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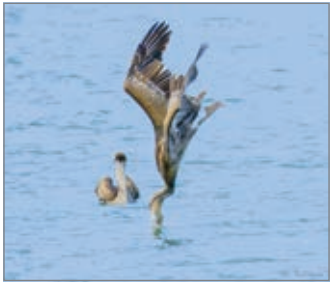
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County clerk addresses security of mail balloting

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

State and local election officials are urging voters to use local ballot boxes instead of mailing their ballots for the Nov. 3 General Election, to ensure the safety of the balloting.

The Lincoln County Leader reached out to Lincoln County Elections Clerk Amy Southwell for her insight into the safety of Oregon’s Vote-by-Mail system.

Lincoln County Leader: What is your

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Lincoln County Clerk and the Oregon Secretary of State are urging voters to hand-carry their ballot to a local drop off box instead of mailing the ballot. (Lincoln County Leader)

Two vacant motels raising economic, safety concerns

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Lincoln City Police and city officials are hopeful a resolution will be developed to deal with two closed motels directly across from development of the city’s new Welcome Cener at the D river Wayside along Highway 101.

The two motels have been closed for several months. The stalled motel on 1st Street is recognized by a large colorful octopus mural painted on its south side.

See **MOTELS**, page A6



This closed motel with its large mural is one of two closed motels across from the D River Wayside that is drawing economic and public safety concerns. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

Oregon Purple Martins tracked in 1,500 mile ‘remarkable migration’

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Two Purple Martins from the Oregon Coast have traveled over 1,500 miles toward their wintering grounds in southeastern Brazil.

Despite leaving Oregon one day apart, they have now turned up within just a few miles of each other in Mexico, according to a release from the Seven Capes Bird Alliance.

The birds, named Finn and Elise, are being followed using tiny solar-powered Cellular Tracking Technology (CTT) BlüBird tracking tags, developed last year. This is the first time this type of tag has been used to track Purple Martins of the western subspecies.

The bird tracking is a cooperative effort of Seven Capes Bird Alliance’s SWIFTY (Swallows in Flight to Yachats) program, and Klamath Bird Observatory’s Purple Martin project. SWIFTY, a group of retired volunteers who build

See **MARTINS**, page A7



Purple Martin with tracker. (Courtesy photos)



A tracker is carefully attached to of the two Purple Martins.

Respiratory virus season begins with increased flu activity

OREGON HEALTH
AUTHORITY

Health officials say now is the best time for people in Oregon to get vaccinated against respiratory viruses, so they are protected before gathering indoors for holidays and other celebrations.

“I’d like to remind everyone to think about loved ones, friends and neighbors as they plan ahead for the holiday season,” said Dean Sidelinger, M.D., M.S.Ed., of Oregon Health Authority’s Public Health Division. “We are still weeks away from

the season’s first holiday, Halloween—which is on a Saturday, I might add—and that’s plenty of time to get vaccinated and start building immunity against these viruses, long before the many parties and events that keep us busy in the fall.”

Sidelinger, OHA’s health officer and state epidemiologist, was among three physicians who spoke today during a media briefing to kick off the 2026-2027

respiratory virus season. Public health officials consider the first week of October to be the unofficial start of respiratory virus season, since influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity typically increase during this period.

Sidelinger underscored the importance of getting vaccinated now by noting that Oregon has seen an increase in positive flu

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The Oregon Health Authority is encouraging people to get vaccinated to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. (Metro Creative Connection)



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Friday: High-58/Low-48
AM Fog/PM Clouds

Saturday: High-55/Low-43
Partly Cloudy

Sunday: High-57/Low-43
Mostly Sunny

Monday: High-59/Low-43
Sunny

Tuesday: High-60/Low-46
Partly Cloudy

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
29-Sep.....	0.02	52.83 °F	65.53 °F
30-Sep.....	0.03	54.17 °F	67.93 °F
01-Oct.....	0	52.57 °F	68.69 °F
02-Oct.....	0	52.03 °F	66.86 °F
03-Oct.....	0	51.25 °F	64.21 °F
04-Oct.....	0	53.11 °F	62.72 °F
05-Oct.....	0	52.92 °F	56.36 °F
Total rainfall from Jan. 130.70"			

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Low	4:23 a.m.	0.0
High.....	10:57 a.m.	6.8
Low	4:54 p.m.	1.5
High.....	10:50 p.m.	6.8

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Low	5:08 a.m.	0.2
High.....	11:32 a.m.	7.2
Low	5:43 p.m.	0.7
High.....	11:44 p.m.	6.8

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Low	5:48 a.m.	0.5
High.....	12:04 p.m.	7.5
Low	6:27 p.m.	0.1

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

High.....	12:33 a.m.	6.7
Low	6:26 a.m.	1.0
High.....	12:35 p.m.	7.7
Low	7:07 p.m.	-0.3

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

High.....	1:20 a.m.	6.6
Low	7:02 a.m.	1.5
High.....	1:05 p.m.	7.7
Low	7:46 p.m.	-0.5

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

High.....	2:05 a.m.	6.5
Low	7:38 a.m.	2.1
High.....	1:34 p.m.	7.6
Low	8:23 p.m.	-0.5

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

High.....	2:51 a.m.	6.3
Low	8:13 a.m.	2.6
High.....	2:05 p.m.	7.4
Low	9:02 p.m.	-0.3

Sunrise/Sunset

Oct. 7.....	7:21 a.m.	6:47 p.m.
Oct. 8.....	7:22 a.m.	6:46 p.m.
Oct. 9.....	7:23 a.m.	6:44 p.m.
Oct. 10.....	7:25 a.m.	6:42 p.m.
Oct. 11.....	7:26 a.m.	6:40 p.m.
Oct. 12.....	7:27 a.m.	6:38 p.m.
Oct. 13.....	7:28 a.m.	6:37 p.m.
Oct. 14.....	7:30 a.m.	6:35 p.m.

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Friday, October 2

Mega Millions

6 • 37 • 40 • 41 • 55 • PB-10

Saturday, October 3

Powerball

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Saturday, October 3

Megabucks

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SCAM ALERT

Door-to-door utility employee impersonator

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

An Oregon utility and local law enforcement are warning of a door-to-door fraud attempt in Lincoln County.

Pacific Power and the Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) officials said they are aware of reports of an individual going door-to-door in the Otis/Panther Creek area claiming to represent Pacific Power.

“The individual is not a Pacific



Power employee and is not affiliated with the company,” a social media post alert from Pacific Power and the LCPD warns. “For your safety, we encourage customers to verify the identity of anyone claiming to be a Pacific Power employee before sharing information or engaging in conversation.”

• Ask to see a Pacific Power employee ID badge.

• If you are unsure, call Pacific Power directly at 1-888-221-7070 to verify the employee’s identity.

“Pacific Power employees carry company identification, and we encourage customers to verify credentials if something doesn’t seem right,” the post states.

Law enforcement officials have previously issued similar fraud alerts. The officials urge anyone who may believe they are the target of in-person, telephone, or on-line suspicious activity, to not provide personal information and alert authorities of the situation.

State Fire Marshal sounds alarm about lithium-ion batteries

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

New data from the Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Center for Fire Analytics, Intelligence, and Research shows Oregon fire agencies responded to 649 lithium-ion battery-involved fires from 2020 to 2025, with incidents increasing an average of 19% every year.

In 2025 alone, fire-fighters responded to 161 battery-related fires; more than double the number reported in 2020.

Look around your home, and you’ll likely see dozens of devices powered by lithium-ion batteries.

Cellphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, toys, e-bikes, and more rely on these compact,



The campaign focuses on everyday charging habits that can reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and help keep homes and communities safer. (Courtesy photo)

highenergy batteries. But when they’re damaged, dropped, or charged incorrectly, that stored energy can turn into a fastmoving fire that is extremely difficult to extinguish, according to a release from the Oregon State Fire Marshal.

The growing risk is exactly why the Oregon State Fire Marshal is sounding the alarm.

“As lithium-ion batteries become more common in homes and garages, we’re seeing a steady rise in fires linked to damaged or improperly charged devices,” State Fire Marshal Mariana RuizTemple said.

“Lithium-ion batteries are safe when used correctly. This October, we’re asking Oregonians to take charge of fire safety by learning how to charge their devices the right way.”

To kick off Fire Prevention Month, the Oregon State Fire Marshal is partnering with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to encourage Oregonians to “Charge

into Fire Safety™.” The campaign focuses on everyday charging habits that can reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and help keep homes and communities safer.

Here are a few simple steps every Oregonian should take to reduce the risk:

• Use the charger and cord that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer. The wrong charger can damage the battery and increase fire risk.

• Charge devices on a hard, flat surface. Never charge devices on beds, couches, or under pillows, where heat can build up.

• Stop using a device if it feels very hot, is swelling, smoking, or giving

off a strange smell.

These are signs the battery may be failing.

• Unplug devices once fully charged to prevent excess heat and stress on the battery.

• Charge larger items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside and away from exits. These bigger batteries store more energy and can create larger fires.

• When flying, keep devices where you can see them while charging. Never charge devices in overhead bins, and do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on planes.

Learn More

Find lithium-ion battery safety tips, downloadable resources, and Fire Prevention Month materials at <https://firepreventionmonth.oregon.gov>.

Get Involved: Newport encourages public to join Great ShakeOut

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

The City of Newport is encouraging residents, businesses, schools, community organizations and visitors to participate in the Great Oregon ShakeOut Earthquake Drill at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, October 15.

The annual ShakeOut drill provides an

opportunity to practice what to do during an earthquake and take additional steps toward emergency preparedness, including developing an emergency plan, assembling emergency supplies and learning evacuation routes, according to a release from the city of Newport.

Participants are encouraged to practice the

recommended Drop, Cover and Hold On protective actions. More than 45 million people around the world are expected to participate in this year’s Great ShakeOut.

Participants in the Newport Marina and Bayfront areas may hear the NOAA siren at approximately 10:15 a.m. on October 15 as part of the

drill.

“For those participating in Newport, the ShakeOut drill can also be an opportunity to practice what they would do following an earthquake that could generate a tsunami,” the release states.

“Those located within the tsunami inundation zone may choose to practice their evacuation route by

walking to high ground or a designated safe area.”

Evacuation routes can be viewed and downloaded at NewportOregon.gov/evacuation_maps.php

During an earthquake, the safest response is generally to:

DROP to your hands and knees

• This position helps prevent you from being

SHERIFF’S TIP OF THE WEEK

Driving in the rain

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Along with the official start of fall comes our rainy season.

For some, driving in the rain, especially in the dark, causes anxiety. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, “nearly 5,700 people are killed and more than 544,700 people are injured in crashes on

wet pavement” each year.

But being behind the wheel while it’s raining doesn’t have to be a nerve-racking experience. Here are some tips for driving in a downpour:

1. Think. Drivers need to stay alert and focused on what’s going on around them, especially during rain and other stormy weather.

2. Turn on headlights. It’s the law in all states to turn on headlights when

visibility is low. Many states also require having headlights on when the windshield wipers are in use. While Oregon does not require motorists to turn on headlights when wipers are used, this can help increase visibility. Well-working wipers are an essential for driving in rain.

3. Beware of hydroplaning. Hydroplaning is what occurs when your tires are getting more traction on the layer of water on the road than on the road itself, resulting in your car sliding uncontrollably. It’s easy enough



to hydroplane: All you need is one-twelfth of an inch of water on the road and a speed of more

than 35 miles per hour. If you start to hydroplane, let off the accelerator slowly and steer straight until you regain control. Before rain, snow, or freezing temperatures begin, it is important to have quality tires for increased traction and safety.

4. Turn off cruise control. On rain, snow, ice, or other slick surfaces, cruise control may cause you to lose control. If you hydroplane while in cruise control, your car will actually go faster.

5. Slow down. Speed limits are designed for ideal conditions. That means driving when there is little traffic and good visibility. Plan for more time to get to your destination when it is raining.

For more information and tips visit www.lincolncountysheriff.net



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Prescribe Burning Season to begin

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

The Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Wildland Fire Service will begin prescribed burning operations throughout Oregon and Washington as weather, fuel, and air quality become favorable.

Operations will continue throughout the fall and winter. These burns are carefully planned to reduce hazardous fuels, protect nearby communities, and restore native ecosystems.

Information about specific upcoming and active burns is available through a link with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website.

“Prescribed fire is one of our most effective tools for reducing wildfire risk and improving habitat,” U.S. Wildland Fire Service Northwest Geographic Area Fire



These burns are carefully planned to reduce hazardous fuels, protect nearby communities, and restore native ecosystems. (Courtesy photo)

Chief Josh O’Connor said. “By carefully planning and executing these burns, we’re helping protect communities and strengthen the health of our public lands.”

