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TCVA fetes tourist industry

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

The Tillamook Coast Visitors Association hosted its annual tourism awards banquet at the Red Barn at the Tillamook Creamery Association on February 21.

Guests were treated to a dinner catered by the creamery association and given a virtual tour of tourism across the county, with awards given to businesses and organizations doing standout work.

The evening kicked off with hors d'oeuvres as guests filtered in, before Tillamook Coast Visitors Association (TCVA) Director Nan Devlin welcomed attendees and recognized the elected officials who were present. Devlin shared that the association has recently hired an administrations and operations assistant and has a new tourism sector coordinator beginning on March 1, which will bring them to full staffing for the first time in a decade.

Devlin then shared a video produced by TCVA celebrating the Cape Meares Loop Road Project, which was awarded Project of the Year in 2024, and another video discussing the vision of and projects accomplished by TCVA.

Dan Haag, TCVA's trails and outdoor recreation manager, then talked about the association's work with Wheel the World, which aims to increase accessibility and make the process of visiting tourist destinations seamless for people with different needs. Tillamook County was named an accessible destination by the program last year and Haag shared a video showing some of the programs that helped the county garner that recognition, including the multiple David's Chair beach wheelchairs across the county.

After dinner, Devlin returned to the stage and began a presentation about developments in Tillamook Tourism in the past year, during which she handed out the awards.

Tillamook County Historical Society was given an award for Excellence in Cultural Heritage in recognition for its work to preserve Cloverdale's Main Street. The society was founded almost 40 years ago to preserve the county's history and engages with the community



TCVA's staff, Dan Haag, Lisa Hayden, Nan Devlin, Mariah Surat and Nicole Steen (left to right), during the awards presentation ceremony at the banquet.

Photo by Will Chappell

through hands-on projects, plaques that mark sites of historical interest, publishing books and newsletters, and conducting tours.

The Blimp Base Disc Golf Course at the Port of Tillamook Bay was recognized for Excellence in Outdoor Recreation. The disc golf course was constructed with \$8,000 in funding from TCVA, \$10,000 from the Oregon Coast Visitor's Association and a \$75,000 facilities grant from Tillamook County.

Opened last year, the course currently comprises nine holes on thirty acres next to Anderson Hill and has welcomed almost 1,000 players to date. Slade Sapora who has overseen the course's construction said that nine more holes will be added this year and that when complete the course will be the

only professional-level course on the Oregon Coast. Sapora also said that the Tillamook Disc Golf Club, which runs the course, is now a registered 501(c)3.

D.J. and Jaimie Josi, of Josi Farms, were recognized for Excellence in Culinary Agritourism award for their farm stand and work educating local kids about farming.

Cape Meares Community Association received the award for Excellence in Community Stewardship for their work on a project to preserve 107 acres of the forest containing the community's watershed. The group consummated the purchase by partnering with the Conservation Fund, which will eventually sell the parcel to the Cape Meares National Wildlife refuge for permanent protection.

Pacific City Fishing and Nordic Pirate Guide Service were recognized for Excellence in Marketing and Sidney and Larry Oswald were awarded for their Excellence in Business Development for Twins Ranch LLC, which offers a bevy of services in Bay City and Garibaldi, including catering, a restaurant and dog grooming.

Rockaway Beach's Sand Dollar Restaurant and Lounge was given an award for Excellence in Accessibility for its owners' dedication to creating an environment that is welcoming to all. Nehalem's Riverbend Players were awarded for Excellence in Arts and Culture and the City of Manzanita received recognition for Excellence in Destination Management for its recent rebranding and wayfinding efforts.



Tyler Reed

NKN's Reed talks budget crunch

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

As his district has taken a million-dollar budget haircut this year, Neah-Kah-Nie Superintendent Tyler Reed is working to minimize impacts to students and staff and continue the district's strong performance.

In a recent interview with the Headlight Herald, Reed said that he is concerned that further cuts could be coming to the portion of the district's budget supported by federal dollars with the recent administrative change in Washington and that he hoped to educate citizens about potential impacts.

"We just want to do right by kids and our staff and continue to be a great asset to the Neah-Kah-Nie School District," Reed said.

Neah-Kah-Nie School District has historically sat in an advantageous financial position, supported by strong property values in its coastal communities and receiving \$2-3 million annually from harvests on timberlands held in trust in the Tillamook State Forest. This has allowed the district to forego funding from the state, as it does not qualify for the school equalization fund, though it does receive around a million dollars towards its roughly \$15-million annual budget from the federal government.

That position of strength took a hit last March, however, when the Oregon Board of Forestry approved a habitat conservation plan (HCP) for western Oregon state forests that limits harvest areas and consequently volumes to comply with federal laws. Though the plan still has to be approved by federal agencies, the Oregon Department of Forestry began offering timber sales under the new plan's restrictions this year, leading to revenue decreases for the department and counties and various special districts that receive portions of the forest funds.

For Neah-Kah-Nie, the partial implementation has already had a drastic impact, with revenue down by around a million dollars for this fiscal year, according to Reed.

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NVHD clinic on track for October opening

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Work is progressing on schedule and budget at the Nehalem Valley Health District's new clinic and pharmacy building

in Wheeler, keeping the project on pace for completion in early September and a grand opening a month later.

Crews are currently working to complete the roughing in process for different utilities and will then move onto hanging drywall in the coming weeks. Marc Johnson, President of the Nehalem Valley Health District (NVHD) Board of Directors, said that he was excited to see the project take shape and believed it would be a great asset for the community.

"I'm going to go out on a limb and say that I think people will be really pleased with this building when it is complete," Johnson said.

Work on the \$12.2-million facility began last July with a groundbreaking ceremony and represents the first step in a \$15.5-million makeover of the district's facilities, the majority of which is being financed by a \$10.25-million bond approved by voters in May 2023.

Kevin McMurphy, a senior superintendent with Bremik Construction overseeing the project, recently gave the Headlight Herald



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The building's exterior is nearing completion as the roof will be installed in the coming weeks, with solar panels to follow later.

and Johnson a tour of the construction.

The facility's first floor will be home to the district's medical clinic and pharmacy, which will have separate entrances to reduce congestion. The new clinic will be home to 15 exam rooms, more

than doubling the current clinic's seven, allowing for much greater efficiency as care teams will be able to accommodate multiple patients at the same time, according

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Weather

Will Chappell
Headlight Editor

Cornhole players from around the northwest will descend on the Tillamook County Fairgrounds on March 22, for the third annual North Coast Throwdown, hosted by the Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation.

The event will run throughout the day in the fairground's skating rink, and feature food from La Mexicana as well as beer, while as many as 25 teams compete for the championship.

Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation (TBCCF) Development Director Siah Kennedy said that it will be a good time for all, as players with varying skill levels put on a show for the crowd. "Students participate, locals, we had people all the way from Washington," Kennedy said, "and those are the hardcore cornhole enthusiasts."

The throwdown is not only a fun day of competition



but also raises money for a good cause, with proceeds going towards Tillamook Bay Community College's Career-to-Career Scholarship program. Those scholarships are earmarked for students who graduated from high school more than five years ago and pay the entire tuition for a two-year associate's degree. Established in 2017, to date, the scholarship has been awarded to 147 students, with 33 recipients currently enrolled in classes.

TBCCF has committed to raising \$25,000 annually in support of the scholarship and first conceived of the throwdown as a fundraiser in 2020 but was delayed in staging the inaugural edition until 2023 because of Covid. While the event was held in January in its first two years, Kennedy said that the tournament had originally been envisioned as an outdoor event and that the move to March represented the first step in that migration.

“Our ultimate goal would be to have this be like an outdoor event on campus when we’re there at the new building,” Kennedy said.

Tournament champions will win bragging rights, a trophy, and North Coast Throwdown pint glasses and t-shirts. In addition to the tournament, attendees will have the chance to compete in raffles and a side competition called "air mail," where competitors take a single shot with a cornhole beanbag at a box for the chance at a cash prize.

