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TLT debate continues

Tourist industry responds to Javadi's bill

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Headlight Editor

As a bill sponsored by State Representative Cyrus Javadi makes its way through the legislative process, conversation has been stirred about tourists and their impact on highly visited counties, including Tillamook.

Weighing in on the debate, Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association (ORLA) President and CEO Jason Brandt said that the current split was fair and questioned Tillamook County's use of the unrestricted funds and coastal counties' use of the restricted funds.

Oregon Coast Visitors Association (OCVA) Executive Director Marcus Hinz said that there was not enough data to show that the current split was insufficient to address tourists' impacts on the counties.

Hinz also argued that before trying to change the division, counties should collaborate with OCVA to use restricted funds to address the issues raised by Javadi and others.

"Generally speaking, if you want somebody's money, you should just really sit down at the table and try to work things out first," Hinz said, "and that piece has never really happened."

In response to these arguments, Tillamook County Commissioner Paul Fournier said that while he agreed more data was needed, that the impacts of the industry were not able to be sufficiently mitigated under the current arrangement was clear to any resident of the county.

"Driving anywhere during the three months is insane. Beaches are full. The impacts are real, the call volumes are going up," Fournier said. "We are tracking them, but I agree if it doesn't pass, I think it's because we haven't done a good job of showing the problem."

Fournier also pushed back on the notion, suggested by Brandt and Hinz, that the county should use the funds for purposes outside the language of the statute based on assurances from OCVA and ORLA, saying that would put the county in a position of potential legal jeopardy.

"It's not in the statute, so now we're doing something because

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Twin Rocks hosts 24th Clean Water Festival

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

More than 300 fourth grade students from across Tillamook County descended on Twins Rocks Friends Camp on March 18, for the 24th annual Children's Clean Water Festival hosted by Tillamook Estuaries Partnership.

Students spent the day rotating between activities that helped them learn about different aspects of the local water cycle, challenges in keeping it clean, the animals and plants that rely on it and the impacts people have.

"If it touches water or has to do with water, we try to elevate and celebrate it," said Claudine Rehn, Deputy Director of Tillamook Estuaries Partnership (TEP).

The festival kicked off 24 years ago, when Rehn applied for a grant from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality that sought to replicate a clean water festival sponsored by the department in Portland in other areas of the state.

Each year, the entire fourth grade classes from the Neah-Kah-Nie, Nestucca and Tillamook School Districts attend the festival, while students from the county's private schools attend every other year with both fourth and fifth graders.

Leading up to the festival, Danielle Maillard, TEP's Community Engagement Coordinator, worked to organize around 100 volunteers to run the seven activities for students. After setting up the activities the day prior to the festival and arriving early on the day of to prepare, the volunteers welcomed the kids at 9 a.m.

Students were split into groups and visited each of the six stations on one of two loops, with chaperones and volunteers guiding them around the camp.

The six activities in 2025's festival related to water quality, macro invertebrates, marine debris, salmon homes and the water cycle, while the camp's main activity hall hosted exhibitions from



Students examine a model showing different potential sources of water pollution.

various partner agencies.

At the macro invertebrates' station, kids examined the gilled creatures before being asked to construct a model from clay. At the marine debris station, kids played a game where some were assigned to pick up ocean waste while others were assigned to play the tide, washing new debris in as the cleaners cleared the beach.

The salmon homes activity involved small groups of students creating and sharing plans for shepherding salmon to survival, while the water cycle activity saw students taking on the role of a rain drop and rolling dice to determine their path between the clouds, ocean and precipitation on

land to demonstrate the varying paths any droplet can take in the cycle.

At the clean water station, kids learned about TEP's countywide water-quality monitoring program and got a chance to examine water under ultraviolet light.

The exhibit hall featured displays about fish anatomy, native plants, water safety, birds and a touch tank with creatures from the intertidal zone.

Rehn said that the festival's goal was to raise awareness of the special place the students live and encourage them to think about ways they could help to promote and preserve it. The festival also strives to be an inclusive event,

including bilingual volunteers and sensory rooms and backpacks for students that need them.

Nowadays, the festival is supported by TEP fundraising efforts, but staff from the Department of Environmental Quality still participate, as do staff from Oregon Shores, Oregon State Parks, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Seaside Aquarium, the Salmon Superhighway and Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Many private citizens also contribute their time, and one longtime volunteer said that he kept returning because seeing the excitement and engagement among the students reaffirmed his belief in kids.

TCTD steps up for dialysis patients

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Since last year's closure of the dialysis clinic in Tillamook, the Tillamook County Transportation District has provided or paid for more than \$200,000 in transportation costs to get patients to Lincoln City, Astoria and Forest Grove for life sustaining care.

Tillamook County Transportation District (TCTD) General Manager Brian Vitulli said that coordinating the 115,000 miles of transportation has been a complex logistical dance for district staff.

"It's like conducting an orchestra, really," Vitulli said, "it's just the amount of coordination and the amount of teamwork that goes on here is incredible."

Even before the February 2024 closure of the U.S. Renal Care dialysis center in Tillamook, TCTD provided rides to their thrice weekly dialysis appointments through four different programs. But when U.S. Renal Care made the decision to shutter the center, they did not communicate with the district to help establish a plan to get patients to their new centers in Lincoln City, Astoria or Forest Grove.

"That caught us very much by surprise, you know, that the clinic



TCTD driver Jeremy Bellante assists Martin Boge into a district van for his ride to dialysis treatment in Forest Grove on March 17.

could just pull out of town like that and there not be any kind of plan for how to care for those patients or transport those patients to other centers," Vitulli said.

However, district staff buckled down and tackled the transportation task by relying on the programs that were already making patient transport possible, according to Vitulli. Those programs include the North-

west Rides Nonemergency Medical Transportation Brokerage, the district's in-house dial-a-ride program, grants received to transport veterans and reimbursement to patient family members.

The brokerage, run by the Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization, covers Tillamook, Clatsop and Columbia Counties and relies on a network of volunteer

drivers to transport Medicaid- and Oregon-Health-Plan-eligible patients to medical appointments. Vitulli said that the brokerage was covering just over 50% of the rides.

A further 40% of rides are being provided by TCTD's dial-a-ride program, which has put a strain on that program's capacity, according to Vitulli. For the most part, patients' dialysis treatment schedules have not been coordinated and the long travel times to the clinics have largely meant that drivers stay for the duration of the three-and-a-half to five-hour treatment.

"It's way outside of our service area and it doesn't make sense for us to bring that driver back in a lot of cases," Vitulli said, "so pretty much, you know, the vehicle and that driver is busy for that entire time transporting them there and then transporting them back."

District dispatchers have done their best to coordinate other rides for the drivers in areas of the county closer to the dialysis centers, but that has been difficult. Vitulli said that dialysis transport was requiring two to four drivers' time on an average day, constraining the program's ability to serve other community members.

"This is the reason we're at

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Hwy 101 scheduled for one-lane in Garibaldi

Highway 101 through downtown Garibaldi will be restricted to one lane operations during the week of March 31, as crews from K&E Excavation reconstruct sections of the road and repave from 1st Street to 11th Street.

One of the project leads from K&E told Garibaldi’s city council that the closure comes as work wraps up on sidewalks on the south side of the roadway and that the project is now six to eight weeks ahead of schedule.

The \$10.6-million project began last September and when completed will see Americans-with-Disability-Act-compliant crossings throughout the city’s downtown corridor. The project is being funded in chief by \$8.5 million in federal funds, with the state of Oregon chipping and City of Garibaldi contributing the remainder.

The project representative told the council that the work would take place in three phases, starting with the section of roadway between 7th and 12th Streets, then moving onto the section between 6th and 3rd Streets and finishing from 3rd to 1st Street. Work on the second section is expected to take the longest as there will be significant changes to the course of the road, and it will need to be completely reconstructed.

During the work, the road will have flaggers and pilot cars operating around the clock and side streets will be closed intermittently.