Techniques range from broadcast burning, which is the application of fire to an entire area, to hand and machine pile

ignitions. These burns focus on increasing safety in the Wildland-Urban Interface and restoring ecological function to the landscape. Targeting built-up fuels and residual materials from previous thinning operations decreases the load of dead trees, branches, and underbrush that pose

significant wildfire risks.

What the public should know

- During prescribed burns, smoke may settle in low-lying areas overnight.
- Residents are encouraged to close windows at night to avoid smoke impacts.
- When driving in smoky

areas, drivers should slow down and turn on headlights.

- People with heart or lung disease, asthma, or other chronic conditions, should ask their doctors about protecting themselves from smoke, and monitor their local air quality map.

All burns are carried out when weather, fuel conditions, and air quality are within prescribed parameters. Firefighters use a combination of natural features and constructed control lines to keep the fire contained, with protocols in place to minimize smoke impacts on nearby communities.

For more information, contact the BLM District Office or the U.S. Wildland Fire Service Geographic Area associated with the burn.

ABOUT THE BLM

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The U.S. Wildland Fire Service conducts operations in close coordination with the Bureau of Land Management. As a unified federal entity under the Department of the Interior, the USWFS integrates expertise to streamline wildfire prevention, response and recovery under our shared mission to foster fire-resilient landscapes and safeguard communities across America’s public lands.

Habitat for Humanity project close to groundbreaking

STAFF REPORT

Lincoln County Leader

A new affordable housing development is one step closer to breaking ground through a partnership between Samaritan Health Services and Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County (HFHLC).

Funding for the project is currently pending from Oregon Housing and Community Services through the Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) program, with approval anticipated in October, according to a release from HFHLC.

By the end of 2027, the first three of nine affordable homes are expected to be available for purchase by income-qualified low-income families. The remaining homes will be available in 2028. Preference will be given to eligible Samaritan Health Services employees and survivors of the 2020 Echo Mountain Complex Fire.

The development will

be located at 2655 NE Lake Drive on property zoned for multifamily residential use.

The homes will be offered through Habitat’s Community Land Trust model. HFHLC will retain ownership of the land, while each homeowner will purchase their home and enter a renewable 99-year land lease. This model helps to keep homes affordable for future generations, the release states.

To qualify, applicants must currently live or work in Lincoln County, earn no more than 80% of the area’s median income based on household size, and demonstrate the ability to obtain an affordable mortgage. HFHLC establishes a purchase price substantially below the typical market price and uses a resale formula to preserve the home’s affordability for future buyers.

HFHLC will host in-person information sessions in Lincoln City and Newport for those

interested in learning more about the homes, eligibility requirements and application process.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

WHERE: Newport Location: Samaritan Center for Health Education; 740 SW 9th St., Newport, OR 97367

WHEN: Tuesday, October 27 Morning Session: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Afternoon Session: 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

WHERE: Lincoln City Location: Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital’s Education Conference Room; 3043 NE 28th St, Lincoln City, OR 97367

WHEN: Thursday, October 29 Morning Session: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Evening Session: 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

An online Zoom information session will also be held on Tuesday, October 20 from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

For more information, visit [habitatlincoln.org](https://www.habitatlincoln.org). Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/habitatlincoln>



The development will be located at 2655 NE Lake Drive on property zoned for multifamily residential use. (Courtesy photo)

SHAKEOUT

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knocked down by the shaking and reduces the chance of being struck by falling or flying objects.

COVER your head and neck with one arm and hand.

- If a sturdy table or desk

is nearby, crawl underneath it for protection.

- If no shelter is nearby, crawl next to an interior wall.
- Stay on your knees and bend over to protect vital organs.

HOLD ON until the shaking stops.

- If you are under a sturdy table or desk, hold on to it with one hand and be

prepared to move with it if it shifts.

- If no shelter is available, protect your head and neck with both arms and hands.

For more information about earthquake preparedness and the Great ShakeOut, visit NewportOregon.gov/Emergency_Preparedness or ShakeOut.org.

A Stronger Newport Together

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2026 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR list

Fill out the form below to have your organization’s holiday bazaar included in the full color bazaar listing, to be published in the Lincoln County Leader November 4th & 11th.

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Deadline is **Thursday, October 29, 2026 by 4 p.m.** Each announcement is limited to 50 words.

Listing must be pre-paid to be accepted or billed to a current account.

For more information, Email Teresa Barnes at tbarnes@countrymedia.net

Please include “Holiday Bazaars” in the subject line of your email.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR list

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TIME(S): _____

DESCRIPTION: _____

State Library Report shows ‘clear pattern of challenges’

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Since 1987, the State Library of Oregon has collected information about intellectual freedom challenges at libraries across the state. The 2026 annual report highlights the work of libraries in continuing to ensure collections and services represent the people they serve, according to a release from the State Librarian.

Over the years, there has been a clear pattern: stories that focus on people who have limited representation and little voice in society are challenged the most, according to a release from the State Librarian.

A challenge is any attempt to remove or limit access to a material, service, or program at a library. The Oregon

Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse (OIFC) 2026 report summarizes challenges from the previous fiscal year: July 2025-June 2026.

The 2026 OIFC Annual Report includes 60 official challenge incidents in public libraries and schools. This is the third most incidents since OIFC began. Incidents included challenges to 70 unique titles and 75 items. Items challenged in the 2026 report are the third highest since 1987.

Oregon’s high numbers match national trends. In its 2025 book ban data, the American Library Association’s (ALA) reported an all-time high for censorship attempts. ALA began collecting statistics in 1990. OIFC data is reported to ALA and included in their national

statistics.

Common reasons people claimed for challenging items included:

- Sex or nudity.
- Content about people who are two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, or other identities related to sexual orientation or gender identity (2SLGBTQIA+).
- Inappropriate for the target age group.

While most challenges were to materials, 22% focused on library programs, displays, or services. These incidents included:

- A challenge to all adult graphic novels.
- Objections to Banned Books Week and Pride Month displays.
- A claim that the Dolly Parton Imagination Library “indoctrinates”

children to Christianity.

One incident dealt with library records. Under Oregon law, patron information on library cards is exempt from public disclosure. After finding a library card, law enforcement official asked for private information about the patron. The library refused.

According to the State Librarian, the pattern is clear: most challenges target stories about people in underrepresented, protected classes. In this report, 67% of challenged items featured 2SLGBTQIA+ people, Black, Indigenous, or other people of color.

There have been steps taken to prevent such discrimination, including the 2025 Senate Bill 1098. This bill specifically prohibits discrimination against protected classes when choosing

instructional, curricular, or library materials in schools. There is no direct evidence that SB 1098 affected reported challenges. However, there was a drop in the number of incidents reported at schools in 2026; only 7% of incidents were at schools, the lowest since 2017.

“We are committed to supporting libraries, schools, and their staff, to protect the freedom to read for all Oregonians,” State Librarian Wendy Cornelisen said. “The free flow of information provided by libraries is vital to Oregon communities. While this year does not break any records, it continues recent trends and confirms the importance of libraries and the access to information they provide.”

The Oregon Library Association (OLA) and

ALA support Oregon libraries experiencing challenges. Volunteers on OLA’s Intellectual Freedom Committee advise libraries and schools. ALA’s Office of Intellectual Freedom also consults and provides resources. The State Library of Oregon relies on both of these non-profit organizations’ work.

Oregon libraries are committed to ensuring Oregonians have access to a variety of high-quality information through their collections, programs, and services, the release states.

To learn more about OIFC and challenges in Oregon, please visit the OIFC website at <https://slo.oregon.gov/oifc/>. For more information, contact Buzzy Nielsen, Program Manager for Library Support: buzzy.nielsen@slo.oregon.gov or 971-375-3486.

Economic Summit to explore future of coastal economy

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Coastal legislators, business leaders, economic development professionals, community leaders and industry representatives from across Oregon will gather in Seaside on Oct. 28 and 29 for the 2026 Oregon Coast Economic Summit.

The summit is a bipartisan economic development forum organized on behalf of the Oregon Legislative Coastal Caucus.

Hosted in partnership with the Oregon Coast Visitors Association and Blue Ridge Strategies, the summit will bring together leaders from government, tourism, business, ports, natural resources, economic development and

emerging ocean industries to examine the opportunities and challenges shaping the future of Oregon’s coastal economy.

The Oregon Legislative Coastal Caucus is a bipartisan, bicameral group of legislators representing coastal districts from Astoria to the California border. The summit provides a unique opportunity for policymakers and community and business leaders to step outside the Capitol and engage directly with the people and industries driving coastal economic development.

Travel Oregon’s New Leader to Address how tourism contributes to a better life for all Oregonians

One of the summit’s

keynote speakers will be Kate Sinner, Executive Director of Travel Oregon, who began leading the state’s tourism organization in July 2026.

Sinner brings more than two decades of experience working across government, economic development, research and the private sector. Before joining Travel Oregon, she served as Innovation & Business and Resources Director at Business Oregon, where she managed statewide efforts focused on innovation, entrepreneurship and economic growth. Her previous work also included efforts to secure federal research and education investment for Oregon, with an emphasis on rural and coastal communities.

National Blue Economy Perspective

The summit’s second keynote will feature Ephraim Froehlich of AKWA-DC, who will bring a national perspective on the rapidly developing blue economy and efforts underway around the country to harness ocean and coastal resources for economic development, innovation and job creation.

Froehlich’s presentation will examine how communities and regions across the country are approaching blue economy opportunities and what Oregon’s coastal communities can learn from those efforts.

The subject also comes at an important time for Oregon policymakers.

During the 2026 legislative session, Oregon passed legislation establishing a Blue Economy Task Force to examine existing initiatives, market opportunities, state and federal programs and best practices from other states and countries, with the goal of developing recommendations for a more coordinated blue economy strategy. That task force has begun meeting.

A Forum for Coastal Collaboration

The Oregon Coast Economic Summit has become an annual gathering point for policymakers, local government officials, economic development organizations, business owners, investors, nonprofit leaders and

industry representatives interested in the future of Oregon’s coastal communities.

The summit is intentionally designed as a bipartisan and collaborative forum, providing extended opportunities for participants to exchange ideas, build relationships and identify opportunities for regional cooperation. The summit begins Wednesday evening, Oct. 28, with the Taste of the Oregon Coast, followed by a full day of programming on Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Seaside Civic & Convention Center.

For event information and to register for the summit, see the link with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website.

What if an old rancher fought for young kids?

Chuck Kelley, a lifelong rancher and veteran, thought the kids of Lakeview, Oregon needed something healthy to do. So he proposed a skatepark in the center of town. The idea took flight and flourished with the support of his community and OCF — along with an entire generation of local youngsters. Generous thinking needs support to thrive, so we helped turn Chuck's “what if” into a powerful “why not.”

What if you joined us?

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NO KINGS, Vote Early Rally

SHAR WALBAUM
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column

VOTE EARLY is the focus Indivisible Lincoln City’s upcoming rally, October 17, from 4 – 5 p.m.

On June 14th, 2025, 800 people showed up for our first NO KINGS rally. Some discounted that number, saying it was inflated by summer tourists. Then, the same thing happened in October at NO KINGS 2.0 and again in March at NO KINGS 3.0.

In a democracy, voting is the tool for making change. The timing of NO KINGS is perfect. Ballots are sent to voters on Oct. 14th, so the rally will occur as ballots begin to reach homes. It will send a strong message to everyone – regardless of political affiliation – VOTE EARLY.

Millions have attended No Kings events since they began. Attendance has grown from the first mass mobilization rally (5 million) to the third (8 million). Organizers

represent a coalition of resistance groups including Indivisible, Move On, ACLU, American Federation of Teachers. The numbers show a sustained resistance to the actions of our current federal administration and a defense of democracy.

Thousands of VOTE EARLY rallies are planned around the country. They are in every state in the nation, from Oregon (51 so far) to Florida (42) and from Hawaii (8) to Maine (18). Support for this movement is also worldwide.

Allies in places as varied as Perth, Australia, Malmo, Sweden, and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, will stand in support of the birthplace of democracy. Some are called NO TYRANT rallies and will happen in Brussels, London, Dublin, Toronto, and Japan.

In Lincoln City, we will also emphasize use of the Ballot Drop Box – it is safe, efficient, and recommended by both Amy Southwell, Lincoln County Clerk, and Tobia Read, Oregon Secretary of State.

When everyone votes in a democracy, we all win.

Indivisible Lincoln City rallies are peaceful and legal.

