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Licensing requirements delay dialysis center opening

Tillamook County dialysis patients’ wait for a local center to provide life-sustaining care has stretched past a year, as Dialysis Clinics Incorporated works to meet Oregon Health Authority certification and licensure requirements.

Sharon Marti, Senior Operations Director at Dialysis Clinics Incorporated (DCI) said that the process was progressing smoothly, and she was hopeful that the center would open to patients at some point in April or May.

In the meantime, patients have been left to travel to Clatsop, Lincoln and Washington Counties thrice weekly for treatments, which Sharon Gallino, a Tillamook dialysis patient, said is taking a toll.

“During the winter it was touch and go,” Gallino said. “You had the ice and the snow and the animals running out in front of you and almost hitting them; it’s been a long year.”

Patients were thrown into uncertainty in January 2024 when the then-operator of Tillamook’s dialysis clinic, U.S. Renal Care (USRC), announced its intention to close the unit, citing low patient numbers making the operation economically untenable.

Following the announcement, Tillamook Adventist Health President Eric Swanson swung into action, seeking a new partner to operate the center and save its 11 patients the long commutes. On a tip from a consultant, Swanson reached out to DCI, a Nashville-based nonprofit that runs dialysis centers across the country, which immediately expressed an interest in helping to reopen the center.

In September, DCI staff reached out to the OHA to inquire about the possibility of transferring USRC’s license for the center to the new center, according to Erica Heartquist, a Public Health Communication Officer for the Oregon



The dialysis clinic in the basement of Adventist Health has sat unused for over a year but will soon reopen as the Tillamook Kidney Center. Photo by John Hay

Health Authority (OHA). However, USRC had returned its license to OHA and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), making a transfer impossible and triggering a new review for the proposed center.

The review process, which usually takes six months to a year, according to Heartquist, starts with a review of the physical environment by the OHA’s Facilities Planning and Safety Program and fire and life safety elements and mechanical by the State Fire Marshal’s Office.

The Fire Marshal’s Office’s reviews were completed in late February, a timeline shared by Heartquist showed, and documentation has been submitted to the facilities program, which still needs to complete an onsite inspection

before issuing a notice of project approval.

Marti said that inspection will happen by the end of March and that she believes all needed work has been completed, or that waivers will be issued for items that cannot be retrofitted to meet current standards but are still safe.

Once the notice of project approval is issued, OHA’s Facility Licensure and Certification division will schedule an onsite inspection of their own within 7-14 days, which will require more documents be submitted by DCI. The company will need to address any issues identified in the inspection and may be subject to a second inspection and will then be issued a license.

Marti said that this review will focus on the center’s operational

plans and that with the same staff who were at the center before its closure returning and DCI’s experience in other states, she believes it will go smoothly.

At that point, the center will be able to begin operations and will undergo a final certification survey by OHA surveyors or contracted surveyors from an accreditation agency to gain final CMS certification.

Marti said that she had had a productive phone call with OHA personnel on March 14, and that she was feeling more optimistic about the center’s prospects of opening in April or May than she had in weeks.

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Bay City council set to raise water rate

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Following extensive discussions over the past year, Bay City’s city council signaled their intention to increase the city’s base rate for water while cutting the number of gallons included in the base allotment at their meeting on March 11.

The council will formally adopt the rate increase at their April meeting to prevent the continuing depletion of the utility’s reserves and allow for ongoing maintenance and repayment of a \$135,000 loan for completed work.

Bay City City Manager David McCall reviewed the need for the rate increase with the council, saying that automatic increases tied to the consumer price index had been outpaced by inflation in recent years. That led to the depletion of the water utility’s reserve fund by last year, requiring the transfer of \$110,000 from another city reserve fund to the water reserve fund this year and prompting a rate review by McCall.

McCall said that he had looked at the rates in other nearby cities as well as across the state before creating nine possible adjustments for the council to consider. Currently, Bay City residents pay a base rate of \$36.17 for up to 6,000 gallons of water, compared with a statewide average of \$52.81 for 5,000 gallons of water and a north coast average of \$45.47 for 5,000 gallons.

Options presented included a 30% across-the-board increase and upping the cost of water used over the base allotment, but council coalesced around an option to cut the base allotment to 3,000 gallons a month, up the base rate to \$45 and maintain a \$5.50-per-thousand-gallons charge for consumption over the base rate. Council also agreed to leave the current wastewater utility rates and allowance untouched at 6,000 gallons per month.

McCall will bring a finalized proposal to next month’s council meeting for adoption before the city begins its budgeting process.

Council also approved a \$264,000 contract with AKS Engineering to replace the city’s water main line between Alderbrook and Juno Hill, and add a second reservoir at Juno Hill, and approved a construction manager/general contractor project management model for the upcoming \$2.5-million seismic retrofit of the city’s fire station.

Equipment going in at NCRD pool

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Work on the new pool facility at the North Coast Recreation District in Nehalem is entering the home stretch, with pool decks installed last week and equipment installation around a quarter complete.

As the facility’s completion in June approaches, the team at North

Coast Recreation District (NCRD) are preparing to create safety plans for and train staff to use the new facility, while also working on decommissioning plans for the district’s legacy pool.

The new facility’s two pools, one six lanes wide, eight feet deep and competition ready, and the other a wheelchair-accessible therapy pool have been adorned with tile work and are waiting for equipment installation to be complete before a final plaster layer is added for waterproofing.

Once the pools are complete and the facility handed over, the hard work will begin for district staff who need to create safety plans for the pools and familiarize themselves with their operation.

NCRD interim Executive Director Barbara McCann said that she expects the two new pools will require five lifeguards on duty, with three in highchairs and two roaming around the pools. This configuration will not be confirmed until the pool is complete, however, when teams will test various chair placements to ensure that every inch of the pool’s bottom is visible to one of the guards.

McCann said that this process will be the district’s top priority



The facility’s interior is taking shape, with the installation of pool decking complete. Photo by Will Chappell

once the pool is complete and that the installation of a water slide, which is planned and budgeted, will have to wait until it is finished. The water slide will also require a dedicated lifeguard.

There is no firm opening date set for the new facility and the district will be offering its summer aquatic programming in the legacy pool in the main building’s basement. McCann said that once the commissioning and training process is complete, district leadership is

planning a grand opening celebration for the new facility, after which it will be open with the same hours of operation as the legacy pool, which will close.

McCann said that the plan for the new pool was to get programming like that in the legacy pool established and expand from there once staff felt comfortable that they were able to operate the facility well

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Nehalem council briefed on forest plan

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

With the current plan governing the city owned 872-acre forest nearing its 25-year expiration, the Nehalem city council was updated on the history of the parcel and its status.

Brent Keller, a senior forester at Mason, Bruce and Girard who manages the city's forest, presented the information to council at its March 10 meeting.

Keller said that the city owned 872 acres of forest land in its water shed that was mostly home to Western Hemlock, which comprises around 80% of the trees, with the remainder consisting of Douglas Fir, Cedar and Spruce.

The city council first created a forest management plan for the parcel in 1981, with a 20-year harvest level that saw 200 acres harvested between that year and 2000. In the plan, city leaders also established long-term

timber management goals of prioritizing water quality, giving preference to clear cuts, converting hardwood trees in the forest to conifers and reforesting the area.

Once the plan expired in 2000, the then-council reevaluated, keeping most of the same goals while setting an 11-million board foot harvest goal for the next 25 years. Actual harvests over the period came in at 10.7 million board feet.

Keller said that in addition to promoting the 1981 goals, pesticides had never been used in the forest and that currently there are around 450 trees per acre in the parcel.

As the city looks forward to its next management plan, Keller said that it would need to consider various factors when setting desired timber harvest levels, including the ongoing prioritization of water quality and production in the forest. Additionally, the council will need to weigh the sustainability of harvest levels and revenue goals against climate considerations like logging's effect on water production and fire risk.

The plan will also need to incorporate fire risk mitigation efforts including slash and stand management, and a fire plan.

Keller said that the city could also investigate the potential of foregoing logging operations in favor of selling carbon credits against the forest's standing timber. However, doing so would be difficult as Keller said it is generally difficult and costly to establish the carbon potential of forests under 3,000 acres, although Nehalem could potentially partner with neighboring cities or landowners to form a larger carbon offset block.

When considering the future of forestry activity in the watershed, Keller said that it was also important to consider that revenues from sales have helped to support city projects, including the new city hall and a park in the last twenty years, and

to keep water rates steady.

Keller said that there had been seven timber sales in the last 25 years and that the forest could support up to about half a million board feet of harvest annually.

Keller said that the council could choose to form a committee to offer community input on the plan or opt to hold a series of meetings for residents to comment.

After Keller's presentation, half a dozen public commenters weighed in, sharing that they were concerned about the impacts of climate change in the forest, as well as the potential for wildfire. Commenters said that they favored abandoning clear cutting in the watershed as they felt the city could take a more environmentally friendly approach to forest management.

Following the comment, Keller said that he would work to create a scoping document for the plan that he will bring to the council at a future meeting to move the planning process ahead.

TSD faces staffing shortages, seeks substitutes

Like many districts across the region, the Tillamook Service Center is grappling with significant staffing shortages that are impacting classroom operations. As the school year progresses, the need for qualified substitutes to step in and support both short-term and long-term needs has become urgent.

Northwest Regional ESD, which serves a diverse community of students, has put out a call for substitutes in a variety of roles, including teachers, educational assistants, and support staff. One of the most pressing vacancies is a Long-Term Substitute Early Childhood Education Specialist position at the Tillamook

Service Center, which runs from March 17 to June 11, 2025.

The long-term substitute will support young children with exceptionalities in an early childhood special education classroom. The role involves following lesson plans, maintaining a structured environment, and engaging with students to promote their social, emotional, and cognitive development. The Tillamook team is looking for candidates who are adaptable, collaborative, and have a passion for working with young learners.

This position is part of a larger effort to fill critical substitute roles across the district. Staffing shortages have made it difficult to maintain consistency in class-

rooms, with substitute positions covering a range of responsibilities. The district is also seeking substitutes for positions in various departments to ensure smooth operations throughout the school day.

"We've seen an increasing demand for substitutes across the board," said Priscilla Sattergren, a representative from Edustaff, the staffing partner for the district. "The district is actively looking for individuals who are committed to supporting the needs of students, and we're offering training and support to help candidates succeed in these roles."

