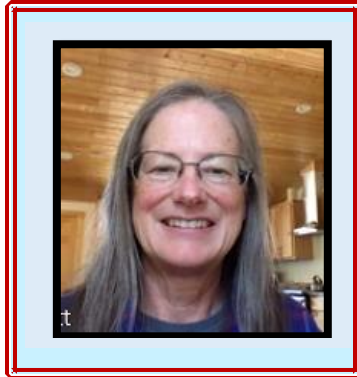


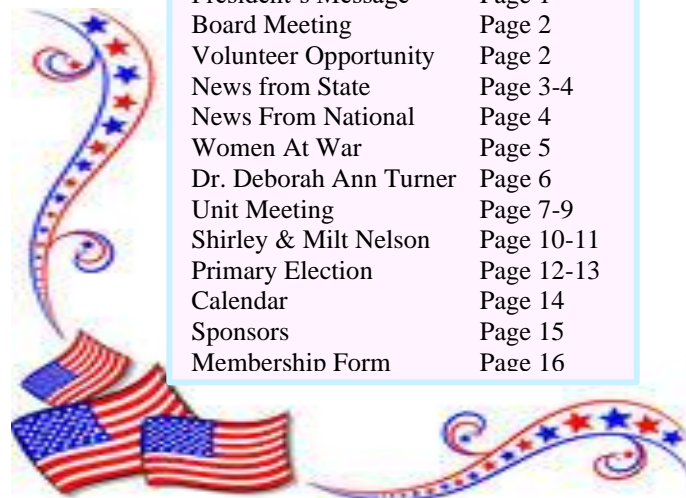
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Hello members of the League of Women Voters of Curry County!

- ♥ I hope everyone is staying dry these rainy days.
- ♥ We have had 54 inches of rain in January at our house up in the hills east of Brookings.
- ♥ I hope some of you were able to attend the movie, "An Oregon Story," that was shown at the library in Gold Beach on February 1.
- ♥ The movie documents some of the land conservation that has taken place in Oregon.
- ♥ On March 7, we will have a panel discussion about the homeless situation in Curry County.
- ♥ This discussion also will be held at the library in Gold Beach.
- ♥ The discussion will focus on the county wide situation and solutions.
- ♥ We are gearing up for our candidate forums.
- ♥ Someone from the board will be contacting you to see how you can help with these forums.
- ♥ There are many tasks to accomplish so we will need volunteers in each part of the county, Port Orford, Gold Beach, and Brookings. **Stay dry!**

Respectfully, Louise Abbott
President, LWVCC



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Summary of the December LWVCC Board meeting held January 8, 2024, via Zoom.

- ✓ Board members attending:
 - * Louise Abbott, Susan Barke, Karen Cunningham, Debra Worth, and Alyce Prudden.
- ✓ The minutes of the December 11, 2023, board meeting were approved.
- ✓ The financial report for December 2023 was approved.
- ✓ Plans have been initiated for the nomination committee to begin working on finding individuals to run for the following positions on the board: vice president, treasurer and three-at-large board directors.
- ✓ The next meeting will focus on candidate forum planning.



The next LWVCC board meeting will be February 12th from 12-2pm via zoom.



Curry County LWV members, here is an opportunity to volunteer!

- ✎ Permit me to introduce myself.
- ✎ I am Jean Pierce, the Social Policy Coordinator for **LWVOR**.
- ✎ I need your help in identifying someone from your League who might serve on an ad hoc statewide K-12 Education Position task force.
- ✎ I've discovered that the Oregon League does not have a K-12 position which would permit us to take action on charter schools, a statewide minimum teacher salary, class size, collective bargaining, state assessments, career education, and other issues which are being addressed by the legislature.
- ✎ I am pulling together a group of League members who would be willing to help me examine K-12 education positions of other state Leagues to determine whether one might be proposed for concurrence at the **2025 LWVOR Convention**.

Proposed timeline:

- ➡ Through January 2024 - helping to recruit volunteers.
- ➡ February - September 2024 - info collection from local leagues, national research.
- ➡ October - January 2025 - consolidating info into a report, including concurrence proposal.
- ➡ February - June 2025 - if the Board approves the proposal, campaigning for statewide concurrence at the June 2025 convention.

