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Weber ready for session

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Head into her final session in Salem, State Senator Suzanne Weber is ready to tackle several important issues, including transient lodging tax reform and the state's education funding formula.

Weber, who is ineligible to run for reelection following a 2023 walkout, told the Headlight Herald in a recent interview that she would probably stay involved in public life in some way because of her passion and exhorted others to become similarly engaged.

"I get involved in these things because I'm interested and I care and I wish there were more people that would get involved in you might say the entry level," Weber said. "Learn what's going on in your city, school boards and water boards, find out, because otherwise things happen to you rather than you knowing and being able to influence anything that happens."

With a short five weeks on the legislative calendar this year, each legislator is restricted to sponsoring two bills.

One of Weber's bills will be a renewal of a push she and State Representative Cyrus Javadi led last year to amend the state's restrictions on spending for transient lodging tax (TLT) dollars. Currently, jurisdictions are required to spend 70% of those revenues on tourism marketing or tourist-related facilities, a percentage that matching bills by Javadi and Weber seek to reduce to 40%.

Weber said that the current requirements leave counties like Tillamook and Clatsop that see high numbers of summer visitors underfunded to deal with the impacts those visitors have on law enforcement and first responders, citing a statistic that 34% of Clatsop County's jail roster in the summer months is made up of people from outside the county. "I need that transient lodging tax fixed so that our local municipalities that are charging that can be able to use it more openly for more of the issues that tourism brings to the area," Weber said.

Last year's push to amend the TLT fizzled in a senate committee due to political infighting among Democrats, and Weber said that her and Javadi's tandem efforts this year were aimed at preventing such an issue from recurring. Weber

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Photo Courtesy Tillamook Area Chamber of Commerce

Chamber banquet draws record crowd

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

More than 375 community members came together at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds on January 24, for the Tillamook Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Awards Banquet.

Attendees were treated to hors d'oeuvres and dinner catered by

Garibaldi's Portside Bistro, before a live auction raised funds for the chamber's grant program and local businesses, projects and people were recognized for their accomplishments in the past year.

"It's where we come together to honor businesses, projects, people in the community that have had a significant impact," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Justin

Aufdermauer.

The event started with a social hour, before attendees enjoyed a Scottish themed dinner in celebration of the chamber's annual European trip which will visit Scotland this summer.

After dinner, Aufdermauer welcomed Kaylan Cisco, last year's

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Charity Drive kicks off Friday

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Tillamook High School is set to kick off its 73rd annual Charity Drive this Friday, February 6, starting ten days of enthusiastic fundraising efforts in support of Doernbecher Children's Hospital, local charities and scholarships for students.

The class of 2026 will look to complete a four-year sweep in the friendly competition to raise the most funds, after bringing in almost \$84,000 last year, part of \$206,756 raised in total in 2025 and more than \$4.6 million in the event's history. Senior overalls Tatum Lancaster and Claire Travis, and junior overalls Julia Rawe and Kylie Hallock, who are leading organizing efforts for the drive, said they are excited for what they expect to be a fun and competitive ten days.

"I think all of the students are go-

ing to be super competitive this year," Travis said. "Everybody has really good events, they're all pumped and they all have good teams; I think it's going to be a really good drive."

Headlining the drive will be three time-honored traditions aimed at engaging the whole community. Donkey Basketball will take place on February 9, the Mr. THS competition on February 15, and Stud Muffin Volleyball on February 16, with members of each class selling concessions during the events. "Those are kind of our all-school events where we get all the classes involved and really hope the community comes and shows up and supports, because it'll be fun," Hallock said.

The community will also have a chance to support their chosen class through concession purchases at one of three basketball home games, February 6 against Seaside, February 10 against St. Helens, or February

13 against Astoria. Students will be selling concessions starting at the beginning of junior varsity competitions at 4 p.m. through the end of the boys' games, which tip at 7.

The overalls said that they were also excited for the princess-for-a-day event being hosted by the freshman class at Hush Salon before the Daddy-Daughter Dance hosted by the sophomore class at the high school on February 7. "Those are my favorite events, the most engaging," Travis said, with Lancaster adding, "I remember going when I was little with my dad, I thought it was the best."

In a similar vein, the sophomore class will be offering cosmic bowling at the Pastega Activity Center on February 14, and the freshmen will host a skate carnival at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds on February 6, giving younger kids a chance to get in

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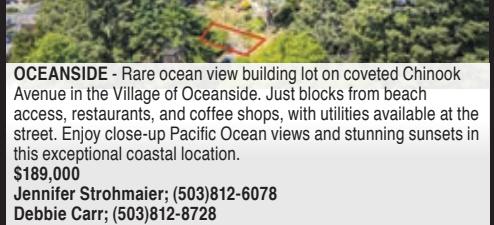
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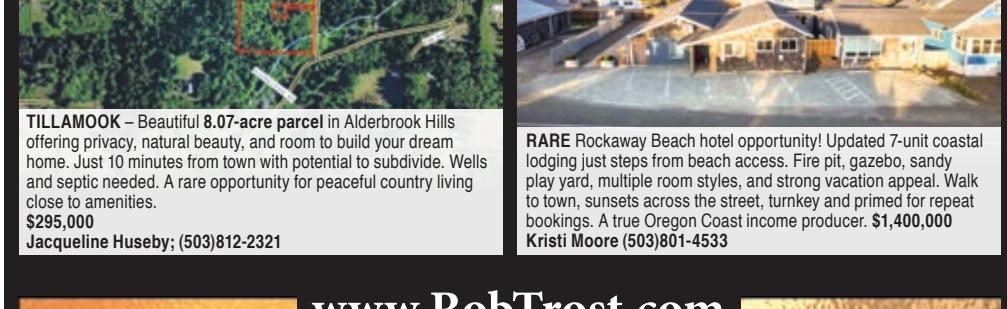
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Commissioners award tourism facilities grants

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TAC recommended either a \$50,000 or \$75,000 award to the Tillamook Bay National Estuaries Partnership to help with design of a new education center for the organization in Bay City near Kilchis Point Reserve.

The City of Rockaway Beach was recommended for a \$50,000 or \$75,000 award to help with ongoing improvements at Lake Lytle, as were the Friends of Cape Meares Lighthouse for the restoration of the light-house's Fresnel lens and the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad for the construction of a water tower in Garibaldi.

Oceanside Action Partnership made two applications, and TAC recommended fully funding a \$13,400-rebuild of the community's tire trail and a \$35,000 design and engineering study for a new shared-use path. Wheeler requested \$64,230 for accessibility upgrades to its waterfront and TAC recommended an award of \$46,780.

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ued efforts to expand the mountain bike trail network at Buzzard Butte, with TAC recommending a full award or one of \$50,000.

Pacific City's Dory-men's Heritage Center also requested \$75,000 and were recommended for a full or \$50,000 grant to help develop a 100-year land lease plan and move into the schematic design phase for the project.

Netarts-Oceanside Volunteer Firefighters Association was recommended for a \$35,000 award to help fund a Conex container to house emergency supplies for tourists and the Kiawanda Community Center was recommended for a \$17,845 award towards entryway improvements.

After running through the list, Greiner explained that the two sets of recommendations had been presented in anticipation of possible changes to the allowed uses of TLT in this year's legislative session.

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All three commissioners said they were not open to going \$200,000 over the budgeted amount for awards, given the long list of other projects in the county that were eligible for TLT funds. Commissioners said they were comfortable with the smaller overage, though they indicated their intention to remove the same amount from next year's funding cycle.

Commissioners also asked that an application for \$5,400 from the North Tillamook Library Friends to upgrade lighting at the library in Manzanita be approved because the group, not the county owns the building, and it serves tourists.

With that inclusion, the board unanimously voted to approve \$453,425 to the 13 projects.

which has been successful, requiring a larger share of funding.

"We have to find more money to pay for that so we can meet the standards so we can continue to provide Medicaid budgets and SNAP benefits," Javadi said. "So, all that's coming in 2027, that's when the rate impact will hit, so the next two to six years are going to be crazy for healthcare and welfare services in general as we try to figure out where we're going to find all of the money to meet those needs, because they don't go away."

Javadi said that he felt the most expedient option to address the issue would be decoupling Oregon's definition of adjusted gross income from the federal definition to increase tax revenues. Javadi explained that only five states use the federal definition and that it leaves the state's revenues vulnerable to changes like the policies removing tax on tips and overtime wages that occurred this year.

A similar situation is playing out at medical clinics across the state, and Javadi explained that the decreased reimbursements are coming while the federal government is asking the state to take on an expanded administrative role at considerable cost. Those two changes are also being exacerbated by a recent increase in reimbursement rates for behavioral health providers in Oregon to encourage them to see Medicaid patients,

While he said that he would favor keeping tips tax free for those with lower incomes, suggesting starting to phase out the benefit for those making over \$75,000 annually instead of the federal government's \$150,000 bar, Javadi said that making the change would give Oregon more stability in budgeting.

"It makes you wonder structurally, from a good governance point of view, when you're trying to think of how do we make it so our state is sound, predictable, structurally secure, you look at something like that connect and you say, well, let's just disconnect, then we have more control over it and we're not whipsawed between administrations," Javadi said.

Javadi said that he will also be supporting legislation to place a referendum on last year's gas tax increase on May's ballot rather than November's because he believes the issue should be resolved as quickly as possible to secure funding for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Finally, Javadi said that he expects he and other Democrats will try to pass legislation to ensure that Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents operating in the state follow state laws requiring police not to wear masks and provide support for those negatively impacted by their operations.

"We want the public to trust them," Javadi said. "We want to make sure that people who are not acting in the best interest of the public that they serve can be held accountable and that they can't sidestep the laws."

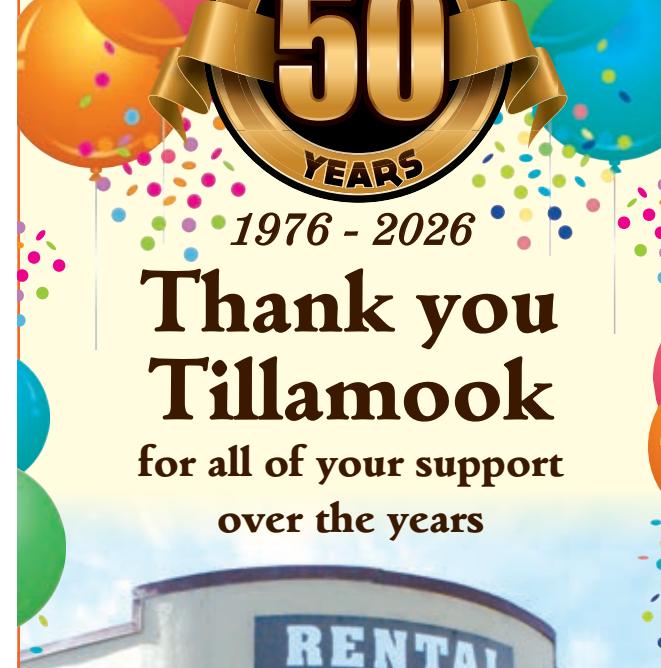
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group led by former Representative Charlie Conrad, and supported by former Governor Ted Kulongowski and former State Senator Betsy Johnson, on the proposal, which would give major parties the opportunity to opt out and pay for their own primary elections.

