

Our Time 55+

Fipping the tottem pole

FALL 2025

End 2025 with Cannon Beach Visit

Get more inside:

Tillamook County Family YMCA is proud to offer a number of programs designed for you. Visit our website at Tillamook County Family YMCA for more information. Page 2

Rockaway Beach's 49th Annual Kite Festival returned this past weekend, with flyers entertaining crowds of onlookers from September 12 to 14. Page 3

What's Special?

Our Time
Special
Section
Inside



Nestucca
Back
to School
Bash
Page B1

Tillamook

Headlight Herald



Tuesday, September 16, 2025 | Vol. 137, Issue 37 www.TillamookHeadlightHerald.com **\$2.00**

Kite Fest takes flight in Rockaway

Staff REPORT

Rockaway Beach's 49th annual Kite Festival returned this past weekend, with flyers entertaining crowds of onlookers from September 12 to 14.

The festival, sponsored by the American Kitefliers Association, welcomed both professional and amateur fliers for a weekend of friendly competition and exhibitions.

Throughout the weekend, participants took part in a variety of contests, including ones for the nicest kite, the kite that drags on the ground longest before becoming airborne and many more.

Vendors also set up at the city's wayside, offering festivalgoers the chance to purchase kites of their own, with lessons also available for new fliers.

Photo by Finn Findling
The festival, sponsored by the American Kitefliers Association, welcomed both professional and amateur fliers for a weekend of friendly competition and exhibitions.



Javadi discusses party switch

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Following growing frustration with his party's lack of support, Oregon State Representative Cyrus Javadi switched his party affiliation from Republican to Democrat in the first week of September.

In an interview with the Headlight Herald, discussing the decision to change parties, Javadi said that Republicans' steadfast opposition to working on a solution for transportation in the recent special legislative session was the deciding factor, confirming a feeling that the party was not interested in finding solutions.



Cyrus Javadi

"Well, I had enough, honestly," Javadi said, "I was frustrated with what had been pretty consistent opposition from my own party to do things for the north coast or Oregon that I thought were reasonable solutions to problems we were having and it wasn't just that they disagreed on principle, they disagreed for reasons I thought were bad, for politics."

Javadi grew up in a home where politics were not discussed much, and he said that he admired Ronald Reagan as a child, was a fan of Bill Clinton aside from his personal indiscretions and thought, at the time, that George W. Bush did a good job of responding to the September 11 attacks.

As Mitt Romney became nationally prominent during his 2008 and 2012 campaigns, Javadi said that he was drawn to Romney's willingness to work with people from both sides of the aisle to find solutions, citing his work on health insurance as Massachusetts Governor, leading him to join the Republican party around 2012. While Javadi was not excited about Donald Trump's performance in his first term as president, when he decided to run for office in 2021, he stuck with the Republican Party, hoping it had been a blip.

"I honestly ran as a Republican because I identified with who Mitt Romney was," Javadi said. "I didn't think Donald Trump was coming back into office, I wasn't super thrilled with the way his first four years went, and I wanted to see the Republican Party return to those ideals that I thought made for a nice balance in politics and they continued to just move further away ever since."

Javadi said that his frustration with the Oregon Republican Party really started this year, with the biggest conflict arising over his proposed reform to the state's transient lodging tax (TLT) split to allow counties to use more of the funds for non-tourist-related purposes. As he worked

Wyden focuses on healthcare in town hall

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

In his 1,135th town hall, held at the Officers' Mes at the Port of Tillamook Bay on September 5, Senator Ron Wyden responded to questions posed by constituents concerned about a range of issues from federal intervention in Oregon to his stance on Israel.

Focus returned repeatedly to healthcare policy, with questioners asking about cuts to Medicare funding passed in Republicans' recent budget bill and Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Junior's impacts on public health. Wyden pointed to a confrontation with Kennedy the previous day about vaccines as a model for pushing back against the secretary and said that he would continue to fight for Americans' access to insurance.

"We're not going to let him or

anyone else, Democrat or Republican, turn back the clock on healthcare in America," Wyden said.

The town hall drew a considerable crowd and most of the questions focused on Wyden and other congressional Democrats' response to various policies being advanced by President Donald Trump.

Anxiety about healthcare bubbled to the top repeatedly, with Wyden reassuring attendees that he would do everything in his power to protect funding for Medicare and Medicaid and push to increase that funding with taxes on the wealthy. "I'm trying to make sure we're doing everything we can to protect people to the greatest extent possible," Wyden said, "and if I have my way, we're going to start rolling some of the tax breaks back for the affluent and get that money for healthcare."

See **WYDEN**, Page A3



Wyden addresses Tillamook constituents at a town hall at the Port of Tillamook Bay on September 5. Photo by Michele Bradley

Kiwanda Longboard Classic returns



A competitor catches a wave in the 2024 classic. Photo by Erica Chappell

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Competitors and spectators from across the western United States and Canada are set to descend on Pacific City this weekend for the 26th annual Cape Kiwanda Longboard Classic on September 20 and 21.

Jeff Mollencop, the owner of Moment Surf Company who has been hosting the event for the past 15 years, said that the contest has become a staple for the local and surfing communities and that he is impressed by the turnout every year.

"The Ledbetters created something really special, and it's been carrying on for all these years," Mollencop said, "and it always amazes me how much joy and fun people have at this event, and they make it their own."

The classic started in 1998, when local surf shop owners Bob and Michelle Ledbetter hosted the inaugural event in the waters off Pacific City. After the Ledbetters moved to Costa Rica in the mid-2000s, Brian Bates, who took over their surf shop also ran the classic for five years.

See **CLASSIC**, Page A3

See **JAVADI**, Page A3

IN THIS ISSUE

Send us a news tip at tillamookheadlightherald.com | Your message could be the first thing our readers see!



News A2-4
Opinion A5-6
Obituaries A7
Sports B1-2
Classifieds B3-8

Weather

Tuesday

High 80° Low 53°

Wednesday

High 66° Low 51°

Thursday

High 66° Low 48°

Friday

High 69° Low 51°

Saturday

High 67° Low 53°

Sunday

High 66° Low 54°

Monday

High ° Low °

**Miracle-Ear®**
FREE HEARING TESTS
2505 Main Ave N Ste C
503-842-2275

H25733

If you could save my life, would you?
Fosters save lives.
Open your home and heart. Experience the joy and satisfaction of being a lifesaver.



**unitedpaws.org**
503-842-5663

With the help of a foster, Tala found a loving home. Many more aren't as lucky.


H25815

Watch this space!
Fantastic Sale Coming!
In October
Bay City



Stay tuned for details about this popular fund-raiser.
To donate call Debbie at (585) 309-5541

H25815

**Super Unleaded Non-Ethanol**
Good for Cars, Boats, ATVs and Cans
Unleaded/Diesel/ Non-Ethanol Fuel Available 24/7
(Self-pump available when store is closed)

H25815

**Yes, they are in!**
Lil' Hickory
Shirts for Children
Adorable!
Sizes 6 mos to 18
\$20 any size

**KEY EST 1908**
Boy's & Girls Overalls
Very cute!
9 mos to 4T
(Can order larger sizes-contact Lauri)
\$25.99 all sizes

H25815

**Sept 27**
Tillamook K9 Rescue will be hosting a microchip clinic
Nulo Freestyle Dog Food \$12.00 off large bags
Nulo Fronrunner \$10.00 off large bags
Tall Tails toys buy 2 get 1 free
Canidae dog food \$10.00 off large bags
Natural Balance \$10.00 off large bags
and much more!



H25815

Having a mole invasion?
We're here to help with a variety of traps and poisons



Prepare for the leaves...
We have a variety of good quality rakes



Planting spring bulbs?
Be faster and more precise with our short-handle planter and bulb planting trowels



Getting your winter wood supply organized?
We have a large variety of axes, splitting mauls and other related tools to help with the task at hand



H25815

**Look forward to seeing you!**
1920 N. Main Avenue
Tillamook, Oregon 97141
on Hwy 101
503-842-4457
Fax 503-842-7684


OPEN
MON-FRI 5am-6pm
SAT 6:30am-6pm
SUN 8:30am-4pm

9/16/25

H25828

thinking that I'm just playing politics with your lives, with your money, with your livelihoods because I'm interested in taking the safe route or protecting my seat for the long game."

The tension also extended to misgivings about the direction of the Republican party on a national level since Donald Trump's reelection, which alarmed Javadi. "I don't like to use some of the stronger adjectives because I don't want to get into fear mongering, but it feels authoritarian, it feels like something that could lead to tyranny if there weren't the right checks and balances," Javadi said. "We're ignoring the constitution when it suits us in the Republican Party, and it's like, no, I'm opposed to that."

The disagreements on free-speech issues also extended to the Oregon Republican Party when Javadi, who has a homosexual son, was asked to oppose a bill making it harder to ban books in schools, which he went on to support, and another memorializing black drag performers in the state.

After the legislative session ended in June, Javadi began seriously mulling the possibility of switching parties, discussing it with family and friends, but the decision was finalized when the Republican Party's stance on road infrastructure emerged in the leadup to the Labor Day special session.

Javadi said that he was opposed to the Republican proposal that would have gutted the Oregon Department of Transportation's major road repair fund

to pay for regular maintenance, slashed public transit funding and still left a hole in the department's budget. While he is not a fan of raising taxes, Javadi said that he felt the impacts of a six-cent gas tax raise, which would cost average Oregon families between two and three dollars a month, would be less severe than major cuts to maintenance and repair funding.

"I was just picturing in my head, you've got this single mom or maybe it's a young family starting to work a job, they need to get up to Tillamook to work at their job but now Highway 101's blocked with the landslide," Javadi said about a potential major storm impacting travel in the county. "So, now it's not \$2.50 they're going to miss because gas costs more, they couldn't get to their job and make hundreds of dollars of wages for the day."

Ultimately, Javadi voted for the bill on Labor Day despite serious pressure from party leaders and negative feedback from some constituents and filed the paperwork to switch parties the next day.

Javadi repeatedly stressed that he did not view the switch as having any impact on his commitment to serving all his constituents, whether they be Republican, Democrat or unaffiliated. Javadi said that while he believes Republican voters wanted the same things he does in terms of health and prosperity for themselves, their families and communi-

ties, party leadership has become little more than an obstructionist force against Democrats.

"It felt as though it didn't matter how good the idea is or what the problem was we were trying to solve, if the other party had blessed it, we were going to use it against them and we were going to fight it," Javadi said. "We'd come up with whatever reason we could to make it look like it was a bad idea, all with the intention of just winning an election, maintaining power, controlling the news cycle, and I think that's unfortunate because I don't think Republicans are bad people."

Javadi plans to run in the Democratic primary next May and said that so far feedback on his decision has been overwhelmingly positive and surprisingly voluminous, coming from across the nation and even several places abroad. Javadi said that while the move seemed to have resonated with people, for him, it had been as simple as seeing that Democrats aligned with his values and were working to get things done for Oregonians.

"The Democratic Party is not perfect, neither am I, neither is any of us, but that's beside the point," Javadi said. "They want to defend those institutional values and constitutional norms and get things done, and that's why I got into politics, so it's easy."

Javadi said that he also expects he will be given more latitude to disagree with party positions in the Democratic caucus and that he intends to maintain his style of working with whoever is willing to address problems facing the north coast.

"I think every legislator needs to feel like they've got that type of authority and autonomy to do what's right based on how they see the problem," Javadi said, "and the Democratic Party, in my opinion, gives their members more flexibility to do that."

“I was frustrated with what had been pretty consistent opposition from my own party to do things for the north coast or Oregon that I thought were reasonable solutions to problems we were having and it wasn't just that they disagreed on principle, they disagreed for reasons I thought were bad, for politics.”

-Cyrus Javadi

H25824

Rob Trost Real Estate
4785 Netarts Hwy W
Netarts OR 97143
Serving our Clients and Community since 2006
www.RobTrost.com



Main Office
Tillamook
(503) 842-9092
Netarts - Oceanside
(503) 842-9090
Pacific City
(503) 965-9777



Classic Beachfront Vintage Cabin offers a panoramic view of Netarts Bay and the ocean, complete with private beach access! This truly remarkable home on coveted Pearl Street in Netarts is available after being in the same family since it was built by the owner/architect. The entire west wall is lined with floor-to-ceiling windows, ensuring abundant natural light and unobstructed views of the bay. The current owner holds a transferable Tillamook County Short-Term Rental License, and the property has consistently received almost all 5-star reviews, highlighting its proven popularity and income potential.
MLS#25-504 Cyndi Lewis \$1,150,000



Freshly updated duplex in a prime Tillamook location near schools, downtown, and public transportation. Each single-level unit offers 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, an attached 2-car garage and fenced back yard. Recent updates include a brand-new roof, fresh flooring, interior paint and trim, and updated lighting fixtures. Clean and move-in ready, this property is a versatile investment opportunity. A solid investment with strong rental potential in a convenient location.
MLS#25-501 Dusty Trost and Coley Trost \$524,900



This exceptionally maintained, 4BD/2.5BA home with den offers a spacious open floor plan, tall ceilings, and an abundance of natural light throughout the day. Well-appointed interior features custom cabinetry, granite counters, copper tile accents, and wide plank wood floors with a custom art tile inset. Upstairs, a cozy sitting nook captures beautiful views of Netarts Bay, the ocean, and Cape Lookout.
MLS#25-498 Dusty Trost \$599,000



PRICE REDUCED!
Spectacular custom-built home in a storybook setting on the picturesque Wilson River! Hardwood floors lead to a soaring river rock fireplace with an etched wood stove insert, knotty pine lined ceilings and expansive windows frame breathtaking river views. The kitchen features a breakfast bar, pantry with opening shelves and a bay window perfect for watching the water and wildlife. The primary suite offers a cozy wood stove, large windows & soothing river sounds & views.
MLS#25-222 Debbie Carr and Jen Strohmaier \$599,000



This warm and gracious 1930s Tudor style home blends modern updates with old-world charm. A welcoming covered porch leads into a grand living room with elegant hardwood floors, a wood-burning fireplace, floor-to-ceiling windows. Throughout the home, you'll find built-ins, original hardware, and tiled kitchen and baths with upgraded appliances. Set on a spacious 1/4-acre lot, the property features a fenced, level yard, spacious deck, shed, and detached garage with storage rooms above.
MLS#25-353 Steph Poppe \$425,000



BACK ON THE MARKET!



Dusty Trost
503.801.2326



Cyndi Lewis
503.842.0254



Macy Thompson
503.812.7669



Kristi Bertrand
503.812.2471



Sarah Dentel
503.812.2816



Debbie Carr
503.812.8728



Steph Poppe
503.812.8087



Kristi Moore
503.801.4533



Jacqueline Huseby
503.812.2321



Jen Strohmaier
503.812.6078



Coley Trost
503.812.0791



Sydney Collett
503.812.1786



Morgan Werner
503.812.7536



Bryton Dorland
503.812.9391

VISIT
www.RobTrost.com
Check out our
LIVE BEACH CAMS
overlooking Netarts Bay
and the Three Arch Rocks
in Oceanside



H25824



Wyden addresses a packed house at a town hall at the Port of Tillamook Bay on September 5. Photo by Michele Bradley

WYDEN

from
From Page A1

Concerns about Kennedy’s impact on access to reproductive care for women and vaccine recommendations was another recurrent theme among the questioners. Wyden said that at a hearing the previous day he had pushed Kennedy on his anti-vaccine stances, with several Republican colleagues also expressing concern, and argued that this type of pointed questioning was a model for future interactions with Kennedy. “The whole idea is to use what happened yesterday as a kind of trampoline to get more discussion about what we really want, which is a safe vaccine program,” Wyden said.