While the work is scheduled to be completed in one week with crews planning to work from before dawn until after dusk, it may take longer depending on weather conditions and other factors.

The project is scheduled for completion this fall.

Neah-Kah-Nie School Dist. seeks operation levy

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Facing declining and unstable timber revenues, the Neah-Kah-Nie School District will be seeking voter approval for an operation levy that would generate up to \$2 million in annual revenues for the district.

Neah-Kah-Nie Superintendent Tyler Reed began public outreach in support of the levy at the Garibaldi city council meeting on March 17, and said that the district hoped that its history of being good financial stewards would give voters confidence to support the levy that will allow the district to maintain its current programming.

“We don’t need a building or a big project,” Reed said, “what we need is to keep the lights on and keep educating our kids.”

Reed began his presentation with a primer on the district’s funding, explaining that the district relied on property taxes, timber revenue, and state and federal grants for its funding. Reed explained that the district was not awarded funding from the state school equalization fund because of its high property values and timber revenues.

However, over the last two years, timber revenues have taken a precipitous dip, falling from an average of over \$4 million annually between fiscal years 2021 and 2023 to \$3.9 million in fiscal year 2024 and just \$1.4 million this fiscal year. Reed explained that the decline was in part due to the locations of timber sales and operators harvesting decisions but owed more to the habitat conservation plan for Western Oregon state forests passed by the Oregon Board of Forestry in March 2024, which placed increased restrictions on timber harvests in state forests.

After describing the district’s funding mechanisms and the threat to them, Reed highlighted some of the programs that the district offers, including free preschool for district families, free breakfast and lunch for all students, an evening bus to take students home after activities and operating two elementary schools for just 325 students.

Reed said that the district’s previously strong financial situation thanks to strong property values and timber harvests had enabled them to offer all these programs but that the fall in timber revenue could put them at risk.

To address this shortfall, the district’s board decided that it needed to seek voter approval for an operation levy and has approved the question for the May ballot.

The district is asking voters to approve a levy of 75 cents per thousand dollars of assessed property value, which would yield around \$2 million in annual revenues, according to Reed. For a house with an assessed value of \$250,000, this would mean an extra \$5.50 in monthly property tax payments.

Currently, property owners in the district are paying 50 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value towards a bond that was issued in 2004 to finance construction of the district’s middle school, but that bond is set for repayment in July, when the new levy would go into effect, if approved.

Reed said that the proposed rate was a maximum and that the district would only take the amount needed to support its current programming, with the budget committee reevaluating the levy rate annually in response to timber revenues.

Reed said that the soon-to-expire bond was approved at a rate of 94 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value but that the district had never collected more than 70 cents per thousand and, as previously noted, was currently only collecting 50 cents.

If not approved, Reed said that he estimated 20 and a half staff positions would need to be laid off to balance the budget.

Reed will be appearing at other city council meetings throughout the district over the next month and hosting town halls on April 3, at Nehalem Elementary School, April 7, at Neah-Kah-Nie High School and April 10, at Garibaldi Grade School, all scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m.

More information about the levy, including a tax impact calculator for property owners can be found at nknsd.org/levy.

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Wheeler City Manager resigns


Staff report

Wheeler City Manager Wesley Wootten publicly announced his resignation at the city council’s meeting on March 18, with an effective date of March 28. Wootten arrived in Wheeler in June 2024 from the Washington D.C. area.

Wootten recommended that the council hire select Finance Director Madeline Chestnut to serve as interim city manager during the recruitment of a permanent replacement, and they unanimously accepted the recommendation.

Chestnut plans to begin school in September, so the council instructed her to create a recruitment schedule that would see a candidate selected by mid-August to allow her at least a week of overlap to familiarize the new hire with the city.

Wheeler City Manager Wesley Wootten



Oregon lawmakers share \$38 billion budget framework amid federal uncertainty

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Oregon is in a better financial position than other states but could see its budget devastated by federal spending cuts, a framework released Wednesday by the Legislature’s top budget writers shows.

The framework, an early step toward adopting the state’s next two-year budget, comes against a backdrop of federal uncertainty. Many of the federal grants Oregon and other states use to stretch local dollars are disappearing under the new administration of President Donald Trump, and congressional proposals to cut federal spending by up to 30% could turn a modest state budget surplus into a gaping deficit.

About 32% of Oregon’s budget comes from federal spending.

“We are better off than many states,” said Sen. Kate Lieber, a Beaverton Democrat and co-chair of the budget-writing Joint Ways and Means Committee. “If you look at what’s happening in Washington and in Colorado and in Maryland, I think they’re really looking at cutting their budgets right now, and we’re not in that position.”

Instead, the document Lieber and House co-chair Tawna Sanchez, D-Portland, presented on Wednesday reflects \$38 billion in projected spending to continue current programs and ends with a surplus of \$987.5 million, after setting aside close to \$600 million for long-term savings.

It contains \$11.4 billion for the State School Fund, an increase over the \$10.2 billion schools received from the fund during the current budget cycle, which aligns with Gov. Tina Kotek’s recommendations to change how the state calculates school funding.

And it ups spending on human services by nearly \$2 billion, which Sanchez and Lieber attributed to higher caseloads and costs per case in social service agencies.

The framework includes \$375 million for expected raises and cost-of-living adjustments for state employees and others represented by collective bargaining units, as well as \$100 million for the Legislature’s emergency fund, which lawmakers on the Emergency Board can use to respond to issues that arise while the Legislature isn’t in session. In recent years, that included appropriating extra money to plow roads during a heavy snow season.

Some areas, including transportation, administration and economic and community development, reflect cuts of tens or hundreds of millions of dollars since the last budget. Sanchez and Lieber said that’s because they’re not continuing one-time spending, such as the \$6 million lawmakers provided in the 2023-25 budget to address backlogged unemployment fraud investigations.

The framework is also based on available revenue now, while the final two-year budget lawmakers must approve before leaving the Capitol in June will be based on the May economic forecast. That could mean budget-writers have more money available than the \$39.7 billion they now anticipate being able to spend or save.

The framework doesn’t include Gov. Tina Kotek’s three major proposed spending increases: \$211 million for education needs, \$825 million for housing and homelessness and \$247 million for behavioral health. The \$987.5 million surplus wouldn’t cover all of Kotek’s priorities, let alone any new spending tied to legislative proposals, and Lieber and Sanchez said lawmakers will need

“Even if we wanted to wholesale adopt her recommendations, which we don’t normally ever do anyway, we wouldn’t be able to afford that,” Lieber said.

They also looked at what

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would happen to Oregon’s budget if federal funding for education and human services dropped by 10%, 20% or 30%. Any such cut would lead to a multi-billion hole in Oregon’s budget, as high as \$9.7 billion for a 30% cut.

“There’s no comfortable way that we’re going to get out of any pain here if we get anywhere near that now,” Sanchez said.

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Support urged to pass Food for All Oregonians legislation

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Over 200 advocates, community members, and coalition partners from all corners of Oregon took their voices to the Oregon State Capitol to urge lawmakers to pass Senate Bill 611 Food for All Oregonians.

Advocates met with 51 legislators, representing 75 districts, March 18, to push for what they described as critical bipartisan legislation that would ensure more Oregonians — including immigrants and refugees — can access to vital food assistance.

As part of the Immigrant Justice Package, a key recommendation of the Oregon Hunger Task Force’s Roadmap to End Hunger and a priority of the BIPOC Caucus, Food for All Oregonians is a statewide movement to advance immigrant justice and ensure Oregonians have access to the food they need to thrive.

With more than 180 organizations backing the effort, backers of the legislation said the advocacy day demonstrated the overwhelming public support for ensuring that food assistance reaches Oregon’s immigrant youth and elders.

Right now, one in six kids in Oregon is food insecure, and one in 13 Oregonians over 60 struggle to put food on the table. And last year, Oregon Food Bank saw 2.5 million visits to food assistance sites across the region — alarmingly, visits from children rose by 30%. While food assistance sites work tirelessly to meet this need, food alone cannot solve hunger — passing policies like Food for All Oregonians is critical, according to Oregon Food Bank President Andrea Williams.

