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Flock cameras help capture armed robbery suspect

TONY REED
Country Media, Inc.

Police officials say Flock cameras were the key to finding and arresting a fugitive from an armed robbery in Newport on July 14.

Early that morning, coastal law enforcement agencies were alerted that a vehicle associated with an armed robbery in Newport was possibly driving south, or to the Eugene/Springfield area.

Florence Police Chief John Pitcher said a Flock camera in Florence

alerted authorities that the vehicle was in town. Just after noon, FPD officers observed that vehicle and followed it out Highway 126 before conducting a felony stop around mile marker 4.

Officers arrested Chistopher Michael Lekoff, 20, for Robbery 1, Theft 2 and menacing. The car was towed to Florence Police Department while officers from Newport came to investigate further.

According to Newport

See **ARREST**, page A4

Local firefighters sent to battle ‘intense’ Jackson County wildfire

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Firefighters and equipment from Lincoln, Linn, and Tillamook counties have been sent to help battle an intense wildfire in Jackson County.

The Lincoln County Fire Defense Board fulfilled a resource request from the Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Office by mobilizing Strike Team 7 in support of the East

See **WILDFIRE**, page A2



The East Evans Creek Road Fire is located approximately 14 miles northeast of Rogue River in Jackson County. (Courtesy from the Oregon Department of Forestry)

Community Spirit: Coastal Range Food Bank

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

It may go unnoticed by many in larger cities like Newport and Lincoln City, but it is a vital link for nearly 4,000 mountain residents.

Day in and day out, the Coast Range Food Bank exhibits the spirit of the community in Lincoln County.

In the following conversation, founder Carol Adams gives us insight into the food bank and its importance to the community.

Lincoln County Leader: Describe why you started this food pantry and when?

Carol Adams: Feb. 20,2004 Internal Revenue final decision ID No. 93-1286482 Public Charity.

Started up at the Grange Hall #432 that is located in Summit, just up the hill from our store that became our permanent home in 2004.

- The Coastal Range Food Bank, Inc. got started because there was such a discrepancy in the living status of individuals & families in the middle



Deliveries being unloaded at the Nashville Store. (Courtesy photos)



Inside the Coast Range Food Bank.

14 drivers caught in latest pedestrian enforcement operation

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) traffic officers conducted a Pedestrian Safety Enforcement operation on Monday July 13, in the area of SE 9th St and Highway 101.

Fourteen drivers received citations for violation of ORS 811.028 Fail To Yield to Pedestrian in Crosswalk. Many were also provided the statute numbers from their own states which mirror Oregon’s

language, according to LCPD Patrol Sgt. Erik Anderson.

Officer Logan Smith was stationed at the crosswalk at SE 9th Street and Highway 101.

“We had a woman dressed in a bright red shirt cross the street in that crosswalk at various intervals ensuring not to back up highway traffic,” Anderson said. “Appropriate reaction distance was measured with significant extra distance allowed to account for if the driver was speeding, so that we give drivers the benefit of the doubt that possibly they did not have time to stop. Outside of that extra distance, if a driver did not stop, an officer waiting nearby would conduct a traffic stop and issue the driver

a citation for a violation of ORS 811.028 Failure To Yield to Pedestrian in Crosswalk or 811.020 Passing Stopped Vehicle at Crosswalk.”

Anderson noted that hundreds of other drivers violated the statute, but LCPD officers were limited by the number of chase vehicles present at the enforcement operation location.

“Many drivers argued that in their state drivers only have to stop where cross bars are marked on the street,” Anderson said. “Those drivers were also provided their own state statutes which mirror Oregon’s, as they all reflect the same Federal Highway Administration guidelines.”

See **SAFETY**, page A4



Fines for Failure to Yield to a Pedestrian and Passing a Vehicle Stopped at a Crosswalk can be as much as \$265 each. Fines for Operating a Motor Vehicle While using a Mobile Electronic Device can range from \$265 to \$2,500, depending on the incident and any previous convictions. (Courtesy photo)



Weather

Wednesday: High-65/Low-55
AM Clouds/PM Sun

Thursday: High-65/Low-55
Cloudy

Friday: High-61/Low-54
AM Clouds/PM Sun

Saturday: High-62/Low-54
AM Clouds/PM Sun

Sunday: High-61/Low-53
Partly Cloudy

Monday: High-62/Low-54
Partly Cloudy

Tuesday: High-63/Low-52
Partly Cloudy

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
30-Jun.....	0.....	54.44 °F....	63.12 °F
01-Jul.....	0.....	54.08 °F....	63.54 °F
02-Jul.....	0.....	51.36 °F....	64.55 °F
03-Jul.....	0.01.....	55.75 °F....	66.04 °F
04-Jul.....	0.....	55.87 °F....	63.25 °F
05-Jul.....	0.....	49.78 °F....	63.79 °F
06-Jul.....	0.....	50.12 °F....	60.87 °F
Total rainfall from Jan. 1.....			

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Low	1:46 a.m.....	1.2
High.....	8:07 a.m.....	5.1
Low	12:44 p.m.....	3.2
High.....	7:25 p.m.....	7.9

THURSDAY, JULY 23

Low	2:52 a.m.....	0.9
High.....	9:42 a.m.....	5.2
Low	1:45 p.m.....	3.9
High.....	8:16 p.m.....	7.9

FRIDAY, JULY 24

Low	3:52 a.m.....	0.6
High.....	10:57 a.m.....	5.5
Low	2:54 p.m.....	4.1
High.....	9:09 p.m.....	7.9

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Low	4:43 a.m.....	0.2
High.....	11:50 a.m.....	5.9
Low	3:58 p.m.....	4.2
High.....	10:00 p.m.....	8.1

SUNDAY, JULY 26

Low	5:27 a.m.....	-0.1
High.....	12:29 p.m.....	6.1
Low	4:50 p.m.....	4.1
High.....	10:47 p.m.....	8.3

MONDAY, JULY 27

Low	6:05 a.m.....	-0.3
High.....	1:01 p.m.....	6.3
Low	5:35 p.m.....	3.8
High.....	11:29 p.m.....	8.4

TUESDAY, JULY 28

Low	6:41 a.m.....	-0.6
High.....	1:30 p.m.....	6.6
Low	6:15 p.m.....	3.6

Sunrise/Sunset

July 22	5:52 a.m.....	8:54 p.m.
July 23	5:53 a.m.....	8:53 p.m.
July 24	5:54 a.m.....	8:52 p.m.
July 25	5:55 a.m.....	8:51 p.m.
July 26	5:56 a.m.....	8:50 p.m.
July 27	5:57 a.m.....	8:49 p.m.
July 28	5:58 a.m.....	8:48 p.m.
July 29	5:59 a.m.....	8:46 p.m.
July 30	6:00 a.m.....	8:45 p.m.

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Saturday, July 18
Megabucks
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Bonamici talks housing, McMahon impeachment resolution

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Suzanne Bonamici

In a one-on-one interview with the Headlight Herald news-
paper, Oregon U. S. Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici discussed the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act, which became law on July 11, after President Donald Trump declined to veto or sign the legislation, and her recently intro-
duced impeachment res-
olution against Secretary of Education Linda McMahon.

Bonamici was in Tillamook as part of a day trip to the coast and met with leaders of the business community in the morning at the Port of Tillamook Bay and took a tour of Aerostar Tillamook. Bonamici said that the group discussed several issues including infrastructure, healthcare and education, with a “significant conversa-
tion about housing and the lack of affordable housing.”

The interview fell on July 11, the deadline day for Trump to sign or veto the comprehensive hous-
ing reform bill that passed congress in June, and it was unclear whether the president planned to act. Bonamici said based on the assumption he did not, the focus would be

on implementing the new policies that are aimed at increasing the availability of housing, streamlining the building process and making housing more affordable, before looking at future policy directives.

“Assuming that it goes into effect and the dollars get distributed, and the policy changes are made, well, then, we’ll be look-
ing for ways that we can build on it and help with it,” Bonamici said.