Javadi explained that he felt the current system fails to give adequate input to the half of Oregonians who are registered with neither political party, as many districts do not have competitive general elections, making one of the primaries a de facto general election. Under the new system proposed by Javadi's bill, all voters would receive a primary ballot and select their top candidate, with the top two vote winners advancing to the November general election, regardless party affiliation.

In addition to involving all voters in meaningful elections, Javadi said that he also believed the move would encourage politicians to take less extreme positions. "I think what it does for the candidates is you have to moderate a little bit," Javadi said. "You're not just playing to your base, every-





Aufdermauer shields Sisco as he removes his kilt for a \$2,000 donation at the end of the live auction.

CHAMBER Banquet

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citizen of the year and former CEO of the Tillamook YMCA, to host the event's live auction. A variety of dining experiences, a standup freezer and Oregon football

tickets all drew considerable interest, but the largest donation of the night came when one donor excitedly paid Sisco \$2,000 for the kilt he was wearing, on the condition that he remove it onstage.

Following the auction, the crowd participated in a raise-your-cards style fundraising event for the maintenance of the veterans' memorial in downtown Tillamook, before Aufdermauer returned to

present the chamber's community awards.

Tillamook Grocery Outlet was selected large business of the year, with owner Rob Williams saying, "this community has welcomed us since day one and I cannot express my gratitude to every member of the community for that."

The Tillamook branch of the Oregon Coast Bank was named small business



Tillamook Bay Community College President Paul Jarrell addresses the crowd after accepting the program of the year award for the college's nursing program as Aufdermauer and members of the college's board and staff look on.

of the year for their efforts to engage with community organizations, and the National Bank Building redevelopment on Second Street Plaza, being led by Terry Phillips, was named project of the year.

Tillamook Bay Community College's Nursing Program was honored as the program of the year, and Barbara McCann named citizen of the year for her longtime support of the North Coast Recreation District in Nehalem, which opened its new aquatics center last year.

Finally, at the end of the ceremony, the Loren E. Parks Trust was recognized with a Community Impact Award, accepted by trustee Jerry Dove. The trust has existed for more than 40 years and supported a wide variety of community organizations and projects including the Tillamook County Fairgrounds,

Tillamook County YMCA, Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation, Adven-

tist Health Tillamook and many more with millions of dollars in donations.



Barbara McCann was selected citizen of the year for her work with the North County Recreation District dating to before its establishment in 1997.



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WEBER Ready for Session

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said that Senate President Rob Wagner has been less involved on the issue this year than last, but that she hoped to reengage him at an upcoming meeting and that she felt the support from the League of Oregon Cities and Association of Oregon Counties would help the effort be successful this year.

Weber's other bill seeks to remove barriers to the construction of replacement dwellings after fires or other disasters destroy residents' homes.

Weber explained that the issue had come to her attention after a constituent in rural Multnomah County lost their home in a fire in August 2023, and was told by the county that the original permits for their home had been lost, which would require them to go through a full permitting process that would take up to two and a half years. Weber said that with support from her office,

the issue had been resolved, but that it had shown the need for reform.

Weber's bill would require local governments to approve the replacement of a dwelling if the former dwelling on the property met a list of requirements, including having electricity, plumbing and heating, and if property taxes were paid on the dwelling for more than ten years, even if permits for the prior dwelling are missing.

Looking ahead, Weber, who walked out of the 2023 legislative session in protest against a bill aiming to protect reproductive rights and gender affirming care, rendering her ineligible to run for reelection, said that she is still mulling her options, including running for office in Tillamook where she was previously mayor, and sad that her time in Salem is nearly through.

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picture of what we can do to fully fund education."

Weber will also seek \$225,000 in funding for the Nehalem Bay Food Pantry and \$155,000 for a traffic signal outside the fire station at the intersection of Highways 26 and 47 in the annual capital construction bill and participate in task forces focused on drinking water and hunger.

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on the fun.

"I think those more geared-towards-the-little-kids events are just great," Hallock said, "because obviously us high schoolers are just there to put it on, but the kids get to really experience drive."

In addition to the events,

the classes will be taking over various restaurants around Tillamook, offering Valentines' Day treats for delivery on the 13th, take-and-bake meals for pickup on the 17th, and doing chores, including removing scrap metal and unwanted soda

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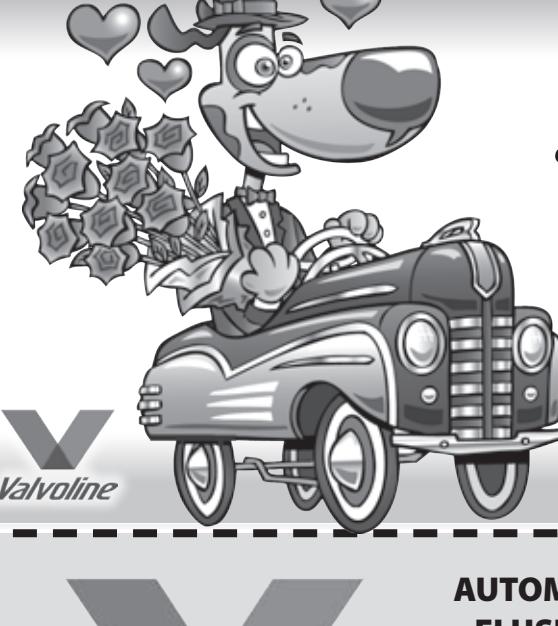
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After Charity Drive concludes with the Stud Muffin Volleyball Tournament on Presidents' Day, the members of the Charity

Drive court will be coordinated and fundraising totals announced at the annual alumni basketball game on February 18. The overalls will also present a check for half the amount raised after expenses to representatives from Doernbecher Chil-

dren's Hospital, while they will work with a committee to select grant recipients for another 30% of the funds through the spring, with the final 20% raised going toward scholarships for Tillamook High School graduates.

Tillamook High School

2026 Charity Drive Schedule

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

ALL CLASSES BBX CONCESSIONS @ THS; 4:30PM

Freshmen Skate Carnival @ Fairgrounds, 3:30pm-6pm \$5 per skater, 25 cents per ticket to play games

Sophomore Schooner Takeover 4pm -9pm

Junior Karaoke Night @ Rendezvous 8pm-10pm

Senior Line Dancing @ Elks Lodge, 6pm - 8pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Freshmen Half-time Activity Rubber Chicken throw @ girls/boys varsity games \$1 per throw

Jail & Bail @ Basketball game \$5 to arrest for 10 minutes; \$10 to get out of jail early

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Freshmen Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast @ THS Cafeteria 7am - 11am, by Donation

Cornhole Tournament @ Elks Lodge, Noon, \$60 per team

Princess for a day @ Hush Salon, 1pm - 3pm, \$25 (no appt needed), \$35 (make appl)

Junior High Dance (Jr high & 9th grade students only) THS Back Gym, 7pm - 10pm, \$10

Car Wash @ Main Street Pizza, 10am - 3pm, by donation

Daddy Daughter Dance @ Port Mess Hall, 6pm - 8pm, \$25 per couple; \$5 per additional kid

BBQ Brisket Dinner @ Elks Lodge , 4pm - 7pm, \$20

Grit and Grill Fitness Event @ THS, 1pm; by donation

Car Wash @ Co-op 9:30am - 3pm, By Donation

Golf Clinic @ The Mook 2pm - 4pm, \$20 per kid; \$35 for sibling pair

Jandy Takeover 11am - 3pm

Drive in Movie Showing "The Goonies" @ Werner's Parking lot 7pm -9pm \$30 per car

Fun Run & Blow up Character Run @ Jr. High, 10am; \$15 fun Run/Walk, \$5 Character Race

Jello Wrestling @ Swiss Hall, 7pm; \$7 admission, \$5 per wrestler

Huge Silent Action Debut, 9am - 1pm @ Jr. High Cafeteria

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Freshmen Car Wash @ Co-op, 9am-3pm; By Donation

French Toast Breakfast @ 4-H Dorm 7am-11am; By Donation

Las Margaritas Takeover, 3pm-8pm

Football Camp @ THS noon - 2pm; \$20 ages 1st - 5th grade

Volleyball Camp @ THS noon -2pm; \$20 ages 1st - 5th grade

Cabin Coffee Takeover 8am - noon

Chicken Pot Pie take n bake pick-up @ Rendezvous; 2pm - 5pm

Rummage Sale @ Recurrent 9am- 3pm

Cookie Decoration @ THS Cafeteria; \$35 per person, \$60 per couple

Super Bowl 7 layer Dip Pick-up @ THS Ag Building 9am - 3pm; Early bird \$25, after noon \$35

Car Wash @ Main Street Pizza; 10am-4pm; By donation

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

ALL SCHOOL EVENT: DONKEY BASKETBALL @ THS GYM 7PM; \$7 STUDENTS & \$9 ADULTS

Freshmen Dessert Auction @ THS Cafeteria 7pm - 9pm

Sophomores Pulled Pork Dinner @ Swiss Hall 4pm-7pm; \$18 per person

Juniors 50/50 Raffle @ Donkey Basketball Game

Seniors Rock Mandala Painting Class @ Port Office Conference Room 6:30pm; \$25 per person

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

ALL CLASSES BBX CONCESSIONS @ THS; 4:30PM

Sophomores & Seniors - Rotary Cake Auction @ Pacific Restaurant; Noon

Sophomores Plant Bingo @ Pacific Restaurant 6pm; \$30 per person 15% off Plants

50/50 @ Girls Varsity Game

Juniors Werner Beef & Brew Takeover4pm - 7pm

Bunkergrill Takeover 5pm - 9pm

Seniors Baby Crawl Race @ Half-time Boys Varsity Game; \$5 per baby enter at senior concessions

Jail & Bail @ Basketball game \$5 to arrest for 10 minutes; \$10 to get out of jail early

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Freshmen & Juniors - Kiwanis Cake Auction @ PUD; Noon

Freshman Bunco @Port of Tillamook Bay Conference Room 6pm - 8pm

Kids Art Camp @ THS Cafeteria, 3:30pm - 5pm; \$20 per participant

Sophomores Paint Night with Kim @ 6-8pm; THS Cafeteria \$30 per participant Call 208.989.7497 to reserve a spot

Juniors Dodgeball Tournament @ East Gym, 5pm - 6:30pm; \$20 per kid

Seniors Steak Dinner @ Pacific Restaurant 4:30pm - 8pm; \$40 per couple, \$22 single, \$12 child 10 & under

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Freshmen Trivia Night @ The Corral Steak House, 6pm - 8pm; \$20 per team

Sophomores Youth Science Camp @ THS 3:30pm - 5pm; \$15 per kid

Juniors Pork Loin Dinner @ Tillamook Fairgrounds, 4:30pm-8:30pm; \$35 couple, \$20 single, \$12 under 12yrs

Seniors Floral Class @ THS Cafeteria, 6:30pm; \$50 per person (limited to 25)

Glow Golf & Paint @ The Mook & Bunker Grille, 6pm-8pm; \$15 golf, \$10 paint

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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ALL CLASSES BBX CONCESSIONS @ THS; 4:30PM

Freshmen Spaghetti Dinner @ THS Cafeteria, 4pm - 7pm; \$10 per person

Rendezvous Take Over 5pm-8pm

JAndy Take Over 3pm - 7pm

Valentine Balloons & Candy \$6 Available for PICK UP ONLY at all dinners

50/50 Raffle at Boys Varsity Game

Rummage Drop-off @ Sacred Heart Gym 3pm -6pm

Juniors 50/50 at Girls Varsity Game

Track Camp @ Bud Gienger Fitness Trail (Jr. High), 2pm - 3:30pm; \$15 per kid

Cake Auction @ Elks Lodge, 6:30pm

East School Activity @ East School, 3:30pm; \$7 per student

Jail & Bail @ Basketball game \$5 to arrest for 10 minutes; \$10 to get out of jail early

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stand strong to protect American values

One positive aspect of having a "slow" season on the coast is that our residents and business owners have more time to visit one on one. I have taken the opportunity in recent weeks to join with a friend and go business to business to actually talk to people in our community to discuss the direction our country is heading with regard to immigrants.