Wyden pledged that he would also continue to support legislation promoting women’s right to make reproductive health choices and that he believed the Democratic party should focus on promoting healthcare for all and better access to mental healthcare to bounce back from the defeat in 2024 elections.

Wyden also addressed concerns about Trump’s deployment of federal agencies and the United States military to cities after recent events in Washington D.C., saying that he thought there was no legal basis for the actions, which he argued were based on Trump’s personal distaste for certain cities. “Obviously, there is a legal foundation for when you can have federal facilities and federal operations in a place like Oregon; I don’t see any evidence that that legal foundation has been met,” Wyden said. “I think this is about provocation, this is not about posse comitatus, this is not

something that is grounded in anything other than he has never cared for Portland.”

Several questioners asked Wyden about his stance on federal timber harvests considering Trump’s recent moves to increase logging on federal lands. In response, Wyden defended his record of helping to pass the Secure Rural Schools Act in 2000, which has helped rural counties replace lost timber revenues but has not currently been renewed, threatening that funding.

On Israel, Wyden said that he believed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was the biggest issue and that seeing him removed from power was the most important step towards a two-state solution, which Wyden supports. Wyden said that he is in favor of sanctioning officials in Netanyahu’s government and the Israeli military who make it more difficult to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza but said that he did not think withdrawing military aid was appropriate because of the danger of a potential Hamas resurgence.

“I believe the hardest part of this is separating out Benjamin Netanyahu from Israel,” Wyden said. “The vast majority of Israelis I know, and I know many, they disagree with Benjamin

Netanyahu too, they want him out, but they also want to know that they aren’t going to be abandoned in the world because if this is not done well and carefully, what will happen is the second it’s done, Hamas will go back and do what they did in October 2023.”

Wyden also said that he would continue to use his position on the Senate Finance Committee to push for the release of additional files on Jeffrey Epstein, saying that he hoped to follow the money through financial institutions to uncover the truth of Epstein’s human trafficking dealings with associates.

Finally, Wyden pledged that he would fight for the continuation of vote by mail in Oregon after Trump has taken aim at the practice in recent weeks after a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin who criticized it. “I want everybody to know that as long as I am your senior United States senator, we aren’t going to give an inch, not an inch, in terms of abandoning our vote by mail,” Wyden said. “It’s a good thing, it’s the right thing, it’s worked and it’s made a difference, and we’re not giving it up to Vladimir Putin.”

CLASSIC

from
From Page A1

Following Bates’s departure, a group of locals hosted the event for a year before Mollencop opened Moment Surf Company in 2011 and assumed leadership of the competition. Mollencop started surfing growing up in Virginia Beach and had long been coming to Pacific City since moving to Oregon and seized the opportunity to open a shop when Seven Surfboards shut.

“I’ve had a home hear for over 20 years, I was coming here really regularly and then saw when Brian was leaving and the opportunity to open up a shop was there, that’s when I was able to do it,” Mollencop said.

Each year, 240 surfers compete in the classic, which is run by more than 30 volunteers who take care of everything from registration to judging.

There are eight divisions for men and women, ranging from those for small children who surf with their parents to those for surfers 60 and older.

Last year, a decade-long initiative to raise funds to build a skate park in Pacific City was completed, with the classic raising \$180,000 in total to support the two-phase project. Mollencop said that funds raised by the classic would still be donated to support maintenance at the park but that with the project complete, the contest would again take center stage.

“We’ve scaled back, we used to do a silent auction, and we did a coast craft brew fest, all these different things to raise money for the skate park,” Mollencop said. “But now that that goal is met, we’re switching just to focus in on the actual competition.”

With the county’s upgrades to the Cape Kiwanda parking lot also complete, this year the classic will be headquartered in Pelican Brewing’s banquet room, with registration and a welcome dinner, open to the public, on Friday evening.

Competition will begin bright and early at 7 a.m. on Saturday and continue until 4 or 4:30 p.m. depending on light conditions, before resuming at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday and concluding by the same time.

First, second and third place finishers in each division will receive trophies, while prizes from surf companies and local businesses will also be awarded.

Mollencop said that the weekend is always busy but also fun, as competitors, many of whom book their accommodations for the next year’s contest in the weeks following the current year’s, have made the competition a fixture in Pacific City.

“We just put the contest on,” Mollencop said, “it’s everybody doing their own thing that makes it so special, and we just try to do our best to put the bones together, so they have an opportunity to compete and have fun.”

PRICE REDUCED!

Wife pleasing four bedroom homes on a large corner lot in Bay City. Yes, you do have a view of the Bay from your back deck. The kitchen has new cabinets and appliances with a small fireplace tucked in a corner of the dining area. There is more, you need to see it. Outside is a 14' X 60' RV or Boat storage. **MLS 25-291**

PRICE REDUCED TO \$429,000

DECKER
REAL ESTATE, INC.

615 Main, Tillamook • (503) 842-8271
E-mail: 2deckerrealestate@gmail.com
www.deckerrealestate.net

Carolyn Decker
cell (503) 801-0935

Mark Decker
(503) 801-0498

Kourtne Zwald
(503) 801-0272

IN HONOR OF GOD, FLAG AND NATION:
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

HUNGRY ON HWY 101?
WE'VE GOT JUST THE PLACE.

From crispy lumpia to coney islands and fresh-brewed espresso, St. Charles Place is cookin' up comfort food with heart—right here in Rockaway Beach.

Swing by Thurs-Mon, 7 AM to 8 PM. Come hungry, leave happy!

19245 US-101, Rockaway Beach, Oregon 97136
(971) 341-1576

TOP 10 REASONS you need the Newspaper

1. You're looking for ways to save money.
2. You could use a new job.
3. Your basement and garage are about to burst.
4. You need a new ride.
5. You want to know where the best deals are.
6. You're looking for a new house.
7. You want to know who won the game last night.
8. Your cat had kittens...again!
9.
10. **To be continued...**

Tillamook Headlight Herald

503-842-7535

tillamookheadlightherald.com

We are now open at our new location!

Come see us at 610 N Hwy 101, Rockaway Beach
Open Tues-Sat, Noon to 7 p.m.

Bring in this coupon for 10% off
(Expires 9/30/2025)

610 N Hwy 101, Rockaway Beach
Open Tues-Sat, Noon to 7 p.m.

Awesome burgers and Hawaiian teriyaki chicken

Online ordering at:
www.tropics-island-grill.square.site

Celebrating our 30th Anniversary

Tillamook County Community Health Centers
30 years as a Federally Qualified Health Center

Kick Off Fall with Healthy Habits for All

As the seasons change and routines shift, Fall is the perfect time to check in on your health and establish habits that support your well-being all year long. Take charge of your health now by focusing on small, meaningful steps—like scheduling your regular health screenings and making sure your vaccinations are up to date.

Our dedicated primary care providers are here to support you with personalized care and guidance to help make this season your healthiest one yet.

#healthyhabits #Fallwellness

Schedule an appointment today!

(503) 842-3900
(800) 528-2938 TTY 711
Se habla español

801 Pacific Avenue, Tillamook, OR
www.tillamookchc.org

County officials urge public to comment on biological opinion

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

With the public comment period on the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s changes to its flood insurance plan open, Tillamook County commissioners and Community Development Director Sarah Absher are urging residents to submit comment in favor of a no-change alternative.

Absher appeared at the commissioners’ meeting on September 10, updating the

board on progress on the decades-long process that threatens to stymie development in areas of special flood hazard across Oregon, with major potential impacts for Tillamook County.

Work on updating the requirements for participation in the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) flood insurance program has been ongoing since a 2009 lawsuit by the Audubon Society, which claimed that FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

was harming coho salmon in Oregon in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

FEMA commissioned the National Marine Fisheries Service to investigate the claim and in 2016, the fisheries service released a biological opinion saying that the flood insurance plan was causing an illegal take of coho, other anadromous fish species and orca whales. This meant that FEMA needed to update the requirements of partner governments in the

flood insurance plan to comply with federal statute.

But that work was delayed, first by a 2016 suit against FEMA by Oregonians for Floodplain Protection and then by a 2018 congressional delay of three years passed by former Congressman Peter Defazio. When the implementation stay expired in 2021, progress resumed on updating the program, with a proposal for updates released in 2023.

The biological opinion called for the program to update the ordinances for building in flood plains to achieve zero net loss in three areas of floodplain functionality that help preserve fish habitat: flood storage, water quality and riparian vegetation.

Under the new rules, any projects proposed in the 100-year floodplain would have to include mitigation efforts that would lead to no loss in any of the three fish habitat functions to receive building permits. Since FEMA is a federal agency and not allowed to make land use laws, it falls on the localities it partners with in the flood insurance program to implement the new standards.

Localities in Oregon that do not come into compliance with those requirements will be excluded from the NFIP and could also risk FEMA funding in response to natural disasters.

Last December, under pressure from FEMA to update codes to comply with the biological opinion while NEPA reviews were ongoing, county commissioners instead chose to require proposed developments in

areas of special flood hazard to submit a letter from a certified biologist saying that the proposed project would cause no take of endangered species.

Since then, Absher has continued representing the county in the ongoing NEPA review process being led by FEMA, which is gauging the social, environmental and economic impacts of the proposed changes to development codes. Public comment on three alternatives is now being accepted through October 6.

The three alternatives include a no-action alternative and two options that would allow counties and cities to choose from among four paths to come into compliance with the no-net-loss standard put forward in the biological opinion, with one exempting projects that complete federal permitting from that requirement, and the other not.

The four pathways for coming into compliance under the latter two options are adopting FEMA’s model ordinance, showing that a jurisdiction’s current ordinances meet no-net-loss standards, developing a customized community plan to meet the standards or pursuing an alternative means of compliance with the endangered species act outside of the FEMA process.

Absher said that in the current public comment period, FEMA is soliciting feedback on which of the three alternatives would be preferable and the impacts each would have on communities.

As part of her presentation, Absher shared data showing that if no-net-loss standards were adopted, building a 1,500 square foot home with a 20-by-40-foot driveway in an area of special flood hazard would require .26 acres for mitigation to offset the loss in floodplain storage capacity. Absher said that this would increase costs by around 10% if mitigation could be accomplished on the same property and around 30% if it had to be undertaken at another property, with similar cost impacts for agricultural and industrial development, but that with the average urban lot in Tillamook just .17 acres, she feared many properties would become undevelopable.

Absher stressed that by FEMA’s definition development includes road building, dredging, fencing, excavation, paving, pier building, storage of equipment and building utility infrastructure in the floodplain, posing a serious threat to the ability to repair and improve infrastructure, businesses and homes across the county.

The updates would also include requirements that any trees removed from properties be replaced by between three and five trees on the same property or six to ten elsewhere and increase setback requirements for waterways from 15 to 50 feet to 170.

Implementing the changes would also be a costly process, with Absher estimating that it would cost between \$100,000 and \$200,000 for each city and county in the state to implement, with 30 of Oregon’s 36 counties impacted and no financial assistance offered by FEMA. There would also be ongoing monitoring costs for local governments as well as maintenance costs for property owners relating to mitigation efforts that could range from \$2,500 annually for onsite mitigation projects to \$7,400 for offsite.

Following the public comment period, FEMA will conclude the NEPA process and send a letter informing jurisdictions of their decision, at which point governments will have 18 months to update their codes.

Absher said that given the drastic impact such changes would have across Tillamook County, she was urging residents to submit public comment, with online, mail and meeting options accessible through floodplainprotection.org. Per Absher, comments should focus on the potential impacts of the alternatives to residents, opinions on which alternative FEMA should select and why, and any new information or data that would change the analysis.

Absher said that a large number of public comments could impact FEMA’s choice among the alternatives or garner the attention of members of Oregon’s congressional delegation who could intervene.

Commissioners Erin Skaar, Paul Fournier and Mary Faith Bell all thanked Absher for her presentation and said that they would share a link to her presentation and the commenting options on the main page of the county’s website to make it easier for residents to find. Each of the commissioners also said that they encouraged citizens to support alternative one, the no-change alternative that would leave the county’s current development codes in effect.

Skaar said that while this option would not meet the requirements of the endangered species act, supporting it would send the message to FEMA that the other two options presented were not feasible for the county and hopefully encourage them to look for an alternate path forward.

Finally, Absher gave an update on Oregonians for Floodplain Protection’s battle against the updates, which is unfolding simultaneously. Absher said that the group had been in touch with members of Oregon’s congressional delegation, who have been listening, and that she hopes to see movement on that front soon.

A lawsuit filed last year opposing the requirements is also still wending its way through the legal system, with Absher saying that she expected to see progress on that front this fall.

The leaves may be falling...but some rebates are rising!

REBATES ON HEAT PUMPS AND HEAT PUMP WATER HEATERS ARE INCREASING!

Tillamook PUD offers rebates to help make your home more comfortable and energy efficient while saving you money at the same time. Before starting your efficiency project and to learn more about energy efficiency rebates offered at Tillamook PUD visit www.tpud.org or call us at 503-842-2535.

TILLAMOOK PUD
PO Box 433 • 1115 Pacific Ave • Tillamook, OR 97141

RE/MAX HomeSource

JULI BLASER SAGAR
Broker
503.801.HOME (4663)

JACOB TORRES
Broker
503.436.5596

ERIN AVERILL
Broker
503.507.7170

MELISSA KING
Broker
503.812.6167

JUDY SOURS
Broker
503.812.2520

SHAWNEE WAGNER
Broker
971.341.7176

MICHELLE ARTHUR
Admin/Owner
503.829.8500

DAVE FARR
Principal Broker
503.703.1044

JASON AVERILL
Broker/Owner
503.801.1223

JESSE ARTHUR
Principal Broker/Owner
503.781.6417

NEW LISTING!
This cozy cabin is the perfect blend of charm and tranquility. The cabin itself offers a welcoming front porch, metal roof, and classic wood finishes. Step down to your private river access for fishing, wading or simply soaking in the sounds of rushing water.

\$485,000 - MLS# 25-492
Call Shawnee Wagner, Broker
971.341.7176

NEW LISTING!
Rockaway Beach Lot on Easy Street! Bid-set house plans and a slope evaluation have already been completed, making this a prime opportunity to build your dream home. Don't miss your chance to own a piece of the Oregon Coast in the heart of Rockaway Beach!

\$79,000 - MLS# 25-491
Call Jacob Torres, Broker
503.436.5596

NEW LISTING!
MOTIVATED SELLER! Riverfront Trask River Home! Enjoy easy access to the river right from your own property! This home offers plenty of parking and storage for your RVs, boats, and toys. Just 15 minutes from town, this is the perfect getaway or full-time retreat. Don't miss the opportunity to own your own riverfront cabin!