“As a mother, I want to know that my kids — and all kids — have a stable, nourished future,” Williams said. “Hunger should never be a barrier to learning, to growing, to thriving. Food for All Oregonians is our chance to create a stronger,

healthier future for our children, our elders and our communities.”

Food for All Oregonians would mirror the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), making food assistance available to youth and elder Oregonians who are excluded from the federal program due to immigration status, according to a release from the Oregon Food Bank.

“Programs like SNAP are the most effective anti-hunger tools we have, lifting millions out of poverty each year and helping keep families stable. They also prevent homelessness by easing financial strain, lowering eviction risk and supporting families at risk of losing their homes,” the release states.

“In Oregon, many people who rely on food assistance are also renters, making this a key strategy for housing stability,” Williams said. “Washington and California have already expanded food assistance to ensure families and individuals are not excluded based on immigration

status.”

“Oregon has long been a place where we care for our neighbors and step up to meet big challenges,” Sen. Wlnsvey Campos [D-Aloha] said. “Food for All Oregonians is a chance for us to live out those values — ensuring that every child, every elder and every family has access to the food they need. I’m proud to join advocates across the state in making this vision a reality.”

Martha Verduzco, Director of the Immigrant Help Center and the Rural Organizing Project, said Food for All Oregonians is not just the right thing to do — it’s a smart investment in Oregon’s economy, noting that the USDA estimates that every \$1 spent on food assistance generates about \$1.50 in local economic activity, supporting businesses, jobs and wages across the state.

“This isn’t just about food,” Verduzco said. “It’s about our humanity, our compassion, and our responsibility to each other. Our legal status should not matter.”

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somebody in a private industry sector is saying, “you can do this, we won’t sue you,” Fournier said. “The government can’t run that way.”

After the Headlight Herald’s recent interview with Javadi regarding his bills attempting to amend the division of transient lodging tax (TLT) dollars from the current allocation requiring 70% be spent on tourism promotion or related facilities, Hinz reached out to respond.

With ORLA serving as the chief group representing the interests of the tourist industry in Salem and leading opposition to Javadi’s attempts at reform, the Headlight Herald also reached out to Brandt for his thoughts.

Javadi originally proposed two bills, but that has now been reduced to a single bill proposing a change in the ways restricted funds can be used to allow for them to go towards public safety and community infrastructure.

Javadi argues that tourists’ impacts on public safety cannot be sufficiently addressed by the \$7 million in unrestricted TLT revenue available annually to Tillamook County. The impact of tourists on Tillamook County is reflected in a 1,000-call-per-month increase in volume in the tourist season (4,750 versus 3,750) in June, July, August and September, while half of citations throughout the year go to drivers from outside of the county.

Brandt argued that this was hardly the time to readdress the split as the tourism industry was still struggling after the coronavirus pandemic and needed the funding to help with its continuing recovery. Brandt said that occupancy levels were still lower than in 2019 across Oregon, including on the coast, and that if a change happened, “you can imagine a future where those dollars simply go away.”

Another concern for Brandt is the seasonality of the industry and he said that using the restricted funds to promote shoulder- and off-season visits was key to making sure that the industry could offer year-round jobs.

“There’s a lot of great jobs and careers in our industry if we can sustain demand throughout the year,” Brandt said, “and we want to pro-

vide those career ladders for over 200,000 Oregonians that work in our industry so it’s an important mission for us and protecting those tourism-promotion dollars for those times of year when the demand is not as high is a critical priority for us.”

Brandt also argued that the current unrestricted funds represented “more than our fair share” to account for tourists’ impacts on the county and took the county to task for its allocation of the unrestricted funds.

Currently, the 30% of revenue that is unrestricted goes to the public works department to pay for road maintenance in Tillamook County, as approved by voters when voting to institute the TLT in 2014.

Brandt argued that since the income from TLT had tripled in the intervening years, he believed the county should revisit the split and allocate some of the unrestricted TLT revenues to the sheriff’s office.

“I’d be pretty upset if I were the sheriff that there’s never been a community conversation as that resource has exponentially grown since 2014 to have some of it shared with other impacts that tourism has on county economies,” Brandt said.

In response to this criticism, Fournier said that the cost of building roads and bridges had also increased exponentially over the decade since the TLT was approved. Fournier also argued that Brandt was unfamiliar with the conditions in Tillamook County, which is responsible for the most bridges and culverts of any county in the state and faces frequent flooding and landslides.

Fournier said that when voters approved the TLT with its current split, the county had among the roasts words in the state, and he did not believe residents would agree with Brandt that the TLT revenues were being used unwisely.

As further proof of this, Fournier pointed to Tillamook County Public Works Director Chris Laity’s work to find outside funding for county projects, which notably resulted in the award of more than \$20 million in federal funding for the Cape Mearns Loop Road project, completed in 2023 with a county match of just over \$2 million.

“Our road department’s actually doing really well,” Fournier said, “he’s not flush but he’s using that (TLT)

money wisely and for our county it works.”

Brandt also argued that Tillamook County and others on the coast had made poor choices with the restricted revenues generated by the TLT. He said that Tillamook and other counties should use those funds to build facilities like the Seaside Convention Center that could generate revenues and help the industry grow off-season business.

Fournier, who campaigned on a platform of using TLT funds to build facilities to boost county revenues, said that he and the current board were looking at the possibility of a conference center by the fairgrounds as well as other facilities that locals and tourists could enjoy.

“When it comes to us, we are looking at it, especially me, since I’ve come on,” Fournier said, “and I can tell you that this board, we’re interested in using that money to build facilities that visitors and locals will appreciate.”

Hinz did not share Brandt’s criticism of the use of unrestricted funds but also argued that the restricted funds were not being put to the best possible use, saying that the county should get more creative with the way it spent them.

Hinz and Brandt both argued that the restricted revenues could be used to pay for law enforcement staffing and overtime costs during tourist events, though the language in the current statute makes no mention of law enforcement or public safety. Hinz argued that the funds could also be used for other purposes like mass transit or to support fire departments and that counties should partner with OCVA to explore those possibilities before seeking a statutory change.

“Let’s sit down at the table and completely exhaust all of the possibilities how that 70% can be used to solve the solutions of cities and counties and all the impacts,” Hinz said. “If we get to that point and there’s like no legal way we can actually help fix these things, well then try to take the money but don’t try to take the money first, that’s not cool, have the conversation with us.”

Fournier said that this was an unreasonable suggestion and that neither ORLA nor OCVA had the power to green light uses of funds not delineated in the statute. Fournier said that if Brandt and Hinz felt that those were appropriate uses of the restricted funds, they should put forward legislation to for-

malize them.

“They should codify it,” Fournier said. “Otherwise, they’re asking us to break the law this time with their permission, which they totally don’t have the authority to do.”

Brandt said that it felt as though the tourism industry was being targeted for more systemic issues contributing to a current budget crunch in Tillamook County, pointing specifically to Measures 5 and 50 that prevent property tax increases and depress assessed values. Brandt said that the county should lobby to reform those policies.

“It’s really hard not to look at the numbers and already feel like there’s a disproportionate, inequitable state of affairs in place where the tourism hospitality industry is being targeted for what our perceived ills or impacts on a system that

are much broader in scope and much more systematic in scope than any one industry,” Brandt said.

Hinz said that he felt like there was a lack of appreciation for what his organization specifically and the tourism industry more broadly were doing for the coast. Hinz pointed to OCVA’s funding of reporting software for fire districts and departments in Tillamook County, the purchase of an electric trolley for Yachats and programs promoting natural resource protection as examples.

Hinz said that he wanted to help address the impacts caused by tourists on coastal communities but that he did not feel they were as drastic as many locals perceived or that they could not be addressed with the current division.

