can expect to start moving in by autumn. To see about a waiting list, email the site's developer, Innovative Housing Inc (IHI) at: lincolncity@ihipdxor.com. IHI secured \$13.5 million in funding from OHCS LIFT funds, and as a low-income housing project, the property is tax exempt. Robertson estimated the value of this project to be \$30 million.

WECOMA PLACE

Stewardship Development saw the devastation that the Echo Mountain fire caused in the community, and when given the opportunity in 2021 to develop Wecoma Place, they took it.

"We wanted to be a part of the recovery for the many people displaced by this tragedy," said Amanda Perkins of Stewardship Properties, a partner of Stewardship Development.

Wecoma Place is a 44-apartment community at 2133 NE 29th Street that will provide 100% affordable housing. Perkins said Stewardship Development aims to open Wecoma Place by May, and that their rents are set by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on an annual basis. A ballpark estimate for upcoming Wecoma Place rents might be between \$800 and \$1000 per month.

"If we were coming to market today, a one-bedroom would rent for around \$855, less a utility allowance, and eight of our units are reserved for project-based vouchers. Those tenants are subject to 30% AMI income restrictions," Perkins said.

The development project was awarded 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits and Housing Disaster Tax Credits, along with OHCS grants for fire displaced families and seniors. Perkins said Lincoln City officials has also been extremely supportive of the project.

"They have granted the project System Development Charges waivers, reducing project costs and showing their desire for this affordable housing in their community," Perkins said.

She added that Stewardship Development is also excited to be working with HALC.

"They are very familiar with the needs of this community and we feel they will be a great team to oversee the ongoing management of this project once it is complete," she said.

PARTNERSHIPS WILL CONTINUE EVEN AFTER CONSTRUCTION IS DONE.

"Stewardship Develop-

ment is very hands-on when it comes to all our projects," Perkins said. She added: "We work closely with our architects, contractors, property managers, and resident services providers to make sure we are delivering a property that we can be proud of and that meets the needs of the residents in the area we are serving. We will also continue to work closely with Cornerstone Community Housing and CSC."

Community Services Consortium (CSC) will promote client referrals to Wecoma Place, Perkins said, while providing ongoing support services to their clients who live there.

"We always want to find a property that is accessible for all our residents," Perkins said. "This is a great central location in Lincoln City. It is a short walk to restaurants, groceries, shopping, and the beach. I do not know what percentage will have cars, but we are providing ample bike parking as well as vehicle parking, and we are right along 101 with easy access to public transportation. We are not only committed to bring much needed affordable housing to the people of this community, but also facilitate the deployment of the supportive services that will help the residents thrive," Perkins said.

SHELTER AND COASTAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Regarding shelter for the unhoused, Wahlke said Lincoln County Health and Human Services has spaces available for those who need shelter this winter, and although the motel at D River, formerly The Haven, no longer provides affordable housing or shelter, Lincoln City now has the Hope Center open.

"I hope that these spaces will prevent anyone from dying from exposure in our community this winter," Wahlke said. "I believe that shelters and affordable housing are two separate, but related issues. Hopefully people will find shelter, then be able to transition to housing. There are many in our community who are unhoused. Because most of these people are not living on the streets, some people think we do not have a housing issue in our community. Check out the school district's figures about homeless students to help you realize how vast the situation is."

One place people can access basic services on the path to becoming housed, like doing the laundry, is 2023-2024 Lincoln City Non-Profit grant recipient Coastal Support Services, at 1808 NE Highway 101 in Lincoln City's Oceanlake Business District.

ably be best to work with city permitting specialists.

DAILY POLICE LOG

Simply putting someone in a dwelling without any direction is not only cruel, Cherryholmes said, but it can set people up for failure.

"Experiencing homelessness and homelessness is a mental trauma and puts people in survival mode," she said.

Previously known as Lincoln City Warming Shelter, Coastal Support Services has had a long partnership with the Lincoln City Police Department, Cherryholmes said. She stated that 96% of the people who utilize the services are not involved in crime of any kind.

"We have established a firm rule that if you are committing crimes in the city, you must either agree to get the help needed whether it be connection to detox and outpatient addiction services, get connected to mental health services, or agree to get connected to an available shelter program in order to continue to utilize our services," she said. "The best part is that we have sustained that same 96% success rate over a five-year period and two different locations. Our presence literally reduced the crime in the area and we can actually prove that."

At the heart of Coastal Support Services is helping people onto their feet. To help people transition from survival mode into housing, there are a variety of reentry services to relearn independence.

"We have an in-house Case Management program that is designed specifically to discover what hurdles someone has in their life that is hindering them from success, and then we help them fill in the gaps," Cherryholmes said. "For example, it's easy to say that someone needs to get a job to get themselves off the street, but where are they supposed to get another ID, their backpack was stolen. You can't get a job without a photo ID. Say you did fill out that job application and you have an interview coming up but you don't have the money to pay for a laundromat. What if you don't have any decent clothes at all? Where are you supposed to shower? So, our center provides a shower (on a tankless water heater), washer and dryer, clothing closet and helps our clients get a photo ID if they need one"

HOUSING EMPLOYEES, CREATING JOBS

Lori Arce-Torres, Executive Director at Lincoln City Chamber, said the Chamber is an advocate for more housing, and they rely on the City of Lincoln City to offer incentives which will entice builders to develop in the area.

"By increasing the affordable housing opportunities in our area, it will not only give employers a larger pool of employees to choose from, but it will stimulate the overall economy by creating jobs in construction, real estate and related industries," Arce-Torres said. "I often hear from people who want to move to Lincoln City and have found a job, however, cannot find anywhere to live. By increasing our housing options, it will help make their dreams come true."

"Of course, any property owner has a right to enforce their desired conduct on their own private property," Gee added.

But for something like bike parking installation, Gee said it would prob-

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weather approached, strong winds and high tides pushed large logs and other debris from the ocean on to the local beaches.

The Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) issued a Facebook alert, urging everyone to stay at home and limit travel unless absolutely necessary.

"The roads are beginning to ice over and will continue to freeze over the night," the advisory stated. "This will cause significant travel hazards for everyone on the road. Please stay home for the safety of yourself and your neighbors."

Public works crews closed several area roads due to fallen trees and poles. LCPD said the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) advised the agency would not deice the area overnight.

"Lincoln City Police will be responding to calls and patrols as necessary, but please limit your non-emergency calls, as we do expect there will be high call volume due to the amount of traffic accidents we expect," the law enforcement agency stated.

During Saturday and Sunday, ODOT issued statements urging drivers to stay off the roads.

"Across the state, crews are working around the clock to clear the roads," ODOT said in a release late Sunday. "Nearly every highway was affected by challenging conditions over the past few days with major impacts to Interstates 5 and 84 on Sunday afternoon."

LCPD was advised by Pacific Power that in the event of a power outage,

the utility would likely be unable to address all the issues related to the outages until the weather subsides, due to high call volumes in the city and surrounding areas.

"Do not expect power restoration tonight if you do lose power," LCPD advised during the weekend. "We recommend you shelter in place and be prepared with blankets, batteries, and candles."

Pacific Power worked through the weekend to restore power to the area. During the weekend event, some businesses curtailed hours and others closed due to the power disruptions, icy roads and the freezing temperatures.

"We had a low pressure from the eastern pacific flow into the area," NWS meteorologist David Bishop said in explaining what triggered the storms. "We had cold air up top, and then a warm air column came through above the surface, and we had sub-freezing temperatures at the surface. That mix caused the sleet along the central coast."

Temperatures locally dropped into the low twenties overnight and warmed slightly during the day. The NWS issued another Winter Storm Watch for Tuesday, Jan. 16, inland, but Bishop said the central and north coasts would likely not be impacted.

"We are not expecting the next round of ice and snow to make it way over to your area due to the coast range because it is a pretty good block," Bishop said. "We are expecting a pretty decent warmup. Looks like we'll see rain and warmer temperatures into the weekend for Lincoln City and Newport, but it



The weekend storm leaves this statue at a former Lincoln City restaurant layered in ice. (Photos by Jeremy C. Ruark)

will still be raining. The warm up will likely arrive around the rest of the state by Wednesday or Thursday."

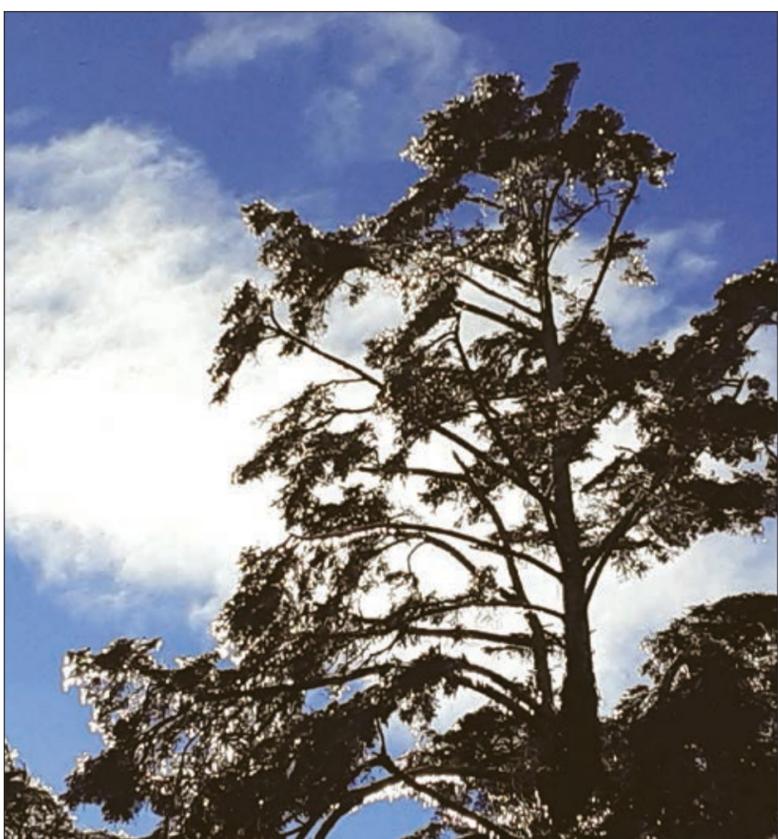
On Sunday night, the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners declared a weather-related countywide.

"There have been widespread road closures due to downed trees and power lines, stranding thousands of county residents," the declaration read. "Approximately half of county residents have lost power, constituting a serious threat to life amid freezing temperatures. Fallen trees have caused widespread damage to property and continue to pose a threat."

Commissioners directed Lincoln County's Emergency Services to take "all necessary steps authorized by law to secure the persons and property of the citizens of Lincoln County."



As the storm moves last Saturday into Lincoln City, high tides and strong winds push debris out of the ocean and up onto the local beaches.



Ice layers this giant tree standing over Highway 101 in Lincoln City. (Photo by Jeremy C. Ruark)

WALDPORT

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production of air pollution and the fireworks-

related garbage that accumulates following the Fourth of July holiday.

"Fireworks, illegally, started a brush fire near

where I live and we had to evacuate our homes," Burt said. She continued, "we didn't lose our houses, but it could've

happened really easy and it came from somebody doing fireworks on the beach."

Prior to public com-

ment, Waldport City manager Dann Cutter told the council the proposed ordinance was nearly a mirror-image of the county's ban, that a ban was already in place in Lincoln City, and that city managers in Yachats and Newport were in the process of developing similar fireworks ban ordinances to put before their respective city councils.

However, two Oregon men, representing TNT Fireworks, a national fireworks retailer that sells consumer fireworks in Lincoln County, pleaded with the council to vote against the ban. Those men, Jason Trout from Eugene and Mike Kohl of Silverton, argued the products they sell are "safe and sane" fireworks.

"You're trying to ban citizens from celebrating our nation's independence," Kohl said. "How many fires are caused from fireworks, and how many fires are started from Christmas trees and Christmas lights? Shall we ban Christmas trees? Should we ban Christmas lights? Let's close the churches and take

Christ out of Christmas."

