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# Lincoln County Leader

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Lincoln County, Oregon

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## Fired mayor disrupts Waldport council meeting



Heide Lambert

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

The Waldport City Council has voted to hold open the vacant city mayor’s position until the next General Election, pending resolution of possible

litigation from former Mayor Heide Lambert, according to Waldport City Manager Dann Cutter.

The vote came following the councils April 10 meeting in which Lambert was escorted from

the Waldport City Council session and cited for disorderly conduct by Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office members.

Lambert had been removed from her post as Mayor by the city council during an emergency council

meeting April 3, following statements from city staff that she had created a hostile work environment.

Waldport City Manager Dann Cutter released an open letter from the city council to the community

following the dismissal of the mayor, which states in part:

“We have never had an elected city official treat staff this way. What may seem like a minor incident is actually a serious legal concern. Hostile work environment

complaints lead to staff leaving positions, to costly law-suits against the city, and to a near stop in city operations. In January each of us, including Mayor Lambert, swore to uphold the Waldport

See **MAYOR**, page A4

## Lincoln City celebrates Community Days

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

Community Days, A long-standing Lincoln City signature celebration begins April 18, with a host of events through April 26.

The celebration is designed to highlight community members, organizations and the city itself.

The Lincoln County Leader spoke with Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lori Acre-Torres for insight into the celebration.

**Lincoln County Leader:** How do you believe such a celebration for our city enhances the livability of our community?

**Lori Acre-Torres:** The week-long Community Days celebration plays a vital role in bringing people together to celebrate our community. The various events during the week help foster a stronger sense of connection, pride, and belonging among residents. They help showcase our people, our businesses, our nonprofits, and our volunteer organizations, which are the heart of our community.

A highlight of the celebration is the Community Days Awards Banquet, which honors volunteers, and local champions who go above and beyond to make Lincoln City the warm,

See **COMMUNITY**, page A6



Lincoln City Police Sgt. Randy Weaver shares a moment with children during the 2018 Community Days Celebration. (Jeremy C. Ruark/Lincoln County Leader)



Mudflat Golf at Siletz Bay is offered during the Community Days celebration. (Courtesy photo)



Community Days 2025 will kick off with the annual bonfire on the beach at Taft on Friday, April 18. (Courtesy photo)

## Repeat burglary offender arrested during traffic stop

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

A Salem man faces multiple criminal charges following his arrest during an investigation into multiple local burglaries.

On Tuesday, April 8, Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) officers were dispatched to a burglary at the Lincoln City Dutch Bros in the 700 block of NW Highway 101, after a subject shattered a window and entered the store, according to LCPD Sgt. Erik Anderson

“The subject failed to break open a cash register and fled

the area. On Wednesday, April 9, officers were dispatched to the Lincoln City Human Bean coffee kiosk at 3564 NW Highway 101, after the same subject shattered a window and entered the store, stealing approximately \$150 before fleeing the scene in a vehicle,” Anderson said.

At approximately 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, a LCPD officer conducted a traffic stop

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## ‘Caution - Rough Roads Ahead’ ODOT states in new report

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

As the spring weather allow, the Newport Public Works Department crews will be out filling poiholes that have developed following the fall and winter weather.

Newport maintains approximately just over 55 miles of streets and roads

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ODOT uses this photo illustrating the highway deterioration. (Courtesy photo from ODOT)



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**Friday:** High-61/Low-46  
Mostly Sunny

**Saturday:** High-53/Low-44  
AM Clouds/PM Sun

**Sunday:** High-51/Low-44  
Cloudy

**Monday:** High-51/Low-42  
AM Showers

**Tuesday:** High-54/Low-42  
Partly Cloudy

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
April 6 .....	1.13 .....	49.8 .....	54.0
April 7 .....	0.27 .....	50.9 .....	53.4
April 8 .....	0.90 .....	48.8 .....	53.8
April 9 .....	0.00 .....	48.4 .....	63.0
April 10 .....	0.40 .....	46.4 .....	60.7
April 11 .....	0.00 .....	45.8 .....	54.7
April 12 .....	0.01 .....	43.9 .....	53.5
Total rainfall from Jan. 1 .....	27.97"		

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

High.....	2:09 a.m.....	8.1
Low .....	9:10 a.m.....	-0.2
High.....	3:56 p.m.....	6.1
Low .....	8:40 p.m.....	3.4

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

High.....	2:39 a.m.....	7.8
Low .....	9:52 a.m.....	-0.1
High.....	4:48 p.m.....	5.7
Low .....	9:15 p.m.....	3.8

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

High.....	3:15 a.m.....	7.6
Low .....	10:41 a.m.....	-0.1
High.....	5:51 p.m.....	5.5
Low .....	9:59 p.m.....	4.0

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

High.....	4:00 a.m.....	7.3
Low .....	11:39 a.m.....	-0.2
High.....	7:04 p.m.....	5.5
Low .....	11:03 p.m.....	4.1

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

High.....	4:59 a.m.....	7.0
Low .....	12:42 p.m.....	-0.3
High.....	8:11 p.m.....	5.6

MONDAY, APRIL 21

Low .....	12:33 a.m.....	4.1
High.....	6:14 a.m.....	6.7
Low .....	1:45 p.m.....	-0.2
High.....	9:00 p.m.....	6.0

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

Low .....	2:02 a.m.....	3.63
High.....	7:38 a.m.....	6.6
Low .....	2:41 p.m.....	-0.1
High.....	9:38 p.m.....	6.6

Sunrise/Sunset

April 16 .....	6:31 a.m. ....	8:02 p.m.
April 17 .....	6:29 a.m. ....	8:03 p.m.
April 18 .....	6:27 a.m. ....	8:04 p.m.
April 19 .....	6:26 a.m. ....	8:05 p.m.
April 20 .....	6:24 a.m. ....	8:07 p.m.
April 21 .....	6:22 a.m. ....	8:08 p.m.
April 22 .....	6:21 a.m. ....	8:09 p.m.
April 23 .....	6:19 a.m. ....	8:10 p.m.

Lottery

Friday, April 11

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Saturday, April 12

Powerball

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Saturday, April 12

Megabucks

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# Majalise Tolan, local candidates to speak at Lincoln County Democrats meeting

SUBMITTED By THE LINCOLN COUNTY DEMOCRAT PARTY

Lincoln County School District Superintendent Dr. Majalise Tolan will explain and seek support for a school bond measure in the May 20 special election, at the Lincoln County Democrats monthly meeting, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at Atonement Lutheran Church, 2315 N. Coast Highway in Newport.

The meeting is open to the public.

The \$72 million school bond measure on the May 20 ballot would replace the current bond, which expires next year, without increasing the current tax rate. The bond would raise funds for facility improvements, performing arts spaces and other projects at schools through the county.

Other speakers at the meeting will include candidates for local offices in the county.

The event also will serve as the launch of a food drive to benefit Food Share of Lincoln County, according to The Lincoln County Democratic Central Committee Chairperson Mary Infante. Attendees are urged to bring unexpired, non-perishable foods to the meeting. Canned foods, white rice, dried beans, salt, spices, and pre-packaged ready to eat foods will be welcomed. Food Share, which distributes emergency food boxes through seven affiliated pantries located throughout the area, has led community efforts in the elimination of hunger in Lincoln County.

“In a time when mass layoffs of federal workers and cuts in federal funding threaten the food security of many of our neighbors and pose challenges to the operations of organizations that provide essential aid to the most vulnerable among us, we want to do everything possible to mitigate those impacts,” Infante said. “This food drive will be an ongoing program for Lincoln County Democrats as long as it is needed.”

The Lincoln County Democratic Party holds monthly meetings rotating among northern, central, southern and eastern centers of the county with zoom options available for virtual attendance and participation. All are welcome.

The purpose of the Lincoln County Democratic Party and its executive committee is to promote the interests of the Democratic Party in Oregon and Lincoln County, to work for the election of Democratic candidates, adopt a party platform and work to ensure its principles are reflected in law, and to provide a link between Democratic voters, the Democratic Party, and the government.

The Lincoln County Democratic Party welcomes comments and questions, which can be addressed to: [dems@lincolncountydemocratsoregon.com](mailto:dems@lincolncountydemocratsoregon.com)

# City of Toledo Water Quality Report Now Available Online

Each year, the City of Toledo provides water customers with the annual water quality report (also known as the consumer confidence report). The report informs customers how the water quality compares to federal and state drinking water standards. It provides details on the water source and the quality of the drinking water, and it is required by the Oregon Health Authority.

In 2024, the City of Toledo tested and detected contaminants which were well below allowable levels and no health based violations were reported.

In an effort to be more economically and environmentally responsible, the 2024 annual report will not be printed and mailed to each household. However, the report can be viewed online at [www.cityoftoledo.org/publicworks/page/water-quality-reports-master-plans](http://www.cityoftoledo.org/publicworks/page/water-quality-reports-master-plans)

Customers can receive a printed version by visiting Toledo City Hall at 206 N Main Street, Toledo. Customers can also request a copy by contacting the Public Works Office at 541-336-2247 ext. 2130, mailing a request for the report to City Hall, PO Box 220, Toledo OR 97391, or send an email request to [planning@cityoftoledo.org](mailto:planning@cityoftoledo.org)

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# Plans announced for county fair July 3-5

The Lincoln County Fair Board and county commissioners are excited to announce more details for the 2025 Lincoln County Fair, with venues spanning north, south, east and central county.

With redevelopment underway at the Lincoln County Commons, the fair board looked to alternative locations to present a fair this year that preserves popular events while providing new opportunities for the community to participate. The fair board will actively recruit vendors, live performers, and sponsors during the coming weeks and months.

In cooperation with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City will host live entertainment, the Open Class competition, the Friday and Saturday NPRA Rodeo, Kids Zone, and camel rides.

Some activities will still be held at the commons as possible, namely, the 4-H exhibits and auction, as well as the annual "Seas the Day" dolphin drop fundraiser organized by the Rotary Club of Newport.

Also in the works is a pet parade on Thursday,

July 3, in Waldport, with the exact time and location still to be determined. And on Independence Day — Friday, July 4 — the fun will move to Siletz with a river float and community BBQ. Time and location for the float and BBQ will be announced soon.

### OPEN CLASS INFORMATION

Online entry for Open Class begins May 1 and closes June 15. Those wishing to present walk-in entries can do so in Newport on June 28 and 29, and those entries will be transported to the Lincoln City venue. Walk-in entries in Lincoln City will occur on June 29.