WHAT: NO KINGS: VOTE EARLY
WHEN: Saturday, October 17, 4 - 5 p.m.
WHERE: Along S. Hwy. 101, on the sidewalk in front of the Lincoln City Outlet Mall, 1500 SE East Devils Lake Rd, Lincoln City.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Anyone wants to urge people to be prepared to vote, to

vote early, and to use the Ballot Drop Box, anyone who thinks that voting is the way to protect democracy.

WHAT TO BRING
Signs with messages emphasizing VOTE EARLY or USE BALLOT DROP BOX, streamers, balloons, puppets, bubbles, bells, flags, kazoo’s, costumes if you have them. Come ready to practice non-violence and respond to provocation by turning away.

Shar Walbaum is a member of Invisible Lincoln City.

Cold Sweat Nightmares as Children at Play Die Under US Bombs

PAUL HEADER
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column

Deaf ears. Media malpractice. A public hoodwinked by the machinations of the Jewish State of Israel’s lobby that make runaway slave catchers’ attack dogs seem like poodles.

It goes without saying, the genocide and continuing bulldozing and imploding of a people in Palestine will not be an anniversary noted to many of this newspaper’s readers. The incredible amount of targeted murder and false imprisonment by “our” ally, Israel, just is another day in the life of most Americans prepping for Halloween, Turkey Day and Yuletide celebrations.

You have to read Robin Andersen’s latest book, “The Complicit Lens: US Media Coverage of Israel’s Genocide in

Gaza” (OR Books, 2026), or tap into an interview on YouTube as she discusses her forensic and unflinching examination of how establishment media abandoned journalistic integrity to manufacture consent for the genocide in Gaza.

We are talking about daily hundreds of unprecedented escalations and war crimes becoming a terrifying new normal. And now, three years after this latest Jewish State of Israel’s mass murder campaign, the eyes of the world are turned to, well, “war with China” machinations, or “the strait of Hormuz” or the gridiron gladiator sports. Or Dolly Parton.

Get this: Since October 7, 2023, the story of what was to become the genocide in Gaza was immediately shaped by the “mobilization of a very particular narrative: one of unprovoked terror,

of Israel’s right to defend itself, of a war between equals.”

Lies, PR spin and a long-in-the-tooth propaganda system (campaigns) Israel and its American and Western lapdogs have perpetrated to cover up the crimes of ethnic cleansing.

As Andersen and others have documented, in meticulous detail, was the extent to which those attacks would be used by Western elites, the global military industrial complex, and US legacy media to condone a full-scale genocide, including horrors that continue as Andersen speaks to audiences as part of her book tour.

There is no ceasefire. Since Israel’s creation in 1948, Israeli political and military leaders have demonstrated a pattern of repeatedly violating ceasefires with their enemies in order to gain military

advantage, for territorial aggrandizement, or to provoke their opponents into carrying out acts of violence that Israel can then exploit politically and/or use to justify military operations already planned.

♣ Gaza’s Government Media Office said Israel committed 4,091 ceasefire violations over 300 days, killing 1,254 Palestinians.

♣ The office said only 35% of agreed humanitarian aid trucks and 39% of scheduled Rafah travelers were allowed through.

♣ Israeli forces continued attacks across Gaza, including shelling and gunfire in Khan Yunis and Al-Bureij.

“The Complicit Lens” is published by OR Books in collaboration with the Institute for Palestine Studies, and features an introduction by the Palestinian historian Rashid Khalidi, who writes: “This book does

not make for easy reading. Andersen walks us through the mainstream media’s misleading coverage, its bland and unquestioning repetition of lies and distortions by spokespersons for the Israeli and US governments, and its racist defamation of the Palestinians, when it is not ignoring their voices entirely. In analyzing this dereliction of the most basic duties of journalists, she offers detailed alternative and independent media accounts of Israel’s massacres, its intentional destruction of the infrastructure necessary for normal life, and its starvation of over two million people, obscured by this almost universal mainstream media malpractice.”

Andersen is professor emerita of media studies at Fordham University and an award-winning author of a dozen single- and co-authored books.

Her work examines film, television, and media coverage of war, the environment, politics, and elections. She serves as a Project Censored Judge and contributes to the annual State of the Free Press. Andersen is on the Board of Directors of Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting.

‘Dire straits for the world’ should be the daily refrain for Americans as other journalists and scholars continue to illustrate how the genocide and the expansion of Israel’s crimes into Lebanon, Syria and Iran are part of a proving grounds methodology and continuing criminal enterprise which serves as stress test for the rest of the world.

How much can we take?

Our own borders have been sealed by Israeli

See CHILDREN, page A7

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUPPORTS RIGBY, DON

Lincoln County’s coast is more than scenery. It is central to our economy, livelihoods, & identity.

That is why I’m encouraged that Cathie Rigby and Cristen Don have made protecting coastal resources & science programs a priority in their campaigns for County Commission,

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“By signing this bill, we are signaling the profound role journalists play to cover essential issues like local schools, city halls, courts, public safety agencies, businesses and neighborhoods.”

California Governor Gavin Newsom

ONLINE POLL

PREVIOUS POLL

Has the increasing price of gasoline made you alter your driving habits?

51.4%.....Yes

48.6%.....No

NEW POLL

How confident are you in the integrity of Oregon's mail-in voting system?

- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Not that confident
- Not at all confident

while the incumbent has largely remained silent on the issue.

This is not an abstract concern. Newport’s Hatfield Marine Science Center has already lost about a dozen positions because of funding cuts, with more to come.

At the same time, the Ocean Observatories Initiative, which provides critical ocean data used by commercial fishermen to track conditions & fish migration, faces major funding reductions. Oregon’s Coastal Management Program, funded primarily through NOAA, also faces possible elimination, weakening one of the state’s key tools for influencing federal decisions that affect our shoreline.

These cuts threaten local jobs, scientific research, & economic stability. They deserve serious attention from county leaders.

Rigby & Don have shown they understand what is at stake. As commissioners, they could work with Oregon State University, port leadership, the Oregon Ocean Science Trust, & the Coastal Caucus to pursue bridge funding for essential monitoring programs. They could also advocate for continued support of the Coastal Management Program & help strengthen Lincoln County’s Blue Economy by bringing

together fishing, maritime, research, tourism, & workforce partners.

Voters have a clear choice: leaders who will fight for our coast or 4 more years of silence. I’m voting for Rigby & Don. I encourage my neighbors to do the same.

Marae Bickford Depoe Bay

COUNTY EMPLOYEES’ CONCERNS DESERVE A FAIR HEARING

The witness statements about Commissioner Casey Miller describe serious distress among some county employees. The county’s investigation also made specific findings that deserve a complete and fair account.

Investigators found that Miller violated county personnel rules by publicly discussing confidential employee information. They said he likely violated rules against discrediting the county. They also concluded that he did not engage in bullying or harassment under the county’s policy, while recognizing that some of his concerns about public-meetings compliance appeared genuine.

In June 2026, a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction after finding Miller likely to succeed on his First Amendment retaliation claim. The judge ordered the county to restore his customary access and rights as a commissioner. That was an interim ruling, not

a final decision in the lawsuit.

Employees’ accounts of feeling unsafe or distressed should not be dismissed. Neither should the investigation’s findings or the court’s order. Lincoln County residents deserve transparency, fair treatment of employees, and respect for the rights of elected representatives and the voters they serve.

Curtis W. Bunch South Beach

DEAR STRANGER WITH A ROCK AND BAG WITH “LOVE” ON IT,

We met on September 25th on the beach in Taft, Oregon at 9 a.m. It was dark and raining and I had come to Oregon on my own since my Dad recently died and only a week ago had his funeral.

It has been really hard and was thinking to myself about the ocean and my grief .. and I heard you call out. I considered not approaching and being left alone but figured I would come see what you were holding up.

You handed me a rock and said, “you can shine a light thru it.” I said it reminded me of Alabaster, and you said, “yes, it’s a agate.” I said Thank-you still holding your rock and you turned to leave and I saw the word “Love” written on your bag.

I thought of a phrase in that moment I had read, something about how the cracks in ourselves are how the light was let in.

I started to cry, because, how would you know I needed to hold and have a rock, seemingly hard and dark.. but with light, could shine.

Any ways, your small act of kindness and love meant a lot to me and I just wanted to say, Thank you for the magic rock and the reminder.. the light can still shine thru if we let it.

Other stranger lady in the white coat.

Dodie Hecker Katy, Texas

SUPPORTS CASEY MILLER

Lincoln County needs more housing - for working families, seniors, first responders, teachers, healthcare workers and wildfire survivors.

Commissioner Casey Miller’s housing agenda starts with a practical question: what can county government actually do to help get homes built?

One priority is simplifying permitting.

After local builder Chris Carlson surveyed contractors and residents about problems with Lincoln County’s Planning and Building departments, Miller met with Planning Director Onno Husing to discuss the concerns and ways to make the permitting process work better.

For Miller, cutting through the bureaucracy means identifying unnecessary delays, improving communication and making county government

easier for builders and residents to navigate.

There is also a record to build on. Coast Vineyard Village created 12 small homes for wildfire survivors and others facing housing instability. Olalla Meadows is adding 30 affordable apartments in Toledo. Lincoln County has also supported Olalla Meadows and Habitat for Humanity’s Forest Lake Park workforce housing project.

Miller wants the county to aggressively pursue programs such as Oregon’s LIFT funding, help local projects compete for state dollars, preserve existing affordable housing, and improve coordination among planning, building, infrastructure and local governments.

His broader agenda also emphasizes reliable essential services, responsible county finances, better public access to government, emergency preparedness, workforce development and stronger coordination across county departments.

Housing won’t be solved with one program. It will take better permitting, stronger partnerships, available funding and a county government focused on getting projects from proposal to completion.

Ross Smith Lincoln City

MOTELS

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That building was sold during a Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office auction Oct. 21, 2025, to O’Brian Properties. Court records show the purchase price at \$200,000.

The second building just to the south of the fist motel is likely in process of foreclosure by a bank, according to Lincoln City City Manager Daniel Hunter.

The two properties were acquired following the wildfires with the intent of being short-term housing for evacuees, Hunter said.

“They are directly across from the Wayside that draws thousands of visitors to the city annually,” Hunter said. “To have those two motels deteriorating directly across from that location is not a good image for the city.”

Over the past several months, Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) officers have



This is the second closed motel across from the D River Wayside that is concerning to city officials and police. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

been called to the properties following reports of break-ins and vandalism.

“We have had several reports,” LCPD Sgt. Torin Liden said. “Most were broken windows and graffiti. There are several over the last couple of years. It was standard juvenile graffiti and is usually documented in a CAD report by either an officer or the Community

Service Officers.

Liden said the LCPD has taken at least three police reports since January 2025 of open doors and trespassing at the location.

“Only one resulted in arrests,” Liden said. “This arrest was of six juveniles for Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree and Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree. In the

other two reports no people were located inside the building.”

Liden said the LCPD is limited in resolving the crime issues and ensuring public safety at the two properties.

“There is very little we are able to do to ensure the safety of a property of that size,” Liden said. “Property owners are responsible

for the security of their properties, and we have not been able to get in regular contact with the owner.”

Liden said the LCPD remains concerned about the two vacant buildings.

“The primary concern for our department is safety,” he said. “We are unable to secure the structures ourselves and it has led to people (mostly juveniles) entering a slowly deteriorating building. We are concerned that repeated damage and weathering may lead to someone becoming injured when they illegally enter the building. Our main goal is to prevent illegal entry and encourage parents to monitor the location of their children, as well as educating them about the dangers of potentially abandoned buildings.”

Hunter said the city is taking what steps it can for public safety.

“Yes, we are concerned about the vacant hotels across from the D River Welcome Center, currently under

construction,” Hunter said. “The motel at 1091 SE 1st Street (Octopus mural) has significant damage. City staff are pursuing a warrant to board up the windows and doors to prevent further damage. The other hotel has not received similar attention, likely due to its location. But without the tools to make something occur, finding a resolution is really difficult.”

Hunter added that the city could help any developer with redevelopment of the properties.

“We could work with them to fix up the properties with on some sort of state grants, or something like that,” he said. “The city council has expressed no interest in purchasing the buildings.”

The Lincoln County Leader has reached out to O’Brian Properties to inquiry what, if any, plans are in the works for the vacant morel at the site that the company has purchased. We hope to file an update on this story as we receive more information.

MAIL

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assessment at this point about the security of our Vote-by-Mail System since we’ve seen court action leading to a judge blocking the Trump administration Vote by Mail restrictions?

Amy Southwell: At this point clerks throughout the State have been ensured by the Secretary of States office and the Oregon Department of Justice, that the upcoming election on November 3rd, 2026, will be conducted like any other election.

They continue to work closely together at protecting the rights of all voters in Oregon and making sure that our current election system remains secure, trusted and accurate.