What we found is the people in our community share much common ground. We believe that truth matters. Our constitutional rights should be protected. Our laws should be followed and enforced by trained officers and politically neutral courts. People should not be stereotyped based on the color of their skin. Good people come in every color. Everyone, regardless of country of origin, has a right to due process and to be treated respectfully.

Sandy Johnson
Rockaway Beach

Like most Oregon communities, our residents and visitors come from diverse backgrounds and countries. We have many first, second and third generation immigrants. Nearly all of us have immigrant heritage. Immigrants belong with us, in our community. As someone more eloquent than I recently wrote, "they belong to us in the sense that proximity, and familiarity, and regular interaction bring us all into a community of principle and mutual care, make us all our brother's keeper, and calls on us to love our neighbors." If you see a sign in a business window bearing a monarch butterfly, the symbol of migration, know that as a sign of support for these values.

In our community, as in the entire United States, people who believe in liberty and justice for all stand up to tyranny. We stand up for our neighbors. We let our voices be heard. Now is the time to let our elected officials know we demand our (and our neighbors') freedom, the truth, and our rights protected.

Sandy Johnson
Rockaway Beach

A Cautionary Tale

Have you heard the story about a group of frogs roaming through a forest? They abruptly came across a deep, vertical drop. Two of the frogs do not stop in time and fall in. A group of frogs gathered around the hole and look down. They tell the two frogs that they are in the bottom of a really big, deep hole and it will be impossible to get out.

At first, the two frogs ignored the comments and try hopping their damnedest to get out. But sadly, to no avail. They keep trying. One frog, after several attempts and hearing repeated discouraging comments, comes to believe that his efforts were futile and gives up. He takes a deep breath, collapses, and dies. The other frog, however, keeps trying. Despite that fact that the crowd of frogs repeatedly yell at him "Give up. Stop your suffering. The hole is impossible to get out. Your efforts are in vain." The frog keeps jumping. In time, the frog increases his force, jump-



ing higher and higher until finally he managed to get out of the hole.

When the frog gets out, the other frogs tell him, "We are so happy that you made it out, despite the fact we tried to discourage you." The surviving frog tells them he is deaf and he thought they were encouraging him to try harder.

As human beings we are all susceptible to biases. Words matter. What we see is interpreted through our brains, which can lead to misinterpretations or "seeing what we want to see or believe".

I believe that it is imperative, in this era of rampant misinformation, the best approach is often

to "look closer", think critically, review multiple sources and verify facts rather than relying and trusting what immediate, surface-level impressions and what others tell you what happened.

Dennis Worrel
Tillamook

FENCEPOST



GARDENING MATTERS CARLA ALBRIGHT

Planning for Spring

After the two weeks

of sunshine last

month, even with some cold temperatures at night, we gardeners are feeling pretty smug about our easy-to-take winter. Especially when the whole east coast was smothered under snow and ice. Yes, we had some flooding in December, but from the middle to the end of January, it was sunny and, on some days, almost warm.

But the decrease in the rainfall has also resulted in a decrease in the snowpack in the Cascades and Coast Range. A warmer than usual November and December resulted in rain

in the mountains instead of snow and January was unusually dry as well. Some of the ski slopes were asking their ski patrols to load tubs of snow from the trees to place on the slopes. Not sustainable. In fact, as of late January, the snowpack at Mt. Hood was measuring only 33" instead of the normal 86 average inches. In fact, it was 33% of normal, and several of the ski areas had to delay opening. We haven't seen this low an accumulation of snow since 1981.

Not being a skier, I wasn't really paying attention to the issue until I realized how very important the snowpack is to our coastal gardens. You see, during the winter, we usually get lots of rainfall, with the Forest Center typically recording 140 inches, and me getting up to 70 inches in my yard. And yes, all that rain can cause flooding as it moves down the mountains into the Tillamook valleys via

the rivers. But then it runs into the sea.

So, what does a low snowpack mean for our Tillamook coast?

Even though the county sits along the coast, our nearby rivers (like the Nehalem and the Kilchis) are fed partly by Cascades and Coast Range snowmelt. When snowpack is low the summer streamflows drop earlier, which affects water temperature and fish habitat. This lower flow can reduce water quality, too, especially in the late summer.

Regional water supplies can also be affected. While a lot of our communities' water comes from local sources, the broader region can feel the effects of low snowpack because less snow translates into less slow-release water, so our rivers and reservoirs are lower. This can result in strict summer conservation measures, too.

Rockaway Beach, for example, gets plenty of rain, but rain cannot

replace snowpack because the snow acts as a natural reservoir, releasing water slowly over months. As mentioned before, the rain runs off quickly, causing winter flooding but it does not support summer flows.

We already have experienced dryer summers, so those of us paying attention have converted some of our gardens to xeriscaping, using lots of natives and Mediterranean plants that can do with a dry summer. But there are other things we can do this coming spring.

First, increase the use of mulches of bark or compost to reduce evaporation. Start mulching earlier instead of waiting until July when the soil is already drying out. This is even more important in coastal microclimates with our drying summer winds. We can also improve soil structure by adding compost to increase the soil's capacity to hold water.

By using raised beds for our vegetable gardens,

we can benefit from the soil warming earlier. And we can more precisely water those beds. Adding organic matter can help retain moisture in the raised beds, too. Water early in the day and deeply. This prevents fungal diseases from spreading, too, and if you use soaker hoses or drip irrigation you won't waste water to wind drift.

Choice of plants is important, too. Along with those Mediterranean plants, choose veggies that like a cool, windy summer climate. Grape or cherry tomatoes ripen faster, and chard, kale, peas, and potatoes are more tolerant of uneven water and cool temps. Plant these earlier, too, from February to April to take advantage of the spring rains.

By taking steps sooner rather than later, we can set ourselves up for a very successful garden this summer, despite the current low snowpack.

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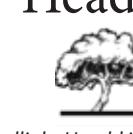
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Are you ready for the return of wet weather this week?

26

Yes, bring it on

23

No, I'll miss the sun

18

No strong feelings either way

Stay connected to us!



Check out next week's poll at TillamookHeadlightHerald.com

FENCEPOSTS

Congratulations to the Lady Cats, Nestucca High School's girls' basketball team, who are tied for first place in Northwest League standings. They cemented this spot with a 65-56 win over Knappa's Lady Loggers last week. Senior and "floor general" Taylor Knight led the team with 22 points to hit her 1,000th career point. Hats off to Taylor and the entire team.

Headlands Adventure Team is hosting a beach cleanup at Cape Kiawanda this Saturday. Volunteers, dressed for the weather, will gather at a check-in station which will be erected near



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the boat ramp in the County parking lot adjacent to the cape. The event is planned from 10 a.m. until noon bimonthly (every other month) through December. Coffee, cider and treats from Stimulus Coffee will

be provided for volunteers. For more information or to register contact Headlands Adventure Team by calling 503-483-3000 or send email to adventure@headlands-lodge.com.

A harm reduction syringe exchange happens from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on first Thursdays (February 5) at Nestucca Valley Presbyterian Church. The address is 35305 Brooten Road in Pacific City. The service is offered at the same time four weekdays a month. On second and fourth Thursdays go to The Herald Center at Tillamook 7th Day Adventist Church. The address is 2710 First Street, in Tillamook. Fourth Wednesday exchanges happen at the Upper parking lot of North County Food Bank; the address is 278 Rowe Street in Wheeler. South Tillamook County

Library will have a delayed opening this Thursday; hours will be 12-6 p.m. on Thursday, February 5. There is a Spanish language skill building session happening there at 4 p.m. that same afternoon. Storytime at the library happens at 3:30 p.m. on second and fourth Wednesdays (February 11, 25) monthly. Children of all ages are invited; the program includes stories, singing and moving about. Poets and poetry lovers of all ages are invited to listen to and read a poem there at 5 p.m. on the Third Tuesday, monthly (February 17). Be there at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18 (third Wednesday, monthly) for an hour of coloring time. This program is for adults 19 and older. The library is located off Brooten Road on Camp Street in Pacific City.

Don't forget that a Family Game Night is planned from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, February 8 at Hebo Fire Hall. Everyone is welcome. The fire hall is located north of the intersection of U.S. Highway 101 and State Route 22 in Hebo. Free rides to and from the event are available; call 541-921-2703.

In preparation for their reopening, The Library Thrift Store seeks quality donations (in good condition). They're offering a 10% off coupon (redeemable through March 15) in exchange for a box or kitchen-sized trash bag full. Donations will be accepted from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday February 6-7. The address is 6335 Ferry Street in Pacific City; the thrift shop is located across Brooten Road from

The Grateful Bread Bakery and Café. Reopening is slated for Thursday, February 12. Once open, shop hours are 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, weekly.

This week Kiawanda Community Center (KCC) serves senior lunches at 11:30 on Tuesday (February 3) and Wednesday (February 4) for \$3 each. (Others may partake for \$6.) Bingo there is planned from 1-3 p.m. on Thursday, February 5. The address is 34600 Cape Kiawanda Drive, in Pacific City. For more information call 971-212-7131 or go to kiawanda.com.

Happy birthday this week to Brandlyn Benton, Logan Cole Craven, Devanie Eckhardt, Amybeth Hancock, Chandler Judith Hill, Mary Lasley, Jake Ludeman and James Sheridan Wesie.

One final question from McGinniss closed Hesse's talk:

"Suppose city hall is damaged, do we have an alternate meeting place?"

The chief responded, "No, we would have to make the determination in the moment." This of course is the nature of emergencies: if any event is catastrophic enough to damage city hall, any proposed list of alternate meeting locations would have to be examined at the time for suitability and safety.

McNeilly encouraged Hesse "to do this in a staircase approach, starting with the steady state needs and then [consider] what happens if the tsunami hits on the 4th of July."