✎ I truly appreciate your help with identifying potential task force members, Jean Pierce



Let someone from the **LWVCC** board know if you are interested in participating.
Thank you, Louise Abbott



- The Winter 2024 LWVOR Voter Newsletter is packed with interesting information.
- Here are some of the highlights. Enjoy looking forward *and* looking back.
- Looking ahead & upcoming events noted in the newsletter include three that focus on youth engagement.



FEBRUARY – Oregon Youth Summit:

- ➔ League members are invited to join Happy Valley Youth Council in partnership with Lake Oswego Youth Leadership Council for the annual youth summit.
- ➔ The Oregon Youth Summit is a platform for guided discussions as Youth Councils/Advisory Boards are encouraged to voice their ideas and share ways in which their members are making an impact in their local community.
- ➔ This forum will offer youth an opportunity to exchange diverse opinions on matters of importance to their peer group in a safe and non-judgmental atmosphere, focusing on youth mental health and well-being.
- ➔ The date is February 2, 2024. For more information, contact LWV of Marion/Polk at lwvmc@gmail.com.

MARCH – LWVOR Youth Civic Engagement Summit:

- ➔ This event was scheduled for January, but it was postponed due to hazardous weather conditions.
- ➔ The LWVOR Youth Civic Engagement Summit has been rescheduled for March 8, 2024.
- ➔ For more information about this hybrid event, check the event page at <https://www.lwvor.org/events-1/youth-civic-engt-agreement-summit>.

SPRING & FALL – Oregon Student Mock Election (OSME):

- ➔ The state league will be hosting Oregon Student Mock Election (OSME) for both the May Primary and November General Elections in 2024. OSME helps students, grades 6-12, recognize the real-world relevance of civics education.
- ➔ For the May Primary, the deadline for educators to register is May 5, 2024. More information is available at <https://www.lwvor.org/mock-election>.





LOOKING AHEAD - LWVOR Council 2024 is scheduled for May 17-19 in Newport:

- ➔ **LWVOR** Council is a biennial event for state leaders to network, brainstorm, attend caucuses and workshops, hold elections, and enjoy the company of like-minded people dedicated to empowering voters and defending democracy.
- ➔ The focus will be on local, state, and national issues.
- ➔ More information can be found at <https://www.lwvor.org/council-2024>.
- ➔ For accommodations, the Holiday Inn Express Newport is offering a group rate of \$139.00 for a double room with reservations available through:
<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/newport/onpor/hoteldetail>

LOOKING BACK - the newsletter featured a spotlight:

- ➔ Lifetime member Shirley Nelson and her husband Milt, both former presidents of our local league. (See separate article.)
- ➔ The newsletter also included photos from **LWVOR'S** November 2023 Legislative Process Day, as well as an article about the historic National Votes for Women Trail, which was submitted by Rogue Valley league member Jim Buck.
- ➔ As he explained, this is a project of The National Collaborative for Women's History Sites, and its purpose is to collect sites from all over our country to tell the untold story of suffrage for all women, of all ethnicities, that extends well past the passage of the 19th amendment.
- ➔ There's even one in Medford.
- ➔ The project's website is <https://ncwhs.org/votes-for-women-trail>.
- ➔ The full **LWVOR** newsletter is available at <https://www.lwvor.org/post/voter-newsletter-winter-2024>



- The League's 104th birthday is coming up on February 14.
- The League will commemorate the 104-year legacy of the League by shining a spotlight on a few first-time voters: young people in high school and college.
- On February 14th, the national league will present a panel discussion with partner organizations on how we can serve these first-time voters – welcoming them into the world of lifetime voters to find their voice in our political system.
- You can register for the panel at <https://web.cvent.com/event/1d94a2b2-42f8-4363-99d2-8fd61abc5237/summary>





**Women At War: Revolutionary War, by Susan Barke
Sybil Ludington (b.4-5-1761 d. 2-26-1839)**

"The Female Paul Revere of the American Revolution"



In Carmel, New York, stands a dramatic statue of 16-year-old Sybil Ludington atop her horse screaming and waving a stick which she used to knock on doors alerting many of a British attack. She was obscured in history until in 1961 when the Daughters of the American Revolution commissioned noted sculptor Anna Hyatt Huntington to replicate Ludington in bronze.