They have promised that if those values are threatened, they stand

ready to challenge any unlawful overreach and defend our states elections process.

They also want Oregonians to know that they should not worry, we will continue to Vote by Mail this election as we have for 25+ years, with no changes and that voting by mail in Oregon remains one of the safest, reliable, accurate and coinvent ways to vote.

Lincoln County Leader: Do you agree with the Oregon Secretary of State who is urging voters to take their ballots to a drop off box instead of mailing them, and if you agree, why?

Southwell: Yes! Ballots are set to be sent to Portland on October 14th from our distributors in Bend to be mailed out to voters.

Voters should hopefully see their ballot between October 16-21. If they don’t receive them within

a week, that is when they should call our office and enquire about getting a new ballot that they can pick up in our office or we can mail another one out.

I have no doubt that the ballots will go out on time, what I worry about is them getting back to us when a voter returns them.

Although I don’t believe there will be any deliberate reasons to delay them, I do believe mail can be unreliable, whether it is a ballot or any other piece of mail.

Counties throughout the state did testing on how long it took to get something back to them, so that we could determine if we needed to worry about ballots getting back to us on time.

It was found that it didn’t really matter what day it was sent, on average it took about a week to get back to the office.

I recommend that voters use one of our 9 conveniently placed drop boxes throughout Lincoln County or anywhere in the state that has an official election drop box.

If you have no other option than to mail your ballot, please allow for 7-9 days for us to receive it.

Another issue to be aware of is for those who wait until election day to vote and still want to mail it, you must go into the post office and have it hand stamped by November 3, 2026, for us to be able to count the postmark.

However, I do want

voters to be aware that this doesn’t guarantee that we will receive it on time.

By law we can only except postmark for 7 days, so that means if we receive a hand stamped ballot after November 10th, (1 week after the election) we will be unable to except it.

This is why I am pushing for voters to use a drop box. We want to be able to receive and count your ballot!

I also want voters to know that as their local elections official it is my job to pass on information from the top and to let them know that myself, other clerks around the state, the Secretary of States office and the Oregon Department of Justice will continue to do everything we can to make sure there are no issues with the mid-term election. We all believe in secure, reliable, transparent and fair elections and will continue to stand by what we do and give the best service to voters.

Please remember to sign the outside blue envelope with your name on it, before you return your ballot.

As silly as this sounds a lot of people get busy and forget to sign before they mail or put their ballot in a drop box.

Please reach out to myself or my office if questions or issues should arise as early as possible and we will be more than happy to assist you.

Our number one priority in the Clerk’s Office, is to serve and help the people of Lincoln County to the best of our ability.

Southwell noted that the last day to register to vote in Oregon for new voters is October 13, 2026. Post

marks do not count.

“If you are at all unsure about your registration, please call our office at 541-265-4131 to verify you are good to go,” Southwell said.

In a story published Sept. 30 in the Lincoln County Leader, Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read’s office recommended that Oregonians look for an official election photo, consider that third-party groups creating fake mail often use outdated or incorrect data and make sure their registration is correct using the oregonvotes.gov website. Read’s office staff said the most accurate and up-to-date voter registration information will be with people’s local election offices.

“We’re already getting reports about misleading mail going out to voters, so I want Oregonians to have the tools to be able to tell fact from fiction,” Read said in a statement. “The good news is, it’s pretty simple: If you receive something in the mail about voter registration or your ability to participate in the upcoming election, look for the official election mail logo to verify that it’s from an official source.”

The Lincoln County Leader reported on Sept. 14, that the U.S. Supreme Court had blocked President Donald Trump’s embattled plan to place new restrictions on mail ballots for this year’s mid-term elections.

The Court kept in place a lower court’s ruling that blocked a U.S. Postal Service rule requiring states to meet new ballot design and voter-list requirements before ballots could be mailed.

Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield issued a statement after the U.S. Supreme Court decision, calling the ruling, “a win for Oregon voters, and a win for free and fair elections”.

“The U.S. Constitution is clear: no president has the authority to interfere with our elections, and today the Supreme Court affirmed that basic fact. Donald Trump will not be able to use the United States Postal Service to stand between you and your ballot,” Rayfield said. “What does this mean for Oregon voters? It means we’ll continue to vote in November just like we have for decades, with a Vote-By-Mail system that is safe, secure, and accurate. We can expect that Trump will continue looking for ways to meddle with our elections, and we’ll continue blocking him. We must all remain vigilant, and we’ll keep fighting to ensure that no one—not even the president—can interfere with our right to vote.”

Rayfield and a coalition of 23 states, the District of Columbia, and the Governor of Pennsylvania have filed a lawsuit to block this rule from ever taking effect. The lawsuit argued that USPS’s rule violates the Constitution, which makes clear that states have the primary authority to administer elections, and if implemented, would upend successful, longstanding vote-by-mail procedures.

The lawsuit also argued the rule is inconsistent with USPS’s governing statutes, ignores USPS’s procedural requirements, violates the Privacy Act, and is inconsistent with federal voting rights law.

Join the conversation, take the Lincoln County Leader’s online weekly poll concerning the security of Oregon’s Vote-by-Mail system. See the poll at the Lincoln County Leader website.

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Sudoku answers

Minimum Wage Jobs increased

SHAUN BARRICKIS
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Article

On July 1st, Oregon’s mini-
mum wage increased across the
state.

In the counties comprising
Northwest Oregon, all of which
are part of the standard mini-
mum wage area, the minimum
wage increased \$0.50 from
\$15.05 to \$15.55.

Since 2023, minimum wages
across the state have been
adjusted annually for inflation
to maintain purchasing power
for minimum wage earners. In
2025, there were 4,567 jobs
paying \$15.05 or less and
2,182 jobs paying between the
2025 and 2026 minimum wage
across Northwest Oregon. That
equates to 4.2% of all jobs in
Northwest Oregon paying mini-
mum wage in 2025 with 2.0%

of all jobs paying between the
2025 and 2026 minimum wage.
In Benton County, 1,769 jobs
(4.2%) paid minimum wage
with 816 jobs (1.9%) paying
between the 2025 and 2026
minimum wage. Minimum
wage jobs could be found
across many industries, with
leisure and hospitality and
retail trade containing the high-
est number of jobs paying both
minimum wage and paying
between the 2025 and 2026
minimum wage. 442 jobs in
leisure and hospitality and 352
jobs in retail trade paid \$15.05
or less, with 235 jobs in leisure
and hospitality and 235 jobs
in retail trade paying between
\$15.05 and \$15.55.

Clatsop County had 819
jobs (3.7%) that paid mini-
mum wage in 2025, with 325
jobs (1.5%) paying between the
2025 and 2026 minimum
wage. Leisure and hospitality
employed the most minimum
wage earners, with 361 jobs
paying \$15.05 or less and 168
jobs paying between \$15.05
and \$15.55.

Columbia County had the
highest percentage of minimum
wage jobs with 4.8% (654 jobs)
of all jobs paying minimum
wage and 2.7% (365 jobs) pay-
ing between the 2025 and 2026
minimum wage. Leisure and
hospitality employed the larg-
est amount of minimum wage
workers with 256 minimum
wage jobs in 2025 and 173 jobs
paying between the 2025 and
2026 minimum wage.

Lincoln County had 904
jobs (4.2%) that paid minimum
wage in 2025, with 462 jobs
(2.2%) paying between the
2025 and 2026 minimum wage.
The largest number of mini-
mum wage jobs was in leisure
and hospitality with 358 jobs
paying minimum wage and 180
jobs paying between the 2025
and 2026 minimum wage.

Tillamook County had 421
jobs (3.8%) that paid minimum
wage and 214 jobs (1.9%) that
paid between the 2025 and
2026 minimum wage. Like the
other counties, leisure and hos-
pitality had the largest number
of minimum wage workers
with 148 minimum wage jobs
and 51 jobs that paid between

See **JOBS**, page A7



Since 2023, minimum wages across the state have been adjusted annually for inflation to maintain purchasing power for minimum wage earners. (Metro Creative Connection)

Estimate of Minimum Wage Jobs in Oregon, Third Quarter 2025: 92,289 (4.2% of Total Jobs)					
County	2025 Minimum Wage Jobs	% of Total	Between 2025-2026 Minimum Wage Jobs	% of Total	
Benton	1,769	4.2%	816	1.9%	
Clatsop	819	3.7%	325	1.5%	
Columbia	654	4.8%	365	2.7%	
Lincoln	904	4.2%	462	2.2%	
Tillamook	421	3.8%	214	1.9%	
NWO	4,567	4.2%	2,182	2.0%	
Oregon	92,289	4.2%	43,393	2.0%	

Source: Oregon Employment Department, Unemployment Insurance Wage Records, and Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Higher education students may qualify for SNAP

As students return to
colleges and universities
across Oregon this fall,
the Oregon Department
of Human Services
(ODHS) is remind-
ing students about the
Supplemental Nutrition
Assistance Program
(SNAP).

SNAP can help eligible
students afford groceries
while they pursue their
education. Eligibility
rules for students can be
complicated, and students
should not assume they
do not qualify. Help is
available from ODHS to
understand the rules and
apply.

Student eligibility
SNAP has special
rules for students ages 18
through 49 who attend
an institution of higher
education at least half
time (as defined by their
school). These students
are referred to as “stu-
dents of higher educa-
tion.” To be eligible for
SNAP, students of higher
education must meet at
least one exemption.

Exemptions for stu-
dents of higher education
In addition to regular
SNAP rules, students

of higher education are
required to meet at least
one student exemption
to qualify for SNAP. The
exemptions include stu-
dents who:

- Participate in a state or
federally funded work-
study program.
- Work for pay an aver-
age of at least 20 hours
per week.
- Are responsible for the
care of a young child
or meet certain require-
ments as a parent
attending school.
- Receive Temporary
Assistance for Needy
Families (TANF) or
unemployment benefits.
- Participate in cer-
tain employment and
training programs,
including SNAP
Employment and
Training or qualifying
Workforce Innovation
and Opportunity Act
programs.
- Are enrolled in an
undergraduate course
of study intended to be
completed in four years
or less that leads to
employment. This can
include students begin-
ning at a community
college and planning to



trans-
fer to complete a
bachelor’s degree.
Other exemptions may
also apply depending on
a student’s circumstances.
“Students are working
hard to build skills, com-
plete their education and
prepare for their future
careers,” ODHS Oregon
Eligibility Program
Interim Director Jessica
Amaya said. “SNAP
can help eligible stu-
dents afford food while
they pursue those goals.
The eligibility rules can
be complicated, so we
encourage students who
need help to reach out
rather than assume they
don’t qualify.”

**Benefits Navigators
can help students find
support**

Students at Oregon’s
public colleges and

universities can also con-
nect with a Benefits
Navigator for
help identifying

**Supplemental
Nutrition
Assistance
Program**

resources that
may support their basic
needs.

Oregon funds a
Benefits Navigator at
every public college and
university. Navigators
work alongside students
to understand their needs,
develop strategies and
connect them with cam-
pus, community, state and
federal resources.

During the 2025–26
school year, Benefits
Navigators served more
than 30,000 students
statewide and made more
than 45,000 referrals to
campus and community
resources.

Work or Activity rules
The SNAP rules for
students of higher edu-
cation are different from
the federal work require-
ments for adults who
are required to follow

Able-Bodied Adults
Without Dependents
(ABAWD) work rules.
ABAWD work rules
apply to people who are
18 through 64 and do not
receive SNAP with chil-
dren under the age of 14.

Students of any kind
(including higher educa-
tion) enrolled in school at
least half time are exempt
from the ABAWD work
requirements. However,
students of higher educa-
tion must first meet a stu-
dent exemption to receive
benefits.

Because several rules
can affect eligibility,
ODHS encourages stu-
dents to ask for help
rather than assume they
do not qualify.

How to get help
Students interested in
SNAP can:

- Contact a Benefits
Navigator at their col-
lege or university
- Apply or manage ben-
efits online at benefits.
oregon.gov.
- Call the ONE Customer
Service Center at
800-699-9075.
- Visit an ODHS office:
[https://www.oregon.
gov/odhs/pages/](https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/pages/)

[office-finder.aspx](#)
• Learn more at Partners
for a Hunger-Free
Oregon: [https://
oregonhunger.org/
snap-for-students/](https://oregonhunger.org/snap-for-students/)

If a student was pre-
viously denied SNAP
because they did not
meet the higher education
student eligibility require-
ments, they can reapply
if their student status
or circumstances have
changed.