Last year, the throwdown raised around \$4,000 and registration to compete is still open for this year's edition, which runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 22. Entry for each two-person team is \$50 and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/NCTD25>.

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MLS#25-63 Steph Poppe \$974,900

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MLS#25-58 Coley Trost \$1,275,000

Located just steps from miles of sandy shoreline, this stunning property offers the perfect combination of modern upgrades and coastal charm. Designed with comfort and style in mind, you'll find nothing but quality finishes inside and out of this completely updated home. Knotty alder millwork with two-tone stain finish throughout. Cozy wood burning stove. Custom knotty alder cabinets with pullouts and soft-close drawers, stunning Quartzite countertops, farm sink, pot filler and under cabinet lighting all make the kitchen as functional as it is beautiful. A spa-inspired bathroom with elegant tile work, heated floors, walk-in shower and motion sensor lighting creates a luxurious retreat after a day on the beach. Step out back and enjoy a private outdoor living with a spacious paver patio, storage for beach toys and room for an outdoor kitchen. Don't miss the opportunity to call this meticulously upgraded coastal retreat your own.

MLS#25-49 Macy Thompson \$619,700

Architecturally fascinating home in the heart of Oceanside is located just a few blocks away from the beach!

This unique property offers breathtaking ocean views from every floor, especially from the large rooftop deck. The home boasts solid construction, featuring massive beams complemented by warm wood interiors and angled windows. A stone surround fireplace anchors the upper living area, where the coffee table itself becomes a work of art centered around the beam. The kitchen and bathrooms feature quartz counters and wood cabinets. Recent upgrades include LVT flooring, new hot water heater, interior paint, cedar fence and landscaping. It's truly a one-of-a-kind property!

MLS#25-42 Cyndi Lewis \$650,000

Gleneden Beach Retreat - Walk to the Beach & Salishan! This light-filled beach home offers the perfect blend of comfort and convenience—ideal for full-time living or vacation retreat. Vaulted ceilings, skylights, and expansive windows create an airy atmosphere, while the open-concept living space flows seamlessly to a spacious deck, perfect for BBQs and entertaining. The versatile loft includes a den and extra sleeping area, complementing the home's ability to accommodate all of your family and friends. With ample storage, a nice yard, and a prime location near sandy beaches, golf, fine dining, and spa amenities, this fully furnished, move-in-ready gem is a must-see!

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From the Chief’s Desk: Cyber Safety Month

Stay safe online, protecting yourself in the digital world

Nick Troxel
Tillamook Chief of Police

In today’s fast-paced digital world, staying safe online is more important than ever. Cybercriminals are constantly developing new ways to steal personal information, commit fraud, and exploit vulnerabilities. That’s why Cyber Safety Month is the perfect time to focus on cybersecurity awareness, online fraud prevention, and internet safety for kids.

Understanding Cyber Threats
Cyber threats come in many forms, including phishing scams, malware, identity theft, and social engineering attacks. These threats can lead to financial loss, privacy breaches, and even emotional distress. The good news? A few proactive steps can significantly reduce your risk.

Protect Yourself from Online Fraud
Online fraud is a growing concern, with scammers using deceptive tactics to trick individuals into revealing sensitive information. To stay safe:

- Use Strong Passwords – Create

complex passwords and use a password manager to keep track of them.

- Enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) – Adding an extra layer of security makes it harder for hackers to gain access to your accounts.

- Verify Before Clicking – Be cautious of unsolicited emails, texts, or links, especially those requesting personal or financial information.

- Monitor Financial Accounts – Regularly review your bank and credit card statements for unauthorized transactions.

Keeping Kids Safe Online
With children spending more time online, it’s crucial to ensure their digital safety. Parents and guardians should:

- Set Parental Controls – Use built-in security settings to filter inappropriate content.

- Educate About Online Risks – Teach kids about online predators, cyberbullying, and the dangers of sharing personal information.

- Encourage Open Communication – Let children know they can talk to you

about any online concerns or suspicious interactions.

Stay Vigilant & Stay Safe
Cyber safety is a shared responsibility. By staying informed and practicing good digital habits, we can create a safer online environment for ourselves and future generations. This Cyber Safety Month, take the time to review your online security practices and encourage others to do the same.

For more resources on cybersecurity awareness, visit trusted sources like the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

A few more highlights from the Team at the Police Department...

- Review of the City’s Ordinance on Storage of Motor Vehicles, Personal Property on Streets, City Parking Lots or City Property.

- Recognizing the great work on achieving State Accreditation.

- Reviewing and projecting future expenditures ensuring our budget is as effective as possible.



Photo by Will Chappell

The clinic’s waiting room will feature a panoramic view of Nehalem Bay and Neahkahnne Mountain.

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to Johnson.

The floor will also have an x-ray machine, both communal and private workspaces for the clinic staff and the clinic’s waiting room, which will feature picture windows with a view over the Nehalem Bay towards Neahkahnne Mountain.

On the second floor, patients will find a new offering

for NVHD, a dental clinic. The clinic will initially have three chairs, with the capability of adding two more, and Johnson said that the district is currently looking for a dentist and hygienists to staff it. The second floor will also house behavioral health providers, administrative offices and a community meeting room.

Johnson said that at a recent meeting the district’s owner’s representative for the project estimated that the project was 42% complete. Johnson also said that the project was on budget and that the owner’s contingency

was untouched.

McMurry said that the project had used all five of its scheduled weather delays but that it remained on track for a substantial completion on the scheduled date of September 8. “We’ve had a little bit of everything on the coast, and that’s expected,” McMurry said.

Following the handover, Johnson said that district staff will spend about a month moving into and familiarizing themselves with the new facility before a grand opening in early October.

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While the district has thus far been able to address the falling revenues by reducing training expenditures and economizing building budgets, Reed said that further revenue cuts would eventually force staffing or programmatic reductions.

“The HCP is not even fully implemented yet and so that scares us,” Reed said. “And so, what has to happen is, I mean, we have to start cutting programming or staff.”

Since the HCP was approved, Governor Tina Kotek has been working with leaders from the affected timberland counties and the Oregon Department of Education to discuss ways to make up for the timber revenue cuts, though no potential solutions have yet been made public. Reed said that he was open to any answer put forward by the group but that he was concerned that Neah-Kah-Nie’s strong property values might lead to its exclusion from additional funding.

As the district works to get a handle on the implications of the HCP, a process made easier by past boards’ prudent fiscal decisions,

Reed said that he has become concerned about the impact that changes at the federal level could bring.

While he did not have any specific fears, Reed said that losing part or all the \$982,667 that the district received from Washington in fiscal year 2024 would serve to exacerbate the existing issues and that he wanted to share with the community the purposes for which those dollars are allocated.

The largest federal grant, \$288,926.39, comes to support low-income elementary school students, with the second largest sum, \$222,341.52, used for low-income student meal reimbursement, a program which has been on the table in recent budget cuts proposed by congressional Republicans. The next largest recipients of federal dollars are Neah-Kah-Nie’s special education program, which received \$139,970.51, and its college and career readiness program, which received \$104,828.

The balance of the funding comes through a bevy of different grants and programs, including those to support homeless students, technology and rural schools.

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Tillamook County criminal convictions

Staff Report

On January 17, Patricia Marie Munoz, 39, pled no contest to one count of menacing, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about December 27, 2024. Munoz was sentenced to two years' probation.

On February 3, Elijah Allen Huntsman, 19, pled guilty to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about August 21, 2023. Huntsman was sentenced to two days in jail and two years' bench probation, and his driver's license

was suspended for one year.

On February 3, Kandyce Arlene Cervantes, 33, was sentenced after pleading guilty on June 24, 2024, to one count of criminal driving with a suspended or revoked license, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about April 2, 2024. Cervantes was sentenced to time served in jail.