Pay for the Long-Term Substitute Early Childhood Education Specialist position ranges from

\$26.49 to \$35.38 per hour. A valid Oregon Teaching or Substitute License is required, though those without a substitute license can still apply with assistance provided by Edustaff. A bachelor's degree and completion of a teacher prep program is also required.

Pay for general substitute teaching roles starts at \$26.49 an hour.

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Tourist industry leaders convene at Seaside summit

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Representatives from various groups serving tourists in Tillamook and Clatsop Counties gathered for an Oregon Coast Visitors Association hosted tourism management network summit in Seaside on March 12.

At the summit, attendees were updated on industrywide and Oregon coast travel trends before spending the afternoon networking and working on ideas to leverage tourism to create better communities for residents and visitors alike.

Jeremy Strober of Heartfelt Hospitality in Pacific City welcomed the group to the summit and gave a brief overview of the plan for the day and the North Coast Tourism Management Network. Strober said that the summit was part of the network's ongoing work that started six years ago to engage the tourist industry in discussions about ways the industry can improve north coast communities.

The network covers the coast from Astoria to Neskowin and has focused on increasing outdoor recreation opportunities and accessibility and managing the impacts of tourism while trying to find ways to contribute to the communities.

Kristin Dahl, from Crosscurrent Collective, which facilitated the summit and helps communities from Wyoming to Alaska with tourism management, then gave a presentation on industrywide trends.

Dahl shared data that showed that since the 1980s the worldwide pace of tourism has increased at an exponential rate, creating the phenomenon of

overtourism, where visitors cause ecological, social or other issues for permanent residents of an area.

The frenetic pace of growth was interrupted by the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, which caused a 72% drop in tourism worldwide. The pandemic's effects were mostly short-lived, Dahl said, with visitor numbers rebounding quickly but, in the Americas, tourism was still down 3% in 2024 compared to 2019, while in Oregon it was 6% lower.

After Dahl's presentation, Finn Johnson, North Coast Destination Stewardship Manager for the Oregon Coast Visitor's Association, delved into data for the north coast.

Johnson first shared data from an economic impact study by Travel Oregon from 2023, the most recent year for which data is available, that showed that visitors to the north coast spent an average of \$788 per party on visits. There were two million overnight trips in 2023, accounting for close to six million nights in hotels, in the two counties whose combined population is just under 70,000.

In total, these trips generated \$862 million in direct travel spending in the area, where 22% of all jobs are tied directly to the tourist industry and 24% of the people on the street, on average, will be visitors.

Johnson then shared visitation data from 2023-2024, also collected by Travel Oregon, showing that almost a quarter of visitors to the coast are day trippers and that Seaside received the largest share of visitors on the north coast. The data also revealed that 60% of visitors to the coast come

from the Portland area, with an additional 20% coming from Seattle.

Johnson said that these results illustrated that the coast was a well-known commodity among Pacific Northwest urbanites, who would show up whether locals wanted them to or not.

To highlight that point, Johnson shared the results of Travel Oregon's resident sentiment survey conducted in 2024 that showed residents of the north coast are far less amenable to visitors than people elsewhere in the state.

In response to a variety of questions asking residents to rank the positive and negative impacts of tourists on their communities on a scale of one to five, coast residents rated the positive impacts of tourism at 3.1 and negative at 3.6, versus a 3.4 positive mark statewide and 3.1 negative. Johnson said that these numbers showed that overall support for tourism on the coast was dropping.

Finally, Johnson shared the results of a tourism industry partner survey, also conducted by Travel Oregon, which found that those in the industry found keeping businesses afloat during the winter and shoulder seasons was difficult, while there was overcrowding in the summer.

After a short break, two panels preceded lunch, with panelists discussing improving accessibility, improving and diversifying visitor transportation options, encouraging stewardship among visitors and developing outdoor recreation opportunities.

The rest of the day was dedicated to collaborative discussions on how to increase the industry's sustainability moving forward.

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and safely.

The new pool project is on budget, McCann said, and the December award of \$1.7 million in transient lodging tax funds by the county commissioner rounded out the financ-

ing package, allowing the district to shift focus towards raising money to decommission the legacy pool. McCann said that this process is expected to cost around \$500,000 and that the district has begun submitting grant applications to support the decommissioning. People interested in supporting the decommissioning can also make donations, including the purchase of memorial bricks that will be installed in the new facility's

portico, which are available for purchase until May 1.

NCRD will also be celebrating the legacy pool throughout the spring, with special Saturday swims planned for April 12, May 10 and June 14. District staff are asking families with multiple generations who learned to swim at the pool, which first opened in 1930, to come on those days to illustrate the pool's long-running benefit to the community.



In addition to the natatorium, the project will also include the addition of a new parking lot with more than 20 spaces and the already-completed wheelchair ramp to make the new facility accessible from the rest of the district.

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While DCI had originally hoped to have the center open in late 2024, Marti said that meeting safety standards and operating safely was the company's top priority and they understood the importance of licensure requirements. Marti said that she has formed a good working relationship with OHA staff, describing it as a partnership that was committed to moving the center's reopening forward as quickly as possible.

Patients and other members of the Tillamook community are anxiously

awaiting the day that the center will reopen, with Swanson saying, "the extended recertification process for the dialysis unit has created challenges for patients who are now required to travel long distances multiple times a week for essential care." Swanson said that he had been in contact with State Senator Suzanne Weber, Representative Cyrus Javadi and Governor Tina Kotek's office to try to speed the process along.

Gallino said that while she has adjusted to traveling to Lincoln City for treatment, she is eagerly anticipating the day the center reopens and knows that it will be even more impactful for other patients, with whom she remains in contact.

"They're getting really tired," Gallino said, "they

have a lot more things wrong with them than I do. We've all just had it."



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Business Spotlight

Stay afloat thanks to Greg's Marine Service

Spring is well underway, and Greg's Marine Service is, well, keeping boats underway.

Since 1980, the Garibaldi business has been the area's specialists in marine repair and outboard sales. Founded by Greg and Debbie Iseri, and now owned and operated by Bill Pitino, the business continues to keep customers out on the water nearly 50 years later.

"We care about our customers, so we want to make sure that we're taking care of them as best as possible," Pitino said. "We've got a nice fishing community here and we just want to be honest and fair with them. If they want something, we'll help them

as best we can."

Greg's Marine Service is a dealer for Yamaha Outboards, Honda Outboards, Boulton Powerboats, Marlon Boats and EZ Loader Boat Trailers.

"Along with being a Honda and Yamaha outboard dealer, we're certified to work on them," Pitino said. "Some of my guys, myself included, have gone to the Honda and Yamaha training facilities. There's always new products coming out and it's just important to see the new stuff. We're trying to maintain standards here to help the community out."

Pitino purchased Greg's Marine Service seven years ago after finding it for sale online.

"I wanted to be a mechanic when I was younger," he said. "This business came up and I looked at it. They'd been running it for a long time, and I thought it was a good business."

I loved the area, and it was something I needed for [a life] change."

Pitino said his biggest concern was if the owner's daughter, Renee Pingel, and mechanics (including long-time shop manager Mark Widener) would leave if the business changed ownership. They didn't.

"I told them: 'I'm fortunate you guys are living my midlife crisis,'" Pitino chuckled.

Years after the sale of the business, Greg's Marine Service continues to operate on the principles it's always had, commitment to customer service and safety.

"Greg had a great reputation; he did a great job all these years and that's why I didn't change the name of the building because he had a strong clientele from over 40 years of running this business. So, I wanted to make sure that we maintained that. So far, we haven't embarrassed him as far as I know. We're going to take care of people first and make sure everybody's safe."

Each year Greg's Marine Service does numerous motor repowers, sells over 100 Yamaha motors, and sells 30 to 40 Honda motors. At peak season, service turnaround time is about two weeks. The business attracts local clients as well as people from

outside the area.

"We surprisingly get a lot of people from Washington and the Portland area that will drive over here because they fish in Tillamook Bay," Pitino said. "Just call us and we'll schedule a drop-off time."

Pitino has also kept the business heavily involved as a sponsor of community events. This past year, Greg's Marine Service supported Garibaldi Days, Garibaldi Seafood and Spirits Festival, Tyler's Big Heart Benefit Concert, Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad's Candy Cane Express and donated life jackets to the Tillamook Early Learning Center's "Diving into water fun and safety" event.

"We try and stay involved with everything. We are a member of the Garibaldi Business Association and we're trying to strengthen up some of the programs here in the city. All us businesses have been trying to band together to take on some responsibility of those events because it's a part of being in the community."

Pitino's commitment to the community, and his business, is undeniable. So much so that he sold his own boat because his focus is on helping others with theirs.

"We're here for them. We want to make sure that they're safe and get them out and enjoying the bay here," he said. "Even if they just want advice on something or have questions, we'll be happy to help them."

Greg's Marine Service is located at 409 E Garibaldi Ave (Hwy 101 S), Garibaldi. Open Tuesday – Saturday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, visit gregsmarineservice.com.

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Greg's Marine Service staff (left to right) Weston Goodwin, Tom Logan, Darin Webb, Will Pack, Brandon Roberts, Bill Pitino, (front) Renee Pingel.

FENCEPOSTS



The Cape Meares contingent of the Burkes and the Steens recently headed to Ocean Shores, Wash., with exhibits for the Beachcombers and Glass Float Expo (formerly the Beachcombers’ Fun Fair). And, boy, did we wow them. Kathy and Kevin brought home three first-place blue ribbons and three best-of-class ribbons for furnishings made from beachcombed items (a series of picture frames made from driftwood, rocks and netting) and two assembled pieces of driftwood (unadorned driftwood that looked just like a pelican, and Kathy’s name spelled out in driftwood pieces). They also took first place in non-glass floats with a collection of big and uniquely-shaped plastic floats. Our village’s favorite, the “Cape Mear Maid,” was transported to Ocean Shores for the weekend, gracing the Convention Center with her long green skirt and orange bag of golf balls and winning a red ribbon. The Burkes’ final ribbon was third place for a planter.

