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GET OUT THE VOTE EDITION



LOCAL NO KINGS 3 RALLY AND PROTEST HELPS MAKE HISTORY

Lincoln City, OR— With a final attendance count of nearly 600 lining Highway 101, local residents made their opinions clear on March 28th: This is America and we don't do kings.



Our Indivisible Lincoln City NO KINGS 3 protest was one of more than 3300 in cities, towns, and communities across the country ... and the globe. And the overall attendance smashed records for the event. Held every few months, the gatherings have

grown from an estimated 5 million at NO KINGS 1 last June to 7 million at last October's NO KINGS 2 to more than 8 million at NO KINGS 3.

The protest along Hwy. 101 was preceded by a high-octane program held at the Lincoln City Congregational Church. Following a sing-a-long opening by the newly formed Indivisible Lincoln City Resistance Singers, Oregon Rep. David Gombert caught us up on the still-tenuous ICE situation in our area and spoke about the importance of us staying engaged. US Rep. Val Hoyle was scheduled to speak but was, unfortunately, called back to Washington, DC, at the last minute for the DHS funding fight.



Following an inspiring introduction by ILC organizer Shar Walbaum and a pertinent reading of Mark Twain by Pastor Mike Grogan, other speakers commented on a range of topics: We Must all Stand Up (Mike Ponder); a letter to the editor entitled Dear

Senator Anderson (Jay Roelof); Our First Patriots (Cathie Rigby); Immigration Stories (Rev. Katie Hudak); Denmark and the Nazis (Ken Sund); Oregon's Forests in the Crosshairs (Rebecca Stone); and Media Matters (Cheri Brubaker).



Wrapping up, Mayor Susan Wahlke read the newly passed resolution against ICE forming a base of operations here.

To watch the program, shot by Ann Chung, online, visit:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4ljPkJj6GY&t=1180s>
and check out her cool protest video:
<https://www.instagram.com/p/DWcnzbugXpq/>

While some people become disillusioned with the efficacy of protests, there was nothing but enthusiasm on March 28th. Rallies and protests not only show strength in numbers and help counter disinformation, but they also show people that they are not alone. Watch this video of Oregon's NK3 rallies across the state and be inspired:

<https://thecoinchronicle.org/videos-oregon-rocks-no-kings-3/>



With persistence, we are on the way to the 11 million mark — or 3.5% of our US population — that political historians say it takes to overturn an authoritarian regime.

We are getting there!





HATS ARE A HIT AT NO KINGS 3

NOTES FROM THE KNITTERS and CROCHETERS: The Tale of the Red Hat

Marie Ballance, Lisa LoBello, Patti Burns, Sandra Cullenward, Ann Ferschweiler, Debra Beeler, and Patty Morgan all know how to wield a knitting needle or crochet hook ... or two. In fact, between selling their creations at the Wise Women event and the No Kings 3 rally, they raked in a cool \$785.

Their specialties for ILC include frog headbands, made by Sandra Cullenward. These are top sellers and haute couture at any protest. "The best sellers by far are the frog head bands that Sandy makes," says Morgan, who organizes the tables at the events. "We have sold out at both events."

Then there are the hats, available in a range of sizes, which can be accessorized by red hat tassel earrings and colorful LOVE MELTS ICE bracelets. Says Morgan, " We have a wide variety of hats



both knitted and crocheted. People love the variety available and no one hat seems more popular than another, and a mirror is provided to help people choose. We also added Ice Out pins for people who don't want to wear something on their heads."

The red tassel hats, which have become known as Melt the Ice hats, are show stoppers. It's not uncommon for people to ask about their significance. Morgan explains

that they provide handouts with the following: “The modern Melt the ICE hat is a red knitted cap with a pointed crown and braided tassel. It is modeled after a traditional Norwegian hat called a nisselue, worn during WW II. During the Nazi occupation of Norway (1940-1945), many people wore these red hats as a quiet, non-violent symbol of resistance and unity. The German occupation authorities later banned the hats because they had become a visible sign of defiance.” Today it is enjoying a revival as a symbol of solidarity and support of democracy.”