On February 3, Tamara Marie Harris, 49, pled no contest to one count of theft in the third degree, a class A violation, committed on or about September 22, 2024. Harris was fined \$440.

On February 5, Steven

Ray Haney, 46, pled no contest to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about August 19, 2024. Haney was sentenced to two days in jail and two years' probation, and his driver's license was suspended for one year.

On February 6, Autumn Strang admitted one count of being in contempt of court and was sentenced to 18 months' probation.

On February 7, Nicholas Edward Murray, 43, pled no contest to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about November 5, 2023. Murray was sentenced to a week in jail and three years' probation, and his driver's license was suspended for three years.

On February 10, Misty Kay Brown, 41, pled no contest to one count of attempting to commit a class C or unclassified felony, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or between May 1, 2023, and September 30, 2023. Brown's conviction was discharged.

On February 10, Ruben Haeden Mata, 27, pled guilty to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about November 10, 2024. Mata was sentenced

to two days in jail and three years' probation, his driver's license was suspended for three years and he was ordered to pay \$7,041.80 in restitution to Lunacy Coffee.

On February 11, Timathia Mahreet Rowland, 42, pled no contest to one count of escape in the third degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about January 26, 2023. Rowland was sentenced to 120 days in jail.

On February 20, Jeremy M. Galloway, 38, pled no contest to one count of failure to appear in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about April 29, 2024. Galloway was sentenced to five days in jail and ordered to pay \$300 in attorney fees.

On February 21, Richard Adam Alfred Jenck, 43, pled guilty to one count of failure to appear in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about July 15, 2024, and one count of use of ESG/tear gas/mace in the second degree, also a class A misdemeanor, committed on about November 30, 2024. Jenck was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay \$368 in attorney fees.

On February 21, Brian Edward Wilgus, 48, pled guilty to one count of theft in the third degree, a class C misdemeanor, committed on or about

December 17, 2023, one count of failure to appear in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about June 10, 2024, one count of felon in possession of a restricted weapon, a class A misdemeanor committed on or about December 19, 2024, and one count of carrying a concealed weapon, a class B misdemeanor, committed on or about December 19, 2024. Wilgus was sentenced to 60 days in jail.

On February 24, Jennifer Rae Wise, 50, pled no contest to violation of wildlife law with a culpable mental state—taking, angling, hunting or trapping in violation of wildlife law or rule, a class A violation, committed on or about November 18, 2024. Wise was assessed a \$440 fine.

On February 24, Michael Earl Little Jr., 41, pled no contest to violation of wildlife law with a culpable mental state—taking, angling, hunting or trapping in violation of wildlife law or rule, a class A violation, committed on or about November 18, 2024. Little was fined \$440.

On February 24, Lance Eric Witham, 57, pled no contest to violation of wildlife law with a culpable mental state—taking, angling, hunting or trapping in violation of wildlife law or rule, a class A violation, committed on or about November 27,

2024. Witham was fined \$440 and ordered to pay \$300 in restitution.

On February 24, Valery Nicholas Silva, 32, pled no contest to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class C felony, committed on or about December 28, 2024. Silva was sentenced to 90 days in jail and four years' probation, and his driver's license was revoked for life.

On February 24, Ralph Richard Tramp, 77, pled no contest to violation of wildlife law with a culpable mental state—taking, angling, hunting or trapping in violation of wildlife law or rule, a class A violation, committed on or about November 27, 2024. Tramp was fined \$440 and ordered to pay \$300 in restitution.

On February 25, Richard Allen McEachern, 66, pled no contest to two counts of recklessly endangering another person, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about February 9. McEachern was sentenced to 30 days in jail and two years' probation, and his driver's license was suspended for 90 days.

On February 25, James Allen Kasanos II, 47, pled no contest to one count of failure to appear in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about December 13, 2024. Kasanos was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

ATTENTION ALL NEAH-KAH-NIE GRADUATES

The Neah-Kah-Nie District #56 Graduate Scholarship Committee will be awarding over \$20,000 in scholarships this coming May.

Any graduate of Neah-Kah-Nie High School from 1954 forward who wishes to pursue advanced academic, vocational or technical education can apply.

Applications may be obtained at the Neah-Kah-Nie High School Office, by contacting Guidance Counselor Esther Troyer at esthert@nknksd.org, or go to sites.google.com/view/nkngraduatescholarships/

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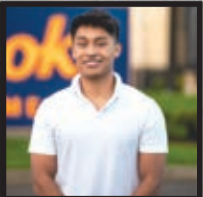
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If you love live music, you will not want to miss the show at Kitty's on Saturday March 8.

Kitty's owner and leader of the Joel Baker Band who headlines each Saturday night at Kitty's, Joel Baker, announced that, Dave Fletcher, a well known keyboard player will join the band for this week's show.

Fletcher is known around the region as an excellent pianist, will join Baker on the drums and vocals, Scott White who plays bass guitar and vocals and Carl Wilson on lead guitar and vocals. Come early because seating is limited, reservations are suggested.

The music kicks off at 7:30 p.m. and you can dance the night away until 11 p.m. Come early and enjoy a full menu and get ready for a real musical treat.

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the budget committee of Fairview Water District (Tillamook County, Oregon) for the July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 fiscal year, will be held at the Swiss Hall at 4605 Brookfield Avenue in Tillamook on March 27, 2025 at 5:00 PM. This meeting is being held to receive public comments on and hold deliberations about the proposed budget. A copy of the proposed budget documents may be obtained or viewed after March 24, 2025 at the District Office at 403 Marolf Loop Road in Tillamook during regular business hours.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Big Brother

We’re living in strange times. Some days I can barely believe that this is what our country has become. It’s not unlike what George Orwell predicted in his novel “1984” - a society completely manipulated by a cruel leader - “Big Brother is watching you.” So are Elon Musk and Trump. They are trying to convince the American public that their manipulations and half-truths are real. “Ignorance is strength,” Orwell wrote. “War is peace.” Say it often enough and the public will believe it, especially if you can trigger their grievances. Orwell also wrote in his post-apocalyptic novel: “It’s a beautiful thing, the destruction of words.” And so this president and his toadies attack everything they label DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion), as if these were horrible words that must be eliminated from our vocabulary. Inclusion?? When did the pursuit of a fair chance to succeed for all citizens become something to scorn? Though Orwell predicted an authoritarian world where dissent was severely punished and eradicated, we still have a chance to stand up against the would-be bullies and kings. This is not “1984” and we still have our voices. Now is the time to be heard - before it’s too late.

Butch Friedman

Opposed to DOGE

A recent letter to the editor endorsed DOGE’s methods for cutting the federal budget to reduce waste and improve efficiency. As some-