After Holland and councilors Greg Dunn, Jayme Morris and Susan Woodruff engaged in brief conversation on the matter, with both Dunn and Morris saying they had some trepidation about passing an all-out ban, they voted unanimously to pass it.

Moments later, no public testimony came before the council as it discussed adoption of an ordinance raising the city's transient rental tax rate from 10 to 12 percent.

"This one was again based on the previous council policy, and in general we have kept in line with the county over the years in their transient rental tax," Cutter said. "It's worth noting that the county raised theirs by vote in late November, handily by popular vote, and it was raised to 12 percent."

He added that Newport, Lincoln City and Depoe Bay all have 12 percent or more rates for transient room taxes, and without any testimony and little discussion, the rate hike passed without objection.

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MANAGER

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this role, what are your top priorities and why those specific priorities?

Samantha Buckley: When I think about emergency management, our roles and responsibilities are so diverse and encompass so many moving pieces. It's challenging to select just one priority area. I would like the Emergency Management Division to focus on taking a cooperative approach to our planning and exercise process and establishing better internal continuity. This year we are creating a Lincoln County Evacuation Plan, establishing an evacuation assembly point, and completing a public safety radio project update. All these projects will take a cooperative lens with our partners and touch many of our communities.

Lincoln County Leader: What do you see as the challenges in emergency management in Lincoln County?

Buckley: Lincoln County is a remote

county with a lot of potential hazards. We also have a diverse population with unique individual needs. It is always challenging to meet the needs of a population with high tourism, many aging adults, and cultural diversity. This is part of what makes Lincoln County such a wonderful place to live. I'm excited to partner with these communities to find unique ways to help them prepare, respond, and recover from emergencies.

Lincoln County Leader: Over the past several years, the previous emergency manager worked an extensive outreach effort with frequent community emergency preparedness projects. Will you retain and expand on that? If so, in what way?

Buckley: We are fortunate that we have a lot of local and state resources available for the public on our website including education videos and guides. As staffing levels are restored, and we are back at capacity we look forward to resuming our



Lincoln County Emergency Manager Samantha Buckley. (Courtesy photo)

outreach activities.

Lincoln County Leader: We've read reports that often, the public waits until an emergency or disaster occurs, before attempting to be prepared. What do you believe is most critical in public preparedness now and how will you help our community members take action?

Buckley: I believe that the most important step for personal preparedness is taking any level of action, big or small. Even small pre-

paredness efforts can help individuals and their families fair better in an emergency event. Preparedness can seem daunting when we think about collecting enough supplies, so I hope to encourage everyone to take one small step at a time to build their personal preparedness; keeping in mind that every family's needs look different. Luckily, the Emergency Management Division already offers a variety of preparedness tools

online and in person. I look forward to continue providing guidance to our community.

Lincoln County Leader: How are you planning to develop the needed trusting relationships with the media to help in your overall efforts?

Buckley: The Emergency Management Division will continue to utilize the well established communication pathways such as flash alert, social media, our website, and Everbridge notifications during emergencies. We look forward to developing those relationships further with transparency being key. The media is also welcome to connect with us directly via telephone or email.

Lincoln County Leader: What is it about this new position that is of interest and intriguing to you and why? Buckley: I am excited about the opportunity to meet my community's diverse needs, improve existing processes, and work with partners to find the unique preparedness solutions that work best

for everyone in Lincoln County.

Lincoln County Leader: What is the base salary with benefits for the Lincoln County Emergency Manager position?

Buckley: The base salary for the Emergency Manager at Step 1 is \$71,302, with benefits is \$120,373.

Buckley has worked in the LCSO Emergency Management Division for nearly four years. She also has experience working as a Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator with Coos County prior to her employment with Lincoln County and as a Regional Emergency Coordinator. Buckley possesses a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon, according to the LCSO.

Buckley was appointed in December. She replaces Jenny Demaris who resigned in October.

The Lincoln County Emergency Management Department is located at 225 W Olive Street # 103 in Newport and may be reached at 541-265-4199.

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not been indexed with inflation for 15 years. Doing so would raise an additional \$6 million from mostly timberland owners for the wildfire funding budget, according to the proposal.

Wiser of Tax Fairness Oregon said this is a necessary and long overdue tax accountability measure and should be expected.

STATE, GUBERNATORIAL ADVISERS INVOLVED

Geoff Huntington, Kotek's natural resources adviser, led the workgroup along with Grafe, Kotek's wildfire czar; state forester Cal Mukamoto; and Robin Harkless, of Oregon Consensus, a public policy program based at Portland State University.

Besides Weyerhaeuser and the Oregon Forest Industries Council, the group included Brennan Garrelts, the vice president of Roseburg-based Lone Rock Timber Management Company and John Davis, the logging operations manager of Seattle-based Green Diamond Resources, the fifth largest timberland owner in the United States. Garrelts is also chair of the Oregon Department of Forestry's Emergency Fire Cost Committee.

Earls was not part of the group, but she told the Capital Chronicle she attended one meeting during which Steiner and Grafe asked members to edit a version of the proposal to be shared with constituents. She said she created a new document from Grafe's proposal, edited it and gave that to Erik Lease, Weyerhaeuser's representative on the workgroup. Earls joined the meeting because Lease could not attend due to a family conflict, she said.

The two documents have similar information, but Earls' version characterizes the state's wildfire funding system as being pushed to a breaking point, and notes that changes must be made to reduce pressure on landowners who would sell their proper-

ties. Earls said in a phone call that the landowners she was referring to were the east Oregon ranchers and forestland owners, not the industrial timberland owners.

"A core part of my job is to communicate with elected officials and their staffs about our perspective on issues important to our company and industry," Earls said in an email.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

The workgroup began meeting twice weekly in September after Labor Day.

Two weeks after the first meetings, on Sept. 20, Steiner received a \$4,000 campaign contribution from the Oregon Forest Industries Council Political Action Committee. Weyerhaeuser is a regular contributor to the PAC - it donated \$10,000 to it in November - as is Lone Rock, which also contributed \$10,000 in November.

On Dec. 18, while the workgroup was still hammering out its proposal, Steiner's cam-

paign received a \$1,000 donation directly from Weyerhaeuser. The company also contributed to seven other lawmakers last year, including four Republicans and three Democrats. Senate President Rob Wagner, a Democrat, was one of the recipients.

Nick Haskins, Steiner's manager for her treasurer campaign, said that donation was one of many she received between September and the end of December.

"Senator Steiner received contributions from a wide range of individuals and organizations in the span of time cited in your email," Haskins said in an email.

Steiner did not receive any other Weyerhaeuser contributions while serving in the Oregon Senate from 2011 to 2019. She received her first from the company in Septem-

ber of 2020, shortly after becoming co-chair of the budget-writing Joint Ways & Means Committee. She remains co-chair of the committee.

Since 2022, Steiner has also received \$4,000 from another timber fundraiser, Orloggers PAC, including a \$2,000 donation in early 2023.

ANOTHER PROPOSAL

State Sen. Jeff Golden, D-Ashland, will also be proposing wildfire funding legislation to take some financial pressure off of east Oregon ranchers and the state's general fund. But instead of turning to the public to make up the difference, Golden wants industrial timber companies to pick up a larger share of the costs.

He'll propose that lawmakers approve a ballot measure to go to Or-

gon voters. If passed, it would impose a tax on the value of timber harvested on private land, much like the former timber severance tax that was removed in the early 1990s. The tax would be higher depending on the acreage that each company holds, so a small timber operation wouldn't pay the same rate as a company like Weyerhaeuser.

Golden previously told the Capital Chronicle that imposing a tim-

ber value tax could bring the forestry department and local fire districts tens of millions of dollars annually for wildfire prevention, response and responding to threats from climate change.

"There is a segment of the timber industry that's more than able to shoulder more of the load, and when we think about the protection that they get from ODF, they should be picking up more of the baggage here," Golden said.

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

Timber industry tied to wildfire fighting funding to proposal

Several timber companies participated in workgroup

BY ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Timber companies appear to have played an influential role in a new legislative proposal to find sustainable funding for fighting wildfires. If passed, it could save the industry millions of dollars in fees they now pay to the state for fire protection and shift more of the cost to all Oregon property owners.

Sen. Elizabeth Steiner, D-Portland, will present the proposal on Wednesday morning to the Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Committee for consideration during the session. It would impose a \$10 fee on all property holders in Oregon to pay for fighting wildfires, raising an estimated \$20 million a year, about 15% of the projected total cost for wildfire protection in 2024. The proposal would reduce the per-acre fees that private and public forest and range landowners now pay to the Oregon Department of Forestry for protection.

Fighting wildfires has grown significantly more expensive in the last few years, and the state's general fund has absorbed much of the excess cost, along with landowners who've seen their fees to the forestry department rise. State leaders such as Steiner, who is now running for treasurer, are trying to find new sources of wildfire money to relieve pressure on private landowners - primarily east Oregon ranchers without billions in timber holdings - and the general fund, which pays for other major state investments in mental health, addiction and housing. A proposal by another lawmaker, Sen. Jeff Golden, D-Ashland, would tax timber harvests.

Critics of Steiner's proposal say it shifts the costs of protecting billions of dollars in private timber assets away from the companies that own much of the land at risk to average Oregonians. They're also concerned about the membership of a secretive workgroup Steiner convened to help develop the proposal and a lack of transparency around who was allowed to participate in discussions and planning.

Three of the 11 members of the workgroup - whose names

Steiner's office provided after multiple requests from the Capital Chronicle - are employed by industrial timber companies, including one of the world's largest, Weyerhaeuser. A fourth participant works for the state's largest timber industry association: the Oregon Forest Industries Council.

A document outlining the proposal from Steiner's office indicated it was written by a Weyerhaeuser lobbyist: Her name was shown as the author in the file's metadata, which includes basic information about the history of a document. That lobbyist, Betsy Earls, told the Capital Chronicle she only edited it. She said she copied a document written by Gov. Tina Kotek's wildfire advisor, Doug Grafe, and edited parts to make it understandable to an audience without a forestry background. Steiner also said Grafe was the key author.

The governor's office was vague.

"Doug Grafe provided technical support to the workgroup," Anca Matica, a Kotek spokesperson, said in an email when asked whether Grafe was the main author, or among the main authors.

Steiner did not explain why more than one-third of the workgroup represented the industrial timber industry, including companies and groups that recently donated to her campaign for state treasurer.

When working on proposals, lawmakers often consult various interested parties.

Lobbyists often try to influence legislation, and they are allowed to write and contribute to proposals, according to the nonprofit think tank Center for Public Policy. But experts say when that involvement is secret it obscures who is behind a policy.

Steiner's office shared Earls' copy, not Grafe's original document, as did senior officials at the Oregon Department of Forestry, according to a Capital Chronicle review of inter-agency emails about the proposals.

The timber industry often gets involved when it comes to proposals dealing with wildfire funding and private land, according to Mark Bennett, a member of the workgroup and a former Baker County commissioner serving on the governor's wildfire advisory council. The cost of state protection against wildfires is usually included in conversations about timber severance taxes and harvest taxes, he said.

"The grazing folks are a



small voice. We have lots of land, but a very small voice," he said. "Historically, we've needed the timber industry's voice to help us."

Nevertheless, Jody Wiser, founder and president of the nonprofit watchdog group Tax Fairness Oregon, criticized the inclusion of large timber companies in developing a proposal meant to ease the financial burden on east Oregon ranchers.

"The forest industry, invited to develop a proposal for the Legislature, naturally exploited an opening to pay less," she said in an email. "Its concept furthers a 30-year trend of shifting costs from forestland owners to others."

Steiner said neither the proposal nor any related documents were written by members of the timber industry, and that it was a collaborative effort among everyone in the group, which included a representative from the nonprofit The Nature Conservancy, two members of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association, a forest manager for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, a Hood River County commissioner, Bennett of Baker County and the wildfire advisory committee and Jim Kelly, chair of the Oregon Board of Forestry.

Kelly declined to answer questions about the proposal but commented on the workgroup.

"The goal was to restore some relief for landowners of east Oregon rangelands, as well as forest owners of east Oregon who have less productive forests," he told the Capital Chronicle. "The committee morphed a bit beyond that."