Donations of \$10 or \$20 are requested, with proceeds earmarked for Arcoíris Cultural, Conéxion Fénix, and Centro de Ayuda. “People usually hand me a \$20, and when I ask if they need change they usually say no,” Morgan notes.

Even if you don’t knit or crochet, the group, often referred to by Shar as “the Makers,” is always in need of volunteer help at the tables. Selling on the website is still being worked out.



Photos for above No Kings 3 stories by Ann Chung, Ann Fershweiler, Sally Tugman, Patty Morgan, and Rebecca Stone



JERRY'S 365th ANNIVERSARY!!!

By Ann Ferschweiler and Rebecca Stone

Sunday, April 12th, 2026, noon – One year ago, April 12th, 2025, noon, Jerry Conlogue walked up to the corner of Hwy 101 and NW 22nd with a handmade sign, reading “HANDS OFF THE VA.” Soon, another joined him. Then another and another until it became clear that this group wasn't going anywhere.

When asked what changes, if any, he's seen in the year he's been out here rain or shine, Jerry simply said, “More honks.” He also noted maybe fewer hand gestures right about the time someone drove by with a sign in the window saying, “Thanks for what you're doing.”

What started with one man determined to “do something” in response to the alarming actions of the Trump administration turned into a group of up to 15+ on any given day. Those who can spare an hour to join Jerry never go unnoticed or unappreciated.

It is an overwhelmingly positive experience, and you walk away feeling



better about the day and about yourself for taking the time to recognize what Jerry has done and will continue to do for all of us.

Photos by Ann Chung

GOTV Starts NOW!

In an effort to step on the gas as far as getting out the vote in our community, we've come up with a couple of strategies we hope you'll enjoy. Please join us!

Flower to the People

Flower Making Workshop

Fri, April 24th, 2 – 4 p.m.

Lincoln City Cultural Center, Makers' Place
540 NE Hwy 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367

Borrowing from the Veterans' red poppy message flower, celebrating spring & supporting worker's rights, join us to make Indivisible freedom paper flowers with message: VOTE. We'll leave on doorsteps of homes, give to businesses, and hand out to as many as we can before May 19th.

Materials provided to make simple paper flowers.
RSVP: indivisiblelcor@gmail.com

Hosted by Indivisible Lincoln City indivisiblelincolncityor.org



Photo by Fabrice Florin

Drivers for Democracy

ILC Car Trip!

Sat, May 2nd, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Start NE corner Safeway Parking lot
4039 NW Logan Rd, Lincoln City, OR 97367

Like a parade, but driving the speed limit.

Vehicles, festooned with **VOTE** signs, balloons, banners, & streamers, will drive through Lincoln City. We work our way south, through Otis, down the side streets of Roads End, Oceanlake, DeLake, Nelscott, and Taft.. (We have route planners!)

RSVP: sharwalbaum@gmail.com

Hosted by Indivisible Lincoln City indivisiblelincolncityor.org

LOOK TO YOUR LEFT, LOOK TO YOUR RIGHT

One of those people didn't vote in the last election. We **can't** let that happen this time. I wrote about NLP this morning, and here is more from Mary Cooke:

NEIGHBORHOOD LEADER PROGRAM

Be part of the most effective force in politics – simply by reaching out to your neighbors and asking them to VOTE. This is the guiding principle of Oregon's Neighborhood Leader Program, a grassroots **Get Out The Vote** program organized in partnership with Lincoln County Democrats.

The program is simple:

You tell us the address where you live and your contact information

We provide you with:

- a list of Democratic households in your chosen neighborhood
- a simple script to start a conversation about the importance of voting in the next elections: **Primary May 19, 2026** and **General Nov 4, 2026**
- an app for your phone to make it easy to contact your neighbors
- training and materials you need to encourage your neighbors to vote
- opportunities to become familiar with Democratic candidates and measures

Then you just visit or talk to 35 - 50 households and update the app with your results!

Are you interested?

Contact

Mary Cooke (509) 998-1754 / mkc6765@gmail.com

Amy Yarrington (503) 258-7555





IMPORTANT DATES



One fact emerged from a short exercise at the last meeting — most folks didn't know the date of the primary — May 19th. We must be aware, and make others aware, of crucial dates, especially for folks who want to mail in ballots. Many sites recommend that ballots be mailed by May 11th — if not earlier — to be counted.