**New Oregon SNAP data
webpage**

ODHS has launched a
new Oregon SNAP data
webpage to make current
SNAP participation data
easier to find. The page
includes monthly state-
wide and county-level
data on the number of
people and households
receiving SNAP in
Oregon.

The page will be
updated regularly to pro-
vide partners, media, pub-
lic officials and the public
with a single source for
current, verified SNAP
caseload data.

*Learn more at Oregon
SNAP data: [https://www.
oregon.gov/odhs/data/
Pages/snap-data.aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/data/Pages/snap-data.aspx)*

Fish Passage Task Force to meet in Newport

Oregon’s Fish Passage Task
Force will meet Thursday, Oct.
8 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the
Guin Library Seminar Room
of the Hatfield Marine Science
Center, 2030 SE Marine
Science Dr, in Newport.

The meeting will be open to
the public.

Members of the public who
are interested in the meeting
are encouraged to attend in per-
son or participate virtually. The
meeting can be accessed vir-
tually via Microsoft Teams at
this link attached to this story
at the Lincoln County Leader
website, on the day of the, or



by calling 1 503-446-4951 and
using conference ID 286 442
85#.

The meeting agenda includes
ODFW Fish Passage Program
updates and several presen-
tations regarding fisheries
and fish passage topics in the
Mid-Coast Watershed. The
agenda also includes a pro-
posal to waive fish passage
from the Oregon Department
of Transportation for a cul-
vert extension project on an
unnamed tributary to Bear
Creek in Jackson County. The
full meeting agenda is available
on the ODFW Fish Passage
Task Force website.

Public participation is
encouraged. To testify verbally

during the meeting, register at
least 48 hours in advance (by
8 a.m. Tuesday, October 6)
by emailing [mac.barr@odfw.
oregon.gov](mailto:mac.barr@odfw.oregon.gov) or calling 971-
678-4871. When registering
please provide your first and
last name, which agenda item
you wish to discuss and a
valid email address and phone
number.

Public comments will be
heard during the meeting at
10:00 a.m. Written comments
will be accepted before the
meeting and are encouraged.
Pre-registration is not required
to provide written comments.

The nine-member Fish
Passage Task Force meets
regularly to advise ODFW
and the Oregon Fish and
Wildlife Commission on fish
passage policies and issues.
Task Force members rep-
resent water users, fisheries and
conservation interests, and the
public-at-large.

*Additional information about
the Fish Passage Task Force
and the ODFW Fish Passage
Program is available online
or by contacting Mac Barr,
ODFW Fish Passage Program
Coordinator, at 971-678-4871
or mac.barr@odfw.oregon.gov.*

Coast Moment



Ready for a morning walk along the beach at Lincoln City. Send us your Coast Moments to share in a future edition. Email photos and a description to jruark@countrymedia.net. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)



Brown Pelican takes a dive. See more photos with this story at the Lincoln County Leader website. (Courtesy photo from Ronald Breeze)

October Bird Walks Oct. 9

SEVEN CAPES BIRD ALLIANCE

Seven Capes Bird Alliance welcomes birders of all abilities to enjoy the start of fall migration!

Friday, October 9, 9-11 a.m.

Lincoln City Water Treatment Plant EXPLORIENCE Lincoln City Wastewater Treatment Plant. Unlikely as it seems, water treatment plants are prime habitat for migrating waterfowl and shorebirds! We have permission for eight cars. Meet at Taft Waterfront near

See **BIRD**, page B2

Family Heritage Resource Fair

SUBMITTED

Join the Lincoln County Historical Society (LCHS) and the Lincoln County Genealogical Society (LCGS) for the first annual Family Heritage Resource Fair at the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center Friday, October 16 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

The Pacific Maritime Heritage Center is located at 333 SE Bay Blvd.at Newport’s Bayfront

The cost is free for this event.

The LCGS will feature 1-on-1 ancestor lookups, free online resources, preserving family heritage, local family history authors, and a free drawing for an ancestry DNA kit.



Lincoln County Railroad Workers, early 1900s. (Courtesy photo)

Chamber Music Series

SUBMITTED

The Newport Symphony Orchestra presents the first of their three-part chamber music series, named in honor of the late Jeannette Hofer, a long time ardent supporter of the NSO.

The series begins October 10, in the beautiful Doerfler Family Theatre.

Current members of the Newport Symphony cello section will perform a variety of music composed for the uncommonly heard ensemble of three and four cellos.

Cellists Sherill Roberts, Adrienne Welsh



Current members of the Newport Symphony cello section will perform a variety of music composed for the uncommonly heard ensemble of three and four cellos. (Courtesy photo)

Willamette Writers hosts author Lynda Melban White

SUBMITTED

WWCC October meeting will host Spotlight author, Lynda White, at 2 p.m. with an Open Mic in the second hour until 4 p.m. Oct. 17

Books will be for sale and free-with-purchase merchandise (stickers and bookmarks).

Zombies, Relationships and Mind Control

Award-winning author Lynda Melban White writes novels and short stories that blend genres to create unique reading experiences for both teens and adults.

Her recent novel, Twenty-Two Boom:



Lynda Melban White

How I Survived the North American Zombie Apocalypse, combines a character-driven exploration of the mother-daughter relationship with the catastrophic breakdown of civilization--and a touch of humor. Lynda lives on the central

Oregon coast with her husband, cat and dog, and enjoys the thick, mysterious forests as much as the stretches of lonely beach nearby.

As a retired middle school teacher, Lynda continues to relate to young readers as a Lincoln County, Oregon, substitute teacher. She enjoys sharing her writing journey--from scribbling in notebooks to publishing her novels and short stories--with adults and teens, and has taught creative writing both in public schools and as a workshop for aspiring

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Sam Case (right) and family, 1890. (Courtesy photo)

RESOURCE

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The LCHS will give demonstrations on how we preserve history, from microfilm of historic newspapers to preserving that shoebox of photos in your attic.

Bring your home movie film reels to have them cleaned and inspected by the North Lincoln County Historical Museum and

see some digitized footage of home movies in our county on the big screen in our theater.

We will also feature info on all the museums in our county. Come find out more about your family heritage and how to better preserve it for future generations!

Searching a ledger from our archives, 1889. (Courtesy photo)

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

SUDOKU

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

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Dancing with the Coastal Stars

SUBMITTED

Get ready for one of Newport's most entertaining nights of the year! Dancing with the Coastal Stars, benefiting Samaritan House, returns to the Newport Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. on October 30.

Local couples, none of them professional dancers, will take the stage to show off the dance moves they've been working hard to learn. They are stepping outside their comfort zones, having some fun, and most importantly, raising money to support Samaritan House and the local families they serve.

State Representative David Gomberg will once again be our emcee, helping make the evening a night to remember.

The presenting sponsors for this year's event are Adam Springer of Yaquina Law and Coast Restaurant Group, including Clearwater Restaurant, The Barge Inn Tavern, and Rise Grab & Go.

We also want to give a heartfelt thank you to all of our sponsors who have donated and supported

this event. It truly takes a community to make an event like this possible, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who has stepped up to support Samaritan House and its mission. Want to meet the dancers before the big night?

Visit the Samaritan House website to read their bios, find out why they chose to dance, and see the creative ways they are raising money for Samaritan House.

Tickets are \$65 and are available at the Newport Performing Arts Center or online through the Center's website.

Come cheer on our local stars, enjoy a great night of dancing, and help us support Samaritan House!

Event: Dancing with the Coastal Stars
Date: 7 p.m. October 30
Location: Newport Performing Arts Center
Tickets: \$65

Samaritan House is a transitional shelter program that serves families with dependent children experiencing homelessness.

BIRD

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Mo's and we'll carpool to the site.

Saturday, October 10, 9-11 a.m.

Boiler Bay to Devil's Punchbowl

Join us on a driving tour of prime rocky habitats, starting at Boiler Bay State Scenic Viewpoint for some excellent seabird watching and possible glimpses of shorebirds. We'll enjoy stops at Depoe Bay and Otter Crest loop, where we'll learn more about our protected nearshore habitats and the birds and other wildlife that depend on them! Meet in the Boiler Bay State Scenic Viewpoint parking lot.

All Seven Capes Bird Alliance outings are free, family-friendly, easy to moderately easy,

and open to the public; no pre-registration or experience is required. Dogs are not allowed; parking or entry fees may apply. Binoculars and guidebooks are provided. Outings are held rain or shine; dress appropriately for coastal weather and muddy trails. Be sure to carry water. Look for the Seven Capes sign at the meeting site. For details and any cancellations, check our website (sevendepoesbirds.org) or Facebook (@sevendepoesbirds).

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

MUSIC

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and Charmaine Leclair will be joined by retired NSO principal cellist, Barbara Johnston, to present a wide pallet of selections for cello solo, duo, trio and quartet with music from the Baroque period to a medley of popular George Gershwin tunes.

When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Pacific Maritime Heritage Center 333 SE Bay Blvd. Newport
How much: Tickets:

\$45 General Admission.

Repertoire:

- Carole Neuen-Rabinowitz: Tango from Suite Hispanola for 4 Cellos
- Ernest Bloch: Canzona from Suite No. 1 for Solo Cello
- Georg Phillip Telemann: Canonic Sonata No. 1 for 2 Cellos
- George Frideric Handel: Trio Sonata No. 16 arr. for 3 Cellos
- George Gershwin: Fragment for 4 Cellos

For tickets call 541-265-ARTS (2787) or go to COASTARTS.ORG/ NSO.

WRITERS

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young authors.

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

The WW Coast Chapter (WWCC) hosts presentations from September through June. Programs

are free and open to all writers 18 and older. There are Young Willamette Writer chapters for those under 18. Willamette Writers is the largest writer's association in Oregon and one of the largest in the nation.

Join Willamette Writers at their website, [https://willamettewriters.org](http://willamettewriters.org)

Otis, Newport receive a share of \$150,000 in art learning grants

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Fifteen Oregon arts organizations, including one in Otis and one in Newport, will receive \$10,000 grants to strengthen K-12 arts education for the upcoming year through the Oregon Arts Commission’s Arts Learning grant program.

“Through this grant program, thousands of students will have an opportunity to engage with the arts in the classroom,” Arts Education and Grants Coordinator Tiff Harker said. “Arts organizations partner with schools and students greatly benefit from the enhancement of cognitive skills, creative problem-solving and self-empowerment.” Arts Learning



Youth participants from the 4J Migrant Education Program show off the masks they made during Lane Arts Council’s 2021 Creative Link. (Courtesy photo)

grants support projects that provide K-12 students with responsive learning opportunities in and through the arts. These projects also foster the exchange of knowledge between artists and educators and positively impact the achievement, skills

and attitudes of learners, according to a release from the Commission. Applications were evaluated by a community review panel. The panel’s funding recommendations were then approved by the Oregon Arts Commission. Funds for this grant

program are provided by the state of Oregon general fund through its support of the Oregon Arts Commission and by a federal grant to the Arts Commission by the National Endowment for the Arts. **Sitka Center for Art and**

Ecology Otis
To support a Rural Photography Outreach initiative that expands access to Sitka’s proven photography curriculum, helping K-8 students in underserved rural communities explore creative expression and visual storytelling

through photography. **Oregon Coast Council for the Arts Newport**
To support sequential arts learning for sixth grade students at Newport Middle School, a Title 1, rural school in economically distressed Lincoln County, while providing a paid opportunity for local teaching artists. Due to budget cuts, Newport Middle School has just lost its art program. Through this project, Oregon Coast Council for the Arts will help fill the gap, bringing mediums of art instruction to the school, including ceramics, painting, print making and fiber arts. *See the full list of Arts Learning Grants Awardees attached to this story at the Lincoln County Leader website.*

Tile Painting Workshop at Newport Visual Arts Center

COAST ART GUILD
Join multi-media artist Charlotte Van Zant-King in a Tile Painting Workshop Sunday, October 11 from 1-3 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Classroom of the Newport Visual Arts Center in Newport. This workshop, presented in conjunction with the VAC’s current

exhibition “Year of the Fire Horse,” is sponsored by the Coastal Arts Guild and is free to the public with a \$10 materials fee. Fellow “Fire Horse” artist and curator Cynthia Jacobi will open the event with a brief introduction about the inspiration behind this show and its title. Charlotte will lead the workshop painting

on tiles in a style called resist line. Participants are encouraged to bring their own simple 7-3/4” square design to work on, such as a quilt square or basic pattern from nature, but they can also choose from a variety of available patterns from the artist. All other materials will be provided, and tiles will be fired by Charlotte in her home

kiln. The artist’s larger commissioned work using this technique can be found on her website, www.charlottevanzant-king.com, under the “commission” heading. In describing this workshop, Charlotte wrote, “I am looking forward to passing on this technique to others, as it was shared with me from other

artists, and these pieces work well in indoor and outdoor spaces.” Workshop size is limited so early sign-up is encouraged by writing to coastalartsguild@gmail.com. The Coastal Arts Guild presents workshops such as this free to the public four times a year, as well as monthly artist lectures, as part of their mission

to support the visual arts on the Central Coast, primarily through support of the VAC. They are an all volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Membership is available and donations are always welcome. *For more information about all they have to offer contact them at coastalartsguild@gmail.com*