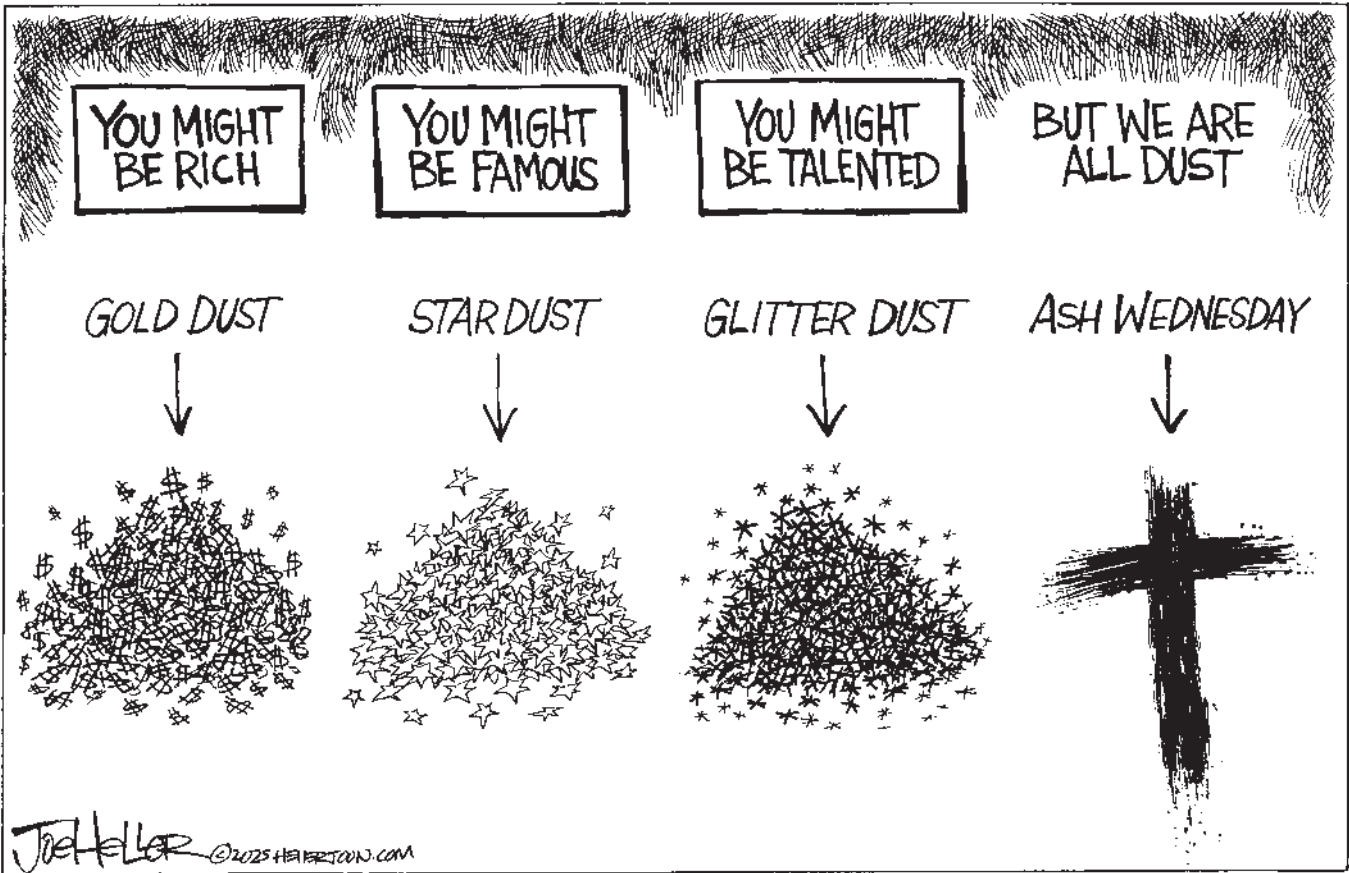
one who has spent her career trying to improve government as an elected leader and consultant to governments across the country, I agree there is waste in government and inefficient systems resulting from complicated bureaucratic rules and a “this is how we have always done it” mentality.

I have worked for 40 years to revise government systems to make them more outcome and customer focused and assure that they are providing good value for tax dollars. There are tools to make these improvements. It takes commitment and courage to implement them. We see no evidence now that such tools are being used.

The chaotic approach the Trump/Musk administration is using to supposedly reduce waste and improve efficiency is not an effective way to achieve these goals. A recent article quoted a Trump supporter who was fired from the IRS as saying, “I thought someone with his business acumen would have come in with a fine-tooth comb and actually found it coming in instead with a wrecking ball and destroying people’s lives for no reason.”

Trump and Musk are not focused on improving government efficiency, they are trying to undermine people’s confidence in government and create chaos that is a smokescreen for destroying programs they don’t like and taking away the budget authority of Congress.

Beverly Stein
Cape Meares



GARDENING MATTERS

Soil versus dirt

I have realized only recently that gardening is a science, not just a fun activity. There are so many science-based results we learn about every year that make for more successful gardens. As a Master Gardener, we are taught to only give advice to our clients that is research-based and has good science behind it.

Along with helping the bees, I have been seeing an increase in online articles and videos about the importance of good soil in achieving good gardens. Most of those articles come from reputable sources like OSU and WSU and so have a basis in science.

I am not talking about “dirt” here but soil. Dirt is what we bring in on the bottom of our shoes. Soil is what supports trees, shrubs, vegetables, flowers and all sorts of plants. Soil is thin, old and fragile and we need to take care of it.

Probably the most important thing I have learned in the past three weeks is to put the rototiller in storage and stop digging so much. Our soil is filled with all sorts of beneficial organisms that feed our plants but also feed the soil itself to keep it healthy. In the past, I know a lot of us would rototill our gardens each spring, or – for



GARDENING MATTERS
CARLA ALBRIGHT

lack of a rototiller – dig and double dig to bring the good soil to the top layers of the earth. Not necessary.

In fact, turning the soil decreases the viability of the soil to maintain healthy levels of nutrients. The more we dig, the more we lose. But of course, we need to plant our seeds or starter plants. But dig a small trench for your seeds or individual holes for the plants. Easier on the back, too. Try to impact surrounding soil as little as possible and never walk on wet soil in the garden as it will compact the soil. Instead, lay down stepping stones or even planks and walk on those to disperse the weight.

As far as adding nutrients, usually the only nutrient that the soil needs each year is Nitrogen (N). The soil will keep whatever Potassium (K) or Phosphorus (P) it already has. You can get that Nitrogen by using nitrogen-fixing cover crops like vetch,

crimson clover or legumes. They are all planted in the fall, so it is too late to do that for the upcoming growing season.

Rather than using a packaged fertilizer that gives more K or P than you need, consider using plant-based mulch in the form of vegetative compost. Manure-based compost isn’t as helpful as we used to think it was, so plant-based is better. If you top dress your gardens with this organic matter, you don’t need to dig it in. Instead, Mother Nature will see that it is dragged into the subsoil for you. Again, another reason not to dig into the soil.

Now we come to the structure of soil. There are clay soils, sandy soils, and silt or loamy soils. The best one of these is loam. Loam needs very little amending other than top dressing. Clay on the other hand is probably the worst. Well-packed clay soil is very difficult to work with and plants’ roots have a hard time penetrating it to get to the nutrients below. The good part about clay soil is that it holds on to nutrients better and longer than the other soil structures. You can’t really change the structure of clay soil but you can improve it. This is where more well-decayed compost

comes in handy. By using at least a three inch layer of organic matter, you will see your clay soil become easier to work within a few years. That may seem like a long time, but worth the effort for a good, productive crop.

Whatever you do, do not add sand to clay soil. That will only produce a concrete-like foundation that roots will never break through.

Sandy soils are a little easier to amend as they like organic matter as well. In fact, all soils will benefit from a top dressing. A benefit of sandy soil is that it doesn’t retain water, so roots won’t rot. A downside of sandy soil is that it doesn’t hold water so you will have to water more often.

If you are serious about growing vegetables, you will want to get a comprehensive soil test done using several areas in your garden. This is more than just a pH test and will need to be done by a certified lab. For example, OSU’s Soil Health Lab. You can find cost and information on how to submit your samples at: <https://cropand-soil.oregonstate.edu/shl/testing-services/soil-testing>. It may seem expensive but testing only needs to be done every 3 or so years and will pay off in the end with a higher vegetable yield.