Sybil was born the oldest of twelve children. Her father, Colonel Henry Ludington, had served in the British military for over sixty years but switched sides to the patriot cause. When the Revolutionary War began, Colonel Ludington served as a commander in the local county militia. On April 26, 1777 (just days after Sybil's 16th birthday), Colonel Ludington was alerted that the town of Danbury, Connecticut was being attacked and burned by British General Wm Tyron and his 2,000 troops, who sought to capture the arms and ammunition stockpile in the town. Upon receiving this news, Colonel Ludington knew that he needed to gather his men to go and defend the nearby towns and homes against the advancing British armies. However, the Colonel's men (around 400) had disbanded for the season and were scattered around the region in their respective farms and homesteads.

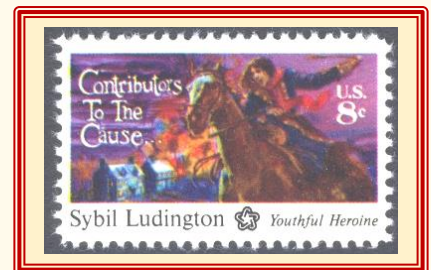
After hearing this, Sybil hopped on her horse and took off, bearing the news that the town of Danbury was being attacked. Sybil road through the night alerting the Colonel's men of the attack. She rode almost forty miles in the dark woods, and through heavy rain. The distance she rode was almost triple the length of Paul Revere's famous ride made two years earlier, and unlike Revere she was never captured. By the time Sybil made it back home, the regiment had gathered and were ready to march. Although Colonel Ludington's troops arrived too late to aid the defense of Danbury, they did confront the departing British and drive them back to Long Island Sound. In the end, Sybil's heroic efforts were greatly appreciated by her community. George Washington and Alexander Hamilton even personally delivered their thanks to the young teenager.

In 1784, Sybil married Edmund Ogden, who had served as a sergeant during the Revolutionary War. The couple lived in Catskill, New York and had one child, Henry, named after Sybil's father. When Edmund died in 1799 from yellow fever, Sybil purchased a tavern and was able to aid Henry in becoming a lawyer; he later was elected to the New York State Assembly. Sybil passed away on February 26, 1839, at the age of 77, and was buried alongside her father. In 1974, Sybil Ludington was put on a series of commemorative stamps issues for the United States' bicentennial honoring the recognized heroes of the Revolution War.

Sources: The American Battlefield Trust, Historic America, and Smithsonian National Postal Museum

A poem was written by Benton Bradley in 1940 similar to the Longfellow poem "Paul Revere's Ride".

*"Listen my children, and you shall hear
Of a lovely feminine Paul Revere
Who rode an equally famous ride
Through a different part of the countryside,
Where Sybil Ludington's name recalls
A ride as daring as that of Paul's"*





By Shannon Augustus
League Mourns Loss of LWVUS President
Dr. Deborah Ann Turner

- ♥ WASHINGTON — It is with profound sadness that the League of Women Voters announces the passing of our esteemed president, Dr. Deborah Ann Turner, who passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2024, from complications from a pulmonary embolism.
- ♥ A fearless advocate for voting rights and women’s rights, Dr. Turner devoted her life’s work to impacting meaningful changes in the lives of voters across the nation. As the 20th president of the 103-year-old voting rights organization, Dr. Turner played a pivotal role in fighting for a more fair and representative union, while uplifting racial equity in the League’s mission work.
- ♥ Dr. Turner first joined the League of Women Voters of Metro Des Moines in 2010 and later served as president until 2015. At the same time, she also served on the LWV of Iowa board as the state vice president from 2011 to 2015, becoming co-president in 2015. In her dual roles with state and local Leagues, Deborah has devoted her leadership to strengthening relationships between local leagues and the state Board.
- ♥ “Dr. Turner was the consummate leader who poured her heart and soul for the preservation of our democracy,” said **Virginia Kase Solomón, CEO of the League of Women Voters**. “Her leadership exemplified grace, empathy, strength, and determination, and we will forever be grateful for her passion and dedication to this organization.”
- ♥ Dr. Turner practiced gynecologic oncology for 35 years, working directly with patients and teaching students and trained residents in university programs across the Midwest. She participated in a dozen international medical missions and served as the associate medical director of Planned Parenthood of North Central States.
- ♥ The League of Women Voters staff, board, and Leagues from across the country mourn this loss, and our thoughts are with Dr. Turner’s family during this difficult time. We are committed to honoring her legacy by continuing to uphold our values to empower voters and build a stronger, more inclusive democracy.