The mayor also noted,

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OBITUARIES

Harold Dean Poyer

September 26, 1951 - December 23, 2025

Dean was born in Eureka, CA on September 26, 1951. He was the only son of four children born to Harold and Irene Young Poyer. He died at his home in Eugene, OR on December 23, 2025.

Dean was a 1969 graduate of Douglas H.S. in Winston, OR. He attended Umpqua C.C. on a full track scholarship from 1969 to 1971. In the mid 70's he studied literature at the U of O. He received his B.A. in Pastoral Ministries from N.C.C. in 1987. He then studied for his Masters of Divinity at Western Conservative Baptist Seminary. Dean was employed as a DHS case manager for the state of Oregon in Tillamook for many years.

Dean met Joy Lynn Dawson while they were both attending N.C.C. and they married in 1985. Their twin sons, Joshua and Caleb were born in 1993.

In his younger years Dean was a track enthusiast and enjoyed following U of O track events. He was also a devout Oregon football fan. He was a voracious reader of a large variety of authors and genres. One of his greatest joys was music and his



knowledge of artists, songs and the stories behind them was extensive.

Dean had a very soft heart for the elderly and disabled and was always their advocate. He was the kindest of men and respectful to anyone he met. He had a wonderful sense of humor, was very quick witted and had a pun for every remark. Children always brought a smile to his face and he enjoyed watching videos of his great nieces and nephews. The simplest outing with his sisters always turned into an adventure filled with fun and much laughter. Deans pride and joy were his boys and in his

eyes they were perfect. He will be greatly missed by those who loved him, especially his boys who lost a dad they loved with all their heart.

Dean is survived by his two sons Joshua and Caleb Poyer of Signal Hill, CA. His sister Barbara (Bruce) Williamson, Donna (Mark) Schaeffer both of Eugene, OR and many nieces and nephews. Dean was preceded in death by his father, mother and sister Karen Poyer Fleming.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Funeral services will be private.

Gerald Dewayne Richter

April 21, 1934 - January 6, 2026



They married on December 31st, 1971. Together, they had a very large family of ten children. The next 50 years were spent raising their combined family together and led a very happy life.

Jerry worked for the Plywood Association and other areas of that industry for many years. Jerry and Maxine spent their golden years in Tillamook, Oregon and enjoyed traveling and frequenting casinos. In his almost 92 years here on this earth, Jerry lived a life filled to the brim with family, friends and experienced an abundance of love and grace.

Jerry was preceded in death by his little sister Dory, his brother Dale, both his parents, his first wife, Betty, and his second wife, Maxine. He was also preceded in death by his granddaughter, Tavia McNeal, grandson, J.C. Thompson, and grandson, Shaun Hilton.

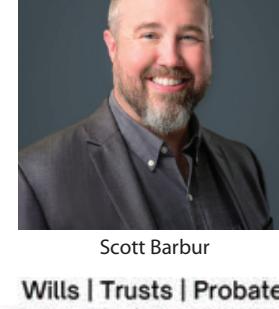
Jerry is survived by his brother, Dean Richter, and his sister, Ione Whitney.

and also his children: Dory Thompson, her children, Cary, David Robert, and Corina. Dana Aufdermauer (Don), their children, Kris, Natalie, and Taylor. Doug Richter (Laura), their children, Crissa and Jennifer. Denice Richter, her daughter, Deanna. David Richter (Kacy), their children, Christopher, Dena, Brittany, Jeremy, Eva, Hazel and Gabriel. Dixie McNeal, her children, Amanda, Koty, and Chance. Ron Rush (Paulette), their children, Toby and Teddy. Tammy Nelson (Tim), their children, Jennifer, and Melissa. Laurie Fernandes (Greg), their children, Kelsee, Garrett and Kaylee. Rich Rush (Tammy), their children, Bethany and Ephraim.

And numerous great-grandchildren.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life on March 14th, 2026, at 11 am at the Christian Center Church in Tillamook on Marolf Loop Road.

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LINDA BADE

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Wow another week

has flown by. We have returning rain; nothing new there. Once again, I have daffodils blooming – yes, bright yellow blooms in my back yard. I have a field of daffodils, my husband's favorite flower. He had me plant about three hundred up on the hill behind the house, maybe 20 years ago. And about half of them still come up every year. They bloom all February into March. The daffodils below the house do not come up or bloom until March or even April. Crazy what a difference of a few feet can make.

City council met Monday, the 26th. Seems like council keeps trying to pass this middle-housing ordinance, to bring the city into compliance with state law. It gets complicated with the comprehensive plan not updated or current. The city is behind on so many things. We need volunteers for the planning commission to begin the process of updating our building codes. Updating the comprehensive plan is estimated to be a two-year process for which the city may need to consider some type of grant to pay the expenses. See how easy it is to change topic from the middle-housing ordinance to the comprehensive plan?

"Middle-housing" includes duplexes, tri-plexes, quadplexes, townhouses, and cottage clusters as outright permitted uses on all lots or parcels zoned medium density residential. These changes

comply with House Bill 2001 and Senate Bill 406. Since this change entails an ordinance, there are even more rules the city has to follow to implement changes in the code. Council was asked to hold the hearing over for seven days – a technical provision a citizen can utilize to prepare additional comments or concerns – so the council will re-convene the hearing next month.

Speaking of next month, the normal council meeting date – third Monday of the month – again falls on a holiday. This time, President's Day. So, the meeting is moved to the 4th Monday, February 23, 2026. Same time – 5:30 pm.

Council discussed several issues this month. Water billings have not been outsourced (that was the rumor) – they are being handled by the city's administrative staff. Staff reported they are experiencing problems with the meter reading system, so if you think your billing is incorrect, please contact the city office to let them know.

There is a new city website. The web address is: Garibaldi.gov. The old site is still up, but all data is not yet transferred to the new site. You can find current council packets on the new site, and packets from 2025 and older at the old site. Linkages between the two sites are not readily available but are being worked on. I know there has not been a lot of fanfare announcing the new website, but it is here.

The city manager brought a wayfinding plan forward to the council at the meeting as well. I think I wrote about this last week – the Garibaldi Business Association (GBA) is working with Tillamook Coast to bring signage to the city, directing visitors to our businesses. We did not talk about it at council, because the plan was not

included in our packets but was provided at the beginning of the council meeting. City Manager wanted council to be aware of the plans. The GBA expects signs will be purchased through a grant from the county. There will be a presentation on the plan at the next GBA meeting, third Wednesday, in February.

I want to remind you that our emergency management volunteers are putting on a workshop on water sanitation and hygiene – what to do in an emergency to protect and ensure you have clean water and proper sanitation. Saturday, February 28th, 1 p.m. at city hall. Their meetings are held monthly at City Hall – the second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

During this fiscal year, the city has completed three financial audits – FY 2021, 2022 and now 2023. The city's finance director reported that the fiscal year 2023 audit report has been drafted and she answered remaining questions the auditors had. That report should be issued shortly. She also provided a six month look at the financial condition of the city and told us that spending is all within the budget constraints. Her analysis was included in the packet, which you can find at the new Garibaldi.gov website.

And lastly, a word from everyone's favorite librarian. The best way to usher in the new year is with a library card. If you have one, you can check out all they have to offer both in person and online. If you do not have a library card, stop at the branch or the main library and sign up. Library cards are free to Tillamook County residents. Our county library is a wonderful resource for the community.

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Barn fire kills 21 goats

TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT

Early on the morning of January 28, Tillamook and Bay City Fire were dispatched to a fully involved barn fire, South of Tillamook. The structure was a total loss.

Sadly, 21 goats that were housed in the barn perished. Fire units were on scene over eight hours conducting mop up and

investigation.

Thank you to our emergency services partners who assisted.

Tillamook 911, Adventist Health, TCSO, OSFM, OSP Tillamook, ODOT, Tillamook PUD. Special thanks to Lindsey's Lattes for donating breakfast burritos to our crew.

Anyone interested in supporting the property owner can visit <https://gofund.me/dbaf60235>.

Vision for mixed-use Bay City development takes shape

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Over the last year, the owners of the former paintbrush handle factory in Bay City have been working to flesh out their plans to develop the property into a mixed-use development with affordable housing and space for businesses.

Lisa and Ralph McRae have worked with Salazar Architect Inc. to gather community feedback on the project and develop a master plan envisioning 58 units on the site and will appear before the Tillamook County Housing Commission this week to seek further funding to help support the project, which they feel can be an important asset for the community.

"We want it to be more thoughtful, more mindful about the place, because the place matters. If it didn't, we could just build big homes and sell them off, and that's not what we're trying to do," Lisa said. "We want to create more opportunity in the community, certainly for us, but for others, and we see the way we can do that with the amount of

property that we have, the infrastructure, all of that."

The couple has been working towards developing housing on the property since 2020, when the factor ceased manufacturing operations after more than 60 years producing paintbrush handles and a one-year stint producing furniture. Currently, the former manufacturing space houses workshop space for various community members and businesses, while the McRaes also run a U-Haul business and rent storage space in another building on the property.

Last year, the McRaes were awarded \$40,000 by the housing commission, which they used to contract with Salazar, holding a community meeting attended by more than 40 in August and developing a master plan for housing on the site.

That master plan includes 58 dwellings on the property, including a 16-unit apartment building, 12 1,100-1,200-square-foot, single-family houses, each of which would also include an accessory dwelling unit, eight townhomes and a ten-home cottage cluster, while leaving the

25,000-square-foot factory and building being used for storage.

Lisa and Ralph said that all the units would be affordable to people making between 80% and 120% of the area's median income, that they would like to explore ownership models for some of the housing and that they envision the cottage cluster as ideal for seniors who want to age in place. "The whole idea was you can live in this apartment, you work, and then you can be able to buy a townhome or buy a house, and then you can move into that, and you can keep going up that ladder," Lisa said.

Ralph said that they had been surprised at the amount of housing that would fit on the property, and that while they planned to solicit further community feedback and remain open to change, it seemed to be what many in the community want. "We are going to remain adaptable to what has to happen to move it forward," Ralph said. "The scale is so much more than what we imagined, but the feedback is this is a positive direction, so let's keep going with that

and then find out what's the obstacle to get to the next step."

Currently, that next obstacle is getting groundwork done for the property, including platting and determining where utilities need to be located, which Ralph said could cost up to \$300,000.

The couple will appear before the housing commission this week to seek a grant to help begin that groundwork process. They are also in the process of identifying and applying for other grants, including ones from Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon Housing and Community Services, and working to build a capital funding package with banks.

Once the groundwork is completed and as the funding picture comes into focus, the couple will need to decide which aspect of the project to construct first, with Ralph saying they were primarily debating the merits of the single-family homes with ADUs against those of the apartment building, which would be easier from an infrastructure perspective.

At the same time as they develop the vision for housing on the property, the couple is also working on the business-facing side of the development, updating and upgrading the two existing buildings on the site and looking for an anchor tenant for the former factory space. The McRaes said that the plan is for the building currently being used for storage to house the workshops currently in the former factory once a tenant is found, and that they have been looking across the state for that tenant, with an eye on companies in modular housing, which they feel would be a boon to the area.