Asked why the workgroup membership was kept under wraps, Tatiana Amrein,

Steiner's chief of staff, said in an email that it was to "incentivize participants to engage in problem solving in good faith, as opposed to using this as an opportunity for political grandstanding."

Cost of wildfire protection Wildfire protection and response costs in Oregon are generally split between private and public forest and range landowners and the state's general fund. Costs for 2024 are projected to be about \$136 million, with about 48% paid by private and public landowners. As wildfires have become more frequent and more expensive, so has the price of protection, and a convoluted system of assessing land values and risks across fire protection districts to charge per-acre fees has proven unfair, some say. An east Oregon rancher with 1,000 acres pays, on average, about \$1,100 annually in per-acre fees to the forestry department for fire protection. A small forest landowner in east Oregon with 600 acres pays, on average, \$1,400 annually. Those lands do not generate the same revenue, or hold the same financial value, as ranching and timber lands west of the Cascades.

The governor's two-year budget proposal for the forestry department's fire protection division, which she proposed last year, noted that, "landowners with the lowest production timber lands are now paying some of the highest assessments for base protection."

Earlier this year, east and central Oregon ranchers and small forest owners told state leaders that they could not afford the rising fees - which have gone up in some areas nearly 40% in the last year - on small forest tracts or thousands of acre parcels of

sagebrush that are not home to billion-dollar timber assets like those held by industrial timber companies.

Bennett, the workgroup member and former Baker County commissioner, said every ranch owner in Baker County pays more for fire protection from the state than they pay for public schools, the county's noxious weed district and parks and recreation combined.

But instead of shifting wildfire costs away from ranchers and small forest landowners to industrial timber landowners, who own about 30% of the 16 million acres that the forestry department protects, the workgroup proposed cutting fees for range and timber landowners regardless of acreage or land value. Doing so could save all of the timber landowners and ranchers an average of \$12 million a year on fees, according to a Capital Chronicle analysis of the proposal.

Ranchers could see their average per-acre fees nearly halved, while timber companies could see millions of dollars in savings collectively. Weyerhaeuser alone could save up to \$1.4 million a year on the 1.6 million acres of forests it owns in Oregon, a Capital Chronicle analysis of the proposal found.

Steiner said that despite the per-acre fee reductions, Weyerhaeuser would still have to pay a \$10 fee on every one of its 6,500 property tax accounts in Oregon or \$65,000 per year. As of January, the company's market value is more than \$24.5 billion, up nearly 6% from last year.

The proposal also calls for updating three taxes that landowners pay annually that have

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FINANCIAL FREEDOM

Failing Forward: Understanding why financial New Year's resolutions fail and how to help make them stick

New Year's resolutions are those well-intentioned commitments we make to ourselves. But so often we find ourselves struggling to keep them. Why do they fail? The reasons are surprisingly varied, but here are some common culprits:

1, Lack of specificity. Vague goals like "save more money" or "pay off debt" are hard to track and lack actionable steps. Without a concrete plan, such as "save \$50 per week" or "make extra payments on my credit card each month," it's easy to lose motivation and momentum.

2, Unrealistic expectations. Aiming for too much too soon sets you up for disappointment. Resolving to pay off all your debt in a year might be unrealistic if your income and expenses do not allow for such a drastic shift. Start with smaller, achievable goals like paying off one debt by the end of the year, for example, a credit card. This way you can gradually build upon your success.

3, Underestimating the effort. Change takes time and consistent effort. Do not underesti-

mate the commitment needed to reach your goals. Plan your approach and anticipate challenges.

4, Ignoring the "why." Connecting your resolutions to deeper values and desires can boost your motivation. Ask yourself why you want to save money or be debt free. Is it for financial security, future travel plans, or a more comfortable retirement? A strong "why" will fuel your commitment when the going gets tough.

5, Lack of accountability. Sharing your goals with a friend, family member, or financial advisor/coach can pro-



Julia Carlson

vide accountability and encouragement. Find someone who will celebrate your successes and offer support when you face challenges.

6, All-or-nothing thinking. One slip-up does not derail everything. Embrace the occasional hiccup as a learning experience and get back on track. Rigid thinking only leads to discouragement.

7, Neglecting self-care. Burning the candle at both ends leads to burnout. Prioritize sleep, exercise, and relaxation to replenish your energy and maintain your emotional well-being.

8, Emotional spending. Our emotions can hijack our financial decisions. Stress, boredom, or social pressure can lead to impulse purchases or overspending. Identify your spending triggers and develop healthy alternatives to avoid sabotaging your financial goals. Struggling with your New Year's resolutions is simply a chance to learn, adapt, and try again. Be patient, celebrate your progress, and do not hesitate to adjust your approach as needed. By understanding the common pitfalls and employing the tips above, you can increase your chances of making this year the one where your financial resolutions stick!

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PREP SWIMMING

Taft boys, NHS girls win in Newport

BY MICHAEL HEINBACH
Country Media, Inc.

A shorthanded girls roster didn't make things easy for the Taft High School swimming program during its Jan. 12 visit to the Newport Aquatic Center for a dual meet with Newport, but the Tiger boys managed to use the numbers game to their advantage.

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Taft High School junior Anthony Collins competes last Friday afternoon in the boys 200-yard individual medley during a dual swim meet against Newport at the Newport Aquatic Center. The Tiger boys won the head-to-head competition, 517-486. (Photo by Michael Heinbach)

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

ECS girls learning to fly

BY MICHAEL HEINBACH
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Taft wins a pair

EDDYVILLE — These Eagles are poised for flight.

The Eddyville Charter girls basketball team earned its second and third straight wins last week in dominant fashion, posting a 46-12 victory Jan. 9 over McKenzie before downing Crow/City First Christian Academy 46-28 last

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Eddyville Charter senior forward Kendall Choat skies above the crowd to corral the basketball during the Eagles' 46-28 victory over Crow/City First Christian Academy in a 1A-3 Mountain West League girls game Jan. 11 in Eddyville. (Photo by Michael Heinbach)

PREP WRESTLING ROUNDUP

Warriors, Cubs battle at Siuslaw

Boomers make mark at Oregon Classic

BY MICHAEL HEINBACH
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FLORENCE — The impending wintery weather limited the field last Saturday at the annual Nick Lutz Invitational wrestling tournament at Siuslaw High School, but that didn't stop Dean Smith and the Siletz Valley wrestling program from making some noise

Smith all but cruised to the 113-pound individual title, leading the Siletz boys to a sixth-place team finish, and Zoey Howard, the Warriors' lone girls grappler, placed fourth at 125 pounds as Siletz Valley produced a solid handful of positive results.

Smith, a junior, needed just 39 seconds to dispose of Micah Herbert of North Bend in his first match, scored a first-period pin of Hadyn Widdicombe of Marshfield in the semifinals, then then posted an 11-2 major decision over Christian Woodram from Marshfield in the title bout. Also for the Siletz boys, Louie Orona earned a runner-up finish at 165, Joshua Johnson was third at 175, Steven Murphy placed third at 190, and Micah Davis was fifth at 144.

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Siletz Valley junior Dean Smith works toward posting a 39-second pin of North Bend wrestler Micah Herbert in a first-round 113-pound match Jan. 13 at the Nick Lutz Invitational wrestling tournament at Siuslaw High School in Florence. Smith won his weight class in leading the Warriors boys to a sixth-place team finish. (Photo by Michael Heinbach)

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Eagle boys drop 20T thriller

Cubs stay hot, Siletz wins

BY MICHAEL HEINBACH
Country Media, Inc.

EDDYVILLE — The Eddyville Charter boys basketball team put forth a furious fourth quarter comeback Jan. 11 to send the Eagles' 1A-3 Mountain West League game at home against Crow/City First Christian Academy to the first of two overtime periods. However, the Cougars

got the last laugh. Cayden Hernandez and Logan Bowman combined to go a perfect 4 of 4 from the foul line in the second extra session, and Crow/City first fought off the Eagles for a 48-46 double-overtime win. Two days prior, the Eagles rolled past McKenzie 52-32 in Eddyville for the Eagles' first league win of the campaign.

Against the Cougars, Eddyville trailed by eight at the start of the fourth quarter, then rallied behind five points apiece from sophomore

Ashton Fawver and Darian Schultz during the course of the final eight minutes. Fawver, Schultz and senior guard Preston Segaline each sank a 3-point bucket in the fourth quarter in sending the it to overtime.

Following his 26-point effort against McKenzie, Schultz scored a game-high 20 points against the Cougars, and Fawver dropped in 11 to pace Eddyville, which moved to 1-3 in league, 4-7 overall.

After the Eagles' scheduled conference

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Eddyville Charter senior forward Cameron Jensen goes to work in the paint while Crow/City First Christian Academy sophomore Foster Otley defends Jan. 11 during a 1A-3 Mountain West League boys basketball game in Eddyville. (Photo by Michael Heinbach)



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PREP SPORTS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

• No events scheduled.

THURSDAY, JAN. 18

High school girls basketball — Monroe at Toledo, 6 p.m.; Eddyville Charter at Siletz Valley, 5:30 p.m.

High school boys basketball — Monroe at Toledo, 7:30 p.m.; Eddyville Charter at Siletz Valley, 7 p.m.

High school wrestling — Taft at Amity four-way duals, 5 p.m.; Toledo, Waldport at Siletz Valley, TBD.

High School swimming — Taft at Seaside meet, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

High school girls basketball — Newport at Philomath, 7 p.m.; Taft at Scio,

6 p.m.; Waldport at Gold Beach, 6 p.m.

High school boys basketball — Newport at Philomath, 5:30 p.m.; Taft at Scio, 7:30 p.m.; Waldport at Gold Beach, 7:30 p.m.

High School swimming — West Salem at Newport, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

High school girls basketball — Waldport at Illinois Valley, 3 p.m.; Eddyville Charter at C.S. Lewis Academy, 1:30 p.m.

High school boys basketball — Waldport at Illinois Valley, 4:30 p.m.; Eddyville Charter at C.S. Lewis Academy, 3 p.m.

High school wrestling — Siletz Valley, Taft, Toledo, Waldport at Alsea bay

Classic, Waldport High School, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 22

• No events scheduled

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

High school girls basketball — Sweet Home at Newport, 7 p.m.; Dayton at Taft, 7:30 p.m.; Toledo at Oakridge, 6 p.m.; Reedsport at Waldport, 6 p.m.; Triangle Lake at Eddyville Charter, 7 p.m.; Siletz Valley at Mapleton, 7 p.m.

High school boys basketball — Sweet Home at Newport, 5:30 p.m.; Dayton at Taft, 6 p.m.; Toledo at Oakridge, 7:30 p.m.; Reedsport at Waldport, 7:30 p.m.; Triangle Lake at Eddyville Charter, 7 p.m.; Siletz Valley at Mapleton, 5:30 p.m.

High school wrestling — Siletz Valley at Nestucca meet, TBD.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

High school girls basketball — Eddyville Charter at Riddle, 6 p.m.

High school boys basketball — Eddyville Charter at Riddle, 7:30 p.m.

High school wrestling — Toledo, Waldport at Vernonia, TBD.

* The above listings were current as of Monday morning, Jan. 15, according to schedules posted to www.OSAA.org and www.trackwrestling.com. Schedules are subject to change with little to no notice. Visit the Oregon School Activities Association or Trackwrestling online for the latest scheduling information.

GIRLS

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Thursday night in a pair of 1A-3 Mountain West League games on the Eagles' home hardwood. Their scheduled Saturday conference game at Alsea was canceled.

Against McKenzie, sophomore Jill Sanders led the way for Eddyville Charter, scoring six of her team-best 10 points in the fourth quarter, while freshman Peyton Conner tallied eight and Kendall Choat and Cori Coolbaugh added seven points apiece for the Eagles. They bolted to a 19-0 lead in the first quarter, and cruised the remainder of the way.

In the win over the Cougars, Choat and Shaylene Borton each scored 11 points and senior guard Terra Thomson added 10 with the help of a 4-for-6 effort at the charity stripe.