“We did not cause the revenue shortfalls,” Hinz

said, “yes, of course visitors have an impact, and we want to pay for our portion of it, but we don’t want to pay for locals doing their own thing, we don’t want to pay for commerce.”

While Fournier disagreed that the current split was sufficient, he did say that he was not looking for a complete derestriction of the funds, saying that he saw the value and importance of supporting the industry.

“I don’t want it all to be unrestricted because I don’t trust government either, to a point. Like I don’t think I should be able to spend that on everything because we didn’t do a good job of keeping our budgets balanced,” Fournier said. “I feel like we have to contribute to the visitor industry, we have to keep it strong and vital but that’s why I think 50/50 is a good call.”

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our capacity,” Vitulli said, “because we’re not able to provide as much dial-a-ride service because we’re providing a life-sustaining service for people who have no other way to get there.”

Vitulli said that the program would be able to expand capacity again once the Tillamook dialysis center reopens. He also noted that the district

faces persistent driver shortages and is looking to hire new employees, adding that they paid for training.

Veterans are also transported by the dial-a-ride program, with the costs for their transport are offset by grants from the federal government.

The final piece of the transportation equation comes from patient family members who are reimbursed by the district for their mileage.

Overall, Vitulli said the district has helped with transport or reimbursement for an average of 11 or 12 patients weekly, ranging up to 16 in some weeks.



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Camp Magruder announces two special events in May

Camp Magruder invites the community to experience the joy and adventure that have defined the camp for generations with two exciting events this May. On Saturday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., the camp celebrates its 80th anniversary with a day filled with classic camp activities, including singing around the campfire, sharing stories, and exploring the beautiful campgrounds. Guests can enjoy a complimentary lunch, purchase dinner in the Carrier Dining Hall,

and take a scenic one-hour evening train ride to Garibaldi and back. Dinner is \$15 for adults, \$13 for ages 5-17, and free for children under 5. The event is free to attend, with donations encouraged. Guests are asked to register in advance at bit.ly/Magruder80th.

Open House

The fun continues with an Open House on Saturday, May 31, from 10 AM to 2 PM, where visitors can experience the magic of camp life firsthand. Activities include archery, boating,

and guided or self-guided tours of the campgrounds. Guests can also explore a camp cabin and learn about summer programs. “Camp Magruder is a place where people of all ages connect with nature and community,” said Taylor. “We’re excited to open our doors and share the magic of camp.” This event is free and open to everyone, whether you’re a longtime friend of the camp or visiting for the first time. For more information, contact 503-355-2310 or troy@campmagruder.org.

Miami Foley road repairs – Crystal Creek and Dry Creek work starts in April

Work on the replacement of the Crystal Creek temporary bridge and the Dry Creek culvert with two new permanent bridges starts soon. This should help keep the road open to traffic during and after large storms. The new bridges will also improve passage for native fish migrating through the area.

The Dry Creek and Crys-

tal Creek culverts were in poor condition and needed to be replaced. In 2023, a storm washed out the Crystal Creek culvert, requiring a full road closure for emergency repairs.

Now, we’re returning to replace the Crystal Creek temporary bridge and the Dry Creek culvert by building two new permanent bridges. This will help keep the road

open to traffic during and after large storms. They will also improve passage for native fish migrating through the area.

The project has a cost of just under \$3 million.

When construction starts, you can expect:

- Crews working during the day.
- Single lane closures with flaggers helping direct traffic as needed.
- Delays.
- Construction noise.
- A temporary full road closure of Miami Foley Road.
- A detour route during the full road closure.

Join Cape Lookout ‘Stewardship Day’ scheduled April 3

Cape Lookout Stewardship Day offers opportunities to give back and work to maintain our natural areas and restore healthy coastal landscapes.

Every year, WEBS partners with Cape Lookout State Park to offer opportunities to give back, maintain our natural areas, and restore healthy coastal landscapes. Our efforts to remove ivy and establish new native plants have made a huge impact in the park over the last few years.

This year, we will continue our efforts with ivy removal and native plant maintenance, AND we will be creating a new native pollinator garden in the day use area. Join park staff along with WEBS volunteers on April 3rd to prepare the bed for this new garden. “Events like this not only offer an opportunity to give back, participants can connect with others in the community, enjoy a day outdoors and hear about the successes and challenges for maintaining the health of Cape Lookout State Park” shares Marina Dreeben, WEBS Stewardship Coordinator. She goes on to say, “and keep an eye out for more Stewardship Days this Spring!”

Activities are designed to accommodate a variety of skill levels. Families are welcome.

What to Bring:

- Water bottle and snacks
- Long pants and sturdy boots
- Rain gear and layers to stay warm and comfortable working on the Oregon Coast

- Work gloves, hand pruners, shovels, and trowels if you have them! (WEBS will also provide tools)

Get more information and find a link to register on our website at:

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WEBS and partners are hosting this event as part of the Explore Nature series of hikes, walks, paddles, and outdoor adventures. Led by a consortium of volunteer community and non-profit organizations, these meaningful nature-based experiences highlight the unique beauty of Tillamook County and the work being done to preserve and conserve the area’s natural resources and natural resource-based economy. Learn more about Explore Nature at www.explorenaturetillamookcoast.com.

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The Wraparound Program: A team based approach to family support

Understanding the Wraparound Program at Tillamook Family Counseling Center

The Wraparound Program at Tillamook Family Counseling Center (TFCC) is a structured coordination effort that connects families with service providers to support children with complex needs. Rather than being a direct service, it facilitates collaboration among parents, teachers, juvenile justice representatives, and other professionals to create a unified support system.

As Jane Sandquist, the Children’s Mental Health/ Wraparound Care Coordinator, emphasizes, “Wraparound is not a service—it’s a process!” The goal is to ensure these entities are aligned with a comprehensive planning process, working toward common objectives, and effectively communicating with one another.

Core Principles of Wraparound

The program is guided by ten critical principles that ensure a holistic, person-centered approach. “We always go back to these principles to make sure we are honoring them,” Jane explains. The principles include:

1. Family Voice and Choice: Families are empowered to make decisions about their own support.
2. Team-Based: A collaborative approach that involves multiple perspectives.
3. Natural Supports: Incorporating unpaid supporters who genuinely care about the child.
4. Community-Based: Prioritizing keeping children within their community and avoiding residential treatment when possible.
5. Culturally Responsive: Respecting and supporting the unique cultural background of each family.
6. Individualized: Recognizing that each child’s situation is unique.
7. Strength-Based: Focusing on strengths rather than solely on challenges.
8. Persistent: Committed to not giving up.
9. Outcome-Focused: Using systematic tracking and assessment to measure progress.

Eligibility and Access

The program has specific requirements for participation. Families must:

- Be enrolled in Oregon Health Plan (OHP)
- Be involved with multiple services
- Sign a participation



agreement

- The child must have had a behavioral health assessment (BHA) within the last 60 days (this can be completed at TFCC upon referral to the Wraparound Program)

Referrals can come from anyone, including school counselors, teachers, juvenile justice representatives, or other service providers. Anyone who believes a child could benefit from Wraparound support can contact Tillamook Family Counseling Center to make a referral.

Impacting Lives in the Community

The Wraparound Program has transformed lives in Tillamook County by providing children and families with the support they need to thrive. Jane shares one memorable success story:

“One remarkable case involved a seven-year-old who had lived in multiple foster homes. In residential treatment, being alone or playing independently was not possible. The first step was securing a stable foster home. With support from a reading specialist, progress from a pre-K to a third-grade reading level happened in just six weeks. Initially limited to an hour of school per day, this child is now thriving—adopted, kayaking, skiing, and preparing for college.”

The program’s success is rooted in strong community partnerships, particularly with Juvenile Justice and local schools. “Melissa from Juvenile Justice is incredible—she works so closely with us,” Jane says.

Schools also play a vital role, with special education teachers, counselors, and principals actively participating in Wraparound planning meetings. “Our teams are amazing—people show up and follow through. Parents choose who’s on the team, whether it’s a teacher, a neighbor, or a grandparent. Anyone involved in the child’s life can be included.” By bringing together the right people and resources, Wraparound creates lasting change, ensuring children

receive the care, stability, and opportunities they need to succeed.