The couple said that they plan to hold another meeting to gather community input soon and that they remain driven to create a meaningful community as a legacy for the McRae family. "Fundamentally, we're working hard just because the family is the important piece," Lisa said. "It's like leaving something behind that is the entire family's—there's a lot of McRaes that live here—and that they can all be proud of."

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Lady Cats hot in league play

BY MIKE WEBER
For The Headlight Herald

Nestucca High School's girls' basketball team is in the middle of a hot streak, having won seven straight and sitting at number five in the statewide 2A rankings.

The Bobcats (8-1 NWL, 16-2 overall), guided by sixth-year Coach Tevin Gianella, have won eight of their last nine games, with their last loss coming on January 10, in a nonleague home game versus the No. 6-ranked Crosshill Christian High Eagles (13-5).

"We're hoping to win our third league title in the last four years," said Gianella. "We're healthy and we're hoping to continue our success."

In their last contest on January 28, the Bobcats recorded a 68-23 blowout win over the Columbia Christian High Knights (3-6 NWL, 6-9 overall) in Portland. Senior Taylor Knight led the Bobcats in scoring with 21 points, while the freshman duo of Natalie Blackburn and Carly Wisehart chipped in 15 and 13 respectively.

In the game prior to that, versus the defending league champion Knappa High Loggers (8-1 NWL, 9-10 overall), the Bobcats sought revenge for a 42-33 road loss to Knappa January 6, the Bobcats' fourth consecutive loss to the Loggers overlapping the last three years.

The Bobcats were ready for the Loggers in the second matchup and had an outstanding performance, coming away with a 65-56



Senior Taylor Knight (center) and the lady Bobcats celebrate after she passed the 1,000 career point threshold against Knappa.

win, their first since February 2024.

"The kids were pretty fired up, because this is rivalry series and it's always fun to beat Knappa," said Gianella. "Taylor is doing really well as our team captain and Autumn Rist and Piper Armstrong are both coming along well and they just continue to help our team to improve with their strong performance's that they often have. These three players usually help lead us statisti-

cally in every game."

Knight led the Bobcats in scoring with 22 points and she had nine rebounds, a team high eight assists and three steals. Knight also passed an impressive milestone in the contest as she reached and then exceeded the 1,000-point scoring mark in her career. Knight had a total of 1,010 points following the win over Knappa.

"Taylor played really well and she scored 18 points in the second half," said

Gianella. "I think her 22 points is the most points she has ever scored in a league game. She was seven-for-seven at the free throw line too and she just had a very good game."

Junior Piper Armstrong had a double-double with 10 points and a team-high 11 rebounds and junior Autumn Rist was in double figures with 15 points. Blackburn (five pts., nine rebs.), junior McKennah McDonald (six pts.) and Wisehart (five

pts., three steals) also had significant contributions in helping lead the Bobcats to the win.

The Bobcats started the season with an eight-game win streak and sought to match that in a January 31 road game against the Portland Christian High Royals (results unavailable).

The Bobcats will look for another win in their next league home game at 6 p.m. Tuesday versus the No. 10-ranked Clatskanie

High Tigers (7-2 NWL, 12-5 overall). They'll follow with a 6 p.m. road game Friday versus the Gaston High Greyhounds (2-7 NWL, 6-12 overall).

"The game versus Clatskanie is a big one and we only beat them by two points the last time we played them, so it's going to be kind of a big showdown," said Gianella, whose squad won 43-41 Jan. 14 at Clatskanie.

The Bobcats (56 pts. per game average) recorded a season-high point total in a 75-51 home win over Portland Christian January 12 and have the No. 2-ranked offense in the 40-team Class 2A.

The Bobcats are hoping to win the NWL title for the first time since 2024 and to reach the state playoffs for a fourth straight year, with an ultimate goal of advancing to the quarterfinals Mar. 5-7 at the Pendleton Convention Center.

"We're enjoying the success we're having, it's a great start to the season and we're just trying to stay healthy," said Gianella. "We're just focusing on continuing to improve and get better so that hopefully we'll achieve our goal of going to Pendleton."

The Bobcats are seeking to return to the quarterfinals for the first time since 2024, when they were 0-2 at the tournament and lost in the consolation round. The Bobcats are hoping to get a trophy for the first time since 2009, when they got second place after losing 48-37 in the championship game to Santiam.

Mooks come up short against Scappoose

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

After a back-and-forth game, the Tillamook High School boys' basketball team came up short against the Scappoose Indians at home on January 29, losing 55-48.

The Mooks fell into a double-digit hole in the game's first quarter before furiously storming back in the second quarter, taking a double-digit lead of their own in the third and ultimately letting it slip away in the fourth. Carson Reminton led the Cheesemakers with 19 points and Griffy Boomer added 12.

Tillamook came out cold from the field and fell into a 4-0 hole before Boomer scored on a drive with just under five minutes to go in the quarter. The Mooks struggled with turnovers as the quarter wore on and the Indians scored seven in quick succession with just over two left to push the lead to 14-4 and by the end of one left were ahead 20-8.

Scappoose went cold as the second began and Enoch Wilson and Jonah Corbus scored back-to-back baskets to cut the lead back to single



Griffy Boomer cuts to the lane in the first half against the Indians.

digits before the Indians responded with a three. Both teams were quiet until Remington and Kevin Hurliman scored threes in quick succession and Remington followed with a layup to cut the Mooks deficit to 27-21. A Remington free throw and Nate Mat-

thews put back with under a minute left cut the margin to three and Tillamook trailed 28-24 at the half after a late Indian free throw.

Matthews scored a midrange jumper on the first possession of the second half and Corbus scored in

the paint, before a Remington free throw and Boomer driving layup and successful and one gave Tillamook the lead 32-30 with five minutes to go in the third. Boomer pushed the lead to four with two more free throws on the ensuing possession, Rem-

ington pushed it to six with a steal and fast break layup and a Wilson putback extended it to eight.

As Scappoose struggled with the Mooks' defensive pressure, two more Boomer free throws pushed the lead to ten and a Remington steal

and breakaway layup put the home team ahead 42-30 with two minutes left in the quarter. Scappoose finally ended their drought shortly later and Tillamook entered the fourth ahead 44-36.

The Indians scored six straight to start the fourth to cut the lead to two before Remington ended the drought with a runner in the lane with just under five to go in the game. However, the Indian run continued with a free throw and three pointer to tie the game at 46 with four minutes left.

Wilson returned the lead to Tillamook with a jumper from the free throw line, but Scappoose answered with a three to retake the lead before both teams went cold for several minutes of game time. The Indians ended the cold spell with another three with just over a minute left to push their advantage to 52-48 and netted three free throws in the final minute as Mooks remained scoreless to seal the 55-48 win.

Tillamook fell to 4-13 overall on the season and 0-6 in league play with the loss ahead of an extended break and their next game at home against Seaside on February 6.

Nestucca boys in playoff hunt

BY MIKE WEBER
For The Headlight Herald

The Nestucca High Bobcats are enjoying another successful season in OSAA Class 2A Northwest League boys' basketball and still hoping to reach the state playoffs this year.

The No. 18-ranked Bobcats (6-3 NWL, 10-8 overall) recorded one of their biggest wins of the season with a 65-42 win over the Columbia Christian High Knights (4-5 NWL, 8-8 overall) Janu-

ary 28 in Portland. Juniors Mason Vu (21 points), Owen Love (21 pts.) and senior Sarge Samek (15 pts.) helped lead the Bobcats to the win with their solid offensive performance. It marked their seventh win in their last nine games, and it solidified their third-place position in the eight-team league standings.

It was a key win for sure for sixth-year Coach Justin Hartford's Bobcats, who regained their momentum following a 73-54 home loss Jan. 26 to the No. 7-ranked

Nestucca High Loggers (8-1 NWL, 16-4 overall). The Bobcats were led offensively by senior Vince Lewis (21 pts.), Vu (13 pts.), Love (12 pts.) and senior Henry Ozuna (10 pts.). The loss snapped Nestucca's four-game win streak.

"Nestucca is a solid team every year, but we did our best that we could against them," said Hartford, who guided Nestucca to the 2025 district playoffs for the first time in his coaching career. "Getting third place

is definitely going to be a big advantage for us, particularly when we compete at the upcoming NWL district playoffs."

The Bobcats faced the undefeated defending NWL champion/2A state champion Portland Christian High Royals (8-0 NWL, 17-0 overall) Saturday in Portland (results unavailable). The Bobcats are hoping to get a win in their next NWL contest Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at home against the Clatskanie High Tigers (3-6 NWL, 10-8 overall). They'll

follow with a 7:30 p.m. road game Friday against the Gaston High Greyhounds (2-7 NWL, 6-13 overall). Nestucca has four games left on the regular season schedule, which concludes Feb. 13.

"With the way we've been playing recently, I think our momentum will probably continue in our last four games and hopefully we can hold onto third place," said Hartford.

An experienced (six seniors) Bobcat squad, is one of the top contenders in the

eight-team Northwest League standings again this year. The Bobcats finished in fourth place last year with a 10-4 NWL mark (14-12 overall).

They just missed qualifying for the state playoffs a year ago following a 53-51 overtime loss to the Faith Bible High Falcons (8-6 NWL, 11-15 overall last year) on February 22, 2025 in the NWL district playoffs at Vernon High School. The Bobcats are hoping to reach the state playoffs for the first time since 1974.

Lady Cheesemakers fall to Indians

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Tillamook High School's girls' basketball team lost a tough home game against the league rival Scappoose Indians 53-40 at home on January 29, falling to 2-4 in league play.

Tillamook struggled to find a rhythm offensively throughout the game as the Indians built and maintained a small but decisive lead. Adrian Vogel led the Mooks in scoring with 12 points, while Aubrey Hilton chipped in 11.

Scappoose came out hot, jumping out to an 8-2 lead in the game's first two minutes before a Hilton three cut the lead in half. The teams traded two-point field goals before Scappoose scored four straight to stretch the lead to seven. Adrian Vogel drew a foul on a drive in transition and sank both free throws and Rylee Huerta sunk a free throw, but the Indians answered with a late three to take a 17-10 lead to the first break.

Offensive output ground to a halt as both teams were scoreless and struggled with turnovers through the second quarter's first three and a half minutes until Scappoose netted a three to stretch their lead to ten. Tillamook responded with a free throw

and the Indians followed with a banked three and the teams battled back and forth as time wore down in the half, with the Indians taking a 27-16 advantage to the locker room.

A basket from Tatum Lancaster and two threes from Hilton cut the lead to 30-24 two minutes into the second half before both teams went scoreless until the Indians entered the bonus and sank two free throws with two and a half left in the quarter. Both teams remained cold as time wore down in the quarter, and Scappoose led 36-28 entering the fourth.

The Indians scored five straight to start the fourth and push the lead back to double digits before Hilton scored a tough floater in the lane with five minutes to go. The Mooks continued to struggle offensively and though they entered the bonus with just under four minutes left, they failed to capitalize and lost 53-40.