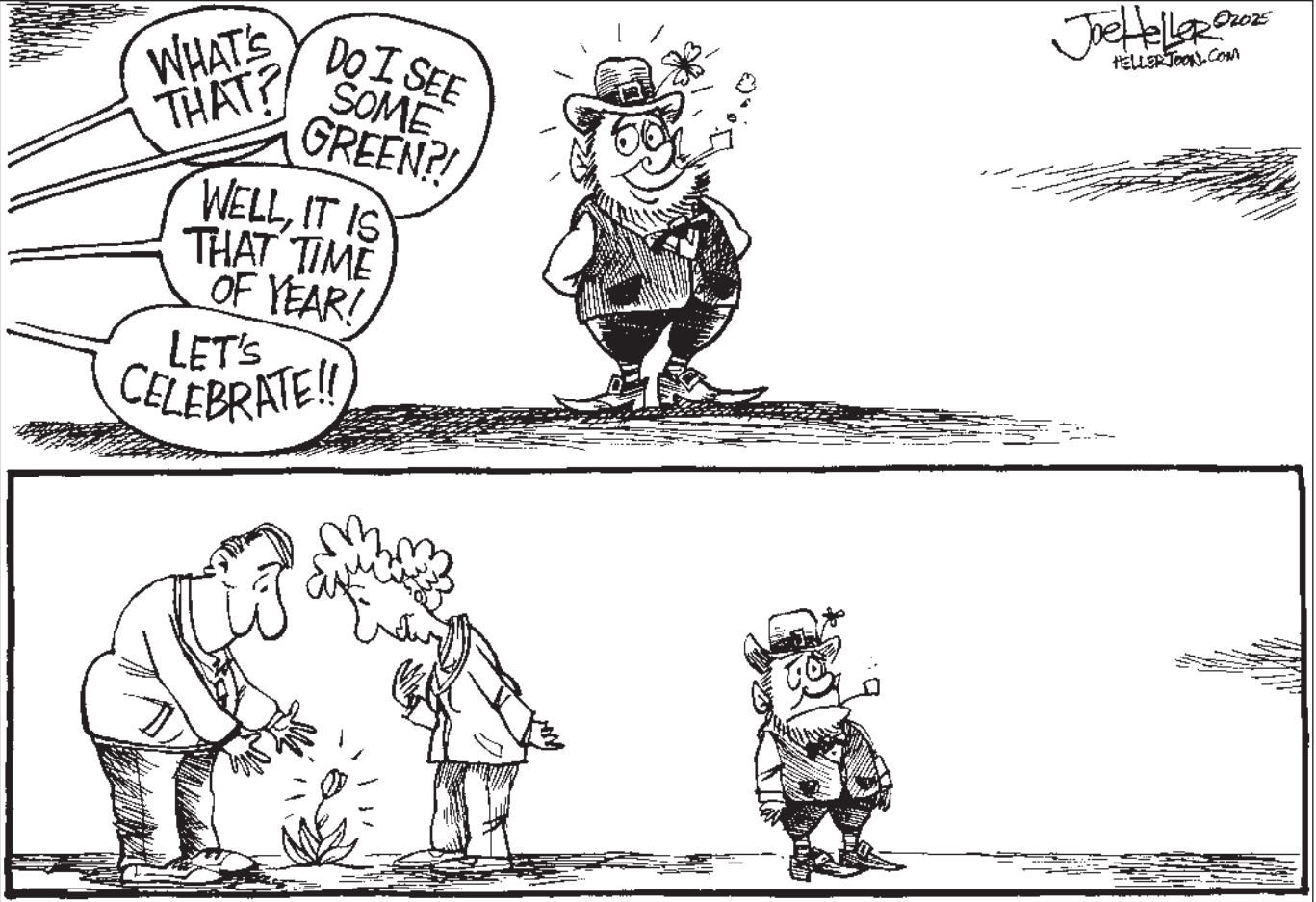
We Steens scored in different categories altogether. The first glass float I ever found, a basketball-sized dark teal glass ball, won a blue ribbon in the individual glass float section. Our collection of foreign bottles, all shined up and placed on a yellow box with Asian writing, took both a first-place ribbon and a best-of-class ribbon. Hotei, our beloved wooden statue found after the 2011 tsunami, won a blue ribbon, as did a photograph of a fan of pink clouds at sunset over the cape. A collection of polished jasper and a treasure chest of sea glass each won red ribbons. Lastly but most significantly, our collection of glass floats, featured in an “Octopus’s Garden” theme setting, won a first-place ribbon, a best-of-class ribbon—and the People’s Choice Award. That last prize is a rare accomplish-

ment; we’ve won People’s Choice only three times in our nearly 20 years of attending this event. Many thanks to Seasons Kaz Sparks, owner of Salty Raven, for allowing us to use her signature drawing of an octopus on the placard for the display and to BJ Byron for donating a couple of curly pieces of driftwood to our Octopus’s Garden.

The Beachcombers and Glass Float Expo takes place every year on the first weekend in March in Ocean Shores. The event now features a “planting” of nearly 1,000 authentic Japanese fishing floats, etched with “Expo” and the year, on nearby beaches. The Burkes and Capt. Pete each scored an Expo ’25 float. And I’m delighted to report that our note-in-the-bottle boy from last May, William Crosby from Wash., and his family attended this year’s Expo and found two of the glass floats left on the beach by float fairies and float wranglers. William also won glass floats for his “Dash for Trash” entry and a big jar of sea glass in the “stand on the dot” game. Great to see kids out on the beach exploring instead of on their screens. Hope you fellow beachcombers find treasures and join us in Ocean Shores next year.

Local resident Karen Schank organized a beach clean-up for March 8. The report I got was that six hardy souls and one chihuahua braved 30 mile-per-hour wind gusts to fill two bike trailers of trash from the south jetty, then made it back to Cape Meares—fueled by Karen’s oatmeal cookies at the halfway point. Karen’s goal was to get this section of the beach cleaned before the snowy plover nesting season begins March 15. Hats off to this intrepid group.

Earlier this month, the Cannon Beach library hosted an annual reading event with the theme “rising tide.” Close to 100 submissions were considered, and 10 writers were offered an opportunity to read from their work. Mimi Maduro of Cape Meares was one of those honored to be selected. She read three haiku befitting the rising tide theme. If you missed the reading, check the next edition of the Cape Meares newsletter to enjoy Mimi’s haiku.



GARDENING MATTERS

Gardening smarter

As we rapidly approach the beginning of the gardening season, I have come to the conclusion that I must start to garden smarter, not harder. I always await spring with excitement and anticipation. I used to be able to work for hours on end outside and looked forward to getting the gardens started in March.

But the years have flown by, and my body isn’t as spry as it used to be. Arthritis has struck hands, knees, and back, and my energy levels have decreased as well. It still gives me great pleasure and solace to be working in the garden. Even the simple task of picking up countless sticks is a reason to just be outside.

While I still do all the tasks and chores, I must now do them one-by-one. I take a walk through the garden or do a few stretches to warm my muscles before starting any work. During that walk, I also observe what needs to be done in the garden. That way I can plan my day. I do keep a list of things I need to accomplish in any certain week. It keeps me on track and is also rewarding to cross those chores off that list.

Now I take an hour or two spread over several days to cut back old fern fronds



instead of trying to do them all at once. I pick up sticks in a single area, taking frequent breaks to calm and stretch my back. Once the major chores are accomplished, I will tend to a single area of the garden at a time. I try to clean certain areas first and they tend to be the ones I see the most.

Having the right kind of tools is crucial to avoid injuries and aches and pains. I use a seat that I can flip over to use as a kneeler if I need to be closer to the ground. The legs of that seat act as supports to help me rise from a kneeling position, too.

I have a long handled, small rake that makes it easier to rake leaves from between plants. There are a variety of long-handed tools including loppers and pruners, as well as ergonomically designed tools that are kinder for arthritic hands, too.

Regular readers may

remember I have a very small area dedicated to lawn. It is not even large enough for a mower. I used to use an electric weed whacker, but the cord was always getting in the way. It was heavy and bulky, too. I found a battery-powered weed whacker that has wheels. It is very light weight, and I can get it ready in about a minute to cut the “lawn.” The wheels help me to keep the grass at one height, too. I used to dread getting the old one out and lugging it around, struggling with the necessary long cord. But now I look forward to cutting the grass. No strings, either, just easily changeable plastic or metal blades, depending on what you are trimming.

I also have a small, battery-operated chain saw. Not the huge saws that arborists use, but instead a handheld version that will make short order of anything less than 4 inches in diameter. I always use heavy-duty gloves and safety goggles when using either of those battery powered tools.

There is a very good book called “Gardening for Seniors” by Portland author Patty Cassidy. In it, she gives tips and step-by-step techniques for maintaining beautiful outside spaces.

Published in 2011, it is still relevant to senior gardeners today. (By the way, as a side note, Patty refers to us as “seniors” not “elderly.” For some reason I find the term “elderly” to be offensive. You can call me a “senior” or an “old broad,” just don’t call me elderly.)

As I age, I find I savor the time to work in my garden. I enjoy the process as much as the result. I have also learned to be practical about my time and energy and I don’t try to get too much done. If a task isn’t finished in the time I allowed for it, I put that on the list for the next day. Sometimes an hour or less outside is all I need to make me feel better and accomplish something. And a very important tip is to know your limitations and be smart enough to call in some help when needed to accomplish a chore.

I don’t want to stop gardening as I know it is good for me. Research has shown that gardening helps our moods as well as keeping our bodies healthier and with less incident of stroke or heart attack. As co-host of “The Victory Garden” Jim Wilson used to say, “Slow, steady, safe, and thoughtful.” Wise words for any senior activity.

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FENCEPOSTS

My February 18 Fencepost looked in detail at part of the draft Sourcewater Protection Plan, with a focus on strategies and imple-mentation. Recently, the updated plan was posted on the City’s website. Note that the link on the home page displays just the flyer about this week’s town hall. The link to the updated plan was distrib-uted in email from the city last week.

This week I’ll talk about section 4.5 on potential fund-ing sources and section 5 on contingency planning, noting the edits prepared for this week’s town hall.

The revised plan lists 14 sources for funding, includ-ing state and fed-eral grant programs and other sources. The Oregon Health Authority

(OHA) provides a Drink-ing Water Source Protec-tion Fund with grants of up to \$50,000 and loans up to \$100,000. These funds are specifical-ly earmarked for land acquisition, riparian restoration and watershed protection.