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FENCEPOSTS

The Cape Meares Community Association (CMCA) was recognized for its successful Watershed Conservancy Project the weekend of February 21-22. First off, Tillamook Coast Visitors Association presented an award for “Environmental Stewardship” to CMCA at its annual awards banquet on February 21 at Tillamook Creamery’s Red Barn. Bev Stein, president of CMCA, accepted the plaque on behalf of CMCA. The very next day, Senator Jeff Merkley paid tribute to the project at the beginning of his Town Hall meeting in the Neah-Kah-Nie high school gym. Senator Merkley gave an American flag that was flown over the capitol to CMCA in recognition of its outstanding work on behalf of our community and the



environment in general. Good work, Watershed Conservancy team. In further CMCA news, the Board sent a letter of support to the Oregon Legislature for the Eelgrass Action Bill (HB 3580). This bill sets up a task force to investigate the impact of mechanical harvesting and other related issues. As mentioned previously in this column and elsewhere

in the Tillamook Headlight Herald, mechanical harvesting of eelgrass is detrimental to many marine animals. To view CMCA’s letter of support, visit capemeares.org and select the “News” tab. Last but certainly not least on the CMCA front, Dave Audet was elected to the Board as vice-president. He will run for president of the organization in May. Thanks for stepping up, Dave. Power was out for only about 90 minutes on February 19, although we had been notified to expect a 4-hour outage. Good job, PUD. Then an unscheduled outage hit the last weekend of February as part an atmospheric river slamming the coast. A neighbor reported a wind gust of 65 mph. Rain drenched our village

February 22-24 (conflicting amounts; let’s just say a lot). A tree came down on Bayocean Road and took a power line with it. The Cape Meares Emergency Voluntary Corps jumped on channel 20 with their GMRS radios and shared information, with net control Pam Robenolt posting info to the broader community in the Cape Meares group on social media site MeWe. A record number of individuals checked in via GMRS radios during the outage; folks are catching on around here. The PUD got the power back on within two and a half hours. What a great job, one and all. A postscript on the power outage: I talked with Harold Bennett recently on his daily walk up our street. His daughter, Phaedra, was

visiting during the February 24 power outage. When the power went out about 4:30 p.m., the two of them agreed that they would wait 15 minutes for it to come back on. If it hadn’t by then, they’d drive down the coast for dinner. Fifteen minutes came and went without the lights coming back on, so they hopped in the car and drove over the Loop Road to Neatarts, where they had a nice meal at The Schooner. Coming back, they were driving downhill toward Cape Meares Lake when Phaedra exclaimed, “Where did the road go?” She slammed on the brakes. A large tree had fallen, completely blocking the road. Fortunately for the Bennetts, by the time they drove back to Oceanside, around to Highway 131 and down Bayocean Road,

the original tree causing our power outage had been removed from Bayocean Road—and they could come home. A video from the February 8 “Aging With Grace” workshop sponsored by CMCA is now available at tctvonline.com. The title of the video is “Being Proactive About Aging and End-of-Life Issues,” presented by Margo Lulich, MPH, RN, of the North Coast End-of-Life Collective. Simply go to the website and click the image that says “Video on Demand” to select this presentation. The third “Aging With Grace” session was held March 1, after the deadline for this column; I will report on that presentation next week. The final “Aging With Grace” session is scheduled for April 5.

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Did you ever earn gold stars on a sticker chart as a reward in childhood? I’ve rewarded myself for exercising with a gold (or colored) star on the calendar for years. This past month, for the first time ever, the calendar is completely full of gold stars. I earned one on or for each of the 28 days. Besides improving my cardiovascular health and increasing muscle tone, regular exercise has lessened my knee and back pain and led to better sleep. Let’s see if I can keep that going in this longer month of March. Exercise opportunities abound at Kiawanda Community Center (KCC). A free option is “Walking Wonders,” which meets at 10 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the parking lot there (the address is 34600 Cape Kiawanda Drive, in Pacific City). Dress for the weather in sturdy shoes to enjoy conversation while completing a walk through the neighborhood. For more information call

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503-801-7448. Find other options on their calendar which is posted online. Search “Kiawanda Community Center” in your search engine of choice. KCC will host the Pacific City-Nestucca Valley Chamber of Commerce for their monthly membership meeting at 12 on Tuesday, March 4. Speaking of lunch hours at KCC, senior lunches are served at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays (March 4) and Wednesdays (March 5) for \$3 (others may partake for \$6) at KCC. Tillamook Family Counseling Center will host a free

series of parent education classes via Zoom. The course will start from 6-8 p.m. this Thursday, March 6, and continue in the same time slot on successive Thursdays for three weeks. Participants will receive an Active Parenting handbook, an Active Parenting workbook at the beginning of the series and a \$20 Fred Meyer gift card for each session they attend. Go to bit.ly/tfcc25ap to register. A harm reduction syringe exchange happens from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on second Wednesdays (March 12) at our own Hebo Fire Hall. The address is 30710 U.S. Highway 101 in Hebo. The service is offered at the same time four Wednesdays a month. On first and third Wednesdays go to Community Action Resource Enterprises (CARE), at 2101 First Street, in Tillamook. Fourth Wednesday exchanges happen at the Upper parking lot of North County Food Bank, 278 Rowe Street in Wheeler. South Tillamook County Library’s story time happens

at 3:30 p.m. on second and fourth Wednesdays, (March 12, March 26). All ages are welcome. These events promise “reading and singing and moving about.” Our own Pacific City Branch is located on Camp Street (off Broomen Road) in Pacific City. A free grief support group meets the second and fourth Thursdays monthly, excluding holidays (March 13, 27). Ari Douglas, a Bereavement Coordinator, leads this in-person meet-up; she holds a Master of Divinity Degree and is currently pursuing a master’s degree in social work, with sixteen years of experience in counseling. For more information call Ari at 971-258-7792 or send email to DouglasA01@ah.org Nesko Women’s Club will hold a rummage sale from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 15. The venue is Kiawanda Community Center, the address is

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Tillamook County Community Health Centers

Screen Today for a Healthy Tomorrow

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men, but it is also one of the most preventable with regular health screenings. A screening test is used to look for a disease when a person doesn’t have any symptoms. According to the US Preventive Services Task Force, adults should receive their first screening for colorectal cancer soon after turning 45 and then continue screening on regular intervals. If you have a family history of colorectal cancer, talk to your doctor sooner. They can help you decide which type of test would be best for you. Health screenings are a covered benefit for most insurance plans, including Oregon Health Plan.

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LaVell ‘Val’ Gifford

July 11, 1934 - Feb. 15, 2025



LaVell (Val) was born July 11th, 1934 in Seattle, Washington to Claude Christman and Ione Palmer Christman. She passed away February 15th, 2025, at her home in Tillamook, Oregon.

Val loved God’s creation especially animals & flowers. She was a very talented self-taught beautiful artist of many pictures and making self-pressed greeting cards. She was a volunteer for Hospice & a loving marriage mate. Val had many jobs but her favorite was at Denny’s where she met her husband,

Gordon Gifford.

LaVell was preceded in death by her parents and 13 siblings: The Christman’s: Glen, Margaret, Don, Earl, Celia, Dicky, Marie, Mary. The Becks: Twins: David & Darlene, Jerry, Floyd; her husband, Gordon Gifford, and her daughter Kathy Ray Saylor.

Val is survived by her brother, John Beck. Granddaughters: Alisha (Michael) Dodd from New Market, London, United Kingdom; Susan (Sabino) Saccone of Federal Way, Washington; her great-granddaughter Sofia Saccone and great-grandson Alexander Saccone.

Special thanks to TRMC & Hospice for their loving care & support.

Services for LaVell will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Idaville, Oregon, Sunday March 16th, at 2PM. Scott Erickson officiating. For Zoom information, call (503)812-4741.

John Mikal Dyrnes

July 9, 1956 - Feb. 13, 2025

John was born July 9, 1956 in Los Angeles, CA. John died Feb 13, 2025 from a massive heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Julane Dyrnes, and his 5 children, Sean Bailey, Stephen Dyrnes, Christopher Dyrnes, Randy Dyrnes, and Phoenix Dyrnes. John is also survived by his Mother, Marjorie Dyrnes and his two sisters, Stephanie Dyrnes-Stoecker and Cyndy Dyrnes. John was a Chef

by trade and had recently been working at the Bay City Post Office. John loved his family and he will be missed.

The Celebration of Life for John will be March 8th at 1pm, at Bay City United Methodist Church, 5695 D. St, Bay City, OR. 97107. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Diabetes Foundation or Bay City United Methodist Church.