Tillamook dropped to 10-7 overall on the season and 2-4 in league play with the loss, following a 49-45 win on January 27, at Astoria. The Mooks had an extended break in action after the game, with their next matchup coming on February 6, versus Seaside.



Tatum Lancaster goes up for the Mooks' first basket against the Indians.

Mook swimmers dominate Blanchet Invitational

Cheesemakers win eight events and Gomes shines

DAVID RICHMOND
Tillamook Swim Coach

The boys' and girls' swim teams both blitzed the competition at the Blanchet Invitational held at the Salem Kroc Center over the weekend and each won the team title going away. The boys scored 377 points, and the girls scored 349 points to runners-up Taft and Valley Catholic who each finished with 315 points. Valley Catholic are the defending District 3 Champions from 2025.

The meet boasted 10 teams including 5A Central High School. It was one of the biggest meets of the year in terms of size and importance heading into the Cowapa League and District 3 championship meets in less than two weeks. The Cheesemakers host the League Championships at 3 p.m. on Friday, February 6th at the Tillamook YMCA. It gives us a ton of momentum at the most important time of the year. Our team has trained hard all year and is motivated.

Standout freshman, Violette Gomes had a breakout meet for the Cheesemakers, scoring 37 points for the team in her individual events and swimming two key legs on winning relays. She won the backstroke by six seconds over the nearest competitor and placed 2nd

in the butterfly to three-time All-State competitor, Aanya Chakaravarthy from Valley Catholic. Chakaravarthy was one hundredth of a second away from being a state champion as a freshman last year. Violette stayed right on her hip and held strong throughout the race. We nicknamed her 'The Shadow Ghost' for several reasons. However, she gave a new meaning to the nickname this past weekend. All of a sudden, she emerges out of nowhere on the back half of races. She would terrify me if I was an opposing coach.

Indi Rhodes dominated the 200 individual medley where she swam an impressive personal best and ran away with the race by 16 seconds. Her 500 time was a monster personal record as well. She is so much

further along this year than last year. Incredible things are in store this year if she continues this clip and progression. It's very exciting to watch.

The girls 200 and 400 free relays of Gomes, Rhodes, Rachel Phillips and Emmie Mulder also swam well ahead of the nearest competitors in the respective events. They haven't lost a race this season except to a larger classification school. We have a lot of options in the relays this year and while we saw some season bests, we have a ton of time we can still drop.

Tillamook won eight races in the meet and maybe none were more satisfying than the boys 400 Free Relay. Before the race an in-district school was trash talking the Tillamook

boys and calling them "lightweights". The quartet of Cyrus Werner, Soren Johnson, Wyatt Swart and Johnny Sappington did not take the feedback well. The talk motivated the foursome to a seven second personal record this year where three of the boys put up big individual bests during their legs. They won the event by a large margin. It was a great way to not only end the meet but catapult our team into future meets. We're confident we can go even faster as the year progresses.

Also on the boy's side, Swart continues to be lead the way, this time with 37 points for the team to win the 100 butterfly and almost win the 50 free as well. Captain Johnson took home top honors in the 200 freestyle with a new personal best

and Johnny Sappington won the 500 free by a whopping 33 seconds. These guys are the catalysts for the team. We go as far as they will take us. They have incredible talent around them with Werner, Tristan Valencia, North Mulder, Mason Barajas, Easton Vance and many others. We know we're deep this year and the guys are hungry. They are not taking anything for granted. There is something to prove this year and they are preparing and pushing each other like I have not seen in a while.

Even with capturing both team titles over the weekend, the kids know there is still a lot more to accomplish and many areas where we can still improve.

It's going to be an exciting final stretch of the season.

Senator Ron Wyden visits Adventist Health Tillamook to discuss dialysis access and rural healthcare challenges

Adventist Health Tillamook welcomed U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden on Thursday, January 22, for a visit and tour of Adventist Health Tillamook and the Tillamook Kidney Center, where he met with patients and healthcare leaders to discuss access to dialysis and the broader challenges facing rural healthcare systems.

During the visit, Senator Wyden heard directly from patients about the impact of having dialysis services unavailable locally for a period of time. Patients shared the physical, emotional, and financial strain of traveling long distances multiple times a week for life-sustaining care — often leaving home in the early morning hours and facing added stress during an already demanding treatment schedule. Leaders from Adventist Health Tillamook and Dialysis Clinic, Inc. (DCI) described the months of coordinated effort required to restore dialysis services in Tillamook County and the importance of stability and continuity of care close to home.

The discussion also focused on the future of rural healthcare and the need for

policy approaches that recognize the unique challenges rural communities face. Participants highlighted concerns about the potential impact of HR1, noting that reductions or structural changes to healthcare funding and reimbursement can disproportionately affect rural hospitals and specialty services, where margins are already thin and workforce recruitment is more difficult. Without careful consideration, such changes can increase the risk of service disruptions for rural patients who have limited alternatives for care.

In addition, leaders emphasized opportunities to strengthen rural healthcare through workforce development initiatives, including the Rural Health Transformation Program fund. Investments in training, recruitment, and retention of healthcare professionals were discussed as critical to ensuring long-term access to services such as dialysis, primary care, and specialty care in rural and coastal communities.

"Dialysis is not optional care — it is essential to life," said Eric Swanson, president of Adventist Health Tillamook. "We are



Center patient; Senator Ron Wyden; Sharon Marti, Dialysis Clinic Inc. Senior Operations Director; Molly Lust, RN, Tillamook Kidney Center Nurse

grateful for elected officials like Senator Wyden who take the time to visit our community, listen to patients, and see firsthand how federal and state policies affect access to care in rural areas. That kind of engagement is vital as we work together to protect

rural healthcare and build a sustainable workforce for the future."

Senator Wyden's visit to Tillamook County was adjacent to a series of town halls held along the Oregon Coast. His long-standing work on healthcare policy, including his role on the

Senate Committee on Finance, which oversees Medicare and Medicaid, provided context for conversations about dialysis access, reimbursement, and the realities faced by rural providers and patients.

Adventist Health Tillamook remains committed to working collaboratively with community partners, nonprofit providers, and policymakers to advocate for solutions that protect access to essential services and support the health and well-being of rural communities across Oregon and beyond.

About Adventist Health Tillamook: Since 1973, Adventist Health Tillamook is a faith-based, nonprofit healthcare organization that includes: a 25-bed critical access medical center located in Tillamook, Oregon; the largest hospital-based ambulance service in Oregon with four stations located throughout Tillamook County; and rural health clinics and urgent care medical offices serving the northern Oregon coast as well as the communities of Vernonia and Estacada. Adventist Health Tillamook employs over 550 associates and healthcare providers and is part of Adventist Health, a faith-based, nonprofit integrated health system serving more than 100 communities in California, Hawaii and Oregon. For more information about Adventist Health Tillamook, visit AdventistHealthTillamook.org.

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WHITE CLOVER GRANGE

Join us for a delicious celebration of all things pie on Saturday, February 7, at 2 p.m. at the White Clover Grange. This annual and fun event takes place on Saturday, February 7th at the White Clover Grange in Nehalem and is a fundraiser for the Grange building fund.

Fifteen dollars (\$5 for children 10 and under) opens the door to a fast-paced pie auction with pie-lover and publisher Chip MacGregor. The auction features two dozen creative, delicious, and impressive pies from local bakers, chefs, and restaurants and is followed by a pie and ice cream feast. Fruit pies, custard pies, sa-

very pies, gluten-free pies and various pies-but-not-pies will all be featured at the event.

Along with talented home bakers, eating establishments contributing their signature pies to this year's auction and feast table include Wild Cafe, Buttercup, the Bunkhouse, Big Wave, Downies Cafe, the Roost, Off Shore Grill, Manzanita Grocery and Deli, Neahkahnie Smokehouse and the Salmonberry.

Major sponsors include Manzanita Lumber, Nehalem Lumber, Manzanita Grocery and Deli, Fresh Foods, Mohler Sand and Gravel and Coast Construction.

Join your community on Saturday, February 7th. Doors open at 1:30

p.m. and the auction starts promptly at 2. There's nothing better to get you through a winter's afternoon than bidding on a delicious, locally made pie and then celebrating by eating lots of great pie and ice cream, all while supporting the White Clover Grange. Please help us continue the ongoing work of maintaining our 105-year-old building as a functional community resource.

White Clover Grange
36585 Highway 53
Nehalem OR, one mile north of Mohler

Find more about the White Clover Grange at www.whiteclovergrange.org and on Facebook and Instagram.



Devils Lake Fork bridge repairs to begin early February



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

We're repairing and preserving the Devils Lake Fork Bridge that crosses the Wilson River on OR 6 near milepost 32, starting in early February.

When work starts, you can expect:

- Crews working during the day.
- Single lane closures with an automated flagging device to control traffic through the work zone between:
 - o 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday
 - o 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Fridays.
- Most of the work to be

under the bridge.

- Construction noise and delays.
- The bridge to be weight-restricted for the duration of the project.

We plan to complete this work in 2026.

Semitrucks and heavy vehicles

If you drive a semitruck or similar heavy vehicle, you can expect this bridge to be weight restricted during construction to permit weight tables 2 through 5. Please review the Commerce and Compliance Division's Permissible Vehicle Dimensions and Weight Tables webpage

to learn more.

About the project

The Devils Lake Fork Bridge is on OR 6, an important tourist and freight route between the Portland area and the coast.

As part of the repairs to the bridge, we're planning to:

- Remove the rust.
- Replace worn out or damaged bolts and rivets as needed.
- Apply a new layer of paint.

This work will help strengthen and preserve the bridge, keeping it in good working condition.

An update on local museums' winter operations

TILLAMOOK COAST HISTORY ALLIANCE

The Tillamook Coast History Alliance is a collective of history-based and culture-based museums, societies, and organizations in Tillamook County that stay connected through quarterly meetings in which we share resources, celebrate our successes, and stay on top of the changing dynamics and trends within the historical community.

Our local Tillamook County history is rich and vibrant, and we are grateful to those that are committed to preserving and sharing

the significant stories of the coast. From the storied history of the county's indigenous population to our deep maritime tales, to the engrossing accounts of our early pioneers, there is so much to learn and so many stories to preserve here in our county.

A few highlights from our most recent meetings:

Tillamook County Historical Society has books on local history, available for sale on their website tillamookhistory.org. They are currently underway with a project for signage on historical sites within the county. There is also a dedicated

group of TCHS volunteers that have taken on preserving historic cemeteries in Tillamook County. Their group has cleaned more than 400 headstones.

Nehalem Valley Historical Society has been very busy with hosting educational talks open to the public regarding local history. Topics have ranged from the history of the KKK in Tillamook County to the recent artifact finds in the Nehalem River that have been associated with Beeswax Wreck of 1693.

Tillamook County Cultural Commission is the administrator of Oregon

Cultural Trust's funds in Tillamook County. Local cultural, educational and historical groups are encouraged to apply for their annual grant program, with applications typically due at the end of each year. The TCCC is currently searching for new board members who help determine how the funds are disbursed. If interested, please contact ashley@tillamookcoast.com to get connected.