Other grants called out include the Private Forest Accord Grant Pro-gram from the Oregon Depart-ment of Forestry, for projects benefiting fish and aquatic wildlife species and habitats as part of the ODF Habi-tat Conservation Plan. The most hopeful part of this listing is the no-tation “Most projects typically request at least \$50,000 (no minimum or maximum set).”

The US Forest Service’s Forest Legacy Program came



up in early conversations about funding. Part of the U.S. Department of Agricul-ture, this program intends to “conserve environmentally important forest areas that are threatened by conver-sion to non-forest uses.” The program includes options for selling all or part of the prop-erty, as well as establishing conservation easements.

One key takeaway from this portion of the SPPDAC is that it is likely that the city will need to navigate a patchwork of agencies to put to-gether the funding required to preserve our wa-tershed for all the rea-sons I have covered and which the committee has outlined.

That observation leads into Section 5, contingency plan. This opens with the fol-lowing cautionary observa-tion:

“A contingency plan for responding to the loss or substantial reduc-tion of a drinking water source is a re-quired element of a state-ap-proved SWPP.” It goes on to list ten elements, including inventory-ing and prioritiz-ing all threats to the drinking water supply, anticipating responses, identifying key personnel as well as short-and long-term water supply replacements and conserva-tion measures, and more. Training and education of both city staff and the public are included, as is identifica-tion of financial resources.

If there is any comfort in this portion of the plan, it’s in section 5.3, re-sponses to potential incidents. It outlines the city’s emergency opera-tions plan (EOP) and the city personnel responsi-ble for implementing it. Sec-tion 5.4.1, Key personnel, includes the city’s incident

manage-ment team (IMT): “the public works direc-tor, fire chief, city manager, mayor, and city council.” A later paragraph specifically calls out our CERT volun-teers, who “help to preserve life and aid emergency re-sponders.”

I’ve written so often about our city’s emergency preparedness meet-ings that this hits very close to home for me and should for each of us. The Great Oregon Shakeout training events of 2023 and 2024 demonstrated this kind of unified approach to disaster response. Chief Hesse, Captain Grace, our CERT team and our city volunteers came out as a unit to train for exactly this kind of situation.

I’ve had the opportunity to see Rockaway Beach Fire & Rescue in op-eration, in offering life-saving ser-vices to my neighbors and in re-sponse to the Veterans Day tornado in 2024. They arrived on N. 3rd, the path of the tornado, in minutes, isolating downed power lines

and checking for injuries and damage.

Section 5.2.4.1 includes contact information for all emergency ser-vices, which should be posted in every home, STR, or motel room. Public works: (503) 374-0586. fire eepartment: (503) 374-0618. medi-cal: (503) 374-0612. Law enforcement: Tillamook County Sheriff Rock-away Beach Patrol non-emergency dispatch (503) 815-1911; Sheriff’s Office (503) 842-2561; Oregon State Patrol, (800) 442-0776.

The Rockaway Beach Ra-dio Group is responsible for emergency communications, (503) 374-1752. The CERT/ Volunteers and Rocka-way Beach Emergency Manager can be reached at (503) 374-0618.

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Tillamook County Li-brary’s Main Branch is hosting a “Speed Friend-ing” event starting at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19. An online advertisement for the gathering reads, “Meet and chat with other friend-seek-ers in a fun, low-pressure turn taking game.” No cost, specific age, or end time are mentioned. The address is 1716 Third Street (the inter-section of Third and Stillwell Avenue) in Tillamook.

The following four para-graphs announce upcoming events at our own branch of Tillamook County Library. South Tillamook County Library is located off Broo-ten Road on Camp Street in Pacific City. A Poetry Read-ing is planned for 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, there. Poets and poetry lovers of all ages are invited to listen to and/or read a poem to or from the assembled partici-

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pants.

Did you know coloring can increase focus, relieve stress and boost creativity? Visit the South Tillamook County Library at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19 for an hour of coloring time. This program is for adults ages 19 and older.

Stop by the South Tilla-mook County library at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 21 for Movie Night. Showing will be “Harriet,” a film based on the thrilling and inspirational

life of an iconic American freedom fighter. The movie tells the extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman’s escape from slavery and transforma-tion into one of America’s greatest heroes. Her cour-age, ingenuity, and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves and changed the course of history. “Harriet” is rated PG-13, for thematic content throughout, violent mate-rial, and language (including racial epithets).

South Tillamook County Library’s story time happens at 3:30 p.m. on second and fourth Wednesdays, (March 26, April 9). All ages are wel-come. These events promise “reading and singing and moving about.”

Kiawanda Community Center (KCC) serves senior lunches at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays (March 18) and Wednesdays (March 19) for \$3 (others may partake for

\$6). The address is included above.

Don’t forget that Nesko Women’s Club luncheon meeting is planned for 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 21st, also at Kiawanda Com-munity Center (KCC) The address is 34600 Cape Kiawanda Drive in Pacific City. Sue Miller will bring a fused glass project for people to work on in lieu of a program. Currently she has a lovely display of fused glass art in the fireplace room at the center. For Luncheon reservations contact Robin at robinkaeredmond@gmail.com or 503-913-4171

Remember that Nesko Women’s Club is inviting “everyone” to help celebrate what would have been the late Barbara “Barb” Taylor’s 90th birthday on June 6. Bar-

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Dear Tillamook County Republicans,

I am reaching out on behalf of the Tillamook County Democrats with a call for unity and collabora-tion. Our community faces significant challenges due to budget cuts and funding freezes from the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). These cuts directly affect Tillamook County, putting strain on essential services, local industries, and the well-being of our residents. We have already begun to feel the impacts:

Housing and Healthcare

- Tillamook County relies on \$3.6 million dollars in federal funding to support affordable housing projects in Manzanita, Rockaway Beach and Tillamook. When funding was frozen, 100% of the units had been pre-leased and there was a waiting list for future vacancies.

Economy and Social Services

- Statewide, nearly 29,000 federal employees have been terminated as part of the administra-tion's cost-cutting measures. These layoffs span various agencies, affecting the delivery of essential services. While specific numbers for Tillamook County are not detailed, the ripple effect of these reductions is felt across the state.
- The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), a key energy provider in the Pacific Northwest, has seen significant staff reductions due to the federal hiring freeze. An additional 90 job offers were rescinded, and current employees anticipate further cuts. Tillamook County, part of BPA's service area, may experience effects on employment and energy services.
- The immigrant population in Tillamook County lives in fear of being deported, sometimes to countries other than the ones from which they came. Families are separated and children are in danger of going into foster system. ICE agents are allowed to go into schools and other institutions to arrest alleged offenders.

Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Services

- Tillamook County relies on federal funding for programs and research into wildfire preven-tion. This and many other initiatives are impacted by the “stop work” order from the Trump administration, citing “...potential non-compliance with the administration's DEI policies.”

Environmental and Conservation

- The Lomakatsi Restoration Project, which receives 65% of its budget from federal sources, has had to freeze over 30 grants, lay off workers and stop projects. Tillamook County relies on this and similar environmental initiatives to protect and renew our forests and streams.
- The Tillamook Estuaries Partnership (TEP), dedicated to preserving the county’s estuar-ies and natural habitats, experienced a 90-day pause on funding ordered by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Although this order was subsequently rescinded, ongoing federal budget cuts have created an atmosphere of uncertainty for future environmental projects in the region.

These are not partisan issues—they are Tillamook County issues. We all want our community to be safe, prosperous, and well-supported. This is why we believe working together is more important than ever. By combining our voices, we can fight for the resources Tillamook County deserves.

We invite you to discuss how we can collaborate on these shared concerns. Let us find common ground and stand together for the good of our community. Please let us know a convenient time to meet—we are eager to work alongside you to protect Tillamook County’s future.

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The body of a missing 2-year-old-boy was recovered from the Siletz River on March 11, 10 days after he first went missing. The cause of death was determined to be drowning.

Dane Paulsen disappeared on the afternoon of Saturday, March 1, while playing in the yard of his residence located near milepost 21 on Highway 229, north of Siletz. Immediately after being notified, emergency personnel began searching the residential property and surrounding areas.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and partnering agencies had watercraft searching the river beginning the morning of Sunday, March 2 through March 11, when Dane was recovered. Divers began searching the river on Monday, March 3, and remained active through Tuesday, March 4.

In addition to official agencies and their volunteer groups, community volunteers showed up in mass to help search during the initial effort.

After three full days of search and investigation, all evidence was pointing to the Siletz River, according to information provided by the sheriff's office. This evidence included the surrounding land being as thoroughly searched as possible, leads from scent-tracking dogs that tracked Dane's scent down to the river, and shoe prints comparable to Dane's size down at the river's edge. On

March 4, this evidence led responders to primarily focus search efforts on the river.

Investigators continued to pursue leads by interviewing, investigating, and following up on community tips. Throughout the investigation and search, teams used additional personnel with specialized training and equipment.

During the search period, diver Juan Heredia, with Angels Recovery Dive Team, connected with Dane's family. Using information provided by emergency personnel, and with the help of a local river guide, Heredia began his search and was successful in finding the body.

During a press conference held by the sheriff's office on Thursday, March 14, at the Siletz Valley Grange, Jess Palma, public information officer for the sheriff's office, said, "On March 11, at approximately 11:13 a.m., Juan located a small child in the river downstream of where official divers had paused their search. Multiple sheriff's office responders immediately dispatched to the scene, including the marine team that was actively searching the river. After confirming the child was Dane Paulsen, and ensuring Dane's family was informed, our office then notified our community and media."

The Lincoln County Medical Examiner's Office was notified and responded to the scene. They transported Dane to the State Medical Examiner's Office, where an autopsy was completed on March 12. Results from this

Beverly Joanne (Miles) Stephens
Sept. 15, 1936 - Feb. 28, 2025



Bev passed away in Seaside, Oregon on February 28, 2025 at the age of 88. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Stephens and her beloved son "Bobby" Stephens. She is survived by her daughter Karen; her daughter-in-law Marcy; her grandchildren Derek Stephens and wife Amanda, and Devin Stephens; her great grandchildren Addison and Ella Stephens; and many nieces and nephews who loved her dearly.

What really set Beverly apart is that she was a true Tillamook County pioneer.

autopsy confirmed the cause of death to be drowning, and there was no evidence indicating additional trauma to his body.

"At this time, no criminal charges have been filed regarding the death of Dane Paulsen," Palma said during the press conference. "The investigation is ongoing. As is standard with all death investigations, the sheriff's office is working in coordination with the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office to review this case in its entirety."