\$350,000 - MLS# 25-489
Call Jacob Torres, Broker
503.436.5596

NEW LISTING!
Escape to the Oregon coast with this charming 3-bedroom, 2-bath home in Bay City. Situated on just over a half-acre, this property offers a perfect blend of comfort and utility. Outdoors, you'll find a massive 36'x24' shop, ideal for a workshop, extra storage, or a home-based business.

\$499,500 - MLS# 25-488
Call Jason Averill, Broker/Owner
503.801.1223

LAND FOR SALE IN PACIFIC CITY!
Nestled on the hill in Pacific Sunset Subdivision you'll enjoy the upscale neighborhood and amazing views of the ocean & Haystack Rock! Lot has utilities at the street and is out of the tsunami/flood zone! It's time to make those dreams a reality & build your unique home at the beach.

\$99,000 - MLS# 25-78
Call Juli Blaser Sagar, Broker
503.801.HOME (4663)

BAYFRONT GETAWAY FOR SALE!
Brand New Cabin: Your Gateway to Tillamook Bay Adventures! Discover the best of coastal living in this cozy bayside cabin, boasting incredible Tillamook Bay and mountain views. Outdoor enthusiasts will love the proximity to the Memaloose Boat Launch, making it effortless to launch your boat and explore.

\$470,000 - MLS# 25-355
Call Jason Averill, Broker/Owner
503.801.1223

FOR SALE IN BAY CITY!
MOTIVATED SELLER! This two-level home has it all—3 beds, 2.5 baths, open layout, tons of natural light, and a big pantry. Sitting on just over 2 acres, there's room to breathe and enjoy the peace and quiet. A huge shop with an oversized door—perfect for RVs, boats, hobbies, or storage. Plenty of room for all your toys.

\$575,000 - MLS# 25-280
Call Jacob Torres or Judy Sours, Brokers
503.436.5596 or 503.812.2520

FOR SALE IN TILLAMOOK!
Charming and updated! This 1-bedroom, 1-bath home features new cabinets, laminate flooring, and a durable metal roof. The flexible layout allows for a possible second bedroom. Enjoy a spacious backyard perfect for entertaining, gardening, or relaxing. Move-in ready and simply adorable!

\$289,000 - MLS# 25-469
Call Melissa King, Broker
503.812.6167

SCAN

tillamookhomes.com

503.842.2800

**1812 Third Street
Tillamook, OR 97141**

Real Estate Brokers & Principal Brokers
Licensed in the State of Oregon
Each office independently owned and operated

Local News & Information

Centered Around Your Household & Community

Headlight Herald

Local newspapers bring us together with critical information and updates; local people, places and stories; and humor, entertainment and lifestyle features that deliver everyday enjoyment. Now more than ever, your community newspaper is here to keep you connected!

Call **503-842-7535** • www.tillamookheadlightherald.com
1906 Second St., Tillamook, OR 97141

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, Tillamook Coliseum

I was delighted to have the opportunity, last week, to watch the 50th anniversary of the movie classic ‘Jaws’ at our hometown Tillamook. Coliseum Theater.

This beautiful theatre, with friendly, knowledgeable staff and theatre aesthetics that one would hope for in a classic space, helped make this movie viewing a truly unforgettable time.

Like many, I’ve watched this movie on the television

via VHS tape, DVD, blue ray, and yet seeing it for the first time on the big screen made me see and feel the movie in a completely new light. Even scenes that I know so well, when shown on the big screen, made me jump, while the squeamish and horrific scenes were all that more intense.

Thank you, Tillamook Coliseum Theatre, for the experience.

Nicola Meeks
Bay City, OR

MEDICAL MINUTE

Breaking the Silence on Hearing Health in Tillamook County

Daniele J RUHTER
AU, Audiologist

Adventist Health Tillamook



Daniele J Ruhter

In a place like Tillamook County, where community means everything, good hearing is more than a health issue; it’s a connection to the people and world around us. Yet hearing loss often goes unnoticed or untreated, even though it affects more people than many realize.

Roughly 15% of American adults report some level of hearing difficulty. That means hundreds of your neighbors are living with hearing loss right now, whether they know it or not. And as we age, the likelihood increases significantly. More than half of adults over 75 experience disabling hearing loss. On average, people of all ages wait 7 to 10 years after first noticing symptoms before seeking treatment.

Why does this matter? Because untreated hearing loss doesn’t just make it harder to follow conversations or enjoy your favorite music. It can lead to social withdrawal, depression, and even cognitive decline. In fact, studies show that hearing loss is strongly linked to increased risk of dementia, especially when left untreated.

Tinnitus, a ringing or buzzing in the ears, is another condition that affects millions of Americans each year. Often caused by noise exposure or age-related changes, tinnitus can be incredibly disruptive to daily life. Fortunately, audiologists are trained to help manage and reduce its impact.

The good news is that we now have modern, effective

treatments for hearing loss. Today’s hearing aids are discreet, smart, and highly customizable. We also offer tinnitus therapies, cochlear implants for severe hearing loss, and preventive care options such as custom hearing protection.

Hearing health doesn’t just affect older adults. Kids and young adults in our community can also experience hearing issues due to noise exposure or frequent ear infections. That’s why early testing and intervention are so important.

I encourage everyone in Tillamook County to consider a hearing check-up, especially if you’ve noticed signs like needing to turn up the TV or asking others to repeat themselves. Like annual vision or dental appointments, hearing evaluations should be part of routine care.

Also, remember noise-induced hearing loss is 100% preventable. Use hearing protection around loud equipment, concerts, or hunting. In our small community, staying connected is vital. When hearing fades, so can those connections. But it doesn’t have to be that way. Help is available, and it can change lives. Let’s break the silence, starting with one conversation, one test, and one step toward better hearing.



GUEST COLUMN

Let’s talk Tillamook: Understanding the future of the Oregon Health Plan

By DR. TIM BORMAN
Semi-retired Physician

Q: What is Medicaid, and how does it work in Oregon?

A: Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that helps cover medical costs for people with limited income. In Oregon, it’s called the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). OHP serves children, pregnant women, people with disabilities, and elderly adults. Currently, the federal government pays about 76% of the cost, and Oregon pays about 24%.

Q: How does Medicaid differ from Medicare?

A: Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people age 65 and older, as well as some younger people with disabilities. Unlike OHP, Medicare has the same rules across all states and typically requires participants to pay premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance. Medicare generally does not cover long-term nursing home care. That gap is filled by OHP, which pays for services for about 60% of nursing home residents in Oregon.

Q: How many people rely on OHP in Oregon and here in Tillamook?

A: Across the state, 59%

of children and 34% of adults are covered. Nearly half of all births in Oregon are paid for through OHP. Here in Tillamook County, about 8,000–8,500 people—roughly one-third of the population—are enrolled.

Q: Who qualifies for OHP?

A: Eligibility depends on income, family size, and health status. For example, a family of four with an annual income below about \$43,000 may qualify. OHP is designed to help people who might not otherwise afford health insurance.

Q: What changes are coming to OHP?

A: Beginning January 2027, Oregon will receive less federal Medicaid funding. That means fewer services and fewer people eligible for OHP. Rural areas like Tillamook are expected to feel the cuts hardest. Without insurance, people often delay care until it becomes urgent, leading to worse outcomes and much higher costs. For example, an urgent care visit might cost \$150–\$250, while an ER visit for the same condition could be \$1,500–\$3,000. If small hospitals can’t keep up, some

may close.

Eric Swanson, president of Adventist Health Tillamook, notes that 35% of the hospital’s patients rely on OHP. He warns that cuts will be “devastating to people on Medicaid.”

Q: What about the new work requirement?

A: Also in 2027, most OHP members ages 19–64 will have to document at least 80 hours of work per month (or prove exemption) to keep coverage. While 71% of OHP members already work, many who don’t are elderly or disabled. The online reporting system may create barriers, especially for rural residents with limited internet access.

Q: What can people do now?

A: If you think you may qualify for OHP, it’s best to apply before December 2026, when enrollment will likely become more complicated. Visit the Oregon Health Plan website or contact the Tillamook County Community Health Center for help applying.

Editor’s Note

Let’s Talk Tillamook is a community series that shares how federal policies affect our lives in Tillamook County. This Q&A is based on an interview with Dr. Tim Borman, a semi-retired local physician, on what changes to Medicaid mean for our community. Listen to the full interview at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YM-B9Kbuh90>

Tillamook

Headlight Herald

LEGALS

DEADLINE

Wednesdays 4 p.m.

Headlight Herald

WRITE TO US

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the editor should contain at most 350 words. The Headlight Herald reserves the right to edit, condense, or reject any letter to the editor. Letters published in The Headlight Herald will also be published online.

Letters to the editor and guest columns must include your first and last name, city or town or residence, and phone number for verification purposes.

Letters endorsing candidates or campaign issues must be received no later than ten days before an election. Letters written by candidates will not be accepted. Letters to the editor should be the author’s work.

We strongly discourage and will attempt to weed out form letters, letters mailed to other news outlets, or letters written and edited by a third party, including but not limited to political parties.

We try to restrict the printing of one submission per author per month. We do not publish anonymous letters, personal attacks, personal complaints, poetry, consumer complaints, or letters written in bad taste.

Letters need to be submitted by **4 p.m. Wednesday** the week prior to publication.

While we strive to publish all viewpoints, Headlight Herald and Country Media reserve the right to refuse to publish any letter or guest editorial.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries need to be submitted by **4 p.m. Wednesday** the week prior to publication.

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions may be sent in by:

- **Email:** Editor Will Chappell at headlighteditor@countrymedia.net
- **Mail:** Headlight Herald P.O. Box 444, Tillamook, OR 97141
- **Stop by our office:** 1906 Second St. Tillamook, OR

ABOUT US

The Headlight Herald is published weekly by Country Media, Inc. at 1906 2nd St., Tillamook, OR 97141 • **USPS 238-300** (503) 842-7535

Deadline for Display Ads, Obituaries, Classifieds and Legals/Public Notices: Wednesdays 4 p.m.

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

Send Legals/Public Notices to legals@orcoastnews.com

CLASSIFIEDS

Send Classifieds to classifieds@orcoastnews.com

Call 503-842-7535 for more information.

Due by 10 a.m. Thursdays for the following week’s edition.



Will Chappell
Editor



Patty Archambault
Office Manager



Katherine Mace
Advertising Account Executive



Steph Baumgart
Graphic Designer



The Headlight Herald is part of the Country Media family of newspapers.
Joe Warren, Chief Executive/Operations

Subscription rates

Annual \$90.00 • 6 months \$65.00 • Monthly \$10.00

Digital Only

Electronic edition only \$75.00
Electronic edition monthly \$9.00

POSTMASTER: Send address changes and notice of undelivered copies to Headlight Herald, P.O. Box 444, Tillamook, OR 97141. Periodicals Postage paid at Tillamook, OR 97141 and at additional mailing offices. © 2025 by the Headlight Herald. No portion of this newspaper may be reproduced in any manner without prior written permission from the publisher. All rights reserved.

Results from our online poll:

How is your garden faring this summer?

Well - 45

Average - 23

Poor - 25

I don’t have a garden - 53

Stay connected to us!



Check out next week’s poll at
TillamookHeadlightHerald.com

FENCEPOSTS

In last week’s column, I mentioned that the walls and ceiling of the main room in the Barbara Bennett Community Center had been painted by intrepid volunteers. But I neglected to add that the painting project necessitated moving that week’s tai ji exercise class to the beach. Nine of us flaunted our form in front of cormorants and seagulls, who seemed happy to have us there. Footing was a little tricky on the soft sand and a bee or two buzzed around us, but we enjoyed the fresh air and the ocean view. The same group that meets in Cape Meares on Tuesday mornings, 10:30–11:30 a.m., is also invited to meet at the



basketball court in Netarts for tai ji practice lessons on Friday mornings at the same time. Feel free to join us. Or, if you would rather try yoga, those sessions are held on Tuesdays from 9–10 a.m. at our community center. Salmon season is off and running. Several fishermen

in Cape Meares have already landed fall fish, and no one seems discouraged by having to go over the Loop Road to reach the Memaloose boat launch during the closure of Bayocean Road. Don’t forget that the wild coho season has now started: Sept. 10-Oct. 26 in the Tillamook Basin on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday only (maximum one daily/three for the season). Tight lines. Get ready. October 16, one month from today, is the Great Oregon ShakeOut. This is an annual exercise to practice earthquake/tsunami preparedness. At 10:16 a.m. that day, pretend a mega earthquake has struck. Drop, cover and hold on until the

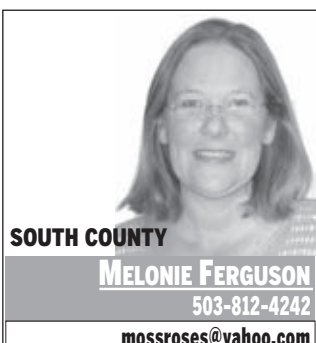
“shaking” stops, then get your grab ’n go bag and head for your tsunami assembly site. We have eight assembly sites here in Cape Meares; if you are unaware of which is yours, find out by visiting <https://capemeares.org/emergency-preparedness/map-your-neighborhood/>. Evacuate on foot, as roads after a mega quake will likely be impassable due to road damage or fallen trees and power lines. Once you are at your assembly site, your neighborhood captain will give you further instructions. Evacuating helps ensure your safety and access to critical supplies such as water, shelter, food, and communication tools that have been assembled in

advance by the Cape Meares Emergency Volunteer Corps (CMEVC). Help us practice emergency preparedness here in Cape Meares on October 16. This Saturday, September 20, offers a follow-up to the “Aging With Grace” series of presentations held in Cape Meares earlier this year. Margo Lalich from the North Coast End of Life Collective will once again join us, this time leading a workshop on patient advocacy. The session will begin at 10 a.m. that day in the Barbara Bennett Community Center. Please join us if this topic is pertinent to you and your loved ones. I have asked her to create storage bags for mahogany

table leaves, make a carrying case for a hot casserole, reduce the dimensions of a king-size duvet cover to fit an oversize queen comforter, fix the inside lining torn out of a rain jacket, shorten and lengthen clothing, alter a dress for a wedding...no matter what sewing project I have given her, Valerie Makinster has come through with flying colors. Valerie is a seamstress operating out of her home on Bewley Creek Road. If you have mending, hemming, alterations, letterman patches, zipper repair or custom projects you would like expert help with, I highly recommend contacting Valerie at 503-812-3361. You will not be disappointed.