To save time, online entry is strongly encouraged. By using online entry, exhibit tags will be printed and waiting for entrants at intake. Entrants are also encouraged to use online entry for any items they are even considering entering, as it takes only seconds

to remove an entry made online, if desired, while the walk-in manual entry process can take several minutes per item.

Volunteers will take pictures of perishable items, and when the appearance of a particular exhibit begins to deteriorate, the picture will replace the actual entry. Entries received in Newport will be identified with a colored dot and will be returned to Newport for pickup.

Exhibit release will occur from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 6, in both Newport and Lincoln City. Any exhibits not picked up at Chinook Winds by 2 p.m. will be brought to Newport, and exhibitors can make arrangements with the fair manager to pick up their items.

More information will be coming soon online at [www.thelincolncountyfair.com](http://www.thelincolncountyfair.com).

For more information, contact Fair Manager Heather Tower at [heather.tower@oregonstate.edu](mailto:heather.tower@oregonstate.edu) or 541-648-6818.

## Siletz Bay Skyline



A quite moment along the Siletz Bay in Lincoln City. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

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MAYOR

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City Charter and the Oregon and United States Constitutions. We take that pledge seriously.”

According to Lincoln County Sheriff Adam Shanks, there were concerns from city council members and the city manager leading up to

the April 10 city meeting, anticipating a disruption involving Lambert in response to her be fired.

“During the public meeting, Ms. Lambert took a seat at the council’s table and proceeded to make a statement. After being asked multiple times by members of the City Council to vacate the seat reserved for current officials, Ms. Lambert

refused to comply which prohibited council from proceeding with the meeting,” Shanks said.

Shanks and other sheriff’s office members were at the meeting to discuss law enforcement services with the city, and they attempted to de-escalate the situation involving Lambert. Shanks said he explained to Lambert that she could leave the

council table without consequences. He also explained the legal consequences pursuant to ORS 166.025 if she refused to comply with the lawful order to leave the council table.

Lambert refused to leave the table and was escorted outside and cited for disorderly conduct. She was released at the scene and then allowed to re-enter the building to attend the meeting in the public seating area with other community members, according to Shanks.

In Oregon, public meetings, such as city council meetings, are open to the public. While public attendance is allowed and encouraged, there are rules, such as Robert’s Rules of Order or local ordinances. This means someone disrupting those proceedings can legally be removed, according to Shanks.

“We recognize this event has caused concern and strong emotions within our community,” Shanks said. “Our office does not take such actions lightly. Regardless of a person’s status or position, the law applies equally to everyone. When a lawful order is issued and refused, our duty is to uphold the law while maintaining order and safety.”

BACKGROUND

Following the April 3 firing of Lambert, the city posted the following

statement on its Facebook page:

“On April 3rd, the City of Waldport Council held a hearing to address the complaints registered against the Mayor by two city employees. The complaints alleged a violation of law established by Waldport City Charter rule 21(g) which prevents the direction of city staff by an elected official.

“Upon review of the process and legality of the complaint and in the oversight of the city attorney - after the hearing and deliberation, upon her refusal to resign the Council voted unanimously to remove the Mayor from office for her actions, as is authorized under the City Charter.

“They did not take this step lightly, but upon examination of the evidence found that the Mayor’s actions were a clear violation of this rule, and contradictory to instruction previously received and the Charter, exposing the city to legal action by the employees regarding the hostile environment created.”

Cutter said that Lambert has hired legal representation following her dismissal as Mayor.

“That’s absolutely what has to happen,” Cutter said. “When you have a disagreement, it should not be resolved by refusing to leave one’s seat. It should be resolved by having a discussion, under Oregon law, about what

occurred and whether it was lawful or not. We think in good faith it was but that is something that the courts will determine.”

Cutter said the council now wants to continue on with the business of the city.

“This has become a significant and paralyzing distraction for city staff,” he said. “Everything that has transpired has been totally unnecessary.”

Lambert reportedly violate the City Charter by attempting to direct city employees handling of complaints from Waldport Citizen Days officers.

In a published statement, the Yachats News cited Lambert’s memo that appeared in a council packet in which Lambert apologized for her action with city staff.

“It was never my intention to “demand” anything of either of them. Nor did I. I simply needed clarification, support, and help, and I apologize if my shock, confusion and concerns prevented me from communicating that more effectively,” Lambert stated.

Lambert had taken office in January of this year following her election in November. She had been a previous Waldport city councilor and had served as a Yachats City Manager.

Read the full text of the council letter to the community on the Opinion Page in this edition of The Lincoln County Leader.

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Committee responses to ‘Remove, Reverse, Reclaim’

LINCOLN COUNTY  
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Leader Guest Column

Editor’s Note:

The Lincoln County Republican Party Central Committee has submitted the following rebuttal commentary to the article by the Lincoln County Democrat Party “Remove, Reverse, Reclaim” published April 2. In its request, the Republican Party Central Committee stated: “We request an opportunity to explain our position in response to the recent Nationwide Rally and look forward to sharing a conservative point of view with our community.”

TO OUR COMMUNITY,

America’s foundation was built on philosophical dis-

course, with Liberty and Individual freedom at its core. All ideas should have a place in the conversation, as this Marketplace of ideas allows Truth to emerge. However, perspective can distort truth, making it appear as falsehood. Politics often reflects this distortion, showing humanity’s darker side. As a party, we want to clarify our position.

The “50/50/1” Movement claims to “remove, reverse, and reclaim” our Constitutional Republic from corruption. Yet, their rhetoric reveals a contradiction: an attempt to dismantle the institutions and principles that ensure ordered liberty. While using language of democracy, their message suggests that legitimacy is based on

ideological conformity, not the concerns of the governed through constitutional processes.

Edmund Burke warned against movements that aim to dismantle institutions in the name of abstract justice, ignoring tradition and stability. A Constitutional Republic is protected by the rule of law, the separation of powers, and a system that ensures accountability. John Adams famously said the U.S. is “a government of laws, not of men.” Governance should be determined by elections and constitutional processes, not protests or activism. If there is corruption, it should be addressed through due process, electoral engagement, and the judicial system.

Conservatives understand

that a Constitutional Republic is a balance between popular sovereignty and institutional safeguards. The left often accuses conservatives of undermining democracy, but their approach suggests legitimacy only when progressives are in control. Alexis de Tocqueville warned of the “tyranny of the majority” under movements that silence dissent in the name of democracy.

If there is corruption, let it be prosecuted through due process. If dissatisfaction exists, let it be addressed at the ballot box. To claim the Republic is “damaged” simply because conservatives hold office is an argument for ideological dominance, not justice.

We must reject reactionary

populism and reaffirm our commitment to a Constitutional Republic that values:

- Institutional integrity over mob-driven pressure
- The Rule of Law over calls to “reclaim” democracy
- Free and fair elections over movements that delegitimize political opponents

To protect our Constitutional Republic, we must reject movements that confuse ideological dissatisfaction with systemic corruption. The American system is self-correcting through debate, legislation, and the ballot box. Conservatives must defend not just democracy, but the constitutional order that truly makes it free.

Lincoln County Republican Central Committee

Waldport responses to firing its city mayor

WALDPOR CITY  
COUNCIL  
Leader Guest Column

From the Waldport City Council to our fellow Citizens,

How and why did the City Council remove its mayor without a recall?

What happened to make this drastic action necessary?

We believe you deserve answers to your questions and concerns.

First, let’s put one issue aside – this was not planned. Many on our council had worked with the former Mayor before when she served on Council four years ago. This was not about protecting our city manager. He was not involved other than to ensure we followed the law and process. This was about the incident and what followed.

On March 25th Mayor Lambert came to City Hall. She aggressively demanded staff follow her direction and created a hostile environment for them. That was unnecessary and unlawful. The act, as described in two letters of complaint and a supporting witness statement, violated the rules established under the City Charter. Many cities throughout Oregon have an almost identical law. Elected officials don’t get to boss staff around. Our staff did exactly the correct thing – they repeatedly directed the Mayor to the City Manager’s office. What the Mayor de-

manded did not matter – that is our community LAW as established by the Charter the citizens of Waldport adopted in 1996. The council receives annual training on the Charter (this year just a month before). The Charter and our Council rules guide how we must behave. Unfortunately, the Mayor refused to follow the staff’s direction to follow our Charter rule. Instead she continued to escalate the situation until staff had to walk away from her.

We have never had an elected city official treat staff this way. What may seem like a minor incident is actually a serious legal concern. Hostile work environment complaints lead to staff leaving positions, to costly lawsuits against the city, and to a near stop in city operations. In January each of us, including Mayor Lambert, swore to uphold the Waldport City Charter and the Oregon and United States Constitutions. We take that pledge seriously.

Council members have an obligation to protect the city. To do this we use the expertise in our backgrounds and the professional counsel of the City Attorney and our insurance carriers. So, we wanted answers. Mayor Lambert wrote a response expressing her concerns regarding a larger issue. But she also disparaged the staff, claimed they were safe from her beyond a glass barrier, and most importantly, did not apologize

to the staff or even commit to follow the City Charter. She showed no remorse, other than to make the issue about her, not the staff.

So, we first held a closed hearing about the actions the Mayor took. At our hearing we asked the City Attorney to advise us on what Oregon allows. He confirmed the Mayor’s actions, assuming the truth of staff complaints, were a violation of the charter and advised us of our three options: do nothing, censure, or expel the mayor.

The mayor chose the option to have an open session to address the complaints. To begin that session we asked Ms. Lambert about how she saw her actions. She professed confusion about the rules, and asserted she tried to work with the Council as a team. However she never reached out to us at all. We wanted to understand what happened, but Ms. Lambert did not offer remorse for her actions or accept responsibility for them, but instead pushed that off on others.

Details in the Mayor’s answers to our questions also did not match the public record. She made untrue claims in her explanations of that day. Not subjective truths open to interpretation, rather

objective verifiable facts for which her statements did not match the documented timeline. For example, she said that she was surprised to find the number of letters

in her box – yet, email subject logs indicated that she not only received many of these letters previously but referenced them in contact with attorneys. And just a week before she was informed that the Council rules require council permission to speak to an attorney on the city’s behalf. Again, not following the rules.

Importantly, all of this could have waited. The Mayor had no reason to ignore the council rules and proceed without the council’s knowledge and approval. Repeatedly asked why she refused to follow the rules, she again pushed back.