Sheriff Adam Shanks also spoke during last Thursday's press conference. "Dane's disappearance has been absolutely heartbreaking. Recovering his body has given his family some closure and answers, but I know the grief and processing of this

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Autumn Rae Bright
Feb. 18, 1973 - Feb. 3, 2025



Autumn was a good Christian woman who enjoyed her time with family and loved ones. She had many hobbies including gardening, rock hunting, baking, sewing and creating with her hands. She will be remembered by her kindness, laughter that filled the room, creativity and big heart that loved all in her path.

Autumn is survived by her husband Anthony Bright and three children, Leah Moose with husband Anthony Moose, second daughter Ashlie Bright, and son Cody Bright. Two granddaughters Ember Moose and Hali Moose. Parents Lala and Artie Pierce. Two younger siblings, sister Eva Fletcher with husband Tim Fletcher and brother Heith Pierce with wife Sonia Pierce. Nieces and Nephews, Caleb Fletcher, Katelyn Fletcher, Kohen Fletcher, Dakota Pierce, Dillon Pierce with wife Abby Pierce and great nephew Elias Pierce. Along with many more family and loved ones. A celebration of life has yet to come. Autumn will be truly missed by many.

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tragedy is ongoing and will be overwhelmingly difficult," he said.

Shanks said the child's body was recovered about three miles downstream from the family's property. This area of the river had been searched from the surface several times by multiple watercraft operated by first responders, as well as by community volunteers, he said. Divers from multiple sheriff's offices and search and rescue teams had searched an approximate two-mile stretch of the Siletz River beginning from the

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Mornings on Main Street

Mornings on Main Street Looking for a simple way to stay connected, share ideas, and expand your business network? Mornings on Main Street are the perfect opportunity! Hosted by the Tillamook Chamber of Commerce on the third Tuesday of each month from 8:00 to 9:00 AM at the Chamber HQ, located at 208 Main Ave, this casual gathering brings together business owners, community members, and local leaders for coffee, conversation, and collaboration.

Whether you're looking to promote your business, stay informed about upcoming local initiatives, or simply engage with fellow community members, Mornings on Main Street provides a relaxed environment to start your day. Attendees have the chance to give a 2-3 minute spotlight to share updates on what's happening in their business or organization—whether it's a new product launch, an exciting milestone, or an upcoming event. These highlights are a great way to connect and get the word out about your business in a supportive and friendly setting.

This monthly gathering is a valuable opportunity for networking and building relationships that strengthen Tillamook's business community. It's a chance to meet new people, learn about

what's going on around the county, and find ways to collaborate. You never know who you might meet or what opportunity could arise!

There's no need to RSVP—just drop in, enjoy a cup of coffee, and join the discussion. Mornings on Main is a welcoming space for everyone, whether you're attending for the first time or returning for another productive conversation.

A special thank you to Directline-IT for sponsoring this event and helping make these connections possible!

For more information, visit tillamookchamber.org or call 503-842-7525.

ershaw, Tatum Heathershaw, Nathan Huddleston, Chloe Love, Vern Mobley, Devin Richwine, Betsy Sisson and Jeff Turnbaugh.

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bara was a longtime resident, businesswoman, and community servant who lived in Pacific City. Participants will gather on the beach at 5:30 p.m. In remembrance, we're invited to bring a fresh flower stem to send out with the tide. Watch this space for details as they're published. Call Joanne Watters for more information at 503-965-6320.

Fencepost readers appreciate Outpost on the River posting the restaurant's spring hours. The restaurant is open from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sundays. The address is 42500 Testament Creek Rd, Beaver, OR 97108, about seventeen miles from U.S. Highway 101 out Blaine Road.



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Lincoln County Sheriff Adam Shanks addresses members of the media on Thursday, March 14, regarding details of the search for 2-year-old Dane Paulsen, whose body was found in the Siletz River on March 11.

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property where Dane went missing and moving downstream.

“These areas were determined to be the highest probability areas, meaning

they were deemed the most likely place Dane would be found based on several factors such as river height, flow and speed of current, the time frame Dane had been missing, and body composition,” said Shanks.

Using information provided by emergency personnel, Heredia, the diver with Angels Recovery Dive Team, and the river guide began checking areas further down-

stream from where divers had previously searched.

“We are very grateful for Juan’s assistance in locating Dane,” Shanks said. “We are also incredibly grateful for our communities’ continued support and service throughout this response.”

Also speaking during last week’s press conference was Sgt. Nick Vaille, who was involved in leading the investigation and search efforts.

“The responsibility for investigating any missing person case is immense within our office, but when the person missing is a 2-year-old boy like Dane, and the search area involves terrain like our rugged, coastal valleys, the stakes are even higher and the complications are multiplied,” he said.

All of those involved in the search efforts, from emergency personnel to community volunteers, logged a total of nearly 700 miles on foot and traveled extensive lengths of the river in hopes of finding the child.

“Detectives combed through hundreds of community tips, from in-person contacts to social media posts and messages,” added Vaille. “Law enforcement has conducted hundreds of interviews, including those of Dane’s family and members of his community. Investigators continue to finalize documentation in preparation for review by the district attorney’s office, a standard practice in any death investigation.”

Tillamook rolls out ice cream emergency line

Spotted in the headlines earlier this week, a four year old went viral for calling 9-1-1 on his mom because she ate his ice cream. Can you blame him?

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Fans can redeem a free tub of delicious Tillamook ice cream by calling (833) MLT-DOWN, while supplies last. No matter who swiped their scoops, Tillamook is here to make things right. Please note, the hotline will be live starting Tuesday, March 18.

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Area softball teams kick off season

By Mike Weber
For The Headlight Herald

Following two weeks of practice to prepare for the OSAA softball season, the three local high school teams begin their three-month schedule of games this week.

The Tillamook High Cheesemakers, the Nestucca High Bobcats and the Neah-Kah-Nie High Pirates each started practice Mar. 3 and are each aiming to improve their results on the field this spring.

The Cheesemakers had a 2-10 Class 4A Cowapa League record and were 8-14 overall in 2024, finishing in fourth place in the five-team league standings. The Cheesemakers begin their 23-game schedule with Wednesday's 5 p.m. non-league contest against the North Marion High Huskies (6-17 in 2024) in Aurora. The Cheesemakers won 13-12 over the Huskies in a home game last season and will look repeat that success with a win to start the season on Wednesday.

The Cheesemakers begin their 12-game Cowapa League schedule April 8 at home versus the St. Helens

High Lions (9-3 league, 20-5 overall in 2024). The defending champion Astoria High Fishermen (10-2 league, 21-7 overall in 2024) are considered top contenders again this year, with 12 of 13 players returning from last year's squad.

Tillamook follows its season opener with a 5 p.m. nonleague road game on Mar. 21 versus the Class 3A Warrenton High Warriors (13-12 in 2024). The Cheesemakers then play in a 10-team Battle at the Beach Spring Break Tournament Mar. 24-25 in Newport. The Cheesemakers face the 3A Nyssa High Bulldogs (11-14 in 2024) Mar. 24 at 10:30 a.m., followed by a second game versus the 3A Taft High Tigers (4-20 in 2024) at 12:30 p.m.

The Cheesemakers, guided by Coach Chelsea Miller, lost seven seniors from last year's squad. Tillamook has three seniors on the team this year who will help provide leadership, including Quintessa Lopes, Jaylin Krumweide and Hannah Obrist.

A younger and less experienced Mooks squad has three freshmen, four

sophomores and four juniors. The Mooks have returning varsity players who will also help lead the team this year, including Meghan Erickson, Dannielle Stockdale, Jaedyn Haertel and sophomore Cal-lie Schwend.

Nestucca
The Nestucca High Bobcats had some success last year while finishing in sixth place in the very tough Class 2A/1A Special District 1 nine-team league stand-ings, finishing with an 8-13 record in league play and 10-15 overall.

The SD1 has been reduced to seven teams this year and two of the top contenders from 2024 are no longer in the league. The defending champion Wil-lamina High Bulldogs (20-1 SD1, 25-4 overall in 2024) reached the semifinals in the state tournament a year ago, but they've moved up to the Class 3A level this year. The St. Paul High Buckaroos (14-7 SD1, 20-8 overall) were also one of the top teams last year, but they moved to SD2 this season.

The Bobcats, guided by Coach Meghan Deam, lost four seniors a year ago,

but they have a solid team returning this year. The Bobcats will have leader-ship ability provided from seniors Daisy Camacho and Rylee Armstrong, an SD1 Honorable Mention Award winner last year.

The Bobcats will also rely on sophomore Piper Armstrong to help lead the squad, after a campaign that saw her selected the SD1 Rookie-of-the-Year last season and named to the Second Team All-League.

The Bobcats will rely on the trio of Rylee Arm-strong, Piper Armstrong and junior Maddie Nielsen to help lead the offense as their top hitters at the plate. Piper Armstrong, Nielsen and freshman Mackenzie Thiemens will help lead the defense from the mound.

The Bobcats begin a 25-game schedule with a non-league season opening 4:15 p.m. home contest Tuesday versus the Toledo High Boomers (18-6 in 2024). The Bobcats play a 4 p.m. home game Wednesday ver-sus Willamina, followed by a 4 p.m. road game versus the Amity High Warriors (10-15 in 2024). Nestucca begins a 15-game SD1

schedule April 15 against the Vernonia High Loggers (0-24 in 2024) at Vernonia High School.

The Bobcats are seeking to improve as a team and hoping to reach the state playoffs for the first time since 2013. The Bobcats advanced to the 2021 state playoffs but the result was unofficial amid an un-sanctioned OSAA season because of Covid-19 pan-demic restrictions.

The Clatskanie High Tigers took second place in SD1 behind Willamina last year and are considered one of the top contenders since they return all but one player from a squad that finished with a 20-8 overall record (16-5 SD1).

Neah-Kah-Nie
In an unfortunate and unprecedented situation, the Neah-Kah-Nie High Pirates will only field a junior var-sity team this season with only nine players available, and sometimes just only seven or eight at practice.

Last year's team was guided by Coach Jenni Stinnett, but she resigned at the conclusion of the season. The Pirates JV team

will be guided by Pirates Athletic Director Ryan Keekauver.