Do you love to hear or sing Christmas music? Hats off to Ronald Watson and his wife Linda, of Hebo, who are practicing for two holiday performances. The first is with their own church congregation. Their second set of practices it turns out, is with Bay Ocean Community Choir, which welcomes partici-

pants from the community, without auditions. Their next performance, “A Tillamook Christmas,” is planned for 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 13 at Tillamook United Methodist Church. My readers who are interested in performing, should search “Bay Ocean Community Chorus” online. Other readers may wish to join me in saving



the date on our December calendars. Tillamook United

Methodist Church is located at 3808 12th Street (east of Tillamook High School) at the south end of downtown Tillamook. Remember that South County’s own Nestucca, Neskowin, Sand Lake Watersheds Council will host their “Annual Meeting” from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7 at the Pelican Pub. They’ll discuss accomplishments of the past year- completed, ongoing and upcoming proj-

ects- and recognize “amazing partners and volunteers.” Fish Habitat Restoration Biologist Derek Wiley from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will present the program and refreshments will be available for purchase. The address is 33180 Cape Kiawanda Drive in Pacific City. There is free parking in the pub’s lot. Kiawanda Community Center (KCC) serves senior lunches at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays (September 16) and Wednesdays (September 17) weekly for \$3 each. (Others may partake for \$6.) They also host Bingo from 1-3 p.m. on Thursdays, weekly. My source describes buy-in as low as \$5 with cash prizes awarded to winners in several categories. The address is 34600 Cape Kiawanda Drive in Pacific City. Poets and poetry lovers of all ages are invited to listen to and/or read a poem at a South Tillamook County Library’s Poetry Reading starting at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16. An adult coloring hour happens there on Wednesday. It’s planned for 5-6 p.m. on September 17

and it’s open to anyone age 19 and older. A movie night is planned to start at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, September 19 at South Tillamook County Library. Showing will be “E.T., The Extra-terrestrial,” a film about a boy and his special bond with an alien from another planet. “E.T.” is rated PG for language and mild thematic elements. Saturday morning fun for the whole family is planned there starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 20. South Tillamook County Library hosts a story time at 3:30 p.m. on second and fourth Wednesdays (September 24 and October 14). All ages are welcome. Story time includes “reading and singing and moving about.” The library is located off Brooten Road on Camp Street in Pacific City. Our community calendar advertises a Nesko Woman’s Club meeting this Friday, but no word has reached the Fencepost inbox to verify this or to add details. Traditionally, the philanthropic group, which welcomes any woman residing within the Nestucca School District boundary, gathers on the third Wednesday monthly between September and May. It’s likely that they’ll meet at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, September 19 at Kiawanda Community Center. There will be a catered lunch, a business meeting, and a program. Happy birthday this week to- Rylee Armstrong, Eric Carver, Joe Coloma, Danielle Green, Aaron “Bear Hagerty, Eric “Hawk” Hagerty, Karen Hunt, Dave Park, Donna Scheese and Logan Thomas.

Pacific City meeting to discuss dike at Sitka Sedge

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will host a town-hall meeting 3 p.m. Friday, October 3 at Kiawanda Community Center to discuss the proposed setback dike to replace the one at Sitka Sedge State Natural Area. OPRD and its partner, Tillamook Estuaries Partnership, are designing a proposed setback dike to replace the tide control function of the existing dike, which has been failing. This meeting will update the community on the progress of that planning, which is moving forward. The informational meeting will be held in person at 34600 Cape Kiawanda Drive in Pacific City and include a presentation and time for questions. For those who cannot attend the meeting in person, it will be livestreamed via webinar and recorded. Join the webinar at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89208642216> or find a recording online afterward at OPRD’s YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkqL6iVP-BrfCTO27cNmCTwg>. Visit the website to learn more about the project, including a fact page on the right-hand side.



Jacob Torres
Bilingual Real Estate Broker

RE/MAX HomeSource
Tillamook County
Best of the Best Readers Choice
Real Estate Agent
1st Place

I'm your listing agent/buyer agent in Tillamook County,
born and raised in Tillamook
503-436-5596
jacobtorreshomes@gmail.com
1812 Third Street, Tillamook OR 97141
Office: 503-842-2800 • Fax: 503-842-4660

Each office is independently owned and operated



TILLAMOOK FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

Our staff provides caring, professional behavioral health services for youth, adults and their families.

Serving the community with locations in
Tillamook & Rockaway Beach

Main office located at 906 Main, Tillamook, OR
503-842-8201 • 1-800-962-2851
Visa and MasterCard Accepted & Accepts Most Major Insurances
Visit our website at www.tlcc.org

A news service that reports only to you.



Some of the most compelling stories in the Pacific Northwest are happening right in your backyard.

Journey to the lost city of Bayocean with OPB’s Jule Gilfillan. Once a lavish early 20th century resort, Bayocean ultimately succumbed to coastal erosion and storms, disappearing into the sea by the 1970s.



Learn more about this city lost to the sea at opb.org/bayocean.

Louise V. Christianson
Feb. 16, 1939 – Aug. 11, 2025



Louise Vitalis Christianson, Tillamook County’s whirlwind of compassion and enthusiasm for all things people, animals, good causes, and Mother Earth, was stilled by cancer the morning of Aug. 11, 2025, when she died at her home in Bayside Gardens. She was 86 years old.

Born Feb. 16, 1939, in Mishawaka, Ind., Louise worked at the family furniture store before heading west to San Francisco in the early 1960’s to work in the Finance and Investment field.

When not managing money she volunteered for a variety of local causes - whales, rescue dogs, the library, Big Sisters, recycling, and the San Francisco Opera. She also competed in ballroom dancing. She once spent two weeks with a group navigating the Colorado River. Mother Earth was her cathedral, and she was known to hug trees with the same spirit she did her dogs and her friends.

A camping trip to the Pacific Northwest sparked her interest in Oregon and prompted her move to Neahkahnie in 1994. In subsequent years she supported and got herself involved in a wide range of local causes -- all in betterment to the community. Those included the North County Food and Clothing Bank, Lower Nehalem Community Trust, Manza-Whee-Lem Kiwanis, Columbia River Keepers, Tillamook Animal Shelter, Animal Haven by

the Sea, Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation, AARP, Salvation Army, Save The Redwoods, Doctors Without Borders, Environmental Defense Fund and any number of others.

Louise’s garden was a riot of colors and showed her tender attention to the needs of the plants. This wasn’t easy on her steep Neahkahnie lot, but she even started a business called “Garden Babies” in her greenhouse there.

When not outside with her flowers she enjoyed watching professional sports - particularly football and baseball. And then there were her dogs: Katie the Doberman; Mara the Malamute mix, and Zephyr the blue-eyed Husky.

Louise purchased her spacious one-level Bayside Gardens home in 2015. Zephyr moved there too and loved the large, fenced yard. After Zephyr, Louise started adopting senior dogs that required extra attention: Gee Gee, Handsome Joe, and Cooper. She gave them all a good life.

Louise was predeceased by her brothers John and Robert. She is survived by her sisters Sr. Roberta Christianson of Donaldson, Ind., and Sr. Jean Christianson of Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz, Mexico; sister-in-law Jan Christianson of Mishawaka, Ind.; nieces Amy Jacoby and Jean Richards; nephews Jack, Patrick and Steve Christianson, and 13 great nieces and nephews.

She also leaves behind a lot of good friends who will miss her.

Louise specifically did not want a memorial service to be held in her honor. Instead, she left instructions for a “Party.” In the coming months an appropriate time and place will be announced to mark the passing of a loving dynamo, who touched so many lives in her community.

Allen R ‘Al’ Johnson
March 27, 1943 - Sept. 3, 2025



Allen R “Al” Johnson was born on March 27, 1943, in Seattle, Washington; and passed away September 3, 2025, in Vancouver, Washington. As a child, he attended Daniel Bagley, Woodrow Wilson, and Lincoln High Schools; and Everett Community College. He loved camping with his parents, and with the boy scouts. In the scout troop, he played Taps and Reveille on the trumpet. He loved to ride his bike, and learned to swim in Green Lake, challenging himself to swim to the closest dock, then to the furthest. As a teenager, like most kids, he loved to drive. He worked nights at Beth’s Café in the Greenwood area of Seattle, peeling potatoes, washing dishes, etc. While working there from midnight to 9:30 a.m., he learned a lot about people of all kinds.

In January of 1966, he was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps by a flip of a coin; and served in Vietnam as a rifleman. He was honorably discharged as a Corporal, and transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve in January of 1968. During his service, he was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device.

After the service, he married, and had his son, Brent Johnson. That marriage dissolved, and, in 1975, he married his wife of 50 years, Sylvia Johnson. Together they raised Sylvia’s two children, Jan and Jim Kelly; and had visitations with Brent whenever possible.

Al had worked as a traveling salesman, representing a number of different companies, covering five states, mostly by car. That life became pretty grueling, and in September of 1979, the family moved to Rockaway Beach, Oregon, where they bought, and renovated, a vacant, abandoned, mom-and-pop motel which stood between the railroad tracks and the ocean. As a result, they appropriately named it the Ocean Locomotion Motel. To revamp the old motel, Al acquired his Contractors License, and served as a local handyman and kitchen and bath remodeler while Sylvia worked at a local restaurant to help pay the bills.

In his “spare” time, which wasn’t much, as he juggled renovating the motel and doing remodeling jobs in the community, he joined the Rockaway Beach Volunteer Fire Department for a number of years, during which time he served three years as Volunteer Chief.

For almost 39 years, Al was devoted to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, which changed his life. He was a mentor to many as they worked to better their lives through sobriety.

After selling the motel in 2004, and retiring from contracting, Al became involved with TAPA, the Tillamook Association for Performing Arts. He helped with set construction, then took a small part in the production of “Oklahoma,” and he was hooked. He LOVED live theater, and enjoyed being a part of many productions. His favorite being, “Sex, Please, We’re Sixty”, and the final one, finished earlier this year, “Over the River and Through the Woods.”

Al and Sylvia loved RV travel, their family, and their kitties. A favorite pastime was dancing, especially to Good old Rock and Roll. Al was a member of the Eagles and Elks Clubs in Tillamook. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Johnson of Tillamook, Oregon; son, Brent (Cara) Johnson of Pleasant Grove, Utah; stepdaughter, Jan Kelly of Poulsbo, Washington; stepson, Jim (Dao) Kelly of Rockwell, Texas; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A celebration of Al’s life will be held at a later date. Inurnment will be in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Vietnam War Heroes at vvmf.org/donation, or to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Campaign in Oregon.

Ronald ‘Ron’ Jones
1945 - Sept. 5, 2025



Ronald “Ron” Jones passed away at his home in Beavercreek, Oregon on September 5th, 2025, from Parkinson’s Disease.

Ron was born in 1945 to C.E. and Cleda Jones and grew up on a farm in Harlan, Oregon with his 8 brothers. He graduated from Corvallis High School in 1963 and went on to study animal science at Oregon State University. While at OSU, Ron met and married his first

wife, Claudia Whiteside, with whom he had 3 sons. He enlisted in the Navy in 1968 and served in the Vietnam War. Following his service, he returned to Corvallis and began farming.

In 1984, Ron married Joy Ennis. Together they had 2 children. In 1994, they moved to Tillamook, Oregon, where they lived for the next 25 years.

Ron was an advocate for agriculture and farming his entire life. He was active in 4-H, FFA, OSU Farmhouse Fraternity Chapter, Benton County Fair Board, Oregon Farm Bureau, Oregon State Grange, and the Tillamook County Master Gardeners.

He loved spending time with his family (especially his grandchildren), gardening, and exploring the outdoors.

Ron is preceded in death by his parents and son, Alan.

He is survived by his wife, Joy; children Todd (Kate), Scott (Tiffany), Calvert (Sarah), and Kaylyn Unger (Joe); and grandchildren Ben, Abby, Hadlie and Jenna

A memorial will be held at Ron and Joy’s home in Beavercreek on September 20th.

Death Notice



Trudy Marie Keene-Rice Laremore
Born May 14th 1959 of Tillamook passed away August 11th, 2022.
No Funeral is scheduled at her request.

Death Notices

Kenneth Dale Sisco died on Aug. 25, 2025. Kenneth was born on May 19, 1952.

Graveside Memorial service for Ken will be held at Beaver Cemetery on Saturday, Sep.t 20, at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Immediately following the Graveside, there will be a Potluck at Beaver Fire Hall.

Jacob ‘Jake’ E. Lyons, 78, of Tillamook died on Sept. 9, 2025. Jacob was born on Aug. 19, 1947. At Jake’s request, no formal services will be held.

Waud’s Funeral home is handling the arrangements.

Clerk’s office launches new Property Recording Alert Service

The Tillamook County Clerk’s Office is pleased to announce the launch of a new Property Recording Alert Service, a free tool available to the public to help property owners stay informed about documents recorded in their name.

This service, offered through the Clerk’s Office, allows homeowners to register their name and receive an email alert if a document is recorded in county property records matching that name.

While the service does not prevent fraudulent transactions, it provides property owners with timely information so they can take action quickly if something unexpected is recorded. We have seen an increase in calls

from residents concerned about potential property fraud, and this is one proactive step we can offer to help ease those concerns.

The Property Recording Alert Service is offered as a courtesy, free of charge to the public.

Residents can sign up online by visiting www.tillamookcounty.gov/clerk

For more information, please contact the Tillamook County Clerk’s Office at (503) 842-3402 clerk@tillamookcounty.gov

Headlight Herald
503-842-7535
tillamookheadlightherald.com

THANKS to Our Readers!

Your subscription helps support the future of local journalism.

BARBUR LAW LLC

Scott Barbur

Wills | Trusts | Probate
Guardianships | Conservatorships
Business | Real Property

(503) 842-2553

1000 N Main Avenue, Suite 7, Tillamook, OR

H25287

ART FOR THE HEART 2026

A Call to Artists

Adventist Health Tillamook announces a call to artists for a non-juried art exhibition at North County Recreation District (NCRD), Feb. 1–27, 2026.

- **Artists of all ages** on the Oregon coast are welcome.
- **No fees** for creative submissions.
- **Submit up to five entries** — must be wall-ready.
- **Art sales.** If selling art pieces, 20% of sales go to NCRD for fitness scholarships and 80% back to the artist.

Save the date for art submissions!

Adventist Health staff will intake art at NCRD, 36155 9th St., Nehalem. Artwork will be accepted two days:

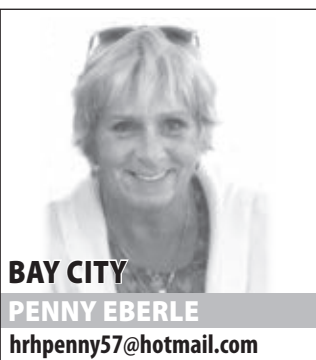
- Thursday, January 29, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Friday, January 30, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For full details, visit:
AdventistHealthTillamook.org/ArtForTheHeart

FENCEPOSTS

The Bay City City Council has released a draft plan city’s strategic goals for 2025 through 2031. The plan reflects input from citizens received at the State of the City event that was held in April of this year and subsequent strategic planning work sessions with the city council, citizens and city staff held in May and June. The work group developed a vision for Bay City for the next six years, identifying seven strategic goals, and developed an action plan to implement the

vision. The seven goals are: manage growth, parks, trails and open space, city resources (funding and staffing), fire district and preparedness, city infrastructure (water, sewer, transportation and streets), arts and culture and citizen engagement. Public engagement with the process is always encouraged. The City of Bay City has received multiple grants, which will be combined and leveraged to make improvements to the playground equipment at Al Griffin



BAY CITY
PENNY EBERLE
hrhpenny57@hotmail.com

council will form an ad hoc playground committee. Residents are strongly encouraged to apply for membership on this committee to collaboratively help shape the future of the park. Committee positions are appointed by the city council. There is no financial compensation for serving in these positions, but there is ample opportunity to serve and become involved in this important project. Applications are available at https://www.ci.bay-city.or.us/forms or stop by city hall.

