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Creamery takes National Cheddar Day overboard by giving away a boatload of cheese

For the Headlight Herald

In honor of National Cheddar Day, Tillamook County Creamery Association (TCCA) is giving dairy lovers a chance to win a boatload of cheese, 1909 lbs. to be exact. On this day, February 13th, 1909, at exactly 9:05a.m., our founding farmers formed the Tillamook co-operative. So yes, really, now through February 20th, 2025, one lucky cheddar enthusiast will have the chance to win (nearly) a metric ton of Tillamook Cheese.

If this takes our love of cheese overboard, we're ok with that. It all goes back to more than a century ago, when Tillamook dairy farmers embarked on their maiden voyage aboard the Morning Star, a boat built out of the founding farmers' love of dairy and used solely to share full-flavored products beyond the Oregon Coast.

"For over a century, our farmer-owned co-operative has shared the same determination that inspired those aboard the historic Morning Star. Since the ship's maiden voyage, we've continued to deliver an unwavering commitment to quality ingredients you can taste," said Kate Boltin, Executive Vice President of Marketing at TCCA. "Generations of dairy fans have fueled our passion for delivering premium cheddar, and that's why we are going overboard this year by gifting a literal boatload of cheese."

To celebrate our birthday and make someone's dairy dreams come true, we could have stopped at a boatload. But where's the fun in that? Since 1,909 pounds of cheese isn't enough for a celebration this size, Tillamook is giving the first 15,000 people who enter a free cheese coupon worth up to \$6.00. Visit www.tillamook.com/boatload-of-cheese now to enter for a chance to score a boatload of cheese before the ship sails on February 20th, 2025.

As the brand sets sail on its 116th year of going overboard for



Courtesy photo

In honor of National Cheddar Day, Tillamook County Creamery Association (TCCA) is giving dairy lovers a chance to win a boatload of cheese.

dairy, it unveils the new brand campaign. Paying tribute to the iconic Morning Star that sits proudly on packaging, the creative pays homage to the brand's origin story and to fans who share its passion for unbelievably good dairy.

"Through this new work, we've crafted a tale that connects the brand's past with its present," said Sarah Block, Executive Vice President, Creative Director at Leo Chicago. The Morning Star is more than an origin story for Tillamook; it is core to their DNA to do whatever it takes to deliver incredible dairy."

The omnichannel campaign, developed by Leo Chicago, calls to attention the brand's foundation as a farmer-owned dairy co-op and features a series of content and

heartwarming creative that nods to the Morning Star. A celebration of the rich history and wide range of multi-category dairy products, the creative invites the world to experience the delight that Tillamook County Creamery Association has been delivering since 1909.

About Tillamook County Creamery Association

Founded in 1909 as a farmer-owned cooperative, Tillamook County Creamery Association (TCCA) is a Certified B Corporation® (B Corp™) and prides itself on its commitment to bringing to market the most consistent, best tasting, highest quality dairy products possible. Guided by the belief that everyone deserves real food that makes them feel good every day, Tillamook'

internationally recognized, award-winning cheese, as well as exceptional ice cream, butter, cream cheese spreads, yogurt, sour cream, and frozen meals, are made with unwavering values that never sacrifice or compromise quality for profit. TCCA is owned by a group of farming families, primarily based in Tillamook County, Oregon. TCCA operates production facilities in Tillamook and Boardman, Oregon and employs more than 1,100. The Tillamook Creamery is the largest tourist attraction on the coast of Oregon and one of the most popular in the state, attracting more than one million visitors each year. For more information on TCCA and Tillamook, visit Tillamook.com.

TLT question hits ballot in May

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Following a second public hearing on February 12, Tillamook County's board of commissioners unanimously approved placing a request to increase the county's transient lodging tax from 10% to 14% on the May ballot.

In response to feedback offered by owners of short-term rentals at earlier meetings, commissioners amended the proposed adjustment to be phased in over two years and delayed the initial increase from July 2025 to September.

The proposed increase comes in response to budget shortfalls of \$1 million this year and \$3-4 million projected annually going forward, as one of a slew of potential solutions being examined by county leadership.

Tillamook County's transient lodging tax (TLT) was approved by voters in 2013 at a rate of 10% and went into effect in 2014. 70% of the funds raised by the tax, assessed on all overnight stays in the county, go towards supporting tourism promotion or tourism-related facilities, in accordance with state law, with the remaining 30% dedicated to road maintenance.

The proposed 4% increase is projected to bring in an additional \$2.4-2.8 million annually, with \$720,000-840,000 (30%) available to the county government for any purpose and the remainder obligated to fund tourism promotion or projects.

The unrestricted 30% of the additional funds generated by the proposed increase would be split, with 80% going to the sheriff's department to maintain current staffing levels, 10% dedicated to the maintenance of the forthcoming emergency radio system and 10% to the county's emergency management department.

Initially, commissioners were planning to seek a 5% increase in the TLT rate effective on July 1, but feedback from short-term rental (STR) owners at two open houses and the first public hearing led commissioners to reduce the ask and take a phased approach.

At those meetings, STR owners complained that they were already being squeezed financially by high fees from third-party booking sites, increasing costs for cleaning and other services, and updates to the county's requirements of their properties approved in 2023. Owners also said that their revenues had been falling this year and that they did not believe their customers would be willing to pay the increased taxes and that their bottom lines would take a hit. They also expressed concern over the impacts the change would have on existing stays already booked for this summer, whose contracted rates include the current tax rate.

Tillamook County Chief Administrative Officer Rachel

Federal funding freeze throws \$3.6 million in Tillamook County housing funds into doubt

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

A freeze on Environmental Protection Agency grants by the Trump administration in early February put the brakes on a program that would have directed \$3.6 million to Tillamook County in support of space-efficient hous-

ing. Tillamook County Housing Coordinator Parker Sammons said he had already identified three affordable housing projects in the county that would have been eligible for the funding. The developers of those projects are now working to replace the shortfall and Sammons said that he was concerned about the time it would take to overcome the setback.

"The other thing is that when government cuts stuff, it happens very, very quickly," Sammons said, "but when the government builds stuff, it happens really, really slowly."

The \$3.8 million in funding was part of an allocation to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the Inflation Reduction Act for Climate Pollution Reduction grants.

Funds were going to be distributed to projects that included space-efficient housing, i.e. smaller units. Sammons said that studies have shown space-efficient housing helps to reduce the carbon footprint during construction and during occupancy thanks to lower utility consumption and accumulation of unneeded items.

The Oregon Department of

Environmental Quality (DEQ) was the pass-through agency at the state level for the funds and Tillamook County and three cities were selected to participate in the program. Projects would have been eligible for rebates up to \$20,000 per unit to offset material costs or systems development charges.

As he was applying to participate in the grant program, Sammons had two Tillamook projects in mind for the funding, the Spruce Point apartments that will bring 60 units of affordable housing to Manzanita and the Maker project in Tillamook that aims to bring 36 apartments to a lot adjacent to Adventist Health. The Spruce Point project would have been eligible for up to \$1.2 million in funding from the program and the Maker project \$720,000.

Another project, the proposed development of 56-64 units by B'nai Brith in Rockaway Beach, came onto Sammons's radar as a possible candidate for the grant funds when they applied for support from the county's Housing Production Solutions Fund in January.

Additionally, accessory dwelling unit (ADU) projects would have been eligible for the rebates,

a prospect which particularly excited Sammons due to the lack of other funds to build those units. "There was a type of housing we need so badly and that's the thing that I am most lamenting losing so far about these funds going away," Sammons said.

The grant program appeared to be on track for an imminent launch, with DEQ having executed a contract for the funds with the EPA and Sammons preparing to bring an intergovernmental agreement to the board of county commissioners for approval in February.

But then, Sammons received an email in the first week of the month from a DEQ official saying that the agency was unable to access the funds and that the program was being paused.

Sammons let the developers of the impacted projects know about the pause so they could begin looking for funding sources to replace the yanked program. Sammons said that in a field where projects take years to materialize, the loss of possible funding was disheartening.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Garibaldi Portside Bistro's key to longevity

For the Headlight Herald

Nine years ago, Dennis and Amanda Cavitt opened the Garibaldi Portside Bistro and word of their mouth-watering, smoked meats quickly spread. Their original location was a 30-seat restaurant; packed each day with lines out the door. "We had people coming in from Portland, Beaverton, and Astoria to try out our little,

teeny tiny restaurant," Amanda said. "We were making a name for ourselves. But we had outgrown the space."

The couple purchased the building that formerly housed the Troller Restaurant and Lounge at the Port of Garibaldi and began the yearlong process of renovating the space.

"The building was in a lot of disrepair, so we were the lucky ones that thought it was enticing

enough to put our time, energy, and effort into it. We renovated it for eleven months with friends and family helping us," Amanda said. "Even our daughter, who was four at the time, laid transition strips and sanded boards. It was definitely an all-hands-on-deck experience."

The Cavitts utilized local support systems to launch their business like QuickBooks and social media classes from the Tillamook Bay Small Business Development Center (SBDC). The business utilized the Economic Development Council of Tillamook County's (EDC) Revolving Loan fund with a loan match from the United States Department of Agriculture.

"It was those funds that really allowed us to do what we've done here," Amanda said.

After relocating to their new, 140-seat home, the Garibaldi Portside Bistro is still just as busy as ever.

"Weekend after weekend, we are stacked with people," Amanda said. "Dennis and I would stand there and say: 'We can't believe it. How is this happening?' There were 45-minute waitlists. People were having all their big moments here: anniversaries, birthdays, proposals and wedding parties. We started making connections and friendships with people that we didn't imagine being able to do so otherwise."

Their restaurant renovation and investment earned them "2020 Development Project of the Year" at the Tillamook Area Chamber of Commerce Community Awards.

"Looking back, we were one of the newer, bigger things happening in the county and we didn't know it," Amanda said. "I really feel like we were a catalyst for other people to be inspired to try and open, reinvent, or invest in their own things."