"Unfortunately, we couldn't get more than nine players coming to practice and we often had just seven or eight, so we just didn't feel like we could commit to a full varsity season with the possibility of having to cancel or forfeit games," said Keekauver. "Since we didn't have any applicants for the job and in order to keep things going for our program, I decided I would take over and coach the team and play a JV schedule. I think it's the first time in a long time that something like this has ever happened. We're hoping to keep the nine players that we have and continue building the team and we hope for the best in the future. If we can keep every girl that came out for the JV team this year and add a few more to the roster, then hopefully we'll have a varsity team next year."

The Pirates were 2-13 in 3A Special District 1 last year and 5-13 overall. The team has struggled recently, which included a 1-19 record in 2023.

Spring whale watch week returns to the Oregon Coast

Oregon State Parks will host Spring Whale Watch Week along the Oregon Coast Saturday, March 22 through Sunday, March 30.

Trained Oregon State Park volunteers and rangers will be stationed at 14 sites along the Oregon Coast to help visitors spot whales and their calves and answer ques-tions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily March 22-30. The sites are some of the best places to watch for whales on the Oregon Coast. Cape Foul-weather will not be included this year because it is closed due to construction.

"Spring is a great time for whale watching because the gray whales are usu-ally closer to shore on their return trip, typically around a mile or so out, and they might have calves in tow," said Park Ranger Peter McBride.

An estimated 19,260 gray whales are expected to swim

past Oregon's shores from late winter through June as part of their annual migra-tion back to Alaska.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-tration (NOAA) announced an end to an Unusual Mortality Event impacting gray whales in 2023. Since then, the estimated popula-tion has increased by roughly 30% from 14,530 in 2023 to 19,260 last year, according to NOAA. The numbers are on the rise overall, but the calf count is still low as the popu-lation continues to rebound.

Whale Watch Week provides an opportunity to see not only the gray whales but other coastal wildlife including birds and other marine mammals with help from trained volunteers and rangers.

A map of volunteer-staffed sites is available online on the official event webpage: [https://or-](https://or-egonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=thingstodo.dsp_whaleWatching)

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The Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 22-30. Visitors to the center can enjoy interactive whale exhibits and take in the panoramic ocean views. Binoculars are provided. Rangers from Oregon State Parks will also be on hand to answer questions about the whales.

All Whale Watch Week visitors are encouraged to dress for the weather, to bring binoculars and to fol-low beach safety guidelines such as remaining out of fenced areas, knowing the tide schedule and keeping an eye on the surf at all times. Go to <https://visittheoregon-coast.com/beach-safety/> for a list of safety tips.

For more information about coast parks and camp-



A Gray Whale breaches the surface near Depot Bay.

Photo courtesy of Oregon State Parks

grounds, visit stateparks.oregon.gov. Visitors are encouraged

to share their photos and videos from Spring Whale Watch on social media using

#OregonStateParks and #ORWhaleWatch.

Respect nesting areas of the Snowy Plover on the coast

The Oregon Parks and Recreation De-partment and Siuslaw National Forest remind visitors to the Oregon coast that it is plover nesting season — beachgoers can help recovery efforts for the threatened western snowy plover March 15 to Sept. 15.

Sensitive plover nesting areas are iden-tified on maps for the northern Oregon Coast and southern Oregon Coast. Signs may be present at trailheads with additional rules and limits, such as stay-ing on the wet sand and no dogs even on a leash, to help protect the small shorebirds and their ex-posed nests during this crucial period. Visitors may also see rope fenc-ing in dry sand areas; this fencing delineates some, but not all, of the critical plover habitat that should be avoided. Recreation restric-

tions occur in desig-nated plover manage-ment areas: stretches of beach along the coast-line where plovers nest or might nest. These areas combined make up about 40 miles of Oregon's 362 miles of shoreline.

Seasonal recreation restrictions have helped protect these small birds that nest on open sand along Oregon's beaches. Nests, and especially chicks, are well-camouflaged. Dur-ing the nesting season, human disturbances can flush adult plovers away from their nests as they attempt to defend their young. Left alone too long, or too often, eggs or chicks can die from exposure, predators or people.

Reminders for rec-reation on designated plover beaches March 15-Sept. 15:

- The following are not permitted: dogs

(even on a leash), driv-ing a vehicle, riding a bicycle, operating elec-tric-assisted bicycles, camping, burning wood, flying kites or operating drones.

- Foot and equestrian traffic are permitted below the high-tide line on hard packed sand.
- Respect signs and barriers to protect nest-ing habitat.

"With the support of the public and im-provements to plover habitat, we're making great strides in revers-ing the decline of this species," said Cindy Burns, Siuslaw Na-tional Forest wildlife biologist. "Keep doing your part to understand nesting season rules and to share the beach this spring and summer."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed western snowy plovers as a threatened species in 1993, when officials counted only 45 breed-

ing adults. The numbers of breeding adults have steadily increased since then due to ongoing ef-forts. Officials counted 440 during the breeding season survey in 2024.

"We appreciate visi-tors' support in keeping these shorebirds safe in the combined 40 miles of protected area along the coast. We invite visi-tors to enjoy permitted recreation in those areas or to recreate without seasonal restrictions on the hundreds of miles of beaches not designated as plover nesting areas," said Laurel Hillmann, ocean shore specialist for Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

More information on the snowy plover, including detailed maps of nesting sites, can be found on the Oregon State Parks website (oregon.gov/plovers) and on the Siuslaw National Forest website (<https://t.ly/AKPAN>). Visitors to

the Oregon Dunes Na-tional Recreation Area and Sand Lake Recre-ation Area can review Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) maps to identify unrestricted recreation areas and information on riding motor vehicles on the sand.

New plover activity
Plovers have been found nesting in new or historical nesting sites. For example, plover nests have been identi-fied at the Sand Lake Recreation Area, near the lake's inlet, every year the last few years. Beachgoers can protect these birds by recreating on the wet sand areas, avoiding roped off nest-ing areas, observing trail kiosks and signs, packing all trash out and keeping dogs on leash.

Background on plover protections
Several land manag-

ers oversee beach activ-ity for plover protec-tion, primarily the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW).

Habitat loss from in-vasive plants — as well as human disturbances, including litter and discarded food scraps that attract predators — have contributed to the birds' decline. The Oregon Dunes Resto-ration Collaborative, saveoregondunes.org, is working with land managers on a rest-oration strategy and to raise public awareness about the need to re-store the dunes ecosys-tem for western snowy plovers, rare plants and animals and the unique recreation opportunities offered here.

College foundation’s North Coast Throwdown is on

The Tillamook Bay Community College (TBCC) Foundation is gearing up for an exciting day of friendly competition, great food, and family fun at the North Coast Throwdown Cornhole Tournament. This year, the event will take place on Saturday, March 22, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds.

Tickets for the tournament can be found on Eventbrite. If you are ready to throw down for ultimate cornhole glory, register your team for \$50 and take your shot! Spectator tickets can be purchased upon entry. In addition to the main competition, a raffle will be available to all attendees, food and drinks for purchase including beverages for those 21+, and a kid’s zone to keep the younger attendees entertained.

All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Career-to-Career Scholarship; a tuition scholarship for Tillamook County residents returning to college after



five years or more.

Don’t miss the North Coast Throwdown Cornhole Tournament on March 22! Support education and local students and have an afternoon full of fun.

Thank you to our current sponsors, City Sanitary Service, Tillamook Grocery Outlet, Greg’s Marine Service, Les Schwab Tire Center, Tillamook People’s Utility District, and Viridian Architecture.

Spring Registration opensn March 3

Tillamook Bay Community College (TBCC) is excited to announce that Spring Term registration opens on March 3. Classes begin

on March 31, offering a variety of academic, career-technical, and continuing education programs designed to support student success and workforce development.

Whether you’re a recent high school graduate, a working professional looking to advance your career, or someone eager to explore new opportunities, TBCC has flexible learning options to fit your schedule and goals.

This spring, TBCC continues to provide affordable, high-quality education, with small class sizes and personalized support. In a major step toward reducing student costs, TBCC is now able to offer textbooks for free in almost all courses, with only a few specialized programs as exceptions. Faculty and staff have long been dedicated to securing free Open Educational Resources (OERs) for students, and this achievement marks a significant milestone in making education more accessible.

Additionally, students are encouraged to apply for TBCC Foundation Scholarships, which open on March 17. With a universal application process, students can apply for multiple scholarships at once, making it easier to secure financial support. The average award per recipient is \$1,000.

Record \$76.8M headed to local school districts, TSD9 included

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Oregon’s K-12 public schools will receive a record \$76.8 million from the Common School Fund in 2025, according to state officials.

“Across the country, school districts are facing budget shortages caused by the expiration of federal pandemic relief dollars, declining enrollment, increasing costs due to inflation, and many other factors,” Gov. Tina Kotek said. “Here in Oregon, we are lucky to have the Common School Fund – a critical and reliable resource in our shared goal to give students the best shot to succeed.”

Every one of Oregon’s 197 school districts receives money from the Common

School Fund, which has supported public education since statehood, every year. How much each district receives depends on the number of students served.

The Siuslaw Schools will see \$193,969. Lincoln County School District will see 861,710 and the Tillamook School District gets \$271,257. Bandon Schools will see \$79,904. The Coos Bay School District will receive \$382,092. The Central Curry Schools will get \$57,779. Portland Public Schools, the state’s largest district, will receive \$6.6 million in 2025.

The average 2025 distribution is \$389,607.

“The Common School Fund is consistent and can be used for anything, from keeping the lights on to pro-

viding instruction,” Bethel School District’s Willamette High School teacher Benjamin Dodds said. “That’s what makes it such a helpful funding source for schools across Oregon.”

The Common School Fund has contributed to schools since Oregon became a state, when the federal government granted nearly 3.4 million acres “for the use of schools.” The State Land Board – Oregon’s Governor, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer – was established to oversee these school lands dedicated to generating revenue for the Common School Fund.

Valued at \$2.38 billion as of February 2025, the Common School Fund is managed by the Oregon State Treasury, with oversight from the

Oregon Investment Council. The Fund achieved a 9.7 percent return in 2024.

Annually, 3.5 percent of the Fund is distributed to schools. The 2025 distribution of \$76.6 million is \$2.4 million more than the 2024 distribution of \$74.2 million and \$4.4 million more than the 2023 distribution of \$72.2 million.