Only a month away, but it will be here sooner than we think, the Great Oregon Shake Out (part of the International Shake Out Day) will be taking place across the state on October 16 at 10:16 in the morning. At that time people are encouraged to drop, cover and hold on for 60 seconds to simulate the response to an earthquake. Here in Bay City residents are also encouraged to gather at the designated assembly points. Leading up to this day, it’s the perfect time to check your

preparedness, know what to do for safe water, sanitation and hygiene, learn the art of camping at home and plan for the unexpected, think about neighbors who may need help, make sure to have a go-bag on hand to last you and your family a minimum of 3 days, know the safety points and assembly areas, have a plan in place for you and your family. Bay City Emergency Preparedness Volunteers will be on hand at assembly points, and they can assist in any questions you may have.

Here we are again. Writing this piece hasn’t become a habit yet; what is it, three times to make a habit? Well, this is number 3. Still waiting on the sun for the tomatoes—their green skins glisten with morning dew, and the earthy scent of damp soil lingers in the air. At least I’m not watering as much as I was earlier in the season. Every morning, I peek out the window and check the

weather app, fingers crossed for a stretch of sunlight, but so far, the clouds have had other plans. Maybe tomorrow the tomatoes will finally get their wish. While it’s been a quiet week for me, I understand that the city’s first street fee billing has gone out, taking many citizens by surprise. The problem is the street fund has no direct funding source. The city gets grants for pav-



GARIBALDI
LINDA BADE
lindabade2023@gmail.com

maintenance. During the budget process, the Budget Committee reduced the proposed fee by transferring funds from the transient room tax fund to the street fund, resulting in a “reduced” fee on your water/sewer/street bill for the current year. Otherwise, that fee would be \$19 instead of \$10. It was explained to me this way. In Oregon, property tax growth is limited to 3% per year. Has been that way for some time. Expenses, however, are not limited, so their growth has been 6, 8, 10% over time. The city gets its money from property taxes. So “revenue” is limited in growth potential. No amount of garage sales can help here. No bake sales. There are very few alternative options available. The League of Oregon Cities (LOC) is researching this topic in depth and has publications showing the various options a city can employ

to fund basic activities, such as street maintenance. This TUF is it. Oh, I am really in the city today and have more “city” things for you this week. First, related to watering. If the water portion of your bill has gone up because you are a watering fool like me, there is a reduction available to you from the city. When you water outdoors, that water, which you pay for, is not going down a sewer drain. So, the city is able to consider reducing the sewer portion of the bill for the increase in water used—check with the city to see if you are eligible for any reduction. Second, as these utility costs go up, please consider your neighbors who may be facing increased hardships in paying bills. The city does still have a “sewer discount fund” that is used to assist city residents with their water and

sewer bills. Even a small donation, or a rounding up every month, would be helpful. I have one final pitch for you. Many of you might know that I wear a bunch of hats, one of which is the TaxAide program that provides tax services to individuals at no cost. It is a volunteer program that I have been involved with for over 15 years. It gets me out of the house, active in my community, stretches my mind and gives me social interaction. It carried me through many of my life journeys. I could depend on it. So, for those of you out there looking for something, think about volunteering. You can come play with me and the other volunteers at TaxAide, or pick up one of the many, many opportunities out there – Meals on Wheels, Care visiting, lunch Bunches, Food Bank, Fire Department, Senior Center, fraternal organizations like the Elks, Eagles, Lion’s – I can’t even name them all, but they are there for the picking. And they all need help. It does take a village and each one of us is a part of this village.

Kristi Bertrand
Real Estate Broker

503.812.2471
kbbertrand@gmail.com
4785 Netarts Hwy W. Tillamook OR
Robtrost.com | Office: 503.842.9090



24T76

2024 Ranger XLT 2.3L EcoBoost 4X4
MSRP \$42,680.00
Dir Discount \$800.00
Rebate \$3,500.00
Sale Price \$38,380.00



24T47

2024 Ranger Lariat 2.3L EcoBoost 4X4
MSRP \$49,795.00
Dir Discount \$900.00
Rebate \$3,500.00
Sale Price \$45,395.00



24T84

2024 Edge SE 2.0L EcoBoost AWD
MSRP \$40,225.00
Dir Discount \$4,000.00
Sale Price \$36,225.00



24F1

2024 Mustang GT Premier 5.0L V8
MSRP \$56,515.00
Dir Discount \$1,400.00
Rebate \$3,500.00
Sale Price \$51,615.00



25T22

2025 F-150 STX 2.7L EcoBoost 4X4
MSRP \$51,565.00
Dir Discount \$500.00
Rebate \$1,800.00
Sale Price \$49,265.00



25T7

2025 Transit T-350 AWD Chassis Cab 3.5L EcoBoost
MSRP \$57,155.00
Dir Discount \$800.00
Sale Price \$56,355.00

FILL A FORD. HELP IMPACT LIVES.

We are collecting nonperishable food donations from 09/02 - 09/26

Collecting:

- Canned meats
- Canned fruits
- Canned vegetables
- Boxed pasta
- Boxed meals
- And more!
- Nut butter
- Brown or white rice
- Canned soup

Ford Building Together | **TILLAMOOK MOTOR CO.**



TILLAMOOK FORD
www.tillamookmotors.net
501 & 708 Main Avenue, Tillamook • 503-842-4475 • 800-927-4476

For low interest finance rates, buyer must use Ford Motor Credit Corp. Selling price does not include license, title, tax and doc. fees. Incentives are subject to change without notice. Buyers are subject to lenders credit approval. Not all buyers will qualify. Advertised pricing expires 09/30/2025. Advertised vehicles are subject to prior sale. Contact dealer for complete details.

Kidney Center Open House at Adventist Health announced

Adventist Health Tillamook, in support of Dialysis Clinic, Inc (DCI) announces an open house event for the recent opening of Tillamook Kidney Center on October 23, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. The event will take place at Adventist Health Tillamook, located at 1000 Third Street, Tillamook, Oregon, where the independently operated dialysis clinic is located. This long-awaited celebration is the result of collaborative efforts to restore dialysis services that restarted on July 9, 2025 to the Tillamook County community, ensuring local access to life-sustaining care. The Tillamook Kidney Center is operated by DCI, a nonprofit organization founded in 1971 that manages over 240 locations in 30 states. “We are thrilled to see this essential service return to Tillamook County,” said Eric Swanson, President of Adventist Health Tillamook. “The opening of the Tillamook Kidney Center fulfills a critical need, enabling patients to receive dialysis care close to home with safety and excellence.” The journey to reopen the Tillamook Kidney Center has been guided by adherence to state health mandated guidelines, ensuring the safest and most effective care for patients. This dedication underscores the commitment of DCI for providing this critical care to the communities we serve. The project has relied on significant community support and partnerships. Early in 2025, Northwest Kidney Centers, another nonprofit renal disease treatment organization, generously donated \$5,000 to support this effort. However, the work continues, and community support is still needed to ensure the long-term operational success of the Tillamook Kidney Center. Donations can be made at AdventistHealthTillamook.org/giving.

Nestucca High School hosts Bobcat Back-to-School Bash

NESTUCCA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Nestucca High School welcomed families, students, and community partners for its annual Bobcat Back-to-School Bash, an open house designed to connect parents with teachers and highlight resources available through local organizations, on September 10. Attendees also had the chance to meet representatives from community partners including the Nestucca Rural Fire District, Tillamook County Library, Tillamook Bay Community College, Juntos, and many others.

The evening culminated with a moving recognition ceremony to honor the students, coaches, and first responders who saved the life of Assistant Football Coach, Frank Elsasser, during a medical emergency on June 17.

Nestucca Principal Emily Chadwick opened the ceremony with remarks reflecting on the courage, preparation and teamwork that turned a life-threatening crisis into a story of hope and resilience.

“There are moments in

life when everything changes in an instant,” Chadwick said. “What happened on that field in June will be remembered as a defining moment for everyone there — not least of which is Coach Frank Elsasser, who is with us today thanks to the heroic efforts of our Bobcats and the members of the rescue teams from Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District and Adventist Health Tillamook.”

Chadwick praised the quick and decisive actions of football players Brady Hurliman, Teagan Slavens and Zeth Chapin, who performed CPR, retrieved the AED, and worked alongside Coach Kenny Hurliman and fellow teammates to stabilize Elsasser until first responders arrived. She also recognized Health Teacher Tevin Gianella for his life-saving instruction, as well as the Nestucca Rural Fire District and Adventist Health Tillamook ambulance team for their critical role in Elsasser’s recovery.

“There’s a saying: we don’t rise to the occasion; we fall back on our preparation. And that’s exactly what

happened,” Chadwick said. “Preparation is not just a skill. It is a commitment — to the people around us. It turns fear into courage. It turns hesitation into action. It turns training into life-saving results.”

Following Chadwick’s address, Eric Swanson, President of Adventist Health Tillamook, and Hunter Pariani, President of Local 5169, the union representing local firefighters, joined the stage to present awards to the honorees.

Pariani presented Challenge Coins, noting it was the first time Local 5169 had ever bestowed such an honor — a powerful symbol of respect and recognition within fire service culture.

The Nestucca High School band and cheerleaders also performed, adding to the evening’s celebratory spirit.

Swanson closed his remarks with a reminder of the unity and spirit of the night:

“We are all Bobcats tonight.”

“This moment was bigger than one coach, one team, or one school,” Chadwick said. “It was about culture.



(Left to right) Tegan Slavens, Zeth Chapin and Brady Hurliman at the ceremony with coach Frank Elsasser. Courtesy photo

It was about values. It was about what’s possible when we care for each other and

choose to be ready not just for ourselves, but for the people who depend on us.

That is what it means to be a Bobcat.”

Cheesemaker soccer comeback falls short

By MIKE WEBER

For The Headlight Herald

The Tillamook High Cheesemakers had a great start to their OSAA Class 4A boys nonleague soccer schedule, winning 6-1 over the Class 3A Taft High Tigers (2-1) in their September 2 season opener at home.

The Mooks (1-2) then faced two high quality opponents on the road last week in two nonleague matchups, dropping both contests.

In a matchup of 2024 playoff teams, the Mooks traveled to the Columbia Gorge to face the No. 1-ranked The Dalles High Riverhawks (2-0). The game was a rematch of a non-league contest last year that the Riverhawks won 6-2 in Tillamook and ended with a similar result, as the Riverhawks won 5-3 September 9 in The Dalles.

The Mooks, guided by first-year Coach Graham Allan, had a tough start, falling behind early in the contest and trailing 3-0 at halftime. Mooks senior goalkeeper Jonny Flores (nine saves) had a solid game as he



Junior Alpacino Soto (#14) controls the ball while leading the Mooks offense. Photo by Mike Weber

made numerous key saves to prevent the Riverhawks from getting an even larger halftime lead. The Mooks fought back and had a strong second half performance to give themselves a chance at a

come-from-behind win.

“One of the things I like to tell the boys is to leave it all out there on the field and that’s what they did, every single one of them and I’m felt very proud of them,” said

Allan. “There’s still lots to learn though. We always try to focus on what we need to improve on after each game and that’s what we’ll work on now.”

Tillamook junior Canon

Affolter helped lead the comeback effort. Affolter was fouled inside the 18-yard box, and they he followed up by scoring on a 12-yard penalty kick two minutes into the second half, making it 3-1.

Mooks senior forward/team captain Alfonso Esquivel scored on a header off a corner kick, trimming the deficit to 3-2 in the 57th minute. The Riverhawks responded five minutes later and scored to take a 4-2 advantage.

The Cheesemakers continued to play aggressively and with a good offensive rhythm too and again got to within one goal on the scoreboard. Affolter scored on a shot from 17-yards, making it 4-3 in the 64th minute. The Mooks had a number of good scoring opportunities throughout the second half as they played well and had a chance to either get a tie or a win. However, the Riverhawks scored with five minutes remaining to secure the 5-3 victory.

“They are a good side and they played tough in the

first half,” said Allan. “We just started playing a lot better later in the game and I thought that we won the second half. It was a one-sided first half, but it was not a one-sided game. We came right back in the second half, and we had a chance to win. It was a great game, and the boys played their hearts out. They played really well.”

The Mooks faced another state playoff squad from last year in a Sept. 11 matchup versus the No. 2-ranked Stayton High Eagles (2-0). They were unable to bounce back from the close loss to The Dalles two days earlier though and they lost 4-0 to the defending Oregon West Conference champion Eagles at Stayton High School.

The No. 6-ranked Cheesemakers will seek to snap their two-game losing streak when they begin their 11-game Cowapa League schedule with a 7 p.m. home game Tuesday versus the No. 8-ranked Newport/Waldport High Cubs (1-1).

Tillamook County Pioneer Museum asks for community feedback

A lot has changed since the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum’s (TCPM) founding in 1935. New history, exhibits, and staff. But something remains the same: TCPM’s commitment to preserving the history of Tillamook County.

As TCPM looks to the future, they’re asking the community to be a part of the process.

“The Tillamook County Pioneer Museum Board is deeply committed to ensuring the museum grows alongside our community,” TCPM Board of Directors President Ryan Weber said. “We envision the museum as a vibrant gathering place where neighbors, families, and visitors can come together to connect with the history of our county in meaningful ways.”

TCPM is currently developing a five-year strategic plan to help guide the future of the museum.

“By embracing museum best practices and creating experiences that are both accessible and relevant to today, we aim to honor the past while inspiring the future,” Weber said. “These are the very reasons we are undertaking a five-year strategic planning process. We

want to chart a thoughtful path forward that reflects our community’s voice and ensures the museum remains a place of pride for generations to come.”

The public is invited to participate in a community survey about TCPM.

See **ASKS**, Page B3



Jason Averill
Broker/Owner

RE/MAX
HomeSource

1812 Third Street, Tillamook OR 97141
Office: 503-842-2800 • Fax: 503-842-4660
Cell: 503-801-1223
email: jasonaverill@remax.net
www.jasonaverillhomes.com

 Each office is independently owned and operated  H49377

Customer Appreciation

END-OF-SUMMER

Subscription Special

20% OFF

One Year Subscription

Just mention this ad

Tillamook
Headlight Herald 

503-842-7535

For new and returning subscribers only,
offer good through 9/22/25

www.tillamookheadlightherald.com/subscribe

FENCEPOSTS

The Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad McCloud Number 25 locomotive turns 100 this weekend, and OCSR has a full slate of activities scheduled to celebrate this historic milestone.

