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A project to replace the protective coating on the Depoe Bay Bridge on Highway 101 will begin in late summer or early fall, which will mean some occasional sidewalk and lane closures. (File photo)

## Depoe Bay Bridge Preservation Project to begin this year

Steve Card  
Lincoln County Leader

A project to help preserve the Depoe Bay Bridge on Highway 101 will begin this year, according to information released by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Like most coastal bridges, the Depoe Bay Bridge is exposed to harsh winds and salt water. A protective coating called cathodic protection will be applied to help

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## Seeking a new moorage

Steve Card  
Lincoln County Leader

For many years, people driving along the highway in South Beach has seen a large fishing boat dry-docked at the intersection of Southeast 40th Street and Highway 101. But the property where it is located was recently acquired by South Beach Church, and in the not-too-distant future, the boat will need to find a new home or be demolished.

South Beach Church is building a large new worship center just up the way on Southeast 40th Street, but that project is not connected with the property they also own alongside the highway. "That piece has nothing to do with the church development," said South Beach Church Lead Pastor Luke Frechette. "It was part of the land acquisition when we bought the 12 acres. We also had to buy the 2.5 acres down there."

The new church property is already within the Newport city limits, and church officials recently approached the city to get the parcel along the highway annexed in as well. That annexation was the topic of a public hearing during the Newport City Council's Feb. 3 meeting.



This old boat has become something of a landmark alongside Highway 101 in South Beach, but its days at this location are numbered. It sits on property owned by South Beach Church and will need to be relocated in the not-too-distant future, so church officials are seeking a new home for it. (Photo by Steve Card)

The city council had no problem agreeing with the proposed annexation, as the property is within the city's urban growth boundary and is adjacent to the current city limits. In addition, Newport Community Development Director Derrick Tokos said, "We have a deficiency of industrial

property, (and) they'd like a light industrial designation, so it makes sense to bring it into the city. South Beach Church's objective at this point is not to develop the property right now but rather to get it inside the city limits because they have been advised that that will increase the value of the proper-

ty. Our recommendation would be for you to move forward."

Frechette was in attendance at the city council meeting, and before the annexation request was voted on, he was asked about the future of the old boat on the property. "I

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The Siletz Tribal Council, pictured from left to right, are Delores Pigsley, Selene Rilatos, Reggie Butler Jr., Loraine Butler, Judy Muschamp, Robert Kentta, Buddy Lane, Bud Lane, and Gerald Ben. (Courtesy photo)

## Siletz Tribal Council members elected

Jeremy C. Ruark  
Lincoln County Leader

Reginald "Reggie" Butler, Alfred "Bud" Lane III, and Delores Pigsley were elected on Feb. 1 to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Tribal Council.

Butler, from Siletz, was elected with 336 votes; Lane, from Siletz, was elected with 325

votes; and Pigsley, from Keizer, was elected with 318 votes. Ten

candidates ran for the three open positions, and the three who received the most votes were elected.

The swearing-in ceremony for

the newly elected council mem-

bers took place Sunday, Feb. 2.

The tribal council officers are

elected on an annual basis and

those selected for 2025 were

Delores Pigsley, chairman; Bud

Lane II, vice chairman; Robert

Kentta, treasurer; and Judy Mus-

champ, secretary.

Pigsley has served for more than 39 years as tribal chairman out of a total of 46 years on the council. Years served by other council members are: Bud Lane, 27; Loraine Butler, 20; Robert Kentta, 19; Selene Rilatos, five; Gerald Ben, four; Buddy Lane, two; and Judy Muschamp, two. Reggie Butler was elected for his first term.

The term of office is three years for each position on the nine-member council. Enrolled members of the Siletz Tribe who are age 18 and older are eligible to vote in tribal elections. The tribe has more than 5,600 enrolled members.

"The Siletz Tribe has spent the last 47 years rebuilding its government and economic struc-

ture," a release from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz states.

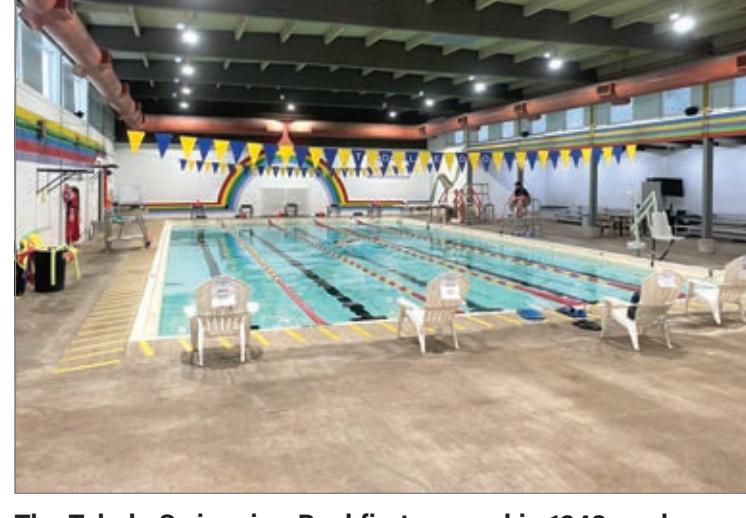
"The signing of Public Law 95-195 in 1977, which restored government-to-government relations between the Siletz Tribe and the federal government, started this process. The Siletz Tribe was the second in the nation — and the first in Oregon — to achieve restoration."

### Accomplishments

The Siletz Tribe was among the first to become a self-governance tribe, giving tribal government more control over services provided to tribal members. Under self-governance, the U.S. government provides general funding to the tribe (rather than to specific programs), then tribal

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## Plans moving forward for new pool in Toledo



The Toledo Swimming Pool first opened in 1948, and efforts are currently underway to replace it with an entirely new structure. Construction of a new pool could begin as soon as the end of this year. (Photo by Steve Card)

Steve Card  
Lincoln County Leader

There are still some major details to be sorted out, but plans for a new swimming pool in Toledo continue to move forward, with construction possibly beginning toward the end of this year.

The current five-lane, 25-yard pool opened in 1948 as an outdoor pool. It was covered in the 1960s and has operated as a city pool since its inception. The pool was initially part of a public works project designed to enhance local infrastructure and provide a safe place for swimming and aquatic activities. Over the decades, it became a

beloved institution, serving as a venue for swimming lessons, competitive swim meets, fitness classes, and family recreation.

By the 2010s, however, the aging facility faced significant challenges. Years of wear and tear, along with escalating maintenance costs, placed the pool's future in jeopardy. Despite its importance to the community, funding became increasingly difficult to secure, raising concerns about a potential closure.

In response, residents of Toledo and the surrounding areas rallied to save the pool. Through grassroots organizing and public advocacy, they

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**Thursday:** High-41/Low-36  
AM Fog/PM Clouds  
**Friday:** High-46/Low-37  
Showers  
**Saturday:** High-46/Low-43  
Showers  
**Sunday:** High-50/Low-44  
Cloudy  
**Monday:** High-50/Low-42  
Mostly Cloudy  
**Tuesday:** High-52/Low-42  
Partly Cloudy

## Past Weather

## On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
February 4	0.16"	34.4	45.3
February 5	0.46"	34.6	45.0
February 6	0.00"	34.9	44.5
February 7	0.59"	31.9	47.5
February 8	0.46"	38.2	50.4
February 9	0.01"	36.1	47.3
February 10	0.01"	32.0	39.1
Total rainfall from Jan. 1			8.56"

## Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

High.....	12:34 a.m.	7.6
Low.....	5:48 a.m.	3.0
High.....	11:42 a.m.	9.0
Low.....	6:28 p.m.	0.7

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

High.....	1:05 a.m.	7.8
Low.....	6:29 a.m.	2.7
High.....	12:23 p.m.	8.7
Low.....	6:59 p.m.	0.3

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

High.....	1:33 a.m.	7.98
Low.....	7:10 a.m.	2.3
High.....	1:03 p.m.	8.3
Low.....	7:29 p.m.	0.2

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

High.....	2:00 a.m.	8.1
Low.....	7:50 a.m.	2.1
High.....	1:43 p.m.	7.7
Low.....	7:56 p.m.	0.9

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

High.....	2:26 a.m.	8.2
Low.....	8:31 a.m.	1.9
High.....	2:26 p.m.	7.1
Low.....	8:23 p.m.	1.7

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

High.....	2:52 a.m.	8.2
Low.....	9:14 a.m.	1.9
High.....	3:13 p.m.	6.5
Low.....	8:50 p.m.	2.3

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

High.....	3:20 a.m.	8.1
Low.....	10:03 a.m.	1.8
High.....	4:09 p.m.	5.9

## Sunrise/Sunset

February 13	7:20 a.m.	5:41 p.m.
February 14	7:18 a.m.	5:43 p.m.
February 15	7:17 a.m.	5:44 p.m.
February 16	7:15 a.m.	5:45 p.m.
February 17	7:14 a.m.	5:47 p.m.
February 18	7:12 a.m.	5:48 p.m.
February 19	7:11 a.m.	5:50 p.m.
February 20	7:09 a.m.	5:51 p.m.
February 21	7:07 a.m.	5:52 p.m.

## Lottery

Friday, February 7  
Mega Millions  
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Saturday, February 8  
Powerball  
23 • 44 • 57 • 60 • 62 • PB-9 • x2

Saturday, February 8  
Megabucks  
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## Finalists selected for county commission vacancy

**Steve Card**  
Lincoln County Leader

Four out of the 26 individuals seeking appointment to a vacancy on the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners have been chosen for interviews, which are scheduled to take place today (Wednesday, Feb. 12).

The board vacancy was created by the resignation of Commissioner Kaety Jacobson, who announced last month that she would be stepping down from her position effective this Friday, Feb. 14, with two years left in her term.

The two remaining county commissioners, Claire Hall and Casey Miller, are responsible for selecting Jacobson's replacement, and those interested in being considered for the appointment were given two weeks to submit an application. Hall and Miller then ranked the 26 people who applied and selected their top four choices for final consideration.

The four chosen were Walter Chuck, of Newport; John Heath, of Gleneden Beach; Ryan Parker, of Newport; and Catherine Rigby, of Newport.

Interviews with these four were scheduled for a work session in the board chambers at the Lincoln County Courthouse at 9

a.m. today. The public was invited to attend in person or via Zoom, although no public comments would be accepted. The meeting was also scheduled to be streamed live on the county website.

The plan is that the person selected to fill the vacancy will be sworn into office at the commission's next regular meeting on Feb. 19.

The information below was provided by each of the four finalists in the applications they submitted to the county.

• **Catherine Rigby**, grant manager for the city of Newport, holds a masters degree in public policy from the University of Utah. From 2017 to 2023, she worked for the Salt Lake City Corp., initially as a housing and neighborhood development loan officer, then as the economic development project coordinator, and finally as the economic development ARPA program manager.

When asked in the application why she was interested in serving as commissioner, Rigby wrote, "I am committed to enhancing the quality of life for the residents of Lincoln County where I have settled. With my extensive experience in local government, I am well equipped to address the unique challenges and

opportunities our community faces. Serving as Lincoln County commissioner would allow me to leverage my skills in budgeting, project management, and strategic planning to foster growth and development in our region. I also believe strongly in serving my community, the entire community, and want to ensure that all voices are heard and represented."

• **John Heath**, a real estate agent, took classes in business management at Eastern Montana College and then received a real estate broker certificate for Montana and Wyoming and was a self-employed real estate broker from 1990 to 2008. He became a city council member in Sheridan, Wyoming, in 2008 and later served as that city's mayor until 2014.

Heath currently serves as a board member for the Gleneden Beach Road District and the Gleneden Sanitary District.

In his statement about why he wants to serve on the county commission, Heath said, "Family and service are keys to my life. After relocating from Wyoming to Gleneden Beach, I found opportunities to volunteer and serve. In addition to getting involved in our local town, being asked to serve on the Lincoln County Budget

Committee for the past two years widened my involvement. Let's continue to make Lincoln County the best place to work, raise a family, good paying jobs, safe streets, responsible government, sustainable economic growth, strong reliable infrastructure."

• **Ryan Parker** is a park ranger/beach patrol specialist for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. He has worked for OPRD since 2008. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1999 with a degree in journalism/public relations, and was later a language teacher in Kobe, Japan. Parker currently serves on the Newport City Council, first being elected in 2018 and then re-elected in 2022.

Regarding his interest in serving on the county commission, Parker said, "We have so much to be excited about living here. But our county has a lot of compression. I want to help businesses and residents feel more secure by bolstering public-private partnerships and grow the tax base. This will need lots of lobbying in Salem, but the effort must be vocal and passionate. Our daughters deserve a county that provides economic opportunity so they can stay here and thrive. My experience with infra-

structure projects sets me up for success in a sustainable future."

• **Walter Chuck** currently serves as a water plant operator for the Hiland Water Corporation in Newberg. He was previously the water plant operator for the Johnson Creek Water Service Co. in Portland, from 2008 to 2015. He has been a member of the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners since 2011 and is currently serving his fourth term in that position.