Tillamook Forest Center is currently observing their winter hours, and they will be closed to the public until March 5, 2026. During this time, staff work on projects,

training, and planning for the next season. They are often looking for summer site hosts and center volunteers. Reach out to ashley@tillamookcoast.com for more information.

Tillamook County Pioneer Museum hosted their annual fundraiser, the Festival of Trees, in December. There are lots of updates and changes the museum has in store and it's a great place for visitors and locals to visit and support. They also have a gift shop that has many local history books written by local authors.

Garibaldi Historic Boat-house had a successful open house season May-Sept. 2025,

in which they welcomed 2,400 visitors from 32 states and 17 different countries. They are currently working on building programs and refining their organization.

Tillamook Coast Visitors Association is happy to assist and manage the Tillamook Coast History Alliance, and our list of members is ever-changing. If you are involved in a group or organization that might be a good fit for the Tillamook Coast History Alliance, please reach out to Ashley Carr, Tourism Sector Outreach Coordinator with Tillamook Coast Visitors Association at ashley@tillamookcoast.com.

CTE Month at TBCC

When talking about the future of the college, the conversation often involves the local workforce and economic resilience. How can Tillamook Bay Community College help people build stable lives for themselves and their families? Can TBCC help the local workforce? One of the most effective answers to those questions is Career and Technical Education.

What is Career and Technical Education?

Career and Technical Education (CTE) is almost anything that isn't considered STEM. Careers in manufacturing, natural resources, engineering, healthcare and many other fields are all CTE-focused. These programs are gaining popularity among community colleges because they

offer high earning potential and fill gaps in the workforce.

Career and Technical Education also reflects a broader shift in how students approach higher education. Many learners want flexible, affordable programs that clearly connect to career goals, especially in rural communities where access and time matter. CTE offers an option that values hands-on skills, practical experience, and efficient pathways to credentials, while maintaining academic quality. This approach allows students to make informed choices about their education.

CTE focuses on applied learning that prepares students for specific occupations or industries. At TBCC, students learn in environments designed to reflect real working conditions, using industry-standard tools and equipment. Unlike more general academic pathways, CTE programs are designed around workforce outcomes,

leading to certifications, licenses, or credentials that are directly connected to the county's employment needs.

Do CTE programs help the local economy?

In rural communities, economic stability depends not only on job availability but on retaining skilled workers. When students can access career training close to home, they are more likely to stay in the region, fill critical workforce roles, and build lasting careers in the community. CTE programs at TBCC reduce the need for students to leave the county to pursue education or employment, helping local employers retain a reliable workforce and reduce turnover in essential industries.

CTE contributes to a stronger workforce pipeline and greater economic resilience by supporting students in building sustainable local careers. These programs help ensure that Tillamook County businesses, healthcare providers,

and public services have access to trained professionals who are invested in the community where they live and work.

How can TBCC impact the local workforce?

One of TBCC's main goals is to provide students with clear pathways to family-wage jobs. The college is one of just 13 institutions nationwide selected to participate in Phase 2 of the Rural Guided Pathways Project. This initiative focuses on improving completion rates and creating clear pathways from education to employment. Guided pathways help students understand which courses they need, how long programs will take, and what careers their credentials can lead to.

TBCC's work with the

Rural Guided Pathways Project plays a significant role in determining which programs the college offers. The Welding Program remains one of TBCC's most popular, alongside a growing number of apprenticeship opportunities. Since launching in 2023, the Nursing Program has filled each cohort with 12-15 students. All of these programs can lead to family-wage jobs, which help bolster the local workforce.

TBCC is also participating in the Scaling Apprenticeship at Community Colleges Project. This work strengthens partnerships between the college and local employers, expands paid on-the-job learning opportunities, and ensures the curriculum is aligned with real workforce needs. Apprenticeships allow students to earn wages while completing coursework, making education more accessible while directly benefiting local industries. There are currently 34 apprentices

enrolled at TBCC.

CTE prepares students and supports the community:

By combining clear educational pathways with hands-on, workforce-driven programs, TBCC serves as a bridge between students and the local economy. Guided pathways help students navigate their education with purpose, while apprenticeships and CTE programs ensure that learning remains connected to real employment opportunities. Together, these efforts create a system that supports student success and meets employer needs.

As the workforce continues to change, the college's focus on guided pathways, apprenticeships, and industry-aligned programs ensures that TBCC students graduate with the skills and experience they need. Through CTE, TBCC is not only preparing students for jobs; it is investing in a stronger, more sustainable future for Tillamook County.



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Questions? Contact: Hannah Snow Roberts, snowh@tillamook.k12.or.us, (503) 842-4414, ext. 1200

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JOB QUALIFICATION

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

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HH26-011 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 143621-OR Loan No.: *****2400 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by WILLIAM J BENEDICT, as Grantor, to OLD REPUBLIC NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 11/24/2020, recorded 12/22/2020, as Instrument No. 2020-09229, in the Official Records of Tillamook County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Tillamook County, Oregon: A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTIONS 34 AND 35 TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE NORTH LINE OF TRASK RIVER COUNTY ROAD, NORTH 27° 16' WEST 338.4 FEET FROM THE QUARTER SECTION CORNER COMMON TO SECTIONS 34 AND 35, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST; AND THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE COUNTY ROAD, NORTH 62° 41' WEST 197.4 FEET THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREE 11' WEST 206.93 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 61° 36' 53" EAST 279.19 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 23° 18' WEST 183.26 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; LESS ANY PART THERE OF BEGINNING; LESS ANY PART THEREOF WHICH MAY LIE IN THE COUNTY ROAD. APN: 160060 / 1S0935-B0-03700 Commonly known as: 10050 TRASK RIVER RD TILLAMOOK, OR 97141-8937 The current beneficiary is: SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: Total: 7/1/2025 - 12/1/2025 \$6,645.54 Late Charges: \$221.50 Beneficiary Advances: \$4,510.74 Total Required to Reinstate: \$11,377.78 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$175,260.88. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$171,526.61 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.75% per annum, from 6/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions

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of the Deed of Trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400, Hillsboro, OR 97006, will on 5/7/2026, at the hour of 10:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, ON THE NORTHERN ENTRANCE STEPS ON LAUREL AVENUE TO THE TILLAMOOK COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 201 LAUREL AVE, TILLAMOOK, OR 97141, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamine, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the

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performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 12/23/2025 CLEAR RECON CORP 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Jessica Lopez, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

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HH26-014 Notice of alternative service of Summons via publication in the Tillamook Headlight-Herald on behalf of Defendant/Third Party Plaintiff Knott, Inc. "This notice is hereby submitted under court order in case no. 25CV51042, County of Tillamook, in the circuit Court of the State of Oregon. Notice to the Third-Party Defendant: RICHARD HERTZ, dba CORNERSTONE HOMES. READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" to protect your rights in this matter. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal document called a "motion," a "reply" to a counterclaim, or an "answer" to a cross-claim. The "motion," "reply," or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. First Publication of this Notice is January 13th, 2026. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the third-party plaintiff's attorney or, if the third-party plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the third-party plaintiff. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at <https://www.oregonstatebar.org> or by calling (503) 684-3763 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll-free elsewhere in Oregon at (800) 452-7636."

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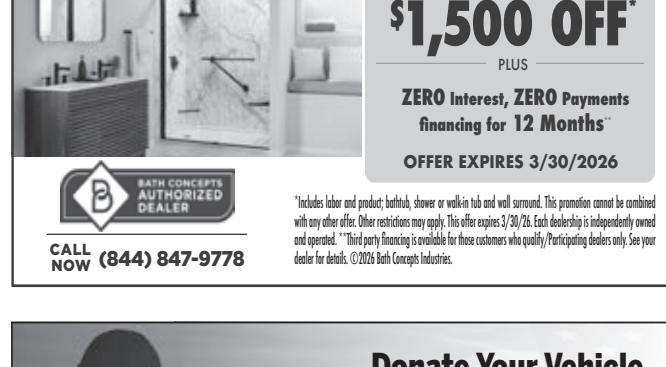
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within Tillamook County. The complete legal description is available at the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners' Office, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, Oregon. The name of the proposed district shall be the Tillamook Bay Fire & Rescue RFPD. Interested persons can obtain more information by contacting the Board of Commissioners' Office at 503-842-3403. All interested persons are welcome to submit written testimony to the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners' Office, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, Oregon 97141, electronic testimony via publiccomments@tillamookcounty.gov, or appear and testify at the Public Hearing. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners has entered a preliminary order to schedule the second public hearing and continue the approval process for the formation of said district.

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HH26-029 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 819 Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 2/16/2026.

The sale will be held at 10:00am by MENEFEW WELDING REPAIR & TOWING 31665 HWY 101 S CLOVERDALE, OR. 2020 TOYT PK VIN = 3TMCZ5AN-7LM288580 Amount due on lien \$643.00. Reputed owner(s) > CHRISTOPHER LEE CHARBO-NEUA OREGON STATE CREDIT UNION

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HH26-030 TILLAMOOK PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT February 2026 Meetings. The Tillamook People's Utility District Board of Directors will be attending the following out-of-district trade association meetings: February 4, 2026, NRU, Board of Directors Meeting, Location: Portland, OR. February 4, 2026, Public Power Council, Members

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Forum 3:00 p.m., Location: Portland, OR. February 5, 2026, Public Power Council, Executive Committee 8:00 a.m., Location: Portland, OR. February 6, 2026, PNUCC, Board of Directors Meeting 8:30 a.m., Location: Portland, OR. February 26, 2026, OPUDA 8:00 a.m., OPUDA Board Meeting, Location: Salem, OR. The Board of Directors will also be attending the following in-district meetings: February 24, 2026, Tillamook Lightwave, Board of Directors Meeting 9:30 a.m., Location: TPUD

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HH26-031 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF TILLAMOOK - PROBATE DEPARTMENT - In the Matter of the Estate of JANICE MARION LAWRENCE, Deceased. CASE NO. 25PB11173 - NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is hereby given that Larry N. Lawrence 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 personal representative in care of the undersigned attorney at: 13100 SE Sunny-side Road, Clackamas, Oregon 97015, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from records of the Court, the personal representative, or attorney for the personal representative. Larry N. Lawrence, Personal Representative /s/ James Shikany OSB#014129, James Shikany, PC, Attorney for Personal Representative, 13100 SE Sunny-side Road, Clackamas, Oregon 97015; Tel: (503) 698-9808; Fax: (503) 210-8344; Email: shikanylaw@hotmail.com

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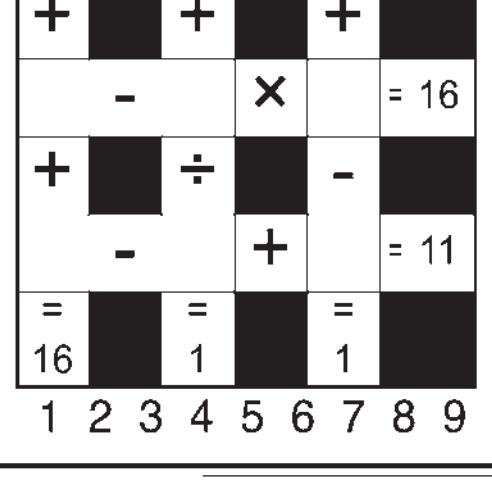
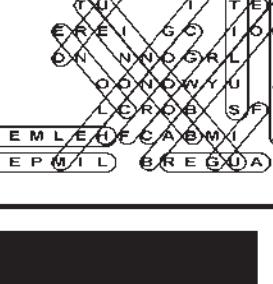
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HH26-032 RTI-Nehalem Telecom SERVICE RATES. RTI-Nehalem Telecom "RTI" is an Independent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) telecommunications service provider offering basic telephone service within its service territory. Service rates offered for the 368 exchange are as follows: Local Residence-\$16.60, Access Recovery-\$2.50. Local Business-\$32.00, Access Recovery-\$3.00. FCC subscriber single line-\$6.50. FCC subscriber multi line-\$9.20. Oregon Universal Service Fund surcharge (RES)-\$.83. Oregon Universal Service Fund surcharge (BUS)-\$1.60. Emergency 911 Services - (per line)-\$1.25

Federal and local taxes also apply. The basic services offered to all consumers in the RTI exchange

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GO FIGURE!