We faced a tough choice – the consideration of the clear hostile environment created by the Mayor, and her unwillingness to be truthful and remorseful about it or even commit to following the City Charter. We believed of the options presented, doing nothing or a censure would have had no effect. It would not protect the city from lawsuits, from a staff walkout, or from the continued liability which the Mayor created and seemed unwilling to take responsibility for. We felt that the most responsible thing for her to do would be to resign – allowing her the dignity of leaving by her choice. We asked if she would resign, so she could frame leaving council in her own way. Instead of recognizing that the council felt this way, she preferred to make us take direct and

public action.

But that is what we were elected to do – make tough choices to protect the city and our staff. And to ensure that the citizens who voted us in are not saddled with the legal expenses created by an elected official violating the Charter.

So, reluctantly, we voted. It was unanimous. All six of us.

We simply believed that Charter rule 21(g) had clearly been violated, and that due to the Mayor’s continued response to the incident, that the best course of action for the city was to take this serious step. We did not do so lightly. We understood many of you might be angry at first. We are six individuals from diverse backgrounds and life experiences who volunteer our time without pay for the betterment of the city. A kindergarten teacher, a coach, two small business owners (one retired, one a former cop), a chaplain for the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office and Central Coast Fire and Rescue who is retired military, and a journalist who taught media law at a university. On that day we made what each of us believe was the best decision we could for the city of Waldport. Was it legal? Yes, our city attorney said it was. She violated clearly violated Charter rule 21g. Many other cities have the same provision for expulsion of an elected official.

Was it the right decision? While Ms. Lam-

bert’s history in Yachats certainly came up – it is not why we made the decision. We acted on what was in front of us. We acted to protect this city. We acted to protect our staff. And we acted after giving the Mayor every opportunity to take this in a different direction. So yes it was.

In summary, this was fundamentally about how we treat those who work daily to keep this city running smoothly – those not in power, but those simply trying to do their jobs.

We recognize that there are some who have an agenda right now counter to the city and the city manager. We recognize that this will create a lot more online consternation within the community for the short term. We chose to look at the longer term. We looked to how the city could get back to work. Back to building the playground and park, adding a sidewalk to the schools, taking back our market, replacing infrastructure and ensuring our water and sewer pipes flow. Back to saving the taxpayers money, as the city has done so successfully over the last few years, bringing in over \$8 million dollars in outside funding.

We hope that citizens can focus on moving forward with us. Focus on building. Focus on Waldport. That is what we intend to do. Look forward. Thank you.

Waldport City Council

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

KINDNESS IN LINCOLN CITY!!!!

Today at Safeway, A nice person was so kind and gracious to me, he was ahead of me in line to purchase groceries. After he paid for his items, he used his own credit card to pay for mine. I was in disbelief, could not believe what was happening. We visited a bit while we walked to our own vehicles. What a kind gentleman, he did not know my financial circumstances, this was so much appreciated as my only income is social security. There are many kind people living right here among us!!!

Carol Koffel  
Lincoln City

IN OUR ONLINE POLL THIS WEEK, WE’RE ASKING: ARE YOU CONCERNED THAT PRICES FOR GOODS AND SERVICES WILL INCREASE UNDER PRESIDENT TRUMP’S TARIFFS?

YES

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COMMUNITY

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welcoming place we’ve all come to know and love. This recognition uplifts the spirit of giving, encourages community involvement, and brings positive attention to the businesses and individuals who actively invest in our community

**Lincoln County Leader:** In what way do you see such a celebration helping local businesses?

**Acre-Torres:** Community Days celebrations offer a unique platform for local businesses to gain visibility, connect with the public, and build meaningful relationships. The Community Days events create a fun festive atmosphere that includes our visitors, draws people out of their homes and into the heart of our community—right where our local businesses are.

The Great Oregon Coast Garage Sale, sponsored by the Lincoln City Chamber, kicks off the Community Days celebration on Friday, April 18. This event brings in a tremendous number of visitors who not only hunt

for treasures, but dine in local restaurants, shop in retail stores, and often stay overnight, providing a meaningful boost to our economy.

Friday, April 18 is also the Free Community Days Bonfire on the Beach, sponsored by NW Natural, who will be offering free hot dogs and s’mores to everyone in attendance. Both locals and visitors are encouraged to join us for a fun relaxing evening by the ocean. It’s the kind of event that builds community spirit, creates lasting memories, and celebrates our little slice of heaven on 51st street.

**Lincoln County Leader:** Feel free to add any other comments you might have. We would greatly appreciate your responses by Friday morning this week.

**Acre-Torres:** From a Chamber perspective, these celebrations contribute to our local economy by highlighting small businesses and non-profits, encouraging local shopping and support of these organizations. They promote Lincoln City as a vibrant, unified place to live, work, and visit—ultimately making our

community more attractive, resilient, and enjoyable for all.

**EVENTS**  
Events begin at 10 a.m. Friday, April 18 with Mudflat Golf at Siletz Bay and the traditional Beach Bonfire at Taft. The following day, Saturday, April 19, events include a beach Cleanup at the NW 26th Street beach access in Lincoln City at 10 a.m. A Gardening Workshop at Oceanlake Community Garden, on the corner of NW 21st and Hwy 101. An Egg Hunt at Schooiner Creek Discovery Park at 11 a.m. Surf & Earth at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Fiesta Fennix at the St. Peter the Fisherman Church, 1226 SW 13th Street in Lincoln City is scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday the Great Oregon Garage Sale will be conducted across Lincoln City.

See the Community Days Facebook page for a list of the events Monday, April 21 through Saturday, April 26.

**FOOD DRIVE**  
The annual Community

Days celebration includes a crucial longtime tradition - the Food Drive in support of local neighbors in need. Donations of food and cash accepted by volunteers from local agencies, non-profits, and community groups, all day long, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 24 at Grocery Outlet, 2429 NW Highway 101 in Lincoln City. Proceeds benefit the Lincoln City Food Pantry. The Rotary District 5110 and Rotary Club of Lincoln City has donated \$4,000 in grant funding for the Lincoln City Food Pantry.

**The Food Drive Partners at the event include:**  
7 a.m.: LC Kiwanis  
8 a.m.: LC Pickleball Club  
9 a.m.: Lincoln County School District and First Student  
10 a.m.: Chinook Winds Casino Resort  
11 a.m.: LC Chamber of Commerce  
12 p.m.: LC Parks & Recreation  
1 p.m.: LC Rotary  
2 p.m.: Family Promise  
3 p.m.: Siletz Bay Music Festival  
4 p.m.: LC Pickleball Club

**VETERANS LUNCH**  
As part of our week-long Community Days celebration, a free Appreciation Lunch for all veterans will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wed, April 23 at the Ed Johann Veterans Park at Northwest 18th Street and Highway 101 in Lincoln City.

Johann served as a seaplane tender in the U.S. Navy and received a Commendation for Service on April 14, 1942, for heroic duties he performed aboard the hospital ship USS Solace. Johann served in the U.S. Navy from 1941 to 1945. At 17 years old, he traveled on the USS Holland, a submarine tender to Pearl Harbor. While on the hospital ship, the Japanese attacked on Dec. 7, 1941. Johann used a motor launch to rescue men from the USS Arizona, later receiving the Navy commendation medal with valor for his heroic efforts saving lives.

Johann served 27 years at the Portland Fire Department, was a part of Oregon Search & Rescue, was a city counselor for Lincoln City for

14 years. Johann passed away Dec. 26, 2023. The Veterans Appreciation Lunch is a collaboration between the Lincoln City American Legion Post 97, Phill’s Smok N Grill, Lincoln City Parks and Recreation, and Lincoln City Community Days.

**AWARDS BANQUET**  
For more than 60 years, Lincoln City has honored its countless volunteers at the annual Community Days Awards Banquet. This year’s celebration is scheduled for 6 p.m. April 26, at the Lincoln City Cultural Center. Award submissions are collected by the volunteer Community Days committee and final selections made by panels of past award winners.

**Nominee categories include:**  
Volunteer of the Year  
Leader of the Year  
Innovator of the Year  
Unsung Hero of the Year  
Rising Star of the Year (under 18 years old)  
Visit the Lincoln City Community Days Facebook for more details.

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ODOT

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gas tax revenues,” Newport Communication Specialist Joh Fuller said. “These funds are used to pay for labor, equipment and facility costs for street maintenance, non-motorized improvements, and road rehabilitation/reconstruction projects.”

Within the fund is the Street Repair and Improvement Program, according to Fuller.

“In the current fiscal year which ends June 30, \$500,000 was budgeted for that program plus approximately \$16,000 carried over from the previous year. Keep in mind that this isn’t limited to potholes. It can include all sorts of street work and repair, including crosswalks, and more,” he said.

Fuller added that for any service request, including potholes, community members can fill out an online form at <https://www.newportoregon.gov/dept/pwk/servicerequest.asp> or call 541-574-5874.

**STATEWIDE REPORT**

While Newport and other cities and towns across the state deal with the potholes and their

street and road maintenance issues, a new report by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) shows widespread deterioration of the state’s highway system.

Oregon’s highway system is facing ongoing challenges as the condition of many roads continues to decline, according to ODOT’s 2024 Pavement Condition Report.

The report highlights that while 87% of Oregon’s 18,000 lane miles of pavement are still in fair or better condition, the quality of roads is slipping, with the percentage of “good” pavement reaching its lowest point since 2001.

The report points to a significant decline in the number of roads classified as in “good” condition. Over the past decade, the amount of pavement rated as good has decreased, and without adequate maintenance, many roads in fair condition are at risk of deteriorating into poor condition within the next few years.

ODOT’s goal is to preserve the condition of Oregon’s highways through regular maintenance.

“As roads age, maintenance needs become more complex and costly,” ODOT states in a release. “Timely maintenance, such

as resurfacing and crack sealing, are the most effective way to prevent roads from further deterioration and to extend their service life.”

**BACKGROUND**

Pavements are load-carrying structures that degrade over time due to the cumulative effects of traffic, weather, and material aging. To keep them properly maintained and out of poor condition, they must be resurfaced or rehabilitated at periodic intervals.

Typical ranges of service life are 10 to 30 years for asphalt-surfaced pavements and 40 to 60 years for concrete pavements. When pavements are resurfaced at or before the end of their service life, degradation is typically confined to the surfacing only and the pavement’s foundation and base layers remain protected.