Since the beginning, the Cavitts have striven to differentiate themselves.

"We really did some thinking about what was already in the area," Amanda said. "Dennis thought fishers would want to get off the boat and have a good burger, some ribs or some brisket. So, we focused on smoked meats."

And those were a hit, with more than just fishers.

During peak season, the Garibaldi Portside Bistro can serve more than 3,000 people in a week.

"Dennis really thinks about what customers are going to want, but he likes to get really creative," Amanda said. "We have our staples, and then we bring new things on. Just like an artist wants to create new things."

The blueberry goat cheese burger is a staple and perennial fan favorite, remaining a top seller at the bistro for the last seven years.

"It is the most photographed and reviewed guest item. It's not going anywhere," Amanda said.

Newly added items to the menu this season include: a marinated tomato and artichoke burger, chicken teriyaki bowl, and a pork belly salad. The restaurant also works to serve products from their literal neighbors, with Oregon Seaweed grown at the port used as a garnish and topping in poke bowls, and fresh Dungeness crab and albacore tuna fresh off the boat when in season.

Garibaldi Portside Bistro won the 2024 Tillamook Headlight Herald's Reader's Choice Awards for "Best Dinner" in Tillamook County. They also were also voted third place for restaurant atmosphere and third place for waterfront dining.

But it's more than their menu or renovated space that the Cavitts believe has created successful longevity. As a couple, they see the strengths in each other. Dennis is a professionally trained chef, while Amanda is experienced with management.

"Being business partners and being spouses, you see the best and the worst in each other. We



Photo courtesy of Garibaldi Portside Bistro
Cavitt: Owners of the Garibaldi Portside Bistro Dennis and Amanda Cavitt.

wouldn't be where we are today if we didn't have each other," Amanda said. "You're not always going to be on the same page...but, you have to have the same end goal."

Their end goal? "To make people feel like they are walking into their home when they come here and that they're going to get good food," Amanda said.

The pair also encourages new entrepreneurs starting out in the county to get take advantage of local organizations and resources.

"Reach out to your Chamber. Reach out to Tillamook Bay Community College, SBDC, EDC," Amanda said. "Don't be shy to ask people about things or for help. That's what drew us to a small community: people are always eager to help you. That's a big part of our success."

Three years ago, Dennis and Amanda purchased their second business: Barview Jetty Store. They have also invested in rental housing that is utilized by

their workforce.

Garibaldi Portside Bistro is currently open Tuesday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. Kids eat free on Tuesday. Trivia nights are the last Thursday of the month. For updated hours and information, visit portsidebistro.com or follow Garibaldi Portside Bistro on social media. The Garibaldi Portside Bistro is located at 307 Mooring Basin Drive, Garibaldi.

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FUNDING

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“That’s been a particularly devastating blow to me too because, you know, this work is hard and long-sighted and most of what I do and what I participate in or projects it takes three to five years to really come to fruition,” Sammons said, “but funding like that is a tangible effect that I could point to and so it’s really hard to see that go away.”

In the short-term, Sammons said the change would alter the calculus for the Tillamook County Housing Commission as they evaluate the projects that applied for county grants last month and force a one-month delay in deciding on those awards.

Looking forward, Sammons said that he thought the change signaled that housing would probably not be receiving federal funding and that he and other housing solutions specialists

would have to work on finding local solutions.

Tillamook County Commissioner Erin Skaar echoed Sammons’s resolve to continue local support for the affected projects and voiced her commitment to continuing work to address the county’s housing shortage. “Tillamook County remains committed to supporting housing production in our community and will continue to seek funding for these and other projects,” Skaar said.

Oregon Senator Ron Wyden shared Sammons’s concerns about the extra hurdles being added in an already complicated field and blasted the Trump administration for blocking the funding in a way that he believes is illegal.

“Helping Oregonians afford housing is challenging enough without this turmoil ginned up by Donald Trump, Elon Musk and their legions of lackeys running roughshod over the law,” Wyden said. “This Illegal freeze on housing investments approved by Congress, per our constitutional responsi-

bilities, hurts Oregonians in Tillamook County needing a roof over their heads that’s affordable. In addition, instead of saving money, acts like these threaten all taxpayers with new and needless costs when federal commitments like these are delayed or torn up.”

Despite the setback and the future uncertainty it portends, Sammons urged Tillamook County residents to appreciate the work the county government has been doing to address the housing crisis.

“I hope people realize how ahead of the pack Tillamook County is with the work they are doing in housing and for my part there are very few government officials or you know people like me staffers, whatever, that are housing production specialists,” Sammons said, “and that government just hasn’t traditionally been involved with housing the way that we are trying to now and it’s not always going to be perfect and pretty, but we are doing something in a way that other communities are not.”

TLT

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Hagerty started the second public hearing off by detailing the updates made to the proposed ordinance amendment. Hagerty said that per commissioners’ request, the first increase to 12% would take effect on September 1, 2025, while the increase to 14% would take place on July 1, 2026.

Public comment was then welcomed, with a handful of STR owners and operators renewing their objections to the proposal. They complained about the demands made of STR owners in recent years, bemoaned the cap instituted on the properties in 2023, renewed their contention that visitors would not bear the increased costs and admonished the county to cut its costs rather than burden them further.

After the comments, Commissioner Mary Faith Bell said that she had learned a lot about the challenges facing STR owners during the process. Bell said that she was particularly concerned about the high fees being

charged by third-party booking sites, like AirBnB and VRBO, which can range up to 30%, and wanted to work with owners to address the issue.

Commissioner Paul Fournier said that he wanted to see the county do more to directly support STRs with the 70% of TLT funds that have to be dedicated to tourism-related expenditures. He also echoed Bell’s concerns about third-party booking platforms, saying that he believed they might be keeping money from the county that it was owed.

Fournier said that he felt an important discussion had begun during the meetings and that he was committed to continuing it and working to address the issues facing STR owners. He also said that he was hopeful that the 70/30 split might finally change, noting that representatives of the Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association (ORLA), who have historically opposed any update, had reached out to him to discuss the issue.

Commissioner Erin Skaar then weighed in, saying that it was ORLA’s fault that the parties were at this juncture because of its staunch resistance to amending the split. Skaar said that in the absence of a change to the

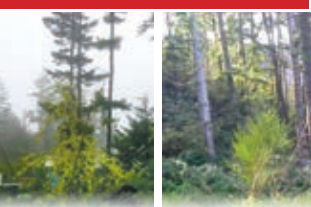
split the county needed to address its budgetary issues and that this was one of their best options. Like Bell and Fournier, she also said that she was committed to continuing the discussion and addressing the issues raised by STR owners during the meetings and working to help them increase their occupancy rates.

Fournier chimed in again, clarifying that the county was still looking at a host of other options to address its budget crunch and that the TLT increase would only be one lever they pulled.

Bell concluded the discussion by saying that she believed there was an inherent logic to using the funds from the proposed increase to support various public safety services, as tourists were super users of the system, and this would be a way for them to contribute to the services they need with their tax dollars. Bell also clarified that the proposal would not increase funding for the sheriff’s office, only be used to guarantee a portion of its budget to maintain current service levels.

Commissioners then voted unanimously to place the proposed ordinance amendment on the May ballot.

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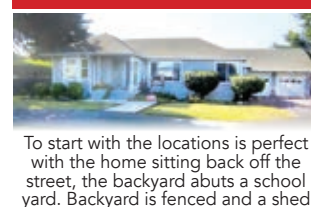
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Tillamook council begins budget discussions

Will Chappell
Headlight Editor

Tillamook's city council held the first of two workshops dedicated to identifying means of increasing the city's revenues on February 10.

At the meeting, interim City Manager Kevin Perkins gave a detailed presentation on the city's funding streams and ways to increase revenues before answering questions from councilors.

Perkins started the meeting by saying that his presentation would be a 50,000-foot overview of the city's financial situation, while a second work session on February 24 will focus on more specific data and gathering councilors' direction on how they wish to proceed.

Perkins then gave a general breakdown of the city's funding, which generally sees the largest contribution from utility rates, though fiscal year 2024-2025 was an exception as the American Rescue Plan Act infused \$10.4 million in grant funding to the city. Other sources of funding for the budget are property taxes, fees for service, transient lodging tax (TLT) dollars, fines, revenue sharing with the state government, direct allocations from the state

or federal government, franchise fees charged to telecommunication providers, levies and bonds.

Of those sources, Perkins said that property taxes were commonly misperceived to provide a greater amount of funding than they do, as measures 5 and 50, passed by Oregon voters in the 1990s, permanently froze tax rates and limited increases in assessed property value to 3% annually. Consequently, the City of Tillamook's permanent property tax rate is set at \$1.83 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

City council has flexibility to boost revenues with utility rate adjustments, and Perkins said that he plans to ask for increases in the base rate for sewer and water service at some point this year. Currently, the water base rate is \$15.04 and was last increased by 5% in 2022, while the sewer bill is set at a flat rate of \$92.68 and was last increased by 4% in 2021. The average combined bill for rate payers in the city of Tillamook is \$121.45 monthly, according to Perkins.

Perkins said that while it was important to keep rates updated to continue to meet the operating costs of the utility, councilors would have to balance that need

against the impact on rate payers. Perkins also noted that if there was a catastrophic failure of one of the town's sewer or water treatment plants, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality or United States Environmental Protection Agency could take over the system and set rates without council input.

Perkins said that an outside contractor is currently working on a master plan for the sewer system that will identify needs to maintain the system as well as costs. Work on the document is expected to be complete by June and Perkins said that it would help the city to avoid major issues by allowing them to create a plan that would allow price impacts to be spread across several years.

Fees for services are another item that the city government can control. These fees include development and permit applications, parking permits, lien searches, business registration, animal licenses, the Tillamook Urban Renewal Association's administrative reimbursements, miscellaneous street fees, and parks fees and sponsorships.