Sharp-eyed passengers and fans of the steam engine have likely noticed the plaque near the front of the boiler, showing that the locomotive was constructed in Schenectady, New York in September 1925, by the American Locomotive Company (ALCO). Number 25 was destined for the McCloud River Railroad, operating around Mt. Shasta in northern California, in towns like Weed and Redding, the Red River area and elsewhere.

In rail enthusiast terms, Number 25 is one of four 2-6-2 "Prairie" type steam locomotives built by ALCO, meaning there are two

leading wheels, six drive wheels, and two trailing wheels. Along with locomotives number 22, 23 and 24, the total cost for these four steam engines was \$90,000 (over \$1.6 million today). Number 25 was the largest and final steam locomotive purchased by the McCloud River Railroad. After retiring from original service on July 3, 1955, the #25 was restored for excursion service in 1962.

The McCloud 25 then served the Mt. Shasta Alpine Scenic Railway in the Sixties and Seventies. In 1975, it played an important role in the film Bound for Glory, the Woody Guthrie biography. At the conclusion of filming, it went back into storage.

In 1982, Number 25 was rebuilt and leased to the Great Western Railroad Museum. It remained there through 1986, when Hollywood called again. Number



25 had a terrifying role in the Stephen King film Stand By Me, the tale of four adolescent boys hiking into the forest to see a dead body. At one point, they cross a high railroad trestle deep in the woods. When the trestle begins shaking, they look behind them to see a locomotive steaming towards them. In a panic, they rush to clear the trestle to avoid a gruesome death.

Our time with the Number 25 began in 2011, when

OCSR purchased it, storing it in the Tillamook Air Museum's blimp hangar. It began service with OCSR in July 2011. It recently underwent the federally mandated 1472-day inspection, required whenever a steam engine completes 1472 days (four years) or 15 years of service, whichever comes first.

This weekend, OCSR is celebrating this storied locomotive with a series of special activities, including discount pricing and unique excursions. On Saturday and Sunday, September 20-21, all roundtrip tickets are discounted to \$25, and cab rides (where you ride in the cab with the engineers) are \$100. The standard excursion is a 30-minute train ride followed by a 30-minute layover and concluding with a 30-minute return trip. (Tip: make sure you depart from and return to the location where your car is

parked.)

On Saturday September 20 at 4 p.m., OCSR offers a 4-hour round-trip excursion from Garibaldi to Wheeler. A 2.5-hour version departs from Rockaway Beach at 4:45 PM. As always, arrive 30 minutes early to ensure your place on board.

Also, this weekend OCSR joins with the West Coast Railroaders Group to offer railroad speeder rides. If you were among the many a few weeks ago who wondered at the small, "golf cart"-like vehicles traveling between Wheeler and Rockaway, that was what you saw. Also called motorcars, speeders were developed for railroad maintenance crews to travel where needed. Speeder rides will not take children under 2 or pets. You can purchase walkup tickets from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

On Saturday, September

20, you can also see a selection of vintage automobiles when the Beaver Chapter of the Model A Club of America presents a display of Ford Model A cars. A follow-up to Ford's Model T, the Model A (1927-1931) offered improved comfort and utility. The Model As will be displayed in the parking lot between the OCSR boarding area, 306 American Avenue in Garibaldi, and Lumberman's Memorial Park between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the 20th.

For details, call (503) 842-7972 or browse <https://oregoncoastscenic.org> to purchase tickets. Be sure to select your initial departure carefully, noting whether you are leaving from Garibaldi or Rockaway, and arrive 30 minutes before your departure time.

Rockaway council nixes Nedonna Wave second phase

Willi CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Following a remand from Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals, Rockaway Beach's city council reversed a previ-

ous decision and overturned a planning commission approval of the second phase of the Nedonna Wave subdivision, denying the application on September 9.

A revised staff opinion that advised developers had not met a required timeline to improve infrastructure for the development and were requesting to build in a spe-

cial area wetland zone after consulting county mapping data led to the decision.

The proposal for the 28-unit Nedonna Wave planned unit development was first brought to Rockaway Beach's planning commission and city council for approval in 2008. After securing initial approval from the city for the project, developers later applied to break the

development into two phases and completed eight phase-one houses by 2009.

Following the real estate market crash in 2008, the second phase of the project was put on the shelf until in 2024 when the developer returned to the city asking that the phase-two plans be amended to allow for two additional units. Planning commission approved the request

last July, while rejecting a request to divide the second phase into two sub-phases.

This decision triggered an appeal to the city from the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition on several grounds relating to the timeline and zoning restrictions on wetland development, but in November 2024, council denied the appeal, following the recommendation of then City Planner Mary Johnson.

Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition subsequently appealed the decision to Oregon's Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA), which found that there were two errors in the council's decision, asking for more information to decide on the appeal.

At the special meeting on September 9, City Planner Abram Tapia discussed the errors found by LUBA in a staff report and made an updated recommendation.

Tapia said that the first error identified by LUBA was that the city's special area wetland zone, or SA zone, was a base zone that did not allow for residential development, and that the council subsequently needed to determine whether the subject properties were in that zone. Tapia said that this presented a problem, as the city's zoning maps, created in 1992, were not adequate to determine a delineation as they needed to be warped to match the geographic facts on the ground.

Given this inadequacy, Tapia said that he had instead referenced the geographic information system (GIS) tool created by Tillamook County in 2015 to align zoning maps. Tapia said that he believed this was an appropriate way to determine the SA zone and that the GIS tool had shown that the proposed lots were in the zone, precluding develop-

See **NIXES**, Page B3

Helping moms get their ride ready for back-to-school driving, stress-free mornings start here!



**AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
FLUSH, POWER STEERING
FLUSH OR GEAR BOX SERVICE**

Valvoline Save \$10

TILLAMOOK 1845 Main Avenue N., (503) 842-7555

Valid only at above location. Present coupon at time of service. One per vehicle. Not valid with other offers. Not valid on Select Conventional oil. Expires 10/7/25

**FAMOUS 20-POINT FULL-SERVICE
OIL CHANGE**

Valvoline Save \$10

TILLAMOOK 1845 Main Avenue N., (503) 842-7555

Valid only at above location. Present coupon at time of service. One per vehicle. Not valid with other offers. Not valid on Select Conventional oil. Expires 10/7/25

H25780

OREGON Dungeness Crab COMMISSION

YOUR DREAM PLATE AWAITS



**RIDE IN STYLE WITH THE
NEW OREGON DUNGENESS
CRAB LICENSE PLATE.
OREGONDUNGENESS.ORG**



PRE-ORDER YOUR PLATE



Attention businesses and organizations!

Hit targeted audiences this Fall through our special sections in print and online

The more publications you participate in, the more you save!

Participate in **2** or more and **Save 15%**

Participate in **3** or more and **Save 20%**

Participate in **4** or more and **Save 25%**

SAVE ON OUR SPECIAL SECTION ADVERTISING THIS FALL!

To find out more details about our **FALL SPECIAL** on special sections, give our sales rep **Katherine** a call at **503-842-7535** or email her at **headlightads@countrymedia.net**

Tillamook

Headlight Herald

www.tillamookheadlightherald.com

1906 Second St., Tillamook, OR 97141

Sample covers from past issues are shown



Our Time • Sept. 16



Get Ready • Sept. 24



Salute to First Responders • Oct. 21



Salute to Veterans • Nov. 4



Holiday Edition, Family Owned Businesses, Shopping & Local Events • Nov. 25

Tillamook Council punts on water rate raise

Will CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

With Mayor Aaron Burris and Councilor Brian Reynolds absent from their meeting, the Tillamook City Council voted 3-1 to delay a vote on raising water rates in the city by 18% at their meeting on September 2.

Councilors Nick Torres, Sylvia Schriber and John Sandusky voted to table the motion until the council's September 15 meeting, saying they wanted input from all councilors before deciding on the increase, which has been under discussion since March.

The rate increase proposal was prompted by a water rate study that found the city's water utility is losing \$2 million annually and would be insolvent in five years without rate increases. In March, council discussed raising the rate by 5% in the spring and 10% at the beginning of 2026, but delayed a decision until the water rate study, which was then ongoing, was complete.

City Manager Sean Lewis returned to the council in early August with the rate study complete to review the results and revealed that 18% annual increases will be necessary in each of the next five years to maintain solvency. The increase would see the city's base water rate for residential customers increase from \$15.04 for 4,000 gallons to

\$17.75 for 3,000 in the first year, making the combined base bill for water and sewer services go from \$110.52 to \$113.25. Lewis said that even with the increases, Tillamook's water rate would still be the second lowest in the county, even after five years.

At the September 2 meeting, Lewis reviewed the proposed increases with the council, saying that the proposal largely matched what he had discussed in August, except for delaying implementation of new rates for commercial customers until November 1.

After Lewis's presentation, Torres said that the rate increase was a big decision and because Reynolds and Burris, who does not vote except in the event of a tie, were absent he did not think the council should decide and moved to table the resolution until the next meeting.

Lewis pointed out that doing so would delay the implementation of the increases by a month, from October 1 to November 1, for residential customers, depriving the city of a month of increased revenue.

Schreiber said that she agreed with Torres that Reynolds and Burris should be present and seconded his motion, with Sandusky also voting in favor, and Councilor Garrett Noffsinger voting no.

Nixes

from

From Page B2

ment.

The second error identified by LUBA was the question of whether a one-year timeline established in 2008 for developers to add infrastructure improvements applied to both phases of the project or just the first. Tapia said that based on the plain language of the documents signed in 2008, which had not been altered when the development was phased, he did not believe the condition of approval had been met, meaning the second phase could not proceed under the initial approval.

Considering these two findings, Tapia recommended reversing the planning commission's 2024 decision approving the second phase of the development and denying the application.

Dean Alterman, a lawyer representing the developer, then spoke, saying that the applicant disagreed with the staff recommendation.

On the issue of zoning, Alterman pointed to a separate section of the city's code that he argued made single family houses outright allowed uses in designated planned unit developments, such as Nedonna Wave, rendering the question moot. Alterman also contended that using the county's GIS software was inappropriate and that doing so would place more than 20 existing homes in the SA zone, making them illegal.

As for the timeline for improvements, Alterman argued that the approval of the development's phasing in 2008 had included a changing of the requirements to reflect the smaller scope of initial development. Alterman said that it wouldn't make sense for the developer to build improvements for the second phase, which had not even had a street layout approved by the city, when they had no immediate plans to pursue it.

After the presentations, public commenters weighed in, with 15 citizens voicing their opposition to the application's approval, with most raising concerns about building in wetlands.

A representative from the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition spoke and said that the wetlands in the area were vital to the city's water security, as its backup aquifer was beneath the area, and said that keeping the wetlands wild would have a positive impact on the community.

After the comment period, councilors gave their opinions, with Mayor Charles McNeilly starting the discussion by saying that no one on the council wanted to build in wetlands.

Councilor Pat Ryan said that he did not see anything in the application that should allow for development in a wetland and that he believed a new delineation of the wetlands should be required if the developer wishes to proceed. Councilors Mary McGinnis and Penny Cheek thanked the public for their input and emphasized that they would be deciding based on the evidence in front of them.

Council then voted unanimously to reverse the planning commission's decision and deny the application.

Asks

from

From Page B1

The survey can be found at: surveymonkey.com/r/TCPM2025

About the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum

Founded in 1935 by Tillamook Oregon pioneers, the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum offers 19 display areas that focus on the history of the North Oregon Coast. The museum's mission is to preserve and interpret the Cultural Heritage of the North Oregon Coast and to foster appreciation and respect of the North Oregon Coast's environment. The current collection includes 55,000 items and 20,000 photographs ranging from prehistoric specimens to modern-day.

The Tillamook County Pioneer Museum is open to the public Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and free for children under the age of 10. The research library can be accessed by appointment only.



Dylan Landolt
Real Estate Broker

503-457-8725
drlandolt@hotmail.com
2507 Main Ave. N. Suite A
Tillamook, OR. 97141

KING REALTY (503) 842-5525

www.KingRealtyBrokers.com Serving Tillamook County since 1956

All land or lots, offered for sale, improved or unimproved are subject to land use laws and regulations, and governmental approval for any zoning changes or use.



Adventist Health Tillamook is hiring.

Join our amazing team! Serving Tillamook County for more than 50 years, we offer competitive pay, outstanding benefits, and relocation assistance. We have a variety of clinical and non-clinical positions available at the medical center in Tillamook and at our medical offices in Manzanita, Tillamook, and Pacific City.

Our current openings include:

- Certified Nursing Assistant
- EMT
- Medical Assistant, Tillamook
- Occupational Therapist
- Paramedic
- Physical Therapist
- Surgical Tech
- Urgent Care Tech,
- And more!

To ask questions or submit a resume, please contact:

Joe Penna, Talent Acquisition
503-893-5502 | PennaJA@ah.org



Scan QR code to view available job openings or visit [Careers.AdventistHealth.org](https://careers.adventisthealth.org)

Adventist Health is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes people of all faiths and backgrounds to apply for any position(s) of interest.





Upcoming Holiday Event?

Halloween • Thanksgiving • Christmas • New Year

We're here to help get the word out with affordable print and online marketing packages.

Call 503-842-7535 or email Katherine Mace at headlightads@countrymedia.net

1906 Second St., Tillamook, OR 97141



www.tillamookheadlightherald.com

Deadline:
Wednesdays at 4 p.m.
every Week



www.cannonbeachgazette.com

Deadline:
Mondays at noon week of
publication, once a month



www.northcoastcitizen.com

Deadline:
Friday at noon week before
publication, every other week



CLASSIFIEDS

**Deadline for display ads,
Classified liners and legals:
Wednesdays 4 p.m.**

100 - 400 Services, etc.
500 Jobs
600 Autos

700 Items for Sale
800 Rentals
900 Real Estate

To place an ad
Call 503-842-7535
Or go to www.tillamookheadlightherald.com

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

www.tillamookheadlightherald.com/classifieds

Page B4

150
Misc Services

DIRECTV OVER INTERNET
Get your favorite live TV, sports and local channels. 99% signal reliability! CHOICE Package, \$84.99/mo for 12 months. HBO Max and Premium Channels included for 3 mos (w/CHOICE Package or higher.) No annual contract, no hidden fees! Some restrictions apply. Call IVS 1-855-602-2009.

DIVORCE \$130. Complete preparation. Includes children, custody, support, property and bills division. No court appearances. Divorced in 1-5 weeks possible. 503-772-5295. www.paralegalalternatives.com legalalt@msn.com.

Donate your car, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-866-695-9265 today!

Get a break on your taxes! Donate your car, truck, or SUV to assist the blind and visually impaired. Arrange a swift, no-cost vehicle pickup and secure a generous tax credit for 2025. Call Heritage for the Blind Today at 1-844-533-9173 today!

Get Boost Infinite! Unlimited Talk, Text and Data For Just \$25/mo! The Power Of 3 5G Networks, One Low Price! Call Today and Get The Latest iPhone Every Year On Us! 844-955-3417.

Get DISH Satellite TV + Internet! Free Install, Free HD-DVR Upgrade, 80,000 On-Demand Movies, Plus Limited Time Up To \$600 In Gift Cards. Call Today! 1-866-373-9175.