Regarding the impeach-
ment resolution against McMahon that she filed in late June, Bonamici explained that she had been alarmed by McMahon’s efforts to move programs from the Department of Education to other executive branch agencies throughout her tenure, citing moving cer-
tain workforce programs to the Department of Labor. Bonamici said that

when McMahon proposed moving administration of the Individuals with Disability Education Act to the Department of Health and Human Services and the depart-
ment’s civil rights enforcement division to the Department of Justice, it was the final straw leading to the impeach-
ment resolution.

Bonamici said that both represented an ongoing campaign by McMahon to dismantle the Department of Education, removing congressionally mandated programs with the goal of shuttering the depart-
ment entirely. Bonamici also said McMahon lied during her confirmation hearings when she said she would spend con-
gressionally appropriated funds, which Bonamici accused her of failing to do.

“I filed the

impeachment resolution, not because I don’t like the policies, that’s not why you file impeach-
ment, it’s because she doesn’t have the authority to do this,” Bonamici said. “They cannot shut down the department of educa-
tion without congress.” Bonamici acknowledged that the resolution was unlikely to advance.

Bonamici said that she was also monitoring attempts by the adminis-
tration to remove nursing programs from those eli-
gible for federal student loans and would continue to fight to restore Federal Emergency Management Agency grants that are aimed at mitigating risks from disasters that were clawed back in the early days of the Trump administration.

Will Chappell is the editor of the Tillamook Headlight Herald.

SHERIFF’S TIP OF THE WEEK

Sharing the Road

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Cycling has become more popular as a re-
creational activity and as alternative transportation.

As the weather con-
tinues to get nicer and more cycling events come into season, expect to see more bicycles on the road and in shared community spaces. Both cyclists and motorists have respon-
sibility to follow traffic laws and to take addi-
tional precautions to keep everyone safe.

Bicycles on streets and highways are considered, by law, a vehicle, and are required to obey the rules of the road. This means they must follow the laws that apply to all vehi-
cles and laws specific to cyclists.

Weather, experience, and traffic can impact the safety of sharing the road. Using additional caution and patience can help keep our roads safer for everyone involved.

Motorists should remember these tips:

- When a cyclist has

TIP OF THE WEEK

SHARING THE ROAD:
CYCLISTS AND MOTORISTS





- turns in the same man-
ner as other vehicles.
- Be aware of roadway conditions that may affect a cyclist.
- Weather such as fog or rain impact motorists and cyclists alike. Use additional caution in hazardous areas and during times of low visibility.
- Do not sound your horn unnecessarily. If you must use your horn, tap it quickly and lightly while you are still some distance away from the cyclist.

Cyclists should remember these tips while using streets and highways:

- Riding against the flow of traffic is illegal and increases your risk of injury and death.
- Cyclists are required to ride in bike lanes or paths when it is adja-
cent to the roadway with exceptions for right and left turns and to avoid hazards.
- In areas without bike lanes, cyclists are required to ride as close as practicable to the curb, however they may need to adjust to avoid
grates, potholes, debris, gravel, sand, wet or slippery surfaces, rutted or grooved pavement and other hazards.
- Keep your hands on the

handlebars except when making a hand signal.

- Keep your feet on the pedals.
- Do not carry more peo-
ple on the bicycle than it was designed for.
- Do not hold onto, attach yourself or the bicycle to any other moving vehicle.
- Only ride side by side on the road with another cyclist when it does not impede other traffic.
- If there is not enough room to pass safely, ride single file.
- Ensure the bicycle is equipped with at least one white light to the front and a red light and or red reflector mounted on the rear of the bicycle.
- Wear reflective clothing or gear.
- Wear appropriate pro-
tective gear.
- Ensure the bicycle has effective brakes.
- Share your cycling plans with loved ones, include where you are going and when you are expected to return.

For more information and tips visit www.lincolncountysheriff.net

WILDFIRE

From Page A1

Evans Creek Road Fire, located approximately 14 miles northeast of Rogue River.

The fire has grown to nearly 15,000 acres as of July 19, according to regional Captain Justin Roberts.

“Across the main fire,

20%, and afternoon north-
west winds are expected to gust up to 25 mph.

“These conditions will significantly increase the risk of new spot fires breaching current lines,” The ODF said. “On the positive side, the weather shift will lift the morning smoke inversion, allow-
ing firefighting aircraft to safely take flight to drop water and provide critical mapping intelligence.”

Firefighters will con-
tinue to encounter chal-
lenging conditions as sup-
pression efforts continue, according to the Lincoln County Fire Defense Board, adding that the deployment may last up to 14 days, depending on fire activity and operational needs.

Strike Team 7 represents the second deployment of the resources requested by the Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) from Lincoln County fire agencies, to

assist with suppression efforts on the East Evans Creek Road Fire. These firefighters and apparatus have joined the statewide response to help protect lives, property, and natu-
ral resources as wildfire activity continues to increase across Oregon.

“On behalf of the Lincoln County Fire Defense Board, I would like to thank the firefigh-
ters and agencies who answered the call to assist our fellow Oregonians during this significant wildfire incident. Their willingness to serve reflects the profession-
alism, dedication, and strong mutual aid partner-
ships that exist throughout our state,” Depoe Bay Fire Chief Tom Jackson said.

With wildfire activity increasing across the state, The Lincoln County Fire Defense Board urges everyone to be vigilant and exercise due diligence with any activity that could spark a fire.

“Avoid using equipment that may create sparks during the hottest parts of the day, properly extin-
guish campfires where permitted, and never dis-
card smoking materials on the ground or from a vehicle,” the Defense Board stated in a release. “We also want to remind

all residents that a debris burning ban remains in effect. These restrictions are in place to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfire during periods of elevated fire danger. We appreciate the continued support of our community as our personnel assist in protecting Oregonians statewide. By working together and following current fire restrictions, we can help reduce the risk of additional wildfires and keep our communities safe.”

“Please keep the resi-
dents affected by this fire, along with all emergency responders working to protect lives and property, in your thoughts during this critical time,” Jackson said.

The deployment is being led by Strike Team Leader Mark Bernt of the City of Albany Fire Department.

The call up for Task Force #7 is comprised of firefighters and equipment from:

- North Lincoln Fire
- Newport Fire Department
- Seal Rock Fire
- Central Coast Fire
- Nestucca Rural Fire
- Depoe Bay Fire
- Netarts-Oceanside Fire
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Sudoku answers

More coordination, investment needed to prepare for the ‘Big One’

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

If the “Big One” — the anticipated massive Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake — hit today, Oregonians west of the Cascades would be luckiest to find themselves at the recently-retrofitted state Capitol in Salem or on the roof of the new terminal at the Portland International Airport.

The comment from Tom Wharton, an engineer at the Port of Portland, drew laughs from an audience Thursday at the 13th annual National Conference on Earthquake Engineering in Portland, but it wasn’t entirely a joke. Jonna Papaefthimiou, state resilience officer in Gov. Tina Kotek’s office, said few of the 4,000 buildings the state owns would survive. Just five would likely remain standing and be immediately usable in the weeks and months after, she said.

The Port of Portland and the governor’s office are among the members of the region-wide multi-agency Cascadia Lifelines Program housed at Oregon State University, operating as a think tank for stakeholders who meet twice annually to discuss preparation for what

seismologists project will be a 7.4 or greater magnitude earthquake in the Northwest in the next 50 years.

The Cascadia Subduction Zone quake occurs off the coasts of Oregon, Washington and California every 500 years and was last recorded in 1700. It could cause Northwest coastlines to lower and retreat, spur widespread flooding and landslides and displace millions of people.

The experts discussed progress: Renovations at the Portland airport and state Capitol that made the buildings more likely to withstand earthquakes, a plan to ensure Washington County residents have access to water sourced from beyond Portland’s system and Kotek’s 2025 executive order mandating large state-owned buildings be retrofitted during the next 35 years and new ones be built to a worst-case-scenario earthquake code.

But the experts also discussed policies that they say should be enacted urgently.

If coastal U.S. Route 101 isn’t retrofitted before the Big One hits and shuts down for any extended period following the quake, “then you’ve lost

those coastal communities, and you’re not going to get those back,” said Mike Olsen, an Oregon State University civil engineering professor and the director of the Cascadia Lifelines Program.

The highway is also already under frequent threats of coastal landslides and flooding.