Otherwise, per the Oregon Secretary of State, here are the important dates:

April 28: Last day to register to vote or change party affiliation. Registration cards postmarked by this date or submitted online no later than 11:59 pm are valid.

April 29: First day ballots are mailed to voters.

May 4: Your ballots should arrive.

May 11: Mail in your ballot in order for it to be postmarked in time.

May 19: Election day from 7 am to 8 pm. Ballots must be postmarked by this date or dropped off in drop-off box

June 25: Election results certified.



THE CANDIDATES SPEAK

THREE BOC CANDIDATES ATTEND MARCH ILC MEETING

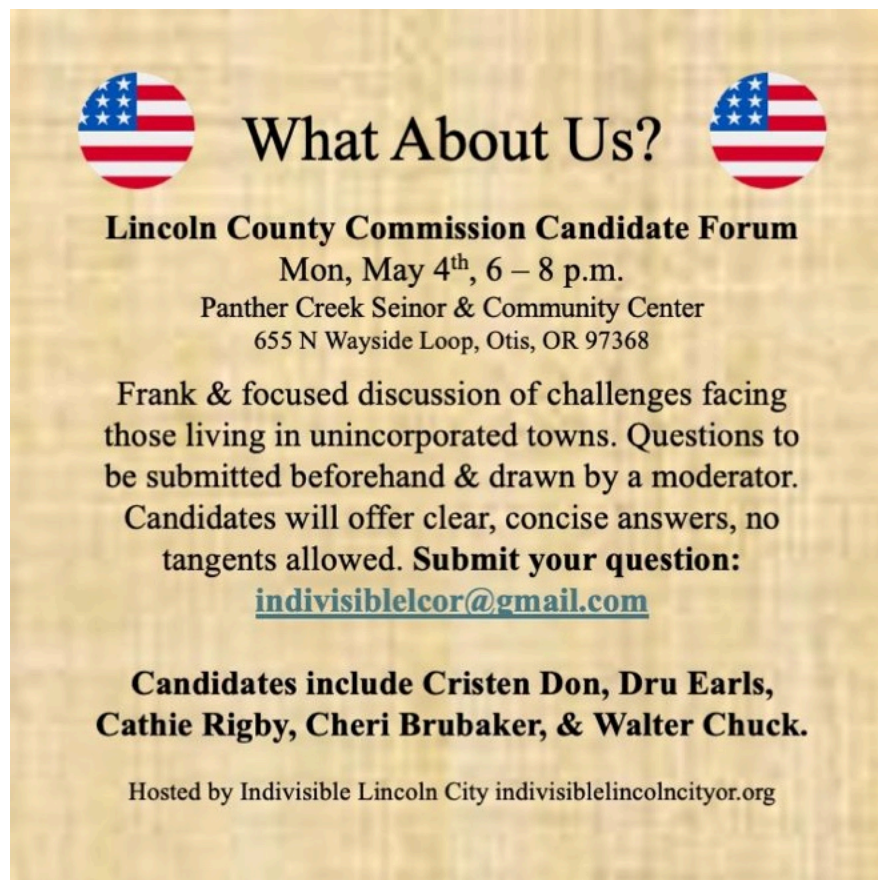
By Shar Walbaum



ILC'S March 31st meeting centered on learning more about some of the candidates who are running to fill three positions on the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. Cathie Rigby, Cristen Don, and Walter Chuck (shown in that order) graciously told us about themselves and answered a slew of questions from members.

Regarding candidates, we need to continue to ask tough questions and to persist until we get answers. That is the only way candidates will believe that we are paying attention. Read, listen, ask questions.

CANDIDATE FORUM FOR THOSE LIVING OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS

To ensure that the concerns and needs of seniors and others living in unincorporated areas of Lincoln County get addressed, we are hosting a candidate forum — *What About Us?*



 **What About Us?** 

Lincoln County Commission Candidate Forum
Mon, May 4th, 6 – 8 p.m.
Panther Creek Senior & Community Center
655 N Wayside Loop, Otis, OR 97368

Frank & focused discussion of challenges facing those living in unincorporated towns. Questions to be submitted beforehand & drawn by a moderator. Candidates will offer clear, concise answers, no tangents allowed. **Submit your question:**
indivisiblelcor@gmail.com

Candidates include Cristen Don, Dru Earls, Cathie Rigby, Cheri Brubaker, & Walter Chuck.