Chuck ran for the position 1 seat on the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners in 2022 but was defeated by Casey Miller. In 2019, he was part of a campaign to refer the plastic bag ban in Newport to voters.

As far as why he is interested in serving as a county commissioner, Chuck said, "If I am selected to fill the vacancy, I believe that I have the experience, ability and temperament to serve Lincoln County well as a commissioner. I have worked well with different parts of our community, local, state, and federal officials and agencies, and would continue to do so if chosen. I will also bring my experience working on budgets, projects, infrastructure and issues affecting the county."

## BottleDrop network supports local nonprofits

**Jeremy C. Ruark**

Lincoln County Leader

programming in our coastal community." Cape Perpetua Collaborative Director Talaina King said. "This grant has given us the extra support needed to hire and fund our director position, which will allow us to better facilitate everyday operations and expand our partnerships and funding resources going forward. We are ecstatic about putting this financial support to use in 2025 and thank the Fund for their generous donation."

• Food Roots, a nonprofit based in Tillamook that is growing a robust and equitable food system across the county through community engagement, education, food producer support and improved access to local food, received nearly \$25,000 to support their education programs in schools throughout Tillamook County.

"Thanks to generous support from the BottleDrop Fund, we are thrilled for the Learning Garden partnership between Food Roots and Tillamook County schools to continue in its second year of providing fresh produce to families who are experiencing food

insecurity," Food Roots Executive Director Lindsay Ward said. "We are excited that passionate volunteers, both experienced and learning, will be vital to these gardens flourishing and providing nutrition!"

• Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition, a nonprofit based in Coos Bay that is educating and empowering people to protect coastal ecosystems and communities, received \$15,000 to expand their Art and Ecology Workshop project, which is part of the Coast-Watch in the Schools program that helps students explore coastal ecology through creative, hands-on learning along Oregon's North Coast.

"The CoastWatch Art and Ecology program embodies the heart of Oregon Shores' mission: connecting people to the coast through education and stewardship," Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition Executive Director Elise Newman said. "By engaging students in both science and art, we're inspiring the next generation of coastal stewards who will carry forward a deep understanding of, and

appreciation for Oregon's unique coastal ecosystems."

• Yakona Nature Preserve and Learning Center, a nonprofit based in Newport that is protecting, preserving, and enhancing the natural ecosystems and cultural history of Oregon's central coast spruce habitat and its wildlife, received \$15,000 to support their Creating Connections environmental education program, which provides K-12 and postsecondary students the opportunity to learn in nature through STEAM-based educational activities.

"Teaching students, youth and families the importance of Oregon's native coastal forest while engaging them as scientists creates empowerment, responsibility and opportunity for this and future generations," Yakona Nature Preserve & Learning Center Executive Director Natalie Schaefer said. "We are grateful to the BottleDrop Fund and our other funders for supporting this important work."

"Supporting organizations like these reflect OBRC's commitment to enhancing environmental education and stewardship in communities throughout the state," OBRC Vice President of External Af-

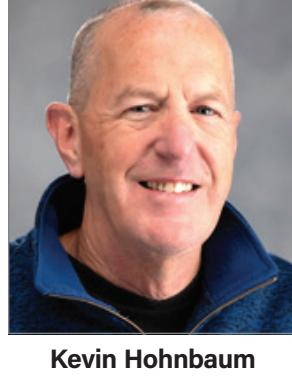
fairs Devon Morales said. "Oregon is well-known for its long-established legislation like the Bottle Bill and Beach Bill, which both promote a positive environmental legacy for Oregon, its coast and its residents."

The BottleDrop Fund, created in partnership with Oregon Community Foundation, supports nonprofit organizations in Oregon that are operating in the spirit of the Bottle Bill through annual grantmaking. The fund's priorities include litter and waste reduction, environmental conservation, environmental education, recycling

# New members of Lincoln City City Council on the job

**Jeremy C. Ruark**  
Lincoln County Leader

The two new members of the Lincoln City City Council, Kevin Hohnbaum and Marci Baker, have taken their posts and are now working with the full council in addressing the city's issues.



**Kevin Hohnbaum**

The Lincoln County Leader reached out to Ward III Councilor Kevin Hohnbaum for his insight.

**Lincoln County Leader:** Why did you decide to seek this position?

**Kevin Hohnbaum:** My wife, Jane Mulholland, and I have owned a home in Lincoln City for 15 years and lived here full-time for the past eight years. We have grandkids in the Lincoln County School District, and we

love sharing the history and vibrancy of our community with them.

I'm a member of the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce, volunteer for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and for the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition. I'm also the board president and a member of the Lincoln Pops Big Band.

As a member of the Lincoln City Budget Committee for the past eight years, I've had the opportunity to learn about each of the city departments and goals. I've also worked side by side with the council and with staff. I decided to run for city council because I want Lincoln City to continue to thrive.

**Leader:** What will be your top priorities and the top issues facing Lincoln City in 2025?

**Hohnbaum:** My priorities are the challenges that I see currently facing Lincoln City.

• Livability — our town must be safe and accessible for all residents and visitors. Connect sidewalks throughout the city

by prioritizing pedestrian safety in the planning and budgeting process. Support parks, the community center and the cultural center by adequately funding maintenance, new construction and programs that appeal to a myriad of audiences. Fund and implement plans to improve beach access through the annual planning, prioritizing and budgeting process.

Promote volunteerism by clarifying the roles and responsibilities of needed volunteers for the city and for organizations in Lincoln City and inviting people in the community to apply.

• Business development and support — successful businesses keep our town vibrant and thriving. Keep permit processes, sign codes and restrictions to a minimum by working with the city manager to focus on improving the experiences of applicants. Invest in economic tools to help businesses grow by asking local businesses what they need to succeed and applying funding appropriately.

• Lincoln City financial health — prudently manage city funds focusing on future needs. Invest prudently in infrastructure

by implementing the long-range sustainability plans and exploring additional funding streams. Maintain quality roads by prioritizing and implementing the public works master plan. Plan for utility needs and keep rates low through continuing to plan ahead and managing funding streams.

• Emergency preparedness — ensure a clear communication plan by exploring alternatives to texting during emergencies such as developing an emergency web page, posting on Facebook and Next Door, auto dialing land lines and using loudspeakers in neighborhoods. Incorporate lessons from Otis fire and develop clear escape plans by working with traffic planners, Lincoln County and Oregon Department of Transportation.

I believe Lincoln City is moving in a positive direction and I invite you to join me in keeping Lincoln City a great place to live, play, work and raise families.

The Lincoln County Leader also reached out to Ward II Councilor Marci

Baker with the following questions:

• Why did you decide to seek this position?

• Could you provide us with a brief sketch of your background and experience?

• From your vantage point, what will be the top issues facing Lincoln City in 2025?

• As councilor, what will be your top priorities and why those priorities?



**Marci Baker**

Baker responded with the following comments:

"I am just serving my community to the best of my abilities and have nothing I feel the need to express outside of our public meetings as a body, as I am only one councilor and do not individually represent the city's

priorities. I have attached my candidate statement from the voter's pamphlet, which should answer question #1."

In that statement Baker states, in part:

"During times of crisis, compassion and optimism, are the driving forces behind my actions. I believe in taking time to understand the existing plans and systems before suggesting changes, though I would prioritize creation of a strategic housing plan along with housing programs that enable access to equity for locals, assessing, and preserving our environmental resources, and exploring options to increase two-way communication and feedback mechanisms between the city and citizens."

In her email response to the Leader, Baker also wrote, "I would love to invite you to attend, and even cover our local council meetings as I have seen almost no news media coverage during my time serving the city. In my personal opinion, community is lacking access to quality local news and that is a crucial factor in a connected and engaged community."

# City seeks public comments about grant funding

**Jeremy C. Ruark**  
Lincoln County Leader

Members of the Lincoln City City Council are asking for public input about the Outside Agency Grant Program.

The program has been in place for more than 20 years. In the past, the grants have been used to protect and promote cultural resources, provide services for youth and the most vulnerable, foster community wellness, and engage civic involvement of Lincoln City residents.

Lincoln City Public Information Officer Kevin Mattias said the city coun-

cil is beginning its annual budget process and wants to determine the amount of funding the Outside Agency Grant Program would need.

"The council would like a better grasp of what the public wants," he said. "During the last fiscal year, the council awarded \$300,000 for the grant program."

Residents and business owners are invited to attend one of two town hall meetings to provide feedback on how they would like to see the grant program move forward in the future. The town hall meetings are scheduled for

5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19, and noon on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Lincoln City Community Center, 2150 NE Oar Place.

Issues the council is looking for input on are:

- Types of service organizations that should be considered for grant funding;
- Types of organizational needs that the council should consider for grant funding;
- How to measure the impacts of grant monies.

There will also be an opportunity for the public to ask questions of city council members and city staff.

Mattias said final decisions about the grant funding will be made at a later date.

During a Dec. 10, 2024 public meeting, Lincoln City Mayor Susan Wahlke distributed checks totaling \$300,000 to local nonprofits as part of the Outside Grant Funding Program. The nonprofit agencies receiving funds were:

- Angel's Anonymous
- Business for Excellence in Youth
- Central Coast Humane Society
- Coast Cheer Athletics
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For more information, contact Lincoln City public information officer Kevin Mattias at 541-996-2121.

# Former LCSD superintendent accepts new position

**Jeremy C. Ruark**  
Lincoln County Leader

Former Lincoln County School District (LCSD) Superintendent Karen Gray is now the acting superintendent for the St. Helens School District.

Gray served as the LCSD superintendent from 2018 until she retired in 2023. She joins the St. Helens School District in Columbia County following a sex abuse investigation that has shaken that community and has led to the firing of a high school choir teacher, a high school principal charged with two felony counts of criminal mistreatment and misdemeanor official misconduct, the district superintendent placed on administrative leave, and the former school board chair resigning.

Gray told the Lincoln County Leader she was approached by the Coalition of School Administrators (COSA) to take on the role

of acting superintendent at St. Helens.

"The COSA asked me to consider applying for this position because of my extensive positive experience as an Oregon superintendent and my demonstrated commitment to student learning," Gray said. "I believe that I have the skills, knowledge, and personality to assist the district in healing, moving forward, building trust, and establishing a foundation for the future. I really wanted to do this, and I am so happy to be selected."

Responding to the Leader's question about her short and long-term goals to help rebuild the trusting community relations critical to the St. Helens School District, Gray responded with the following:

"In the short term, my focus is on implementing the corrective action plan, ensuring transparency and accountability every step of the way," she said. "This



**Karen Gray**

will lay the groundwork for rebuilding trust within our community. Simultaneously, we'll be developing a budget for the 2025-26 school year and planning programs and staffing to support student success. Long term, my goal is to establish consistent, open communication with all stakeholders, fostering a culture of collaboration and trust that will sustain the district well into the future. We've got important work ahead of us, and I am confident in our ability to do it together."

The 48th annual Newport Seafood & Wine Festival returns Feb. 20-23 in South Beach, and work is already underway to erect the large tents that accommodate the event. For complete information about this year's festival, and to purchase tickets, go online at [www.newportchamber.org/newport-seafood-wine-festival](http://www.newportchamber.org/newport-seafood-wine-festival) (Photo by Steve Card)

"Dr. Gray impressed me with her 20-plus-year resume as a superintendent for three separate school districts, her record in turning schools around, and her track record in connecting with her communities and having their voices properly heard," St. Helens School District Board Chair Mathieu Douglass said.

"The board voted unanimously to move forward with her for many good reasons, and I am personally relieved that we will be able to work with someone that easily fills all the criteria our community was looking for."

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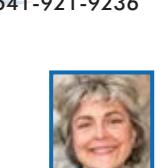
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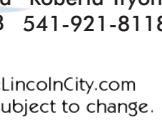
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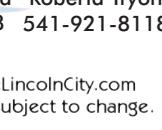


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**Festival  
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The 48th annual Newport Seafood & Wine Festival returns Feb. 20-23 in South Beach, and work is already underway to erect the large tents that accommodate the event. For complete information about this year's festival, and to purchase tickets, go online at [www.newportchamber.org/newport-seafood-wine-festival](http://www.newportchamber.org/newport-seafood-wine-festival) (Photo by Steve Card)

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## BOAT

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think there's a lot people in our community that love the boat for no reason other than it's been here longer than them," he said. "So to have it repurposed somewhere would be amazing. Right now it's fine where it is, but we're trying to figure out a plan."

In a later conversation with the Lincoln County Leader, Frechette said the actual owner of the boat no longer lives in the area. "He lives in Salem,

so he's asked us to find a permanent home for it," he said. "He's done with it, so it's our responsibility at this point."

Frechette added, "We're just hoping that somebody will see a real cool vision for it, whether it's repurposed as a tiny home or a drive-thru coffee house or a play structure or a lawn ornament. We're just waiting for someone to have the perfect idea to repurpose it. We'd rather do that than demolish it and dispose of it."

Anyone who has passed by this particular site recently may have also noticed heavy equip-

ment loading sand into dump trucks and hauling it off. But Frechette said that project doesn't have anything to do with redeveloping the property. The sand is actually being transported to a building site in north Newport to use as fill material.