Perkins said that when considering adjusting these fees it was important for city leaders to develop a philosophy on whether

they wish to recover the full cost of providing services or subsidize them to some degree. Perkins said that the philosophy could vary depending on the fee, giving the example of subsidizing development fees to promote building, and that he preferred that approach to a standard increase for all fees.

Increasing the TLT also falls under the purview of the council and Perkins said that he would share more information about the impacts of a proposed increase in the county's rate from 10% to 14% being put to voters in May. Cities give 1% of TLT revenues collected to the county government and Tillamook's rate is currently 10%.

The remaining funding sources are less controllable by the council, Perkins said.

While fines themselves can be increased, Perkins said that the number assessed was generally inconsistent and made fines a less-than-ideal means of boosting revenue.

Revenue sharing from the state government is at the whim of the state legislature, and Perkins said that increasing demands on the state government had led to a trend of declining revenues from Salem. Direct awards from the state or federal government are similarly

outside of the city's control.

Both bonds and levies can be requested by the council but require voter approval and franchise fees are set in contracts and cannot be changed until current contracts expire, according to Perkins.

After finishing the presentation, Councilor Nick Torres said that he would like to see federal and state funds sought to boost revenues over charging residents more through increased fees or utility rates.

Perkins said that those funds were generally earmarked to pay for projects, not operations, and that once projects were funded the cost of operating and maintaining them would fall to the city. He also said that given the recent administration change in Washington, he was not optimistic that large amounts of federal funding would be forthcoming.

Torres and other councilors also expressed interest in the possibility of seeking bonds or levies. Perkins said that in his experience, successful bond and levy campaigns required at least 18 months of lead time for research, filing and public outreach, and require concerted promotional effort on behalf of councilors.

Tillamook School District seeks continuation of facilities bond

Will Chappell
Headlight Editor

With a 2017 facilities bond set to expire in May, Tillamook School District's board of directors approved the placement of a \$25.35-million extension request on the May ballot. If approved, the bond

would run for 21 years, maintain the current 69 cents per \$1,000 in assessed property value rate of the current bond and support a slew of maintenance needs around the district.

The bond would also meet the requirements of a \$6 million grant from the Oregon School Capital Improvement

Match. A list of the projects to be supported by the bond in the board's packet included enhancing safety, security and accessibility, improving parking areas and bus lanes, adding classrooms, expanding the cafeteria at East Elementary, adding playground equipment, replacing

heating and ventilation units, and general property improvements such as fencing, signage, restrooms, roofing, carpeting and lighting.

Superintendent Matt Ellis said that district staff would work to create a prioritized list of projects for the funds if the bond is approved.

Board Member Justin

Aufdermauer said that he had investigated the tax rates of surrounding districts and found that Tillamook's current levy was among the lowest. He also said that there was a lot of work to be done at the district's buildings and that the board should emphasize the responsibility that the district has displayed

with taxpayer funds in the past.

The board also appointed Amanda Ferrat to position one, to replace Matt Petty, who resigned at the board's January meeting. The position will be up for election in May's election.



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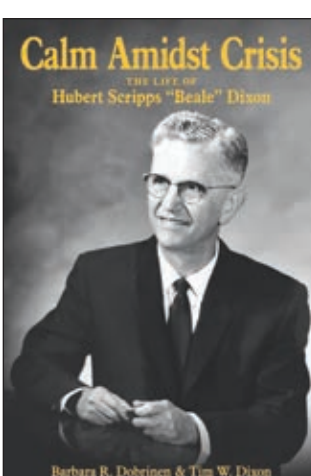
Donation boxes to support veterans installed



Kevin Lindsey, Tillamook American Legion Post 47 Commander, is posing with one of 7 donation boxes he has installed in Tillamook Lodges and restaurants. You can find them at the Elks, the Moose and the Eagles lodges. Kitty's, Dutchmill, Rendezvous, and Pacific restaurants have them too. The Legion is hoping to gather donations to replenish our fund to assist any veteran in need. American Legion Tillamook Post 47 has been in Tillamook since 1923, and all veterans are eligible to join. We meet monthly at the Elks on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Our next meeting is February 19, 2025.

Book Signing for former TCCA manager to be held at the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum

The Tillamook County Pioneer Museum will be hosting a book signing of Calm Amidst Crisis: The Life of Hubert Scripps "Beale" Dixon on Saturday, February 22, 2025 from 10:30am to 3:00pm. Copies of the book will be available for sale, and the authors, Tim Dixon and Barbara Dixon Dobrinen, will be present to discuss the book and their father's life.



Mr. Dixon, best known locally as the general manager of the Tillamook County Creamery Association (TCCA) from 1951-1975, led a colorful life. He grew up in a large, poor family in Battle Ground, Washington, before moving to Tillamook to take his position at the Creamery Association. His leadership saw through a tumultuous period, but one that planted the seeds for what TCCA grew to become today. The book

explores his upbringing, and after his years, one the authors describe as "a life of courage, a life of service, and a life well-lived."

Museum admission will be waived the day of the event for the occasion of the book signing, and light refreshments will be available

GARDENING MATTERS

The case for native plants



GARDENING MATTERS
CARLA ALBRIGHT

My sister Lynn lives in Pennsylvania and on occasion will send me articles from her local newspaper about things she thinks might interest me. As an excellent gardener, Lynn is always on the lookout for new ways to garden better and a recent article in the Altoona Mirror newspaper piqued her interest and, subsequently, mine too.

Jordan Replogle from Altoona, PA wanted to reestablish a public rain garden in his community that had gone to weeds. The rain gardens were on park property and had been stocked with appropriate plants at the time of their construction. But the rain garden had gotten quite shabby and overgrown with no one to maintain it. Jordan, also known as "Sesame Wild," is the president of the local "Wild Ones" chapter and had a unique reason for wanting to use native plants: he had noticed a decrease in insects. His comment that we do not see as many bugs splattered on our car windshields as we used to a few generations ago, hit home. When I thought about it, I realized he was right. I do remember a time when cleaning the bugs off the front of the car and windshield was a yucky job. Now I don't even think about doing that.

Not knowing anything about Wild Ones, I turned to Google and discovered it is indeed a national organization dedicated to using native plants in natural landscapes. There are currently 96 chapters in 35 states, and they promote environmentally friendly landscaping information to preserve biodiversity. (However, Oregon doesn't have a chapter, which really surprised me.) Their website can be found at <https://wildones.org> and is filled with all sorts of ideas to connect people and native plants. There are membership options and even if Oregon doesn't have a chapter, you can join at a "Partner at Large" level.

The Wild Ones website is very informative, and they offer free webinars about a variety of subjects. According to the site: "Dwindling biodiversity is a threat to the

foundation of life on earth... Native plants help protect and restore biodiversity, improve air and water quality and provide wildlife with quality food and shelter." The goal of this organization is to see native plants and landscaping in communities across the country.

Anyway, back to Altoona, Jordan brought up the point that non-native plants – the kind we always love to see in our gardens – do not feed native insects as efficiently as native plants do. Native insects have evolved alongside native plants to enjoy a symbiotic relationship. Those native insects – supported by native plants – provide food sources for native birds, and the plants themselves provide food for native birds with their seeds, berries and nectar. Native plants are good for attracting native pollinators besides insects, too.

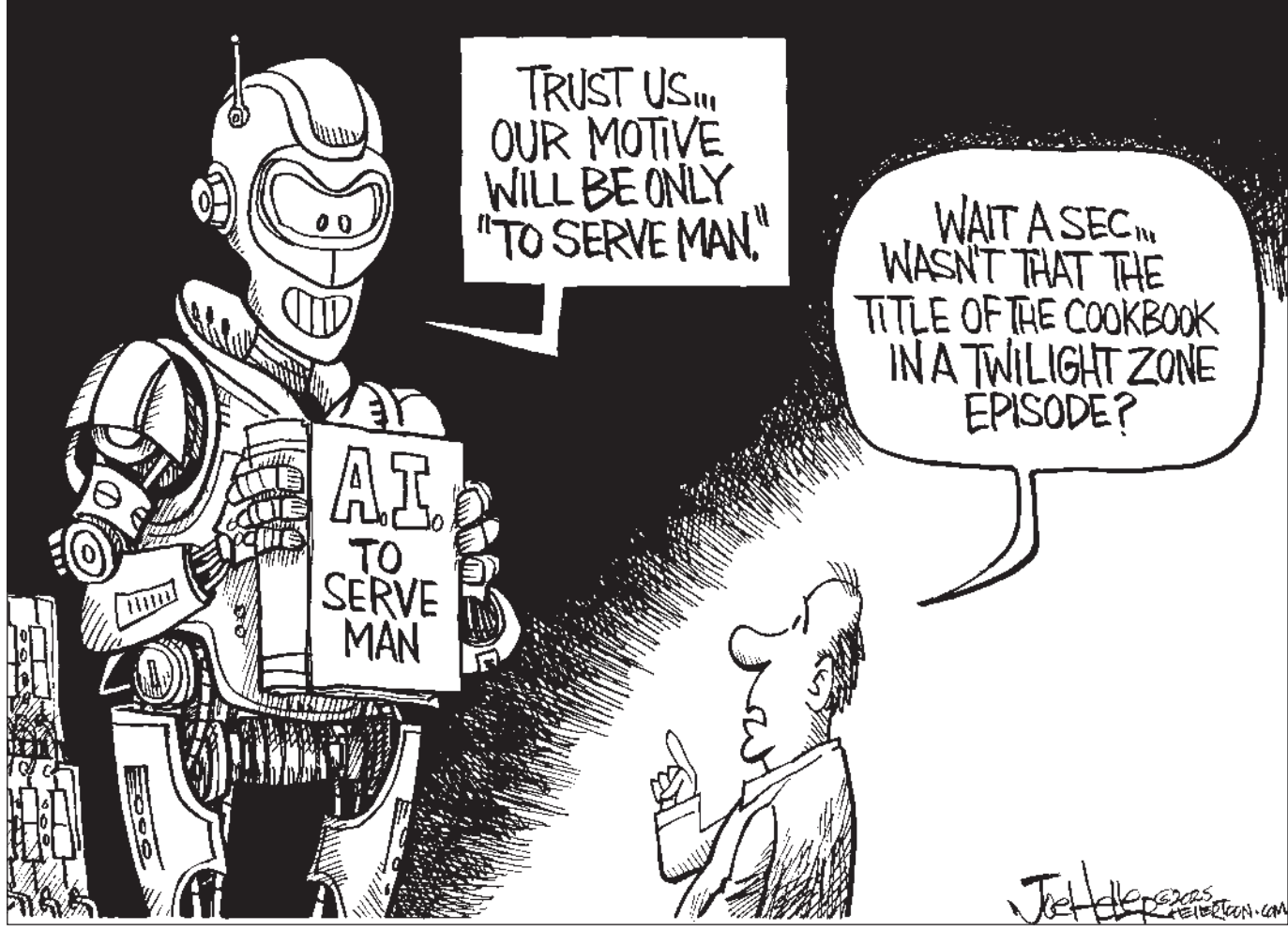
Of course, native plants are adapted to native soils as well as local weather. They usually have a deep root system which helps with stormwater flow and reduces erosion. And once native plants are established, they don't need any kind of fertilizer.