“We don’t need to wait for the earthquake to cause a lot of damage to it. It’s already under a lot of pressure,” he said.

Race to retrofit

In coastal areas that will be most heavily impacted, and that are heavily reliant on grid power from the Bonneville Power Administration, policies that promote community microgrids and battery storage will be key to post-quake recovery, said Leon Kempner, a BPA engineer.

BPA controls most of the Northwest electricity distribution grid. In some coastal areas, such as Lincoln City, it is the source of nearly all power.

Kempner said the agency is racing to retrofit the grid to withstand earthquakes, but it didn’t start implementing seismic code into projects until the 1980s, and it lacks resources to move as quickly as needed.

He also suggested

that the Oregon and Washington state legislatures should require BPA and all regional utilities to regularly report to state officials on what they are doing to prepare for the Big One to increase awareness, transparency about planning gaps and potential for collaboration.

Wharton, who explained that much of the state would rely on the airport and the port’s four Willamette and Columbia river terminals to receive recovery aid, said the Port of Portland needs nearly \$500 million to upgrade a runway that can survive the quake and handle large Federal Emergency Management Agency aircraft, and other aircraft, landing for support or evacuation.

Port officials will meet with Kotek’s office in the next few weeks to discuss some potential budget requests, he and Papaefthimiou said. Some funding could also come from requesting an advance on annual maintenance dollars from the Federal Aviation Administration or grants from FEMA, “as long as FEMA still exists,” Wharton said.

A recent study by the National Institute of Building Sciences found

that the, for now, roughly \$450 million investment would have a net \$7 billion savings benefit for the state as it tries to recover and rebuild after the quake, he said. But none of that matters if roads and bridges are unusable or nonexistent.

Critical corridors

The Oregon Department of Transportation has identified \$40 million worth of bridge deficiencies that, if left unaddressed, leave them vulnerable to the quake, said Yumei Wang, a civil engineering and infrastructure resilience and risk expert from Portland State University.

Olsen and other experts also called for more investment in preparing a disaster response workforce for the state and the region, which would require months of emergency attention and years of rebuilding. Everyone agreed that municipal governments, state leaders, and all regional infrastructure stakeholders need to be more regularly talking and planning together, now.

Mike Britch, an engineering and construction manager at Tualatin Valley Water District, is overseeing a \$1.6 billion water infrastructure project to shift the half of Tualatin that relies on water from

the Portland Water Bureau to water sourced from the Joint Water Commission that also supplies water to the cities of Hillsboro, Forest Grove and Beaverton.

Part of the project involved building a 2,000 foot “micro tunnel” under the Tualatin River to transport drinking water. Above it, the Roy Rogers Road bridge over the river would not survive the Big One, Britch said, leaving people south of the bridge stranded and unable to get to any area hospitals.

“If I could create a policy and make people do things, I would say I want the state to identify some of these really critical corridors,” he said. “We need some sort of policy to address that.”

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Undersea infrastructure comment period

The Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) is seeking comments on proposed changes to administrative rules (OAR 141-083) that guide how easements are issued for uses of the territorial sea.

Proposed changes are intended to strengthen protections for Oregon’s marine ecosystems, streamline permitting, and ensure fair public compensation for use of the seafloor.

The comment period opened from July 1 and closes at 5 p.m. August 3.

Why are Changes Needed?

For decades, cables have been installed on the bottom of Oregon’s territorial sea—the area of the Pacific Ocean extending from the shoreline to three nautical miles offshore. These cables, often called “undersea” or “submarine” cables, carry global data through optical fibers and are placed on, attached to, or buried beneath the seafloor.

In the future, similar infrastructure may also include power transmission cables and pipelines to serve purposes like carrying electricity from offshore wind turbines to shore.

DSL, with approval from the State Land Board, issues easements for use of the territorial sea. DSL is one of several agencies with a regulatory role in the territorial sea, but the administrative rules guiding DSL’s work are out of date.

Oregon’s administrative rules governing these easements have not been comprehensively updated in 25 years. Since then, undersea infrastructure technology has evolved significantly, including the development of SMART cables that support both data transmission and sensors for ocean monitoring.

In addition, Oregon’s Territorial Sea Plan Part Four was updated in 2023, and Senate Bill 793 now requires DSL to set

application and compensation fees for easements associated with water, gas, electric, and communication infrastructure in the territorial sea. These changes in technology, policy, and state law make updates to the rules necessary.

What’s Proposed

- **Alignment with Oregon’s ocean resource management goals.** Proposed updates align DSL’s easement review and authorization processes with Oregon’s Territorial Sea Plan Part Four and other applicable state policies governing uses of the seafloor.
- **Enhanced application requirements.** Applicants would be required to provide additional information during project planning and review, including resource and use inventories, effects evaluations, decommissioning plans, emergency response plans, and information about potential encroachments. Early coordination through pre-application meetings and the Joint Agency Review Team would help identify information needs and potential issues

before applications are submitted.

- **A cooperative review framework.** Updates would support collaboration among applicants, state and federal agencies, Tribal governments, and local communities. Clearer requirements and review procedures would provide greater transparency and predictability throughout the process.
- **New fee structure.** A new structure for application fees will support sustainable funding for the interagency application review. New compensation fees allow use of Oregon’s territorial sea while compensating Oregonians for the usage of this public resource. Revenues go to the Common School Fund.

See the notice of rules filing and the proposed rules, as well as a summary of proposed fees.

A rulemaking advisory committee was convened from February through June 2026 to inform the proposed changes, and a summary of RAC input can be found here.

How to Comment

Visit the DSL website for all rulemaking

materials, including a draft of the proposed rules, all related materials from the rulemaking advisory committee, and the online comment form.

The comment deadline is Monday, August 3, 2026, at 5 p.m.

Public Hearings

Feedback on the proposed rulemaking can be provided during the following public meetings which will begin with an information session with time for questions, followed by a public hearing. Recordings and minutes will be posted online afterwards.

- **In-person:** The meetings held at the in-person locations are in-person only and will not have virtual access.
- **North Bend, OR:** Monday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. at North

Bend Community Center, 2222 Broadway Ave., North Bend, OR 97459

- **Newport, OR:** Tuesday, July 21 at 5 p.m. at Hatfield Marine Science Center, Classroom 30/32 (HMSC 3032), 2030 SE Marine Science Dr., Newport, OR 97365 (map to classroom)
- **Seaside, OR:** Wednesday, July 22 at 5:30 p.m. at Seaside Library, 1131 Broadway, Seaside, OR 97138

Virtual (online only): Thursday, July 23 at 2:30 p.m.

- Meeting ID: 250 886 8653
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- Join by phone: 1-669-444-9171 (Passcode: 87671005)

Written Comments

Comments may also be submitted in writing by online form, emailed to dsl.rules@dsl.oregon.gov or mailed to DSL (Attn: Rules Coordinator) at 775 Summer Street NE, Suite 100, Salem, OR 97301.

What Happens Next?

After the comment period closes and comments are addressed, proposed rules are presented at an upcoming meeting of the State Land Board for a decision. The public may provide additional testimony at that time.

If adopted, these proposed rules and fees are anticipated to go into effect in January 2027. For the latest updates, visit the DSL website.



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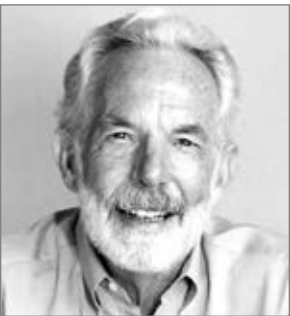
Anderson offers summer policy discussions

Help Shape the Next Session: Your Ideas, Your Feedback

Over the coming news-letters, I'll be sharing a series of policy ideas we're developing ahead of the next legislative session — not finished bills, but concepts in progress. The best leg-islation I've worked on started with conversa-tions back home, and I'd rather hear from you now, while these ideas can still be shaped, than after a bill is already written. Each issue will spotlight one topic. Read it, react to it, and tell me what you think — what would work, what wouldn't, and what we're missing.

First Up: Child Care

Ask any young family or employer on the coast,



Dick Anderson

and you'll hear the same thing: child care is too scarce and too expensive. Providers are closing their doors, parents are leaving the workforce, and employers can't fill jobs.