Elaine L. (Searcy) Blaser

May 12, 1958 - Feb. 15, 2025



Elaine was born 5/12/1958 in Seattle, Washington to Frank Clemens and Betty Lou (Killian) Searcy. They moved to Tillamook shortly after Elaine’s birth. Elaine lived her life in Tillamook. It was home.

Elaine was creative, beautiful and caring. She loved the outdoors, fishing the beaches and hiking with her dogs. She said that dogs were, “The love of her life.” She cherished and felt a deep spiritual connection to her Indian heritage. She loved to paint and was a self-taught artist. Her interest in painting was fostered by her mother-in-law, Mary Jenkins. Elaine painted, created intricate leather works and loved to garden.

Elaine worked locally as a bartender at the Elks lodge and later as an in-home care giver for many people in the Tillamook Community. Her

“clients” always seemed to become dear friends and their families grew to love her creative and generous spirit. She always enjoyed helping people.

She married her childhood sweetheart, Kelly Blaser and they raised their son, Luke together in Tillamook. They nearly always had a dog to enjoy camping and the outdoors with them. Though she and Kelly separated for a time, they always remained best friends and supported one another throughout life.

Elaine passed away at home on 2/15/2025 after a long struggle with lung cancer.

Elaine is preceded in death by her parents, her infant son Matthew, siblings Tim, Theresa, Dan and her beloved white labs, Jake and Molly.

She is survived by her husband and life partner Kelly Blaser; Her son Luke and wife Vona. Her grandchildren Even, Icee and Emily. Great Grandchildren Callie and Haisley. Her uncle Kenny Killian as well as the extended Blaser and Killian families. Many cousins, relations and dear friends.

We Love you Elaine.

There will be a celebration of Elaine’s Life at the Elks Lodge in Tillamook April 6th at 2 PM.

Jeannette Braddock Steiber

Feb. 5, 1949 - Feb. 19, 2025



Jeannette Braddock Steiber, 76, of Tillamook, Oregon, passed away on February 19, 2025. A gathering of family and friends was held February 27, 2025, at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Born February 5, 1949 to Lester and Lora Delle Braddock in St. Paul, Minnesota, Jeannette grew up in Meridian, Idaho, and Tillamook, Oregon. She married her high-school sweetheart Tom Steiber on July 18, 1970 in Beaverton, Oregon. Tom’s Air Force career took them on adventures around the world, including Taiwan, The Netherlands, Washington

DC, Wyoming, Hawaii, and Illinois before they settled back in Tillamook in 2012. They shared 54 years of marriage.

Jeannette was active in the Nazarene Church, teaching Sunday School and playing piano. She loved Sundays, especially singing gospel music to wake up her kids. Her hobbies included crossword puzzles, sewing, cooking, traveling, gardening, and walking. She obtained an English Literature degree in 1988 and co-owned a Christian bookstore from 1994 to 2004.

Jeannette cherished her family, especially her grandchildren, Lydia, Violet, Juliette, James, Leonardo, and Penelope. She is survived by her husband Tom, children Theresa, Jonathan, and Christopher, sister Amelia and brother Douglas, and is preceded in death by her parents and sister Karyl.

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In a timely presentation given last week’s power outages, Todd Simmons of Tillamook Peoples Utility District spoke at the February 12 City Council meeting about the goals and practices at TPUD and what changes are in the offing.

Simmons gave a detailed overview of the history of TPUD but focused on how extreme winter storms are causing unprecedented levels of damage. “Sometimes annual precipitation is the same but we’re getting it in short bursts,” Simmons said, and freezing conditions are more common.

Tillamook County faces ice and snowstorms at unprecedented rates. Wind gusts of 60+ miles per hour are now the norm; we saw speeds in the mid-80s between the Veterans Day tornado and the Christmas storms last year. Most outages, Simmons said, occur as trees and branches from outside the easements/ right of ways fall on the lines, disrupting power. Some of the distribution systems have been in place for 80+ years. “We’ve rebuilt that that system and we continue to harden it, but we’re seeing outages like we haven’t before.”

Mitigation efforts focus on aggressive tree trimming and vegetation removal. Traditionally done under contract labor, this function has been moved in-house. “We now have two fully operational vegetation management crews who trim trees every day all year, and we have two mowing crews to keep our transmission



lines’ easements clear.” But even with that, “we have trees that come in contact with our transmission lines,” so “we’re trimming burnt trees.”

Second, wildfires have created what amounts to a “second storm season” with threats to public safety and utilities. And third, increased demand means TPUD is beginning to see power supply deficits—the system is inadequate for rising levels of electricity demand. Simmons said we are already seeing forced outages due to losing baseload resources faster than they can be replaced.

To help offset the challenge, TPUD is making capital investments in harder construction and underground installation. “Undergrounding is very expensive. In some cases we’ve put stuff underground, but then we get washouts and have to put it back overhead.”

The cost to put in underground equipment in a brand-new development? “Approximately three times [the cost] of putting stuff in overhead.” Retrofitting existing overhead lines? “More like ten times the cost.” Another

utility, Douglas Power, did a study a few years ago and determined that to go with a complete underground transmission system would require a 400%-500% rate increase.

“Ultimately, some extended outages are going to be unavoidable.” Therefore, “helping customers with emergency preparation is key, and we know Rockaway does a really good job of working with your constituents to stay safe.”

“Even though we do a lot of things right, three of the four transmission lines that bring power in from the generation facilities throughout the region were out during the holidays. And Bonneville called us and wanted to have us take the fourth down, because that fourth line was so constrained.”

Councilor Tom Martine asked, “Several sections throughout the county will have their own grid. [...] If a tree knocks down power in Pacific City, you can close that down, repair it, and the other towns will still have power. Is that still in operation?”

Simmons replied, “Yes. Where we’re most vulnerable is in the northern part [...] Our transmission feed is owned by Pacific Power, and it comes from Astoria all the way down into Tillamook. The three substations in the north, Mohler, Nehalem, and Garibaldi, that feed all this area are off of that transmission line. That’s how they’re fed.”

Simmons went on to say, “We have been working with Bonneville and with Pacific

Power to section the lines [...], so that even if they see something in Cannon Beach or Warrenton, we can isolate here from Tillamook up. That takes a long time to get done, but we are making progress.”

Simmons went on to say that TPUD is working on a distribution system to feed from Garibaldi through the southern half of Rockaway.

Simmons also talked extensively about the impact of wildfires on transmission lines, and about plans to update and source additional power from systems other than BPA. For more information, watch his presentation on the City Web site, <https://corb.us>.

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Remember that a news release from The Heart of CARTM requests that we save the weekend of May 15-18 for their “Trash Bash 2025.” CARTM hosts the annual reduce, re-use, recycle event in north Tillamook County. Those who care to can consider this a call to artists; there’s always a “trashion” show and an art show and sale associated with the weekend’s offerings. The theme is “Gathering.” Watch this space for

details as they’re mad public in advance of the events.

Happy birthday this week to- Piper Armstrong, J.D. Baker, Glen Brassfield, Patrick Byrd, Jesse Cantlon,

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Literacy Framework designed to enhance student reading skills

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The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is expanding what ODE officials call the department’s “all-out effort” to create confident and competent readers and writers with the release of Oregon’s Adolescent Literacy Framework.

The framework follows

the implementation of the Early Literacy Success Initiative by providing guidance and best practices for research-based literacy instruction in middle and high school. As part of ODE’s approach to addressing the academic disparities in scholar data and outcomes, the framework is a key component in the state’s larger vision for academic excel-

lence for Oregon’s students, according to Oregon Department of Education Director Dr. Charlene Williams.

“This statewide resource provides content for deepening educators’ understanding of the essential components of adolescent literacy,” Williams said. “I’m thrilled we can offer this resource to teachers throughout Oregon to help bolster student literacy skills in all subject areas for our middle and high schools. This is another valuable brick in the strong and growing foundation of literacy success for Oregon.”