Oregon's diverse native plants include such trees as red alder, cascara and Pacific ninebark. There are lots of lovely native shrubs in Oregon, too. Think manzanita, Nutka rose, red-flowering currant, snowberry, evergreen huckleberry, ceanothus and Oregon grape. For perennials we have rose checkermallow, western yarrow and false Solomon's seal, just to name a few. All these plants are important in the native habitats to draw insects and birds.

If this appeals to you, check out the Wild Ones website listed above or find lots of specific information at <https://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Documents/AboutODF/Native-TreesPlants.pdf> or other fine websites, including the Oregon State University Extension Service native plant guide at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/collection/native-plant-gardening>.

If you are like me and enjoy a book you can hold in your hands, try "Native Plants in the Coastal Garden; A Guide for Gardeners in the Pacific Northwest" by April Pettinger with Brenda Costanzo. Published in 2002, this book is still relevant and helpful.

By going native, you may find your garden to be more welcoming to birds and pollinators as well as less work for you to keep the garden healthy.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support for DOGE
To our members of Congress:

The hypocrisy and total corruption of Congress has reached a new level. For far too long Congress has allowed corruption and waste within our government to grow at an astronomical rate through both appropriations and pork spending that only the extremes in both parties support. In addition, the complete lack of oversight of agencies that has allowed the funding of the woke ide-

logical policies that would be supported by few taxpayers if they came to light.

Both Republicans and Democrats in Congress have neglected their fiduciary obligation to wisely manage the taxpayers' money. If you and others in Congress were doing your job, we would have no need for DOGE. While a majority of taxpayers' dollars that are allocated to agencies are spent on good and necessary items, far too many dollars are being spent on far left and right radical

projects that the vast majority of taxpayers would never support! This has been hidden from the taxpayer for far too long!

What amazes me is that at this time the Democratic Party in particular is more interested in how this irresponsible waste is being uncovered than concern over the waste itself. Our deficit spending has surpassed sustainability, and drastic measures are needed to bring it under control. The waste needs to stop. Oversight that

was your responsibility and other members of Congress has been not only ignored but in many ways you and other members of Congress have criminally ignored the fiduciary responsibility entrusted to you. What are you and others afraid that might be uncovered.

I 100% support the actions of DOGE, if Congress can't or refuses to do their job than you need to step back and let DOGE, and the current administrations appointees do what needs to be done. They have the support of a majority of the taxpayers.

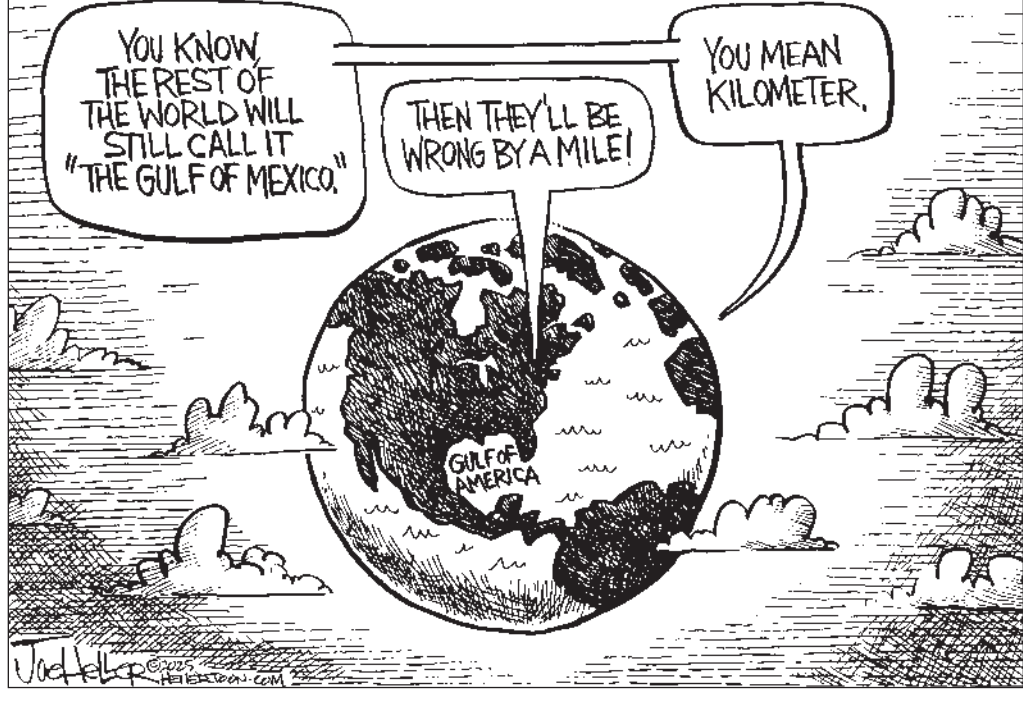
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Obit oversights

My dear sister Carol's obit had some gaps. The survivors in her family are 70-80 years old, so mental gaps are possible. Here is a list of more relatives. I'm in that 70-80 range, so no guarantees.

Preceded in death: Mike Heller, Madelon Lindsay, James and Kazuyo Jacobs. Survived by Elaine Jacobs and family, Barbara Heller and family, Dick Lindsay and family, and Nathan Patterson.

Ray Jacobs
Tillamook



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FENCEPOSTS

My January 28 Fencepost looked in detail at part of the draft Sourcewater Protection Plan currently in development. That column focused on risk assessment. Today I'll focus on strategies and implementation plans.

As a reminder, the plan was drafted by GSI Water Solutions, Inc. This consulting firm, founded in 2000, has offices in Oregon and California, and has experience in the protection and restoration of watersheds in coastal and inland areas of both states. Suzanne de Szoeko of GSI walked us through the plan.

Section 3 of the draft plan introduces strategies for protecting critical areas, monitoring and restoration of the watershed. It describes critical areas as those where "a potential source of contamination or specific land use [...] could significantly impact water quality or quantity." In the case of timber-



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land such as Jetty Creek, clearcutting and spraying of herbicides and pesticides present the most obvious sources of contamination.

In addition to acquiring the land, the plan recommends a Forest Stewardship Plan which would outline "specific activities needed to improve drinking water quality" as well as quantity.

The plan calls for watershed restoration projects "that enhance water quality, such as planting riparian buffers and adding large woody

debris to streams." Riparian planting has benefits including stabilizing stream banks to reduce erosion and filtering out contamination that does occur.

A more thorough form of watershed restoration is "rewilding." Rewilding aims at returning the watershed to something more closely resembling its natural state, with a focus on replacing invasive and monoculture plants with diverse indigenous species. Presentations by the North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection (NCCWP) have highlighted the benefits of rewilding as a method for increasing both water quantity and quality.

Water conservation takes up part of section 3, including methods of increasing water supply reliability as part of emergency planning. Mayor Charles McNeilly took the opportunity to give a "shout-

out to Public Works. They posted water conservation measures on our city website. Good job, Dan [Emerson]."

Section 4 outlines implementation. Most important, this discusses phases based on priorities. Phase 1 includes "activities that can be implemented immediately:" planning and data collection, communications and partnerships, and strategies for addressing high-priority risks. Phase 2 addresses actions that might need more preparation, such as additional partnerships and funding. Finally, Phase 3 concerns goals that require more extensive planning and a longer execution time, as well as addressing risks with a lower priority or likelihood.

City Manager Luke Shepard highlighted one important aspect of this section: "Implementation of the plan will depend on the availability of funding. This document

really sets the bar high, and we'll do everything we can. But funding will probably be the limiting factor."

Mayor McNeilly expanded on this: "Throughout this document, there is expectation of things the city is going to be doing[...], and I just want to lift that up. It's budget implications, it's staffing implications, and so the city leadership will need, I think, to look at this document, pull that information out, and make sure that it gets picked up in our budgets and our staffing models so that it can be done. This does have implications for our budgets and our staff."

Committee member Jason Maxfield raised a question: "To connect back to the mayor's comment earlier about staff costs, should this be addressed in the risks, that there's a financial risk overall to the ability to implement this?"

Suzanne responded: "I don't know that we need to call it out as its own risk, but we could just as part of the introduction, that a risk to address these other risks is funding."

Section 4 closes with a list of potential funding sources, and Section 5 outlines a contingency plan for moving forward. I will discuss these sections in a future column, before the mid-March public forum.

You can read the current draft of the Sourcewater Protection Plan on the city's website. It's located on the Advisory Committees page at this link, <https://corb.us/advisory-committees/>, where the SPDAC is the first committee listed. Beside the video link to the recorded January 21 meeting, click the link titled Agenda Packet. Below the meeting agenda is the draft as of last January.