Jacuzzi Bath Remodel can install a new, custom bath or shower in as little as one day. For a limited time, waiving ALL installation costs! Additional terms apply. Subject to change and vary by dealer. (Offer ends 9/30/25.) Call 1-855-341-5268

No more cleaning out gutters. Guaranteed! LeafFilter is backed by a no-clog guarantee and lifetime transferrable warranty. Call today 1-855-536-8838 to schedule a FREE inspection and no obligation estimate. Plus get 75% off installation and a bonus \$250 discount! Limited time only. Restrictions apply, see representative for warranty and offer details.

Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 855-839-0752.

150
Misc Services

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-877-557-1912 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

Safe Step. North America's #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our FREE shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step 1-833-395-1433.

The bathroom of your dreams in as little as 1 day. Limited Time Offer - \$1000 off or No Payments and No Interest for 18 months for customers who qualify. BCI Bath & Shower. Many options available. Quality materials & professional installation. Senior & Military Discounts Available. Call Today! 1-844-847-9778.

Tillamook Movers Locally owned by Trent Buchler & Connor Christensen. Reliable, careful moving services across Oregon. Call- 503-812-6083

We buy 8,000 cars a week. Sell your old, busted or junk car with no hoops, haggles or headaches. Sell your car to Peddle. Easy three step process. Instant offer. Free pickup. Fast payment. Call 1-855-980-4382.

We Buy Houses for Cash AS IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy three step process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Get your fair cash offer today by calling Liz Buys Houses: 1-866-249-8679.

300
Announcements

If you care about someone who drinks too much, Al-Anon can help. 503-842-5094

702
Garage Sales

Garage Sale Wed.9/17 thur Sat.9/20 9:00 -4:30. 9150 Mill Creek rd Tillamook
Multi Family ,cleaning out storage units. Furniture, Clothes lots of miscellaneous.



503-842-7535
TillamookHeadlightHerald.com

702
Garage Sales

Multi-Family Sale
506 Beachwood Ave,
Tillamook
Sat Sept 27, 8am-3pm

Lots of miscellaneous including craft supplies, household items, adult & children's clothes (clean & in good condition), books and more!

H25818

732
Fuel & Firewood

Seasoned Firewood
\$135 Full Cord
\$70 Half Cord
14"-18"
Hemlock & Alder
-You pick up-
(503) 322-0022

H23812

999
Public Notices

HH25-436 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-25-1016227-BB Reference is made to that certain deed made by, CATHERINE M. ESSARY AND BARBARA M. NAVARRE, NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON, BUT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP. as Grantor to ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 12/14/2023, recorded 12/15/2023, in official records of TILLAMOOK County, Oregon and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2023-05477 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: R0123299 1S1025DD00500 LOT 5, BLOCK 5, R. R. HAYS ADDITION TO TILLAMOOK, IN TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN BOOK H, PAGE 572, DEED RECORDS, IN THE CITY OF TILLAMOOK, COUNTY OF TILLAMOOK AND STATE OF OREGON. Commonly known as: 1902 10TH ST, TILLAMOOK, OR 97141-3833 The undersigned

999
Public Notices

hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$20,632.85 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$335,503.02 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 1/1/2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed

Tillamook
Headlight Herald

LEGALS
DEADLINE
Wednesdays 4 p.m.

Tillamook

Great opportunities at Tillamook

FT Ice Cream Operator (Graveyard) - \$24.57

Farm Store - Route Driver - \$25.69

Please check out our website for more information on these and other great opportunities www.tillamook.com or contact scunningham@tillamook.com

H25822

NEAH-KAH-NIE SCHOOL DISTRICT

OPEN POSITIONS:

Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

- Special Ed. Assistant, 1 year temporary

Nehalem Elementary School

- Special Education Teacher
- Special Education Instructional Assistant

Benefits: Medical, PERS, HRA Veba, Personal Leave, Sick Leave, Family Leave and Paid Holidays


Questions? 503-355-3506

To Apply



or visit www.nknsd.org

Neah-Kah-Nie School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer



Tillamook School District No.

Certified:

- Special Education Teacher (Grades 2-3) @ SP (432)
- Vocational/CTE Teacher @ Trask (445)
- Social Studies Teacher @ TJHS (459)

Classified:

- SpEd/Special Care Educational Assistant, 7.5 hrs/day, 183-day calendar @ THS (397)
- Temporary Food Service Helper @ Liberty (464)
- General Educational Assistant, 3.75 hrs/day, 183-day calendar @ East (469)
- SpEd Youth Transitions Educational Assistant, 7.5 hrs/day, 183-day calendar @ THS (470)
- SpEd/Special Care Educational Assistant, 7.5 hrs/day, 183-day calendar @ TJHS (472)

Extra Duty:

- Assistant Girls Basketball Coach - 2 Positions @ THS (410)
- Basketball Coach, 8th Grade Boys A-Team @ TJHS (473)
- Basketball Coach, 7th Grade Boys A-Team @ TJHS (474)
- Diverse Educator Connector/Affinity Group Leader @ THS (475)
- Speech and Debate Head Coach @ THS (476)

Substitute:

- Substitute Teacher (318)
- Support Staff Substitute (319)

To view job details, qualifications and more job postings, visit our website www.tillamook.k12.or.us
Questions? Contact: Hannah Snow Roberts, snowh@tillamook.k12.or.us, (503) 842-4414, ext. 1200

Full time employees are entitled to excellent benefits, including health insurance and retirement benefits (PERS). Tillamook School District is an equal opportunity educator and employer. All employees must pass a criminal background/fingerprint check.

City of Tillamook
The Dairylands

Job Opportunity
Utility Clerk

Salary Range \$47,487.71 - \$56,702.83 D.O.E

This position supports the Mission of the City by providing services in the Public Works Department under the direction of the Public Works Director to support the Mission Statement. This position maintains a high level of visibility internally and requires excellent interpersonal, organizational, and verbal/ written communication skills. Furthermore, this position performs various utility billing and customer service tasks. Responds to inquiries, complaints, and requests for assistance from customers regarding utilities and various other City functions on the phone and in-person. Provides other assistance to the Public Works Director as needed.

Complete job descriptions, requirements and applications may be picked up at Tillamook City Hall, 210 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, or go to www.tillamookor.gov for the announcement, job description and application. A resume is required. Questions: Call Human Resources at (503) 374-1828. Position recruitment will remain open until filled. EOE. Emailed applications are accepted at humanresources@tillamookor.gov

H25739

999 Public Notices

HH25-447 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

On 10-14-2025 at the hour of 10:30 AM at the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office, 5995 Long Prairie Road, in the City of Tillamook, Oregon, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the residential real property commonly known as 1047 S. Easy St. Rockaway Beach, OR 97136, where NATIONS DIRECT MORTGAGE, LLC is Plaintiff v.

THE ESTATE OF ROBERT E. HENRY; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT E. HENRY; MARY HENRY; DANNY HENRY; DEBRA HENRY; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1047 S EASY ST, ROCKAWAY BEACH, OR 97136, is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand, made out to Tillamook County Sheriff's Office. For legal description and more information on this sale go to:www.oregonsheriffs-sales.org 9/9/25 9/16/25 9/23/25 9/30/25

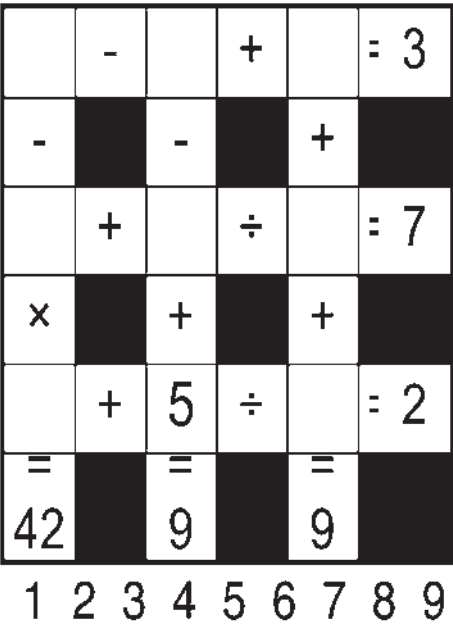
HH25-448 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 819, Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 9/22/2025.

The sale will be held at 10:00am by MENELEE WELDING REPAIR & TOWING 31665 HWY 101 S CLOVERDALE, OR. 2019 FORD F15 PK VIN = 1FTEW1E48K-KC31127. Amount due on lien \$6729.12. Reputed owner(s) > MICHAEL GARRETT, PIGOTT FORD MOTOR CREDIT CO

9/9/25 9/16/25

GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.



©2025 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Tillamook County Church Services

Bay City

BAY CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A warm and friendly congregation.
5695 D Street, Bay City, OR,
(503) 377-2679, Rev. Jonathan Mead.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.,
Fellowship downstairs afterwards.
https://www.facebook.com/BayCityOregonUMC
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors!

Cloverdale

HEALING WATERS BIBLE CHURCH OF GOD
41507 Oretown Rd E
Cloverdale, OR 97112
(541) 671-5588
11 a.m. Sunday Church Service
7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study
Friday 7 p.m. Pastor Bry's Corner

ST. JOSEPH MISSION PARISH

34560 Parkway Dr Cloverdale, OR 97112
503-842-6647
Mass Schedule Thursday - 11 a.m.
Friday - 11 a.m.
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
Confession: Call the office for appointment

Garibaldi

NORTH COAST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
309 3rd St., (503) 322-3626
Pastor Sam McRae
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
We invite you to join us.

HIS GATHERING

111 Driftwood Ave, Garibaldi, OR 97118
www.hisgathering.net
Sundays at 10:30 a.m.



Call 503-842-7535 or email

headlightads@countrymedia.net to list your church in this directory

999 Public Notices

HH25-449 The Port of Nehalem Board of Commissioners will hold their regular public meeting on Wednesday, September 24, at 6:30pm, NCRD School House Room, 36155 9th St., Nehalem. Agenda is available at https://portofnehaalem.gov.

9/16/25

HH25-450 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 Coordinator 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.

9/16/25

HH25-451 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER-819 Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 9/29/2025.

The sale will be held at 10:00am by MENELEE WELDING REPAIR & TOWING 31665 HWY 101 S CLOVERDALE, OR. 2020 FORD EXP LL VIN = IFMSK8F-H3LGB99924

999 Public Notices

Amount due on lien \$7371.80. Reputed owner(s) > CASEY E. & ALLYSSA M. PUGMIRE OR-EGON COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION.

9/16/25 9/23/25

HH25-452 PUBLIC NOTICE: The following listed individuals have left items in storage at Tillamook Mini Storage, 3510 3rd St. Tillamook, OR 97141. 503-842-6388 Noe A Mendez#362,Jessica Johnson#504,Betty R Hostettler#25,Nikolaus J Anacker#37g,Kenny Lee Kirk#713,Mary Ann Walton#20,if any of the above wish to settle their accounts, and collect their belongings they need to do so by 5:00pm on September 30th 2025. All items which remain after that time will be sold at auction to the highest bidder online at www.storageauctions.com on September 30th 2025 at 5:00pm.

9/16/25 9/23/25



CryptoQuote answer

For many of you who maybe don't have it all figured out, it's OK. That's the same chair that I sat in. — Will Ferrell

999 Public Notices

ACROSS

1 Europe's "City of Light"
6 Part of NEA: Abbr.
10 Kailua Bay's island
14 Evil being
19 — acids
20 Greet the day
21 Muscat's country
22 Maine university city
23 Blisquick or Betty Crocker product
25 Be deemed acceptable
27 Capital of Turkey
28 — -Free (contact lens solution brand)
30 Floor of a fireplace
31 — Crucus
32 Iranian money unit
34 "Tortilla Flat" co-star Hedy
37 Apiary buzzer
40 Mardi —
42 Singer Duane or Gregg
44 Steel-gray element
47 Jazz guitarist with 20 Grammys
51 Dessert named for soprano
53 Big online brokerage
54 Took off
56 — Na Na
57 Brilliance of success
58 Makes diluted
59 Social-climbing whiz kid
61 Letterman's rival, once
63 Recognize
64 Actress Kosarin or skater
66 Yule songs
68 Clumsy sorts
72 1950s-'70s legal drama
76 Hitler in a horseback sport
78 Besides that
79 False name
81 "Hamilton" face-off
82 Grassland
83 "Sula" author Morrison
85 Athlete like Simone Biles
88 Miss Daisy player Jessica
90 Eyeliner flaw

DOWN

1 Like Vatican affairs
2 Kitchen range brand
3 Skating sites
4 Ancient Andean
5 Fly like a kite
6 Amazement
7 Pago Pago's place
8 Aircraft that can land on snow
9 Following
10 "Alley —"
11 Docs' gp.
12 Rosh —
13 Auto racer Al
14 Full of gloom
15 Formerly, archaically
16 Insect-repelling pellet
17 Dollar bill
18 And not
24 Dojo activity
26 Windy month
29 With 45-Down, bad sign
33 "Sort of" suffix
35 Piece of gig gear
36 Baton-waving director
38 Actor Idris
39 Coup d'—
40 Govt. agent

Super Crossword

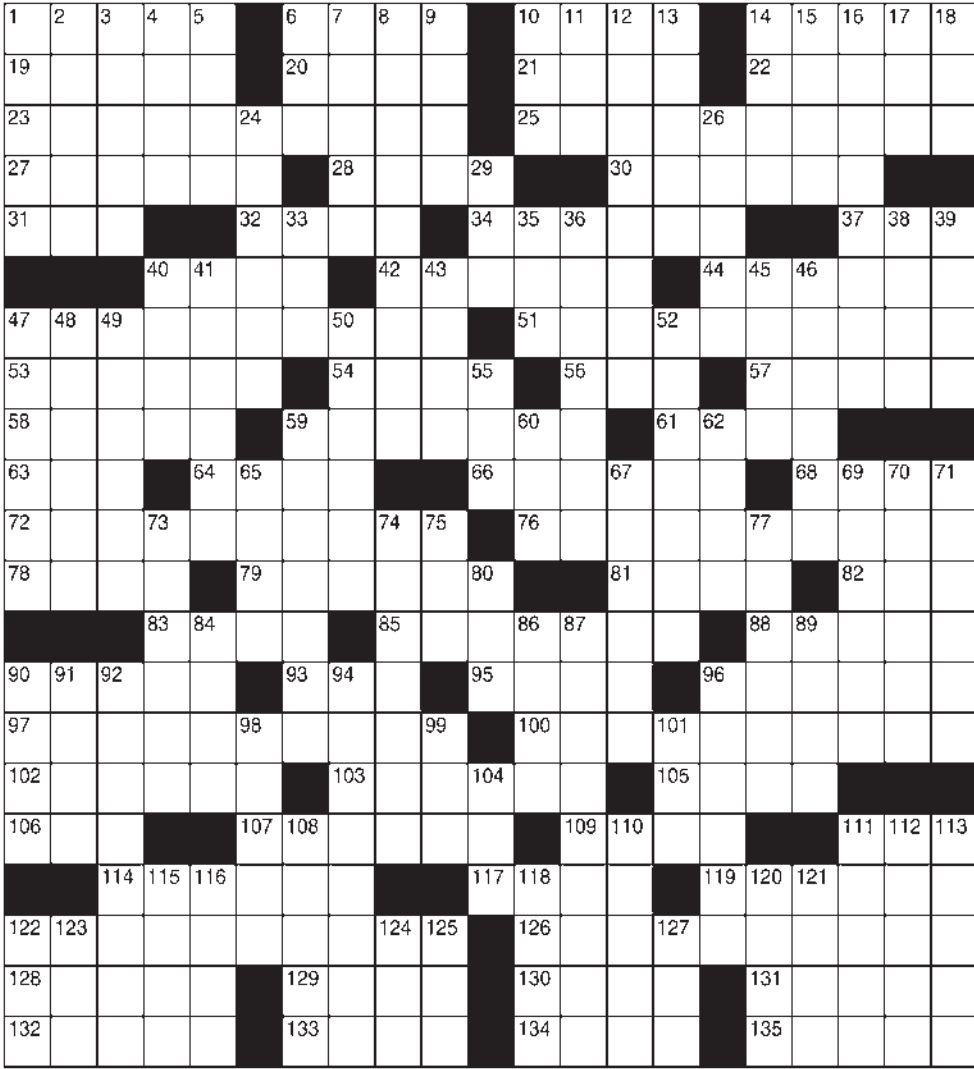
APPROPRIATE TIME

ACROSS

41 Morning warning for sailors
43 Rival of Uber
45 See 29-Down
46 "Don't lose your head"
47 Where pooches get pampered
48 Close behind, as a dog
49 Judges evaluating cases, e.g.
50 City on the Rio Grande
52 Shout
55 Tic- — -toe
59 Element with a 235 isotope
60 Knock sound
62 J.D. Salinger title girl
65 Somalian-born supermodel
67 Long-used maxim
69 Totally original
70 "I want some grub!"
71 Obedient dog, at times
73 Spin
74 In progress
75 Big Apple team, on scoreboards
77 Longtime Nissan model