Eddyville Charter, which stood at 3-1, 5-5, was scheduled Tuesday to travel to meet Mohawk, then return home



Peyton Conner, Eddyville Charter sophomore, shoots above a host of Crow/City First Christian Academy defenders last Thursday night during a 1A-3 Mountain West League girls basketball game in Eddyville. (Photo by Michael Heinbach)

for a 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, league game against rival Siletz Valley.

ELSEWHERE:

Tigers take 2 of 3

The Tigers split a pair of 3A-3 PacWest Conference games, hanging a 52-45 defeat on Sheridan on Jan. 9 before falling 52-29 to Amity in games in Lincoln City. Taft then traveled last Friday night for a 54-30 non-league

win at Neah-Kah-Nie.

Taft was slated Tuesday to put its 3-1, 9-7 mark on the line at home against league-foe Jefferson, then hits the road Friday, Jan. 19, to meet Scio before facing Dayton in a 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, PacWest battle.

Waldport 44, Oakland 37

At Waldport, the Irish inched above the .500

mark in 2A-3 Valley Coast Conference play with their Jan. 9 league win.

Waldport, which had its Jan. 13 home game against Monroe canceled, was 3-2 in league, 7-5 overall headed into its league game Tuesday at Bandon. The Irish then play league road games Friday, Jan. 19, at Gold Beach and Saturday, Jan. 20, at Illinois

Valley before returning to Irish Pavilion in Waldport for a conference game Tuesday, Jan. 23, against Reedsport.

Toledo drops a pair

After falling 54-26 Jan. 9 at East Linn Christian Academy in Lebanon, the Boomers lost 39-37 on Jan. 12 at home to Lowell in a pair of 2A-3 Valley Coast Conference contests.

Toledo, which began the week 0-6 in league, 1-13 overall after their scheduled game last Saturday against Gold Beach in Toledo was canceled, sought to snap a six-game losing streak Tuesday at Central Linn. Toledo is slated to return home at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18 against Monroe, then hits the road again Tuesday, Jan. 23, to meet league-foe Oakridge.

Molalla 51, Newport 48

The Cubs bid for a second straight win for the first time this season came up just shy Jan. 9 at Spangler Court in Newport, as Molalla

earned the narrow 4A non-league win. Newport's scheduled game last Friday night at Estacada, another nonconference 4A contest, was canceled.

The Cubs are slated Friday, Jan. 19 to travel for a 4A-3 Oregon West Conference battle at Philomath, then return home for a 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, conference clash with Sweet Home.

McKenzie 32, Siletz Valley 29

At Vida, the Warriors came tantalizingly close to posting their first win of the season Jan. 11 in a 1A-3 Mountain West League game.

After its scheduled Saturday league game at home with Mohawk was canceled, Siletz Valley (0-3, 0-8) looked to burst into the win column Tuesday at home against Crow/City First Christian Academy before the Warriors travel for a 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, game at Eddyville Charter, and a Tuesday, Jan. 23 conference game at Mapleton.



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Hana Parker, from Newport, races to victory in the girls 200-individual medley Jan. 12 during a dual meet against Taft at the Newport Aquatic Center. (Photos by Michael Heinbach)



Cubs swimmer Ben Hurty earns the win in the boys 100-yard butterfly Jan. 12 at the Newport Aquatic Center.

SWIMMING

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Led by strong outings from sophomore Elijah Fingerson and senior Erick Moreno, as well as a team victory in the 400-yard freestyle relay, the Tiger boys toppled the mighty Cubs by a 517-486 tally, while the Newport girls cruised to

a 605-224 win. Moreno took second in the 100 freestyle, and placed fourth in the 100 breaststroke, while Fingerson added a runner-up finish in the 500 freestyle and a third-place result in the 50 freestyle in pacing Taft to the win. Brenden Wilson, Brandon Murphy, Fingerson and Noah Ser-

rato combined to win the 400-freestyle relay by a five-second margin for the Tigers. Also for Taft, Wilson placed fourth in the 200 freestyle, Murphy was fourth in the 200-individual medley, and Anthony Collins took third in the 100 freestyle. Ben Hurty won the 100 butterfly, 500 freestyle

and 100 breaststroke for the Cubs. The Newport boys also received multi-win afternoons from Sam Postlewait in the 200 and 100 freestyle, and William Postlewait in the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Newport's girls were dominant in facing a limited Tiger roster, and received two-victory efforts

from seniors Layla Bretz in the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly, and Claire Hurty in the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke. Hana Parker (200-individual medley), Pacie Young (100 freestyle), Gwynn Postlewait (500 freestyle), and Pia Lihou (100 backstroke) each posted individual wins for the Cubs girls.

The Tiger girls were led by freshman Allysa Moore, who was second in the 100 breaststroke and third in the 200-individual medley. Taft also received a second-place result in the 100 freestyle from Sierra Sanders, and a third in the 50 and fourth in the 200 freestyle from freshman Ellie Nightingale.

BOYS

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game Saturday at Alsea was canceled, they were scheduled Tuesday to play at Mohawk, then return to face league-rival Siletz Valley in a 7 p.m. clash in Eddyville.

ELSEWHERE:

Newport 81, Molalla 51

Freezing temperatures throughout the state weren't enough to cool down the Cubs, who posted a 30-point win for their sixth consecutive victory in nonconference 4A action Jan. 9 at Spangler Court in Newport.

Newport's bid for its seventh straight win has to wait until the Cubs (8-3) play their scheduled 4A-3 Oregon West Conference opener, Friday, Jan. 19, at No. 6 Philomath. The Cubs then take on Sweet Home in a 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, league contest at Spangler Court.

Tigers win league games

The Taft boys moved to 3-1 in 3A-3 PacWest Conference play follow-



Preston Segaline, Eddyville Charter senior guard, drives the lane last Thursday night during the Eagles' 1A=3 Mountain West League boys basketball game in Eddyville against Crow/City First Christian Academy. (Photo by Michael Heinbach)

ing their 79-45 defeat of Sheridan on Jan. 9, and their 57-46 victory Jan. 11 over Amity in a pair of games in Lincoln City. On Jan. 12, the Tigers fell 61-51 on the road at nonconference foe Neah-Kah-Nie. Sophomore forward Kol Tolan's 16 points led

the way in the win over Sheridan, while Zack Hankins tallied 15 and Trenton Battle added 14 for the Tigers, who exploded for a 28-point second quarter. Kai Beyer scored 17 against Amity and Jackson Nightingale netted six of his 12 points in the fourth quarter. At

Neah-Kah-Nie, Steven Stahl and Tolan scored 11 apiece for the Tigers.

Taft, 9-8 overall, was scheduled Tuesday to return to league action with a home game against Jefferson. The Tigers then pay a Friday, Jan. 19, visit to Scio, then come home for a 6 p.m.

tipoff Tuesday, Jan. 23, in Lincoln City against Dayton.

Siletz Valley 35, McKenzie 33

At Vida, junior guard Cielo Berry scored 11 of his team-high 13 points in the first half Jan. 11, and the Warriors held off a late rally to win their second straight 1A-3 Mountain West League game to move to 3-1 in league, 3-7 overall.

Cash Adams added eight points and Kyler Adams tallied seven for the Warriors, whose scheduled Saturday home game against Mohawk was canceled.

The Warriors were set Tuesday night to play at home against Crow/City First Christian Academy, then travel for a 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, battle at league-foe and Lincoln County School District-rival Eddyville Charter.

Oakland 64, Waldport 40

At Waldport, the fifth-ranked Oakers backed up their statewide ranking and remained undefeated following their 2A-3 Valley Coast Conference

win Jan. 9 at Irish Pavilion. Waldport's scheduled Saturday afternoon home game against league-foe Monroe was canceled.

The Irish (2-3, 6-8) sought to get back to their winning ways Tuesday at Bandon before they play back-to-back conference road games Friday, Jan. 19, at Gold Beach and Saturday, Jan. 20 at Illinois Valley.

Waldport returns to Irish Pavilion for a 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, league battle with Reed-sport.

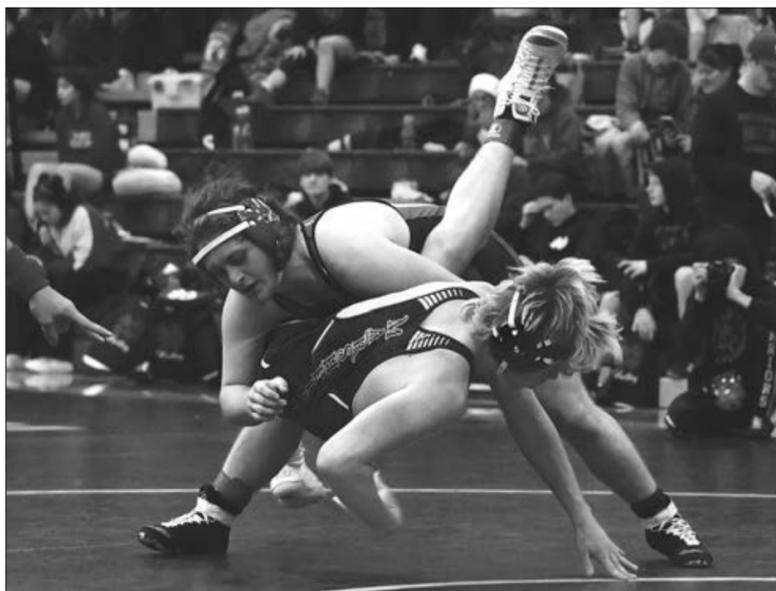
Boomers lose three

Toledo's losing streak reached seven games after the Boomers lost 65-32 on Jan. 9 at East Linn Christian Academy, 64-28 at home Jan. 11 to Lowell, and 54-34 to Gold Beach on Jan. 13 at Newport High School in a trio of 2A-3 Valley Coast Conference games.

The Boomers looked to snap their skid Tuesday at Central Linn before they play a 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18 home game against Monroe, and a Tuesday, Jan. 23, away game at Oakridge.



Newport wrestler Mysti Ferguson attempts to take down Jenna Dillavou of Lakeview in a first-round 170-pound match at the Nick Lutz Invitational in Florence. Ferguson won the match in an 11-0 major decision. (Photos by Michael Heinbach)



Louie Orona, of Siletz Valley, rolls over Aaron Sinnott of Marshfield during a 165-pound match last Saturday at the Nick Lutz Invitational. Orona won the match in a second-period pin, and finished second at 165 pounds.

WESTLING

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The Newport boys, who finished one place back in the team standings and eight points shy of Siletz Valley, received a 126-pound championship from junior Victor Perez and a runner-up result from Josue Estrada at 120, and Ivan Wagner at 132.

Marshfield was the boys team champion with 237.5 points, and was followed by North Bend (177), Siuslaw (150), Lakeview (312) and Douglas (113.5).

The Newport girls also produced a strong showing at Florence, with Mysti Fergu-

son at 170 and Isabella Stevenson at 145 earning second-place individual finishes, and Zoie Garcia at 125 and Camille Keck at 135 each taking home a third-place medal.

NICK LUTZ INVITATIONAL

Jan. 13 at Siuslaw High School, Florence

Girls team scores: Siuslaw 80, Lakeview 56, Oakland 50, Douglas 48, Madras 44, Ontario 35, **Newport 30.5**, North Bend 25, Brookings-Harbor 24, Myrtle Point 24, Marshfield 20, North Douglas 20, Coquille 14, **Siletz Valley 4**, Philomath 0, Reedsport 0. **Newport placers — Zoie**

Garcia: third place at 125; **Camille Keck:** third place at 135; **Isabella Stevenson:** second place at 145; **Mysti Ferguson:** second place at 170.

Siletz Valley placer — Zoie Howard: fourth place at 125.

Boys team scores: Marshfield 237.5, North Bend 177, Siuslaw 150, Lakeview 132, Douglas 113.5, **Siletz Valley 88**, **Newport 79**, Oakland 72, Gold Beach 71, North Douglas 58, Myrtle Point 57, Riddle 32, Coquille 5, Brookings-Harbor 0

Newport placers — Josue Estrada: second place at 120; **Victor Perez:** 126-pound champion; **Ivan Wagner:** second place at 132; **Giulian**

Gutierrez: fifth place at 150.