SOUTH COUNTY UNIT MEETING



- The LWVCC South County Unit kicked off 2024 with a meeting held January 18th from 2 to 3 pm.
- The hybrid meeting included four individuals who gathered in person at the Chetco Library in Brookings plus half a dozen others from throughout the county who attended via Zoom.
- The discussion was led by Rev. Sister Cora Lea Rose, Esq., who spoke about legal aid issues for low income and unhoused individuals in Curry County.

THE SPEAKER:

- ◆ Sister Cora, a Brookings native, is a member of LWVCC. She was a National Merit Scholar while at Brookings-Harbor High School.
- ◆ After graduating from U.C. Berkeley School of Law in 2012, Sister Cora began her career in San Francisco working for various legal aid organizations. In 2019, she returned to Brookings and was admitted to the Oregon State Bar. Sister Cora also attended the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, graduating in 2020. In 2021, she was ordained to the public ministry roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), becoming the first female lawyer-deacon in that church's tradition. She has since been received into the Deaconess Community of the ELCA.
- ◆ In 2022, Sister Cora joined the advocacy team working at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Brookings, creating its legal aid ministry. "My work through the legal advocacy ministry at St. Timothy's focuses on hope and human rights," she said. As Sister Cora explained, she helps those in need get "access to enough food, hygiene, shelter and a way out of snowballing poverty" by "accompanying people in navigating resources and public benefits and finding a way forward to achieve goals and a stronger sense of belonging." Her faith teaches that "we must work for the dignity of every person and uphold human rights."
- ◆ In 2023, in recognition of Sister Cora's work, the Oregon Bar Association's New Lawyers Division presented Sister Cora with its 2023 Public Service Award.

THE PRESENTATION:

- ◆ After talking a little about her work, Sister Cora spoke about two significant potential reforms currently taking shape to help low-income individuals with food and housing assistance. She also discussed a way for League members to promote higher voting participation in the county.

1. Food Assistance Expansion

- ◆ As Sister Cora explained in the first part of her talk, Oregon is poised to expand its statewide Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- ◆ SNAP gives eligible low-income households extra food-purchasing assistance. Benefits are provided via an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card. The SNAP program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and administered by individual states.
- ◆ SNAP benefits can be used only for eligible food items. In most states, that excludes prepared food, including restaurant meals. But the USDA has long offered states an option called the Restaurant Meals Program (RMP), which allows the use of benefits to purchase prepared food for certain SNAP clients, such as those unable to prepare meals due to disabilities or lack of housing.
- ◆ Legislation authorizing Oregon's opt-in to the RMP will be offered in the upcoming short legislative session, which begins February 5th. The bill will be carried by Senator Wlmsvey Campos.



- ◆ Sister Cora expressed optimism and excitement about this possible expansion of SNAP in Oregon. It would add flexibility to the program, help eligible individuals who lack the means to cook, and boost local stores and restaurants. For current SNAP vendors, the transition would be seamless, because eligibility information is embedded in the EBT chip. New vendors would need to acquire EBT readers and undergo minimal training, perhaps with the help of community partners. Attendees at the meeting offered several suggestions for partners, including Southwest Oregon Community College, the Small Business Association, the Community Advisory Councils, and possibly even LWVCC.
- ◆ State-wide organizations devoted to food assistance include the Partnership for a Hunger-Free Oregon: (<https://oregonhunger.org>) and the Oregon Hunger Task Force (<https://www.oregonhungertaskforce.org>).