Key Challenges and Considerations

A challenge in Wraparound is securing natural supports—individuals who care for the child outside of paid professionals. TFCC’s Family Partner, Shannon Fullen, helps parents stay engaged. The program also aims to add a Youth Partner, a mentor with lived experience, but finding candidates for this part-time role remains difficult.

About Jane Sandquist

Jane brings a wealth of experience to her role, having worked as a school psychologist, assistant dean, and head of school. After retiring to run a bed and breakfast, she realized she wanted to stay involved with children and applied for a part-time position at TFCC. “Retirement was not enough,” she recalls. Eleven years later, she’s still dedicated to supporting families. For Jane, the

most rewarding part of her work is seeing children and parents make lasting changes. “It’s amazing to watch kids turn their lives around, and even more powerful when parents recognize their own role in the process.”

Getting Help

For parents and caregivers seeking support, Jane advises them not to hesitate to reach out. “If they have no services at all and don’t know where to start, call TFCC. If the issue is at school, reach out to the school staff and follow the pathways available. Don’t be shy about getting help—there are people here ready to talk and support you.”

The Wraparound Program at TFCC is a vital resource for families navigating complex systems, ensuring children receive the coordinated care they need to thrive. For more information or to make a referral, contact TFCC directly at (503) 842-8201 or visit their website at www.tfcc.org.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Against Tillamook tax and rate increases

The Tillamook Headlight Herald (THH) reported on March 11, 2025, that Tillamook’s new Interim City Manager Kevin Perkins, who has just a little over two months on the job, recommended to our city council in a March 3rd council work session that it adopt 15% (fifteen) rate hikes for water and sewer services for in-city customers (and more modest increases for out-of-city customers). The THH article reported Perkins stating that revenues are not sufficient to support needed upgrades, cash reserves are expected to be depleted in 2031 (note that this is some 6 years from now!). It also reported him recommending that the council implement 5% automatic annual increases. But it seems he also noted that a “rate study is currently being undertaken by an outside consultant.” That is encouraging. The article further summarized additional hikes he recommended (gas tax, police department levy, public works bonds or loans). Then it reported he suggested to the council that it could either adopt his recommendations or “convene a revenue work group made up of stakeholders and community members to generate recommendations of their own.”

While I don’t doubt that the water and sewer systems have ongoing needs, these should be detailed in the aforementioned rate study and due attention should be given to the consultant’s report by the council and a community-focused revenue work group before any otherwise seemingly unsubstantiated rate increases are adopted, especially at the level of the 15% increases Perkins recommended. Similarly, any need for potential additional hikes to other services ought to be considered in a fully transparent budgeting process. I respectfully implore our city council to take this approach so that we can all be fully informed of our community’s actual needs and the best options for meeting them.

Dave Shively
Tillamook

Response to Reeve’s letter

From the tone of Debbie Reeve’s recent letter in the Herald, I doubt I will be able to persuade her that the federal government, while it certainly has problems, is not

what she should be worried about. Nevertheless, I would like to clarify a few of her statements.

-The well-behaved crowd of four hundred plus at Neah-Kah-Nie High School did not need “stirring up.” Local residents came to air their frustrations and grievances with their elected representatives. And did just that. This is what is known as the democratic process. We are fortunate to have representatives willing to host town halls across Oregon.

-Reeve’s claims that the agencies of the federal government are rife with “waste, fraud and corruption.” But where are the watchdogs to check fraud, etc? she wondered. That role was once filled by Inspector Generals. Oh, they were fired by Trump.

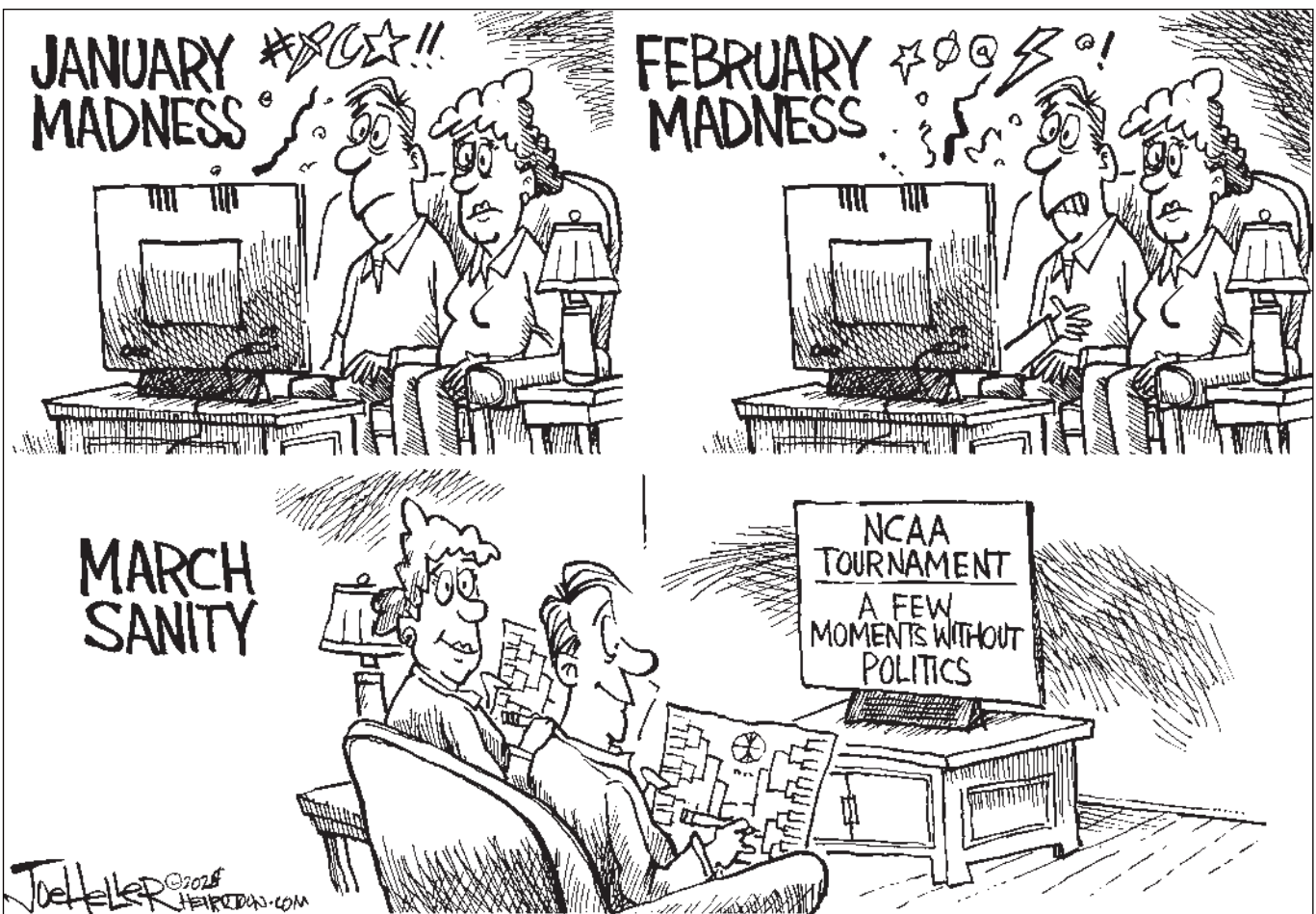
-A constitutional crisis arises when one or more of the parties to a political dispute willfully chooses to violate a law or to flout an unwritten constitutional convention. It has nothing to do with the unwelcome and unfortunate social unrest in Portland.

-Reeves suggests Merkley’s long years in public service were possibly due to the introduction of mail-in-ballots in 1998. What is Reeves hinting at? In my opinion, we here in Oregon are lucky to have a senator of Merkley’s caliber and to be able to vote by mail.