"They needed sand, and we had procured sand — we had already sent it off to Corvallis and had it tested and verified," he said. "We need it gone eventually for purposes we don't know, it just can't be there. So they're buying it from us." The church has no plan yet for the 2.5-acre site alongside the highway.



Sand is loaded onto trucks at Southeast 40th Street and Highway 101 for use as fill material for a building project in north Newport. (Photo by Steve Card)

## COUNCIL

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employees and the tribal council decide how funds will be spent.

Significant tribal accomplishments since restoration include opening the original health clinic in 1991 and opening a new, much larger clinic in 2010. The Siletz Dance House opened in 1996.

The tribe opened the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center in 2003, the Tillicum Fitness Center and a new USDA food distribution warehouse in Siletz in 2008, and the Siletz Rec Center in 2009.

Tribal offices in Port-

land, Salem and Eugene are housed in tribally owned buildings.

The tribe has built more than 150 homes and multiple dwellings for tribal members, including 28 units at Neachesna Village in Lincoln City that have been open since 2009, 19 apartments in Siletz that opened in 2010, 20 homes in the Tillamook subdivision in Siletz that opened in 2013; and 10 workforce housing townhouses in Lincoln City that opened in 2021.

The Siletz Tribe has helped fund two affordable housing projects in northeast Portland, each of which has 20 units designated "Indian Preference," with Siletz households having first preference in

admissions. It currently is in the process of building 39 units of affordable housing in Salem.

The housing department also is managing construction of a new tribal pharmacy in Siletz and the construction of a new satellite health clinic in Lincoln City. It also is managing construction of a recreation center in Siletz that includes a sports court, two basketball courts, an indoor walking track, a weight room and a Pilates/yoga room.

Through its economic development division — the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation — the tribe purchased the Lincoln Shores office complex in Lincoln City in 2001

and opened the Logan Road RV Park in Lincoln City in 2004 and the Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort in Salem in 2006. It opened Siletz Market & Gas in Siletz in 2023.

The tribe is also developing a property in Keizer, co-owned with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The property, called Chemawa Station, is right on Interstate 5 and currently includes a 7-11 fueling and convenience store plus a Chick-fil-A. More tenants are slated to be developed, including a hotel and a tire center.

The tribe also played a lead role in opening Siletz Valley School in 2003 and Siletz Valley Early College Academy in 2006.

The Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society (STAHS) was formed in 2011 to enhance the tribe's ability to develop the Siletz Tribal Cultural Center. Following a successful \$2.5 million capital campaign, construction of the center is set to begin this year.

STAHS also helps the tribe with acquiring object and archival collections.

Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City opened in 1995. In 2004, the Siletz Tribe purchased the former Shilo Inn adjacent to the casino and opened Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Chinook Winds Golf Resort opened in 2005 when the tribe purchased the former Lakeside Golf and Fitness Center in Lincoln City.

## Employment and community contributions

The combination of tribal employees and those at Chinook Winds Casino Resort has made the Siletz Tribe the largest employer in Lincoln County.

The tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$22.6 million through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and other tribal resources.

Chinook Winds has donated more than \$6.5 million in cash and fundraising items since 1995. It also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fundraisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for events.

## POOL

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formed the Greater Toledo Pool Recreation District. In 2017, voters approved the creation of this special

tax district to provide sustainable funding for the pool's operation and maintenance. This district encompasses Toledo and parts of the surrounding Lincoln County area. The transfer of the pool from the city to the district occurred on March 1, 2018.

The district is now focused on replacing the old pool, and \$3 million in lottery funds were secured to help cover the cost of that project.

Roy Kinion is the president of the pool district's board of directors, and he spoke with the Lincoln

County Leader last week regarding the plans for a new pool. He said the district has had discussions with the Toledo City Council about a possible partnership on this project. The thought was to have two community rooms attached to the swimming pool building with the idea that the city could use these rooms, and the pool district would provide the infrastructure, such as the restrooms, to support their use.

Kinion said the pool district was supposed to meet with the city council last week to discuss the possible financial contribution to the pool project and an intergovernmental agreement. "But we were told that because they do not currently have a city manager that they weren't able to meet," he said. There is still support from some council members to move forward with an agreement, "but it may still fall completely apart. In that case, we're prepared to downsize the project and go forward."

Even if the city decides it doesn't want to pursue the idea of the community rooms, "we're going to pull it off. It's just a matter of what we end up with,"

Kinion said.

There are a few upgrades that are planned to what the pool currently offers. "As of right now, our desire is to add another lane, so a six-lane pool," Kinion said. "And it's going to be deeper. Right now there's a lot of restrictions on what we can use that pool for because of the depth of the pool. We could no longer use the diving board because the pool wasn't deep enough. The diving board hasn't been used in years."

Also, there are plans for a zero entry into the pool. "There will be a little stub out in the shallow end that kind of steps into the water. It can be used for swim lessons for toddlers, it can be used for the elderly, that kind of thing. You're able to step down into the water," he said.

The bottom line, Kinion said, is to provide area residents with a new, fully functioning pool. "When it comes down to it, we're really looking at improvements in some areas, but basically it being just a really new version of what we currently have — in a tank that doesn't leak, and a roof that doesn't leak and a water-recycling system that actually recycles

water. I mean it goes on and on and on."

As far as the timeframe for construction, Kinion said, "We were hoping to actually start to tear down the existing structure next winter. But there's a lot that has to be done before that can happen, and we're not going to close the facility until we have all our ducks in a row because once it closes, it won't be re-opened until the project is complete. That could easily take a year."

And he expects to see a considerable increase in usage once the new pool opens.

"It does get used now, but we've been told that we can expect an increase of threefold in users of the new pool," Kinion said. "It's just one of those things. People like to be part of something that's new and shiny. Back in the day when I was a kid, that place was packed all the time. That was my first real job, working as a lifeguard at that swimming pool."

Some information about the project, as well as the schedule of activities at the pool, can be found online at [GreaterToledoPool.org](http://GreaterToledoPool.org)

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**Many people cross** the Yaquina Bay Bridge in Newport on a regular basis without giving it much thought, but crossing the bay wasn't always a simple task. Before the bridge was constructed in the 1930s, the only way to cross was by ferry. The arrival of the ferry was generally the busiest time of the day, as visitors and locals both came out for mail and to greet the newly arrived passengers. The photo above, taken around 1914, shows the ferry "Newport" as it arrives at the Bayfront dock. (Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Historical Society, [oregoncoasthistory.org](http://oregoncoasthistory.org) and [www.facebook.com/pacificmaritimeneuport](http://www.facebook.com/pacificmaritimeneuport))

## VIEWPOINT

### Merkley Monthly: Hitting the ground running

As the new Congress begins, I'm hitting the ground running in 2025 to fight for the four foundations that working families need to thrive: good health care, decent affordable housing, quality education, and good-paying jobs.

My work starts with hearing directly from you. Every year, I host town hall meetings in all 36 Oregon counties, including down the coast from Clatsop to Curry, to hear about the issues that matter most in your communities. Then, I take your ideas back to Capitol Hill to craft effective legislation.

A large part of my work on Capitol Hill happens through committees, where bills get debated and administration nominees get hearings, before going to the full Senate for final votes. Here are the committees I'll be serving on this Congress:

I'm taking the top Democratic spot on the Senate Budget Committee. In this new role, I'll fight back against the massive tax loopholes that enable the mega-millionaires and billionaires to dodge paying their fair share in taxes. These loopholes drive a lot of well-justified cynicism about our tax structure, but they also are adding trillions a year to our national debt.

I'm staying on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee to ensure that Oregon has a strong voice in national spending decisions. I'll fight for strengthening programs that Oregonians highlight at my town halls, from forest management to reduce wildfires to investments in housing, mental health, fighting fentanyl, and affordable health care.

In addition, I'll use my Appropriations post to deliver projects highlighted as top priorities by our local leaders. Over the last three years, I've secured funding for 475 proj-



**Jeff Merkley**

ects in all 36 counties. These investments have included \$1.9 million to help the city of Astoria replace century-old pipes to deliver clean drinking water; \$500,000 for Community Action Resource Enterprises, Inc. (CARE) to renovate a building to serve as Tillamook County's navigation center for people experiencing homelessness; and over \$360,000 to repair the dock and pilings of the Newport International Terminal in Lincoln County.

In addition, I'll continue to serve on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. We need bold action to protect Oregon from the threats of climate chaos,

#### THOUGHTS ON REP. VAL HOYLE'S COMMENT

At a recent town hall event in Newport, referring to Trump and his fellow arsonists, Representative Val Hoyle said to the crowd, "They are people who don't uphold our values." I agree, but I'd add an asterisk to the representative's lament.

Retired British surgeon, Nizam Mamode, gave testimony about his experiences treating the wounded in Gaza. The doctor stated that after Israeli bombings of tent camps, Palestinians would triage; digging people out of the rubble, treating the ghastliest wounds. In the midst of the horror, Israeli quad copter drones buzzed in and shot people. Fighting back tears, the doctor stated that many of the victims he treated were children, 6 year olds with precise gunshots to the head and chest. These

children weren't "collateral damage," they were targeted specifically. The doctor's testimony has been corroborated by hospital staff throughout Gaza.

According to the political watch dog group, Open Secrets, between 2023-2024, Rep. Val Hoyle received \$34,084 from pro-Israel lobbying groups. Hoyle is not alone. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's charisma may not project on television, but by the looks of the members of Congress yucking it up and rising to applaud 56 times at his speech last fall, in person, Bibi must have a Michael Jackson-like vibe. That, or the checks from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee buy Congressional obsequiousness.

Who can say?

Rep. Hoyle, until you stop taking Israeli money and voting for billions of

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

American tax dollars to be sent to arm a genocide, please temper the pearl clutching about defending Oregon values.

**Michael Edwards**

Lincoln City

#### IMMIGRANTS BUILT OUR COUNTRY

The recent push by the U.S. president to order a massive deportation of immigrants has had me recalling Woody Guthrie's song, "Deportee" (Plane Wreck at Los Gatos). Look up and read or listen to the song.

As it was when a plane crashed full of people being deported to Mexico, Americans are being desensitized by anti-immigrant propaganda into tacit agreement with White Supremacist views.

Will our kids pick up the slack and head for the fields, forests, fisheries, restaurants, and hotels? I doubt it. Even high-paying construction jobs

go begging for entry-level apprentices.

I'm disappointed in how my fellow Americans voted. Immigrants and children of immigrants built our country. I am one of them.

**Ken Sund**

Otis

#### REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM IS A GOOD IDEA

Lincoln County would benefit from a regional water system like Terry Vaughn laid out in his guest viewpoint ("We need a regional water system for Lincoln County," Feb. 5 edition). Thanks for printing an informative and well thought out plan for a new water system.

This could be good for the people, fish, and future possible development in Lincoln County.

**Tanya Bond**

Newport

## LAW ENFORCEMENT TIP OF THE WEEK

### Tie It Down

Thinking of making that annual or semi-annual trip to the dump? Ridding your home of trash and items to be recycled is a great way to keep it a healthy, safe, and clutter-free place.

Remember that we also want to keep our environment and fellow motorists healthy and safe. Before making that dump run or hauling other loads, take a moment to inspect your cargo. Are there any

light, loose items that can scatter and become debris or pollution along the roadway? Or are there any items that may fall out and cause another driver to swerve or crash?

The National Sheriffs' Association Traffic Safety Committee is working to raise awareness of the problem with unsecured loads. Research by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety estimates that road debris played a role in more than 50,000 crashes each

year in a four-year period. These resulted in over 9,800 injuries and approximately 125 deaths.

To be secured, loads should be:

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- Not overloaded;

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**Sheriff Adam Shanks**

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## OBITUARIES

**Sheila Cathleen Shafer**

12/13/1944 - 01/08/2025

Sheila Shafer passed peacefully on January 8th surrounded by her three sons and the amazing 7th floor care team at Peace Health Riverbend. She was 80 years old. Sheila was a writer, a teacher, an artist, an activist, and most famously a second mother to all of her sons' friends who needed that one extra loving adult in their lives.

Sheila grew up in Southern California as a self-described "tomboy with skinned knees." She loved to share stories about extended stays with her grandparents in the historic Long Beach neighborhood of Naples and yearly trips to Catalina Island with her parents Jim and Ellen.

She earned her first collegiate degree from Long Beach State in marine biology, but was soon swept up in the 60's Bay Area scene which saw her protesting the Vietnam war, watching free concerts in Golden Gate Park, and handing out concert flyers for the Avalon Ballroom.

She also worked as a substitute teacher in a predominately African American elementary school in Berkley. She was called in to work on April 5th, 1968 and given the charge of processing the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King with her class. It was also during this time period that she earned her first paycheck as a writer (\$60) for a poem published in Cricket magazine.

As social tensions in the United States rose, she and her traveling companions sought a change of cultural scenery. Sheila traveled by train, bus, boat and thumb and made it as far as Ontario Canada, where she continued to write poetry and had a brief stint as the lead singer in a rock 'n' roll band.