Hosted by Indivisible Lincoln City indivisiblelincolncityor.org

THE FIVE BOC CANDIDATES THAT WILL BE THERE:

Position 1 (vs. Casey Miller)

Cathie Rigby

CathieRigby.com

Photo/Lynetta Richardson



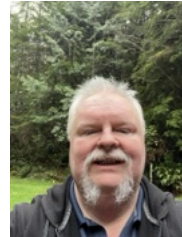
Cheri Brubaker

Voteforcheri.com



Dru Earls

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577715141678>



Position 2 (vs. Marci Baker)

Cristen Don

Electcristendon.com

Photo/Lynetta Richardson



Pos. 3 (vs. Curtis Landers)

Walter Chuck

Walterforlincolncounty.com

Photo/Lynetta Richardson



AND DON'T FORGET:

League of Women Voters Lincoln County

**VIRTUAL
CANDIDATE FORUM:**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

6:00–8:00pm



<https://oregoncoast.zoom.us/j/97787747398>

More info at lwvlincolncounty.org



YOUR MAILED BALLOT MAY NOT BE COUNTED... UNLESS

The US Supreme Court's conservative majority is skeptical of mail-in voting processes that allow ballots to be counted when they arrive after Election Day. According to a story by Jamie Goldberg that was recently published in the Oregonian, that could spell trouble for Oregonians who wait till the last minute to vote — even if ballots are postmarked in time.

Goldberg notes that postmark delays, due to changes in mail distribution and processing could make it particularly difficult for voters in rural areas to ensure their ballots are counted. This is especially true for Lincoln County residents, whose mail must now go to Portland for a postmark. And as a result of federal government downsizing, postmarking delays are more likely. Because of this, a ballot sent in by May 19th won't get postmarked on time. Assume it will take a week or more.

Tess Seger, a spokesperson for Oregon Secretary of State's Office, advises, "...the absolute best thing to do is fill out your ballot and return it as soon as possible."

To be safe, follow these recommendations:

1. Drop your ballot in the election drop box (the one for Lincoln City is now in front of the Lincoln City Driftwood Library and City Hall) before or by 8 pm on election day.

2. If mailing:

- take mail to counter & request a manual hand stamp.

or

- mail **at least** one week before deadline – **Monday, May 11th.**

In addition, in June, the Supreme Court will decide whether late-arriving ballots can be counted as they have been in Oregon. Keep an eye on that.

<https://lincolnchronicle.org/supreme-court-could-bar-late-arriving-mailed-ballots-heres-what-that-would-mean-for-oregon-voters/>

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Editor's note: Donald Trump just posted an image of himself on Truth Social as, apparently, Jesus, laying hands on someone (looking suspiciously like Jon Stewart) with admirers looking on and soldiers and heavenly creatures bursting out of the sky overhead. It seems to have riled up the Magaverse, many of whom see this as blasphemous. This, along with Pete Hegseth's invoking Divine purpose and holding prayer meetings within our military, and the current proliferation of Christian Nationalism and Evangelical belief of a soon-to-be-coming Rapture, has nothing to do with our Constitution — but could have everything to do with our lives. Below, Shar Walbaum shares her thoughts on this type of extremism.

Charismatic Christian Extremists & The End of the World

By Shar Walbaum

New Apostolic Reformation

Charismatic Christianity is a religion that embraces a complex view of the end of the world. The “end-times” are described in Revelations, a book in the New Testament of the Christian Bible. I know good people who embrace this religion and the world view that follows from it. I do not share it. Out of the love and respect for them, I have done my best over many years to be respectful. And quiet.

That changes now.

This world view has led some citizens in our country to work toward the end of the world. I am not talking about all Charismatic Christians, but extremists who share these beliefs. They have worked for it because they believe it is what they should do. They believe that the end of the world means they will be raptured, gathered up to heaven. But, working — and voting — for forces that will create chaos, and foster death, destruction, and hate cannot be right.

It can't be.