Siletz Valley placers — Dean Smith: 113-pound champion; **Micah Davis:** fifth place at 144; **Louie Orona:** second place at 165; **Joshua Johnson:** third place at 175; **Steven Murphy:** third place at 190.

ELSEWHERE: TOLEDO SHINES AT CLASSIC

At Redmond, the Toledo boys placed third in the 2A/1A championship bracket at the annual Oregon Classic duals, held Jan. 12 and 13 at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center.

After receiving a first-round bye, the Boomers scored a

48-30 defeat of Grant Union, a 48-36 win over Nestucca, and a 48-27 victory over Regis before losing a tiebreaker in a 42-42 loss to Willamina in last Friday's pool matches. In Saturday's quarterfinals, the Boomers downed Central Linn, 60-24, then fell 46-30 to Illinois Valley in the semis before dominating Culver 51-30 in the third-place match.

Combined, Boomer wrestlers Kolby Coxen, Nic Kaufman, Logan Gerding, Cody Vance, Christian Retherford, Ash Blomstrom and Sterling Buckley each went undefeated during the two-day tournament a combined to post a 36-0 mark.

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
JLF 23-128868 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE A default has occurred under the terms of a trust deed made by Jill S. Baur, a married person and Ronald J. Baur, a married person, whose address is 720 SE Bird Avenue, Waldport, OR 97394 as grantor to First American Title, as Trustee, in favor of Coldwell Banker Mortgage, as named Beneficiary, dated September 26, 2002, recorded October 1, 2002, in the mortgage records of Lincoln County, Oregon, in Book 459, at Page 2075, as Instrument/Reception/Recorder's Fee No. 6268099. National Mortgage LLC is the present Beneficiary as defined by ORS 86.705(2), as covering the following described real property: Lot 10, Block 8, TOWNSHIP "13" ADDITION NO. 2, in the City of Waldport, County of Lincoln, State of Oregon. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 720 SE Bird Avenue, Waldport, OR 97394. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a notice of default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 86.752(3); the default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: Monthly payments in the sum of \$841.10, from January 1, 2023 plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of \$69.93, plus the sum of \$0.00 for advances, together with all costs, disbursements, and/or fees incurred or paid by the beneficiary and/or trustee, their employees, agents or assigns. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on April 16, 2024, at the hour of 1:00 PM PT, in accord with the standard time established by ORS 187.110, at the main entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse, located at 225 West Olive, in the City of Newport, OR, County of Lincoln, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor has or had power to convey at the time of the execution of said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given to any person named in ORS 86.778 that the right exists, at any time that is not later than five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust

deed reinstated by paying to the beneficiary of the entire amount due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligations or trust deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee's fees and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by said ORS 86.778. Notice is further given that reinstatement or payoff quotes requested pursuant to ORS 86.786 and ORS 86.789 must be timely communicated in a written request that complies with that statute, addressed to the trustee's "Reinstatement/Payoffs" either by personal delivery or by first class, certified mail, return receipt requested, to the trustee's address shown below. Due to potential conflicts with federal law, persons having no record legal or equitable interest in the subject property will only receive information concerning the lender's estimated or actual bid. Lender bid information is also available at the trustee's website, www.logs.com/janeway-law-firm. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Also,

please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while property is in default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the said referenced property. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. The Fair Debt Collection Practice Act requires that we state the following: This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings: This shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt. Dated: 11-29-2023 JANEWAY LAW FIRM, LLC, Successor Trustee 1499 SE Tech Center Place, Suite 255, Vancouver, WA 98683 www.logs.com/janeway-law-firm telephone: (360) 260-2253 Toll-free: 1-800-970-5647 JLF 23-128868 NPP0444900 To: NEWPORT NEWS TIMES 01/17/2024, 01/24/2024, 01/31/2024, 02/7/2024 44-07

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN in the Matter of the Estate of

GLORIA BELLE MCGEE, Deceased, Case No. 23PB10269 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All person shoving claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative by and through their attorney at PO Box 1987, Newport, OR 97365, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative. Traci P. McDowall, Dated and first published on January 3, 2024. /s/ Traci P. McDowall, Traci P. McDowall, OSB #184063, Attorney for Personal Representative. Personal Representative: Mary McGee, 1610 NW Oceanview Drive, Waldport, OR 97394, (971)409-2486. Lawyer for Personal Representative: Traci P. McDowall, OSB #184063, PO Box 1987, Newport, OR 97365, (541)272-5500, traci@yaqualaw.com J3,

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PUBLIC MEETING
You are invited to attend Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation Districts Annual Meeting: WHEN: February 8, 2024 (Thursday) 6:00PM-9:00PM PRESENTATION: 2022/2023 Annual Report and February Monthly Board Meeting WHERE: OSU Extension Service (1211 SE Bay Blvd. Newport, OR) and teleconference. Please contact Tyler Clouse (info@lincolnsowcd.org) or call the office 541-265-2631 for registration assistance. J17 J24 41-24

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT POSITION
Cloverdale Sanitary District
Wastewater Treatment Plant Assistant
Assist the Plant Manager in Operating, maintaining, and on-call duties for a waste water utility plant in South Tillamook County
Approx. 95 Connections
Part Time 10-15 Hours per week to start
Salary - \$18 - \$20 per hour doe
Non-Benefited Position
High School Diploma, GED Certificate, or Equivalent Required
Valid Oregon Drivers Licenses Required
The successful candidate will have a basic knowledge of how to use various types of tools, complete carpentry, plumbing, and mechanical projects.
Cloverdale Sanitary District is an EOE
Please Reply to cloverdalesd@outlook.com with Letter of Interest and Resume
Open Until Filled
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN. Probate Department. In the Matter of the Estate of SHIRLEY HARRIET KRANKE, Deceased, Case No. 23PB10999, NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lincoln, has appointed the undersigned, Martin R. Spiwak, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Shirley Harriet Kranke, on December 20, 2023. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers to the Personal Representative by directing said claims to attorney Roger K. Evans, at Evans & Associates, 675 Church Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301, within four months from the date of first publication of this notice as stated below or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published January 3, 2024. /s/ Martin R. Spiwak, Martin R. Spiwak, Personal Representative. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Martin R. Spiwak, 8860 Helen Avenue, Sun Valley, California 91352, Telephone: (323) 654-0763. ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, Roger K. Evans, OSB #812170, Evans & Associates, 675 Church St NE, Salem, Oregon 97301, Telephone: (503) 585-2121, Fax: (503) 364-7689, Email: office@rogerkevans.com J3, J10, J17

FORECLOSURE SALE AT THE STORAGE PLACE, 4822 S Coast Hwy South Beach, OR, 97366. Starting at 11:00am on 1/19/2024 for unit #218 rented by Jean Cox. J17 43-17

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is hereby given that Kirk H. Strohmman, Jr. has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Colleen Merree Jordan, by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lincoln County, Probate File No. 23PB10462. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present the same to the said personal representative, at the office of the personal representative at Strohmman Ford, LLC, 1400 Executive Parkway, Suite 300, Eugene, OR 97401 within four months from the date of this notice or their claims may be barred. Date of the first publication of this notice is January 17, 2024. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Court or from the personal representative, Kirk Strohmman, Jr., Strohmman Ford, LLC, 1400 Executive Parkway, Suite 300, Eugene, OR 97401; Phone 541-345-4312. J17, J24, J31 42-31

NG23-586 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-23-960784-SW Order No.: 8784888 Reference is made to that certain deed made by ANNE FLOOR as grantor to WESTERN TITLE AND ESCROW COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., ("MERS") AS NOMINEE FOR Reverse Mortgage Solutions Inc, IT'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 12/24/2014, recorded 12/30/2014, in official records of LINCOLN County, Oregon in book/reel/volume No. fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2014-11430 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State, APN: R153956 Lot 25, Block 4, SEAGROVE, in Lincoln County, Oregon. Commonly known as: 100 SEAGROVE LOOP, LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367 Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantors: BORROWER(S) FAILED TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES PRIOR TO THE DELINQUENCY DATE IN VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF BORROWER(S) HOME EQUITY CONVERSION MORTGAGE BY this reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following to-wit: The sum of \$115,701.67 together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.0350 per annum; plus all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 4/23/2024 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, At the south entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse, located at 225 W Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365 County of LINCOLN, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the

FORM OR-LB-SBH

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

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for The Port of Newport for the current fiscal year will be held at 600 SE Bay Blvd, Newport, OR 97365

The hearing will take place on January 30, 2024 at 6 PM

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the supplemental budget with interested persons.

A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after January 25, 2024 at

600 Bay Blvd, Newport, OR 97365, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES

AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE REVISED TOTALS IN THOSE FUNDS BEING MODIFIED

FUND: 100 - General Operating Fund		Expenditure - indicate	
Resource	Amount	Org. Unit / Prog. & Activity, and Object Class.	Amount
1		1 81000 Repay borrowed Funds	180,000
2		2 81000 000 Crane Loan Payment	9,000
3		3 82000 000 Crane payment Interest	8,000
Revised Total Fund Resources		Revised Total Fund Requirements	197,000

Explanation of change(s):

Pays off loan for Load centers in South Beach, sets up crane payments in budget

FUND: 600 NOAA CAPITAL FUND (RENAM

FUND: 600 NOAA CAPITAL FUND (RENAM		Expenditure - indicate	
Resource	Amount	Org. Unit / Prog. & Activity, and Object Class.	Amount
1		1 500 Trans Out to Fund 100 NIT	800,000
2		2 700 Trans Out to Fund 100 SB	800,000
3		3	
Revised Total Fund Resources		Revised Total Fund Requirements	1,600,000

Explanation of change(s):

Borrows 1,6 million from NOAA Capital Fund for the General Operating Fund to pay for capital projects at the International Terminal,

for Core Drilling. Amortization schedule will be set as the lending takes place. The current interest rate from

Oregon Business Development is 3.2%, propose the same interest rate be assessed.

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said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (if applicable) and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation of trust deed, at any time prior to the sale date. For Sale Information Call: 916-939-0772 or Login to: www.nationwideposting.com In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If there are any irregularities or discrepancies within 10 days of the date of this sale, that the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, or the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders rights against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. With-out limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a

trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. TS No: OR-23-960784-SW Dated: 12/11/2023 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 IDS-Pub #0189924 1/17/2024 1/24/2024 1/31/2024 2/7/2024.