Eventually she made her way back to the west coast where fate (and a shortage of travel funds) landed her in Newport, Oregon. It was here where she met Tom Shafer, a New Jersey transplant who was just starting a career as a commercial fisherman. The two of them quickly started a family together, married later, and eventually purchased a home large enough to raise their three sons, Jed, Josh and Jake. This home went on to host hundreds of friend sleepovers where Sheila's breakfast crepes became legendary.

Putting down roots in Newport provided an opportunity for Sheila to pursue her career as a professional writer. Between planning birthdays, attending parent/teacher conferences, and shuttling kids to various sports practices, Sheila carved out the time to contribute to popular magazines such as Redbook and McCall's. She was best known for her reoccurring features and news articles in Pacific Fishing magazine, where her experience and insight as the co-owner of a commercial fishing vessel could be translated into income.

Never one to sit on the sidelines, Sheila also found time to be the president of the Newport Little League, and was instrumental in starting the Newport Fishermans' Wives. As a leader of this support and activism group, she wrote a handbook called "Surviving While Your Husband is at Sea" to help families navigate the ups and downs of fishing life. This same group worked with state and federal legislators, including Senator Bob Packwood, to get a Coast Guard rescue helicopter stationed in Newport. This helicopter saved (and continues to save) countless lives over the years, and even airlifted an injured crewman off of the family boat.

In the late 80s Sheila surprised everyone but herself by starting a consulting firm and immediately landing the upstart Oregon Coast Community College as her first client. Using local photographers, and friends of her oldest son as models, she created the college's first series of promotional brochures



and newspaper ads long before websites and internet advertising existed.

When her oldest son went off to college and her younger sons had become more self-sufficient, she fulfilled a long-time dream of returning to college for a master's degree. This led to a move to Corvallis, and the completion of not just one, but two master's degrees from Oregon State! It was then that she embarked on her final career as a teacher at Corvallis High School.

A traditional English teacher to start, her instinct for activism saw her shift to championing her district's most marginalized students. Responding to the needs of the most "at-risk" teens in the area, she started a credit-recovery program called Fresh Start, which helped struggling students from Corvallis and Crescent Valley High School get back on track for graduation.

More importantly than the credits though, the program connected students with social services outside of school, and helped them embrace the notion of lifelong learning beyond the confining walls of public education. Her ability to draw a connection between canonized poetry and 90's rap music made her an instant favorite with the toughest of kids. This led to decades long friendships with many of her former students. Whether they were in college or jail, facing new jobs or tough times, she maintained a history of written correspondence filled with encouragement, advice and hope for the future.

When Sheila retired, her sons built her a small beautiful house on the property behind her son Jed, and daughter-in-law Mary's Eugene home. This allowed her to spoil her two grandsons, who spent Sunday afternoons drawing, reading, playing cards, watching movies, and eating "special grandma treats." She also volunteered at their schools, with the local Democratic Party, and Square One Villages. Her proximity to her children and grandchildren also allowed her to attend a multitude of birthday parties, holiday gatherings, concerts, Little League games, and family dinners.

When she wasn't busy with family and friends, she could be found painting and drawing for hours on end. She eventually created a series of greeting cards featuring her artwork. She also gathered items such as vases, frames, and small furniture from free piles and thrift store clearance shelves and repainted them with wild floral designs. Ever the entrepreneur, she sold her cards and repurposed art at the Spencer Creek

Community Growers Market under the name "Fine and Practical Arts" and often employed her grandsons as salesmen for a cut of the profits.

Her final years of life were spent at the eclectic Abby of Olympus retirement community with her beloved Bichon Frise rescue Jasmine Bell. It was here she found a group of amazing and welcoming new friends with whom to write, create art, go dog walking, and brag about her grandkids.

This summary of life only scratches the surface of the friendships, adventures, and positive community impacts that Sheila now leaves behind. To say she lived a full life is an understatement...and now she is free, as she liked to say, to "cross over the rainbow bridge."

Sheila is survived by her ex-husband Tom, step-mother Lee Horton, sons Jed, Josh, and Jake, daughters-in-law Mary and Heidi, grandsons Jacoby, Julius, and Jalen, and granddaughter Sonia Marie. She'll be missed, but her love for her family will live on.

Maria treasured family, friends, and especially a good party with food. She displayed a sharp wit and sense of humor that will be missed.

Maria is survived by her mother Marilyn; brother Marty (Julie); niece Hannah; nephew Nate; and many cousins and relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Lyn.

There will be a Celebration of Life at Macy and Son in McMinnville, Oregon on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Deceased's funeral arrangements

Celebration of Life at Macy and Son, Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

**Maria Emma Crouser**

November 23, 1963 - January 28, 2025

Maria Crouser passed away peacefully on January 28, 2025 due to complications from the flu.

Maria was born on November 23, 1963 in McMinnville, Oregon. She attended Adams Elementary, McMinnville Jr. High and High School. She went on to attend Linfield College and graduated from Oregon State University with an Applied Physics degree.

While living in Portland, Maria worked for several hi-tech companies. She then moved to Lincoln City where she worked as a taxi driver and in home health care for the State of Oregon. She loved living on the Oregon coast.

Maria had many interests and hobbies. An accomplished musician, she played the piano, cello, and electric bass. She had an

array of collections displayed in her home. Dragons were a favorite. In her free time, she played games and joined many groups.

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**Annabelle Cameron Files**

3/28/1928 - 1/18/2025

Annabelle Cameron Files, a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away on January 18, 2025, at the age of 96.

She was born in Portland, Maine, on March 28, 1928, and lived a vibrant and fulfilling life dedicated to family, education, and her passions.



Annabelle attended Gorham State Teachers College, where she was an active member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority. It was here that she met her late husband, John Davis Files, an impressive scholar who was valedictorian of Gorham High School before earning a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Maine. Together, they shared a deep bond and raised a loving family.

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Annabelle's love for life extended beyond her family and career; she had a deep affection for animals, sharing her home with many cats and dogs throughout her lifetime.

One of her greatest joys was dancing; she had

for her competitive spirit, Annabelle excelled at bean bag baseball, leading her team to numerous victories. During this time, she formed a close friendship with the late Al Bauer, a former Washington State senator, with whom she enjoyed attending social functions.

In her later years, Annabelle moved to Newport, Oregon, to live with John and Julie, enjoying serene views of Yaquina Bay from her bedroom. Her days were filled with laughter, gardening, and the companionship of her beloved cat, who purred like an opera singer. Annabelle thrived in Newport, savoring the region's culinary treasures such as crabs, scallops, oysters, and soft-shell clams. Weekly lunch outings with friends became a highlight of her week. She remained actively engaged in the community, participating in the Newport 60+ Senior Center's activities and dancing.

Annabelle Cameron Files leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and vibrant memories that will be cherished by all who knew her. She will be profoundly missed but lovingly remembered for her warmth, spirit, and the joy she brought to those around her.

Funeral Arrangements to be scheduled with family in Maine.

**Joyce Ann Weaver**

3/6/1941 to 1/12/2025

Joyce Ann Weaver passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Newport, Oregon on January 12, 2025. This was after several years of health issues including cancer.



Joyce was born in St. Joseph, Missouri on March 6, 1941. Her family moved to Paso Robles, California where she attended high school. That is where she met her husband Darrel "Mike" Weaver. They were married on April 6, 1958 and were blessed to have two children (twins) Edward and Deborah. They now have three grandchildren, Lauren, Nicole, and Evan, and five great grandchildren, Callaway, Parker, Dylan, Bryce, and Jordyn.

Joyce spent over 30 years in the banking

business in San Luis Obispo, Petaluma, and Santa Rosa while Mike worked for a public utility company in Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, and San Francisco, California.

They retired to Waldport, Oregon in 1995 where Joyce enjoyed the beach, their rose garden, golf, family visits, and special friends. Then due to her declining health they moved to Newport, Oregon in 2017.

After over 66 years of marriage with her passing the family lost their "rock". Her intelligence, curiosity, generosity and caring spirit guided the family and touched many lives during her lifetime.

No services have been planned at this time.

**Howard Francis McIntyre Jr**

1/16/1936 - 1/05/2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Howard McIntyre Jr. of Toledo, OR.



He passed away peacefully on January 05, 2025.

Howard was a man of many hats. A proud Navy veteran, public servant, jokster, friend, father, husband, brother, and uncle, to name a few. Anybody who came across him would have been greeted with a smile, a joke, or a story or two. That was just who he was, all and all a great man.

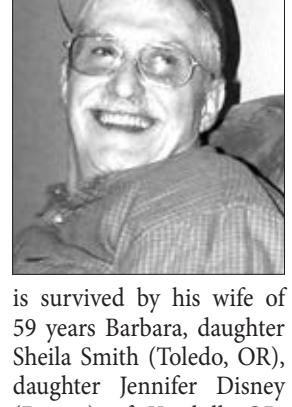
While there are a multitude of us left behind who will miss him every day, we ought to try not to think about what we lost, but in that, we gained another guardian in Heaven looking out for us. The best memory of Howard would be taking a moment today and telling someone a joke, passing on one of

his stories, appreciating the beauty of nature, or even just sharing a smile with someone. I'm sure if you do this, your day will truly be "better than squirrel gravy"!

**Robert "Bob" Reese Smith Jr.**

September 1, 1945 - February 2, 2025

Bob was born in Toledo, OR on September 1, 1945 to Robert R. Smith Sr. and Thelma M. Smith. He lived in Toledo and attended schools there his entire life except for four years (1963 - 1967) in the US Marine Corps. After military service he went to work at Georgia Pacific until he retired. He is a member of AWPPW Local 13. He died at home with his family present after a long illness.



Bob loved hunting, fishing, camping, rides in the woods, attending his daughters and grandsons sport activities and doing all things with them at his side. He was very proud of them.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents Bob and Thelma Smith and his younger brother Billy. He

is survived by his wife of 59 years Barbara, daughter Sheila Smith (Toledo, OR), daughter Jennifer Disney (Danny) of Yamhill, OR, grandson Cody Stokes (US Navy) and Chase Disney (student at Yamhill High School).

A Celebration of life will be held later (to be announced). Donations are suggested for Tunnel to Towers foundation or Wounded Warrior Project.

**OBITUARY POLICY**

Country Media offers several options for submitting obituaries:

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

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

**3. 50% OFF PICK-UP OPTION:** If you choose to republish an obituary within one month of its original publication date without making any changes, you'll receive a 50% discount.

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

Contact your local newspaper office for submission deadline and how to submit payment information. Obituaries must be prepaid before publication.

# This week in HISTORY

## 25 YEARS AGO (2000)

### YACHATS RESIDENTS MARCH, DEMAND ANSWERS

Frustrated by the month-long closure of U.S. Highway 101 and the severe economic hardships it has caused to surrounding areas, a large group of south Lincoln County residents took matters into their own hands Sunday.

Yachats area business owners, government officials and residents gathered at the entrance to the Cape Creek landslide with pickaxes, brooms, and shovels in hand.

"We're here to help get the job done," said Ed Pfannmuller, owner of the Adobe Resort. "And we want to see for ourselves what's really going on over there. The governor told us they were working hard, that they were working every day on this, so let's see how many workers are really here."

### UNDERWATER TUNNEL BEING CONSTRUCTED

The first pieces of an acrylic tunnel that will be used in the Oregon Coast Aquarium's new open ocean exhibit were unloaded on Friday.

This exhibit, which will have its grand opening on Memorial Day weekend, is being constructed in a facility that formerly housed Keiko the killer whale. The clear underwater tunnel will allow visitors to view sea life in three different habitats that simulate the natural environment.

### CITY OF NEWPORT LOOKS AT RENOVATION OF NATERLIN CENTER

Now that construction is starting on a new recreation center for the city of Newport, officials are making plans for the renovation of the Naterlin Community Center, which presently houses the city's indoor recreational programs.

Newport Mayor Mark Jones, speaking Wednesday evening to members of the Newport Development Commission, said the city council supports the renovation of the Naterlin Center as the new city hall, "and the council thinks that area will suffice for a city hall location for a long time to come," he said.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1975)

### FIRST EVER BOAT AUCTION SET FRIDAY

Five boats are scheduled for sale by Sheriff Everett Hockema to satisfy claims of the Port of Newport.

The sales are believed the first ever ordered for past due port moorage charges.

The public auction is to be held Friday at Port Dock 7, starting at 10 a.m. All five boats have security holders as well as first owners.

### NEWPORT GAINS TOP CRAB RACING TROPHY

The Newport delegation came home with the world's championship trophy following the annual Dungeness crab races at Crescent City, California, Feb. 9.

## BRIDGE

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prevent corrosion. Cathodic protection is a technique that uses a sacrificial metal to protect a base metal from corrosion. The sacrificial metal corrodes instead of the base metal.

This coating was last

installed on the Depoe Bay Bridge in 1993 and needs to be reapplied.

To keep the bridge in good working order, ODOT will:

- Reapply the protective coating;
- Make minor concrete repairs;
- Repair the existing bridge rail.