Thanks to South County Fencepost readers who acknowledged my birthday last week; I turned 65. Celebrations kicked off with lunch at Snug Harbor Bar and Grill in the Taft neighborhood of Lincoln City some days

before my big day. I ordered a Philly steak sandwich with au jus for dipping. It was perfect, mostly because I so rarely allow myself to eat bread. Thanks to my roommate Lenny, who is like a son, for paying the tab. I had Facebook posts and



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messages, cards in the mail, texts and calls on my phone, and several wonderful gifts. My presents included a new leather wallet in aqua blue that I bought for myself.

There's a change of date and venue for Faye Jensen Hall's Ecstatic Dance sessions. I apologize that I didn't know about it sooner. February's session is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. this coming Sunday, February 23 at Nestucca K-8 School in Cloverdale. The school's

located about a mile south of downtown Cloverdale along U.S. Highway 101. The event is family friendly, and all ages are welcome. Wear comfortable clothing, bring a water bottle, yoga mat (optional) and your authentic self. Faye says, "We dance as we are, no phones, no shoes, no words." Admission is by donation (a suggested \$10-\$20 for ages 13 and older, children twelve and younger dance for free). No one will be turned away for lack of funds. For more information, call 307-699-7320.

Remember that Tillamook County Family Y.M.C.A. will host a free clinic from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. (or until the schedule is full) also this Sunday, February 23. The Y is located at 6th and Stillwell in downtown Tillamook. On offer will be "medical, dental and vision services,

counseling, haircuts, pet grooming, clothing, toiletries, referrals to local services as needed, and more." Services are provided first come, first served; appointments cannot be guaranteed. For more information, or to make an appointment, call Kourtne, 503-801-0272 (English) or Denise, 505-264-8236 (Spanish).

Remember that South Tillamook County Library's story time happens at 3:30 p.m. on second and fourth Wednesdays, (February 26, March 12). All ages are welcome. These events promise "reading and singing and moving about."

Senior lunches are served at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays (February 18, 25) and Wednesdays (February 19, 26) for \$3 (others may partake for \$6) at Kiawanda Community Center. The address is 34600 Cape Kiawa-

nda Drive, in Pacific City.

Community Action Resource Enterprise (CARE) will host Oregon Law Center for a free walk-in legal advice clinic from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. on Friday, February 28. The address is 2310 First Street in Tillamook, Suite #2. They serve low-income individuals with civil legal matters, including tenants' rights, public benefits, employee's rights and domestic violence issues. They do not advise on criminal cases.

Happy birthday this week to- Sue Anderson, Beverly Barcroft, Stephanie Bauer, Justice Boldy, Bill Bruce, Matt Eckhardt, Elise Ferguson Morrow, Travis Love, Carter Marshall, Jackson North, Liam Fortes-Schaefer, Aaron Shiels, Teddy Slavens, Gina Taylor, Skylyn Trent, Anna Wagner and Simon Weston.

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The second presentation in the "Aging With Grace" project in Cape Meares was held February 8 at the Barbara Bennett Community Center. Margo Lalich, MPH, RN, and co-founder of the North Coast End-of-Life (EOL) Collective, spoke on the topic of being proactive about aging. It is important to recognize that we have agency and autonomy to make choices about such things as medications and courses of treatment as we near the end of our lives. Aligning our end-of-life choices with our lifetime values and focusing on quality (rather than quantity) of life were significant topics of discussion. The presentation covered the difference between palliative and hospice care and outlined resources available to help with caregiving. A link to a video of this session will be available at the Cape Meares Community Association's (CMCA's) website at cape-meares.org. Cape Meares residents and property owners, mark your calendars for the third presentation in this series, again at the community center, on March 1 from 10 a.m.-noon.

About 2:15 p.m. on the afternoon of February 8, the power suddenly went out. Clear blue sky; go figure! We were later told that a substation in Tillamook had had a mechanical failure that took out power to Cape Meares, Bay City and parts of Tillamook. The Cape Meares Emergency Volunteer Corps (CMEVC) smoothly stepped into action. Pam Robenolt started monitoring Channel 20 on her GMRS radio and

gave updates both there and in our Cape Meares group on social media site MeWe. Neighborhood captains called in their reports via GMRS radios. Capt. Pete, as the neighborhood captain for Seaview, called individual households in his designated area to be sure everyone was okay and knew the situation. Our stellar PUD had the power back on in just a little more than two hours. Thanks, Tillamook PUD and CMEVC.

Tillamook Bay Estuaries Partnership's eelgrass expert, Flynn DeLaney, will be presenting a study he has conducted focusing on eelgrass in Tillamook Bay at a Coastal Conservation Association Meeting this week. The meeting will be held at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife field office (4907 3rd Street in Tillamook) on February 20 at 6:30 p.m. As many of you know, eelgrass is a keystone species upon which many marine animals depend for protection and nutrition. Eelgrass is currently being removed by mechanized oyster farming in Tillamook Bay. This topic is of keen interest to many, including fisherfolk here in Cape Meares; there should be a good turnout.

Oops, jumped the gun last week. I wrote about a car in the ditch on Bayocean Road that I had assumed would be towed away before that column went to print. However, it was still there more than a week later. Hope that black Mercedes is gone by the time you read this column.

Just as I was ready to push the button to send in this column, I received a text from the PUD. The notice said all of Cape Meares (and some neighboring areas) will have power shut off from approximately 9 a.m.-1 p.m. tomorrow, February 19, to relocate an overhead power line. Another chance to try out your battery backup or generator, folks.



BAY CITY
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We are still experiencing some very wintry conditions here on the coast. As a gardener I pay close attention to the temperatures, and last week had a morning reading of 23 degrees at my house, pretty chilly, but hopefully the plants will withstand these frigid mornings. Over the years I've adopted the adage that plants have to survive, I do protect some tender specimens, but the rest have to toughen up. Mother nature is wiser than we will ever be. There are buds on some of the trees and shrubs in the garden, heralding warmer days ahead.

Congratulations, and admiration, go out to Pat and Linda Vining, they will be celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary on February 27th. Quite a story of love to be together for that long. Pat and Linda are dedicated volunteers in Bay City, serving of various committees, volunteering with flower baskets, Christmas lights and events and are very active in the Booster Club. May their dedication to Bay City, and to each other, remain strong. We are all blessed to have them as friends and neighbors.

Volunteers from the Booster Club recently in-

stalled parking bumpers and some signage in the parking lot of the new garden park. The next step will be planting of perennials once the weather improves, benches and placement of art pieces. Stop by and see the great progress being made.

There are two upcoming theater productions to add to your calendars. The Riverbend Players will be performing Agatha Christie's, The Mousetrap, from February 28th through March 16th. Performances will be held at NCRD. More information, performance times and tickets sales can be found at riverbendplayers.org. The Mousetrap is a murder mystery with a surprise twist at the end. The play holds the record for the longest running show in the world, it is very entertaining and well worth attending.

TAPA, Tillamook Association of Performing Arts, will be presenting Things My Mother Taught Me, from February 21 through March 9th. This is a zany comedy and should provide the audience with great entertainment and laughter. For more information and tickets go to tillamooktheater.com.

Anyone wanting space to create art can come to the Bay City Arts Center on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. for open art night. There is ample space, so bring a friend or network with other artists if you choose. Bring your own supplies. Save the date of Friday, April 18th at 7 p.m., when Amanda Stanaway and Stan Cassell will be bringing some fabulous gusty folk music to Bay City with a live performance.

OBITUARIES

Donna Dean Sullivan
Jan. 29, 1949 - Jan. 23, 2025



Donna Dean Sullivan was born January 29th, 1949, to Virgil and Betty Pearson, in Leavenworth, Washington. She attended primary school in Quincy, WA.

In December of 1977, Donna (a mother of two children), was introduced to Arley Sullivan (a single father with two children of his own), by mutual friends. Arley and Donna knew that they wanted to spend the rest of their lives together. They were married the following year, blending their children together as one family. In the years that followed, Donna and Arley had three more children, making for a blended total of seven children. Over the years, the family enjoyed many adventures. Some of the family's fondest memories were made on their backpacking adventures into the Marble Mountain Wilderness of Northern California. She loved hiking. Donna's favorite place to be was with her family. However, she found great pleasure in gardening, cooking, baking and sewing. She also loved to play any sort of game,

and combing the beach for agates. Wherever they lived, Donna turned the yard into a paradise of beautiful flowers.

Donna was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and (volunteer) ordained minister. During her 50 years of service, she spent innumerable hours tending to the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of many, many people.

Over the last four years, Donna suffered from Alzheimer's disease. Despite her husband's loving, devoted care, Donna's health progressively diminished. She passed away January 23rd, 2025, at her home in Tillamook, Oregon, surrounded by family.

She leaves behind many who mourn her loss; She is survived by her beloved husband, Arley Sullivan; Daughters: Bren (Tennessee) Hodgdon of Tillamook, OR., Trena (Ron) Sharp of Medford, OR., Vania (Joe) Burge of Tillamook, OR., and Anika Sullivan of Warrenton, OR.; Sons: Sean Sullivan of Colorado, Ken (Jill) Hoak of Victoria, TX., and Jordan Sullivan, of Tillamook, OR.; Grandchildren: Christopher, Jason, Nick, Shane, Gage, Courtney, Danya (David), Chloe, Johnathan, Abigail, Tennessee, Carissa, Jared, Austin, Laura (Ben), Ivy, Isabelle, Jax, Rori, and Tatum; Great-grandchildren Sydnee, Dakota, Tabitha, and Ezra.; Sister: Bonnie Carlson of Athena, OR.

A memorial service will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, March 2nd, 2025, at the Kingdom Hall: 5000 Idaville Road, Tillamook, Oregon. For zoom information please call 503-842-6713.