PUBLIC AUCTION Public Auction at Anchor Garage 626 Painter Lane, Coast Hwy, South Beach, OR 97366. Starting at 11:00am on 1/19/2024 for unit #218 rented by Jean Cox. J17 43-17

FORECLOSURE SALE Foreclosure sale at The Storage Place, 4822 S Coast Hwy, South Beach, OR 97366. Starting at 11:00am on 1/19/2024 for unit #218 rented by Jean Cox. J17 43-17

LCL 51-31 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of FREDERICK THOMAS FORD, Deceased, Case No. 24PB00169 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, to the Personal Representative at the address below, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. DATED and first published: January 17, 2024. KRISTIN KAY FORD, Personal Representative c/o KULLA, RONNAU, SCHAUB & CHAMBERS, P.C. SCOTT J. SCHAUB, OSB #893572, 2210 NE 22nd St. Lincoln City, OR 97367. ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: KULLA, RONNAU, SCHAUB & CHAM-

BERS, P.C. SCOTT J. SCHAUB, OSB #893572, 2210 NE 22nd St., Lincoln City, OR 97367 Phone: (541) 996-2195 Fax: (541) 996-2770 E-mail: krsc@embarqmail.com J17, J24, J31 51-31

NG23-588 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC. Plaintiff vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF JOHN K. GREGG, A DECEASED INDIVIDUAL; DONA RAE TRICKLER; RAY KLEIN INC., DBA PROFESSIONAL CREDIT SERVICE; AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 6360 NE PARK LANE, OTIS, OR 97368, Defendants. CASE NO.: 23CV25226 SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF JOHN K. GREGG, A DECEASED INDIVIDUAL AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 6360 NE PARK LANE, OTIS, OR 97368, TO THE DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT(S) ABOVE NAMED: You are hereby directed and required to appear in, and defend against, this legal action within 30 days after the first date of publication of summons, which is the 27th day of December, 2023, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC., and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff, ZBS LAW, LLP, at their office below stated; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. This is a Complaint for Judicial Foreclosure of Deed of Trust. 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 be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff's attorney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the plaintiff. If you have any questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling (503) 684-3763 in the Portland metropolitan area. If you are a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be avail-

able from a county veterans' service officer or community action agency. Contact information for a local county veterans service officer and community action agency may be obtained by calling a 2-1-1 information service. DATED: December 18, 2023 ZBS LAW, LLP By: /s/ Amber L Labrecque Amber L. Labrecque, OSB No. 094593 alabrecque@zbslaw.com Attorneys for Plaintiff

LCL 52-31 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN In the Matter of the Estate of SHIRLEY ANNE BALLOCH, Deceased, Case No. 23PB11134 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative by and through their attorney at P Box 1987, Newport, OR 97365, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative, Traci P. McDowall, Dated and first published on January 17, 2024. Traci P. McDowall, OSB #184063, Attorney for Personal Representative. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Josh Balloch, 331 Ne Fetzner St. Grants Pass, OR 97526, (503) 508-5868. LAWYER FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Traci P. McDowall, OSB #184063, PO Box 1987, Newport, OR 97365, (541) 272-5500 traci@yaquinalaw.com. J17, J24, J31

NG23-587 TS NO. OR08000128-23-1 APN R360761 TO NO 230406184-OR-MSO TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, MELISSA DOYLE, AN ESTATE IN FEE SIMPLE as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY OF OREGON as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for MORTGAGE-IT, INC., Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of May 23, 2006 and recorded on May 25, 2006 as Instrument No. 200607910 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R360761 LOT 2, BLOCK 12, BRAEMAR, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON commonly known as: 2522 NW MAST AVE-

NUE, LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367 Both the Beneficiary, The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the CWALT, Inc. Alternative Loan Trust 2006-OA12, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OA12, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Monthly Payment(s): 1 Monthly Payment(s) from 03/01/2023 to 12/01/2023 at \$7,558.00 Monthly Late Charge(s): By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$142,433.60 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.00000% per annum from February 1, 2023 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that the undersigned Trustee will on April 30, 2024 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Public Entrance, Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor or had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or

warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 12/14/2023 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm C Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 Order Number 98526, Pub Dates: 12/27/2023, 1/3/2024, 1/10/2024, 1/17/2024, THE NEWS GUARD.

PUBLIC SALE On January 30th, 2024 at 11:00 AM, a public sale will be held at Ideal Storage, 134 NE Metcalf Ave Siletz, OR 97380: Nancy Edenfield - 5024, Tiffany Ramos - 5074. On January 30th, 2024 at 2:00 PM, a public sale will be held at Ideal Storage, 5441 W. Hwy 20, Toledo, OR 97391: Christopher Wagner - 7010. On February 1st, 2024 at 2:00 PM, a public sale will be held at Ideal Storage, 235 SW Dahl Ave, Waldport, OR 97394: Adam Glasgow - WE89 & WE90. Minimum bid \$50.00 Cash only. J10, J17 37-17

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN In the Matter of the Estate of Graef Fredrick Schrimpf, Deceased, Case # 23PB08127, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Holly Ann Ornelas and Michael Robert Ornelas have been appointed co-personal representatives of the Estate of Graef Fredrick Schrimpf. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Personal Representative, TERI KASSIOTTIS, at the address below, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative. ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: c/o Attorney Joshua D. Zantello, OSB #121562, Zantello Law Group, 2941 NW Highway 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367. DATED and first published: January 3, 2024. JOSHUA D. ZANTELLLO, Attorney for Personal Representative.

1270, Newport, Oregon 97365. CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES: Holly Ann Ornelas, 18479 Fleetwood Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546 AND Michael Robert Ornelas, 18481 Fleetwood Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546. ATTORNEY: Corey G. Blake, OSB No. 051688 P.O. Box 1270 Newport, Oregon 97365 Telephone 541-265-8881 Fax No. 541-265-3571 Email Address: blake@mggdaw.com J10, J17, J24 31-24

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF MARIE CUTLER COLE, DECEASED, Lincoln County, Oregon, Circuit Court Case No. 23PB08940. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at 285 Highway 101/PO. Box 700, Waldport, Oregon 97394-0700, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. DATED and first published: January 10, 2024. Louie M. Cole, Personal Representative. Law Office of Holly Anne Gibbons, LLc, Attorney for Personal Representative, P.O. Box 700, Waldport, OR 97394-0700. J10, J17, J24 30-24

NG24-1001 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN In the Matter of the Estate of NANCY ARLENE PAULOS, Deceased, Case No. 23PB09557 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TERI KASSIOTTIS has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Personal Representative, TERI KASSIOTTIS, at the address below, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative. ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: c/o Attorney Joshua D. Zantello, OSB #121562, Zantello Law Group, 2941 NW Highway 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367. DATED and first published: January 3, 2024. JOSHUA D. ZANTELLLO, Attorney for Personal Representative.

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Curry Paste with Pacific Dulse by Chef Trever Gilbert

local ocean + Winter Waters

WINTER WATERS DINNER
February 3rd, 2023
Chefs Enrique Sanchez & Luis Cabanas

FESTIVAL DE APERTIVOS

Dungeness Crab Arancini Crispy dulse seaweed, sweet herb mayo	Albacore Tuna Tartare Caviar, avocado, lemon beurre blanc <i>Pairing TBD</i>	Baked Hoxie Cove Oyster Huichol garlic sauce, cotija cheese
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FIRST

OoNee Seaviche
Local sea urchin, sea vegetables, jicama, shiso, serrano citrus sauce
Pairing TBD

SECOND

Chilpachole de Mariscos
Shellfish bounty, blackcod, dried chiles, fresh sea herbs, epazote, tostada azul
Pairing TBD

THIRD

Cedar Plank Coho Salmon*
Hazelnut romesco, butter-poached Yukon gold potatoes, roasted beet, shaved fennel & seaweed salad, charred lime
Pairing TBD

FOURTH

Cannoli
Mascarpone, lime, Kombu, pistachio, honey-lavender ice cream
Pairing TBD

Special thanks to:

Chef Luis Cabanas	OoNee Sea Urchin Ranch	Oregon Sea Grant
Oregon State University	Oregon Seaweed	Blue Evolution

*Federal law requires us to inform you that consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness. Wild mushrooms are not an inspected product.

CURRY PASTE WITH PACIFIC DULSE BY CHEF TREVER GILBERT



Ingredients for curry paste:
10 dried guajillo chiles
4 TBSP cumin seeds
4 TBSP coriander seeds
2 TBSP white peppercorns
1 large nub of galangal

2 stalks of lemongrass roasted whole until soft
10 Kaffir lime leaves
2 bunches cilantro stems
10 cloves of garlic roasted until golden

4 - 8 birdseye chilies, de-seeded, adjust to your taste
6 shallots roasted until golden and slightly charred
8 oz fresh Pacific Dulse from Oregon Seaweed

BY KATIE WILEY

Winter Waters Seafare Series Feb. 2-Feb. 4, 2024, right here in Newport featuring three days of seafood-centric events.

Winter Waters was created when passionate seaweed advocates Alanna Kieffer of Oregon Seaweed and Rachelle Hacmac of Blue Evolution teamed up with Oregon Coast Visitors Association food systems value-chain coordinator Kristen Penner. Their mission “is to raise awareness of farmed sea vegetables as a superfood culinary ingredient and to improve local Oregon coast food systems. The Pacific Northwest is home to some of the most sustainable and regenerative fisheries yet we ship out most of the seafood we produce and import most of the seafood we eat. There is a disconnect between the people and the process and we’d like to help bridge this gap through education and delicious shared meals.”

Therefore the Winter Waters Seafare Series was born, an innovative way to connect locals and tourists alike to the wonderful world of seafood we have available to us right here on the Oregon coast through a series of deliciously educational experiences for all ages.

Friday, Feb. 2, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. is the first in a series of three ticketed events starting at the Central Coast Food Web’s Yaquina Lab - a nonprofit organization here in Lincoln County that provides shared space and equipment for producers who grow and land seafood on the central coast to process and store food.

Attendees will have the opportunity to stock up on tasty and innovative seafood products from Oregon Seaweed, Safe Harbor Seafoods, and more at their pop up seafood market, including tasty food samples, and a black cod cooking demonstration.

Saturday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m. at Local Ocean Seafoods there will be a sea-

weed-focused five-course dinner with Local Ocean Executive Chef Enrique Sanchez-Rodriguez and guest chef Luis Cabanas, the former Executive Chef at Portland’s Paley’s Place.

In addition to the chef powerhouse collaboration, representatives from the OSU Sea Grant Extension will attend the dinner and present on their recent frozen fish study.

This study of 146 consumers, funded by a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, found that while those surveyed said they buy more fresh than frozen seafood, results from blind taste tests showed that they perceived the quality of frozen as superior to fresh in many instances. Advantages of the freezing process allow community-based fishing businesses to avoid the volatility inherent in the fresh-fish market, extend the shelf life of their catch, reduce waste, lower carbon emissions, and deliver what seafood eaters are demanding: delicious food.

A portion of the proceeds from this dinner will be donated to Central Coast Food Web, to further its mission to make it easier for people to find and buy local produce, meat, and seafood.

Sunday, Feb. 4, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center there will be a Family Free Day featuring the newly re-designed Beautiful & Wild Oregon Fisheries: 150 years of Innovation exhibit celebrating the legacy and world-renowned sustainability standards of our fishing industry. Explore the museum while you enjoy the stunning views of Newport’s working bay front. There will also be kids activities, so make sure to bring the whole family! Enjoy coffee, tea, and shortbread-seaweed cookies made with Oregon Seaweed’s Pacific Dulse, which is farmed in Garibaldi.

To learn more about Winter Waters and to purchase tickets to any of these events visit www.winterwaterspnw.com.

OCCA unveils paid artists training opportunities

The Oregon Coast Council for the Arts seeks local artists to apply for its new Teaching Artist Preparation (TAP) program. The TAP program provides selected community artists with tools and paid training to help develop their abilities as arts instructors. The goal is to tap into local talent to cultivate a team of teaching artists poised and qualified to share their unique skills, methods, and creative insights through guided arts workshops and

classes.

“Our goal is to launch an in-depth, high-quality professional development series, to help bridge the gap between practicing one’s artform and teaching that artform to others in a meaningful way,” Jason Holland, OCCA’s executive director, said. “The TAP program will offer local artists the training and support they need to become community teaching artists, who will then work with students, teachers, and the community at large on

behalf of OCCA.”

The program will provide more than 160 hours of training and support to help selected artists develop new skills that deepen the quality and impact of their arts instruction — the desired outcome is at least one new workshop developed. Those selected receive a stipend for the training period between early March and mid-June, and will include both in-person and remote sessions.

“As we know, practicing an artform and

teaching that artform are two very different skillsets,” Chasse Davidson, director of Newport Visual Arts Center, said. “Selected artists need only arrive with a passion for their art, and a sincere desire to share it with others. The TAP program will provide them with focused, specialized instruction that covers lesson planning, time management, classroom management, communication styles, teaching methods, workshop preparation, and more.”

OCCA hopes to attract applicants from a wide variety of artistic disciplines, styles, cultures, ages, and experience levels. Visual artists, theatre artists, literary artists, musicians, craftspeople, and more are encouraged to apply. Applicants should have a genuine interest in sharing their talents with others and be available for and open to providing paid arts instruction following completion of the course—by way of workshops and classes

that would take place on weekdays, evenings, and/or weekends.

To apply, visit www.coastarts.org/tap. Applications are due no later than Saturday, Feb. 10. Selected artists will be notified by Friday, Feb. 16. Those wanting to learn more about the program and what it entails are encouraged to attend one of two informational sessions, at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, or at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W. Olive St.