Oregon communities urged to bring vision screenings to students

SUBMITTED
The Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) is calling on communities across the state to help ensure Oregon students have access to vision screenings through its 2026-27 Back-to-School Campaign: Sponsor a Screening. Each year, OLSHF’s School Vision Screening program works with schools, Lions Clubs, volunteers and community partners to screen more than 200,000 Oregon students. The program is projected to conduct more than 900 on-site screenings this year, with approximately 19% of students screened referred for additional vision care. That means tens of thousands of Oregon students may be identified with a potential vision concern this school year. “Children don’t always know that what they’re seeing isn’t normal,” Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation CEO Doug Thompson said. “A vision screening can

help identify a concern that might otherwise go unnoticed. Our goal is to reach as many Oregon students as possible, and accomplishing that takes communities coming together.” The Oregon Department of Education provides reimbursement of up to \$4 per student for eligible vision screenings, and OLSHF is an approved vision screening provider for Oregon schools. However, providing screenings statewide requires additional resources for equipment, staffing, volunteer coordination and screening operations. Through the Back-to-School Campaign, OLSHF is asking businesses, Lions Clubs, community organizations and individuals throughout Oregon to help Sponsor a Screening. A contribution of \$500 or more can help fund a complete vision screening for students in a local school district, while donations of any amount help OLSHF expand access to screenings

across the state. Sponsors may also receive recognition through campaign materials, social media, event promotions and other opportunities. For businesses looking for a hands-on way to give back, OLSHF also welcomes community groups interested in volunteering alongside screening teams when opportunities are available. **A Statewide Effort With a Local Impact**
Vision concerns can affect a child’s ability to read, participate in the classroom and succeed academically. Oregon Department of Education guidance notes that vision

needs can go undetected without screening programs and potentially interfere with learning and other aspects of a student’s development. OLSHF’s goal is simple: help provide vision screenings for every student in Oregon and connect students who may have a vision concern with appropriate follow-up resources. The Foundation is especially encouraging Lions Clubs across Oregon to participate by sponsoring screenings directly or connecting OLSHF with businesses and organizations

in their own communities. A local business can help students in the community where its employees and customers live. A Lions Club can rally its community behind its local schools. An individual donation can help OLSHF reach another classroom of students. Every contribution moves Oregon closer to reaching more children. **Oregon, Help Us Sponsor the Next Screening**
Businesses, Lions Clubs, organizations and individuals interested in joining the campaign can learn more, sponsor a screening or make a contribution at: olshf.org/backtoschool. Organizations interested in sponsorship recognition or additional information may contact marketing@olshf.org. “Whether you’re a statewide company, a neighborhood business, a Lions Club or simply someone who believes Oregon students deserve

the opportunity to succeed, there is a place for you in this campaign,” Thompson said. “Together, we can reach more students, identify more vision concerns early and help more children enter the classroom ready to learn.” **About the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation**
Since 1959, the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation has worked in partnership with Lions Clubs to provide sight and hearing assistance to communities throughout Oregon and Northern California. OLSHF’s mission is to Screen, Treat, Save, and Restore sight and hearing in partnership with Lions Clubs. The Foundation serves more than 200,000 children and adults annually through programs including School Vision Screening, hearing assistance, eyeglass assistance, children’s low vision services and access to medical treatment.



Businesses, Lions Clubs, organizations and individuals interested in joining the campaign can learn more, sponsor a screening or make a contribution at: olshf.org/backtoschool. (Courtesy photo)

Newport Police Coffee with a Cop

The Newport Police Department will be hosting its next Coffee with a Cop event from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 7, at Starbucks, 122 N. Coast Highway. “This is your chance to have a casual chat with the Chief and local Officers, get to know them, and learn about what they do to keep our community safe,” Newport Police administrators said in a social media post. “You can also share any concerns you may have or ask any questions you’ve been curious about. We look forward to seeing you there.”

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1683: Immigrant families found Germantown, Pennsylvania, in the first major immigration of German people to America.

1903: The High Court of Australia sits for the first time.

1979: Pope John Paul II becomes the first pontiff to visit the White House.

Money FACT:

The bill for repair work on a car or truck will be broken down into these main categories.

Answer: Parts and labor

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Start the car

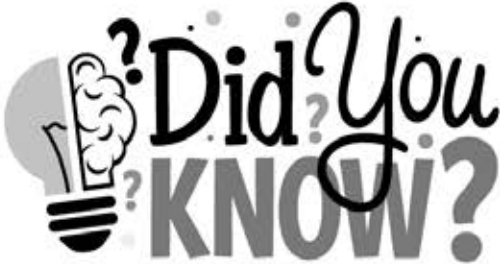
NEW WORD

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How they say that in...

English: Engine
Spanish: Motor
Italian: Motore
French: Moteur
German: Motor



Automotive experts say cars should be serviced every 12 months or every 10,000-12,000 miles, whichever comes first.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Dashboard gauges

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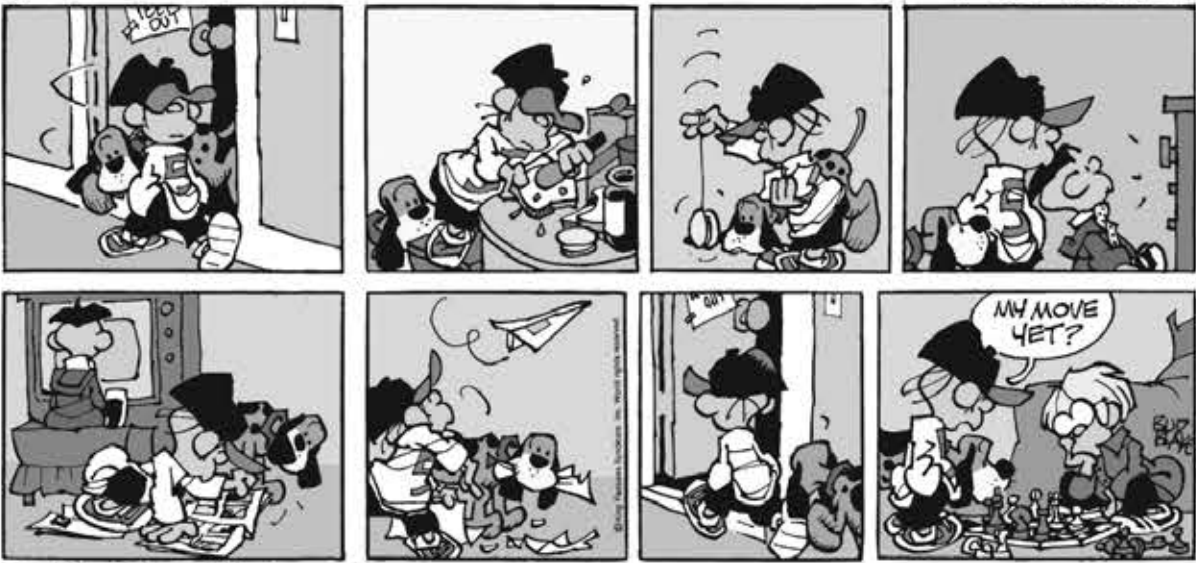
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BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Word is different. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Sleeve is different. 4. Hat is larger. 5. Back of stool is added. 6. Mouth is different.

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: T equals M

VYEJ TZSYJ OQA EUUATG ZU
JYG REXQKZJG NYQNQBEJG
NEICO QR NEXG-CVGBBZIS
CVEKRU? JQQJUZG JKQBBU.

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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.

DVQBNGIOR GBSV B ABM IP
GIJWETL QGV DIRQ QOXQG
ET QGV JVBRQ RNBZV.
— IORIT RZIQQ ZBOW

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Trivia
test by Fifi
Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Invisible Man"?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the Topkapi Palace located?
- ASTRONOMY: How long is a year on the planet Mars?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the sea witch in the animated film "The Little Mermaid"?
- ANATOMY: What is the average lifespan of a red blood cell?
- MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MMI?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the three secondary colors in traditional color theory?
- TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features the Bluth family?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of jellyfish commonly called?
- GAMES: How many squares are on a checkerboard?

Trivia answers

- H.G. Wells.
- Istanbul, Turkey.
- 687 Earth days.
- Ursula.
- 120 days.
- 2,001.
- Orange, green and purple.
- "Arrested Development."
- A smack.
- 64.

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Cryptoquote
answer
Metaphors have a way of holding the most truth in the least space.
— Orson Scott Card

What might you assume is the favorite chocolate candy of cave-dwelling dwarfs? Tootsie Trolls.

Cryptoquip
answer

SCRAMBLERS
Solution
Today's Word
ASPIRINS
1. Ponder; 2. Polish
3. Pierce; 4. Salami

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!

Mull
ENDROP
Shine
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Bore
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Corey G. Blake, OSB No. 051688, PO Box 1270 Newport, Oregon 97365 Telephone 541-265-8881 Fax No. 541-265-3571 Email: blake@maggdlaw.com 10/7/26

LCL26-454 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of CHERYL ELIZABETH REULE, Deceased. Case No. 26PB08537 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-captioned estate. The lawyer for the personal representative is Laura A. Laskey, OSB#202484, of LaLaLaw llc. All persons having a claim against this estate are required to present them to the under-signed personal representative at 2604 NE HWY 101, Ste B, Lincoln City, OR 97367, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative. DATED AND PUBLISHED ON: October 7, 2026. /s/ Debra Marie Preston, Personal Representative 10/7/26

LCL26-453 SELF STORAGE PUBLIC SALE
Safe-Lock Storage 3639 SE Ash St. South Beach, Oregon 97366 Saturday, 10/24/2026 @ 10:00am. 002 - Sterling Stromberg, Q01 - Dennis Dole. Sale Subject to Cancellation. Safe-Lock Storage reserves the Right to refuse any and all bids. 10/7/26 10/14/26

LCL26-452 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT SIMPLE ESTATE OF WILLIAM G. GUTKNECHT, DECEASED CASE No. 26PB08784 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that Richard J. Gutknecht has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four (4) months after the date of the publication of this Notice, or their claims may be barred. Claims are to be presented at the address of the attorney for the personal representative, set forth below. All persons whose rights may be affected by this estate proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Circuit Court, the personal representative, J.F. Ouderkirk, attorney for the personal representative. Date of publication: October 7, 2026. J.F. Ouderkirk, OSB # 752903 Attorney for the Personal Representative 541-574-1630 P.O. Box 1167 615 SW Hubert Street, Suite A Newport, OR 97365 Richard J. Gutknecht Personal Representative c/o Ouderkirk & Hollen P.O. Box 1167 Newport, OR 97365 Telephone: 541-574-1630 10/7/26

LCL26-451 PUBLIC NOTICE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF LINCOLN COUNTY FY 2027 Annual Plan and Capital Fund Five-Year Action Plan The Housing Authority of Lincoln County (HALC) has prepared its proposed FY 2027 Annual Plan and Capital Fund Five-Year Action Plan. The proposed plans and related documents will be available for public review beginning October 2, 2026, at: Housing Authority of Lincoln County 1039 NW Nye Street Newport, OR 97365 Monday- Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The plans will also be available at www.housinglincolncounty.gov. A public hearing will be held on November 17, 2026 at noon during the regular meeting of the Housing Authority of Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at: Housing Authority of Lincoln County 1039 NW Nye Street Newport, OR 97365 Written comments will be accepted through noon on November 17, 2026 and may be submitted to: Executive Director Housing Authority of Lincoln County PO Box 1470 Newport, OR 97365 or by email to Krockwell@housinglincolncounty.gov. For additional information or to request a

copy of the plans, contact HALC at (541) 265-5326. 10/7/26 10/14/26

LCL26-450 NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING The Newport Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers to review and make a recommendation to the Newport City Council on File No. 5-Z-26, amendments to Newport Municipal Code (NMC) Chapters 14.01 and 14.52, addressing procedural requirements for land use reviews. The principal objectives of the amendments are to incorporate process changes already adopted through Ordinance No. 2228 (limited land use decisions) and Ordinance No. 2026-04 (expedited and middle housing land divisions), and to adjust local review and appeal procedures to improve the City's ability to meet the statutory review timelines in ORS 227.178. Among other things, the amendments: add a definition of "Permit" consistent with ORS 227.160; make the Planning Commission the City's final local decision-maker on appeals of Community Development Director decisions, with the City Council remaining the appeal body for

decisions the Commission makes as the initial approving authority (NMC 14.52.100); standardize the local appeal period at 14 days rather than 15; add a summary table of review procedures (NMC 14.52.025); add cross references to the expedited and middle housing land division procedures in NMC 14.48.070, including the 63-day decision deadline; clarify mailed notice requirements for notices of application and of decision; allow website and public building postings in lieu of newspaper publication when a newspaper of sufficient frequency is not available; clarify how the 100-day and 120-day review timelines apply to continuances and open record periods; and extend the expiration period for land use approvals from 24 to 36 months. Pursuant to Newport Municipal Code (NMC) Section 14.36.010, the Commission must find that the changes are required by public necessity and the general welfare of the community in order for it to make a recommendation to the City Council that the amendments be adopted. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the request above or other criteria, including criteria within the Comprehensive Plan

and its implementing ordinances, which the person believes to apply to the decision. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the city and the parties an opportunity to respond to that issue precludes an appeal, including to the Land Use Board of Appeals, based on that issue. Testimony may be submitted in written or oral form. Oral testimony and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. The hearing may include a report by staff, testimony from the applicant and proponents, testimony from opponents, rebuttal by the applicant, and questions and deliberation by the Planning Commission. Written testimony sent to the Community Development (Planning) Department, City Hall, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365, must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day of the hearing to be included as part of the hearing or must be personally presented during testimony at the public hearing. The proposed code amendments, additional material for the amendments, and any other material in the file may be reviewed or a copy purchased at the Newport Community Development Department (address above).