Gary W. Dummer
Feb. 10, 1947 - Jan. 26, 2025



After schooling, he joined the U.S. Army, being stationed for a time in Thailand during the Vietnam War. Upon leaving the service, he spent most of his life in southern California, enjoying various occupations such as office machine tech and a handyman/remodeling partnership. He eventually retired and move to Roseburg, OR where he enjoyed raising flowers, watching the birds, and the sunrises from his hillside home overlooking the city. He was married twice, however had no children of his own. He is survived by his former wives, a stepdaughter, Stephanie of Roseburg; brothers Lee of Oregon City; Mel of Tillamook; Loren of Clatskanie; Duane of Roseburg; sisters Marilee of Willits, CA and Cheryl of Longview, WA. As well as numerous nieces and nephews. He will be remembered fondly and greatly missed.

Friends and family are saddened by the sudden passing of Gary W. Dummer on January 26, 2025 in Portland at the age of 77. Gary was born the fifth of 8 children on February 10, 1947 in Tillamook, OR, to William and Ruth Dummer.

BASIC OBITUARY: Includes name, age, town of residency, and funeral services info - No Cost.
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TBCC selected for national initiative to help rural students succeed

Tillamook Bay Community College (TBCC) is excited to announce its selection for Phase 2 of the Rural Guided Pathways Project. This three-year initiative connects rural colleges and community partners to drive student success through evidence-based, institution-wide reforms. With strong emphasis on rural communities, the project ensures that local needs and regional collaboration remain at the heart of guided pathways implementation. Only 13 colleges in the nation were chosen to be part of Phase 2.

TBCC President Paul Jarrell spoke to the college's excitement surrounding the project, "We are thrilled and honored that Tillamook Bay Community College has been selected for the Rural Guided Pathways Project. This opportunity will help us transform TBCC into a more student-centered institution, ensuring our programs align with the needs of our community and local workforce. Through this initiative, we will strengthen partnerships and create clear pathways to sustainable-wage careers, empowering our students and enriching Tillamook County. We are grateful for this support and

excited to collaborate in building a stronger future for our students and community."

As part of Rural Pathways, TBCC is committed to:

- Enhancing the student experience to support successful college completion.
- Ensuring students earn credentials that lead to family-wage careers or seamless transfer to four-year institutions.
- Partnering with regional stakeholders to boost economic opportunity and implement a cross-sector approach to student success.
- Using data-driven reforms to improve equity, education, and

workforce outcomes in Tillamook County and beyond.

"We are excited to have Tillamook Bay Community College participate in Rural Pathways," says Gretchen Schmidt, senior fellow, National Center for Inquiry & Improvement (NCII). "Rural institutions have not had many opportunities to problem-solve around the student success and completion issues that are particular to their culture, context, and capacity. By joining Rural Pathways, TBCC is demonstrating its commitment to making lasting changes that will improve student outcomes."

NCII provides the project leadership for Rural Pathways. A team of implementation coaches, leadership coaches, and subject matter experts join NCII in working with participating colleges and developing the project's curriculum. NCII also builds on longstanding partnerships with the Community College Research Center and the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program to support participating colleges.

For more information about Rural Pathways, visit ruralguidedpathways.org.



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New Recovery House Opens in Tillamook through TFCC and Iron Tribe Network Partnership

Tillamook Family Counseling Center (TFCC) and Iron Tribe Network have partnered to establish a critical new resource for individuals and families seeking recovery in Tillamook County. The recently opened recovery housing in Tillamook provides a supportive environment for those working to overcome addiction and help them transition to lives aligned with their core values.

The partnership was sparked by Senate Bill 1530, which allocated funding for recovery housing across Oregon. The bill prioritizes sustainable recovery housing solutions, ensuring that

individuals overcoming addiction have access to stable, affordable housing while in transition to leading a life that reflects their values. This funding has been critical in rapidly opening new recovery homes, like the one now available in Tillamook.

Family-Style Recovery Housing Model

Meli Rose, deputy director of Iron Tribe Network, saw an opportunity to bring a much-needed resource to her hometown. "This is such a huge need," says Meli Rose. "I am from Tillamook and moved here when I was in junior high. My addiction began here. I know so

many people who aren't here anymore because drugs and alcohol took their lives."

The recovery housing follows an innovative self-pay, Oxford House-style model that offers flexibility and community support:

- Serves men, women, and children
- Rental agreements allow residents to stay as long as they maintain sobriety
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"I lived in recovery housing for 4 years," shares Meli. Now, with 15 years of sobriety and a leadership role in Iron Tribe Network, Meli says, "Bringing this back to Tillamook is special to me. We need more space that supports an environment for people to be clean."

Selecting the Right Property

The house was carefully chosen based on its proximity to essential resources and transportation. With five bedrooms, it provides enough space for multiple families while maintaining a sense of privacy and community. The demand for such housing in Tillamook is high, and the home is already fully occupied. The first tenants moved in on January 1st, and the most recent resident joined last week. A house manager oversees the home's daily operations and support residents in maintaining their recovery.

Funding and Future Plans

The legislative grant from Senate Bill 1530 has been instrumental in quickly establishing this recovery home. The funding was released in September, and within 60 days, the house was identified, purchased, and prepared for residents. Minimal renovations were needed, allowing for a swift transition to full operation. Meli, who is also the President of NARR, emphasized the need for additional homes and ongoing advocacy for funding. For more information about the recovery housing program or how to support this initiative, contact Tillamook Family Counseling Center at 503-842-8201 or Iron Tribe Network (503) 344-6710.

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SPORTS

Tillamook swimmers excel at Cowapa League Championships

David Richmond
Tillamook High School Swim Coach

The Tillamook swim team took to the pool on the night of February 7 and showcased their skills in front of a capacity crowd. The boys' and girls' teams finished second place and made waves from the first whistle. The Tillamook boys were looking for their second straight championship but came up just short against Astoria 336-323.

On the form chart before the meet, we knew we were down considerably against Astoria and our boys did not flinch. We knew Astoria would be the team to beat this year. Our boys swam so

well that we put up an extra 34 more points than was expected. The boys' team alone put up 37 personal bests (PRs) in the meet. We threw everything we had at Astoria today and they were able to just edge us out. The boys put up a great effort.

On the girl's side, we knew this would be a development year and what a year it was. The girls graduated the entire team from a year ago, but even with all the new faces the girls improved from a last place finish to place second. We put the league on notice today looking forward to not just next year, but the coming years. We think this group of girls will be in the champion-

ship conversation moving forward.

In all, the Cheesemakers crowned seven champions and had 15 All-League performances. Indi Rhodes came into the meet with the flu and walked out with two individual titles (200 IM and 500 Freestyle) and four All-League performances despite the illness. Not swimming was never an option for Rhodes who has great mental toughness and has shown tremendous leadership all season. She is the level of swimmer she is for many reasons.

Other event winners included the boy's 200 Medley Relay (Johnny Sappington, Brett Ebel, Wyatt Swart and Noel Gutierrez), Soren Johnson (200 Freestyle), Emmy Mulder (100 Freestyle), Johnny Sappington (500 Free), and Easton Vance (100 Breaststroke). I could say a lot about all these events, but it's noteworthy that the 200 Medley was able to repeat as champions after graduating three of the best boy swimmers the school has seen in recent years. Swart was the only returner from last year's state finalist team, but it didn't stop the Cheesemakers from repeating this year, winning by 5 seconds and setting the tone for the meet early. Many big swims



Sandra Hall in action at the Cowapa League Championships.

Courtesy photo



Indi Rhodes won the 200 IM and the 500 Freestyle at the Cowapa League Championships.

followed.

The big underlying theme of the night? The explosiveness of the newcomers to the team. Every individual champion was in their first season with the team. Mulder and Vance raced to dramatic finishes, each making a comeback in the last 25 yards. At first, it was not even obvious Vance won. He charged down the home stretch and out touched teammate Brett Ebel by just

5 hundredths of a second to sweep the event.

Johnson and Sappington took it to their competition early and led from start to finish.

Other noteworthy swims came from the aforementioned Swart. He was a monster Friday night. He had to line up against the fastest sprinter in the state, but Swart showed no fear in the 200 IM and 100 Butterfly. Swart raced to a 10 second

PR in the individual medley and his butterfly was a new personal best by 4 seconds. He is peaking at the right time, and he knows the goal for this year. He wants to return to swimming's biggest stage in two weeks as a sophomore.

The Cheesemakers complete for state berths at the District 3 Championships this coming Friday and Saturday at the Astoria Aquatic Center.

Pirate girls, boys notch wins in recent action

Will Chappell
Headlight Editor

Neah-Kah-Nie's girls' basketball team celebrated senior night with a 45-33 win over the Rainier Columbians on February 11.

Payton White led the Pirates with 22 points and Jasmine Jones chipped in 11, as the Pirates relied on stout defense to steadily build a lead over the course of the game.

White put Neah-Kah-Nie ahead 2-0 with a layup on the first possession of the game, but after that both defenses forced repeated turnovers and after four minutes, the score was 2-1. The teams' offensive woes continued for the rest of the quarter until a Lorelai Keefauver three with just over a minute left stretched the Pirates' lead to 7-3, before the Columbians answered back with a layup to cut the margin to 7-5 after one.

Two White threes in the early going in the second quarter were the only baskets netted by either team, leaving the score 13-5 with four minutes to go in the half. Rainier ended their drought moments later with three points from the line

across two possessions and Keefauver responded with a layup, but after that both offenses again went cold, with the only points coming on trips to the line as both teams entered the bonus. At the half, Neah-Kah-Nie led 19-11.

The Pirates came out confidently to start the second half, with a 6-3 run pushing their advantage to 11 before Rainier responded with an 8-2 run of their own to trim the lead to 27-22 with one minute left in the quarter. But a Jones and one, and White three quickly pushed the advantage back to double digits, 32-22, heading into the fourth.

Jones took over in the early moments of the fourth quarter for the Pirates, scoring eight of the team's first nine points in the frame, leaving Neah-Kah-Nie with the 38-26 lead with four minutes left to play. A hard foul and head injury sent Jones to the bench with 2:45 remaining, but Neah-Kah-Nie's tough defense allowed them to hold the Columbians in check for the 45-33 win.