Currently, ODOT expects this bridge project to begin in late summer or early fall. When construction does start, motorists and local residents can expect lane and sidewalk closures as needed; flaggers helping direct traffic as needed; and construction noise and debris. ODOT said most of the work will be done off

the highway and under the bridge and that pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will have access through or around work zones.

The Depoe Bay Bridge was designed by Oregon's master bridge builder, Conde B. McCullough. In 1919, he became the head of ODOT's bridge division, making him personally

responsible for the design of Oregon's bridges at a time when the state was completing Highway 101 (then called the Roosevelt Highway). McCullough advocated that bridges be built economically and efficiently, his designs being also well known for their architectural beauty.

The Depoe Bay Bridge was completed in 1927 and

was originally only 18 feet wide. In 1940, a second span was built on the seaward side, making the bridge 48 feet wide with a sidewalk on each side and a walkway under the bridge.

The bridge is 312 feet long and is located at milepost 127.6. The bridge was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on Aug. 5, 2005.

## OBITUARIES

### James Carlyle Clement

May 21, 1968 - January 17, 2025



The family of James Carlyle Clement is sad to announce his passing on Friday, January 17th, 2025 at Evergreen Hospice House in Albany, Oregon at the age of 56.

James was born in Olean, New York on May 21, 1968. He graduated from Waldport High School in 1986. Although he had several jobs, he was a cabinet maker and carpenter at heart. James (Hippy, a name given him by his friends) was happiest when working on his woodworking projects, including furniture for family and himself. He had a giving spirit and was always helping family or friends. He would literally give someone the shirt off his back.

James is preceded in death by grandparents, Carlyle and Thelma MacPherson and Darrell and Mary Clement. He is survived by his parents, Frances MacPherson, Boston of Yachats, Oregon and Neal Ernest Clement of Waldport, Oregon, brothers

Marie Taylor and Shawn Michael Clement all of San Antonio, Texas and Grandnieces Oaklynn Grace Clement, Ellie Josephine Taylor, and grandnephews Hudson Andrew Buzby, Logan Alexander Taylor and Wyatt Allen Taylor; also longtime special friend Nikki Oliphant.

As per James' wishes, there will be a private celebration of life for family and close friends, those invited will be contacted directly. In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing to donate in James' honor can contribute to the Lincoln County Food Bank.

### Patricia (Pat) Helena Eisler (Stevens)

1938 - 2025



Our beloved Mother, Oma and Friend, Patricia Helena Eisler (Stevens) passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at the age of 87.

She was born and raised in Oakland, California to Marie and Milton Stevens. She graduated from Oakland High School in 1954. She worked for Pacific Bell as a switchboard operator. At 19, she spent a summer touring Europe with her best friend Sandy.

She moved on to marry Leo Eisler and they settled down in Montclair (Oakland, CA) and raised three boys. As they grew, Patricia went to night school at Merritt College in Oakland. She earned her AA in Accounting and took over books for Leo's Masonry business.

They moved to Penn Valley, California in 1979 and she quickly found employment

with the Grass Valley School District as their bookkeeper.

She was happy and spent nearly 28 years in that position, where she retired. She and Leo moved again to the coastal town of Newport, Oregon, where they enjoyed the beach and took up golf and were active in clubhouse events. Their last move was to Lodi, California to be closer to her grandkids. She lost Leo in 2013 and found herself. She played weekly Bridge and Pinochle with multiple clubs. She made many friends through these clubs.

Patricia was predeceased by her mother Marie, father Milton, husband Leo and sister Helen. She lost her son Kurt in 2025. She is survived by sons Bruce (Patti) and Derek (Renee) and five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are March 1, 2025 at 11am, Horizon Community Church, 415 Garfield St, Lodi CA 95240

# Commemorative beer celebrates 25 years of Finders Keepers Program

**Special IPA honors Lincoln City's long-standing tradition of glass float treasure hunting**

Explore Lincoln City and the Beachcrest Brewing Company are celebrating the thrill of discovering a hidden glass treasure along Lincoln City's seven miles of public beach with the release of Finders Keepers IPA.

This special release — the first collaboration of its kind between Explore Lincoln City and Beachcrest Brewing Company — honors the 25th anniversary of Lincoln City's beloved Finders Keepers program, which has delighted beachcombers with handcrafted glass floats since 2000.

"Walking along the beach in Lincoln City and discovering a glass float creates such a fun and memorable moment — we wanted to craft an IPA that captures that same sense of surprise and whimsy," said Matt White, brewer and co-founder of Beachcrest Brewing Company. "The bright, tropical notes and citrus aromas mirror the delight and excitement of spotting that telltale twinkle of a glass float hidden along the beach."



**Beachcrest Brewing Company has created the Finders Keepers IPA in a collaborative effort with Explore Lincoln City. This special release commemorates the 25th anniversary of Lincoln City's Finders Keepers program. (Courtesy photo)**

The special Finders Keepers brew is available on draft and in 16-ounce cans for retail sale at Beachcrest Brewing Company's taproom located in the Salishan Marketplace in

Gleneden Beach.

Finders Keepers was inspired by the Japanese fishing floats that used to show up on Oregon beaches in decades past. In the year 2000, a group of artists and community organizations worked together to celebrate the new millennium and renew the joy of finding floats on the beach. The Finders Keepers program has kept that tradition alive for 25 years. Since that inaugural year,

Lincoln City's "Float Fairies" have secretly placed more than 75,000 handcrafted glass floats along Lincoln City beaches for visitors to find and keep.

"The collaboration with Beachcrest Brewing Company honors our beloved Finders Keepers program while highlighting the creative spirit and sense of community that makes Lincoln City so special," said Kim Cooper Findling, director of Explore Lincoln City.

"We're proud to be collaborating on a Finders Keepers IPA that's made with the same level of care and artisanal craftsmanship as our locally made glass floats."

Beachcrest Brewing Company, co-founded by musicians Matt and Amy White, has become a popular place for visitors and locals alike to gather after a day of outdoor adventures to relax, connect and enjoy small batch beer and wood-fired pizzas. Its location within the Salishan Marketplace is at 7755 N Highway 101 in Gleneden Beach.

*For more information about Lincoln City's Finders Keepers program, go online at [www.explorelincolncity.com/things-to-do/glass-floats](http://www.explorelincolncity.com/things-to-do/glass-floats). Information about the 25 Years of Finders Keepers Exhibition at North Lincoln County Historical Museum is available at [northlincolncountymuseum.org/25-years-of-finders-keepers](http://northlincolncountymuseum.org/25-years-of-finders-keepers)*

*For more information about Beachcrest Brewing Company, visit [beachcrestbrewing.com](http://beachcrestbrewing.com)*

## Lincoln City Glass Center to celebrate 20 years with fundraiser event

The Lincoln City Glass Center, located at 4821 SW Highway 101 in Lincoln City, invites people to help celebrate its 20th anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. The event will feature a glass blowing demonstration by managing partner and glass blowing

master Kelly Howard and her LCGC team.

The event will also feature a silent auction of glass items and other items donated by various local entities. Proceeds from the evening will be donated to two worthy causes, the Kealy Boyd Endowed Memorial Scholarship

and the One Love Foundation.

The Kealy Boyd Memorial Scholarship seeks to help ease the financial burden for future nursing students at Linfield University in McMinnville. The One Love Foundation is a national nonprofit organization that works to educate

young people about healthy and unhealthy relationships with the goal of ending relationship abuse.

From 5 to 6 p.m., Howard and her team will create the largest float they have ever attempted with the goal of producing a float even larger than the 27-

inch float created at the 15th anniversary event five years ago. The 27-inch float is the largest float ever made on the Oregon coast.

Complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served as folks watch the demonstration, mingle and bid on silent auction items.

### FINANCIAL FREEDOM

## Go-Go, Slow-Go, No-Go Retirement Phases

Just as our careers evolve through distinct phases — from the initial drive to succeed, to achieving professional goals, and ultimately transitioning towards retirement — so does retirement itself. It is not a static state, but a dynamic journey with its own unique phases and financial priorities. Recognizing these phases allows individuals to proactively plan and adapt, helping ensure a fulfilling later life.

The following concepts were coined by Michael Stein in his book, "The Prosperous Retirement."

### The 'Go-Go' Phase

This phase is typically characterized by high energy and a strong desire to seize the day. This is a time of newfound freedom, often marked by a sense of adventure and a desire to explore new horizons. Retirees may embark on long-awaited travel adventures, pursue lifelong passions, and actively engage in social and community activities.

Key characteristics of this phase often include:

- Increased travel: Expenses may shift towards leisure-centered vacations, including international trips, cruises, or extended domestic travel.

Pursuit of hobbies: Retirees may dedicate more time and resources to hobbies, such as gardening, painting, golfing, playing a musical instrument, or learning a new language.

Active social engagement: This phase is often characterized by increased social interaction. Retirees may reconnect with old friends, volunteer in their communities, and actively participate in social clubs or events.

Potential for higher income: Some retirees may continue to work part-time, generating additional income.

### The 'Slow-Go' Phase

This phase often involves a gradual shift in lifestyle and priorities. This phase may bring about some physical changes and evolving health, yet many retirees remain active.



**Julia Carlson**

Key characteristics of this phase often include:

- Increased focus on home and family: More time may be spent enjoying the comforts of home, spending quality time with family, and nurturing close relationships.

Shifting travel patterns: Extensive travel may become more challenging due to health changes and preferred activity levels. For example, a preference for staying closer to home.

Maintaining social connections: Maintaining social connections remains important, but the nature of social interactions may change with a focus on smaller gatherings, online communities, or local events.

Financial priorities change: Expenses may shift towards increased health care costs, home modifications, and home care services like housekeeping and lawn care.

### The 'No-Go' Phase

Prior to entering this phase, financial planning is crucial to ensure your estate and long-

term plan sustains you and ensures a comfortable standard of living. This phase may present increasing health challenges and a greater need for assistance. They often require careful planning and may involve adapting living arrangements, seeking support services, and prioritizing comfort and wellbeing.

Key characteristics of this phase often include:

- Adapting living arrangements: This may include moving to an assisted living community or seeking in-home care.

Seeking support services: This may involve utilizing services such as home health aides, meal delivery, and transportation assistance.

Prioritizing comfort and wellbeing: The focus shifts towards ensuring comfort, safety, maintaining a good quality of life, and addressing emotional and social needs.

It's key to remember that retirement is a unique and personal journey. Individuals may experience these phases in different orders or may not experience them at all. The key is to be flexible, adapt to changing circumstances, and prioritize your wellbeing throughout your life. If you need help planning for your retirement, schedule a free complimentary session with one of our financial advisors today.

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### MEETINGS

#### Wednesday, Jan. 22

**Lincoln County Board of Commissioners:** 9 a.m., work session to interview county commission applicants, county courthouse, Newport.

**North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1 Board of Directors:** 4 p.m., Bob Everest Station, 2525 NW Highway 101, Lincoln City.

**Lincoln City Public Arts Committee:** 4 p.m., public works conference room, city hall.

**Toledo Planning Commission:** 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

#### Thursday, Feb. 13

**Lincoln County Fair Board:** 3:30 p.m., county court-

house, Newport.

**Waldport City Council:** 4 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

**Seal Rock Water District Board:** 4 p.m., 1037 NW Grebe St., Seal Rock.

**Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District Board:** 6:30 p.m., teleconference meeting.

**Seal Rock Fire District Board:** 6:30 p.m., 10349 Rande St., Seal Rock.

#### Monday, Feb. 17

**Newport City Council:** 4 p.m. work session, 6 p.m. regular session, council chambers, city hall.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 18

**Siletz Valley Fire District Board of Directors:** 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

house, Newport.

**Lincoln City Planning Commission:** 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

**Depoe Bay City Council:** 6 p.m., city hall.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 19

**Lincoln County Board of Commissioners:** 10 a.m., commission meeting room, county courthouse, Newport. For info, go to [www.co.lincoln.or.us](http://www.co.lincoln.or.us).

**Yachats City Council:** 1 p.m., Yachats Commons.

**Lincoln City Parks & Recreation Board:** 2:30 p.m., Lincoln City Community Center, 2150 NE Oar Place.

**Depoe Bay Harbor Commission:** 3:30 p.m., special meeting, city hall.

**Toledo City Council:** 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.



Oregon State University Extension's statewide seed giveaway has returned for a sixth year. People can request an individual/household seed kit, group kit or seed-starting teacher classroom kit through the mail. (Courtesy photo)

## OSU Extension seed giveaway returns for sixth year

Chris Branam  
OSU Extension Service

The Grow This! Oregon Garden Challenge, Oregon State University Extension's statewide seed giveaway, has returned for a sixth year in 2025 featuring a continued partnership with the Oregon Bee Project and Territorial Seed Company as a new seed source.

Individuals and households, schools and groups can now sign up to receive an individual/household seed kit, group kit or seed-starting teacher classroom kit through the mail. The seed-starting classroom kits include an "Explore the Bees of Oregon" book, reusable grocery tote, foil pans, seed markers, classroom spray bottles and a peat pot for each child.

The challenge is spearheaded by Food Hero, a statewide initiative of the Oregon Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) program that was developed by OSU Extension in English and Spanish. This year's goal is to mail seed kits to 3,300 individuals or households and enough classroom kits to reach over 45,000 classroom students and their teachers, said Lauren

Tobey, Food Hero coordinator.