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Contact Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director, (541) 574-0626, d.tokos@newportoregon.gov (address above), 10/7/26

LCL26-449 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN Probate Department Case No. 26PB06033 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of JOANNE WINIFRED DAVIDSON, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Timothy Davidson was appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the personal representative at 6000 Meadows Road, Suite 500, Lake Oswego, OR 97035, 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 attorney for the personal representative. Dated and published on October 7, 2026. Timothy Davidson Personal Representative T. Beau Ellis, OSB No. 093437 VF Law Attorneys for Personal Representative 6000 Meadows Road, Suite 500 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 Tel (503) 684-4111 Fax (503) 598-7798 10/6/26

LCL26-448 LINCOLN CITY STORAGE 3796 SE Hwy 101 Lincoln City, Or. 97367 541-996-3555 The following unit will be sold at Public Auction Starting 10/20/2026 9:00am Ending 10/27/2026 at 9:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Auction to be pursuant to Auction Rules and Procedures for Truax Holdings. Rules are available at the facility office. All bidding will take place ONLINE at bid13.com Unit# B205 Richard Wheeler III 9/30/26 10/7/26

LCL26-447 NOTICE

OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT The following request will be reviewed at a public hearing by the Toledo Planning Commission on October 14, 2026, and the City Council on November 4, 2026. The Planning Commission meeting will begin at 6:30 pm and the City Council meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. Both meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at Toledo City Hall, 206 N Main Street, Toledo, Oregon. Any comments you wish to make will be appreciated. Please contact Planner Justin Peterson at (541) 336-2247 ext. 2130 for further information. In-Person and Virtual Meeting: The meetings will be held at Toledo City Hall with an option for attendance through the Zoom video meeting platform. Call (541) 336-2247 ext. 2130 or e-mail planning@cityof-toledo.org to receive the meeting login information or visit www.cityof-toledo.org for the meeting details. City File No. PA-1-26 is a proposed ordinance to adopt the Toledo Parks and Recreation Master Plan and replace Toledo Comprehensive Plan, Article 8 (Recreational Needs) for updated goals, policies, maps, and inventories. Information on the Parks Master Plan project can be found at www.cityof-toledo.org/1248/Parks-Master-Plan-Project Criteria for the request: City of Toledo Charter (Ordinance Adoption), Oregon Statewide Planning Goals, Oregon Administrative Rules, and Oregon Revised Statutes, Toledo Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Toledo Municipal Code Chapter 17.80 (Amendments), and Toledo Municipal Code Chapter 19 (Land Use Procedures). Oregon law requires that testimony and evidence presented be directed toward the relevant criteria in the Toledo Zoning Ordinance, Comprehensive Plan, or other City plans or policies which a person believes pertains to the request, and which will be used in making the decision. The application, all documents and evidence submitted by or for the applicant, and the applicable criteria and standards can be reviewed at City Hall at no cost and copies can be provided at reasonable cost. The staff report and recommendation to the Planning Commission/City Council will be available for review at no cost seven days before the scheduled hearings and copies can be provided on request at a reasonable cost. You may present your testimony at the public hearings or provide written comments to the Planning Department prior to the public hearing dates. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter at the hearing, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision-maker an opportunity to respond to the issue, means that an appeal based on that issue cannot be filed with the State Land Use Board of Appeals. 9/30/26 10/7/26

LCL26-439 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE File No. 26-01187OR Reference is made to that certain deed of trust made by Dean Sanderson and Jacob Justen, as grantor, to Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for State Farm Bank, F.S.B., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as beneficiary, dated May 30, 2017, recorded June 2, 2017, in the records of Lincoln County, Oregon, under instrument No. 2017-05205, and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, covering the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state: LOT 82, BELLA BEACH PHASE 6, IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF OREGON. APN: R520275 Commonly known as: 5125 Cavalier Ave., Depoe Bay, OR 97341 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary and no appointments of a successor trustee have been made, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$29,703.23 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$225,468.69 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: 1. The installments of principal and interest which became due on January 1, 2026, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiary's efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Affinia Default Services, LLC, the undersigned trustee will on January 5, 2027 at the hour of 01:00 PM (PST), as established by Section 187.110 of Oregon Revised Statutes, Public Entrance, Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365, County of Lincoln, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the 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 and 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. For Sale Information, contact Auction.com at (800) 280-2832 or www.auction.com. In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by Affinia Default Services, LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. 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. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Affinia Default Services, LLC may be deemed to be a debt collector and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. File No.: 26-01187OR Dated: 08/18/2026 Affinia Default Services, LLC By: /s/ Phally Eng Name: Phally Eng Title: Foreclosure Processor Trustee's Mailing Address: Affinia Default Services, LLC 16000 Christensen Rd., Suite 310 Tukwila, WA 98188 Phone Number: (503) 836-3799 Trustee's Physical Address: Affinia Default Services, LLC 0151 SE Sunnyside Road, SE 490 Blackamas, OR 97015 Email: inquiries@affiniadefault.com NPP0493118 To: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 09/23/2026, 09/30/2026, 10/07/2026, 10/14/2026

LCL26-438 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 148935-OR LOAN NO.: ***2054** Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by KATHLEEN MCCALLIGAN, as Grantor, to WESTERN TITLE AND ESCROW NEWPORTOREGO., as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR DIRECTORS MORTGAGE, INC., BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 8/31/2023, recorded 9/6/2023, as Instrument No. 2023-06200, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Lincoln County, Oregon: UNIT 4, LITTLE WHALE COVE CONDOMINIUMS, PHASE 1, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, TOGETHER WITH THE UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE GENERAL AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO, AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH AND DESCRIBED IN THE DECLARATION OF UNIT OWNERSHIP RECORDED JUNE 6, 1979, IN BOOK 101, PAGE 636, MICROFILM RECORDS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, WHICH DESCRIPTION IS INCORPORATED HEREIN, AND BY REFERENCE TO THE PART THEREOF APN: R417892 Commonly known as: 1272 SW MEADOW LN UNIT 4 DEPOE BAY, OR 97341 The current beneficiary is: LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 11/1/2025 - 9/1/2026 Total: \$27,594.19 Late Charges: \$864.00 Beneficiary Advances: \$1,926.64 Total Required to Reinstate: \$30,384.83 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$552,521.69 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$365,019.57 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.5 % per annum, from 10/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108, will on 1/19/2027, at the hour of 1:00 PM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, At the Public Entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, 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 ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than 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 the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 9/2/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee 9/23/26 9/30/26 10/7/26 10/14/26

Super Crossword

JOURNALISTIC SET

ACROSS											
1	Principal part of a ship's rigging	53	Maximum	102	Medicine bottle	2	Fire residue	41	Some rock band synthesizers	84	"Close call!"
9	Glucose and dextrose	56	Rustic hotel	104	Jesus' words after "My God, my God," in Matthew	3	Figure skater Midori	42	Calc prereq	85	"Come again?"
15	Want greatly	58	Lean — (simple huts)	109	Yous' words	4	Central point	43	Subsides	86	Water swirl
20	Phrase before a memoir	59	Time to steel oneself and power through	110	Favorit	5	Superlatively sneaky	44	Caesar's final reproach	87	Do laundry
21	Result of iron deficiency	65	Congregated	111	"I'm — loss for words"	6	University on Long Island	45	Bump on —	88	Galle's goal
22	Opponent	67	Goes past the time limit	112	Pub barrel	7	"— be an honor"	46	Unduly quick	94	Elle King's "Ex's & —"
23	Question to someone barking orders	68	Cold shoulder preventer?	113	"La-la" lead-in	8	Put freight in	47	Zebra feature	95	Lambastes
26	Wriggly fish	71	Suddenly blazing stars	116	"Jay — Garage"	9	Less happy	48	Shortly	96	Valuable trait
27	Extinct bird	73	Pungent salad veggie	119	Best draft status	10	Opens with a key	55	Resort town near Rome	98	Auction unit
28	Swerving	77	Lhasa — (small dogs)	121	Business mag	11	"Well, I'll be!"	56	Unduly quick	99	Former Volkswagen seven-seater
29	Teeny	80	Official assisting a referee	123	Response upon hearing about an astonishing feat	12	Radio toggle letters	57	High degree	101	"Freedom" singer Jon
30	Suspenseful NFL periods	83	"Rapa- —" (1994 Esai Morales film)	130	"Aida," e.g.	13	Actress Hayworth	58	H-bomb, e.g.	103	Shin's place
33	CIA worker	84	Classic Maurice Sendak book	131	Dogs from Japan	14	Gives a quick greeting	61	"A Town Like Alice" author Shute	105	Soldier's steel helmet
35	PC fixer, e.g.	89	Cabinet dept. focused on homes	132	They often get mashed	15	Disney villainess De Vil	62	Large pianos	106	Best in quality
37	"Hey, amigo"	90	"— culpa"	133	Stowpwatch button	16	Chest bone	63	Clingy wrap	107	Yaks, e.g.
39	Highest price customers are amenable to paying	91	Wedge for filling a gap	134	Despotic ruler	17	State boldly	64	Like a banjo's sound	108	Wichita site
47	"Less filling" Miller beer	92	Show fatigue reflexively	135	They begin this puzzle's long answers	18	Rose holder	65	On in years	113	Thunder god
48	Prefix similar to "equi-"	93	Mother on "Bewitched"	DOWN		19	Otherwise	66	Bern's river	114	Lasso, e.g.
49	Vaccination fluids	97	Aruba, e.g.	1 Greedy gullet		24	— bene	72	Comic Rogen	115	Stupefies
50	Neighbor of Monterey Park, Calif.	100	Steal from			25	"— Mio"	73	Very shortly	117	Tasting of wood, as wine
51	Connections					29	Hooting bird	74	"Smith" is the commonest one in the United States	118	Move a bit
						31	Toward there	75	Hasten	120	Session with a dr., e.g.
						32	Feeling of fullness	76	Resistance unit	122	— Field (Mrs. Mett's home)
						34	Sycophantic guys	78	Understand the point	124	Deep anger
						36	Bray syllable	79	Understand the point	125	Greek vowel
						38	Crunches tone them	81	Bake, as an egg	126	"La-la" lead-in
						40	High schooler, e.g.	82	Brunch cocktail	127	Fight like Ali
										128	Actor Ayres
										129	Snakely drink

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EXHIBIT "1"

LCL26-431

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE -- NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Public notice is hereby given that Adam Shanks, the Sheriff of Lincoln County, will offer for sale the real property listed in Exhibit "1" below. The sale will be conducted in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room located in Room 108 on the first floor of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, Lincoln County, Oregon, on Thurs., October 15, 2026, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (beginning at 10:00 a.m.), and, if necessary, may be adjourned from day to day by public announcement made by the Sheriff at the time and place of the sale. Persons interested in bidding on a parcel or parcels will be assigned a bidder number from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Each parcel, or group of parcels, will be sold to the highest bidder in excess of the minimum bid indicated in Exhibit "1" below. Each sale shall be for:

(1) Cash paid at the time of sale (plus an additional fee of \$116 for recording the quitclaim deed to the property)

At the sale, the Sheriff will temporarily accept a personal check to hold a high bid for up to 2 hours or until 4:00 p.m., whichever occurs first. If that high bidder fails to return with the necessary amount of cash by that time, the high bid will be dishonored and the parcel or group of parcels will be sold to the next highest bidder.