2. Housing Assistance

- ◆ Sister Cora next spoke about the prospects for expanding low-income housing opportunities locally. As she noted, two federal agencies are involved: the USDA, through its Rural Development arm, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD offers two types of housing assistance: public housing and a voucher program (Housing Choice Voucher, also called Section 8). There is no public housing in Curry County.
- ◆ The Section 8 program provides vouchers for housing in the private rental market. This program is for low-income individuals, families, the elderly and the disabled. The tenant pays about one-third of the fair market rent and the agency contributes the remainder. There is a waiting list to get a voucher; once received, the voucher must be used within the short deadline or forfeited.
- ◆ The program is administered through local public housing agencies. Ours is North Bend City/Coos-Curry Counties Housing Authorities.
- ◆ For Curry County, the problem is an insufficient inventory of properties that fall within the program's parameters. In Sister Cora's words, it's a "mathematical miracle" when a voucher recipient can find a rental house or apartment that fits under the rental cap.
- ◆ One way to address this problem is to expand the types of housing that qualify for vouchers, to include options like mobile homes and shared housing. HUD allows the use of vouchers for those types of housing. (For shared housing, the tenant must have a private bathroom.)
- ◆ To add options like shared housing to its inventory, the local agency must opt in, which is accomplished by revising its administrative plan. Our agency's director, Matthew Vorderstrasse, is interested in doing so.
- ◆ If you'd like to support these efforts, you can email the agency at info@ccnbchas.org. Sister Cora also suggests that empty-nesters consider home-sharing. (See <https://www.homeshareoregon.org>.) Additionally, outreach would be needed to potential renters, including veterans and young adults aging out of the foster care system.

3. Voter Registration Assistance

- ◆ The third topic that Sister Cora discussed was increasing voter participation through voter registration assistance.
- ◆ Under Oregon law, voters must provide both a mailing address and a residence address on the voter registration form. The mailing address is for receiving ballots; the residence address is for determining the district where the voter is eligible to vote. These requirements can present obstacles both to unhoused citizens and to those who don't feel safe disclosing their home address. But as Sister Cora explained, those hurdles to voter registration can be overcome.



- ◆ For unhoused citizens, their residential address for voter registration can be any definable location in the county that describes their physical location, such as a shelter, park, or motor home parking spot. For their mailing address, they can use the county clerk’s office and pick up their ballots there. There are other alternatives in Curry County for receiving ballots (and other mail) for those who cannot afford a post office box; pre-enrollment is required, however. They include the Curry Homeless Coalition (<https://curryhomelesscoalition.org>); the Brookings Community Resource Response (CORE; <https://brookingscoreresponse.org>); and St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (www.sttimothyepiscopal.org).
- ◆ There are also prospective voters who need to keep their home address confidential out of concern for their personal safety; examples include those in witness protection and victims of domestic abuse. Under certain circumstances, a voter can register and vote while keeping their home address private. A one-page application to do so is available online from the Oregon Secretary of State’s office, at <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/homeless-confidential.aspx>.
- ◆ Also noted were real or perceived obstacles faced by other populations, such as felons and people with intellectual disabilities.
- ◆ Suggestions were then offered for ways we can educate prospective voters about their voting rights and avenues for overcoming obstacles to registration. The suggestions included posting the information at the local office of the Department of Human Services (DHS) and having the League create an information packet.
- ◆ The hour-long meeting was fast-paced, informative, and uplifting. Many thanks to Sister Cora and to all who attended.
- ◆ Suggestions were then offered for ways we can educate prospective voters about their voting rights and avenues for overcoming obstacles to registration. The suggestions included posting the information at the local office of the Department of Human Services (DHS) and having the League create an information packet.



Central County Unit Meeting

- ◆ **The meeting was held at the Landing in Gold Beach, January 26, 2024**
- ◆ **Those attending:**
 - ✓ Anne Morgan
 - ✓ Charlene Enoch
 - ✓ Karol Simas
 - ✓ Phil Dickson
 - ✓ Cindy Ricks
 - ✓ Lucie La Bonte

The group had a round table discussing:

- ◆ Fair Board appointments and issues, Observing County Commissioners in the past in Coos and Curry County, Upcoming Candidate Forums, experiences participation in the past forum on Home Rule and how to respond to hostile people.
- ◆ The group would like to host a speaker on the new Climate Change Policy that the US Forest Service has adopted at the February last Friday meeting February 23, 4PM the Landing.
- ◆ The group is also looking forward to the LWVCC Land Use Forum, February 1 and LWVCC Homeless Forum March 7.