-What does Reeves think about the freezing of a four-million-dollar grant for affordable housing in Tillamook County by Musk/Trump? Or the gutting of the Consumer Protection Agency whose mission is to protect the economic interests of everyday Americans like Reeves and myself?

I could go on. The point, as Chris Spence noted in his letter to the editor, is that Trump/Musk are not really going to solve the big problems the federal government faces by burning down the house. Their real aim is to weaken federal government (by firing thousands of civil servants and disrupting services) to the point where the Fed-Gov functions so poorly that Trump/Musk can pursue an agenda that favors the ultra-wealthy and large corporations. In the short and long run, who will be impacted, if not hurt, the most? The most vulnerable Americans as well as the middle-and-working class. You, me and Debbie.

Vince Welch
Bay City



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you Tillamook Starbucks

To your corporation, management staff and all your workers, thank you. The generous amount you share with this community is amazing and appreciated. In 2024, you donated 1887 pounds of pastry and sandwiches to the Adventist Community Service Center, which served 4,086 families, representing 11,602 unduplicated people in Tillamook County.

Our pantry is shop for yourself, that guarantees the food taken is what the family will eat. And boy, do they enjoy your food. We also provide your product in our hospitality room which serves many unhoused customers with something to eat. Reaching out to this community the way you do does not go unnoticed. We are blessed by your friendly staff, your kindness and dedication to serve many of the neediest

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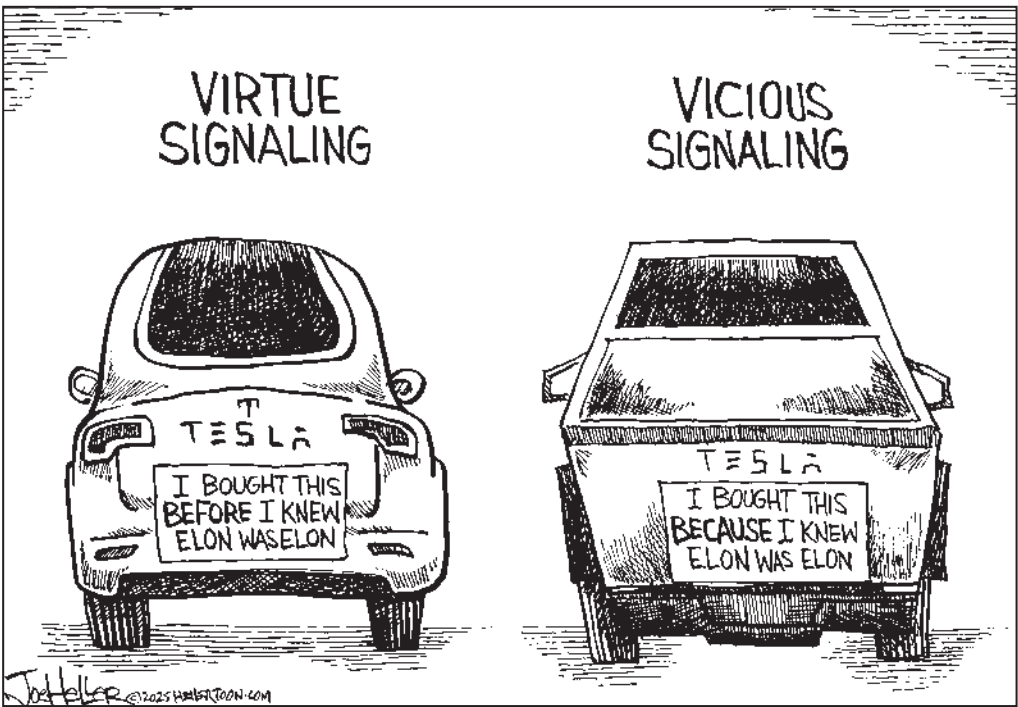
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Service Center, which served 4,086 families, representing 11,602 unduplicated people. Our hospitality room serves many of the unhoused with extra food items, which come from you. Many of the non-food items were given away as stocking stuffers and such during our Christmas project, where each family shopped and received three gifts each week of December. Safeway staff eased some of the many challenges this past year and fed people in need. This community is blessed by your kindness, compassion and dedication to service.

Donna Parks
Director of Adventist Community Services
Tillamook



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FENCEPOSTS

The March “welcome to spring” potluck hosted by Spike and Randy Klobas at the *Barbara Bennett Community Center* took place on a rainy, stormy Saturday. We can hope spring is on its way, but it sure hasn’t shown us that yet. Despite the weather, twenty-five convivial neighbors turned out for good food and newsy conversations. Spicy meatballs, fettuccine with broccoli, baked beans, chips and dip, kale and carrot salad, mango and cucumber salad, chocolate cake and other desserts—what a spread. Spike had decorated the tables with greenery;



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attendees were encouraged to take home the bay leaves and oregano plants. Thanks, Spike and Randy, for putting together such a nice gathering. Hallelujah chorus. The

black Mercedes was finally removed from the ditch by the bridge on Bayocean Road on March 12. Many thanks to the sheriff’s deputy who kept on this until it was resolved. Towing is the responsibility of the vehicle’s owner. Only if the owner cannot or does not have it removed do authorities eventually have to spend tax dollars to have it towed. Restrictions have begun again on Cape Meares/Bayocean Spit beach to protect western snowy plover nesting areas. From March 15 to September 15, certain parts of the beach are roped off, and walkers are restricted to the wet sand area below the high tide line. Dogs (even on leashes), bikes, kites, drones and camping are prohibited

in these areas. The snowy plover has been a threatened species since 1993, but it is making a comeback along the 40 miles of protected Oregon coastline due to efforts such as these. Do your part to protect these little shorebirds. Planning is underway for the Cape Meares July 4 auction. This is a major way the Cape Meares Community Association (CMCA) raises money to keep up maintenance on the community center, fund emergency preparedness efforts, put on holiday potlucks, etc. Due to the solid foundation built by Pam Robenolt over the past two years of her organizing this event, there is a good plan and discrete tasks for people to do, such as setting up tables for the auction,

soliciting donations, acting as cashier, etc. The 2025 planning committee consists of Pam Robenolt, Bev Stein, Wendy Kunkel, Kate Merz, Claudia Cameron, Manon Veilleux and Debbie Amsberry. Their current effort is contacting businesses for donations to the 2025 event. Contact Claudia Cameron if you have a contribution for the auction. Please email CMCA at capemearesca@gmail.com if you would like to help. Villagers here in Cape Meares were used to the sight of Elna and Richard “Dick” Persons out walking along the road in their bright orange safety vests. In later years, they walked along Bayocean Road, next to Cape Meares Lake, but in earlier

days, they ventured out the dike road and occasionally around onto the beach. One time, Capt. Pete and I encountered the intrepid older couple on the shore by the south jetty, where we were razor clamming. Elna passed away in 2023 at age 84, having celebrated her 66th wedding anniversary with Dick just weeks before. Her obituary noted that they met at a drug store soda fountain where Elna was working. Dick outlived his beloved wife by almost two years, dying Feb. 10, 2025, at age 90. Surely now the two of them are walking the golden pathways on the other side together. Condolences from all of us here in Cape Meares to the Persons family and friends.