The seed giveaway has been growing since it started in 2020. In 2024, an estimated 120,000 Oregonians participated in the Grow This! Oregon Garden Challenge by growing seeds at home and in school and community gardens.

About 1,360 classroom kits were distributed to 440 schools or Head Start Early Learning programs, reaching 40,500 students. This was a 31 percent increase from the previous year in new schools and Head Start programs participating. The program distributed over 4,500 individual/household seed kits.

Of the returning participants from the 2023 challenge, 89 percent said they planted seeds, 75 percent tasted what they harvested from their home gardens, and 93 percent reported an increase in using their garden harvest in a meal.

"We want to grow food together and share gardening tips and experiences to learn together," Tobey said. "Food Hero's bottom-line goal is to increase fruit and vegetable intake and access among all Oregonians."

Throughout summer and fall, participants will receive a monthly Grow This! Oregon

Garden Challenge email with gardening information, harvest recipes and storage tips. Challenge information will also be available in English and Spanish on the Food Hero gardening page.

The individual/household kits will include a seed for a flower and seeds for vegetables that can be made into a salad plus a pollinator friendly seed packet. The seeds were purchased at a discount from Territorial Seed Company, which is based in Cottage Grove.

The Grow This! Garden Challenge originated with 800 household kits in response to increasing requests to Food Hero about growing food at home as the pandemic started. The project continued to grow in interest and partnerships and has resulted in many households and teachers and group leaders who request the seeds every year.

Since it launched in 2008, Food Hero has been used in communities and schools across Oregon, building children's cooking skills through sharing recipes and sampling new foods.

Food Hero recipes are tested according to criteria, such as

See **SEED**, page B3

## Singing Valentines offered Friday



Send a loved one, family member or friend a Singing Valentine this Friday, Feb. 14. (Courtesy photo)

What better way to start this Valentines weekend (Valentines is on Friday this year) than with an old-fashioned, live singing valentine sung by a real barbershop quartet, with down-to-earth love songs, a rose and a high-quality email picture of the delivery?

The Singing Valentines are \$40, and you get two songs of love and admiration, a rose and a high-quality emailed

photo.

The local barbershop chorus (a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, a 501c(3) organization) is offering singing valentines as this winter's fundraiser. The chorus is currently made up of 15 members from all areas of the county and is always welcoming new members and all voices who enjoy singing — no previous music experience is needed.

Sing-along learning tracks are provided.

The chorus meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday, currently at the Newport Presbyterian Church, 227 NE 12th St.

To learn more about the chorus or about arranging a Singing Valentine (great for groups/staff and students, too), email Richard at spinner.giles@gmail.com or call 541-961-3566.

## From flat to fierce: Mastering character goals, motivation and conflict

Willamette Writers Coast Chapter meets Feb. 15 in Newport

Are flat scenes, saggy middles or muddy endings keeping your manuscript from all it can be? Find out how to transform these issues into compelling, page-turning moments. Come to the Willamette Writers Coast Chapter meeting on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Newport Public Library for an immersive workshop with author Kim Taylor Blakemore.

Blakemore will talk about the hands-on approach to mastering the internal and external goal-motivation-conflict (GMC) framework for both protagonists and antagonists. Learn how to define clear goals, the motivations that fuel them, and the conflicts that challenge their journey. With guided prompts and proven methods, this workshop will equip you to drive character-driven stories with confidence and clarity.

In addition to provided exercises, participants will discuss their own work and scenes that have not been working for them — whether flat, meandering or not quite gelling — and use the GMC method to unlock the dramatic action.

Blakemore is an author, book coach, and developmental editor whose passion for storytelling and nurturing authors led her to establish Novelitics. She has taught workshops for organizations such as Women Writing the West, Willamette Writers, History Quill, the Women's Fiction Writers Association, and Sisters in Crime. Her novels include "The Deception, After Alice Fell" (Killer Nash-



Kim Taylor Blakemore

ville Silver Falchion Award), "The Companion" (Tucson Festival of Book Literary Award), "Bowery Girl" (NYPL Best Reads for Teens), and "Cissy Funk" (WILLA Award for Best Young Adult Fiction). As K.T. Blakemore, she has written "The Good Time Girls" and "The Good Time Girls Get Famous." She is also the editor of "Echoes: An Anthology of Short Fiction" and "3rd & Oak: Stories." Learn more at [www.kimtaylorblakemore.com](http://kimtaylorblakemore.com).

This program is co-hosted by the Newport Public Library.

The Willamette Writers Coast Chapter hosts presentations from September through June. Programs are free and open to all writers 18 and older. There are Young Willamette Writer chapters for those under 18. Willamette Writers is the largest writer's association in Oregon and one of the largest in the nation. Join Willamette Writers at their website, [https://willamettewriters.org](http://willamettewriters.org).

## Big Band favorites, flowers and chocolate at Sweetheart Dance



The Lincoln Pops will perform Big Band favorites at this year's Sweetheart Dance, which begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101. (Courtesy photo)

The Lincoln City Cultural Center and the Lincoln Pops Big Band invite people to spend Valentine's Day with all their Big Band favorites at this year's fun and friendly Sweetheart Dance. The action

will start at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, at the cultural center at 540 NE Highway 101 in Lincoln City.

Tickets are \$20 per person

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## 'Voyages' concert series continues in Lincoln City



The group Windborne takes the stage in the next "Voyages: Adventures in Music" concert series performance this Sunday, Feb. 16, at the Lincoln City Cultural Center. (Courtesy photo)

The "Voyages: Adventures in Music" concert series continues at the Lincoln City Cultural Center at 2 p.m. this Sunday, Feb. 16, with a performance by the group Windborne.

NPR calls this quartet "the best musical discovery of the year" and "stunningly powerful." Windborne's captivating show draws on the singers'

See **CONCERT**, page B3



Frank King

## Grand marshal named for Loyalty Day Parade

The grand marshal for this year's Loyalty Day Parade in Newport has been selected. It will be Frank King of Lincoln City, and he will be honored during the annual parade, which is held on the first Saturday in May.

King is 102 years old. He graduated in 1941 from Beaumont Union High School in Beaumont, California, and then he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, going to boot camp in San Diego.

King was shipped overseas in September 1942 to the Solomon Islands, and he was involved in the battle for Guadalcanal. In July 1943, he returned to the United States with malaria and spent five months in the San Diego Naval Hospital.

King was then sent to El Toro Marine Corp Station for training as a radioman gunner in dive bombers. He returned to combat in May 1945 and fought in the Battle of Okinawa.

After being discharged from military duty on Nov. 19, 1945, King was hired by the Civil Aeronautics Administration and spent many years in aircraft communications and as an air traffic controller. He also became a part-time freelance writer and continued his federal career. The opportunity came to change occupations, and he became a public affairs officer for the Federal Aviation Administration, then for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

King's freelance work has appeared in many publications, mostly in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. He was also the Oregon coast correspondent for the Salem Statesman Journal for 10 years. He authored "The Sweet Cherry Ranch," a memoir that was published in 2001.

At the age of 102, King remains active, walks on his own, and even still holds a pilot's license — he flies a few hours a year.

## Opioids, overdose and outreach:

### Free information session

Jesse Noble, regional overdose prevention coordinator with Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties, will talk about opioid substance abuse during a free information session from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Center for Health Education, located at 740 SW Ninth St. in Newport.

Topics will include:

- An overview of opioids;
- How to recognize and respond to an opioid

overdose;

- Fentanyl, xylazine and polysubstance use;
- Narcan/Naloxone training and distribution;
- Community resources and support;
- A Lincoln County STARS (Samaritan Treatments & Recovery Services) update.

To reserve your seat for this free session, contact Amy Conner at 541-574-4952 or [aconner@samhealth.org](mailto:aconner@samhealth.org)

## Lincoln County Leader

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆

## SUDOKU

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

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

# One-man art show in Yachats

Polly Plumb Productions is proud to present a one-man art show, "Charles Swank: A Retrospective, 50 Years Exploring Inner Worlds," at the Yachats Commons this Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 15 and 16.

Swank, with an MFA from Yale, has exhibited widely in Boston, New York, San Diego and beyond, but never in Oregon. A reclusive spiritual man, Swank has resisted showing his work in recent years. It is only with the gentle support and prodding of an old friend and Yachats resident, Dan Stein, that he agreed to hold this show.

Most of the paintings at the show are large abstract acrylics, often in geometric patterns that pull the viewer inward. You don't have to be a mystic to enjoy or understand them — they are simply beautiful and fun.

As a gift from the artist, all guests will be able to take home a small original piece of his work at no charge. Plus, at the artist's request, all paint-



"Charles Swank: A Retrospective, 50 Years Exploring Inner Worlds," is showing at the Yachats Commons this Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 15 and 16. (Courtesy photo)

ings will be offered for sale on a sliding scale.

The show will be open

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, and admission is free. The Yachats

Commons is located at 441 Highway 101 N.

## Celebrate Mardi Gras on March 1

Event is fundraiser for Siletz Bay Music Festival



The Portland-based DTW will be back this year when the Siletz Bay Music Festival celebrates Mardi Gras on Saturday, March 1, at the Lincoln City Cultural Center. (Courtesy photo)

Shine up the dancing shoes, break out the beads and second line umbrellas and join the Krewe as the Siletz Bay Music Festival celebrates Mardi Gras on Saturday, March 1, at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale for this fundraising event, which will feature mouth-watering New Orleans-style food, an irresistibly danceable live band, and silent and live auctions packed with bargain goodies.

In line with the event's spirit of celebration, the Lincoln City Cultural Center's auditorium will be transformed into a festive nightspot, with music, food, dancing and décor, all designed as tips of the hat to the famed New Orleans event. Costumes are strongly encouraged (but not required). A "best costume" prize will be awarded.

Dance music will be provided by Portland-based DTW, brought back to this year's festival fundraiser by popular demand. A self-styled "American horn band," the 10-piece DTW fuses jazz, funk, R&B, and swing into a sound designed for compulsive toe-tapping and for moving audiences onto the dance floor and into "the second line." The origin of the band's name is shrouded in mystery.

Asked if the three letters "dtw" are an abbreviation for people or things, the group has offered numerous possibilities, including "Drink the Wine," "Dark Tepid Water," "Darrell the Walrus," and "Decolonize the World." Audiences are invited to pick their favorite (or create their own.)

The Siletz Bay Music Festival is proud to announce that Dan Howard, executive director of the Newport Symphony, will serve as grand marshal

for the event. Howard, who took the reins of the Newport Symphony last July, is a professional trombonist and music educator who taught in the Boise, Idaho, school system for more than a decade. More recently he served as director of operations for the prestigious National Repertory Orchestra in Breckenridge, Colorado.

Appetizers will be served as doors open at 5:30 p.m. A Louisiana-themed "something-for-everybody" buffet dinner, catered by Simply Plated, will be served at 6:30 p.m. King Cakes, placed at each

table, will be created by Lincoln City's favorite bakery, My Petite Sweet. In the Mardi Gras tradition, a King Cake is a rich, filled cake baked with the figurine of a baby inside. When the cake is cut, the person whose slice contains the baby will be crowned king (or queen) of the

table and will take home the table's centerpiece.

The live auction will be held at 8:15 p.m., after which dancing will continue until doors close at 9:30 p.m.

Tickets, priced at \$125 or \$900 for a table of eight, are available at [www.siletzbaymusic.org](http://www.siletzbaymusic.org). Send questions to [info@siletzbaymusic.org](mailto:info@siletzbaymusic.org).

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 extraordinary music and educational experiences.

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

This year's festival will take place Aug. 14-24. A schedule of concerts and program information will be announced in the coming months.

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# Perch & Pour Birding Happy Hour Feb. 19



This month's Perch & Pour Birding Happy Hour takes on a Valentine's theme with a discussion about some of the courtship rituals of birds, like the Clark's Grebes pictured here. (Photo by Ruth Shelly)

Seven Capes Bird Alliance (SCBA) has teamed up with Salishan Coastal Lodge to host "Perch & Pour" on Wednesday, Feb. 19. This bird-oriented happy hour starts at 3 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month in The Attic.

Salishan opens The Attic an hour early for birders of all levels — both Salishan guests and the public — to gather in conversation and sip on a craft cocktail or non-alcoholic beverage in a cozy setting. This month the group will enjoy a Valentine's theme of birds they love and their courtship rituals.

In addition to beverages, The Attic presents a farm-to-fork dinner menu crafted from sustainably sourced ingredients. Perch & Pour parti-

pants are welcome to stay when The Attic opens to the public at 4 p.m. And don't miss out on live music every Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. — come for the birds, stay for the tunes.

Salishan Coastal Lodge is easily accessible at 7760 Highway 101 in Gleneden Beach. Join others to share your latest bird sightings and stories.

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

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overall flavor, color and texture. The meals are low-cost and feature easy to find ingredients, easy to follow instructions and minimal preparation time. Recipes and cooking tips are also shared through a Food Hero monthly publication in Spanish and English.