Oregon Resident Sentiment Survey: Responses needed from the Oregon coast

The Oregon Coast Visitors Association, on behalf of Travel Oregon, encourages all residents of Oregon to fill out the Resident Sentiment survey. The survey asks about residents’ perspective on tourism across the state, and the feedback will help shape the future of tourism in the communities represented. The short, anonymous survey is open through

Feb. 1, and respondents will be entered to win up to \$1,000 in Amazon gift cards.

“Resident sentiment surveys enable us to lead with a stewardship approach and help us work towards truly sustainable tourism,” Travel Oregon wrote in a news release. “With your assistance and efforts, we hope to collect enough responses to report findings at the

county level, with the ability to drill down to smaller geographic areas as needed. Partial results will be presented at the Governor’s Conference on Tourism in March and full results will be available in April on the industry site.”

It’s important this survey be representative of a high pool of responses, especially from less dense population areas that face

a unique set of challenges and circumstances, such as many small towns on the Oregon coast.

People are invited to share this survey with Oregon residents via social media. Visit the Travel Oregon industry landing page for more details and resources. Direct questions to research specialists Hannah Hicks: hannahh@traveloregon.com, or Javier Parada

Torres: javierpt@traveloregon.com.

About the Oregon Coast Visitors Association

The Oregon Coast Visitors Association is the official Regional Destination Management Organization for the entire Oregon coast as designated by the Oregon Tourism Commission (dba Travel Oregon). OCVA inspires travel and strengthens collaboration to create

and steward a sustainable coastal economy.

OCVA works with coastal communities to align partnerships, destination development projects, and destination marketing with the vision of creating “a coastal utopia for all.” This includes coastal stakeholders, new and returning visitors, and the natural resources that make these coveted experiences so magical.

Oregon Legacy at Lincoln City library

LINCOLN CITY — Friends of Driftwood Public Library presents the literary series “Oregon Legacy” to the Lincoln County community at 3 p.m. on four Sunday afternoons in February at the Driftwood Public Library.

The series opens Feb. 4 with a visit from Lucy Jane Bledsoe, whose newest novel, “Tell the Rest,” is described in “Kirkus Reviews” as a “satisfyingly nuanced story [that] tackles sexuality and spiritual abuse, offering connection and redemption.” Bledsoe also published her debut young-adult novel in 2022, “No Stopping Us Now.” The novel is based on her own true story of love, sisterhood, and activism in 1974-75, when she fought to bring her hometown into compliance with the new Title IX law so she could play basketball.

Bledsoe’s “Lava Falls,” a novella and collection of stories at the intersection of wilderness, family, and survival, won the 2019 Devil’s Kitchen Fiction Award. Her 2018 novel, “The Evolution of Love,” was a finalist for the Ferro-Grumley Award for Fiction and the Lambda Literary Award. She’s the author of an earlier collection of short stories, a collec-

tion of narrative nonfiction, and five other novels, including “A Thin Bright Line” and “The Big Bang Symphony.”

Bledsoe received a Yaddo fellowship, a California Arts Council fellowship, and two National Science Foundation Artists & Writers Fellowships, and her writing won the Saturday Evening Post Great American Fiction Award, an Arts & Letters Prize for Fiction, a Sherwood Anderson Foundation Fiction Award, two Pushcart Prize nominations, and an American Library Association Stonewall Book Award. Her stories have been translated into Japanese, Spanish, German, Dutch, and Chinese. Bledsoe loves teaching workshops, cooking, traveling anywhere, basketball, doing anything outside, and telling stories. She’s traveled to Antarctica three times — twice as the recipient of National Science Foundation fellowships and once as a guest on the Russian research ship, the Akademik Sergey Vavilov. She is one of a tiny handful of people who have stayed at all three American stations in Antarctica, and she has also stayed in a number of field camps, both on the coast and in the Transantarctic

Mountains, where scientists are studying penguins, climate change, and the Big Bang. As a social justice activist, Lucy is currently working on voting rights.

On Feb. 11, Emme Lund, who lives and writes in Portland, visits Lincoln City. She has an MFA from Mills College, and her work appeared in Electric Literature, TIME Magazine, The Rumpus, Romper, the Portland Mercury, and Autostraddle, among many other venues. In 2019, she received an Oregon Literary Arts Fellowship in Fiction. Her debut novel, 2022’s “The Boy with a Bird in His Chest,” was long-listed for the First Novel Prize from the Center For Fiction, a finalist for an Oregon Book Award, named a best book of the year by Buzzfeed and The Portland Mercury, and included on best-of lists in The Washington Post, USA Today, People Magazine, The Advocate, Cosmopolitan, and Shondaland. About Lund’s novel, author Kristen Arnett wrote that it “...is a beautiful, tender book. I was deeply moved by this story; very caught up in the ways in which family, grief, love, queerness, and vulnerability all intersect. Lund’s sentences are sweet and stick to

your ribs. I found myself falling in love with these characters—these messy, deeply realized, fully lovable, and wonderfully human people. “The Boy with a Bird in His Chest” is a terrific first novel and Emme Lund is a profoundly gifted writer.”

Oregon Legacy continues Feb. 18 with a visit from writer, speaker and teacher Sarah L. Sanderson, who believes in the life-giving freedom found in radical honesty. Her work has appeared at PBS NewsHour, Blackpast, Christianity Today, Fathom, The Unmooring, Christ and Pop Culture, The Other Journal, Motherly, Relief, Stark and Main, and Brain, Child, among others. She is also a monthly contributor to Three-Fifths.

Sanderson studied English and Philosophy at Wheaton College, and holds a Master in Teaching degree from Seattle University and a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction from Seattle Pacific University. As a creative writing teacher, she has worked with every age, from preschool through adults. Her first book, “The Place We Make: Breaking the Legacy of Legalized Hate,” was published last August. About it, Publisher’s

Weekly wrote “In this thought-provoking debut, journalist Sanderson unpacks the legacy of Oregon’s 1844-1926 racial exclusion laws... an admirably candid self-examination and an insightful look at an underdocumented episode of racism in American history. It’s worth checking out.” David Leong wrote in Sojourners «Ultimately, I came away from The Place We Make encouraged by Sanderson’s journey and her invitation to consider how connected we truly are — to the past, to our neighbors, and the common lands and built environments we now inhabit. Her heartfelt plea to the church to face its complicity in the legacy of American racism and recover a vocabulary of healing is a call I hope many will hear as they read this timely and thoughtful book.»

The series finishes Feb. 25 with a visit from Jerry Sutherland, who began researching Oregon history in 2012 after his father asked him to look up something about Calvin Tibbets at the Oregon Historical Society. The thrill he experienced in discovering new information about historical events and people led to future visits, trips to archives across the U.S. and Canada, and the publishing of Calvin Tibbets: Oregon’s First Pioneer in August 2016.

In the fall of 2014, Sutherland learned that Bayocean—the sandspit that separates Tillamook Bay from the Pacific Ocean — had once hosted a thriving resort. His surprise at having never seen any evidence of its existence while hiking there prompted him to learn more. He created a website to share some

of what he was discovering with the public. When Grant McOmie took notice in the summer of 2015, he asked for help with a Grant’s Getaway program about Bayocean. Four years later, Jule Gilfillan consulted him regarding an Oregon Field Guide special. Increasing interest from book publishers prompted Sutherland to start writing Bayocean: Atlantis of Oregon in 2019. It was published last February.

Thirty years ago, Driftwood Public Library completed a move into a new facility at Lincoln Square in Lincoln City. To celebrate the library’s new home and to thank the community for all of its support during the transition, The Friends of Driftwood Public Library created a gift for the community. With little resources beyond the income from their occasional book sales, the Friends underwrote the first literary series ever presented in Lincoln County: Oregon Legacy. Each year they have renewed that sponsorship.

All Oregon Legacy presentations are free due to the generous support of The Friends as well as The Shearwater Inn, who generously contribute lodging for our visiting authors. Each presentation begins at 3:00 p.m.

The library is located on the second floor of the City Hall building at 801 SW Hwy 101, just across the street from Burger King and adjacent to McKay’s Market grocery store. For further information about the Oregon Legacy series, contact Ken Hobson at khobson@lincolncity.org. Visit Driftwood’s website at www.driftwoodlib.org.

Super Crossword

MONEY-CHANGING

ACROSS

- 1 Combination spear and battle-ax
- 8 Provo native
- 13 Dawn deity
- 16 Some fast autos
- 19 Virtual merchant
- 20 Strong cordage fiber
- 21 Performs a charade of
- 23 Thai money used to buy a Jacuzzi?
- 25 Height when upright
- 26 Protest at which people lie on the ground
- 27 Bright red Indian money?
- 29 “Madam” counterpart
- 32 “The Dance” painter Henri
- 35 Biceps locale
- 36 Powerful auto engine
- 37 “You missed your chance for folding over that Korean money?”
- 42 Already-included tips, e.g.

- 43 Lima locale
- 44 “Rapa —” (1994 film)
- 45 Like even scores
- 46 Feel sore
- 48 Refusals
- 51 She sang “Constant Craving”
- 56 Rocker Brian
- 57 Facts, in brief
- 59 Gobble up Iraqi money?
- 62 Gal entering society
- 63 Jazz’s Chick
- 65 Chaise place
- 66 Cognizant of
- 67 School where students learn about Swedish money?
- 72 Norway’s capital
- 74 — facias (certain writ)
- 75 Used skillfully
- 76 “— favor, señor”
- 79 Forms Ghanaian money into a cylinder shape?
- 83 Brain tests, for short
- 84 Suffix with meth-
- 85 Venture out on one’s own

- 86 — Leppard
- 87 Some PC readouts
- 89 Kicked out of the game, for short
- 90 Radio spots
- 92 Bruins’ sch.
- 94 Major shock
- 96 Query after someone is told they look like Iranian money?
- 103 German auto
- 104 Tampa Bay NFLer
- 105 Over browned bread
- 106 Houston-to-Madison dir.
- 107 Whack some Mexican money?
- 111 Rapper — Rhymes
- 113 More intoxicating
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- 8 E-address
- 9 Bistro bill
- 10 Unpaid player
- 11 Classic cracker brand
- 12 Tennis-playing guy
- 13 Kodak founder
- 14 Prefix with -genarian
- 15 Pentagon
- 16 Reach as high as
- 17 Large, deep serving dish
- 18 Painter Jan
- 22 R-X fillers
- 24 Attending to the matter
- 28 Certain Wall St. trader
- 29 Said
- 30 Antiseptic element
- 31 Bucking bovines

- 33 Jr., last year
- 34 Spirited horse
- 38 Eye coverer
- 39 Takeoff strip
- 40 Often-pickled veggie
- 41 Pirate “Captain”
- 46 From scratch
- 47 Compelled
- 49 In the lead
- 50 Squelched
- 52 Cat that roars
- 53 “The Piano” Oscar winner
- 54 Cable TV’s — Geo
- 55 Miracle- —
- 57 Here, in Lyon
- 58 Election mo.
- 60 Elected (to)
- 61 Virginia Tech team name
- 64 Cold — (frigid)
- 68 Court plea, for short
- 69 Very angry
- 70 Rule, in brief
- 71 More than loads up (on)
- 72 Assoc.
- 73 Great Lakes’ — Canals
- 77 Like a single-guy band
- 78 Traditional Irish brew
- 80 Make laugh uproariously
- 81 Hoopla

- 82 “You Be —” (1986 hit for Run-D.M.C.)
- 88 Jargon
- 89 Women’s patriotic gp.
- 91 Secondary field of study
- 93 George who played Danny Ocean
- 94 Mosaic tile
- 95 Long rodent feature
- 96 Most suitable
- 97 Assess again
- 98 Skip over in speech
- 99 Chalice, e.g.
- 100 Nailed the test
- 101 Desert of Mongolia
- 102 Some purple shades
- 103 Milo of films
- 108 Piper’s wear
- 109 Twisty fish
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Haiku targets beyond 5-7-5

What do you shoot for when you write haiku? How can its strategies help your longer poetry or fiction?