With the win, Neah-Kah-Nie improved to 12-10 on

the season and 4-7 in league play heading into their last game of the season at Corbett on February 17.

Boys cruise past Rainier

Neah-Kah-Nie High School's boys' basketball team notched an easy win against Rainier High School on senior night on February 11, downing the Columbians 70-26.

Clayton Dante led the Pirates with 16, Jordan Lewis nailed four three pointers en route to 14 points and Ethan Hanson chipped in 12, as Neah-Kah-Nie dominated the entire game.

The first few minutes were slow for the Pirates but around two and a half minutes in, their offense came to life and quickly went red hot as they reeled off a 20-0 run, only stopped by a Columbian free throw with 20 seconds left in the quarter, which the Pirates responded to with a late layup.

Dante scored five straight for Neah-Kah-Nie to start the second quarter and Rainier's offense continued its abysmal performance, allowing the lead to balloon to 38-3 halfway through the quarter, before



Dante lines up for a corner three against the Columbians.

Photo by Will Chappell

the Pirates cooled down somewhat and took a 43-3 lead to the locker room.

Neah-Kah-Nie's offense came out of the gates slow to start the second, but as their defense continued to give Rainier fits, their lead inched up to 50-6 halfway through the third. Hanson

sparked another offensive run with seven points late in the quarter and Dylan Sigman chipped in six to send the game to the fourth with a 65-16 margin.

As the clock ran and Neah-Kah-Nie Coach Erick White rotated in his bench unit, scoring slowed for the

Pirates in the fourth and the game ended with a score of 70-26.

The Pirates improved to 13-8 on the season and 8-3 in league play with the win, heading into their final regular season game at Corbett on February 17.

Mooks grapple in Hangar B against defending state champs

By Mike Weber
For The Headlight Herald

The Tillamook High Cheesemakers Special District 1 Class 4A boys wrestling team concluded the regular season schedule with a home dual meet Feb. 11 versus the defending state champion Sweet Home High Huskies of SD2.

The meet wasn't held in the traditional setting of the Tillamook High School Gym though. In what was certainly a very rare site for a wrestling meet, the two squads competed at the historic Tillamook Air Museum inside Blimp Hangar B.

The Cheesemakers, guided by Coach Rex Metcalfe, had a total of 14 wrestlers who were competing in rather exceptionally cold weather conditions inside the hangar, which doesn't have a heating



system. Competing against one of their toughest opponents that they would face all year, the Cheesemakers had just one win in the meet by senior David Weathers (24-11 record) in the 144-pound weight classification.

"Sweet Home kind of took it to us and they showed why they're the No. 1-ranked Class 4A team in the state,"

said Metcalfe. "It was kind of fun wrestling in the Air Museum and it was really super cool. It was the first time we've ever done that, and we just thought it would be cool to take our mats out there with all those airplanes and have a wrestling meet there. We battled the elements, and it was very cold, so I don't know if we'll do that again. It

was good for our sport to do something different like this. We didn't win very many matches, but we competed well."

The Mooks area now focusing on improving, staying healthy and getting into their peak physical condition for the eight-team Class 4A Regional Tournament Feb. 22 at Scappoose High School. The

Mooks girls squad competed Feb. 14-15 at the Regional in Scappoose (results unavailable). The top four placers in each division at regionals will qualify for the OnPoint Community Credit Union OSAA Wrestling State Championships Feb. 27-Mar. 1 at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

"I think David Weathers

has a good chance to qualify for state and I think we'll probably have a total of 10 boys who will likely qualify for the state tournament," said Metcalfe. "We have a pretty deep and experienced (16 seniors) team. If we wrestle as well as we're capable of, then I think we'll have a decent shot at winning the regional on Saturday."

The Cheesemakers have two very solid wrestlers who have enjoyed tremendous success this year in senior Jak Hopkes (126 pound weight class) and sophomore Liam Pyle (106 lbs.) and both are expected to qualify for state.

The Cheesemakers had financial support from sponsors Hopkes Logging Company, Dean McKibbin Insurance and PSI to help contribute the rental fee to have the meet at the museum.

Bobcats cap season with win against Loggers

Will Chappell
Headlight Editor

Nestucca High School's basketball team wrapped their regular season with a 54-45 home win against the Knappa Loggers on February 14.

The Cats fell into a hole in the first quarter but stormed back in the second behind a huge quarter from Austin Reno, who scored 19 in the game, and maintained their lead for the remainder of the game. Mason Vu chipped in 11 for the Bobcats and Eagan Ortis added 10.

Turnovers plagued both teams in the early going but Knappa's defense stifled the

Bobcats scoring attack and allowed the Loggers to take an 8-1 lead after four. Nestucca's offensive struggles continued as the quarter wore on, but Knappa also went cold and the quarter ended with the Loggers ahead 11-6.

Reno came alive for the Bobcats in the second quarter, scoring 10 points in the first five minutes to lead a comeback, including a three with three and a half remaining in the half to give the Cats their first lead, 19-18. Reno scored six more points as the half ran down, helping Nestucca take a 28-20 lead into the break.

Nestucca's offense went ice cold to start the second

half as they struggled with Knappa's full-court press, allowing the Loggers to trim the lead to 30-26 with five minutes left before a Vu three gave Nestucca some breathing room. Reno picked up his fourth foul with around four minutes left and headed to the bench, but Henry Ozuna stepped up with five to help maintain the lead and Nestucca headed into the fourth with a 42-33 advantage.

The Cats stretched their lead to 14 early in the fourth as the Loggers continued to struggle on offense and with four minutes remaining Nestucca led 48-37 with four left to play. Nestucca maintained its lead with strong defense in the last minutes of the game and won by the final score of 54-45.

With the win, the Bobcats finished the regular season with a 14-10 record and a 10-4 mark in league play.

Lady Bobcats lose nail biter in season finale

Nestucca High School's girls' basketball team ended the season with a heartbreaking loss against the Knappa Loggers, falling 52-49 at home.

The Bobcats led much of the night until four straight Logger threes in the fourth turned a ten-point deficit into a two-point lead, which Knappa held onto for the win. Daisy Camacho and Taylor Knight led the Cats with 14 points each in the game.

Nestucca came out playing staunch defense and took a 5-0 lead after four minutes as Knappa battled turnovers



Eagan Ortis rises up for a midrange jumper against the Loggers.

Photo by Will Chappell



Daisy Camacho had a career night on her senior night, netting 14 points.

Photo by Will Chappell

and struggled to find their range from the field. The Loggers got on the board moments later and tied the game with a corner three as three minutes ticked by before a Knight three ended their run and two Riley Armstrong free throws pushed the lead to 10-5 at the end of one.

Both teams began to work the paint on offense and find an offensive rhythm in the second, and after four minutes the Bobcats had stretched their lead slightly to 19-12. Knappa hit two threes in the next minute of play to cut the lead to one before Camacho answered with a three for Nestucca. The Cats built the lead to seven but four late points by the Loggers trimmed it to 27-24 at

the half.

Early in the second half neither team could find its range from the field, but Camacho steadied the Cats, scoring seven of the team's first eight points of the half to stretch the lead to 35-28 with just over four gone. Knappa answered with six straight in under a minute of play to cut the lead to one before both teams cooled off, but Nestucca hit three free throws, and a late Knight layup pushed the lead to 40-34 entering the fourth.

Play was tight early in the fourth, with the Bobcats stretching the lead to 10 before Knappa responded with back-to-back-to-back threes to trim their deficit back to 48-47 with just under four to

play and took the lead with yet another three on their next possession. Both teams were cold after that and with a minute and a half left the Loggers were up 50-49, before extending the lead to 52-49 with a midrange jumper with 45 seconds remaining. After a missed layup the Bobcats were forced to foul but a travel call against the Loggers gave Nestucca a final look with 12.9 seconds to go but a Knight three missed the mark and time expired, giving Knappa the win.

Following the loss, the Bobcats finished the regular season with a 15-9 record, including a 10-3 league record, heading into a first-round league playoff matchup at Clatskanie on February 20.

Mook Mat Club



Mook Mat club had an outstanding performance last weekend at the OWA State Championship. 16 total state placers. Kailynn Thompson - 2nd, Rowan Barton - 4th, Caleb Torres - 4th, Holden Allen - 6th, Keitynn Winfrey - 6th, Brayton Bennett-5th, Grant Rieger- 6th, Kaden Silveira- 6th, Adan Garcia- 3rd, Lily Barton- 3rd, Kilchis Sukanen- 5th, Brody Mooney- 2nd, Aaron Reidt- 6th, Jace Lummus- 4th, Audrey Silveira- 2nd, Lila Bennett- 1st. The team is Coached by Michael Lummus, Kyle Sukanen, Chad Allen, and Kris Fox. High School assistant coaches: Addison Josi, Sawyer Hibdon, and David Olmos.

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Charity Drive winds down with Coronation set Wed.



Charity Drive Leads Kennedy Moncrief, Abby Blackburn, Claire Travis and Tatum Lancaster (left to right) had a busy week helping to keep events on track. Photo courtesy: Rachelle Metcalfe



Pacific Restaurant: Members of the sophomore class took over Pacific Restaurant on February 12, for a Hawaiian dinner. Photo courtesy: Rachelle Metcalfe



Sophomores hope to raise the most money during the drive, brave the weather.



These jailbirds share a laugh while captive in the Senior Jail.

Tillamook High School's 72 annual Charity Drive kicked off on February 7, and was scheduled to run through the 17th, raising money for Doernbecher Children's Hospital, local charities and scholarships for senior class members. Events included car washes, the Mr. THS

Competition, Stud Muffin Volleyball, running concession stands at sporting events and a host of restaurant takeovers around town. Coronation is scheduled for 7 p.m. on February 19, during the alumni basketball game, at which point the class that raised the most money will also be announced.

Executive Assistant Lacey Larson



Team Member Spotlight!



We're excited to introduce you to Executive Assistant Larson, a dedicated member of the Tillamook Police Department! Executive Assistant Larson serves as our Office, Records, Property & Evidence Manager and has been with us for 5 years.