However, if resurfacing is delayed for too long, the pavement structure and underlying base materials can become excessively damaged and complete replacement (e.g. reconstruction) becomes necessary and can cost six to ten times higher, or even more. Timely maintenance and preservation are by far the most efficient way

to preserve the investment, according to ODOT officials.

In the past 20 years, ODOT has managed to maintain a paving cycle of about 25 years. However, this is set to dramatically increase to a 500-year cycle by 2030. This will limit the ability to repair and preserve many roads, particularly non-interstate routes, which will see fewer repairs moving forward.

Over the last 20+ years, pavement funding has been relatively flat at around \$100 million per year, with supplemental funds adding another \$20 to \$40 million per year, according to the ODOT report’s executive summary.

“With this investment, ODOT accomplished an average paving cycle of 25 years with pavement conditions holding steady, although we still weren’t able to get to the worst roads or the most expensive projects,” ODOT officials state in the executive summary.

Pavement funding was significantly reduced in the 21-24 STIP cycle and going forward, approved pavement funding levels for the 27-30 STIP have been reduced even more and are only \$33 million

per year.

“Even before considering inflationary effects, this funding level is about one-third of where it has historically been and translates to roughly one paving project per year. With funding through 2030, the equivalent paving cycle time is 160 years and after 2030 it is on a 500-year cycle, which is unsustainable,” the executive summary states.

“ODOT’s structural revenue issue is forcing the agency to dramatically pull back on our pavement maintenance and preservation efforts,” ODOT Delivery and Operations Administrator Amy Ramsdale said. “Without additional revenue or revenue reform, the quality of Oregon’s highways will significantly decline in just a few years.”

**OTHER KEY FINDINGS**

- The number of roads in poor condition has been increasing, with more expected to deteriorate in the coming years.
- Asphalt roads typically last between 10 and 30 years, while concrete roads last 40 to 60 years, depending on weather and maintenance.
- After 2027, non-interstate routes will receive

little to no paving, affecting overall road quality.

The ODOT report emphasizes the importance of proactive maintenance to slow the deterioration of the state’s roads and prevent more costly repairs down the road.

While ODOT officials said the agency has managed to meet key performance goals for pavement condition in the past, the growing backlog of maintenance needs and the increasing age of the state’s roads present significant challenges in maintaining these standards in the future.

The outlook for state highway pavement is “caution - rough roads ahead,” the executive summary states. “Without a change of course, there will be rapid declines in pavement condition, resulting in diminished safety and higher vehicle repair costs for Oregonians traveling on rutted and potholed roads. Also, Oregonians will pay more to repair failing pavement than it would have cost to preserve and maintain them in a state of good repair.”

For more detailed information, visit the 2024 Pavement Condition Report on ODOT’s website.

BURGLARY

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on a Chevy Trailblazer suspected of being involved in these burglaries. Other officers arrived and the driver, 47-year-old John Albert Herriges, of Salem, was arrested. Herriges was lodged at the Lincoln County Jail on the following charges:

- Two counts of Burglary in the 1st Degree
- Two counts of Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree
- Theft in 2nd Degree
- Attempted Theft in the 2nd Degree

Officers obtained a

search warrant, and after seizing multiple pieces of evidence, the Chevy Trailblazer was impounded.

Anderson noted that in 2021, Herriges had a 48-month sentence for multiple counts of burglary commuted by the previous governor. In 2022, Herriges was again arrested, convicted, and sentenced to 42 months in the Oregon Department of Corrections for multiple residential burglaries. The current crimes are similar to other recent burglaries in Lincoln County and additional investigations are ongoing, according to Anderson.

“The Lincoln City Police Department recommends businesses invest in security measures such as audible alarms, video surveillance, and secured safes to strengthen the security of their locations, as well as train staff to report suspicious activity,” Anderson said. “We would also like to thank the multiple area businesses who helped by providing surveillance video during this investigation. Thanks to the assistance of our tight-knit community, we were able to resolve this issue quickly and hopefully prevent additional victimization.”

PROPOSAL

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situations such as that in the Lower Umatilla Basin. “We know or have reason to believe there are contamination problems in other parts of the state that are not currently GWMA (groundwater management areas). And also, we are

still in the process, 30-plus years later, of undertaking costly and time consuming efforts to address contamination in the GWMA that have been identified,” she told lawmakers.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2025/04/09/opposition-packs-hearing-on-gov-kotek-proposal-to-update-critical-groundwater-area-pro>

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Melissa Marie Aleckson

July 27, 1984 - February 2, 2025

Melissa Marie Aleckson, aged 40 passed in her home Feb 2, 2025. Her last days she was surrounded by all the people she held dear to her heart.

Melissa was born July 27th, 1984, to Steve and Sylvia Aleckson. She was raised in Toledo, OR. She was a Toledo Summer Festival Queen and Graduated from Toledo High School in 2002.

After graduating she moved to Bend, OR for a couple of years. Moved back to Toledo briefly then settled in Albany, OR, where she started a family. She worked full time at Loafers in downtown Albany as a waitress. In 2019 her and her children moved back to Toledo to be closer to family. She also helped care take for her late Aunt Doreen Howry shortly after moving back home to Toledo.

She was stunning, kind, had a beautiful smile, a great laugh, never judged, always up for a good time and loved deeply. The best parts of her shine through her children Ayden



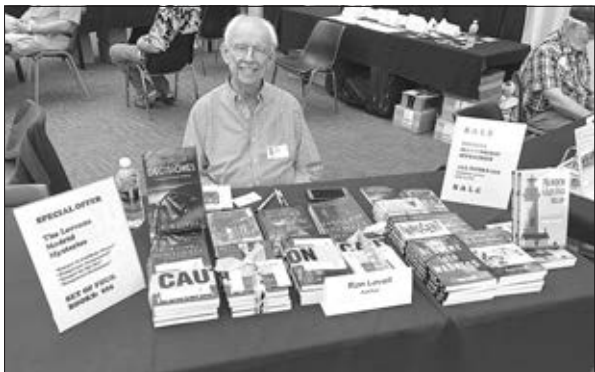
Aleckson and Ellie Longworth. Being a mother, spending time with her boyfriend Eric, being with friends and family, gardening, and camping were some of the things she cherished the most.

Melissa will be deeply missed by her mother and father Steve and Sylvia Aleckson. Her children Ayden and Ellie. Her partner of 4 years Eric Tower. Her sister and brother-in-law Danielle and Tony Applegate. Her aunt and uncle Scott and Tammy Warfield, her uncle Terry Simmons and many family, cousins, friends and loved ones in Toledo and Albany OR.

A celebration of life will be held at the Sunnyside Venue in Toledo, OR on April 26th from 1-4 pm. It is a potluck so please bring your favorite side dish. Her family and loved ones are excited to see everyone that cared for Melissa and hopefully get a chance to share all our fond memories of her.

Ronald P. (Ron) Lovell

1937- 2025



Beloved emeritus journalism professor, mystery writer, devoted son, friend and mentor Ronald P. “Ron” Lovell died peacefully in his Gleneden Beach home on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 in the company of close friends. He was 87.

During an Oregon State University career that lasted nearly 25 years, he helped launch the careers of dozens of notable journalists. Among them was Chris Johns, a 1974 OSU graduate who would become the first photojournalist to be editor-in-chief of National Geographic magazine.

Ron was born in 1937 in Colorado Springs, Colorado to Verna Bickerton Lovell and Paul Lovell. He enjoyed a happy time as an only child in Colorado and in Southern California, and went on to graduate from UCLA. He served as a clerk in the Army and then began a journalism career that included stints as Denver bureau chief for Business Week and senior writer for Medical World News in

New York City. He joined the OSU faculty in 1971 and retired in 1995.

In his retirement years on the coast, he volunteered teaching English for Oceana Family Literacy and wrote two series of mystery books featuring private investigators Thomas Martindale (a former journalism professor at a college resembling Oregon State) and Lorenzo Madrid cracking cases in settings that centered in Western Oregon and – most commonly – the Oregon Coast.

Although he also authored several textbooks, mystery writing was his favorite.

“The coast lends itself to creativity,” he told Erin Dietrich of The News Guard in a 2016 interview. “It’s a good place to set a mystery because you’ve got coves, caves, lighthouses, all kinds of places to put your characters in danger.”

He bought his house in Gleneden Beach in 1997 and settled there with his mother, father and

grandmother. After they passed, he lived there alone for the rest of his life, enjoying frequent meals out with friends, writing and marketing his novels and leading workshops to teach other writers how to successfully self-publish.

Among his survivors are several cousins in Colorado Springs, including Edwin “Eddie” Lawrence, his wife Holly Lawrence, their daughters Arwin and Aria, and Eddie’s brother, Richard “Rick” Lawrence.

When he knew the end was near, Ron wanted nothing more than to spend his final days at home, and his friends and family are grateful for the compassionate care provided by Signature Health Hospice and by Aging Wisely with Heartfelt Hands.

He has been laid to rest next to his parents at Oak Lawn Memorial Park in Corvallis, with De Moss-Durand Funeral Home handling arrangements.

A memorial celebration will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 2435 NW Oar Place in Lincoln City, OR 97367.

Memorial contributions may be made as gifts in Ron’s name to the Oregon State University Foundation, 4238 SW Research Way, Corvallis OR 97333.

Michael Loyal Wilson

September 8, 1950 – November 2, 2024



Michael Loyal Wilson passed away November 2nd, 2024, at the age of 74 surrounded by his family after struggling gracefully with Lewy Body, a neurological disorder. His disease was a direct result of chemical exposure while serving in the United States Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, 1971. His disability was fully acknowledged by the US Government.

Mike was born on September 8, 1950, in Klamath Falls Oregon to Virginia (Sturges) Wilson and Steve Wilson. His family moved from Klamath Falls to Ashland, Oregon and settled in Springfield, Oregon. Mike



graduated from Springfield High School in 1968.

Mike joined the USMC in 1968 and served 10 years as a technician. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant, November of 1977. Mike moved his family from Camp Pendleton, California to Corvallis, Oregon to further his education. He took advantage of the GI bill and graduated from Oregon State University in an impressive 3 ½ years with a BS in Electrical Engineering and a minor in Computer Science. He acquired a Professional Electrical Engineering License for the Oregon State Board of Engineering Examiners and maintained

his license for 30 years.

He accepted a job with Central Lincoln Peoples Utilities District in 1981. He retired with 30 years as the Director of Engineering/Power Manager and served 2 years as Interim General Manager.