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

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Super Crossword

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ACROSS	48 Chilly tourist	91 Feels ill	3 Way to mark	44 Wine valley	88 Fail to
1 "Thank U, Next" singer Grande	53 New Mexico art mecca	92 Hip-hop band	44 Fourth mo.	90 Agile	91 City in Iowa
7 Yachts, e.g.	54 Old New York theater	94 Thaw after winter	5 TV ratings	93 Half of bi-	94 Sink down
12 Keto dieter's nutrient calculation	55 Whirled	96 Roadhouse	6 Chlumsky of name	95 Hired	Japanese hostesses
20 Right-rear bowling target	56 To a greater extent	97 Writer Wilde	100 "Fancy that!"	97 Yoko of "Two Virgins"	98 Taco toppers
21 Like Viking script	59 Phased-out cartoon	101 Pilot's heading indicator	7 Musical Mars	99 Split with an ax, say	101 Actor Matt
22 Call to have food delivered	108 Newton	102 del Fuego	8 "Gang" Lee	102 Actress Ryan	103 Small brooks
23 Chief justice before William Rehnquist	60 Greek	11 TV part	9 Filmmaker	104 Absorb the loss, in slang	105 Opinion pieces
25 Runaway	61 Easels, e.g.	12 Center points	51 Genesis twin	106 Lou who won three Grammys	107 Japanese sash
26 Fruity drink	63 Susa's ancient land	13 Previous to	56 St. Patrick's Day event	108 Hate	110 Garlic mayo
27 Reclined	64 Take care of H.S. lab class	14 NFL goals	57 "I give up!"	111 Makes do	111 Danish shoe brand
28 Actress Russo	66 Bikers' association	15 OK grade	60 Absconded	112 Undivided	112 Rule, informally
30 Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"	70 Tunes for two	16 Bow go-with	61 — Artois	113 Zine	122 Delhi bread
31 Makeovers	72 Permissible	17 Turbine part	62 — -i flick	123 Carried out	124 — Lanka
33 Application to improve blood flow	73 Tiny bits	18 Vista, Mexico	65 — it out (fighting)		
39 Stew legume	74 Curveball that breaks over the plate at the very last second	19 Purse piece	67 Mary-Kate of "Beastly"		
41 Glazer of "Broad City"	78 Wine vessel	20 Pen brand	68 Latching, e.g.		
42 Gold, in Italy	81 Wrinkly tangelo	21 U.S. intel org.	69 LGA info		
43 Person not getting deserved acclaim	82 Joan of Arc" actress Sobieski	22 Musical work	71 Fa-la linkup		
	83 Acorn trees	23 Web pop-up, e.g.	74 Aaron in "Hamilton"		
	85 Grassily tract	24 Purse piece	75 Water, in Chihuahua		
	86 Wrecked	25 Pen brand	77 Mimic a lion		
	89 Santa — (some winds)	26 NYC area	79 Descended		
	90 Agra dress	27 Arab League	80 Toward dawn		
		28 Quadrennial games org.	84 Actress Nicole — Parker		
		29 City near Provo	87 Funny Idle		
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HH26-033 Heather Jeanine McRae was appointed as Personal Representative in the Matter of the Estate of Frances Eleanor McRae, deceased, on 11 August 2025 by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Tillamook, Probate Department. The case number is 25PB05243. The deadline for submission of claims by creditors is four months from the date of publication of the notice. The name and address of the receiver is Heather McRae, 4359 Anna Lane, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Notices of claims are to be sent to me at that address. Creditors may not receive notice of all further proceedings in the receivership unless the creditor requests to be placed on the special notice list.

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HH26-034 Notice of alternative service of Summons via publication in the Tillamook Headlight-Herald on behalf of Defendant/Third Party Plaintiff Knott, Inc. "This notice is hereby submitted under court order in case no. 25CV39914, County of Tillamook, in the circuit Court of the State of Oregon. Notice to the Third-Party Defendant: RICHARD HERTZ, dba CORNERSTONE HOMES. READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" to protect your rights in this matter. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal document called a "motion," a "reply" to a counterclaim, or an "answer" to a cross-claim. The "motion," "reply," or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. First Publi-

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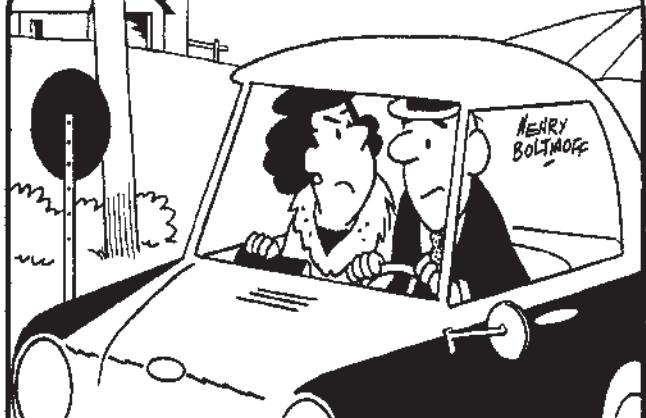
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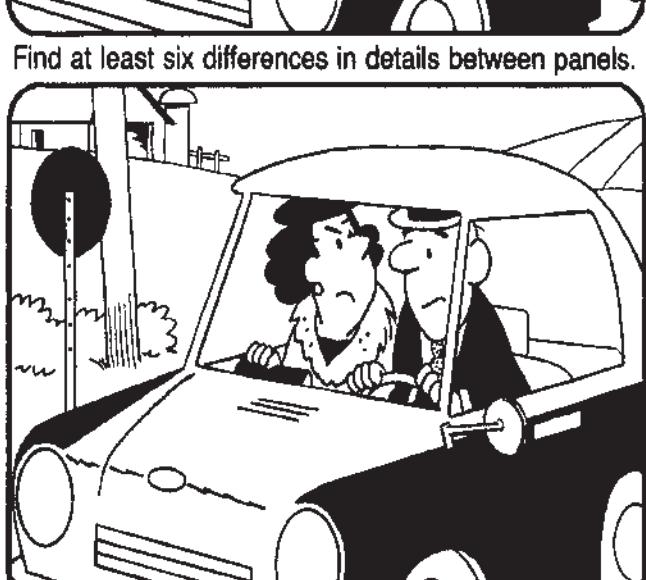
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



6. Headrest is added.
7. Mirror is moved.
8. Grill is different.
9. Side mirror is different.
10. Headrest is different.

HH26-036 PUBLIC NOTICE hereby is given that the two-year period for the redemption of real properties included in the 2023 delinquent tax lien foreclosure proceedings instituted by Tillamook County, Oregon, on August 29, 2023, in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Tillamook County, Suit No. 23-CV35066, and included in the judgment entered therein on February 23, 2024, will expire on February 23, 2026. All properties ordered sold under the judgment, unless redeemed on or before February 23, 2026 will be deeded to Tillamook County, Oregon, immediately upon expiration of the period of redemption, and every right and interest of any person in such properties will be forfeited to Tillamook County, Oregon. Saundra Gollon, Chief Deputy Tax Collector, Tillamook County

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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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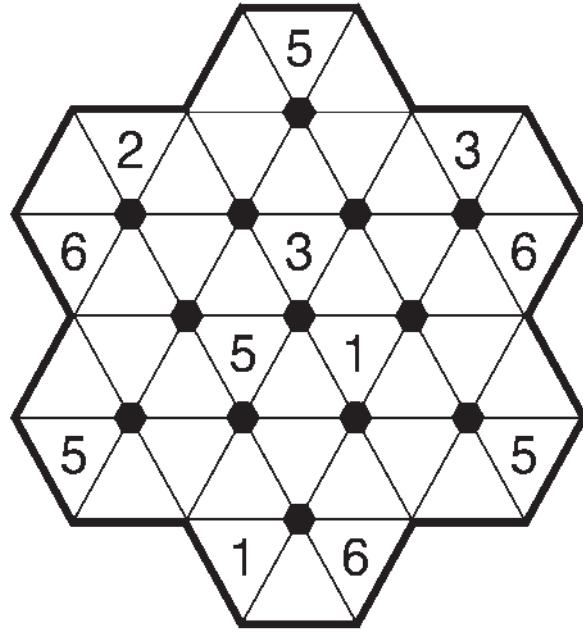
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TODAY'S WORD

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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

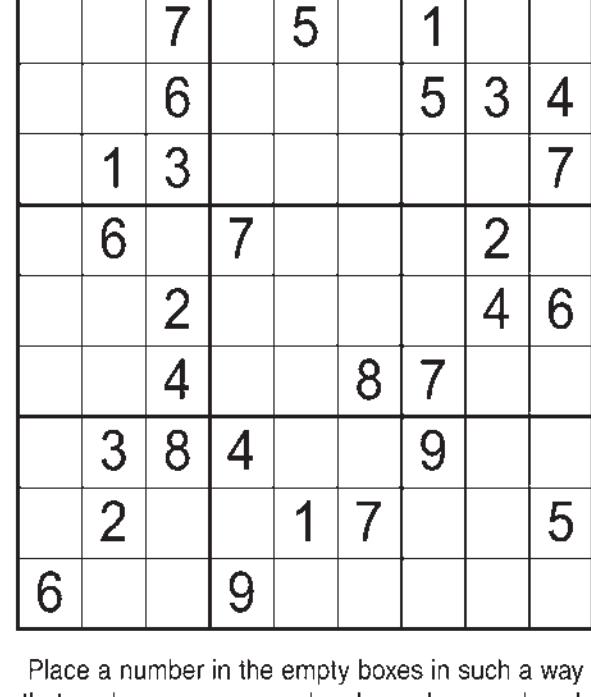


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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