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After a winter in warmer waters to the south, nearly 20,000 gray whales are on the move north to Alaska. By this last week of March, they travel along Oregon’s western border. Also out in force? More than 300 trained volunteers, stationed at numerous state parks, ready to help visitors spot these majestic mammals. Whale Watch Week happens from from March 22-30 this year (which conveniently aligns with spring break for most Oregon schools). A state-organized program, Whale Watch Week dates back nearly 50 years and runs for a second week between Christmas and New Year’s when the whales can be spotted journeying southward. Visit any of fifteen state parks along the Pacific, spanning the whole length of Oregon: from Harris Beach (located just a few miles from the California border) to Fort Stevens, near the mouth of the Columbia River. A prime spot to visit is Depoe Bay, which bills itself as the whale watching capital of Oregon. The cen-

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tral coast town, 45 minutes or so south Cloverdale on U.S. Highway 101, is home to the Oregon Whale Watching Center, which sits on the seawall and offers sweeping ocean vistas from a big viewing deck, as well as informative displays. I hear that they even have loaner binoculars. In Tillamook County, participating State Parks include Cape Meares Scenic Viewpoint, Cape Lookout State Park and Cape Kiawanda Natural Area (in Pacific City). Speaking of Pacific City, Kiawanda Community Center (KCC) serves senior lunches at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays (March 25) and Wednesdays (March 26) for \$3 (others may partake for

As visitors return to the coast after a winter of storms and atmospheric rivers, I’ve started getting questions about the bright yellow flowers growing in our fields and wetlands. It’s fun to tell them about skunk cabbage—or as some of us like to call them, Rockaway lilies. These tall, shapely yellow flowers are one of the earliest signs of spring here on our part of the coast, adding a bright splash

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of color as the greenery begins to return. From the pond behind the Center Market to the sides of the gravel portion of North 6th, from the verge of Lake Lytle to the Cedar Wetlands Preserve, these flowers bring countless little patches of sunny yellow against the grey rain clouds. But there’s more to them than the cheerful color. If you’ve never brushed up against the leaves, you might not know why they’re called skunk cabbage — and if you have, you’ll likely never forget it. The scent that the bruised leaves release attracts flies and beetles, which assume it’s a decaying

animal for them to lay their eggs on. This helps pollinate the plants, another slight deception that nature uses to its advantage. Fun fact about skunk cabbage: first, the flowers actually heat the air around them. For two weeks or so, the blossoms can raise the air temperature within them by up to 20 degrees Fahrenheit. This helps spread their scent, like warming a bowl of pot-pourri on the stove (but a lot less pleasant), which in turn attracts even more insects for better pollination. I’ve also taken to describing the leaves of skunk cabbage as looking like the biggest bok choy you’ve ever seen in your life to visitors to the Caboose. And while that’s true, they have some characteristics that require treating them with caution. The indigenous people used skunk cabbage leaves as a food source, but they learned ways of dealing with the leaves’ high concentration of calcium oxalate, or oxalic acid, which can make humans quite sick. (Bears

eat them as a kind of spring tonic to reset their digestive systems after hibernation.) Many commonly used vegetables contain oxalic acid, most notably spinach, but the concentration isn’t high enough to cause trouble for most people. But the leaves of rhubarb, for example, should be discarded. Leave the stalks for pies, tarts, or in our case, a rhubarb-apricot jam that we’re looking forward to making once our rhubarb plants develop later in the year. It’s far too early for some of the other food plants known to the indigenous residents of the Oregon Coast, but a few summers ago I took my grandchildren on a walk through the land around the Big Cedar preserve (the dry part, of course). We found salmonberries and plentiful salal growing in abundance. I don’t expect to see either one till high summer, but the golden salmonberries and leathery blue-black salal

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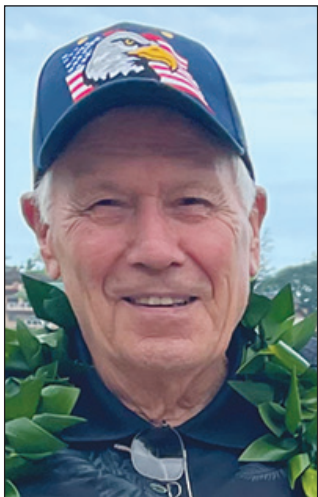
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Richard Dale Brown March 17, 1936 - March 11, 2025



mendous passion and service towards others not only serving his country in the Navy, but helping any and everyone who asked. Richard is survived by his wife, Marilyn Brown, children Troy, Ted, Guy, Dia, Justin and their families which includes his beloved grandchildren who adored their Grandpa. Richard's departure leaves an unfillable void in their lives, yet they find comfort in the memories and everlasting love they shared. After Richard's retirement from the Tillamook Cheese Factory, he became known in the Independence area as an amazing handyman. If you needed anything, Richard was the one to call. Richard has so many talents that it is hard to list them all. Pilot, musician, handyman, magician, artist, and overall great human being loved by all. Richard, a beacon of humor, kindness and love, will forever reside in our hearts. A Celebration of Life will be held later in the summer.

Ron Warren June 26, 1966 - March 16, 2025



falling before transitioning to a career in construction. His work ethic was unmatched, and he took great pride in providing for his family. Above all, Ron was a devoted father, grandfather, and friend. His love for his family was evident in everything he did. He was also an avid hunter, enjoying the outdoors and creating lasting memories with those he loved. Ron's legacy will live on in the stories he shared, the memories he created, and the lives he touched. He leaves behind his beloved daughters, Katie and Shelby Warren, two granddaughters, and friends and family who will remember his laughter, goofy nature, and unwavering love. He will be dearly missed, but his spirit will forever be with us. Rest in peace, Ron. A Celebration of Life for Ron will be held on April 5th at 11 a.m. at the Tillamook Church of The Nazarene.

Carol Bigelow Ruggeri Jan. 6, 1951 - Nov. 30, 2024

Carol Bigelow Ruggeri, of Corvallis, died November 30, 2024, at the age of 73. A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at the CH2M Hill Oregon State University Alumni Center at 725 SW 26th St, in Corvallis. Carol was born January 6, 1951, in Tillamook to Clare and Elise (Grab) Bigelow. She graduated from Tillamook High School in 1969, then attended Oregon State University. She was a proud Beaver Believer. She graduated from San Diego State University in 1973 with a degree in journalism. After graduation, she worked in radio and broadcast journalism in Roseburg and Eugene. Later she earned her real estate broker's license and worked in real estate in Eugene. She met and married Jim Ruggeri on June 3, 1982, in Eugene. The couple moved to Corvallis, Yachats, and then to Newport, where they raised their two children, a menagerie of orange cats, and one strong-willed Beagle. In Newport, Carol owned and operated Security Title and Escrow. After selling the business, she worked as a commercial loan officer for Lincoln Security Bank and later West Coast Bank. She was an active member of the community, including a member of the Newport Public Library Foundation board, the Newport chapter of the American Red Cross, the Siletz Tribe Revolving Credit Program Board of Directors, and the Lincoln County Foundation. She was also a member of the Rotary Club of Newport, serving as president from 2008-2009 and as treasurer for many

years. She served as Rotary District 5110 Assistant District Governor and was a three-time Paul Harris Fellow. She was also a member of the online Rotary eClub. Carol was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the spring of 2019 and battled it with courage and dignity. She had a fighting spirit. Even while undergoing treatment, she enjoyed gardening with the OSU Master Gardner, spending time in Kauai, and witnessing the birth of her grandson. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and she is greatly missed. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Jim Ruggeri, son Thomas Ruggeri and wife Claire, and grandson Miles, daughter Laura Ruggeri, sister Claire Niedermeyer and husband Richard, brother-in-law Mike McCarthy, nieces and nephews, Kate, Beth, Adam, Hanns, and Luke, and great-nephews and -nieces, Zachery, Gavin, Ellison, Graham, Max, Annie Jo, Piper, and Lively. She was preceded in death by her sister Susan McCarthy, parents Clare and Elise Bigelow, and nephew Ben Niedermeyer. Memorial contributions may be made to OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital Carol Ruggeri Endowment for Childhood Literacy, benefitting the OHSU Reach Out and Read program, or Team BigRug PanCAN Purple Stride at http://support.pancan.org/goto/team_bigrug. A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at the CH2M Hill Oregon State University Alumni Center at 725 SW 26th St, in Corvallis.