What we've already tried. In previous ses-sions, I worked on what seemed like a com-mon-sense idea: put child care facilities inside affordable housing devel-opments — child care

where the kids actually are. The catch? Adding a child care center trig-gers prevailing wage requirements for the whole project, driving up construction costs enough to kill the deal. So we proposed removing that trigger. Simple fix, right? Apparently not. The public employee unions objected, the Democrat majority obliged, and the idea died — because in Salem, protecting a wage mandate matters more than whether working parents can find child care down the hall. I still think kids and housing belong together, but I've stopped waiting for the majority party to agree. So we've shifted to proposals they'll have a harder time saying no to. Here's what we're

working on: Solving the liability insurance crisis. One of the quiet forces driving providers out of business is the cost — and some-times the sheer unavail-ability — of liability insurance. I serve on the Task Force on Liability Insurance for Child Care Providers, and our goal is legislation creating industry-wide liability coverage based on the task force's findings, so a provider's insurance bill no longer decides whether they can keep their doors open. Making child care affordable. Two ideas here. First, increasing Oregon's child care tax credit to put money directly back in parents' pockets. Second, a "Tri-Share" model based on

Michigan's successful program: child care costs split three ways — one-third employer, one-third employee, one-third state and county. In Michigan, average family out-of-pocket costs dropped from \$716 a month to \$252 — a 65% reduction — and 82% of partici-pating employees said they were more likely to stay in their current jobs. Under our concept, the employer's share would be a 100% tax deduction, up to \$3,600 per child per year. Families save, employers keep workers, and communities keep young families. Partnering with coun-ties. Allowing public-pri-vate partnerships between counties and child care providers would open new ways to deliver care

in rural communities where the private market alone hasn't been able to make it work. What do you think? Are these the right approaches? Would a Tri-Share program work for your family or your busi-ness? Email my office — every response gets read, and your input will shape what we bring to Salem. Dick Anderson rep-resents District 5 as an Oregon State Senator. He may be reached at: Capitol Phone: 503-986-1705 Capitol Address: 900 Court St NE, S-303, Salem, OR, 97301 Email: Sen. DickAnderson@oregon-legislature.gov Website: http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/anderson

Two simple prosperity proposals

RANDY STAPILUS Oregon Capital Chronicle

Not everything in the newly-released report of the Governor's Prosperity Council is uncontro-versial, or should be, or points specifically to major systemic problems that limit Oregon's eco-nomic growth. But some do. Two gen-eral proposals especially, which may at first sound almost like anodyne boil-erplate, seem on reflection like matters of real signif-icance and specific rele-vance to the way Oregon works, or doesn't. And in theory at least, both ought not to be non-controversial because they touch on matters of simple competence and fairness. Gov. Tina Kotek formed the 15-member council, which includes a number of business leaders around the state, in January to "recommend action-able steps to accelerate Oregon's economy, create good paying jobs, and recruit and grow Oregon's businesses. It didn't stint on recom-mendations: The report

runs 452 pages. Some of its ideas are very specific, such as those concerning taxes and spending, and some still seem a little more vague, even if num-bers are attached (such as a recommendation to reduce regulations by a set percentage, without more specificity on which reg-ulations exactly should be dropped). But at least two ideas have deeper implications for the way things are or should be done in Oregon. The topline for the first: "The state should trans-form Business Oregon [a state economic devel-opment organization] into the Oregon Commerce Authority, governed by a board of business and innovation leaders and the Governor ..." Which sounds like: "Great, let's set up a committee and slap a new name on it." Except that's not what the report was getting at. (The new name would be beside the point.) There's an underlying problem in Oregon's economic development system this proposal is designed to address:

"More than 850 organi-zations make up Oregon's economic development system, all broadly focused on business growth and job creation. However, consistent col-laboration around shared priorities is the exception, not the norm. For busi-nesses of all sizes, this fragmentation can make it difficult to identify a clear entry point, navi-gate available programs, or receive coordinated support." The simple number of 850 economic devel-opment organizations in Oregon suggests the issue: Clearly the problem doesn't involve inadequate resources or effort, but rather the lack of a unified effort. If Oregon's eco-nomic development efforts are that fractured, that incoherent, there should be little argument the sys-tem presents a real handi-cap to economic growth. The point of the Authority would be to place someone in actual charge, someone setting a consistent approach and message and har-nessing the grab-bag of small pieces into a larger,

comprehensive effort. It went on: "The Authority should estab-lish measurable statewide economic development goals and maintain a public-facing dashboard tracking key metrics such as business growth, job creation, project timelines, regional investment, cus-tomer response times, and economic competitiveness outcomes to improve transparency and account-ability ..." Simple provision of coordination and compe-tence could help quite a bit. It's not that all those people working in eco-nomic development aren't capable; lots of them surely are. But if they're not working together, the state isn't going to get traction from them. The argument for the second point may be a lit-tle less clear cut for some people, but the underlying principle should not be: Justice delayed is justice denied. This relates to the state's overall system — not so much its content, but its process — of reg-ulation. The Council said that people commenting

on it around the state said much of the statewide regulatory system is "frag-mented, lengthy, inconsis-tent, and costly." That assessment prob-ably wouldn't draw a serious argument broadly around the state, and across a large number of agencies, and it would apply to individuals and non-profits as well, and really almost anyone other than people trying to use the flaws in the cumber-some system to achieve a result not through merit but through wearing down the opposition. Those too-frequent realities of the system build distrust generally in government systems, and ought to be something advocates of government action would want to address as well. The proposed solutions involve setting action deadlines and even pen-alties for unnecessary delays: "The process should prevent projects from being delayed indef-initely and should include accountability measures such as public reporting and partial fee refunds when deadlines are

missed." The idea is for greater efficiency and timeliness in addressing regulatory issues, not merely as an aspiration but backed up with legal teeth and top-level enforcement. A more rigorous system surely would provide economic benefits, but the positive implications would ripple beyond that. These are things a governor and Legislature should be able easily to do. They seem clear and obvious enough, and the benefits seem direct enough if the rules are strong enough and they are enforced from the top down. https://oregoncapital-chronicle.com/2026/07/02/two-simple-prosperity-proposals/ Oregon Capital Chronicle is part of States Newsroom, a network of news bureaus supported by grants and a coalition of donors as a 501c(3) public charity. Oregon Capital Chronicle main-tains editorial indepen-dence. Contact Editor Lynne Terry for questions: info@oregoncapitalchron-icle.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FIVE DAYS - 10,000 TAKEN

It began quietly, ICE moving with stealth, determined to meet Stephen Miller's directive to increase detentions. In just five days at the end of June, 10,000 people were "disappeared" across the country, quickly doubling the daily rate. In Oregon, June detentions

were twice what they were in May and over three times those in April. Arresting 2000 people per day, they got closer to Miller's goal of 3000.

You could be a legal citizen, working in this country for 30 years, never having broken the law, but if ICE stops your car (most common place)

while you are driving to work one summer morn-ing (the most likely time of day), none of that will matter. They can arrest you and take you away,

ruining your life. You may never return to my family. This is no exaggeration, but a description. This is happening in communities across our country and

demands our attention. In Newport and Lincoln City, resistance to ICE has been persistent, vis-ible, and organized. One result is that DHS pulled back from establishing a detention facility on the central coast. It is reason-able to assume that it has also played a role in low coastal arrest rates. Pressure to increase arrests rates could change that. Everyone — tourists & coastal residents, busi-ness owners & workers, young & old - should know that ICE is escalat-ing this summer. They know their legal rights and what to do if they see ICE activity. There are many online resources, including the website for Indivisible Lincoln City indivisi-blelincolncityor.org. Shar Walbaum Lincoln City