In the Winter 2024 LWVOR Voter Newsletter, the member spotlight was on Shirley Nelson. Here's a summary of that engaging article, prepared by Alyce Prudden.



- ♥ Shirley and her husband Milt Nelson are both longtime league members. Shirley joined in 1967 and has been a member ever since. In 1974, when the League first admitted men as members, Milt signed right up and he'll be celebrating 50 years of lifetime membership this year.
- ♥ Shirley was born in 1933 in a small town near Puget Sound in Washington. The family later moved to Mount Vernon, where Shirley graduated as her high school's valedictorian in a class of 115 students. Pursuing her interest in journalism, Shirley attended Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. She met Milt in a journalism class there. Milt later changed his major to theology, and she changed hers, too. In pursuit of their new majors, they both moved to Washington as juniors to attend the College (now University) of Puget Sound.
- ♥ Shirley and Milt were married in Mount Vernon in August of 1954 and graduated the following spring.
- ♥ In June 1967, the Nelsons moved to Medford with their three young sons. They later adopted an African American girl who was just turning five. Milt was one of three ministers of the Methodist Church there. Milt's church job ended, but they stayed in Medford to let their children finish school in one place. Milt worked for various social service organizations, always involved in helping people.
- ♥ Meanwhile, Shirley was hired as an aide in a second-grade classroom. The experience inspired her to obtain her Oregon Teaching Certificate. She went on to teach for some 20 years.
- ♥ In Medford, Shirley joined two organizations that she loved and served for many years. One was the library's Storytelling Guild and other was the League of Women Voters.
- ♥ Shirley served on the local league's board. She also frequently hosted an evening unit in her living room with two other teacher friends who lived nearby. The meetings were advertised, and sometimes several more people, both men and women, would join for discussion of a timely topic.
- ♥ In 1970, the League President asked Shirley if she would go to the National LWV Convention in her stead. And so, while Milt managed their four small children, Shirley did just that. She even said a few words on the convention floor about a proposed study.
- ♥ In 1995, Shirley and Milt retired and moved to a newly built house in Port Orford. There they immediately became active in historic preservation and interpretation; Shirley also published several books, mostly historical.





- ♥ Both before and after retirement, Shirley and Milt traveled extensively. They have visited all 50 states, most of the Canadian provinces, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, some of the Caribbean Islands, Ecuador, about 25 European countries, Australia, and the British Isles.
- ♥ While living in Port Orford, the Nelsons were very active in the League of Women Voters of Curry County. Shirley and Milt each served two-year terms as **LWVCC** President. At that time, Shirley was also on the state league's board. Locally, Shirley served as **LWVCC's** Voter Service Chair. She often arranged and moderated candidate forums, which were usually held three nights in a row in Port Orford, Gold Beach, and Brookings. In addition, both Nelsons usually attended state League conventions and councils, and both helped collect signatures for the ballot measure to eventually make Oregon the first state in the union to vote by mail. They made many good friends through the League of Women Voters.
- ♥ The Nelsons are now enjoying assisted living in Florence. Shirley still conducts ballot measure forums, **LWV**-style, in the building or elsewhere in the community. And Shirley and Milt both attended the League's 100th birthday celebration in Salem in March 2020, just before the pandemic.
- ♥ Shirley's message for newer league members is this: **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** If you care about this country, doing nothing is a mistake. Check things out on Vote411, help get out the vote, keep studying League issues, and of course, attend candidate forums. Call it bias, but Shirley believes **NOBODY** conducts candidate forums as well as the League of Women Voters.



The full article about Shirley Nelson can be found here:

<https://www.lwvor.org/post/lifetime-member-spotlight-shirley-nelson-league-member-from-1967-2024-and-who-s-counting>





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May 21, 2024, Primary Election

Primary Elections serve two main purposes. The first is for all voters to be able to cast ballots for candidates for nonpartisan offices like judges and county offices. The second is for voters registered with a major political party to select their nominees for partisan office like US President, US Representative Secretary of State, at both the state and national level. Those registered as not affiliated with a political party, or registered with a minor party (Constitution, Independent, Libertarian, No Labels, Pacific Green, Progressive and Working Families) will receive a ballot for non-partisan races and for measures but will not be able to vote for major party candidates. Registered Democrats and Republicans will receive both partisan and nonpartisan offices. Voters who wish to vote for candidates in the major party must register 21 days before the Primary Election Day (April 30th). Oregon law allows major political parties to decide whether to hold open or closed primary elections 90 days before the election. If the major party opens their primary, all nonaffiliated voters must make a written request to receive an open primary ballot before the Voter Registration and Party Change Deadline, 21 days before Primary Election Day (April 30th).