Mike fell in love and married his high school sweetheart, Teri (Ingram) Wilson in 1971. They celebrated their 53rd anniversary, February 12, 2024.

Mike was a wonderful Husband, Father, and Grandfather. He was loved by all who knew him and was truly a gentle, kind man. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife Teri Wilson of Newport, OR; Daughter Michelle Eastham (Kelly) of Kelso, WA; Grandsons: Grant, Blake, and Brycen Eastham of Kelso, WA; Sister Stephanie Wilson of Eugene, OR; Brother James Wilson (Pamela) Buda, TX; Nephews: Eric and Matthew Wilson.





Gov. Tina Kotek on May 3, 2023 at the home of Ana Maria Rodriguez, a Boardman resident and Oregon Rural Action organizer, whose well water has nearly four times the safe drinking water limit for nitrate. Kotek was visiting with residents in Boardman, who are concerned that progress on the nitrate pollution in the Lower Umatilla Basin has been slow. (Photo by Alex Baumhardt/Oregon Capital Chronicle)

# Opposition packs hearing on Gov. Kotek proposal to update critical groundwater area protections

ALEX BAUMHARDT  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Gov. Tina Kotek’s proposal to give state agencies more authority to intervene earlier in Oregon’s contaminated groundwater areas met massive opposition at its first public hearing.

Two rooms and two separate hearings were scheduled Tuesday, April 8, to accommodate all of the people who went to the Capitol to offer testimony on Senate Bill 1154 during a meeting of the Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Committee. The bill was sent to the Senate Rules Committee without recommendation, where it will receive another public hearing in the weeks ahead.

Bill advocates say it would provide much-needed updates to the state’s Groundwater Quality Protection Act first passed in 1989. That act was meant to conserve groundwater resources and prevent contamination following well-testing across the state that showed many contained water with high levels of agricultural chemicals.

Chandra Ferrari, Kotek’s natural resources adviser, told lawmakers the current law is too vague, lacks a clear process for involving state and local agencies in remediating pollution and doesn’t do enough to protect groundwater from pollution before aquifers become critically impaired.

About 80% of Oregonians rely on groundwater for some or all of their drinking water, and one-quarter rely on private, at-home wells. About 90% of rural Oregonians rely on those at-home wells, according to Ferrari.

“It’s risky, it’s costly, it’s time-consuming to not effectively address contamination,” Ferrari told lawmakers. “We need to work harder to not hit these critical contamination thresholds, and we need to work smarter when we do. Our laws should facilitate us doing these things well.”

But those opposed to the updates include more than 560 people and groups who submitted testimony in advance of the hearing, as well as several eastern Oregon state representatives, who say the bill would allow state agencies broader authority to do water and soil testing and monitoring on private property without landowner consent and that it could lead to state agencies cutting off water to some.

State Reps. Bobby Levy, R-Echo, and Greg Smith, R-Heppner, spoke in opposition to the bill at the hearing.

Smith said allowing state agencies to monitor and test private wells, or inspect potentially

leaky septic systems, would violate his constituents’ property rights.

Levy called it an “unacceptable overreach of state power,” and a “persecution” of rural Oregonians.

“It grants broad, unchecked authority to state agencies, allows them to walk onto private property, dig up soil, impose arbitrary restrictions and suspend water use that is critical, not only to agriculture, but to basic human life,” she said, before applause erupted in one hearing room.

What the bill does

The updated Groundwater Quality Protection Act would establish thresholds for contaminants that automatically qualify them as critical groundwater management areas. It would also create a new designation for “groundwater areas of concern,” where contaminants are detected but a threshold for declaring the area in critical condition hasn’t quite been met.

The five governor-appointed members of the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission would designate “areas of concern” if contamination was growing or particularly threatening, and then the governor would appoint a response team made up of a mix of agency officials who would help local stakeholders create a “local voluntary implementation plan” for curbing pollution and alerting the public.

The groups and agencies would be required to provide regular reports to the Environmental Quality Commission, the governor and the Legislature in order to receive funding to execute their local voluntary implementation plan.

If the voluntary plan does not keep a basin from entering critical contamination thresholds, then state agencies could more directly intervene, including testing soil and water on private land for potential septic leaks and requiring some wastewater permit holders to conform to tighter regulations on where and how much nitrate-laden water they can release.

The bill also more clearly spells out which agencies are responsible for participating in action on groundwater management areas and what each agency is responsible for doing.

The Oregon Health Authority would be in charge of informing the public and helping with testing and providing safe drinking water; the Oregon Water Resources Department would be in charge of regulating water flows and rights; the Oregon Department of Agriculture would take on agricultural

polluters and mitigating farm pollution; the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality would take on any changes needed to protect groundwater through industrial water permitting; and other agencies would be involved as needed, according to Ferrari.

As the law works now, there isn’t one sole agency responsible for groundwater quality protection in Oregon, Ferrari said, and no single agency is responsible for helping communities impacted by contaminated groundwater.

Decades-long problems

Since 1989, three critical groundwater management areas have been identified in Oregon. They are all still considered to be in critical condition due to nitrate contamination, almost entirely from agriculture, and none have seen vast improvement in the last two to three decades.

The Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area in northeastern Oregon, designated as critically impaired in 1990, has gotten worse under state supervision, and a volunteer committee established in 1997 to tackle problems has had little to no impact.

Thousands of residents in Morrow and Umatilla counties — mostly Latino and low-income — have lived and drunk from contaminated wells, which is dangerous because nitrates consumed over long periods can increase risks for cancer and birth defects. In September, Kotek and state agency officials released a comprehensive plan for curbing nitrate pollution in northeast Oregon that “will take decades” to achieve.

More than a dozen residents of Boardman who cannot drink their well water submitted testimony in support of Senate Bill 1154.

Kaleb Lay, director of policy research at the nonprofit Oregon Rural Action, said the bill could be improved in the Senate Rules Committee to get broader buy-in, but that updates to the Groundwater Protection Act are long overdue. It wasn’t until Morrow County declared a water emergency and Oregon Rural Action began a grassroots well testing campaign that the state became more directly involved.

“If we leave the law unfixed, it will simply stay broken. I would argue that every moment we spend on this bill is worthwhile,” Lay told lawmakers.

Ferrari said updates to the Groundwater Quality Protection Act would allow the state to intervene earlier to avoid

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## Cahill named as Samaritan Health Services CEO

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Lincoln County Leader

Samaritan Health Services’ Board of Directors has named Marty Cahill, MBA, as the organization’s next president and chief executive officer.

Cahill, described in a release from Samaritan Health Services as a seasoned health care executive. He most recently served as the chief operating officer of hospitals and has been a leader at the organization since 2007.

Cahill’s appointment, which takes effect May 19, 2025, follows the December 2024 resignation announcement of Doug Boysen, JD, MHA, who in his eighth year of service as CEO has built a lasting legacy at Samaritan, the release states. Under Boysen’s leadership, Samaritan has built two new hospitals, navigated a global pandemic, and developed many new clinical programs designed to enhance the health of the communities served by Samaritan.

“It is a distinct pleasure to name Cahill to this position given his extensive industry experience and ongoing commitment to the delivery of quality health care,” Samaritan Health System Board of Directors Chair Randy Springer said. “Naming a successor to follow Doug Boysen’s tenure was a distinct challenge given Boysen’s impactful contributions to the system and the community, but we believe we’ve found the right leader in Cahill to write the next chapter in Samaritan’s story.”

“It is an honor to be chosen to lead Samaritan Health Services in this role,” Cahill said. “I’ve devoted the past two decades of my professional life to supporting the mission and working collaboratively with other executives to serve our community. Together we will continue to build upon the foundation that Doug’s leadership has solidified.”

Cahill will assume his role as president and CEO May 19, 2025. At that time, Boysen will assume a consultative role in which he will continue to serve though early June 2025.

MARTY CAHILL’S  
BACKGROUND

A Massachusetts native, Cahill attended the University of Oregon, where he received a bachelor’s degree in sociology. He followed that with a master’s in business administration with an emphasis in organizational behavior from Marylhurst University in Marylhurst, Oregon.

Cahill has worked for Samaritan Health Services since 2007, when he was hired as the director of physician relations for the medical staff at all five Samaritan hospitals. He served as CEO of Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital from 2009 to 2015. In 2013, he was appointed COO of Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital and assumed the role of its CEO in 2015 until becoming COO for Samaritan hospitals in late 2023.

ABOUT SAMARITAN HEALTH SERVICES

Samaritan Health Services is based in Corvallis, Oregon. It is a nonprofit regional health system with more than 5,300 employees. Founded in 1997, the organization provides care to more than 290,000 residents in Benton, Lincoln, Linn and portions of Marion and Polk counties. The operations include hospitals in Newport and Lincoln City.

Driven by its mission to build healthier communities together, the system includes five hospitals, nearly 100 medical clinics, retail pharmacies and fitness centers. Samaritan offers health insurance plans, including locally administered Medicare Advantage plans, employer group plans and a Samaritan employee plan. Samaritan also administers the regional InterCommunity Health Network Coordinated Care Organization.

Samaritan prioritizes advancing medical education and addressing community-wide health concerns through partnerships with educational institutions, local nonprofits and public health departments. Nationally, Samaritan has been recognized for providing high-quality care and as one of America’s healthiest workplaces, according to the release.

Learn more at [oregon250.org](https://oregon250.org)

## Two Lights for Tomorrow

SUBMITTED

On the night of April 18, 1775, Paul Revere, William Dawes, and others rode to Lexington, Massachusetts, warning minutemen and households about the approach of British forces. Behind him, lanterns in the steeple of the Old North Church were shining the agreed upon code made famous by poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, “One if by land, and two if by sea.” The next day, April 19, were the battles of Lexington and Concord — and the colonists were well prepared.

As part of the nationwide commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the America 250 Oregon Commission joins semiquincentennial commissions across the country in Two Lights for Tomorrow, a multi-state initiative that reminds citizens everywhere that our shared history is grounded in coming together to build a more perfect union.

Oregonians are called to participate by shining two lights on April 18, 2025, in their homes and community spaces.

“The America 250 Oregon Commission hopes that

communities across the state will join us in Two Lights for Tomorrow to kick off the semiquincentennial commemorations,” America 250 Oregon Commission Chairman and Oregon Historical Society Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk said. “Any kind of light can be used in any size building, be it a home, office, museum, community center, or government building. Using the imagery of shining lights as a uniting call to action, Two Lights for Tomorrow reminds us of the importance of working together for a promising future.”