ONLINE POLL

PREVIOUS POLL

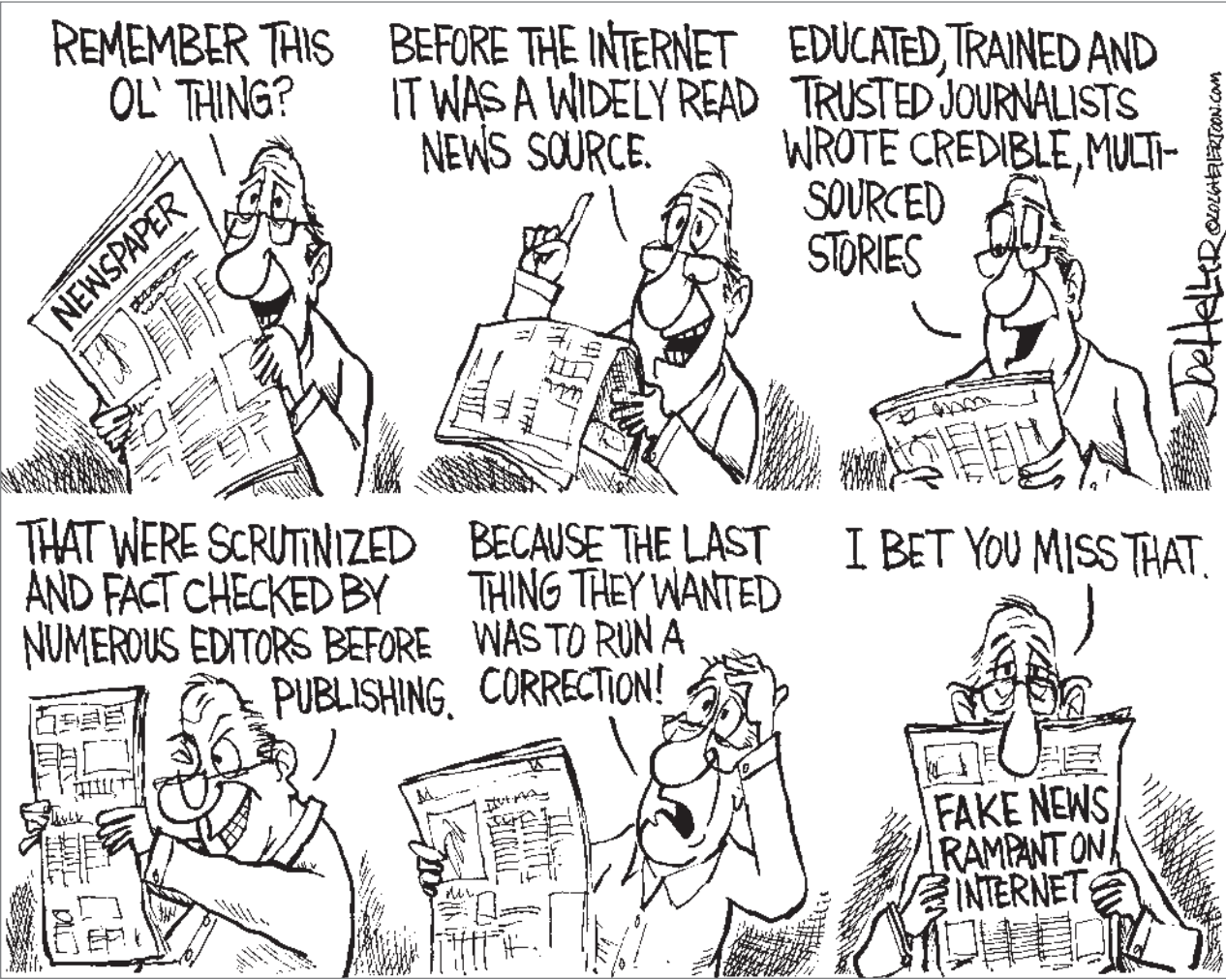
Since you are seeing this online, from where are you logging on?

- 34.9%.....Lincoln County
- 4r.2%.....Somewhere in Oregon
- 18.6%.....Out of State
- 2.3%Out of the country

NEW POLL

Do you believe Oregon's Vote by Mail system is secure?

- Yes
- No



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I can resist everything except temptation." Oscar Wilde

Pelican Brewing partners with PNW Coast Paddling Club

PELICAN BREWING

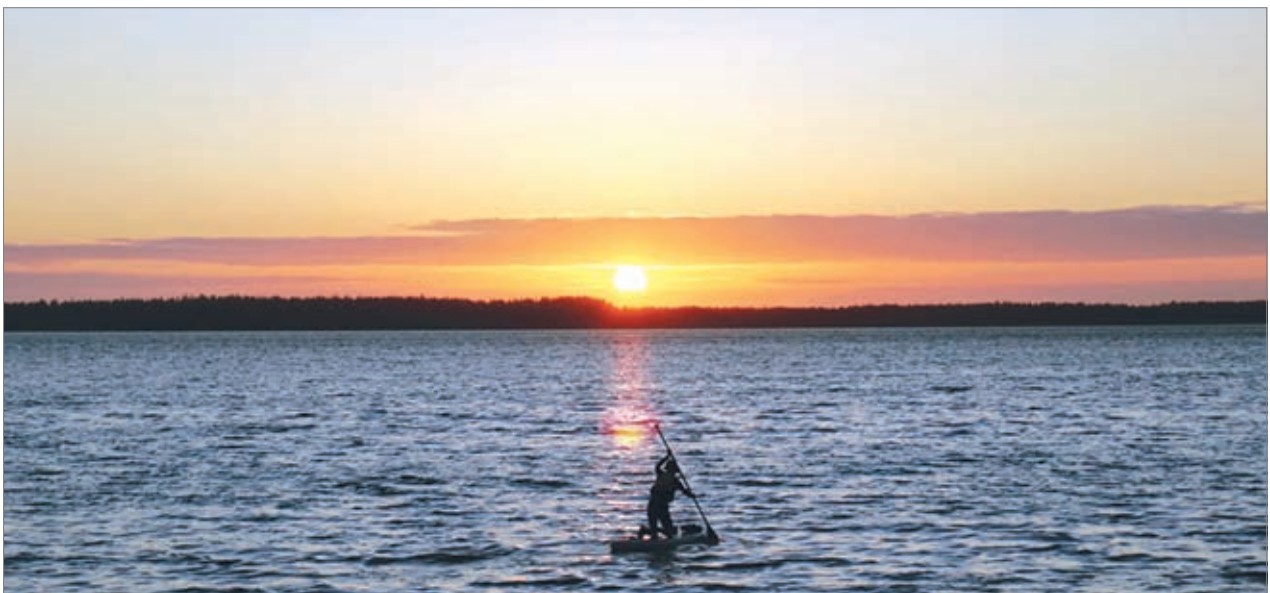
Pelican Brewing, with locations in Siletz Bay, Pacific City, Tillamook, Rockaway Beach, and Cannon Beach, and soon to open Yachats, has become an official sponsor of the PNW Coast Paddling Club's Nehalem Bay TideRunners dragon boat team.

As part of this new partnership, Pelican Brewing will host Pint Nights this fall at both its Cannon Beach and Rockaway Beach locations. During these special events in September and October, a percentage of the evening's proceeds will be donated to the PNW Coast Paddling Club to help support team activities, equipment, and travel throughout the racing season. Dates to be

announced soon.

Adding to the excitement, Pelican Brewing's iconic "Born at the Beach" branding and logo will soon appear on the TideRunners' hometown dragon boat. Once installed, the newly decaded boat can be seen during the team's regular practices on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well as Sunday mornings on the Nehalem River.

"This partnership reflects what makes our coastal communities so special—local businesses and local organizations working together to strengthen community connections while supporting healthy, active lifestyles," PNW Coast Paddling Club Member Kathy Phillips said. "We are incredibly grateful for Pelican Brewing's generosity



Paddle boarding on Netarts Bay is a good way to beat the heat, according to organizers. (Courtesy photo)

and enthusiasm as we launch into a new racing season."

The PNW Coast Paddling Club invites everyone to join in celebrating this exciting partnership throughout the summer and fall by participating in the Pint Nights and cheering on the Nehalem Bay TideRunners as they represent the North Oregon Coast on the water.

About PNW Coast Paddling Club The PNW Coast Paddling Club promotes the sport of dragon boating while fostering teamwork, fitness, and community involvement along the North Oregon Coast. Home to the Nehalem Bay TideRunners, a women's competitive dragon boat team, the club welcomes paddlers of all experience levels and proudly represents the region in competitive and community racing events. The club's three dragon boats are docked at the Port of Nehalem.