Hometown: Tillamook Oregon

Education/Training: General Studies Associate's Degree

What inspired EA Larson to join law enforcement: As a Professional Staff member in law enforcement, Lacey was inspired to join the team by a deep desire to support a vital mission from behind the scenes. She has always admired the courage and dedication of law enforcement officers, and while she may not be on the front lines, she takes great pride in contributing to their success.

Whether managing records, ensuring smooth communication, or handling logistical needs, her role plays a crucial part in keeping the department running efficiently. Driven by a commitment to serve her community in a meaningful way, Lacey finds fulfillment in being part of a team dedicated to upholding justice and safety.

A Message to Tillamook: Lacey shares: "I feel truly blessed to have been raised in a close-knit community with strong family values, all set against the stunning backdrop of the Pacific Northwest."

Say Hello! - If you see Lacey around town or at an event, don't hesitate to say hello!

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#240, Erin Cawley #403, Patricia Chepela # 357, Taysina Amos #212, Nikolaus J Anacker #37g, Danny Coop #425, Retha Mciver#215, Shawn L Robison #450, if any of the above wish to settle their accounts, and collect their belongings they need to do so by 5:00pm on February 25th 2025. All items which remain after that time will be sold at auction to the highest bidder online at www.storageauctions.com on February 25th 2025 at 5:00pm.

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HH25-142 Notice of Preliminary Determination for Water Right Transfer T-14311. T-14311 filed by Hudspeth Family Farm, 30180 Blaine Rd. Beaver, OR 97108, proposes changes in place of use and additional points of diversion under Certificates 9536 and 21436. Certificate 9536 allows the use of 0.16 cubic foot per second (cfs) from an unnamed stream in Sec. 25, T3S, R9W, WM for irrigation in Sec. 30, T3S, R8W, WM and Sec. 25, T3S, R9W, WM. The applicant proposes an additional point of diversion in Sec. 25, T3S, R9W,

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WM and to change the place of use to Sec. 25, T3S, R9W, WM. Certificate 21436 allows the use of 0.11 cfs from Nestucca River in Sec. 30, T3S, R9W, WM for irrigation in Sec. 30, T3S, R8W, WM. The applicant proposes an additional point of diversion in Sec. 25, T3S, R9W, WM and to change the place of use to Sec. 25, T3S, R8W, WM. The Water Resources Department proposes to approve the transfer, based on the requirements of ORS Chapter 540 and OAR 690-380-5000. Any person may file, jointly or severally, a protest or standing statement within 30 days after the last date of newspaper publication of this notice, 02/25/2025. Call (503) 986-0935 to obtain additional information. If no protests are filed, the Department will issue a final order consistent with the preliminary determination.

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HH25-144 SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY. Estate of James Howard Patterson, Deceased. NO. 25-4-00211-7 SEA. PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS, RCW 11.40.030. The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: January 28, 2025. Personal Representative: Patte Grace Patterson. Attorney for Personal Representative: Nicole L. Beges, WSBA # 47759, Address for Mailing & Service: Fahlman Little Wheeler, PLLC, 3023 80th Ave SE, Suite 300, Mercer Island, WA 98040. Court of probate proceedings: King County Superior Court, Cause number: 25-4-00211-7 SEA

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HH25-145 NOTICE OF TILLAMOOK COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING. Notice is hereby given that the Tillamook County Housing Commission will hold a regularly scheduled meeting the first Thursday of every month beginning at 9:00am at the Port of Tillamook Bay Conference Center, 4000 Blimp Boulevard, Tillamook, Oregon. The public is welcome to attend. Meeting materials including a link to attend the meeting virtually and teleconference access information can be found at the Tillamook County Housing Commission webpage, located at <https://www.tillamook-county.gov/bc-hc>. A public comment period is held at the end of every meeting. For additional information, please contact the Tillamook County Housing Co-

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ordinator at (503) 842-3408 ext. 3419, or email Housing@TillamookCounty.gov if you have any questions regarding the meeting or if assistance is needed to access the meeting.

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HH25-146 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF TILLAMOOK. GREENSPRING CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE RMH 2023-3 TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND BENEFICIARIES OF DORENE L. DUNLAP; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; and

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

2	6	5	3	1	9	7	4	8
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7	3	8	4	2	5	9	1	6
6	9	3	7	8	1	4	2	5
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Ruby is the first to investigate everything! She wants to know what is behind every corner as well as the unique nature of each and every toy. Ruby loves gazing out the window at the great big world, and the feather toy is never safe in her midst. Watch Ruby in action here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLe3xY_E-Uj2b_PZIOJkTESC9b4UJkBRAT.



Trina is a sweet, golden Tortie who was formerly the beloved pet of autistic boy until she had to be surrendered when his family lost their housing. Trina is very playful and just adores her feather wand toy. In fact, she will sit by her wand toy and stare at her foster until play commences. Schedule a Meet & Greet to see if you can resist!

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	+		×	=	30			
+		+		+				
	+		-	=	2			
÷		÷		×				
	+		-	=	2			
=		=		=				
10		1			84			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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WORD LADDERS

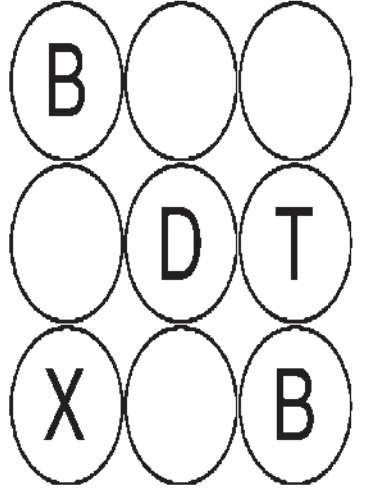
Can you go from BRACE to GRAPE in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

BRACE

GRAPE

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WORD SPIRAL



Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.
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Even Exchange answers

- Chair, Choir
- Pasted, Pastel
- Folly, Filly
- Altar, Alter
- Butler, Butter
- Elate, Elite
- Grape, Grace
- Streak, Stream
- Leave, Lease
- Fender, Lender

WORD LADDER Answer

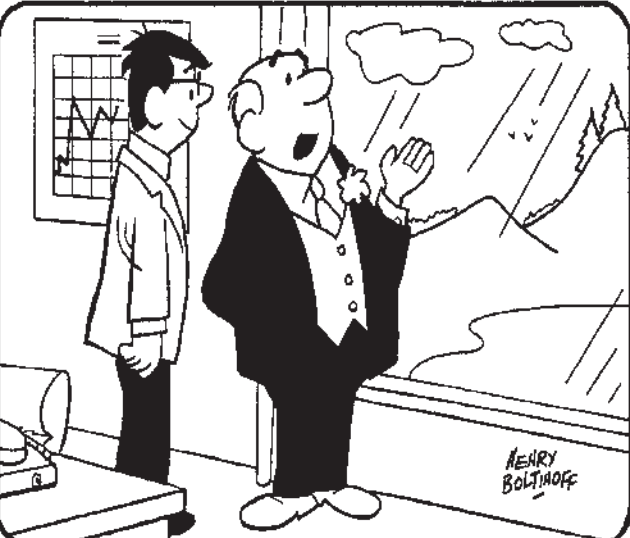
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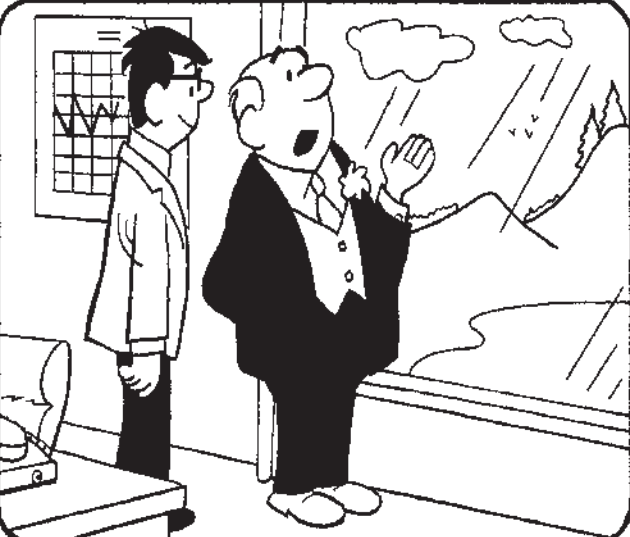
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Vest is shorter. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Chair is taller. 4. Foot is moved. 5. Chair is different. 6. Curtain is not as wide.

Weekly SUDOKU

2	6	5		1	9	7		
	1		8		6			
7		8		2		9		6
6			7	8		4		
5	8							1
		2		6			9	
				5	7			
			1		8		7	
9	6			4		8	2	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

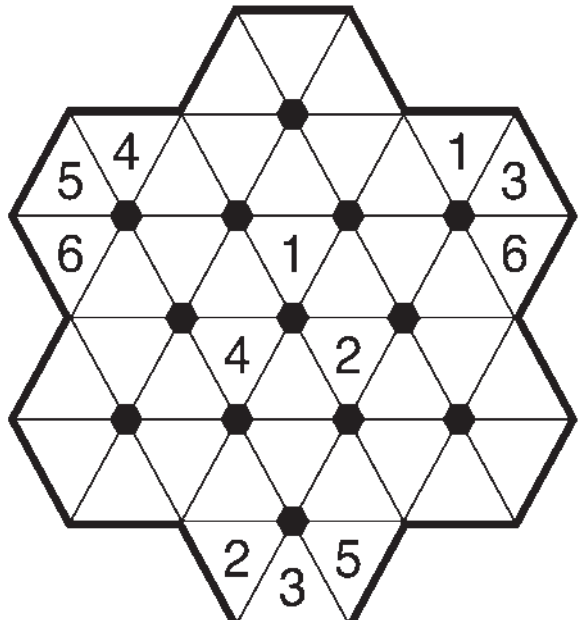
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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