Michael Dylan Welch explores the targets to aim for and why 5-7-5 is not necessarily one of them, at the Willamette Writers Coast Chapter, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, during a Zoom presentation. Register on-line at www.willamettewriters.org for the link.

Learn why 5-7-5 is an urban myth for writing haiku in English, and why other techniques, not “rules,” are more important for writing brief poems of personal experience. The presentation will dive into seasonal reference and two-part juxta-positional structure and discuss how they can help improve your other writing. Writing exercise and optional sharing/feedback will be part of the program.

Welch said he likes to be surprised by empathy and gratitude in haiku, and has been active with haiku for more than 40 years. He joined the Haiku society of America in 1987. He founded his press, Press Here, in 1989 and is currently co-editing First Frost.

Conference in 1991 and the American Haiku Archives in 1996, and National Haiku Writing Month (www.nahaiwrimo.com) in 2010. He has won first place in the Henderson, Brady, Drevniok, and Tokutomi haiku contests. His poems, essays, and reviews have appeared in hundreds of publications, including three Norton Anthologies. See Welch’s website, devoted mostly to haiku, at www.graceguts.com.

The Willamette Writers Coast Chapter events are supported by the Newport Public Library. About the Willamette Writers Coast Chapter

The WW Coast Chapter hosts presentations, a mix of in-person and virtual events, from September through June. Willamette Writers, the parent organization of the Coast Chapter, is the largest writer’s association in Oregon and one of the largest in the nation. Programs are free and open to all writers eighteen and up. There are Young Willamette Writer chapters for those under 18.

To become a member of a chapter and the parent organization, join Willamette Writers at their website, https://willamettewriters.org

SBMF presents 'My Words Are My Sword'

SILETZ BAY MUSIC FESTIVAL RELEASE

OTIS — Acclaimed as “bold, stylistically diverse, rhythmically rich,” “My Words Are My Sword,” a groundbreaking musical drama for actor and orchestra that fuses jazz, hip-hop and classical music, will be presented by the Siletz Bay Music Festival in a celebration of Black History Month with performances at 1:30 and 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the B'nai B'rith Camp.

The event will also serve to honor the life and work of the late Yaacov “Yaki” Bergman, who provided the festival with guidance and inspiration as its long-time artistic director prior to his death in 2023. A reception will follow the concert.

A celebration of black music, culture and history, “My Words Are My Sword” was written by poet and actor Darius Wallace and composed by Portland-based, Brazilian-born pianist and composer Jasnam Daya Singh. The two were brought together by Bergman, who first conceived of the piece



Composer Jasnam Daya Singh helps celebrate Black History Month in “My Words Are My Sward,” a presentation of the Siletz Bay Music Festival, on Friday, Feb. 9, at the B'nai B'rith Camp in Otis. (Courtesy photo)

as an orchestral work. He presented it in 2022 with performances by the Portland Chamber Orchestra and the Walla Walla Symphony, both of which he served as conductor. Many of the Portland Chamber Orchestra's members will travel to the coast for its presentation in Lincoln City. A full orchestra performs the piece, conducted by Raúl Gómez-Rojas, music director of Portland's Metropol-

itan Youth Symphony. Gómez-Rojas won accolades for his guest performances with the Oregon Symphony, Rochester Philharmonic, Nashville Symphony, Louisiana Philharmonic, Oregon Ballet Theatre, among others.

The 1:30 p.m. concert is presented free of charge to area students in grades 7 through 12. Taft students will be bused to the event, but all schools are welcome.

Tickets for the evening's performance, priced at \$40 and \$15 for students, are available at www.siletzbaymusic.org. B'nai B'rith Camp, 3509 NE East Devils Lake Road in Otis.

“This is one of the freshest, most unvarnished and relevant new works we could share with our audience in times of so much division and hunger for hope and reconciliation,” Bergman said at the time of the work's premiere. “The work explores the magical word “if” and how true liberation grows from an understanding of the manifestation of self within body, mind, soul, and spirit, specifically toward a people but universally towards all. The term “blackness” is redefined through story, monologue, characterization, poetry, and song as it addresses current issues with the buried history of black bravery and excellence,” added Bergman.

Wallace, currently based in Memphis, is a founding company member of that city's Tennessee Shakespeare Festival and performed

extensively around the country in schools, universities, theaters, and libraries in a one-man show as Frederick Douglas. In writing “My Words Are My Sword,” Wallace has “incorporated text from the speeches of Martin Luther King Jr., poetry by Langston Hughes and Richard Wright, the writings of Malcolm X and a re-enactment of the childhood history of Frederick Douglas.

Composer Jasnam Daya Singh is a Latin Grammy-nominated concert and jazz pianist whose performances in many countries have earned worldwide acclaim for their innovative style and virtuosity. His music draws from a broad range of influences, including the samba music of his native Brazil, straight-ahead jazz and the European classical tradition.

The Siletz Bay Music Festival was founded to bring multi-genre world-class music performed by outstanding musicians to the area, reaching across race, culture, age, social and economic barriers and providing extraor-

inary musical experiences.

The Festival is made possible in part by grants from the Roundhouse Foundation, Pacific Power Foundation, the Marie Lamfrom Foundation, the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation, the Sponenberg Memorial Trust, the Oregon Arts Commission and Ronni Lacroute through the Oregon Community Foundation. Sponsors include Lincoln City Gifts, Beachcrest Brewing Company, the Rosanne B. and W. Gregory Berton Fund, Edward Jones - Wendy C. Wilson, Financial Advisor, Charlotte Lehto Insurance Agency, Gray Coast Tax Service, Meredith Lodging, and Lincoln City Cultural Center. Community partners include Explore Lincoln City, Lincoln City Parks & Recreation, and Driftwood Public Library. Our media sponsor is Oregon Coast Today.

Siletz Bay Music Festival is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Pacific Heritage Center opening new exhibit

The public is invited to the 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, opening of the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center's newest exhibition, “Prosperity of the Sea: Maritime Wishes, Belief, and Lore,” which explores our community's wish for prosperity and safety for the people who make their livelihood on the sea. Hopes for a successful catch and safety are basic global desires that transcend location, time, and culture. To illustrate this rich culture, the exhibit shares stories collected during interviews with more than 30 people working in various maritime industries. Some stories are specific to an individual while some are shared sentiments of a bigger group.

Stories are shared through networks of

peers, families, and friends. When they are told in a community, these stories become part of the local lore. These shared oral stories such as myths, legends, and poems are passed down through generations to become folklore. Along with the stories, the exhibit displays historical photographic images and artifacts from the Lincoln County Historical Society's collections.

To explore the universal wishes for maritime good luck, this exhibit also introduces Japanese customs including examples from the fishing industry in Mombetsu, Japan, Newport's sister city. Displayed are Tairybata flags used to wish good luck to the fishing industry and for launching ceremonies and special occasions



in Mombetsu. Also, included in this exhibit are Ema, which are offering paintings used to make wishes and are found at shrines and temples.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception, where light refreshments will be provided. Museum admission fees are waived for exhibit openings. The exhibit runs through July 16 in the museum's Mezza-

nine Gallery. For more information visit, www.oregoncoasthistory.org or call 541-265-7509.

About the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center

The Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, located at 333 SE Bay Blvd. on Newport's historic Bayfront, is one of two historic properties operated by the non-profit Lincoln County

Historical Society. The 30,000-square-foot flagship site features panoramic views of Yaquina Bay, two changing exhibit galleries, three permanent galleries, the 121-seat Doerfler Family Theater and a Museum Store. The theater includes an 18-foot screen and a self-serve menu of 18 custom-made, short, historic films for the museum visitor to select from.

Hours of operation are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. Onsite parking is available. Admission rates apply. Admission is free to LCHS Members, Active-Duty military, and children 12 and under. Family and group rates available.

Serving the public since 1948, the LCHS preserves the collective memory of Lincoln County and includes the Log Cabin Research Library Archive and 1895 Burrows House located at 545 SW 9th St., Newport. A sampling of historic images from the LCHS collection can be seen at www.oregondigital.org. For more information, visit www.oregoncoasthistory.org or call 541-265-7509. Follow the center on Facebook, Instagram and or Twitter.

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Super Diamond, a Neil Diamond tribute, appears at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Alice Silverman Theatre at the Newport Performing Arts Center. (Courtesy photo)

Super Diamond appearing at the PAC

Alice Silverman Theatre hosts Neil Diamond tribute

The Oregon Coast Council for the Arts presents “Super Diamond: The Neil Diamond Tribute,” appearing at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Al-

lice Silverman Theatre at the Newport Performing Arts Center.

The critically-acclaimed San Francisco-based group per-

forms Neil Diamond classics, including “Sweet Caroline,” “Cherry Cherry,” “Song Sung Blue,” “Forever in Blue Jeans,” and “America.”

A cult-favorite, helmed by front man “Surreal Neil” (Randy Cordeiro), Super Diamond delivers an uncanny, glittering, high-energy con-

cert performance that delights and uplifts crowds wherever it goes. Heralded as the ulti-

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Surfrider foundation gears up for monthly beach cleanups

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The Newport chapter of the Surfrider Foundation will team with North Lincoln Sanitary Service, Thompson’s Sanitary Service, Dahl Disposal Service, and some Lincoln County surf shops to coordinate a series of beach cleanup events.

Monthly beach cleanups are scheduled for the third Saturday of each month through March — Jan. 20,

February 17, and March 16. Volunteer participants made use their own supplies or pick up bags and gloves and drop off debris collected at any of the following partnering surf shops: ZuhG Life Surf Shop in Lincoln City; Pura Vida Surf Shop at Otter Rock, and Newport Surf Shop. Ossies Surf Shop in Newport will participate in only the February and March cleanup events.

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Sitka Center online talk Thursday

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OTIS — The Sitka Center for Art and Ecology hosts its first Sitka Resident Talk of the new year from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18.

The event, which features artists and scientists including Shobha Jetmanlani, Thomas Meinzen, Christian Orellana Bauer, Erin Shigaki, and Shirod Younker, is free and held online via Zoom. RSVP at www.sitkacenter.org/events to receive an event link.

Sitka Resident Talks are an opportunity for the community to learn about the artists and scientists working in residence at the Sitka Center

for Art and Ecology through brief 10-minute-long presentations.

About Sitka’s Residency Program: From October to April more than 50 talented artists and scientists will reside amongst the trees and wildlife to explore their work as Artists and Scientists-in-Residence at the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology.

Located on Cascade Head on the Oregon coast just north of Lincoln City, the Sitka Center is an ideal location for artists and scientists to withdraw from the distraction of daily life, find the solitude needed to push through their creative boundaries and immerse themselves in natural study

and reflection. Sitka Center is proud to host residents from around the world in various stages of their careers.

About the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology: Through workshops, residencies and events the Sitka Center provides time and space for place-based reflection, inquiry and creation at the intersection of art and ecology.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit in the Salmon River Estuary, Sitka offers a place where visual artists, writers, natural scientists, musicians and interdisciplinary creatives of all abilities and backgrounds come to nourish their curiosity and creativity. For more details, visit www.sitkacenter.org.

Staying safe on winter trails

NATE SCHWARTZ
For The Lincoln County Leader

As we head into the midst of what many describe as a “slow” period for the Pacific Northwest, it is important that we still find ways to engage with meaningful activity.

In a time of year colored with gloom and, for many, seasonal dysphoria, we must take advantage of the milder days when we have them.

I know I am not alone in my sadness over a reduced opportunity for outdoorsmanship. I hope I am also not alone in trying to make do regardless.

With a bevy of state and

county parks always within arms reach it’ll be hard not to continue to hit the trails this winter. With that in mind, it will be useful to review some tips for staying safe on the trail in these wet and windy months.

WINTER WEATHER

Wintery conditions only heighten the need for hikers to follow good year-round trail practices.

As always, hikers should stay only on marked trails, and do their best as to not disturb any plant or wildlife.

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Wintery conditions heighten the need for hikers to follow good year-round trail practices. (Photo courtesy of Franziska Weinheimer)

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