Federal judge temporarily blocks Paramount and Warner Bros. merger

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

A federal judge Monday, July 20, temporarily blocked Paramount from moving forward with a \$110 billion merger with Warner Bros. Discovery.

The decision came after 12 Democratic-led states, including Oregon, sued the company, July 13, alleging a merger would violate a federal law prohibiting mergers that lessen competition or create a monopoly. The states alleged a merger between the two media giants would eliminate competition in the film and cable industry and create a massive media company that would control nearly one-third of movies and cable programming in the U.S., resulting in higher prices, poorer quality media content and fewer movies and television shows.

U.S. District Judge Araceli Martínez-Olguín

of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California granted the states their request for a temporary restraining order, which blocks the company from moving forward with a merger for 14 days while the states argue for a more permanent block.

Martínez-Olguín agreed with plaintiffs, saying a merger would likely violate antitrust laws.

"Here, Plaintiffs present compelling evidence that the combined firm resulting from the transaction will possess substantial market share in the wide-release theatrical distribution market," she wrote in her decision.

The plaintiffs include the attorneys general of California, Oregon, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York and Washington



In an aerial view, the Paramount logo is displayed on a water tower at the Paramount Studios lot on July 13, 2026 in Los Angeles, California. Twelve state attorneys general, led by California, filed a lawsuit seeking to block Paramount Skydance's proposed acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery. They argue that the merger would violate the Clayton Act, an antitrust law that prevents anticompetitive practices. (Justin Sullivan / Getty Images)

"This proposed merger could mean real harm for Oregonians — for working families who will see higher costs and fewer options, for the small businesses and workers in our film and TV industry and for our local movie theaters," said Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield. "Pausing this merger now will keep irreversible harm from happening."

The state of Oregon launched its own investigation into the merger months ago. When Paramount refused to turn over requested documents related to its lobbying efforts to the federal government, the state issued a civil investigative demand to compel it to release its records.

The Oregon Department of Justice last week asked a Multnomah County Circuit Court judge to order that Paramount comply with the state's demands to hold off on the merger, but Oregon

withdrew from that case and folded its efforts entirely into the multi-state lawsuit.

The plaintiffs will argue for a preliminary injunction, which would block the merger for the remainder of the lawsuit, on Aug. 3 at the Oakland division of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

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Oregon receives \$15M to boost semiconductor industry

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Oregon secured \$15 million in federal funding to grow the state's semiconductor industry, and it could receive up to \$160 million over the next decade depending on its progress.

The National Science Foundation announced Tuesday that Oregon's coalition of nearly 100 businesses and public organizations, known as Frontiers of Advanced Semiconductor Technology, or FAST, is one of 12 groups receiving the funding across the country.

"I worked in industry and academia and pursued semiconductor research throughout my career, and I can tell you awards like this are generational," Oregon State University President Jayathi Y. Murthy said in a virtual press conference.

Oregon State University founded and leads the statewide coalition. The coalition includes other public universities and community colleges, dozens of economic development and STEM advocacy groups and local governments.

The state's semiconductor

industry, known as the Silicon Forest, has long been at the forefront of Oregon's economic output. With dozens of tech organizations and companies such as Intel, Nvidia and Analog Devices located in the Beaver State, Oregon exported \$11.4 billion worth in computer products in 2025, according to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

But without new investments and incentives for Oregon semiconductor companies, the industry risks losing relevance in an evolving global semiconductor landscape, according to a report from Business Oregon, the state's economic development agency.

The two-year funding addresses some of those concerns and will help push the industry forward, said Business Oregon Economist Damon Runberg, who wrote the report.

Oregon officials celebrate new funding

Oregon has some of the most advanced semiconductor design and manufacturing capabilities in the world, according to FAST Interim CEO Rob Stone.

"There are only three



Oregon State University leads Frontiers of Advanced Semiconductor Technology, or FAST, a consortium of nearly 100 tech companies, local governments and public education institutions aiming to grow the state's semiconductor industry. (Courtesy from Oregon State University)

places in the world that have such capabilities: one being Taiwan, Korea, and then of course here in Oregon and Hillsboro," Stone said at the press conference.

Elected officials, university leaders and technology experts celebrated the funding announcement, saying it will fuel research, economic growth and jobs.

"The fresh federal investment is going to spark growth in a semiconductor workforce

that already has 30,000 Oregonians working in it," said U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon.

And the new jobs, Wyden said, will be high-paying.

Gov. Tina Kotek said the funding builds on years of intentional work by her administration and the Legislature's efforts to grow Oregon's semiconductor industry.

In 2023, the Oregon Legislature passed a research

and development tax credit aimed at supporting the semiconductor industry. Lawmakers that year also created the Oregon CHIPS Fund, a program to administer the \$240 million it received under the Biden administration to bolster semiconductor manufacturing.

"I firmly believe that Oregon will shape the future of the semiconductor industry with our unmatched combination of technical expertise, manufacturing experience, world-class research institutions and our commitment to sustainable innovation," Kotek said. "We are positioned to lead this industry for decades to come."

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Oregon Coast accessibility film takes flight

The Oregon Coast Visitors Association (OCVA) is proud to announce that its award-winning accessibility film is now streaming on United Airlines’ inflight entertainment system, bringing the Oregon Coast’s commitment to inclusive travel to millions of travelers around the world.

Travelers can now experience the Oregon Coast’s story of inclusive outdoor recreation from 30,000 feet.

Produced by GLP Films and funded by a Travel Oregon Competitive Grants Program, “Accessible, Inclusive Travel on the Oregon Coast” earned first place at the inaugural TravelAbility Film Festival, a national competition celebrating destinations that are advancing accessible and inclusive travel. The film

is featured as Episode 1 in United Airlines’ TravelAbility Film Festival collection.

For the next six months, travelers flying on United aircraft equipped with seat-back entertainment screens can watch the top 10 winning films from the festival, each highlighting accessible destinations, attractions, and authentic travel experiences from around the globe.

The recognition comes during Disability Pride Month, underscoring the Oregon Coast’s ongoing commitment to making its beaches, trails, communities, and experiences more welcoming for visitors of all abilities.

The film shares powerful personal stories from

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The film highlights the impact of adaptive recreation equipment such as David's Chair, which allows people with mobility disabilities to independently access Oregon's beaches and outdoor spaces. See more photos with this story online at the Lincoln County Leader's website. (Courtesy photo)

Celebrating Finders Keepers 2026



The 2026 Finders Keepers season includes special glass float drops. (Courtesy photos from Explore Lincoln City)

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln Country Leader

Visitors to Lincoln City have the opportunity to rediscover the magic of Finders Keepers, Lincoln City’s tradition of hiding handblown glass floats on the beach.

The 2026 season returns to the heart of what makes the experience unforgettable: the simple joy of stumbling upon something beautiful on the beach, according to Explore Lincoln City.

Throughout the year, more than 3,000 artisan-made floats will be placed along Lincoln City’s seven miles of shoreline, ready to be found and treasured. Inspired by the historic Japanese fishing floats that once washed ashore, this one-of-a-kind program invites visitors to slow down, wander, and

experience the coastline with a sense of wonder. Less chasing. More meaning.

Explore Lincoln City offers the following:

Basic Rules of the Hunt

- Floats can be found above the high tide line and below the beach embankment.
- Floats are placed on the beach during daylight hours only.
- Floats are hidden throughout the day, not just at one time.
- Floats are out there every day rain or shine. On rare occasions, weather and ocean conditions can create unsafe situations. Official notice of any cancellations will be made on our social media channels and website.
- Be mindful of the environment when hunting. Be kind

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The glass floats can be found above the high tide line and below the beach embankment.

Lincoln Pops Orchestra Big Band Music & Dance



The Lincoln Pops plays favorites from the swing era, Latin charts, and all kinds of dance music. (Courtesy photo)

The Lincoln Pops plays favorites from the swing era, Latin charts and all kinds of dance music. The Pops’ big sound includes trumpets, trombones, saxophones, piano, bass, drums, guitar and vibraphon. The Lincoln Pops incudes 18 musicians and four vocalists, ages ranging from 18 to late 70’s, all with a passion for music.