If you or your organization is interested in getting involved with the America 250 Oregon commemoration, contact [oregon.250@ohs.org](mailto:oregon.250@ohs.org) or sign up for the official America 250 Oregon email list.

The mission of the America 250 Oregon Commission is to coordinate, provide guidance, and ensure that Oregon’s official observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States is inclusive and shares the histories of Oregon’s diverse populations, including the histories of the Indigenous peoples who have resided here since time immemorial.



Smoke-impacted wines offering new market opportunities

SEAN NEALON  
Leader Guest Article

Certain groups of consumers appear to be open to drinking smoke-impacted wines, a finding in a new study that could provide market opportunities for winemakers increasingly dealing with the effects of wild-fire smoke on grapes.

The study by researchers at Oregon State University and in New Zealand found that consumers, particularly those that like smokey flavors in food and beverages, are open to drinking smoke-impacted wines. They also found that the type of information on the label can modulate consumer acceptance.

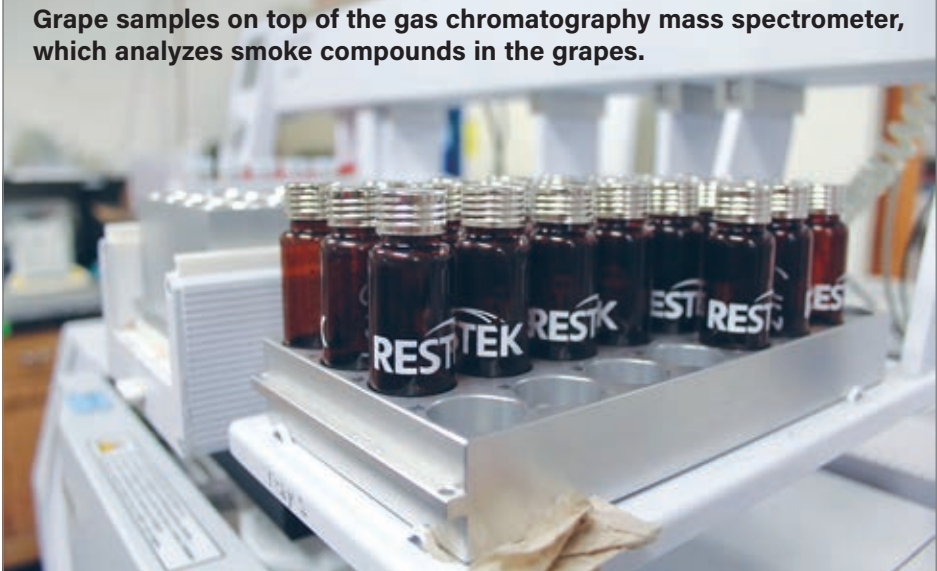
“This research provides vital information for the wine industry,” said Elizabeth Tomasino, a professor of enology at Oregon State. “It demonstrates that with certain wine drinkers there is a potential market for these smoke-impacted wines.”

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Jenna Fryer, an Oregon State University graduate student, processing grape samples before analyzing the grapes for smoke compounds. (Courtesy photos from OSU)



Oregon State's Woodhall Vineyard.

'Sip & Stroll' in Yachats April 19



The annual Sip & Stroll Yachats returns on Saturday, April 19, with an afternoon of wine tasting, shopping, and exploration in the heart of Yachats. For tickets and more information, visit yachats.org (Courtesy photo)

Wine lovers, mark your calendars — the annual Sip & Stroll Yachats returns on Saturday, April 19, inviting visitors and locals to enjoy a delightful afternoon of wine tasting, shopping, and exploration in the heart of Yachats.

This popular event will feature up to 18 Oregon wineries stationed at participating businesses throughout the very walkable central coast village. In addition, there will be beer by Depoe Bay Brewery at the SeaNote Restaurant and Lounge, cider at Wildcraft Cider Company, and rums by Stillwagon Distillery of Reedsport at Coastal

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New Wild Coast Camp Summer registration open

SUBMITTED

A new adventure is launching on the Oregon Coast this summer with the debut of Wild Coast Camp, a nature-based day camp designed to immerse children in the coastal landscape through hands-on wilderness and bushcraft skills, forest adventures, and beach exploration.

Developed by the team at Neskowin Valley School, Wild Coast Camp offers a unique, experience-rich alternative to traditional summer camps. Open to children entering Kindergarten through 7th grade, each week-long session focuses on outdoor skills

like shelter-building, wildlife tracking, navigation, and ecosystem exploration across forests, rivers, and shorelines. Activities are age-appropriate and guided by experienced outdoor educators.

This summer also marks the launch of a special 3 and 4-year-old camp weeks, running alongside the main camp with its own playful and developmentally appropriate curriculum. The younger camp group will be led by the school's new preschool-K teacher, offering little explorers a gentle introduction to outdoor learning.

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'Developing Empathy Through Writing the Persona Poem'

How can we develop empathy toward others? Join Willamette Writers Coast Chapter on April 19 at the Newport Public Library from 2 to 4 p.m. as they explore the answer with guest poet Willa Schneberg, who has been invited to celebrate National Poetry Month. She will conduct a generative writing workshop titled: “Developing Empathy Through Writing the Persona Poem.”

The persona poem — written in the voice of another person, real or



Willa Schneberg

imagined — can bring empathy and compassion into the fore. Participants are encouraged to come with ideas for poems,

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This mosaic was created by artist Rena Ekmanis using discarded plastics that she picked up off of local beaches. (Courtesy photo)

Artist presentation April 17 in Newport

Artist Rena Ekmanis will be the presenter at the next Coastal Arts Guild Tea & Talk, which takes place from 2 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, on the second floor of the Newport Visual Arts Center, located at 777 NW Beach Drive. Tea & Talk is free and open to all.

Ekmanis, a multi-disciplinary artist and science illustrator, finds inspiration in the magic, beauty and mysteries of nature. The ocean is the place that fills her with the most awe and wonder. Having lived many years on the Big

Island of Hawaii, she spent as much time as possible underwater and says this is the place where she feels the most freedom and bliss. Cetaceans, rare and endangered ocean animals are her favorite subjects to study and paint.

After moving to Newport a few years ago, Ekmanis started collecting plastic and microplastic while beachcombing. Making ocean plastic mosaics has become a new and fun art adventure to help

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at Seal Rock State Park. These excursions focus on edible seaweeds and animals found in the inter-tidal area.

Preregistration is required for these programs and can be done online, over the phone at 541 265 7783, or in person at the Recreation Center. To register online, visit <https://secure.rec1.com/OR/newport-or/catalog> and click on Special Events.

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commemorative wine glass, and an event map/booklet. General admission tickets are \$30. Additional sample tickets will be available on site throughout the afternoon. Free parking is available at the Yachats Commons, 441 Highway 101. Kids are invited to join the walk, but samples and ticket purchases are restricted to those over 21 years of age.

For tickets and more information, visit [yachats.org](http://yachats.org) or email [director@yachats.org](mailto:director@yachats.org).”

“Extend your stay and help preserve the beauty of our coastline,” added Lippincott. “On Sunday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday’s ‘Sippers and Strollers’ are invited to join our community beach cleanup and help keep Yachats’ beaches pristine.” Cleanup participants will be provided collection bags, gloves, and snacks.

The smoke-liking group had an average liking score of 6.86 out of a nine-point scale. The smoke-disliking group had an average score of 3.26. The introduction of labels, versus unlabeled wine, increased liking of the smoke-impacted wines for the smoke-dislikers from just over three to more than five on the nine-point scale. One of the labels overtly referenced wildfires with the words “Smoke Stack, experience the 2020 vintage with this unique, lightly smokey wine.” The different labels didn’t have much of an impact on the smoke-likers, but their average scores were still above six, outpacing the dislikers.

use to make a smoke-impacted wine viable for the market, the researchers say. One option is blending, a common winemaking technique that in this case could involve mixing a smoke-impacted wine with a non-impacted wine. Winemakers can also take different approaches to labeling and marketing to specifically target the smoke-liking group.

“Our findings indicate that there is more forgiveness among consumers for these smokey wines than winemakers think,” Tomasino said. “It seems winemakers have a lot more options if they want to sell wine made with these grapes.”

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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.



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**LCL25-0124 PUBLIC NOTICE**

Siletz RFPD will be holding its 2025/2026 Budget meeting on Tuesday May 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM at 149 W. Buford Ave. Siletz, OR 97380. The budget document will be available no later the Friday May 9th at 5:00 PM. This information is also available on our website www.siletzfire.com or by calling the Fire Station at 541-444-2043. A16 A30

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FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN In the Matter

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of the Estate of PHYLIS ARLINE DEBORD, Deceased. Case No. 25PB021115 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Danielle Kinter has been appointed personal representative of the estate of Virginia Lee Culwell. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at 2369 SE 15th Alley, Gresham, OR 97080, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative, Traci P. McDowall, PO Box 1987, Newport, OR 97365, DATED AND PUBLISHED ON: APRIL 16, 2025. /s/Traci P. McDowall, Lawyer for Personal Representative. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Danielle Kinter, 2369 SE 15th Alley, Gresham, OR 97080, (503) 839-7396. LAWYER FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Traci P. McDowall, OSB #184063, PO Box 1987, 380 SW 2nd St., Newport, OR 97365, T: (541) 272-5500, F: (541) 265-7633, traci@yaquinaaw.com

**LCL25-0129 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN**

Probate Department In

the Matter of the Estate of: VIRGINIA LEE CULWELL, Deceased. Case No.: 25PB02803 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Virginia Butler has been appointed personal representative of the estate of Virginia Lee Culwell. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Ryan M. Johnson, Johnson & Taylor, 1193 Liberty Street, SE, Salem, OR 97302, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, Ryan M. Johnson, Johnson & Taylor, 1193 Liberty Street, SE, Salem, OR 97302. Date and first published: April 16, 2025.

**LCL25-0130 FORECLOSURE SALE**

At The Storage Place/ South Beach Mini Storage, 4822 S Coast Hwy South Beach OR 97366. Starting at 10:30am on 4/18/25 for unit #B19 rented by Melvin Fisher.