Following the release of Oregon’s Early Literacy Framework in 2023, Williams said ODE received many requests for the development of a literacy framework to support educators who teach the roughly 309,000 Oregon public school students in middle or high school. In response to the requests and to help every scholar read and write with confidence and competence, ODE has developed Oregon’s Adolescent Literacy Framework.

HOW IT WORKS

Oregon’s Adolescent Literacy Framework integrates strategies for advanced language and literacy skills to meet the evolving needs of

readers and writers in grades 6 through 12. It includes strategies to support students who enter middle school or high school not yet reading fluently or comprehending text at an expected level.

ODE included feedback from engagement with educators, literacy experts, and community members across Oregon. The final version of Oregon’s Adolescent Literacy Framework is informed by this feedback, in addition to the review of extensive literacy research, state and national assessment data, literacy frameworks in other states, consultation with literacy researchers, and conversations with practitioners and community partners, according to Williams.

Additional resources to support adolescent literacy, including a bank of on-line professional learning resources similar to the resources available to support Oregon’s Early Literacy Framework will be created and published throughout the year, a release from the ODE states.

“The framework and additional supports are the latest addition to a suite of programs, materials and services dedicated to addressing the urgent need to strengthen literacy skills among Oregon’s students, ensuring they graduate prepared for college, careers, and civic life,” the release reads.

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Hoffman Center announces Spring Renewal literary weekend

Hoffman Center for the Arts in Manzanita will be hosting a Spring Renewal literary weekend with renowned poet, Didi Jackson, from March 21st-23rd, 2025.

On Friday, March 21st, at 7:30 pm Didi Jackson will present work from her newest collection, “My Infinity”, (Red Hen Press, 2024) in which she continues her exploration of the paradoxical meaning of a world where joy and sorrow simultaneously coexist.

Books will be available for sale and signature at the event and through our local bookseller, Cloud & Leaf Bookstore.

Tickets are \$20 and registration is highly recommended.

On March 22-23, 2025, Didi Jackson will offer a generative poetry writing workshop, open to writers of all levels of experience. The workshop will be held at the Hoffman Center for the Arts on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00am-1:00pm. Tuition is \$250. Scholarships are available for this workshop.

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Pirates’ season ends with playoff loss

Will Chappell
Headlight Editor

The Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates boys’ basketball team ended their season with a first-round home playoff loss, falling 68-56 to the Douglas Trojans on February 26.

Neah-Kah-Nie kept the game close throughout but cold shooting in the second half and a size disadvantage let the Trojans build a small but decisive lead. Ethan Hanson led the pirates with 20 points on the night, while Dylan Sigman chipped in 15 and Jordan Lewis added 11.

Neah-Kah-Nie came out hot, with Sigman giving the Pirates a 4-0 lead with a putback and fast-break layup off a Brady Douma steal, but Douglas responded with a three to get their offense started. Five more points gave the Trojans a four-point lead before a Hanson three ended the run and a Clayton Dante three tied the game at ten.

The game tightened up for the rest of the quarter

from there, with both teams playing strong defense and forcing repeated turnovers. Dante and Hanson guided the Pirates through the rough stretch and at the end of one they trailed 20-19.

In the second quarter, Neah-Kah-Nie was ice cold to start, with only a Hanson midrange jumper and Lewis three through four minutes, though Douglas was similarly sluggish and had only stretched its lead slightly to 29-26. The Pirates continued to struggle on offense in the waning minutes of the half, and Douglas managed to stretch the lead to seven, 36-29, with a buzzer-beating three as the half ended.

Neah-Kah-Nie came out strong offensively to start the second, with threes from Lewis and Hanson and a Sigman free throw trimming the lead back to 40-36 after two and a half minutes, but the Trojans regrouped and answered with five straight, drawing a Pirate timeout.

Douglas started to definitely win the rebound battle as the quarter dragged

on, using second chance and transition points to maintain their margin. Lewis and Douma both hit threes as time ticked down in the third, but the rest of the Pirates remained cold from outside and by the time the quarter ended, they trailed the Trojans 52-44.

Sigman cut the lead to six with a lay in on the first possession of the fourth, but Douglas responded with a layup of their own before a Sigman layup again trimmed the lead to six, 54-48, with just under five to play. With both teams cold, the Trojans slowed the pace of the game and continued to play bothersome defense to keep the Pirates at bay.

A Sigman bucket in the paint and Lewis transition layup cut the lead to 57-52 with 2:45 remaining. Sigman picked up his fifth foul on the next possession and after hitting one of two free throws and a lay-in, the Trojans led 60-52 with a minute left.

Neah-Kah-Nie began fouling and Hanson hit a



Dylan Sigman scores an inside basket in the first quarter against Douglas.

Photo by Will Chappell

three with thirty seconds left, but it was too little too late and a buzzer-beating lay-in for Douglas made the

final margin 68-56. The loss ended the Pirates’ season with a record of 15-10, after they finished

with a 9-3 mark in Coastal Range League play.

Lady Bobcats bow out in first round

Will Chappell
Headlight Editor

In their third consecutive appearance in the state playoff, the Nestucca High School girls’ basketball lost a tough, 80-38 road matchup against the Salem Academy Crusaders.

The Bobcats fell into a big hole early and struggled with Salem Academy’s length and defensive pressure. Taylor Knight led the Bobcats with 12 points, while Autumn Rist and Piper Armstrong scored 10 apiece.

Salem Academy came out hot with back-to-back three pointers on its first two possessions and kept its foot on the gas, pushing the lead to

14-0, as Nestucca struggled to take care of the ball. Piper Armstrong finally ended the drought for the Bobcats with a free throw with 2:45 left in the quarter and Knight scored a layup for the Cats shortly thereafter, but the Crusaders kept up their scorching pace to lead 26-3 after one.

Though Salem Academy cooled off a bit to start the second quarter, the Bobcats were still unable to find their footing and the lead crept up to 36-9 with four minutes remaining in the half. Nestucca finally found a bit of an offensive groove in the closing minutes of the half but couldn’t chip into the lead and headed to the break down 46-18.

Nestucca was cold again to start the second, remaining scoreless until back-to-back Piper Armstrong layups with just over four left shook the cobwebs off the offense. Nestucca had its most productive stretch of the game from there, scoring 12 in the final four minutes of the fourth but Salem Academy matched the Cats basket for basket, sending the quarter with a 63-34 margin.

In the fourth, the clock ran and Nestucca was again cold, allowing the Crusaders to pull away for the 80-38 final.

The loss ended the Bobcats season with an overall record of 16-11, while they managed a 10-4 mark in Northwest League play.



Photo by Will Chappell

Taylor Knight drives into the paint against the Crusaders in a first round playoff matchup.



Indi Rhodes saves her best for State

David Rhodes
Tillamook Swim Coach

Indi Rhodes saved her best for last at the OSAA Class 4A/3A/2A/1A State Championships last Friday evening. Rhodes gave quite the showing and represented the program and community well at Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center. Rhodes qualified in two events for high school swimming’s biggest stage, competing in the 500 freestyle and 100 breaststroke. She was the only Tillamook swimmer to qualify for the state meet.

After an impressive week of practice, Rhodes launched into the pool at exactly 7:35 p.m. and swam to her most impressive 500 freestyle of the year. The freshman swam to a new personal best in 5:57.89. She placed 10th overall. She took off almost 20 seconds over the course of the short, three-month season and 11 seconds over the last two meets. We talked about breaking six minutes earlier in the year, but I promised her it was a progression, and it would come and she swam under six minutes twice this year. The next big goal will be to break 5:50. Everything is coming together for Indi. Her speed is getting better, her endurance has drastically improved and now her confidence is high. She is swimming splits in her 500 that are well below her open event times so far this year. What that tells me as a coach is that she is nowhere near peaking and has a lot more to show in the coming years. That is really exciting for us and terrifying for opposing teams.