Tickets for the dances are sold at the door. Adults \$10 and \$5 for students. Dance lessons are available at no extra charge starting at 6 p.m.

The Pops perform the third Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., except in January. The dances are lessons are conducted at the Gleneden Beach Community Club, 110 Azalea Street in Gleneden Beach.

For fore details visit the Lincoln Pops Facebook page or call 503-949-8222.

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: R equals C

L REXKW FEO OSLFV EJ OSY
FUZY EJ OSUO PUALR
RSYZLRUK AXPAOUFRY.
L SUW UF YKZYFOUK PKERV.

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Swarm
VODER
Device
PETRO
Alarm
REINS
Rogue
SLACAR

TODAY'S WORD

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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

VFNKN EVK VKA, BGA CN

XVFOW, RPK OFFAN EVK

XKRRKV RPEW EWU WCLPR

FW RPK RFW.

— KEVZ ACXXZKN HV.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: How many vertebrae are in the human spine?
2. U.S. CITIES: Which city is home to the Gateway Arch, known as the tallest arch in the world?
3. TELEVISION: Which 1970s sitcom introduced a neighbor named Phyllis Lindstrom?
4. HISTORY: When was the first heart transplant performed?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Cape Verde islands located?
6. MOVIES: Which 1991 film featured a villain named Max Cady?
7. MUSIC: When did Taylor Swift's second studio album ("Fearless") win the Country Music Association's Album of the Year award?
8. SCIENCE: What is nephology?
9. MEASUREMENTS: What instrument is used to measure the depth of oceans?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby deer called?

Answers

1. 33.
2. St. Louis, Missouri.
3. "The Mary Tyler Moore Show."
4. 1967.
5. Off the west coast of Africa.
6. "Cape Fear."
7. 2009.
8. The scientific study of clouds.
9. An echo sounder or fathometer.
10. A fawn or calf.

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CryptoQuote answer

I could not think of the
name of that basic
chemical substance.
I had an elemental block.

Cryptoquip answer

1. Drove; 2. Trope
3. Siren; 4. Rascal
Today's Word
RETIRE

SCRAMBLERS

SWAFFORD ON WINE

Farewell

Once again it is time to say farewell to an Oregon wine pioneer. Elk Cove Vineyards’ co-founder (with his wife Pat) Joe Campbell has died at 87. Joe Campbell could rightfully take his place with the group that discovered that Oregon was a legitimate and excellent place to grow grapes and make world class wine. But before he entered the wine world he chose a different life path that he never left. Growing up in Hood River, Joe earned in high school a full scholarship to Harvard University and then received his MD from Stanford University Medical School. As a conscientious objector during the Vietnam War, he served his military commitment as an emergency room physician for two years at the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Indian Health Service. When the family returned to Oregon, Joe and Pat created Elk Cove Vineyards near the town of Gaston in 1974. Always considering himself primarily a physician, Joe continued to be involved in emergency medicine all while he and Pat were building and developing their vineyard and winery. He was rightfully proud of many decades of volunteer medical missions that took

him to Africa, Asia and South America. This humanitarian work increased after he retired from Elk Cove in 1999 when his son, Adam, took over the reins as winemaker. I have memories of both Joe and Pat making appearances at our Champagne Patio Wine Shop during the 80’s and 90’s. Pat was scheduled to conduct an Elk Cove wine tasting one winter Saturday while Joe was on an humanitarian mission to Africa or South America and, despite a snowstorm that nearly blocked their driveway, she was right on time. For a short time early in our relationship, before setting up deliveries through a distributor, Joe would deliver his wines directly to me. One day after he had left my shop and I was putting his wines on my shelves, I discovered he had left me a case of his Reserve Pinot noir instead of the lesser-cost regular Pinot that I had paid for. I called him later that day and pointed out the error which we corrected by switching out the bottles on the following week’s delivery. He brought me an Elk Cove tee-shirt to thank me for saving him from a costly mistake. I wore that shirt



Joseph Swafford

for more than twenty-five years before it wore out. Adam Campbell continues his father’s legacy with a variety of Pinot Noirs, Rieslings, Pinot Gris, Chardonnays and several sparkling wines. One specialty that Elk Cove has made for a number of years is called Ultima and is an intensely sweet dessert wine that Joe first made and the winery continues. Ultima is a wine made from frozen grapes. Very ripe--predominately Riesling--grapes are quickly pressed after being purposely frozen, which concentrates the grape sugars, acidity and flavor extracts and the wine that results is sweet, elegant and distinctive with intense flavors of honey and pear. Early German winemakers first discovered ice wine (eiswein) when they harvested ripe grapes that had frozen on the vine. Elk Cove Ultima is \$36.00 for a 375 ml. bottle. Christina and I will pour a glass of Ultima and drink to the memory of a good man who was a fine winemaker, physician and humanitarian: Joe Campbell.

Cheers!
Joseph Swafford
jcswoff56@gmail.com

Free Summer Meals for Kids



summer meals

All meals are provided free of charge for children aged 1 to 18.

Sam Case Elementary School

825 NE 7th Street, Newport, OR 97365

15/06/26-20/08/26

June 15-July 31: Breakfast and packed lunch from 11:30 to 12:00. August 3-20: Breakfast from 8:00 to 8:30. Lunch from 11:30 to 12:30 (in the cafeteria).

First Baptist Church of Toledo

120 NW 11th Street, Toledo, OR 97391

15/06/26-21/08/26 Breakfast and lunch to go 11:00-11:45

Pick-up

Church of St. James

2490 NE Hwy 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367

15/06/26-21/08/26 Breakfast and lunch to go 12:00-1:00

Pick-up

Casa DaNoble

125 Spruce Street, Waldport, OR 97394

15/06/26-21/08/26 Breakfast and lunch to go 12:00-12:30

Pick-up

All locations are open Monday to Friday (closed on 3/7/26).

Meals will only be served during the hours indicated above.

For more information, call (541) 336-2156.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

All children ages 1-18 can receive free summer meals in Newport, Toledo, Lincoln City, and Waldport. Find locations, serving times, and program details at: www.lincoln.k12.or.us/page/school-meals

FILM

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Oregonians and accessibility advocates whose lives have been transformed through increased access to the coast. “When you make something accessible for me, as a blind person, or for a person who uses a wheelchair, you’re making it more easily accessible to a person with small children, for a mother with a stroller, for people with bicycles. You’re

creating this universal access that makes the community whole. That allows everybody to come out together and leaves nobody behind,” said Patricia Kepler, featured in the film. The film also highlights the impact of adaptive recreation equipment such as David’s Chair, which allows people with mobility disabilities to independently access Oregon’s beaches and outdoor spaces. “Any body of water—but the beach

especially—has always been very healing to me, and walking on the sand is just not possible for me,” said Phoenix Plough, another featured participant. “We were just looking for things to do on the coast one day and stumbled across David’s Chair. My husband reserved it, and it changed everything. The freedom that it gave me—I was able to get out on the beach independently, feel the wind on my face, and enjoy my favorite place.”

The film also features leaders working to expand access to Oregon’s outdoor recreation. “We want everyone to have the opportunity to participate in outdoor recreation on public lands,” said Jeanne Sprague, former Director of Lincoln City Parks and Recreation. “They have a need for it, and they have a right for it.” The award-winning film reflects years of collaboration among coastal communities, public land managers, nonprofit

organizations, and accessibility advocates to improve access across the Oregon Coast. Through initiatives such as beach wheelchairs, David’s Chair, Mobi-Mats, Wheel the World, and inclusive visitor information, the Oregon Coast continues working to ensure more people can experience its natural beauty. “Accessibility is a journey, not a destination. Every investment, every partnership, and every inch forward helps create a more welcoming coast

for everyone. This film gives us the opportunity to celebrate how far we’ve come while inspiring us to continue working together to ensure the Oregon Coast is a place where everyone can belong and experience its beauty,” said Arica Sears, Deputy Director of the Oregon Coast Visitors Association. The complete collection of TravelAbility Film Festival winners can be viewed at: <https://travelability.net/travelability-film-festival/>

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to the Coast.