It cannot be right to feel joy at war. It cannot be right to watch with self-righteous satisfaction as soldiers are deployed against citizens or defenseless people are bombed or girls, women, and people of color are returned to second class status. It cannot be right to stand by as poor families grow hungrier or poor children get sicker or our wild places are destroyed.

It just can't be.

My parents taught me what it means to be a good person. The variety of Christian churches I attended as a child - Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Catholic - also taught me about what makes a good person. They all agreed that it means being honest, respecting others, caring for the vulnerable, being fair, welcoming strangers, loving all humans, and fostering peace. I have tried to live according to these teachings.

There is nothing right about what is happening now. So, I say this to friends and loved ones who are Charismatic Christians, maybe you chose Trump out of deep religious belief. But, now you can see that he is bringing hardship, pain, and chaos to real people and real families, here and abroad. Take responsibility. Help save people. Save this country we love.

It is the right thing to do.



LOVE MELTS ICE Rally & Fundraiser

Lincoln County Indivisible groups are hosting LOVE MELTS ICE, a rally and benefit concert, in front of Newport City Hall on Saturday, April 18th, 3 – 6 p.m. Local musicians will perform on the lawn in front of city hall while rally participants protest ICE's illegal and immoral actions along SW Hwy 101.

The concert aims to raise funds in support of community members who face multiple threats from ICE. Some of the most negative impacts have been economic due to the loss of work, costs of transportation to INS

offices, and the need to hire immigration attorneys. Musicians include the Daray Baye Fall Senegalese drummers, acoustic guitarist Dylan Crawford, singer/songwriter/guitarist Barbara Lee Turrill, and Irish music band Pipedance.

Lincoln County organizations that work directly with the Latino/Mesoamerican communities will be receiving the funds raised by LOVE MELTS ICE include Conéxion Fénix, Centro de Ayuda, and Arcoíris Cultural. These organizations promote cultural awareness and provide support services despite the effects of DHS policies, ICE actions, and federal funding cuts.



•**WHAT:** *LOVE MELTS ICE Rally & Fundraiser*

•**WHEN:** Saturday, April 18th, 3 – 6 p.m.

•**WHERE:** Newport City Hall lawn and SW Hwy. 101

169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365

(parking available at city hall or on side streets)

•**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

Anyone who wants to support the Latino and Mesoamerican communities who live on the Oregon Coast.

Anyone who thinks that law-abiding people who are in this country legally should not be threatened, arrested, or detained.

Anyone who thinks that DHS policies and ICE practices have hurt families and communities.

RSVP: <https://mobilize.us/s/gJts8j>

•**WHAT TO BRING**

Signs, streamers, balloons, puppets, bubbles, bells, flags, kazoos, costumes. Come ready to practice nonviolent resistance.



ILC Now Has a PO Box!

ILC's new Post Office Box is situated in Neotsu because they had a small one available. It may be useful in various ways, but it was prompted by One Community.

For letters:

Indivisible Lincoln City

BOX 95

Neotsu, OR 97364

For packages, the street address is vital. If packages only include a box number, they will be returned to sender. (This is a new policy.)

Indivisible Lincoln City

4994 N HWY 101

BOX 95 Neotsu, OR 97364

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming events, workshops, or training sessions

April 18: Love Melts Ice Rally and Fundraiser. In Newport on Hwy 101, in front of the city hall, from 3 to 6 pm.

April 24: Freedom Flower-making session from 2 to 4 pm at the Cultural Center, Maker's Room in the basement, 540 NE Hwy 101, Lincoln City

April 28: League of Women Voters Lincoln County's Virtual Forum for BOC Candidates. 6 to 8 pm; <https://oregoncoast.zoom.us/j/97787747398>. For more information, visit: lwvlincolncounty.org.

May 2: ILC Get Out the Vote Car Trip, 11:30 am-1 pm. Meet at NE corner of Safeway parking lot, 4039 NW Logan Rd., Lincoln City

May 5: Mail in your ballots to ensure they are postmarked in time

May 19: VOTE... but vote earlier! Also deadline to put ballots in drop box by 8 pm

May 28: ILC Meeting, 5-7 pm at Oregon Coast Community College.

ONGOING ACTIONS

Don't forget the Epstein Files

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