NOTICE: Lincoln County does not warrant, guarantee, or make any claims as to TITLE to any parcel or group of parcels offered for sale. Lincoln County only sells and conveys the title, if any, that it has acquired by tax foreclosure. The purchaser only receives a statutory quitclaim deed upon payment of the full purchase price.

NOTICE: Lincoln County does not warrant, guarantee, or make any claim as to the CONDITION of any parcel or group of parcels offered for sale. No inspection, environmental assessment or audit has been performed.

NOTICE: Lincoln County does not warrant, guarantee, or make any claim that any particular USE may be made of any parcel or group of parcels offered for sale. Each parcel and group of parcels offered for sale is subject to land use laws and regulations, which may prohibit certain uses, such as the construction or siting of a residence. In addition, some parcels or groups of parcels offered for sale may not be within a fire protection district protecting structures.

THEREFORE, before bidding on any parcel or group of parcels, a prospective purchaser should check with the appropriate city or county planning department to verify approved uses and the existence of fire protection for structures. Before bidding on any parcel or group of parcels, prospective purchasers should also consult with an attorney, title company or real estate professional of their choice concerning the marketability of title, the existence of any liens or other encumbrances, and the condition of any parcel or group of parcels offered for sale.

The sale of the parcels and groups of parcels listed in Exhibit "1" below is conducted pursuant to an Order of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners entered on September 2, 2026. The Board has reserved the right to adjust minimum bids and remove parcels from Exhibit "1" at any time up to and including the day of sale. NOTE: Lincoln County will not accept less than the minimum bid on auction properties for at least 1 year following auction date.

Copies of Assessor's Maps for each parcel or group of parcels listed in Exhibit "1" below may be obtained on the County's web site at www.co.lincoln.or.us or in person at the Lincoln County Assessor's Office at 225 West Olive Street in Newport, Oregon. Other questions concerning any parcel or group of parcels should be directed to Susan Taylor, Property Manager, at staylor@co.lincoln.or.us or (541) 265-4967, by appointment only.

i/s/Adam Shanks
Lincoln County Sheriff

MAP #	TAX LOT	NEAREST CITY/COMMUNITY	ADDRESS (If Available) / GENERAL DIRECTIONS & PERTINENT INFORMATION	ZONING	APPROX. SIZE IN ACREAGE	2025-ASSESSOR'S REAL MARKET VALUE	MINIMUM BID	
1	07-11-10-AA	3005	Lincoln City	2914 NW Neptune	R-5	0.23 acres	\$ 411,260	\$ 125,000
*2	08-10-19-DA	100	Lincoln City	S. Immonen Road, west of S. Summer Drive. Barricades currently mark the entrance. Tax lot 100 & Tax lot 142 are being sold together.	R-1	0.41 acres	\$ 2,050	\$ 81,510
	08-10-19-DA	142	Lincoln City		A-C	2.07 acres	\$ 143,910	
3	10-09-29-00	1599	Eddyville	Yaquina Riverfront	T-C	0.56 acres	\$ 35,600	\$ 4,000
4	10-10-08-DD	2001	Siletz	Between Hwy. 229 & 80 Camp 12 Loop	RR-5, DR	0.34 acres	\$ 49,110	\$ 10,000
5	10-11-05-DC	1000	Newport	Corner of NE 121st/Benton St. Lot 9	R-1	0.20 acres	\$ 50,610	\$ 8,500
6	10-11-20-CA	2200	Newport	ShorePine Hills, Lot 6A, 6B	R-4	0.13 acres	\$ 47,750	\$ 4,350
7	10-11-20-CA	2300	Newport	ShorePine Hills, Lot 7A, 7B	R-4	0.13 acres	\$ 47,660	\$ 4,350
8	11-10-14-BC	201	Elk City	Elk City, Block 2 Lot 1&12	A-C	0.19 acres	\$ 15,950	\$ 4,000
9	11-10-14-BC	1401	Elk City	Elk City, Block 8, Lot 1,2,11&12	A-C	0.39 acres	\$ 19,900	\$ 4,270
10	11-10-17-BB	9100	Toledo	Corner of E Hwy. 20 & NE Alder St.	C	0.09 acres	\$ 39,290	\$ 4,000
11	11-10-17-BD	200	Toledo	Corner lot - Across the street from 208 SE Fir St.	R-G	0.23 acres	\$ 21,640	\$ 4,870
12	11-10-19-00	900	Toledo	Between Critser Ln & Yaquina Bay Road	RR-5, DR	1.37 acres	\$ 79,650	\$ 9,500
13	11-10-28-00	300	Toledo	Elk City Road, portion of lot 3	T-C	2.50 acres	\$ 17,190	\$ 5,100
14	11-11-05-BA	13900	Newport	134 NW 15th Street	C-3	0.67 acres	\$ 972,220	\$ 450,000
15	11-11-31-AD	7500	South Beach	Pacific Shores, Lot 27.	R-1, UGB	0.17 acres	\$ 26,720	\$ 10,000
16	11-11-35-00	1300	Toledo	Approx. M/P 6.09 on S Bay Rd.	RR-5, DR	1.30 acres	\$ 56,220	\$ 12,500
17	13-12-36-AC	3401	Waldport	SW Fehrenbacher Drive	RR-2, DR	0.31 acres	\$ 151,180	\$ 117,740
18	14-12-14-BD	800	Yachats	South of NE Sunset St, Sunset View. Tax lot 800 & Tax lot 900 are being sold together.	R-1, RC	0.20 acres	\$ 14,160	\$ 10,120
	14-12-14-BD	900	Yachats		R-1, RC	0.20 acres	\$ 14,160	
19	14-12-26-BB	2300	Yachats	Windsong Heights -Common Space	R-1	1.10 acres	\$ 0	\$ 2,500
*20	14-12-27-AD	2502	Yachats	80 8th Street	R-1	0.11 acres	\$ 605,890	\$ 300,000

* SPECIAL CONDITIONS

2 Barricades will be removed from tax lot 100 by Lincoln County upon sale.

20 This property is currently occupied. Legal proceedings, by purchaser, will be required to remove occupant.

Waldport beats Toledo to start league play

WILL LOHRE
Lincoln County Leader

The annual “Fight for the Fish” went Waldport’s way, as the Irish bested the Boomers 44-6 at Toledo High School on Oct. 9. The Irish delivered a dominant performance, earning bragging rights and the “Fight for the Fish” trophy.

It was a packed house at Toledo High School, and the Irish got the game started with a 13-yard rushing touchdown from Jake Carlson. Neither team could take control through the first frame, and the score stood 6-0 heading into the second.

The Irish would strike again, though. This time, freshman Quintin Coordes broke free from the defense for a 54-yard rushing touchdown, and a two-point conversion pushed them up 14-0. The stifling Irish defense forced a punt, and Carlson capitalized again, running in his second TD of the night from just three yards out. Another two-point conversion by Daniel Segaline gave Waldport a 22-0 lead going into halftime.

In the third, Waldport forced another punt, and the Irish drove the field to press their advantage. Segaline found the pay dirt again, punching in a 20-yard rushing touchdown to pair with his two point conversions from the first half. Trailing 30-0, Toledo finally

answered back when senior Riley Tyler caught a 20-yard touchdown pass to get points on the board.

A failed inside kick gave the Irish good field position, and Carlson needed little room to wriggle into the end zone from seven yards out for his third and final touchdown of the night. Things were going Waldport’s way, and an interception on the next possession kept the momentum going in their direction. Junior Joseph Huffman added Waldport’s final touchdown, and Segaline punched in another two-point conversion to give the Irish a hard-earned 44-6 win.

Not only was the Fish on the line in the matchup. The matchup had league implications as the kickoff of 2A Special District 3 football. The Irish enter their next game against Oakridge 1-0 in league and 3-2 overall. Meanwhile, the Boomer will look to bounce back against Central Linn, needing to break a two-game losing skid and return to the form that saw them start the season 3-0.

The Irish pose with the “Fight for the Fish” trophy, having beaten Toledo 44-6 in the rivalry game. (Courtesy photo from the Waldport Middle/High School Facebook page)



Taft lose wild game vs Tillamook

WILL LOHRE
Lincoln County Leader

It was a wild night at Voris Field, and the homecoming crowd’s electricity matched the action on the field. Taft ultimately lost 34-35, but the game was a whiplash-inducing back-and-forth affair that kept fans engaged for all 48 minutes.

In the first quarter, the Cheesemakers came out strong, putting up 12 points early to take a 12-0 lead. The second saw the Tigers rebound, and Lonnie West and Jorge Cruz found the end zone.

Cruz finished the night with three touchdowns, including a 15-yard reception, and two rushing scores. Quarterback Hayden Weiss threw two TD passes and finished with 266 passing yards on 19/33. Lonnie West carried the load as the Tigers’ lead back, finishing with 70 rushing yards and a second-quarter TD.

Thanks to the offensive surge and some hard-nosed defense, the Tigers carried a slim 13-12 lead into halftime. In the third, Taft put together a heck of a drive to take the lead. The Tigers started in



A photo of Corban Smith from Taft’s game against Warrenton. Against Tillamook, Smith was unstoppable, racking up 147 yards and a touchdown. (Courtesy photo from Lon French)

their own territory and held the ball for nearly nine minutes of game time, marching up the field and into the red zone. They punched in a hard-fought touchdown from about seven yards out to take a 19-12 lead. In the fourth, things hit

a fever pitch. Another Taft touchdown looked like it had all but sealed the game, giving the home team a 27-12 advantage, but the Cheesemakers had other plans. Tillamook scored two touchdowns and punched in both two-point conversions

to take a late 28-27 lead. Needing a big play to restore balance, junior Corban Smith answered the bell. Taft started the drive on their six-yard line, and with fog rolling over the field, Smith rolled through the defense. Finding space between

three defenders, Smith reeled in a catch at about the 40-yard line and took it the distance for a 94-yard touchdown that ignited the crowd. Smith was a weapon all night, finishing with seven catches for 147 yards and a game-breaking touchdown. He also finished second on the team in solo tackles, with five, right behind Hunter Hanson’s six.

Unfortunately, the Cheesemakers weren’t done. They got a big pass play that got them into Tiger territory, then punched in the touchdown with a run. The extra point gave Tillamook a 35-34 lead with just six seconds remaining. The Tigers ran a play to try to win it, but Tillamook hung tough to secure the Special District 1 victory.

Though it was a disappointing result, it was a battle until the final whistle, and the Tigers gave it all they had. The loss puts Taft at 0-3 in Special District 1, and 1-4 on the season, but it will be a game they can be proud of as they battle at the 4A level.

The Tigers will look to get back to winning ways in a non-league game against Molalla on Oct. 9.

Toledo High Cross Country is Back, and Breaking School Records

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The Toledo High cross country program has made a welcome come-back after a five-year hiatus, with a small but mighty team of runners. To get a dormant athletic program up and running takes a lot of effort, and in this case, many stepped up to make it happen. Recruiting an experienced coach, fund raising, and generating interest in running long distances were all part of

the process to get a team on the trails. After a season of volunteer coaching the distance runners for the 2026 Toledo track team, Toledo resident Jerry Marsh was happy to step into the role. Marsh brings a wealth of cross country and distance running knowledge to the team. Marsh, who ran cross country and track for the UCLA Bruins, went on to run in the Olympic Trials and was selected to be on two

National teams to represent the USA, is excited to share his love and experience of the sport with his athletes. A group of Toledo alumni worked to bring back the Paul Boyer Memorial Fun Run over



the summer with the goal of fund raising for the cross country team, and honoring legendary Toledo High School teacher and coach, Paul Boyer. Many came out to support the cause, and as luck would have it,

incoming coach Marsh won the race. The Toledo team roster consists of sophomores Zoey Welch, and Andrew Peters, and juniors Holly Pettis, Elijah Jones, Jim Chambers and Chaytonn Savage. These committed athletes can be found running the roads of Toledo, or getting in hill training on the groomed trail behind the school. The hard work is paying off. At the recent Stayton/Regis Invitational Chaytonn

Savage ran away with the Toledo School Record in the 3,000m, which had been in place for the past 11 years. The whole team has made it into the Toledo Boomers all time top 10, with the boys now in places 1,5,8,9 and 10 on the list and the girls have places 4 and 5 on the girl’s list. With half the season still left, the Boomers will continue to put in the practice and make every race count as they pursue new PRs.