“Schools are the foundation of healthy families and communities,” State Treasurer Elizabeth Steiner said. “We’re committed to safeguarding the Common School Fund and ensuring that our responsible investment strategies continue to generate returns that put more educators, counselors and other staff in front of students across Oregon.”

Today, about 681,000

acres of school lands in all 36 Oregon counties are managed by the Department of State Lands on behalf of the State Land Board. Ranchers and farmers, Tribal governments, businesses, and more work with DSL to lease and buy lands, plan for future community needs, and keep lands healthy. School lands generated \$7.2 million in revenue during fiscal year 2024.

“This is a historic investment and a smart one,” Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read said. “Oregonians value education because we know our tomorrow depends on the students and teachers in classrooms today. We must continue to manage these lands wisely so Oregonians can keep benefitting from this valuable resource for generations to come.”

THE STATE LAND USE AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS

The State Land Board consists of Governor Tina Kotek, Secretary of State Tobias Read, and State Treasurer Elizabeth Steiner. Established by the Oregon Constitution in 1859, the Land Board oversees the state’s Common School Fund.

The Department of State Lands is the Land Board’s administrative agency, managing the lands and resources that help fund Oregon’s public schools and protecting the state’s waterways and wetlands for the many benefits they provide.

‘Preparedness in Action’ fair set for April

Tillamook Police Chief Troxel, first responders on hand during event

The Tillamook Police Department and Tillamook County Emergency Management invite the community to Preparedness in Action, a hands-on emergency preparedness fair taking place on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, from 5:30–7:30 PM in the Hatfield Room of the Tillamook County Library.

This drop-in event will provide practical information on personal and community preparedness, with interactive tables covering topics such as:

- Understanding Your Risk – Learn about local hazards and how to prepare.
- Building a Go Bag – Get guidance on assembling an emergency kit.
- Getting Involved – Explore volunteer opportunities, including radio networks and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and learn how to support your neighbors.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet first responders, including Tillamook Police Chief Nick Troxel, and connect with volunteers from emergency organizations across the county. Chief Troxel said,

“We are excited to co-host this event – please mark your calendars.” The event will feature raffle prizes and free pizza, generously donated by Domino’s.

“Preparedness doesn’t have to be overwhelming – small steps make a big difference,” said Ann Moorhead, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. “This event is all about helping our community come together, learn practical skills, and connect with resources to feel more confident in an emergency.”

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The program is open to high school senior students graduating in the 2025 academic year. Applications are available on the Tillamook PUD website. The completed applica-

tion, with all requested information, must be submitted via the Tillamook PUD website by 5:30 p.m., Monday, May 5, 2025.

The Tillamook PUD Board of Directors will interview students in mid-May. Applicants are evaluated on academic achievement, educational and career goals, employment experience, extra-curricular activities, and leadership qualities.

For more information and to apply visit www.tpod.org/about-us/career-opportunities/employment-opportunities/ or contact Executive Assistant, Marissa Durrer, at 503-842-2535 or email mdurrer@tpud.org.



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NEWS

Kotek introduces bill to boost student outcomes, support schools

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Gov. Tina Kotek is outlining the legislative lynchpin of her 2025 Education Initiative, a plan to renew Oregon’s education accountability system and make sure state education investments translate into high-quality instruction for every student across the state.

The Governor introduces this legislation as she proposes a historic \$11.36 billion State School Fund (SSF) investment and legislation to provide school districts with more financial predictability for future budget cycles. In a release, Kotek said she believes the state has a responsibility to make sure

increased funding is used in ways that deliver the best education for every Oregon student.

“Getting public education right is one of the biggest promises we make to Oregonians. Students and families want a quality public education that works for them,” Kotek said. “When schools aren’t delivering for students, we all have to step up. It’s time to be clear-eyed about our numbers and change how the state and districts work together on improving student outcomes.”

“Pairing additional resources with strong accountability measures will help support our schools as we all work together to improve

“When schools aren’t delivering for students, we all have to step up. It’s time to be clear-eyed about our numbers and change how the state and districts work together on improving student outcomes.”

Tina Kotek,
Oregon Governor

educational outcomes for our students,” Senate President Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego) said. “To secure Oregon’s future economic

strength, we must prioritize educating our students today.”

“We need to be clear-eyed about the challenges facing Oregon’s K-12 system and treat the current situation with the urgency it demands,” House Speaker Julie Fahey (D-West Eugene and Veneta) said. “Oregon students can’t wait for us to get this right down the road – they need genuine accountability and real results now.”

The Governor said her proposal to renew the accountability system:

- Builds on existing metrics embedded in the Student Success Act (2019) and adds two new metrics to Oregon’s accountability system that research shows are

strong predictors of student success.

- Standardizes the use of “interim assessments,” which measure student performance growth over the course of the school year, allowing Oregon to better understand what is working as well as allow educators to make real-time adjustments.
- Takes a more hands-on approach to supporting districts when their metrics are not improving over time, including required coaching and support, and eventually state directed spending of up to 25% of State School Fund (SSF) and Student Investment Account (SIA) dollars if necessary.
- Allows schools more time to focus on

students by requiring the Oregon Department of Education to identify and streamline duplicative reporting, programs, and processes.

Kotek also said she believes the Oregon Department of Education must deliver for students, be responsive, and operate with best practices. In tandem with legislative action, the Governor has directed the agency to take action to consolidate grants to ease the workload for school districts, strengthen data collection and public transparency, improve internal operations, and elevate existing best practices and responsive support for school districts across Oregon.

2,400 jobs gained in January, still highest jobless rate since 2021

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Oregon’s unemployment rate was 4.4% in January and 4.3%, as revised, in December, after rising gradually over the past year from 4.1% in January 2024, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

Oregon’s 4.4% unemployment rate was the highest since September 2021, when the rate was also 4.4%. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.1% in December 2024 and 4.0% in January 2025.

JOB GAINS

In January, Oregon’s seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 2,400 jobs, following a revised decline of 2,000 jobs in December. January’s gains were largest in professional and business ser-

vices (+1,400 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+1,200); retail trade (+900); and private educational services (+900).

Oregon’s private sector added 12,700 jobs, or 0.8%, between January 2024 and January 2025. Job gains during 2024 were less than previously indicated, as annual data revisions resulted in an average reduction of 15,600 jobs per month during the second half of 2024.

During the past three years, health care and social assistance was by far the fastest growing sector of Oregon’s economy, adding 15,100 jobs, or 5.2%, in the 12 months through January. However, a large strike at a major health care provider contributed to the one-month drop of 1,300 jobs in this industry during January.

Industries that grew moderately during the most recent 12 months included other services (+2,100 jobs, or 3.2%); private educational services (+1,100 jobs, or 3.0%); professional and business services (+2,900 jobs, or 1.1%); and construction (+900 jobs, or 0.8%).

JOB DECLINES

Declines were largest in manufacturing (-2,200) and health care and social assistance (-1,300).

Manufacturing continued its decline of the past two years, cutting 6,900 jobs (-3.7%) in the 12 months through January, while retail trade shed 2,300 jobs (-1.1%) during that time.



SNAP replacement benefits extended

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Oregon has received approval from the U.S Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) to extend the 10-day deadline for households to report food losses and request replacement benefits from the February 24, 2025, storm.

The waiver allows 30 days to report food losses for households affected by the storm, according to a release from the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS).

Households in the approved counties now have until March 26, 2025, to report food losses and ask for replacement benefits.

Approved Counties for the waiver:

People in the following counties can request SNAP replacement benefits by March 26, 2025:

- Benton
- Clackamas
- Clatsop
- Coos
- Deschutes
- Douglas
- Hood River
- Jackson
- Josephine
- Klamath
- Lane
- Lincoln
- Linn
- Marion
- Multnomah
- Polk
- Tillamook
- Washington

What about other counties?

If you live in a county not listed above, the regular 10-day rule applies. You must report food loss within 10 days and provide proof.

How to request SNAP replacement benefits:

You can submit a request to replace the SNAP benefits over the phone, in person, by email, by mail or your ONE online portal:

- Over the phone: 1-800-699-9075 or 711 (TTY)
- In person: (find a local office): Oregon.gov

- Mail: (must be received by the due date) ONE Customer Service Center PO Box 14015 Salem, OR 97309
- Email: Oregon.Benefits@odhsoha.oregon.gov

The information required to replace the SNAP benefits may be found in the form 347D found here: <https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/de0349d.pdf>

When does the waiver end?

The waiver to extend the reporting deadline will last until March 26, 2025. After that, requests for replacement will follow the normal 10-day rule.

SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to approximately 1 in 5 eligible, low-income families and individuals in Oregon, including many older adults and people with disabilities. Individuals in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP, child care, cash assistance and Medicaid.

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Sealed bids containing the bidders name, phone number, and the bid amount should be marked on the outside “‘08 Ford F-450 Crane Truck” and submitted to: PCJWSA, PO Box 520, Pacific City, Oregon, 97135, Attention: John Wesely, Manager. Facsimile bids will be rejected. Bids must be received no later than 4:00 PM on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the May 13, 2025, regular business meeting of the PCJWSA Board of Directors. PCJWSA reserves the right to reject any/all bids if deemed in the public’s best interest to do so. Direct all phone inquiries to John Wesely, who is the sole point of contact in this matter, at 503-965-6636.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ADMINISTRATOR:

• Director of Resource Development and Communication @ DO (358)

SPECIALIST:

• School Nurse @ Liberty (365)

CERTIFIED:

• Academic Interventionist @ South Prairie (268)

• Instructional Coach @ South Prairie (306)

• Elementary Teacher, 2024/25 School Year Only @ Liberty (307)

• Behavior Intervention Specialist @ Liberty (308)

• Language Arts Teacher, 2024/25 School Year @ THS (317)

• Physical Education Teacher, 2 positions, 2025/26 School Year @ TJHS

• English Language Arts Teacher, 2025/26 School Year @ TJHS (362)

• Band Teacher, 2025/26 School Year @ THS & TJHS (363)

• Elementary Teacher (1st Grade), 2025/26 School Year @ Liberty (364)

• Physical Education Teacher, 2025/26 School Year @ SP (371)

• Temporary Long-Term Substitute Teacher, 2024/25 School Year @ WRS (373)

• Elementary Teacher (4th Grade), 2025/26 School Year @ East (374)