**LCL25-0122 PUBLIC NOTICE OF CITY OF DEPOE BAY AND URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY**

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public meetings of the City of Depoe Bay and Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee of the City of Depoe Bay, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, will be held in-person at the Depoe Bay City Hall, 570 SE Shell Avenue, Depoe Bay OR starting at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 17, 2025. There is also a virtual option for those who wish to attend from home. The purpose of these meetings is to receive budget messages and comments from the public on the budgets. These are public meetings where deliberations of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may speak at the meetings to discuss the proposed budgets with the Budget Com-

mittees. For instructions and information about how to provide input or how to attend virtually, visit the City's website or contact City Hall at (541) 765-2361. A copy of the proposed budgets may be inspected or obtained at the Depoe Bay City Hall between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday after April 11, 2025. If you would like a digital copy, email info@cityofdepoebay.org or call (541) 765-2361 and a copy can be sent to you. Budget meeting notices and proposed budgets are also available on the City's website at: www.cityofdepoebay.org. A9 A16

**LCL25-0125 NOTICE:**

An abandoned mobile home located at 10 Breeze St #25 Depoe Bay, OR 97341 is for sale. The home will be sold by private sale, sealed bids, which will be accepted until 5:00 PM April 19, 2025. Bids should be mailed to Vannie Nguyen PO Box 32 Portland, OR 97075. Any persons wishing to inspect the home, please contact 971-331-3137. A9 A16

**LCL25-0123 SELF STORAGE PUBLIC SALE**

Safe-Lock Storage 3639 SE Ash St South Beach, Oregon 97366 Saturday, 4/26/2025 @ 10:00am. L35 - Amanda Cleland, P08 - Kristy Loppnow, C06 - Rich Rouske, Sale Subject to Cancellation. Safe-Lock Storage reserves the Right to refuse any and all bids. A9 A16

**LCL25-0104 CENTRAL WILLAMETTE CREDIT UNION V. GREG ALLEN ANDERSON**

SUMMONS - CASE NO. 24CV55745 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN TO: GREG ALLEN ANDERSON, the above-named defendant. You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this summons, and in case of your failure to appear and answer, plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in its complaint, to-wit: 1. For the principal sum of \$14,398.23, plus late fees in the amount of \$231.06, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$1,912.90 through November

6, 2024, plus interest accruing on the principal balance at the contract rate of 11.24 percent per annum (\$4,434 per diem) from November 7, 2024, until the date judgment is entered; 2. For Plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees, costs and disbursements incurred herein; 3. For interest on the sum of paragraphs 1 and 2 above at the contract rate of 11.24 percent per annum, from the date judgment is entered until paid in full; and 4. For such other relief as the court deems just and proper. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ CAREFULLY!! YOU MUST "APPEAR" IN THIS CASE OR THE OTHER SIDE WILL WIN AUTOMATICALLY. TO "APPEAR" YOU MUST FILE WITH THE COURT A LEGAL PAPER CALLED A "MOTION" OR "ANSWER". THE MOTION OR ANSWER (OR "REPLY") MUST BE GIVEN TO THE COURT CLERK OR ADMINISTRATOR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION SPECIFIED HEREIN ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED FILING FEE. IT MUST BE IN PROPER FORM AND HAVE PROOF OF SERVICE ON THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY OR, IF THE PLAINTIFF DOES NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY, PROOF OF SERVICE UPON THE PLAINTIFF. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD SEE AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU NEED HELP IN FINDING AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OREGON STATE BAR'S LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE ONLINE AT WWW.OREGONSTATEBAR.ORG OR BY CALLING AT (503) 684-3763 (IN THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA) OR TOLL-FREE ELSEWHERE IN OREGON AT (800) 452-7636. This summons is published by order of Circuit Court Maria Buckley of the above-entitled Court made on the 5th day of March 2025, directing publication of this summons once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Lincoln and Deschutes Counties, Oregon. Date of first publication: March 26, 2025, Date of last publication: April 16, 2025. Michelle M. Bertolino, OSB #912130, Of Attorneys for Plaintiff, FARLEIGH WADA WITT, 121 SW Morrison, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97204-

3136, (503) 228-6044 mbertolino@fwwlaw.com

**LCL25-0102 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

#25-0269 On April 29, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Room 203, in the City of Newport, Oregon, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 2520 S Crestline Dr, Waldport, OR 97394. The court case number is 24CV48737, LLACG COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND, plaintiff(s) vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND BENEFICIARIES OF NOVA E. JOGON; STATE OF OREGON; OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2520 S CRESTLINE DRIVE, WALDPOR, OR 97394 defendant(s). This is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand. For more details go to <http://www.oregon-sheriffssales.org/county/lincoln/>

**LCL25-0098 TS NO. OR08000085-24-1 APN R405472 TO NO 240316232-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by ALFRETTA M COOPER as Grantor, or to WESTERN TITLE as Trustee, in favor of RIVERMARK COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION as Beneficiary dated as of August 29, 2006 and recorded on September 29, 2006 as Instrument No. 200614898 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R405472 PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT "A" Legal Description A Tract Of Land Located In The Southwest 1/4 Of Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 10 West, Willamette Meridian, in Lincoln County, Oregon, Described As Follows: Beginning At The Center Section Corner Of Said Section 33; Thence South 0° 13' 30" West A Distance Of 481.69 Feet To A 1/2 Inch Iron Pipe, Said Point Being The True Point Of Beginning; Thence South 0° 13' 30" West, A Distance Of 60.0 Feet To A 1/2 Inch Iron Pipe; Thence North 86° 44' 50" West A

Distance Of 393.76 Feet To A 1/2 Inch Iron Pipe; Thence Northerly Along The High Water Line Of Salmon River A Distance Of 61 Feet, More Or Less, To A 1/2 Inch Iron Pipe; Thence South 86° 22' East A Distance Of 358.60 Feet To The Point Of Begin Together With Easements For Ingress And Egress As Set Forth In Instruments, Recorded: December 22, 1975 Book: 61 Page:1017 Recorded: January 7, 1988 Book: 189 Page: 61 Recorded: February 11, 1988 Book:189 Page: 2177 1989 Fuqua Model 755 Manufactured Home, Vin# 10511 Which, By Intention Of The Parties Shall Constitute A Part Of The Reality And Shall Pass With It. Commonly known as: 71 N HOBBY CT, OTIS, OR 97368 Both the Beneficiary, Rivermark Community Credit Union, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Total Monthly Payment(s): Total Monthly Payment(s) from 01/01/2024 to 02/01/2025 at \$10,538.54 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at \$189.70 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$54,596.05 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.50000% per annum from December 1, 2023 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on June 27, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110 Oregon Revised Statutes, at the south entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property

which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 2/13/2025 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0471353 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 03/26/2025, 04/02/2025, 04/09/2025, 04/16/2025

# Calendar of EVENTS

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

**LINCOLN CITY CRIBBAGE CLUB**

The Lincoln City Cribbage Club meets at 4 p.m. every Wednesday at Pioneer Joe Coffee Co. in the Marketplace at Salishan, 7755 Highway 101, Gleneden Beach. \$9 entry, six games. Forget the rest, come play with the best. Info: Jack Shumate, 541-574-7668.

**LIVE MUSIC BY BOX AND BUCKET**

Box and Bucket, featuring renowned Nashville guitarist Porter McClister and electric washtub bass player Barbara LePine, performs from 5:30 p.m. to close every Wednesday at Luna Sea Fish House, 10111 Pacific Coast Highway 101, Seal Rock. Info: www.lunaseafishhouse.com

**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.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 17

**TEA AND TALK AT VAC**

Join the Coastal Arts Guild for Tea & Talk at 2 p.m. at the Newport Visual Arts Center, 777 NW Beach Drive. This month's event features artist Rena Ekmanis. Free. For more information, call 541-961-5959.

**BIG BAND DANCE**

Enjoy the sounds of the Big Band era with the Lincoln Pops from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Gleneden Beach Community Club, 110 Azalea St., Gleneden Beach. Admission: \$10 at the door. Refreshments available. Info: 503-949-8222 or on Facebook.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 19

**NEWPORT FARMERS MARKET**

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rain or Shine. Located at 169 SW Coast Hwy, at the corner of Hwy 101 and Angle St. Snap and Double up food bucks are available to use at the market.

## 'SIP & STROLL' YACHTS

The annual Sip & Stroll Yachts features Oregon wineries stationed at participating businesses throughout town. Noon to 5 p.m. Tickets and info: [yachats.org](http://yachats.org) or email [director@yachats.org](mailto:director@yachats.org)

## COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Two sections--individual vendors and club area. Huge selection of items from small furniture to craft supplies, gardening, tools, sports gear, etc. Gleneden Beach Community Hall, 110 Azalea St. www.glenedenbeach.org.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 20

**ARGENTINE TANGO**

Learn Argentine Tango at Newport Tango's weekly Sunday lesson and practice. 5 to 8 p.m., South Beach Community Center, 3024 SE Ferry Slip Road. Info: [www.newportdancetango.com](http://www.newportdancetango.com) or [newportdancetango@gmail.com](mailto:newportdancetango@gmail.com)

**DROP-IN FIGURE DRAWING**

2-4 p.m. The Coastal Arts Guild (CAG) and Oregon Coast Council for the Arts (OCCA)present: Practice figure drawing with a live model (in fitted clothing). Easels, paper, and charcoal provided, or bring your own materials. FREE (\$5-\$10 donation to the Coastal Arts Guild suggested to help cover model fee). Newport Visual Arts Center (VAC) - 2nd floor, 777 NW Beach Drive, Newport. For more information: [coastalartsguild@gmail.com](mailto:coastalartsguild@gmail.com)

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**COMMUNITY READINESS WEBINAR**

10 a.m.-noon. Learn what you can do to help your community be ready for a natural disaster. Free. Gleneden Beach Community Hall, 110 Azalea St. [www.glenedenbeach.org](http://www.glenedenbeach.org).

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## THURSDAY, APRIL 24

**CHURCH ANTIQUE SALE FUNDRAISER**

6-8 p.m. Lower level at Trinity United Methodist Church, 383 NE Beech St, Toledo. Items for sale include: Vintage books--children's books, comics, cook books, furniture, steamer trunks, vintage suitcases, old fire nozzles, jewelry, dolls, linens, aprons, pillow cases, wooden spindles, spools, antique transom with stand, tea cups, china, glassware, silver plate, crystal, wash stand, toys, sewing cabinet, art, and picture frames ... and much more. Admission of 2 cans of food or \$2. Proceeds go to the Toledo Food Pantry.