Precinct Committee Persons (PCP) are also elected. A precinct committee person is an elected official elected by their party's voters within their precinct to serve as the primary contact and liaison between voters and their local political party. The duties of a precinct committee person include promoting party views, marketing candidates, organizing meetings, recruiting volunteers and nominate when a vacancy occurs in a State Representative or Senator Office. In January 2016 Oregon's voter registration law took effect. This law makes voter registration automatic; it eliminates the need to fill out the voter registration card for those with qualifying interactions at the DMV. Only those individuals who have provided proof of citizenship are automatically registered to vote. According to the Secretary of State in the 2020 Elections out of the millions of votes cast, local elections officials reported 140 instances of potential voter fraud. Of these 140 cases, four cases were referred to the Oregon Department of Justice and two of those are pending resolution.

Oregon voters 24 years ago voted to make Oregon an entirely Vote-by-Mail State. The Curry County Elections Office goes to great lengths to ensure the security and integrity of the election process. Unique identifiers are on every ballot return envelope and only one ballot for each voter can be counted. The voter's signature on every ballot return envelope is checked against the voter registration signature. If it doesn't match, the voter is notified, and they have 21 days after the election to provide a matching signature.

Ballot envelopes are opened by 2 Election Boards of different parties who are appointed by the Clerk and have taken an Oath to uphold the laws. Ballot return envelopes are placed signature side down before the secrecy envelope is removed. Once the secrecy envelope is extracted, it is placed to the side. Once all secrecy envelopes have been removed from the return envelope, the ballots are removed. The ballots are then unfolded to prepare for counting.


The ballot counting system is a stand-alone system that is not connected to the internet or any other network and is secured inside a room with 24-hour surveillance, only employees of the Clerk have access to this room. Any visitor must be escorted by employees of the Clerk at all times.

Oregon law already requires post-election audit procedures, transparency in vote counting, and robust security measures. ORS 254.529 (1) provides county clerks with a choice of post-election audit procedures: either a hand count of ballots which is compared to vote tally system results, or a risk-limiting audit. Procedures for a hand count are described in ORS 254.529 (2)-(9). Procedures for a risk-limiting audit are described in ORS 254.532. ORS 258.150-.300 also describes additional procedures for automatic or demand recounts, such as for races that come within a specific margin or can be requested by a campaign. Existing statutes also include safeguards to protect ballots from loss or damage (ORS 192.355 (32) and ORS 254.074), recognize that critical security information must remain secure (ORS 192.345 (22) and (23)), require numerous tests of voting machines (ORS 254.235), and provide multiple avenues for public observation of ballot counting (ORS 254.482 and ORS 258.211). Oregon law vests county clerks with a special responsibility for the safekeeping, disposition, and security of ballots. (ORS 254.483). These statutes direct the way in which clerks count and verify results. The statutes carefully consider the need for accurate and fair elections and the need for finality in determining the results of election contests.

Always go to your trusted source of election information at the Curry County Clerk website https://www.co.curry.or.us/government/county_clerk or Oregon Secretary of State <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting-elections>. The last line of defense in election security is you. Check with your local officials before sharing election information online.



**League of Women Voters of Curry County
Calendar 2023**

MONTH	DAY	EVENTS	PLACE	TIME
February	12	LWVCC Board Meeting	Zoom	Noon – 2 pm
February	19	 Presidents Day		
February	23	Central County Unity Meeting	The Landing, Gold Beach	4 – 5 pm
March	7	Panel Discussion on Services provided to Unhoused & Food Insecure Individuals in Curry County – All unit meeting & open to the public.	Curry Public Library in Gold Beach	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
March	11	Board meeting	Zoom	Noon – 2 pm



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