And while the 500 freestyle was impressive, Rhodes was not done quite yet. I told Indi earlier in the week during practice it was important not to get too high or too low emotionally during the

meet depending on what happened. Being the first experience at state, it is hard to know how swimmers will react. Her strong showing in the 500 did not quite meet her own personal expectations, but I think it set her up for a remarkable 100 breaststroke. I was more nervous personally for the breaststroke than I was for the 500. We were still working on some details in the breaststroke leading up to the meet in practice and it was not until Thursday night that I felt more confident. She showed us all something on her last practice set on Thursday and I said we were done. No more breaststroke. I wanted to walk into the state meet on a high note with the most impressive practice time she had swam to so far.

For those who do not know, we had been a little stuck on 1:21 all season in the breaststroke and I told Indi I was convinced she could swim 1:18, which to some may seem like a stretch. She swam a 1:22 finish time at district. That time grabbed her the last wildcard berth in the state meet by only 0.05 seconds over the next competitor. Indi told me she likes to be dramatic. She brought the drama again in her last breaststroke of the year where she blistered the first 50 in what was an improvement by a whole 0.9 seconds. That fact as well as seeing her in third place at the turn told all of us present, a big time was coming. And Rhodes delivered with a huge personal record by 3.5 seconds. She swam a 1:18.54. To top it off, Rhodes moved all the way up from 12th to a 9th place finish at state in the event.

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Tillamook County Road Advisory Committee Vacancies

The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications for two vacancies on the Tillamook County Road Advisory Committee. The Road Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding road policies in the various areas of the county. These policies include budget review and the development of work priorities.

The advisory committee is composed of nine members representing north, central, and south Tillamook County and serve three-year terms. Residents representing north and south county are needed. There is no financial compensation, but there is ample opportunity for public service.

Membership application forms are available on the County website under the Board of Commissioners' page. Applications should be e-mailed to Isabel Gilda in the Commissioners' office at isabel.gilda@tillamook-county.gov by 5:00 p.m. on March 21, 2025. For more information on how to submit an electronic application, call Isabel Gilda at 503-842-3431; for more information about the Road Advisory Committee, please call Chris Laity at 503-842-3419.

Governor talks state agency accountability, Trump Administration impact in Oregon

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In a wide-ranging discussion with reporters, Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek stressed state agency accountability, including how the Oregon Department of Transportation spends state dollars.

"We have had a history of not accurately projecting the cost of major projects," Kotek said. "We have to do a better job there."

Kotek said she wasn't going to make excuses for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

"We want everyone in the agency to be able to have confidence that when a new transportation package is passed, that the resources will see completed projects on time and on budget. So, we are doing everything we can to make the agency will to do better. We look forward to new things they would like to do to help us achieve that given the resources we have."

"We need to get a transportation package done for the safety of our system."

EDUCATION FUNDING

Kotek also addressed a question concerning needed funding for Oregon schools saying school districts need to produce better outcomes.

"My recommended budget is a substantial increase in the state school fund,"



Gov. Tina Kotek addressing the media during a news briefing at the Oregon State Library in Salem Feb. 24.

Kotek said, "There is not a school district in our state that has all the money it needs. I've made a commitment to school districts to offer them the best possible budget in my budget, which I did. Now, the conversation with the school districts is with those dollars, we must better guarantee that there will be increases in reading, math and attendance. These

are very important indicators of success for our students. I think we can with the resources we have do a better job. I am focused on accountability with the existing resources that we have."

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

When asked about the impact on Oregon following the Trump Administration's executive orders, Kotek

responded by stating:

"There is a lot of fear," she said. "The federal administration has been very clear about their goals around deporting undocumented residents. What my office is trying to do is to be very clear to folks who provide public services what the role is with our sanctuary laws. We have been working very diligently to help educate communities about what their rights are under the law. At the end of the day, the fear is real. People are staying away from businesses because they fear immigration enforcement. What I can say to Oregonians is we will uphold our law and do the best we can under the situation that is coming out of the federal government."

As to losing federal funds, Kotek said she wants state agencies to focus on the Oregon budget.

"I think it will be quite a while before we see the impact of any potential restrictions on federal funding," she said. "So, right now we need to focus on passing a budget that meets our needs."

Other topics discussed included Kotek's pause on appeals over the state's new wildfire map, saying she wants to provide state legislators more time to discuss the issue.

Governor Kotek conducted the news briefing from the Oregon State Library in Salem Monday afternoon, Feb. 24.



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Quarterly state forecast shows decline in taxpayer kicker

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Oregon's kicker, the amount of money to be returned to taxpayers and corporations, has been revised slightly downward according to the latest Oregon economic outlook and revenue forecast.

The kicker tax credit goes into effect when the actual state revenue exceeds the forecasted revenue by at least 2%. An amount is then returned to the taxpayers through a credit on their tax returns.

The personal kicker is expected to total \$1,726.6 million that will be returned to taxpayers as a credit on their 2025 tax return. The corporate kicker now stands at an expected \$993.1 million and will be retained in the General Fund and spent on education next biennium.

Carl Riccadonna, state chief economist and Michael Kennedy, senior economist of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), presented the latest quarterly report to a joint meeting of the

Oregon Legislative Revenue Committees Feb. 26 in Salem.

The March 2025 economic outlook is much like was presented in December 2024, with optimism toward a "soft landing" scenario but with widening variability in risk factors, according to release from the DAS.

KEY POINTS INCLUDE

- State economy is increasingly bound to national trends for growth and inflation
- Heightened sensitivity to trade tensions given geography and industry composition
- Labor conditions are healthy, but hiring has sputtered and breadth of job creation is weak
- Magnitude of demographic rebound will be critical to growth outcome



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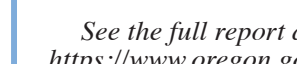
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HH25-154 PACIFIC CITY JOINT WATER-SANITARY AUTHORITY, PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE. The Pacific City Joint Water-Sanitary Authority Board of Directors will hold their regular monthly business meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 5:00 PM at the Kiawanda Community Center. The agenda includes general Authority Business, New Business, Unfinished Business, and any other business which may come before the Board. This meeting is open to the public. If you would like to attend this meeting from home, a Microsoft Teams video conferencing option is available. Please contact the PCJWSA office at 503-965-6636 to receive an invitation to this meeting in your email. Anyone requiring special accommodation and information about attending the meeting should contact the Authority office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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- Physical Education Teacher, 2 positions, 2025/26 School Year @ TJHS
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- Bus Driver @ Transportation (332)
- SpEd/Special Care Educational Assistant, 7.5 hrs/day, 182-day calendar @ Liberty (345)
- General Educational Assistant, 3.75 hrs/day, 182-day calendar @ SP (356)

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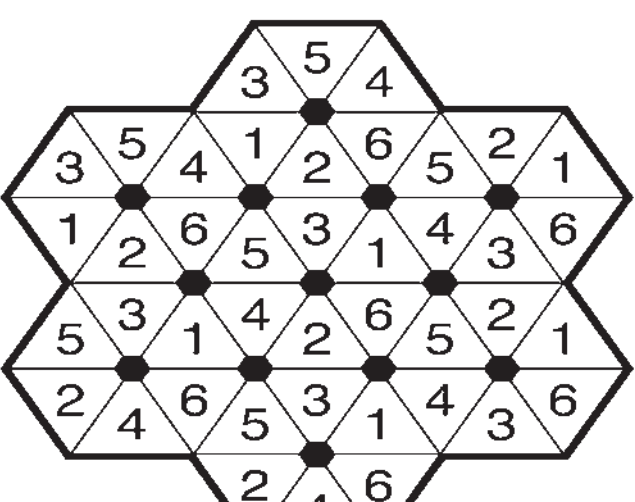
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLT/NOFF

SALE

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

SALE

Differences: 1. Purse is smaller. 2. Tie is missing. 3. Hat is longer. 4. Item in display case is different. 5. Label is missing. 6. Necktie is missing from display stand.

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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Weekly SUDOKU

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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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