### About OSU Extension

The Oregon State University Extension Service shares research-based knowledge with people and communities in Oregon's 36 counties and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. OSU Extension addresses issues that matter to urban and rural Oregonians. OSU Extension's partnerships and programs contribute to a healthy, prosperous and sustainable future for Oregon.

## DANCE

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(plus a \$2 ticketing fee), and include cookies, sweet treats and a flower for every lady. The floor will be open for those who want to dance, but a partner is not required. People are free to just sit back and tap their toes through three sets of great music.

The Feb. 14 Sweetheart Dance is a fundraiser for the Piano Fund of the Lincoln City Cultural Center.

There will also be a raffle and other ways to support the nonprofit center. To purchase tickets in advance, call 541-994-9994 or head to [lincolncity-culturalcenter.org](http://lincolncity-culturalcenter.org).

The evening will include three sets performed by the Lincoln Pops Big Band, a non-profit organization ded-

icated to preserving and passing along the heritage of the Big Band era. Members include current and retired professional musicians, band directors, former high school and college players, and even a few talented local high school students. With 18-21 musicians, the Pops' sound includes trumpets, trombones, clarinet, piano, drums, guitar and vibraphone, along with a rotating cast of vocalists.

A Lincoln County collective for more than 30 years, the band has evolved into one of the finest big bands in Oregon. Under the artistic direction of Matt White, the Pops play all types of dance music, including swing, Latin and jazz tunes. They perform regularly on the third Thursday of the month at the Gleneden Beach Community Hall.

## CONCERT

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deep roots in traditions of vocal harmony, while the absolute uniqueness of their artistic approach brings old songs into the present. Known for the innovation of their arrangements, their harmonies are bold and anything but predictable.

With a 20-year background studying polyphonic music around the world, Lauren Breunig, Jeremy Carter-Gordon, Lynn Rowan, and Will Rowan share a vibrant energy onstage with a blending of voices that can only come from decades of friendship alongside dedicated practice. The ensemble shifts effortlessly between drastically different styles of music, drawing their audience along on a journey that spans continents and centuries, illuminating and expanding on the profound power and variation of

the human voice.

The "Voyages: Adventures in Music" series is sponsored by a grant from Creative West, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as a Community Partnership Program grant from Explore Lincoln City.

All seats in this year's series are cabaret style, limited to 100. Tickets are on sale now at the cultural center, open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, by calling 541-994-9994, or through the Arts People ticket link: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=lccc>

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# Calendar of EVENTS //

## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

### TRIVIA NIGHT

Enjoy Trivia Night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Beachcrest Brewing, located in suite E5 at the Salishan Marketplace, 7755 Highway 101, Gleneden Beach. Free. Show off your knowledge for the chance to win prizes. Teams of up to six allowed.

### AXON AT THE DRIFT INN

Alan Chamberlain performs folk, blues, gospel, western and jazz from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

## THURSDAY, FEB. 13

### QUILTING TALK IN NEWPORT

The Oregon Coastal Quilters Guild presents modern quilt designer Jill Huntington from 1 to 3 p.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2315 N Coast Highway, Newport. All are welcome. Info: [www.oregoncoastalquilters.org](http://www.oregoncoastalquilters.org).

### WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Newport Parks and Recreation's Winter Lecture Series at the rec center (225 SE Avery St.) presents a mental health discussion with Helen Beaman. 6 p.m. Info: [www.facebook.com/newportparksandrec/events](http://www.facebook.com/newportparksandrec/events)

## FRIDAY, FEB. 14

### VALENTINE'S DAY GET TOGETHER

Celebrate Valentines Day from 3 to 7 p.m. with a gathering at Lakeview Senior Living, 2690 NE Yacht Ave., Lincoln City. Enjoy cupcakes, wine, snacks and the company of others.

### HANNAH PAYINGER AT THE DRIFT INN

Hannah Paysinger performs from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

### VALENTINE'S DAY SWEETHEART DANCE

The Lincoln City Cultural Center and the Lincoln Pops Big Band invite people to spend Valentine's Day with all their Big Band favorites. 7 p.m., Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101. Tickets and info: 541-994-9994 or [lincolncity-culturalcenter.org](http://lincolncity-culturalcenter.org).

## SATURDAY, FEB. 15

### ONE-MAN ART SHOW IN YACHATS

A one-man art show, "Charles Swank: A Retrospective, 50 Years Exploring Inner Worlds," is showing at the Yachats Commons, 441 Highway 101 N. Free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### TIPS ON WRITING PAGE-TURNING MOMENTS

Willamette Writers Coast Chapter gathers from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Newport Public Library, 35 NW Nye St. Author Kim Taylor Blakemore will present tips on mastering character goals, motivation and conflict. Free. Info: [newportoregon.gov/dept/lib](http://newportoregon.gov/dept/lib)

### WILD HOG IN THE WOODS

Enjoy a mix of music by Wild Hog in the Woods from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Beachcrest Brewing Company at Salishan, 7755 N Highway 101, 541-234-4013.

### DRIFT INN FEATURES SHY SHY AND GARY

Shy Shy and Gary perform from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

## SUNDAY, FEB. 16

### ONE-MAN ART SHOW IN YACHATS

A one-man art show, "Charles Swank: A Retrospective, 50 Years Exploring Inner Worlds," is showing at the Yachats Commons, 441 Highway 101 N. Free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### WINDBORNE IN LINCOLN CITY

Windborne performs gypsy jazz in the next "Voyages: Adventures in Music" concert of 2025 at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101. 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at 541-994-9994 and [lincolncity-culturalcenter.org](http://lincolncity-culturalcenter.org).

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## LCL25-0044 NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 an election will be held in Lincoln County, Oregon for the purpose of electing directors of special districts to fill the following positions and terms, including any vacancy which may exist on the board:

CITY OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT: Positions 1, 2 & 3: 4 year terms (file @ Benton County) Central Oregon Coast F & R Fire District: Positions 1, 2 & 3: 4 year terms Depoe Bay Rural Fire District: Positions 1, 2 & 3: 4 year terms East Lincoln County F & R Fire District: Positions 1 & 2: 4 year terms Newport Rural Fire District: Positions 4 & 5: 4 year terms Positions 2 & 3: 2 year unexpired terms North Lincoln F & R Fire District: Positions 4 & 5: 4 year terms Seal Rock Rural Fire District: Positions 1 & 5: 4 year terms Siletz Rural Fire District: Positions 3, 4 & 5: 4 year terms Yachats Rural Fire District: Positions 3, 4 & 5: 4 year terms HEALTH DISTRICTS North Lincoln Health District: Positions 2, 3 & 7: 4 year terms Position 4: 2 year unexpired term Pacific Communities Health District: Positions 3, 4 & 5: 4 year terms LIBRARY DISTRICT Lincoln County Library District: Zones 1 & 2: 4 year terms PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT Greater Toledo Pool Recreation District: Positions 1, 2 & 3: 4 year terms PORT DISTRICTS Port of Alsea: Positions 1, 3 & 5: 4 year terms Position 2: 2 year unexpired term Port of Newport: Positions 2 & 4: 4 year terms Port of Toledo: Positions 1 & 3: 4 year terms ROAD DISTRICTS Bear Creek Hideout No. 2 Special Road District: Positions 1 & 3: 4 year terms Position 2: 2 year unexpired term Belle Mer Sigi Tract Special Road District: Positions 1 & 3: 4 year terms Otter Rock Water District: Positions 1 & 4: 4 year terms Position 5: 2 year unexpired term Panther Creek Water District: Positions 2 & 3: 4 year terms Position 1:

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Little Switzerland Special Road District: Position 2: 4 year terms New Bridge Special Road District: Positions 3 & 4: 4 year terms NE San Marine Special Road District: Position 2: 4 year terms WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT Devils Lake Water Improvement District: Positions 4 & 5: 4 year terms Position 3: 2 year unexpired term This election will be conducted by mail. Candidates file verified signatures or \$10.00 filing fee with the election officer of Lincoln County not later than 5:00pm on March 20, 2025. This notice to be published in the Lincoln County Leader newspaper. /s/ Amy A. Southwell Amy A. Southwell Lincoln County Clerk

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## LCL25-0043 LAND USE NOTICE OF TYPE III

Public Hearing John Mosier has submitted a conditional use permit application to allow a home occupation business for towing, excavation, and construction Map & Tax Lot 10-10-09-AB-10497-00. The subject property is located at 176 E Swan Avenue. Home occupations are listed as a conditional use in the Single Family Residential Zone (Chapter 17.16.010). The application file is available for public review until February 21, 2025, with a public hearing scheduled with the City Council on February 24, 2025. Applicable Siletz Municipal Code criteria include Chapter 17, Chapter 17.28 Conditional Uses, Chapter 5.08 Home Occupations, and Chapter 17.45 Type III Quasi Judicial Procedures. All evidence to be relied upon to make a decision is in the public record

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and available for review at the City of Siletz, 215 W Buford Ave, Siletz, at no cost. Copies can be made at a reasonable cost. HOW TO PARTICIPATE: All interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Siletz City Hall, PO Box 318, Siletz, OR 97380 by March 7, 2025. Failure to participate in this review in writing or failure to address relevant issues may preclude your ability to appeal this decision. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION City of Siletz at 541-444-2521, or recorder@cityofsiletz.org, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## LCL25-0042 A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CENTRAL LINCOLN PUD

will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday February 19, 2025 at 2129 N. Coast Hwy, Newport, Oregon. In addition to regular business, an Executive Session will be held in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(f) and (n) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection and to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

To review the meeting agenda, please go to [clpud.org](http://clpud.org). Customers interested in attending the meeting virtually can email [info@clpud.org](mailto:info@clpud.org) to make a request. F12

## LCL25-0041 REQUEST FOR PROSALS CITY OF DEPOE BAY ESTABLISHMENT OF A DESTINATION MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION (DMO) TO MANAGE TOURISM MARKETING &amp; PROMOTION SERVICES RFP 2

025-02 The City of Depoe Bay ("City") is seeking proposals from qualified organizations or individuals with a successful track record in promotion and visitor attraction services to create and implement multi-media tourism marketing services with the overall objective of increasing tourism activity and bed stays, and the development of the City's identity as a destination market that unifies tourism around a central and compelling brand. Information regarding this solicitation can be obtained from City Hall at 570 SE Shell Avenue, Depoe Bay or requested by email: [info@cityofdepoebay.org](mailto:info@cityofdepoebay.org). Qualified proposers shall submit their proposals by the response deadline of February 27, 2025 at 5:00 PM PST to the Deputy City Recorder at [info@cityofdepoebay.org](mailto:info@cityofdepoebay.org). Any proposal received by the City after 5:00 PM PST will be considered late and will not be considered. Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by the City Administrator/Recorder or member(s) of the staff or other individual(s) as designated. After initial review, an award recommendation will be made by the City Administrator/Recorder to the City Council, who shall make the final award.

## LCL25-0040 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF DEPOE BAY RFP

2025-01 The City of Depoe Bay ("City") is seeking proposals from a qualified Certified Public Accountant or Certified Public Accounting Firm to provide financial audit support, general accounting services, financial operational assistance, and grants management support on a contract basis for a three-year period with the option to extend for an additional one to two years. Information regarding this solicitation can be obtained from City Hall at 570 SE Shell Avenue, Depoe Bay or requested by email: [info@cityofdepoebay.org](mailto:info@cityofdepoebay.org) or can be found on the City's website at [cityofdepoebay.org](http://cityofdepoebay.org). Qualified proposers shall submit their proposal by the response deadline of February 20, 2025 at 5:00 PM PST to the Deputy City Recorder at [info@cityofdepoebay.org](mailto:info@cityofdepoebay.org). Any proposal received by the City after 5:00 PM PST will be considered late and will not be considered. Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by the City Administrator/Recorder or member(s) of the staff or other individual(s) as designated. After initial review, an award recommendation will be made by the City Administrator/Recorder to the City Council, who shall make the final award.

## LCL25-0047 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the ESTATE OF JEFFERY DEAN LISWIG, DECEASED, Lincoln County Circuit Court Case Number 24PB10984. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at PO Box 1768, Newport, OR 97365. Bid forms can be found online at [www.portofnewport.com](http://www.portofnewport.com) or at the address listed above. The sale of the property will be "as is, where is" and there are no representations by the lien claimant as to the condition of the property or its title. Any person wishing to inspect the property prior to the sale may do so during normal business hours, by contacting the Harbormaster at 541-270-5557. F5 F12

## LCL25-0037 PUBLIC LIEN SALE: U-STORE SELF STORAGE

Auction to be held online at [storageauctions.com](http://storageauctions.com). Auction will run from: 2/11/25 10am & ends 2/21/25 10am 105 NE 73rd St Newport, OR 97365. Susan Brewer 435, James Horrold 134, Vicki Langan 528, Matthew Nakken 330/541, Linda Pruitt 247/306, Sherry Rocha 127/431, Guste Tallekalepa 461.

## GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION SOLD BY STORAGE LOT. CASH &amp; CREDIT CARD ONLY

## LCL25-0036 SELF STORAGE PUBLIC SALE

Safe-Lock Storage 3639 SE Ash St South Beach, Oregon 97366 Saturday, 2/22/2025 @ 10:00am: C10 - Josphina Klish, C06 - Rich Rouske, M20 - Ken Sexton, F25 - William Thomas. Sale Subject to Cancellation. Safe-Lock Storage reserves the Right to refuse any and all bids.

## LCL25-0035 PERSUENT TO ORS CHAPTER 819

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 2/18/2025. The sale will be held at 10:00am by CAR CENTER TOW PRO INC 2795 SE 23RD DR LINCOLN CITY, OR 2018 GMC Acadia VIN = 1GKKNVLS9JZ181153

Amount due on lien \$6032.00. Reputed owner(s) FISHER, RANDALL FIBRE FED CU

## LCL25-0032 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

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## LCL25-0044 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF RODNEY D. PETERSON, DECEASED, Lincoln County, Oregon, Circuit Court Case No. 25PB00958. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at 285 SW Highway 101/P.O. Box 700, Waldport, Oregon 97365. For further information, contact 541-444-0700, or recorder@cityofsiletz.org, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## LCL25-0026 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PORT OF NEWPORT CLAIMS A LIEN

in the amount claimed below, pursuant to ORS 87.152, for the reasonable and agreed charges for labor and materials, storage or services provided at the request of the owner or lawful possessor of the following described personal property: Personal property: Therapy; Official number: OR 425 MP; Reputed owner: Robert Dejournette Sailboat Therapy; Last known address: 1406 NE Oceanview Dr, Newport, OR 97365; Security interest holder: None; Amount of claim of lien: \$14,922.51 (which includes storage of property and accrued late charges until sale date, and costs of lien foreclosure). The Port of Newport has retained the property for at least 60 days from the date when the charges for services provided were due. Notice is hereby given that unless the lien is paid prior to the date set forth for sale below, said property will be sold to the highest bidder. The successful bidder must pay 10% of the bid price in cash or certified check immediately upon being declared the successful bidder. The balance of the bid price will be paid to the lien claimant as the bid amount claimed plus storage and late charges, which will be an offset against the lien amount. Minimum bid is \$10,479.55. Bids accepted until: February 25, 2025. Email bids to: mbrown@portofnewport.com or OR drop bid off at: Port of Newport, 600 S.E. Bay Blvd, Newport, OR 97365. Bid forms can be found online at [www.portofnewport.com](http://www.portofnewport.com) or at the address listed above. The sale of the property will be "as is, where is" and there are no representations by the lien claimant as to the condition of the property or its title. Any person wishing to inspect the property prior to the sale may do so during normal business hours, by contacting the Harbormaster at 541-270-5557. F5 F12

## LCL25-0031 PUBLIC AUCTION AT ANCHOR STORAGE

628 Painter Ln Depoe Bay, Oregon 97341 Contact number is 541-921-9878. The following unit(s) will be sold at Public Auction on Feb 21st, 2025 Beginning at 11:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Unit D31 Cristina Serbia. F5 F12

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# Tigers tearing it up this year

Will Lohre  
Country Media, Inc.

Taft High School's boys basketball team has gone up a level this season. With little time remaining in the regular season, the Tigers have established themselves as one of the best teams in the state, a product of explosive offense, stingy defense, and cohesive team play.

Going into the Feb. 11 league game against Dayton, the Tigers boasted a formidable 13-1 league record and had won 12 league games in a row. When taking non-league games into account, Taft's overall record was 19-3, and the streak extends to 16 consecutive Ws.

Though the result of the Feb. 11 game is not known at the time of press, Taft entered the game as the #3 ranked 3A team in the state. Last season, Taft ranked #20 with a 15-13 record.

So, what's been the secret to the Tigers' dominance this year?

Taft Head Coach Zach Lillebo said that the Tigers wanted to build up the team's defense and allow it to launch their offense this year. Looking at the stats through the team's first 20 games, it seems that plan has worked to perfection.

Over those 20 games, Taft has averaged 65.1 points per game while also swiping 16.5 steals. The defense has given other teams fits, as the Tigers have held opponents to 44.5



points per game, 31 percent shooting on field goals, and forcing teams to cough up the ball 23.2 times per game.

However, a perfect plan can fall flat without the right pieces to implement it, and for Lillebo and the coaching staff, success would not be possible without this group of players. Something special is happening with this group.

"Having athletic kids who trust one another and play team ball has allowed buying into the process to come easy for this group. This group of players shares the ball and looks for the open man more so than any other team I have coached or watched over the years," Lillebo said. "Their court awareness, knowledge of teammate play, and athletic abilities allow for a quick tempo that is exciting to watch."

For most of the season, Lillebo has run with a balanced

seven-player rotation. A point of pride for the team is the contributions from every member of that rotation.

"Basketball is a team sport, and all pieces are needed to achieve success. I typically run a seven-man rotation this season, and none of these seven are averaging more than 24 minutes each night," Lillebo said. "Each of their contributions is important to the success of the program."

Each player in Lillebo's primary rotation contributes across the stat sheet, and part of that starts with the team's on-court leaders. The team's senior captains, Kai Bayer, JJ McCormick, and Jackson Nightingale, stuff the stat sheet each night. Through 20 games, their stats were:

- McCormick: 7.8 ppg, 5.0 rebounds, 2.4 assists, 2.1 steals and shooting 53%

- Bayer: 9.6 ppg, 3.1 rebounds, 2.6 assists, and 1.9 steals

- Nightingale: 9.3 ppg, 4.8 rebounds, 1.8 assists, 2.6 steals, and 50% shooting

The balanced attack has been driven by unselfish ball movement (each of the seven rotation players averages at least one assist per game), stellar defense (each player gets at least a steal each game), and shared scoring burden (every player scores at least three points per game).

Junior Kol Tolan is the team's leading scorer, averaging 14.3 points a night and 6.5 rebounds. Tolan's length and size make him a tough cover in transition and the post. Senior Trenton Battle brings tons of energy each night, averaging 6.8 points and 6.5 rebounds to go with 2.1 assists and 1.8 steals.

Zack Hankins is another junior, making his presence

felt on the court each night. Hankins does the dirty work, and he leads the team in steals, averaging 3.2 a game while chipping in 7.7 points, five rebounds, and 2.6 assists. The team's youngest member, sophomore Ezra James, is also showing plenty of promise, contributing 3.7 ppg, 2.6 rebounds, 1.5 assists, and 1.2 steals.

The contributions across the rotation manifest one of Lillebo's goals for the team: to "play for each other and have fun." With a group of players so committed to each other and the team's goals, Lillebo is hoping to make a run at the league title and ultimately play in the state championship in Coos Bay.

While making it to the final would be a dream, a process-based goal he has for the team is to "compete at a high level regardless of practice, game and/or opponent." It's that commitment to excellence that can be applied to life outside of basketball. Lillebo wants the team to know that "hard things are worth it in the end," and that goes beyond sport.

When asked what he hopes his players take from the season, Lillebo said: "Lifelong memories/friendships/mentorships that they will cherish and reminisce about throughout their adult lives."

For one of the hottest teams in the state of Oregon, there are still plenty of memories to make this season.

## Taft and Newport's 'last chance' before districts

Will Lohre  
Country Media, Inc.

Swim teams from Taft High School and Newport High School are gearing up for the District Championships in Astoria on Feb. 14 and 15 and are going into the meet after some encouraging results at the final swim meet of the regular season.

Let's catch up on how the Tigers and Cubs did at the recent Last Chance Invitational, which was in Lincoln City on Feb. 6.

### Last Chance Invitational

The Tigers had good results at a familiar watering hole when they welcomed four teams for the Last Chance Invitational at the Lincoln City Community Center Pool.

Though teams from Banks, Kennedy School, and Rainier couldn't make it due to weather or sickness, it was nevertheless a busy day in the pool. Taft Head Coach Lissa Parker said about 95 swimmers represented Taft, Newport, Blanchet Catholic, and Gladstone.

Taft came away as the big winner from the event, getting first place in team scoring in both boys and girls, but it was a close run contest, as Newport's boys missed out on first place by just four points.

The full team scores were:

#### Girls

1. Taft - 403
2. Newport - 338
3. Blanchet Catholic - 209
4. Gladstone - 65

#### Boys

1. Taft - 332
2. Newport - 328
3. Blanchet Catholic - 207
4. Gladstone - 122

The final score of the meet largely came down to Taft's depth, as the Tigers did win the whole thing despite some excellent individual displays from Newport's fastest. The Cubs won all six relays and won 12 out of the 16 individual events.

Newport also picked up 14 other top-5 finishes in the individual events, but the Tigers were able to pick up points in the lower places to eke it out.

"Newport has fast swimmers that get first places; on our side, we have numbers for depth and scoring points," Parker said. "Still close as the boys were ahead by only four points."

Parker said that her team saw a lot of personal bests, with many of the swimmers cutting off time. It could be down to some of the swimmers having a few day's rest before.

"Blair Gray for the boys



Taft High school's swim team seniors. (Courtesy photo from Lissa Parker)

dropped a lot of time, and more of the novices improved," Parker said. "Hadley Twigg took a lot of time off in the backstroke, Allison Lua in the 400 Free, and Daisy Cobos shines in the 200 IM, along with Abby Halferty. Abigail Nunes went 2nd in both of her events. We were missing two boys who are pretty key- Max Serrato and Emery Bingham. Nevertheless, we had others step up and take their place in the relays."

While the depth helped them win the meet, Taft also had some first-place winners: Eli Fingerson won in the 50 Free, Brenden Wilson in the 400 Free, and Daisy Cobos in the 200 IM for the girls.

The meet was also a chance

for the community to honor and say goodbye to the program's seniors, who Parker said "would be missed."

For the Cubs, they sent a strong crew of swimmers including Ben Hurty, Allison Pettett, Ivan Farias, Gwynn and Will Postlewait, Alyssa and Elyna Greenwald, Jonathan Lee, Liberty Truchitt, Giselle Sanchez-Munoz, Jahan Eibner, Gigi Howard, Clyde Bretz, Connor Brown, Ian Ruiz-Ramirez, Ruby Perucci, Marian Kimberly, Hana Parker, Brynn Hildebrand and Sam Smith.

Swimmers who were able to grab first places included Bretz, Eibner (x2), Gwynn Postlewait (x2), Parker, Pettett, Hurty (x2), Howard, Perucci, and Farias.

Bretz, and Eibner turned in speedy performances. Despite being only sophomores, they each finished their individual events in the Boys 200 SC Meter Freestyle and Boys 200 SC Meter IM 8 and 31 seconds ahead of the second-place finishers, respectively. Howard had an amazing win in the Girls 400 SC Meter Freestyle, beating the next closest finisher by almost 28 seconds despite being just a freshman.

When both Newport and Taft hop in the pool at the District Championships in Astoria, both teams will need to be at their best to get some swimmers off to the state championships. There's plenty of talent for both teams to make it interesting.

## Five tips for properly planting a conifer tree

Kym Pokorny  
For OSU Extension Service

If conifer tree planting is on your late winter or early spring to-do list, there are some things you can do to improve your success.

When it comes to planting conifers, timing is everything, according to John Punches, Oregon State University Extension Service forester and associate professor in the OSU College of Forestry. Punches recommends planting when the upper 10 inches of soil is moist, the soil is not frozen more than a half-inch deep, the snow cover is less than two inches and air temperature is between 30 and 65 degrees.

It also helps if the wind is blowing at less than 20 miles per hour — and the seedlings are fully dormant.

A little extra time spent during planting can yield big dividends in young tree survival, Punches said, so plant your trees correctly for best success.

Among Punches' other tips:

- Keep the roots moist and the trees cool. Plant in the rain, if possible. Dried out roots are dead roots, and bare root seedlings are susceptible to drying. Containerized seedlings are more protected but need careful treatment. Carry seedlings in a planting bag or bucket to protect them from sun and wind and remove just one tree at a time

for planting. Dig the hole or holes before removing the seedlings. To help prevent damage, keep roots covered and moist from the moment seedlings are removed from their shipping bundles until they are planted.

- Dig a good hole. Many planting errors can be blamed on holes too small for the roots of the plant going into them. Holes should be deep enough to hold the root system with ease and allow for broken soil all around the root system to promote root growth. If the roots are 9 inches long, dig the hole at least 12 inches deep to provide broken soil under the seedling.

- Plant at the right depth. Trees should be planted at the same depth they experienced

in the nursery or a bit deeper. Planting too shallow leaves upper roots exposed, leading to their death. Planting too deep can be a problem if lower twigs and needles are buried.

Spread out the roots in a natural position when you place the seedling in the hole.

- Firmly press down soil around the plant. While holding the tree in an upright position at the correct depth, fill the hole with the loose, moist soil dug from the planting hole. Do not let dry soil, rocks or surface litter fall in the hole, or roots in these dry spots could be damaged or killed. When the hole is filled in with moist soil, press it down firmly.

- Manage competition.

Planting the tree is only part of the battle. Control competing vegetation for at least the next two years to give the tree time to become fully established.

### About OSU Extension

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