**'ADVENTURES IN MUSIC'**

Barbra Lica performs in the final "Voyages: Adventures in Music" concert of 2025 at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101. 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at 541-994-9994 and [lincolncity-culturalcenter.org](http://lincolncity-culturalcenter.org).

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: U equals L

TZFS YZNHUE XNH YFX TZMV  
F XNHVR BZGUE CFGUY FS  
CFYSMVGVR ZGY YZNMUFBMY?

"SGM, SGM FRFGV."

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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

RSGF ZOQS RSQ OCI GRIX  
CGG JTVBRIBXF CMRTX XOQ  
DTXTVQ OCI RSQ VQCJOQW  
XOQ CAQ XR ZVBXQ CS  
CTXRMBRAVCNOF.  
— QPQGFS ZCTAO

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Trivia  
test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What do you call a person who has lived to the age of 100 years?
2. HISTORY: When were cigarette commercials banned from American television?
3. MOVIES: Whose life is depicted in the movie "Raging Bull"?
4. U.S. STATES: In which state are the Catskill Mountains located?
5. TELEVISION: Which long-running TV drama was set in Cabot Cove, Maine?
6. MEASUREMENTS: How long is the ancient measurement called a cubit?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is a dish called Cullen Skink?
8. CHEMISTRY: A diamond is composed of which single element?
9. GEOGRAPHY: What country is home to the Baffin, Victoria and Ellesmere islands?
10. ANATOMY: What is another name for the condition called "pilo-erection"?

Answers

1. A centenarian.
2. Jan. 2, 1971.
3. Jake LaMotta (played by Robert De Niro).
4. New York.
5. "Murder, She Wrote."
6. 1.5 feet.
7. Scottish soup made of smoked haddock, potatoes and onions.
8. Carbon.
9. Canada.
10. Goosebumps.

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"Tie, tie again."  
fastening his shoelaces?  
a young child fails at  
What should you say when

answer

CryptoQuip

Only when one has lost  
all curiosity about the  
future has one reached  
the age to write an  
autobiography.  
— Evelyn Waugh

CryptoQuote

answer

EXERCISE

- Today's Word
1. Certify
  2. Chaste;
  3. Extend;
  4. Scope

solution

SCRAMBLERS

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!

Approve  
RECTIFY  
Pure  
CHEATS  
Increase  
DENTEX  
Outlook  
PECOS

TODAY'S WORD



"Care to join the senior citizens' march on City Hall? It's good \_\_\_\_\_."



Newport baseball finish early season in OSAA's top 10

**WILL LOHRE**  
*Country Media, Inc.*

Newport baseball has been on the upswing in the early season, and thanks to their impressive start to the season, they entered league play ranked as one of the top 10 teams in the state.

The Cubs enjoyed a pretty full preseason this year. Prior to commencing league play against Stayton on Apr. 14, Newport had already played 10 games. Over that span, Newport put up an impressive 7-3 record and solidified themselves as one of the best 4A teams in the early part of the season.

Entering league play, Newport was ranked #8 in OSAA's 4A rankings, but they aren't the only Oregon West league representative at the top of the rankings. League opponent Philomath was 6-2 and ranked as the #7 team despite having played fewer games.

Last season, both Philomath and Newport ended up qualifying for the state tournament out of the Oregon West Conference despite finishing as the second and third teams in the league, but both saw their playoff campaigns end in the first round. North Marion was the first-ranked team in the Oregon West last year and lost in the semis. This season, it seems that Philomath and Newport might be the class of the league, as North Marion's results in the early going have them playing catch up, recovering from a turbulent 3-6 start.

Meanwhile, Newport has been putting together a steady stream of results in their preseason. The non-league portion of the schedule saw the Cubs test their mettle against a variety of opponents from around the 4A landscape. Some of the highlights have been blowouts, with the offense and defense clicking simultaneously. Newport has beaten Tillamook, Siuslaw, Junction City, and Marshfield by 10 or more runs while surrendering fewer than five in each game.

The 12-2 win over Junction City on Apr. 1 is a statement result for the Cubs. Junction City has started as one of the state's best teams (ranked #4), and Newport is responsible for one of its two non-league losses so far. Another confidence-inducing result was the 10-9 win against 4A powerhouse Henley High School on Mar. 27. Henley has been one of the top programs in the state over the past few years and narrowly lost in the state semifinals last season. Taking a win off them, even by a narrow one-run margin, is a result that proves the Cubs' ability to hang with anyone.

The three losses of Newport's early season came at the hands of some of the stiffest competition they faced. Mollala, who beat Newport 11-7 on Mar. 19, entered league play as the #2 team in the state and looks to be one of the contenders for the crown this year. The other two losses came against some of the highest-achieving 3A teams from 2024. Defending 3A champions Warrenton delivered the Cubs their toughest loss of the season when they beat Newport 3-10 on Apr. 3. In the next game after the Warrenton loss, the Cubs lost an 11-12 heartbreaker to Pleasant Hill.

Despite dropping two games in a row, Newport wasted no time getting back to the W column. The Cubs blew out Siuslaw 12-0 on Apr. 8 and then put a bow on their preseason with a tight 7-6 victory over the Dalles on Apr. 11.

During league play, the Cubs will need to scratch and claw against their league rivals to lock down a playoff spot this season. Other teams in the Oregon West Conference include Philomath, Sweet Home, Cascade, Stayton, and North Marion.

The result of Newport's league opener against Stayton on Apr. 14 is not known at the time of press, and the next time they are back in action will be a home game on Apr. 16.

Taft baseball streaking in league play

**WILL LOHRE**  
*Country Media, Inc.*

The Taft baseball team has been racking up the Ws in league play so far, and after starting 3-2 in the preseason, the Tigers have won five games in a row.

Offensive onslaughts and defensive dynamism have been featured facets of the Tigers' play, running up an eye-popping 78-3 scoring spread through their first four league games.

After losing to McLoughlin and Burns on Mar. 28 at the Battle on the Beach, Taft has been flawless. The Tigers clobbered Dayton in the league home opener on Mar. 31 by a score of 23-0, taking just four and a half innings to dispatch the Pirates and win by mercy rule. In the second matchup with Dayton on Apr. 2, the Tigers again showed their stripes, taking a 20-2 win in their first away game of the campaign.

After sweeping Dayton, Taft continued to show off the propensity for explosive offense. The Tigers mauled Willamina away from home Apr. 4, holding the Bulldogs scoreless throughout and ending the game with a 10-run inning in the top of the fifth, ultimately winning 20-0.

Before the second leg of their series against the Bulldogs, Taft took on Brookings-Harbor in a non-league showdown and again showed their stingy defense. Taft won 9-0 and only surrendered one hit during the game. Ezra James and Zack Hankins were on the mound for the Tigers and showed off their arms. James was credited with the win, striking out seven batters in three innings, though Hankins also performed exceptionally, striking out nine batters in four innings.

After taking care of business against Brookings-Harbor, Taft returned to taking care of business in Special District 3 league play. In their second game against Willamina, the Tigers again forced an early end to the game, putting up 15 runs on 12 hits in just five innings. Hankins continued to put his stamp on the season for the Tigers, as he registered two hits and a base on balls in his four at-bats, scoring on each of his trips around the diamond and stealing three bases for good measure.

Hankins has been having an impressive campaign and, through the first 10 games, leads the Tigers in batting average (.514), hits (18), stolen bases (12), runs (18), triples (3), RBIs (16), and strikeouts thrown (45). Though there are plenty of innings left to play, Hankins is having a campaign to remember.

Despite the 8-2 overall record and 4-0 league record, Taft currently sits third in Special District 3 behind Blanchet Catholic (10-0, 5-0) and Santiam Christian (9-3, 5-0). All three teams are making compelling cases to be considered some of the top teams in the state. Blanchet Catholic is the current #1 overall 3A OSAA team, while Santiam sits at #8, and Taft resides at #11.

The season will heat up this week on Apr. 16 as Taft takes on the fourth-place team in Special District 3, Amity, who is 2-1 in league play. If the Tigers can continue their win streak and take both wins against the Warriors, they'll be in an excellent position to take a swing at #1-ranked Blanchet Catholic when they meet on Apr. 22.

Taft Varsity Baseball Schedule				
Date	Time	Home Team	Away Team	Location
4/16/25	4:30pm	Taft	Amity	Taft High School
4/18/25	4:30pm	Amity	Taft	Amity High School
4/22/25	4:30pm	Blanchet Catholic	Taft	Blanchet Catholic School
4/24/25	4:30pm	Taft	Blanchet Catholic	Taft High School
4/28/25	4pm	Taft	Yamhill-Carlton	Taft High School
4/30/25	4pm	Yamhill-Carlton	Taft	Yamhill-Carlton High School
5/2/25	4:30pm	Sheridan	Taft	Sheridan High School
5/6/25	4:30pm	Taft	Sheridan	Taft High School
5/9/25	4:30pm	Taft	Santiam Christian	Taft High School
5/12/25	5pm	Santiam Christian	Taft	Santiam Christian High School
5/14/25	5pm	Scio	Taft	Scio High School
5/17/25	2:30pm	Taft	Scio	Taft High School
5/19/25	4:30pm	Kennedy	Taft	Kennedy High School
5/22/25	5pm	Taft	North Bend	Taft High School

Newport Varsity Baseball Schedule				
Date	Time	Home Team	Away Team	Location
4/16/25	5pm	Newport	Stayton	Frank Wade Field
4/17/25	5pm	Stayton	Newport	Stayton High School
4/21/25	5pm	Newport	North Marion / Gervais	Frank Wade Field
4/23/25	5pm	North Marion / Gervais	Newport	North Marion High School
4/24/25	5pm	Newport	North Marion / Gervais	Frank Wade Field
4/28/25	5pm	Sweet Home	Newport	Sweet Home High School
4/30/25	5pm	Newport	Sweet Home	Growing Up Cub/ Frank Wade Field
5/1/25	5pm	Sweet Home	Newport	Sweet Home High School
5/5/25	5pm	Newport	Philomath	Frank Wade Field
5/7/25	5pm	Philomath	Newport	Philomath High School
5/8/25	5pm	Newport	Philomath	Frank Wade Field
5/12/25	5pm	Cascade	Newport	Cascade High School
5/14/25	5pm	Newport	Cascade	Senior Night/ Frank Wade Field
5/15/25	5pm	Cascade	Newport	Cascade High School

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