DOWN

80 "So yummy!"
84 Algerian port
86 Neck's scruff
87 Had as its source
89 Elvis — Presley
90 Went fast
91 Earth orbiter
92 Those who've broken free
94 Dashboard fuel indicator
96 Journalist Gumbel
98 Air Force officer Curtis
99 Chou En- —
101 Blunder
104 Home: Abbr.
108 Guys writing jingles, say
110 African nation renamed in 1997
111 Poet W.H. —
112 Airship type
113 Muscle twitch
115 Bus driver for Bart and Lisa
116 Go no further
118 Chooses
120 Fail to include
121 Buttigieg of Biden's Cabinet
122 BlackBerry, e.g., in brief
123 Really regret
124 Female seal
125 FDR follower
127 Born as



Crossword answers on page B5

Rockaway Beach

ST. MARY BY THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH

275 S. Pacific St. (mailing: P. O. Box 390)
Rockaway, OR 97136
(503-355-2661)
e-mail: stmarys1927@gmail.com
Administrator: Fr. MacDonald Akuti
Mass Schedule: Saturday (5 p.m.)
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) (10:30 a.m.)
Weekdays: Monday (9:30 a.m.)
Wednesday thru Friday (9:30 a.m.)
Confessions: Saturday (4 p.m.)

Tillamook

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH (CBA)

5640 U.S. 101 South
2 miles south of Tillamook
(503) 842-5598
https://bbc-tillamook.faithlivesites.com
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11a.m. Morning Worship
6 p.m. Evening Service
Nursery provided for all services
Everyone Welcome

TILLAMOOK NAZARENE

2611 3rd, (503) 842-2549
Pastor Josh Myers
Sunday: Growth Groups: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Tuesdays: Celebrate Recovery 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: Youth Group 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
A place for the whole family to Connect, Grow and Serve.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)

302 Grove Ave.
(503) 842-4823
Sunday Services:
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
and Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Worship
Where love transforms hearts and lives.
Pastor K.W. Oster

LIFECHANGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

3500 Alder Lane, Tillamook, OR 97141
(503) 842-9300
www.lifechange-fellowship.com
Pastor Brad Smith
Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning
followed by Worship and Message at 11 a.m.
Come worship with us, enjoy the live music. Bible studies and an assortment of activities throughout the week. Let's worship our Lord together. We will show you how much WE CARE!

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

401 Madrona at 4th Street
(503) 842-4753
Pastor Mary Peterson
10 a.m. Worship
Everyone is Welcome

EMMANUEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday:
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Church Service
Wednesday:
7 p.m. Midweek Service
1906-A 3rd Street, Tillamook, OR 97141
Pastor Sterling Hanakahi
(503) 842-7864

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

2203 4th St., (503) 842-6213
Senior Pastor: Dean Crist
Sunday Prayer at 8:45 a.m.
Worship Celebration at 9:15 a.m.
Classes for all ages at 11 a.m.
Casual attire. Nursery facilities and handicapped accessible.
Programs available for youth of all ages.
Travelers and newcomers welcome.

OCEAN BREEZE BAPTIST CHURCH

2500 Nielsen Road, (503) 842-1446
Pastor Kevin Birdsong
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting,
King's Kids and Teen Power Hour 6 p.m.
"The end of your search for a friendly church."
www.oceanbreezebaptist.com

ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev Lia Shimada, Priest-in-Charge
2102 6th St., Tillamook, OR 97141
(503) 842-6192
email: stalbanstillamook@gmail.com
10 a.m. Worship Sundays & Wednesdays
Everyone is welcome
www.stalbanstillamook.org

TILLAMOOK CHRISTIAN CENTER

701 Marolf Loop Rd, Tillamook, OR 97141
(503) 842-6555
www.tillamookchristiancenter.com
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sunday)
3 p.m. Bi-Lingual Service (Sunday)
Bible Studies and small groups available during the week.

TILLAMOOK SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

2610 1st St., (503) 842-7182
tillamookadventist.net
Pastor Tim Mayne
Kid's Program: Saturdays 10 a.m.
Sabbath Service: Saturdays 11 a.m.
or live on church FB page
Weekly Bible Study: Tues 7 p.m.
Lower Level & on FB
Community Services:
Tues & Thurs, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Christian Radio Station: KGLS-LP 99.1 FM
Handicap accessible
All are Welcome!!

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

2411 Fifth St. (mailing: 2410 Fifth St.)
Tillamook, OR 97141, (503) 842-6647
email: sacredheart2405@gmail.com
website: sacredheartchurchtillamook.org
Pastor: Rev. Angelo Te
Mass Schedule: Saturday (5 p.m.)
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) Spanish (12:30 p.m.)
Weekdays: Tuesday (5 p.m.)
Wednesday thru Friday (9:30 a.m.)
Wednesday (Spanish) (5 p.m.)
First Saturday each month: (10:30 a.m.)
Confessions: Saturday (3:30 – 4:30 p.m.)

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."
602 Laurel Ave., Tillamook, OR 97141
(503) 842-2242
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Office Hours Mon-Thurs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Follow us on Facebook:
St. John's UCC Tillamook
Handicapped accessible

TILLAMOOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church location: 3808 12th St., Tillamook
Sunday Church Service: 10:30 a.m
Pastor: Jonathan Mead
We are back open for church service at our location 3808 12th St., Tillamook.
Office Hours: Mon.-Tues. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Church phone: (503) 842-2224
Call if transportation is needed/wanted.
All are welcome.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:6-7

Business & Service Directory

Call 503-842-7535
or email headlightads@countrymedia.net
to sign up in the
Business & Service Directory!

Landscaping

AVERILL
LANDSCAPING MATERIALS

- Barkdust (Fir & Hemlock)
- Bark Nuggets
- Red Rock • Compost
- Potting Soils • Flagstone

U-Haul or Delivered
5755 Alderbrook Loop Road
503-801-1214 or 457-6023

Engineering

MORGAN CIVIL
ENGINEERING, INC.
Engineering • Inspection • Planning
20 Years Experience in Tillamook County
JASON R. MORGAN, PE
Professional Engineer

503-801-6016 www.morgancivil.com
Manzanita, OR jason@morgancivil.com

Painting

Full Color Paint, LLC
Bonded-Insured CCB #208834
Interior/Exterior Painting
Drywall Repair
Pressure Washing
FREE ESTIMATES
503-801-0757
fullcolorpaint2480@gmail.com

Plumbing

Need a PLUMBER?
CLARK'S PLUMBING, INC.
New Construction • Repair Service
Drain Cleaning • Remodeling
Water Heater Sales & Service
Septic System Installation & Repair
842-5105
CCB #169261

Cyber Security

Cyber Security
Microsoft CERTIFIED Systems Engineer
We provide protection against hackers, malware, and data breaches. Whether you're a home or business, we stay one step ahead of cyber threats.
503 815 8433
Gil Davis
Certified Cybersecurity Analyst
TillamookComputers.com

Plumbing

MARCUM
503-812-5250
PLUMBING
503-812-5250
CCB#250564

Construction

ROOFING • SIDING • DECKS
M & D Cutting Edge Construction LLC
CCB#250855
971-704-4715
Kitchen, Bathroom, Doors, Windows, Concrete, Custom Homes
Accredited by Better Business Bureau

Call 503-842-7535 or email headlightads@countrymedia.net to sign up in the Business & Service Directory!

Highlight of the Week

JM EXCAVATING
Site Prep • Utilities • Land Development and Clearing
Septic Systems • Demo • Retaining Walls • Concrete
John Malcom
503•801•5599
CCB# 187215 JM Excavating, LLC
DEQ Installer #38804 Email • Malcom.10@live.com
Licensed • Bonded • Insured H63957

Flooring

HOWELL'S FLOOR COVERING
FREE ESTIMATES
Astro & Odie
MARMOLEUM • LAMINATE FLOORS
CORK FLOORING • BAMBOO
RECYCLED (Polyethylene) CARPETS
WOOL CARPETS • CERAMIC/PORCELAIN TILE
LUXURY VINYL FLOORING
Open Tuesday - Friday 10-5 • Saturday 10-4
503-368-5572
36180 HWY 101, Manzanita • CCB#128946

Heating & Sheet Metal

• Smokin Brothers Pellet Grills
• Custom Flashing
• Continuous Gutters
• Trane Heating Systems
• Mitsubishi Ductless Systems
• Wood, Pellet and Gas Stoves
• Energy Logs and Pellets • Full Service Department
Haltiner Heating 503-842-9315
Tillamook Fireplace 503-842-5653
1709 1st Street • Tillamook • www.haltinerinc.com
Open Mon-Fri 8am - 4:30pm

Recycling and Auto Facility

Don Averill Recycling Auto Facility
Certified Dismantler
Serving Tillamook County
503-457-6023
503-842-4588

Upholstery

Tim's Upholstery
Home Auto and Boat
GRABER BLINDS AND DRAPERIES
1112 Fir Ave, Tillamook OR
503-842-2415 503-801-1326
Thurd07@Charter.net

Classifieds

IT'S EASY to advertise in the **Classifieds...**
7 Days a Week
Go online to TillamookHeadlightHerald.com
We offer online payment for classifieds

Insurance

PROTECT YOUR FUTURE
AUTO/HOME/FARM
COMMERCIAL/WATERCRAFT
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE
Safeco Insurance Company
Liberty Mutual
Progressive • Foremost
TONY VELTRI
INSURANCE SERVICES
Locally owned and operated since 1953
1700 FOURTH STREET • P.O. Box 298, TILLAMOOK
503-842-4407

Computers

Tillamook Computers
835 Deer Circle 97141 in Tillamook 21 Years
Cyber Security Certified
A.I. Help/Training Analyst
Computer Repair
WiFi HACKER STOPPER!
Quickbooks
503 815 8433
TillamookComputers.com
VETERAN OWNED BUSINESS

Pressure Washing

K & J NORRIS PRESSURE WASHING
LICENSED AND INSURED
Using professional STEAM or cold cleaning and SPIDER SPRAYING.
503-377-4139
GUTTER CLEANING
SEWER CLEAN-OUT
YOU WANT IT CLEANED AND WE CAN CLEAN IT!!
Katrina Norris 9635 13th St. Bay City, OR 97107
Free estimates **503-812-3160**

Media

Let us help you promote your services
Contact us today to find out about our many print and online marketing opportunities throughout the year.
Call 503-842-7535 or email headlightads@countrymedia.net
Headlight Herald

Advertising

RAISE YOUR PROFITS!
Own this Space!
Reserve now at 503-842-7535
Headlight Herald

Electrician

Residential - Commercial - Industrial
FROM BIG TO SMALL, ANGUS WIRES IT ALL!
Angus Electric
(503) 815-8145 elec@rbslumber.com CCB#171850

Excavating

JM EXCAVATING
Site Prep • Utilities • Land Development and Clearing
Septic Systems • Demo • Retaining Walls • Concrete
John Malcom
503•801•5599
CCB# 187215 JM Excavating, LLC
DEQ Installer #38804 Email • Malcom.10@live.com
Licensed • Bonded • Insured H63957

Roofing

Rick Lofton
HOME SOLUTIONS
Rick Lofton
General Contractor
Certified Master Roofer / Consultant
Direct: 503-544-2716 Office: 503-801-0769
P.O. Box 121, Netarts OR 97143
Email: lofton.rick@gmail.com
CCB#:232796

Real Estate

DECKER
REAL ESTATE, INC.
615 Main Tillamook
(503) 842-8271
E-mail: 2deckerrealestate@gmail.com
www.deckerrealestate.net
43 years of personalized service and professional representation.
Your patronage is never taken for granted. Our aim is to please and satisfy your real estate needs.
WE CARE!
Carolyn Decker cell (503) 801-0935
Mark Decker (503) 801-0498
Kourtne Zwald (503) 801-0272

Cabinets, Flooring, Blinds

PACIFIC NORTHWEST
CABINETS • BLINDS
COASTAL FLOORING
FLOORING
Lvp, Lvt, Carpet, Vinyl, Marmoleum Ceramic and Porcelain Tile, Cork, Bamboo, Solid Wood and Engineered Wood, Mohawk, Tas, Hallmark, Shaw
BLINDS
Celular, Roller, Wood, Vinyl, Shutters, Drapes, Lightfiltering to Blackout
COUNTERTOPS
Silestone, Dekton, Caesarstone, MSI, Stratus, Pentia, Cambria, Viatera
CABINETS
Canyon Creek, Durasupreme, Starmark, Bertch, Artcraft
Stop by our Showrooms
TILLAMOOK 1910 First St
& GEARHART 3470 Hwy 101 North #104
WWW.PNWCABINETS.COM • Phone 503-354-2787
EMAIL - INFO@PNWCABINETS.COM
INSTALLATIONS AVAILABLE: CCB - OR-226639

Landscaping

BROS.& HOES
LANDSCAPING
YOUR LOCAL LANDSCAPE EXPERTS
MAINTENANCE LOT CLEARING INSTALLATION IRRIGATION
FREE ESTIMATES | SERVING THE COAST 20+ YEARS
(503) 398-5586
CB#8710 CCB#183477