• Elementary Teacher (6th Grade), 2025/26 School Year @ East (375)

• Special Education Teacher, 2 Positions, 2025/26 School Year @ THS

• Special Education Teacher, 2025/26 School Year @ TJHS (378)

• Special Education Teacher, 2025/26 School Year @ East (379)

CLASSIFIED:

• General Educational Assistant - OYC, 7.5 hrs/day, 182-day calendar@ WRS (300)

• SpEd/Special Care Educational Assistant, 7.5 hrs/day, 182-day calendar @ Liberty (345)

• General Educational Assistant, 3.75 hrs/day, 182-day calendar @ SP (356)

EXTRA DUTY:

• Chess Coach, 2 Positions @ East (282)

• Assistant Softball Coach @ THS (340)

• Assistant Track Coach @ TJHS (368)

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

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NEAH·KAH·NIE

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Preparing children for an ever-changing world

POSITIONS:

District Office

Administrative Assistant, #553

Neah-Kah-Nie High School

25-26 Sp Ed Teacher, #552

Head Softball Coach, Posting #544

Assistant Softball Coach, Posting #545

Garibaldi Grade School

2025-26 Elementary Teacher, Positing #549

Nehalem Elementary School

Instructional Assistant, #551

Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School

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Classroom, Secretarial, Cafeteria, and Custodial Substitutes Needed

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For More Information Contact:

Kathie Sellars, Administrative Assistant

Neah-Kah-Nie School District

PO Box 28/504 N. Third Avenue

Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

Phone (503) 355-3506

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Super Crossword

Answers

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HH25-158 Self-Storage Auction, Tillamook Port Storage, 4000 Blimp Blvd, Tillamook, OR 97141. Ending 11:00 a.m., March 26, 2025. Auction held online at www.storagetreasures.com. D343 Alex Herder Vinyl albums, flat screen TV, table saw, household items), A039 Kyle Kamna (building materials, tools, hoist, saws). Minimum \$200.00 Cash deposit per unit. More for larger units. Cash Only.

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HH25-160 PUBLIC NOTICE: The following listed individuals have left items in storage at Tillamook Mini Storage, 3510 3rd St. Tillamook, OR 97141. 503-842-6388 Tod H Foulk #235, Jessica Johnson #504, Jacqueline Saville-Wirth #457, if any of the above wish to settle their accounts, and collect their belongings they need to do so by 5:00pm on March 25th 2025. All items which remain after that time will be sold at auction to the highest bidder online at www.storageauctions.com on March 25th 2025 at 5:00pm.

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HH25-167 Public Auction at Cloverdale Storage at 34560 Hwy 101 S., Cloverdale, OR 97112, 541-921-1241. The following units will be sold at Public Auction on March 31, 2025, at 12:00p.m. for non-payment of rent and other fees. #102 Jonas Dijkman

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HH25-169 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF TILLAMOOK PROBATE DEPARTMENT. In the Matter of the Estate of: JOHN F. ZUERCHER, Deceased. No. 25PB01994. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the party stated below has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at 2308 Third Street, P.O. Box 939, Tillamook, Oregon 97141, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published: March 18, 2025. Steve Zuercher, Personal Representative, P.O. Box 939, Tillamook, Oregon 97141. CHRISTOPHER M. KITTELL, ALBRIGHT KITTELL PC, Attorneys at Law, 2308 Third Street, P.O. Box 939, Tillamook, Oregon 97141

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HH25-170 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF TILLAMOOK Probate Department. In the Matter of the Estate of: SHEILA GRACE BOLL, Deceased. Case No. 24PB10698. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Susan Zimmerman has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at the office of the lawyer for the personal representative, Barbara Smythe, Elder Law Portland LLC, 12275 SW Second Street, Beaverton, OR 97005, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative. Dated and first published on March 18, 2025. Attorney for Personal Representative: Barbara Smythe, OSB #924661

Elder Law Portland LLC, 12275 SW Second Street, Beaverton, OR 97005, Telephone: (503) 605-0800, Fax: (971) 228-2065. Email: barbara@elderlawportland.com

3/18/25

HH25-171 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.

3/18/25

HH25-172 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Pursuant to ORS 477.250, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at the Oregon Department of Forestry, Forest Grove District Office, 801 Gales Creek Road, in Forest Grove, Oregon, on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, at 3:00pm, to receive from any interested persons suggestions, advice, objections or remonstrance's to the proposed

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budget for the forest protection district. A copy of the tentative budget for the Forest Protection District may be inspected during normal working hours. To ensure the broadest range of services to individuals with disabilities, persons with disabilities requiring special arrangements should contact Eric Perkins, at (503) 784-2865 or by email at eric.perkins@odf.oregon.gov at least two working days in advance of the scheduled hearing. OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, KATE SKINNER, INTERIM STATE FORESTER

3/18/25 3/25/25

HH25-173 In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Tillamook, Probate Department, Case No. 25PB01008. Notice to Interested Persons In the Matter of the Estate of Leo A. Gabriel, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Erick Gonzalez, President of LCR Management, Inc., has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the Personal Representative at 10300 SW Greenburg Road, Suite 530, Portland, OR 97223 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published March 18, 2025. Erick Gonzalez, Personal Representative.

J. Mackenzie Hogan, OSB #101081, HARRIS & BOWKER, LLP, Attorney for Personal Representative

10300 SW Greenburg Road, Suite 530, Portland, OR 97223

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HH25-174 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF TILLAMOOK. In the Matter of the Estate of: CHERYL MARIE KNOTTS, Deceased. Case No. 25PB02110, NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Georgina L. McVay has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative c/o Seaside Attorneys, 842 Broadway, Seaside, Oregon 97138, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the lawyer for the Personal Representative, Jer-

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ACROSS

- 1 Swing by
6 Sop up
12 Fez or beret
15 General — chicken
19 Preface
20 "Hello" singer
21 Santa — winds
22 Eight, in Berlin
23 Alternative to potstickers
26 Trevi
27 Golf prop
28 Requiring lots of attention
29 L-P linkup
30 "— Up My Heart" (1997 'NSYNC song)
32 Call before the court
35 Touchy topic
37 Skit-filled
NBC show, in brief
38 Texas-Louisiana border river
41 Three, in Paris
42 H.G. Wells' Doctor
Moreau, e.g.
46 Penetrating

- 47 Get older
50 Give off
51 Shaggy's nickname for his dog
52 Pollen lover
53 Actress
Perlman
54 "Life Is Good" rapper
55 Letter
after pi
56 212 degrees Fahrenheit, for water
61 "Yup"
63 Big Apple sch.
66 Alpha Sig, e.g.
67 Speaks from a soapbox
68 Right after being baked
72 Fake: Prefix
75 Stalagmite site
76 Camera type, in brief
77 Acting award
81 Brand of hard cider
84 Google Play download
86 Tokyo sash
87 Prefix with byte or ton
88 Suffix with Euclid

- 89 An ex-Trump
92 Fix typos, say
93 Plus more: Abbr.
94 \$5 bills, in slang
96 Intense controversy
99 "That doesn't ring —"
101 Regressed
102 — la-la
103 Group of warriors in "Kung Fu Panda"
106 Church part for the clergy
110 Chant
111 Boxing great
112 Flummoxed
115 Suffix with Motor
116 British prep school
117 Oxidizer in liquid rocket propellants
122 Swedish soprano
Jenny
123 '50s prez
124 — Mae (HUD corp.)
125 Yo-yo part
126 Lucy's guy
127 Toon
Flanders
128 Villains' looks

- 129 What nine key words in this puzzle are synonyms of

DOWN

- 1 Panorama
2 Entomb
3 Navigate
4 A Gershwin brother
5 Male tabby
6 Eve of old TV
7 — one's time
8 Missile in the Gulf War
9 "Heavens!"
10 Shred
11 — Stakes (horse race)
12 Kayak cousin
13 "Gemini Man" director Lee
14 Grazing land
15 "Proud Mary" star — P. Henson
16 Makes the Billboard Top 40, e.g.
17 Of a resistance unit
18 Artery insert
24 Like Brits
25 Pertaining to
31 Black, to Poe
33 Aide: Abbr.
34 U.S. "Ltd."
35 Female sib

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CROSS WORDS

- 36 Dutch artist
Jan
38 — -Cat
39 From — Z
40 Lettuce type
42 Option list
43 East Asian nanny
44 Platter
45 — Lodge (motel chain)
46 Actor Harvey
48 Heredity unit
49 Wolfs down
52 Malaise,
with "the"
53 Horse colors
55 Little — (the Ocean State)
57 Proposal
58 Original NYC subway line
59 State exec.
60 Before surgery, in brief
62 "Star Trek" lieutenant
64 Agave plants
65 Salt Lake City native
69 Additionally
70 Fertilizable
gameles
71 Chimp's kin
72 Book
division
73 Vexed state
74 Dairy case
containers
78 Musical finale
79 Somewhat
80 Act of liturgy
82 Film units
83 Uses a trowel
85 Noodles in peanut sauce
90 Battle (for)
91 Additionally
92 Israel's Abba
94 Vast stretch
95 Large tuna
96 Wild rants
97 Gorilla, e.g.
98 Historic time
100 Olympic swimmer
101 Actress
Taylor
103 Grazing land
104 De-knot
105 Renowned
106 Asteroid
found in 1801
107 Chocolate drink
108 T-man Ness
109 Big dipper
112 Comic
Meara
113 Rake prong
114 Mix, as paint
118 Luau guitar, for short
119 Martini liquor
120 Longtime
CBS series
121 30-day mo.

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Crossword answers on page B5

Tillamook County Church Services

Bay City

BAY CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A warm and friendly congregation.
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info@winemachurch.net
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Cloverdale, OR 97112
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(503) 842-8375
Email: friendschurchnetarts@gmail.com
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Pastor Dan Mason (503) 926-8234
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275 S. Pacific St. (mailing: P. O. Box 390)
Rockaway, OR 97136
(503-355-2661)
e-mail: stmarys1927@gmail.com
Administrator: Fr. MacDonald Akuti
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Sunday (8:30 a.m.) (10:30 a.m.)
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Tillamook

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Pastor K.W. Oster

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1906-A 3rd Street, Tillamook, OR 97141
Pastor Sterling Hanakahi
(503) 842-7864

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sunday)
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tillamookadventist.net
Pastor Tim Mayne
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