- Floats will not be found in the beach grass.
- One float per household, per year. Spread the love!

Tips and Words of Advice

- We use the term “hide” loosely; we want our treasures to be found!
- Start your hunt at public beach access points.
- Finders Keepers floats are placed at random times and locations. There is no specific drop site — even City staff don’t know where or when floats are dropped.
- The registration number is located on or near the “button” on the underside.

Float Registration

When you find a glass float, call Explore Lincoln City directly at 541-996-1274 or visit our registration page to register your treasure. You’ll receive a Certificate of Authenticity and information about the artist who crafted your float.

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Don’t forget to share a photo on our Facebook, Instagram (@

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Special Float Drops Schedule

- September 25-27: Lincoln City Fall Kite Festival: Find one before it flies away—10 floats are scheduled for the Fall Kite Festival.
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be declared a first lien upon the Property for the amount of the judgment prayed for herein. The Deed of Trust was modified by a Modification Agreement recorded on September 11, 2018, as Recording No. 2018-08976, Records of Lincoln County, Oregon. The Deed of Trust was assigned to Fibre Federal Credit Union by way of an Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on February 17, 2026, as Recording No. 2026-01092, Records of Lincoln County, Oregon; 3. For judgment and decree that plaintiff's Deed of Trust upon the Property be foreclosed, and that the title, claim, interest, or demand of defendants in said Property, and every part thereof, except their statutory rights of redemption, be foreclosed; 4. For judgment and decree that the Property, with all of its appurtenances, rights, privileges, and easements be sold on execution by the Sheriff for Lincoln County, Oregon, after giving notice as required by law; that plaintiff may be and become a purchaser at said sale; that the Sheriff give the purchaser thereof a Certificate of Sale and, unless the Property is redeemed before the expiration of the redemption period, a deed; that said purchaser have

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Newport and Ridgeview together at a recent league game. (Courtesy photos from Ollie Richardson)

Newport soccer ready for new challenge

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

Newport High School's girls soccer team has a new head coach at the helm, but it's a familiar face.

Ollie Richardson will be taking over from Travis Leonard as the head coach for girls soccer, but he's got plenty of experience. He spent nine years as the head coach of the boys and became an assistant coach for the girls team in 2023 when his daughter came in as a freshman.

"I wanted to be a part of my daughter's high school athletics experience, and if I remained the boys coach, I would not have been able to do that," Richardson said. "It was a hard decision to leave the boys, but an easy decision because I'm always going to put family first, and I've really had a great time being involved with the girls program, and obviously getting to coach my own daughter as well has been really fun for me."

After two years in a supporting role as an assistant coach, Richardson will have the opportunity to bring more of his philosophy in as the head coach. Richardson credited previous coach Travis Leonard with building a "great foundation," and that Leonard has done a "phenomenal job" during his 10-plus year tenure.

With a great structure already in place, Richardson is focusing on "overall total body fitness" ahead of the season. Richardson said that the hours of workouts in the gym this summer will hopefully give his team the extra confidence and ability to perform from the first whistle this season.

"When they step on the field, they know they put in the work and the time, and we've been lifting all summer

twice a week. The girls program has never been in the weight room before, and most of the girls are, for the most part, all brand new novice lifters," Richardson said. "We've been getting good turnouts in there, somewhere between 15 and 20 girls every Tuesday and Thursday, which has been awesome to see so many girls fired up about it."

The participation and enthusiasm for weight training is something that Richardson has been thrilled about, and the benefits will hopefully be seen throughout the fall season. Time in the weight room not only adds an edge with explosiveness or agility, but it also helps reduce injury.

While the first official practice isn't until August. 17, Richardson's squad has already been putting in tons of hours, not just in the weight room but on the field as well.

"I'm excited because I've had great numbers, and these girls are doing it because they want to be there. They want to get better. They want to work hard. They want to improve," Richardson said. "And to see the good numbers I've had, it makes me excited about the upcoming season. But I don't hold tryouts till the week of Aug. 17."

The makeup of the team this year is looking promising. In addition to an impressive incoming freshman class, Richardson said his squad has a "really strong" junior and sophomore class. There are three seniors on the squad, and with that being the case, it's a young team. They'll be looking to make the playoffs again this year, continuing a streak of five straight postseason appearances.

That hasn't been the case in previous years. In 2025, the team had five seniors, and the year before, it was a



A photo from a Newport practice this summer.

senior-laden starting five, with eight of the starting 11 being in their final year. Even with a dip in experience this season, Richardson isn't worried about a lack of leadership.

"We've got lots of strong leaders and players in the junior and sophomore class that I'm really excited about," Richardson said.

In an effort to build up some chemistry to hit the ground running, the team has gotten play time together during the summer playing some 6v6 and 8v8. Richardson said it's the third consecutive year of participating in the league, and it keeps the Cubs busy.

"We're still playing games. Basically all summer since schools got out, we lift and practice twice a week, and then we have games either on

Thursdays or Saturdays every single week," Richardson said. "So we're still playing games up through early August before the season starts. We've been getting lots of opportunities for the kids to go out and show what they can do on the field in a game situation against other opponents. And it's been really good competition. There are some teams in this league that are definitely a lot better than other teams that we compete really well against."

Richardson said the Oregon West Conference realignment should generate some fun new matchups. North Marion and Sweet Home are out, and Taft and Central are in. With some new opponents to face off with, those games should provide an exciting challenge. On

top of that, it's a revival of an old rivalry.

"I'm really excited about having Taft in our league because I feel like they are our true rival," Richardson said. "It's going to be great to have them back in our league, and I think it will be a nice competitive team that's going to be coming in and will be really fun to play against and get the girls really motivated to perform."

The Oregon West Conference is made up of Taft, Central, Cascade, Philomath, and Stayton. Stayton and North Marion have each won two of the previous four Oregon West Conference titles, but this season, Richardson is hoping that the Cubs can get their hands on the trophy for the first time.

While it's obviously up to the players to assess their goals and aims for the season, Richardson is hoping the Cubs will strive to take that top spot.

"I want us to compete for a league title this year; that's what I'm really focused on. But it doesn't matter what I think. It matters what they believe and what they think. I think that will become a big focus once the season starts, and we're going to sit down and set some goals, and realistically, them competing for a league title is something that is going to be great for them to strive for," Richardson said. "We've never won a league title for girls soccer, and we're due."

The next local item on the calendar is Aug. 6, when the Cubs will host teams for the 8v8 league. That will be 9-noon at Newport High School, and it will be their last round of games before the season begins in earnest with practice in August. 17. The first game is Aug. 28.

High school sports officials needed on the coast

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

August is coming up quick, and while students are enjoying the summer months, prep for the fall sports season is still underway, with many of the students hitting the weight room and keeping their skills sharp before the preseason.

While turnout isn't really a concern for the student-athletes, OSAA is calling for folks interested in becoming officials and referees to register

at www.osaa.org/officials/registration. With participation in high school sports rising, the demand for officials is going up as well, and up and down the Oregon Coast, the call for referees is being sounded.

The fall season brings football, volleyball, soccer, and cross-country, and each of these events needs certified officials to keep the games flowing and fair. There is no age limit to become an official, just a desire to give back to youth sports.

To become an official,

interested people must be over 18 years old and complete the online registration and certification process. Registration fees vary by sport, and officials must also complete training to become fully approved officials. Once that is out of the way, folks will be ready to put their newly found skills and knowledge to use, with a front row view of all the action. Officials also get paid for their services.

One cool opportunity that is available to veterans is

the "Battlefields to Ballfields Program" which was started by NFL officiating executive Mike Pereira. The program is designed to help military veterans integrate into civilian life through sports officiating. Through that program, veterans can have all of their training, clothing, and even the whistle paid for. While it started small, Battlefields and Ballfields is now active across 45 states with more than 2,500 veterans taking part.

Whether folks want to give

back to their local high school sports community, love to be in the action, or want an inside look at how a sport works, becoming an official may be the perfect next step.

For more information about being an OSAA Official, go to their website: www.osaa.org/officials/registration, and for more information about the SW Oregon Football Association, contact SWOFA Commissioner, Glenn Koepnick at sworfootballas-signer@gmail.com.