Patricia Ruth Meyring March 26, 1949 - Feb. 12, 2025



Patricia Ruth Meyring, 75, of McMinville, passed away peacefully on February 12, 2025, surrounded by her children. Born in Seattle, Washington, on March 26, 1949, to Maxwell Meyring and Hazel Goodwin, Patricia grew up alongside her brothers Barney and Herb Meyring in Lynnwood, Wa. Patricia lived in Manzanita and Tillamook for quite a few years and was well known for being an avid walker. Patricia will be remembered for her kindness, unconditional love, and dedication to her children. She was a proud grandmother to Isaac Hornbeak and was eagerly awaiting the arrival of her first great-grandson in April. Her warmth and care extended to all who knew her, and her memory will live on in the hearts of her

family and friends. She is survived by her children, Shelli Hornbeak, Bryan Crossley and his wife Sara Baughman; her brother Herb Meyring; grandson Isaac Hornbeak and his wife Sami Hornbeak; and her soon-to-be-born great-grandson Jaxson Hornbeak. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, brother Barney Meyring, and her niece Kimberly Meyring. A mother navigating mental illness is a tapestry of resilience and tenderness. Her love often shines through in the smallest gestures—a warm smile despite her struggles, a gentle touch that speaks volumes when words fail. She may wrestle with her own mind, but her heart remains steadfast, finding ways to nurture and protect even on the hardest days. Her strength lies in her vulnerability, and her courage is in showing up, day after day, for those she loves. It's a love that's raw, imperfect, and profoundly human. A celebration of Patricia's life will be held on March 26, 2025, from 3-5 PM at Alderbrook Hall in Tillamook. Friends and loved ones are invited to gather to honor her life and the love she shared with those around her. Patricia's legacy of compassion and strength will be cherished forever.

Jeremy Stapleton Oct. 18, 1970 - March 19, 2025



Jeremy Stapleton, 54, born October 18, 1970. Stapleton died on March 19,

2025 in Riggins, Oregon. From Nehalem, Oregon. Funeral Arrangements will be held in Nehalem, Oregon at a later date.



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berries are another seasonal indicator that goes beyond the welcome shift of sunset from late afternoon to early evening. In other seasonal news, I recently received an email letting me know that the formerly scheduled Meals for Seniors French Toast

Breakfast set for March 29 has been cancelled. The next French Toast Breakfast is planned for May 24, from 8 a.m.—noon, as usual at the St. Mary by the Sea dining room, 275 S Pacific Street. While we're on the subject of fund raisers, we had a wonderful evening a week or two ago at the North County Food Bank's Spaghetti Night at the Tie Breaker, 194 Highway 101 South. Music from Rockaway's own N. E. Daynow gave it a festive air. We are happy to count N. E. Daynow founders Rodney

Dahl and Doral Vance as friends and are enjoying the contributions of their new bass player, Tim Croman. The three of them were happily "bribed" to play for an extra half-hour beyond their scheduled set, and the enthusiastic crowd loved every minute of it. Better yet, the event raised more than \$1,000 for the North County Food Bank in Wheeler. Our thanks go out to Todd and the rest of the staff at the Tie Breaker for hosting this important event.

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MLS#25-129 Cyndi Lewis \$499,000



This beautiful townhome offers a fantastic opportunity with its prime location just one block from the beach. Currently a short term rental, but would make a great primary or second home as well! Enjoy breathtaking views of the ocean, beach, waves, and tidal creek from the main level and master bedroom. The property features elegant granite tile countertops, distressed hardwood floors, and modern stainless steel appliances. Relax in the luxurious jetted tub, and take advantage of two spacious bedrooms located upstairs, along with a versatile third bedroom/bonus room conveniently located off the garage. It's an ideal retreat for beach lovers and those seeking comfort & style! As an active short term rental, with transferable license, home is a turn-key investment! Call for a showing today!
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Oregon State Board of Trustees approve 2025-26 tuition rates

The Oregon State University Board of Trustees on Friday approved tuition rates and student fees for the 2025-26 school year.

The average undergraduate tuition and fee increase is 4.9% for students at Oregon State's Corvallis campus and OSU-Cascades in Bend. Continuing students will see

a 4.8% increase, and rates for new students will increase 5.3%.

The increases are driven by costs associated with teaching and serving a growing student body, labor costs and inflationary pressures for things such as utilities, insurance and materials that support the university's teach-

ing, research and outreach missions.

Oregon State continues to concentrate efforts on improving access and affordability for students, particularly Oregon residents. Since 2021, the university has doubled the amount of institutionally provided financial assistance awarded.

Other tuition increases include:

- 2% for resident graduate students.
- 5.3% for non-resident graduate students.
- 4.8% for continuing and new undergraduate students enrolled in Ecampus, Oregon State's online education unit.
- 2% for continuing and new graduate Ecampus students.
- 3% to 7% for professional graduate programs

such as pharmacy and veterinary medicine.

Student fees will also increase, including for:

- Counseling and psychological services in Corvallis (3.8% increase).
- Student health services (3.5% increase in Corvallis and 5% in Bend).
- Financing capital projects for non-instructional buildings, primarily student

centers, student health facilities and student recreational facilities (\$11.80 per quarter increase in Corvallis and \$1-2 per quarter increase in Bend).

Additional materials about the board meeting and its committee meetings, held March 7, can be found on the board's website.

Death Notices

Charles Joseph Hildebrand of Bay City, OR, born on February 24, 1938. Passed away on March 19, 2025 at the age of 87.
Private Family Services will be held at a later date.

Harold Dean McFalls, 71, of Tillamook, died on March 15, 2025. McFalls was born on Aug. 20, 1953. A private family service will be held at a later date.

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Habitat for Humanity receives \$5K from Oregon REALTORS® HOME

Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity (TCHF) is pleased to announce it has received a generous \$5,000 grant from the Oregon REALTORS® HOME Foundation. This funding will support the organization's critical home repair program, aimed at improving the living conditions of low-income families, including elderly, veterans, and individuals with disabilities, across Tillamook County.

The grant will help TCHF to perform essential repairs such as fixing leaking roofs, building and repairing ramps and rails, and fixing unsafe flooring conditions for approximately six households, benefiting 10 to 12 individuals. These repairs will help ensure the safety,



accessibility, and dignity of these homes, allowing families to remain in their homes for years to come.

"We are grateful to the Oregon REALTORS® HOME Foundation for their continued support of our mission," said Briar Smith, Executive Director of Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity. "This grant will allow us to make vital repairs that improve the quality of life for some of the most vulnerable members of our

community. With their support, we can ensure that these household have safe and functional living spaces, and provide them with the opportunity to live their best lives."

Since its founding in 1997, TCHF has been dedicated to building affordable homes, performing critical repairs, and offering wrap-around services, including financial literacy training and home maintenance education. This grant will further enhance these efforts by ad-

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New report shows concerns over aging bridges

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Oregon’s aging bridge inventory, highlighted in a new report, illustrates Oregon Department of Transportation officials concerns. ODOT’s 2024 Bridge Conditions Report spotlights Interstate Era bridges built between 1958 and 1973. During this 16-year span, ODOT built on average 63 bridges a year, through funding provided by the National Interstate and Defense

Highway Act. Today, these bridges are between 50 and 65 years old. Much of our transportation infrastructure is aging and nowhere is this more apparent than with Oregon’s bridges and pavements, according to ODOT Director Kris Strickler. “We do our best to preserve and repair our bridges as replacing them is costly,” Strickler said. “We face a growing backlog of bridge preservation needs caused by the struc-

tural revenue issue facing transportation agencies across the nation. ODOT is working with our partners to identify sufficient and sustainable funding that would allow us to fund our critical core services including preserving our bridges, maintaining our transportation system, and making travel safer for all Oregonians.” ODOT inspects bridges over a two-year cycle and summarizes bridge condition ratings on state highways based on National Bridge Inventory (NBI) and ODOT data.

NBI ratings look at the major structural components of a bridge (deck or driving surface, superstructure, and substructure (base), or culvert rating), deficient bridge classification, and structural condition rating. A significant portion of state-owned bridges are still in fair condition due to regular maintenance. However, much like maintaining a car, continuing to make expensive repairs on bridges nearing the end of their lifespan becomes less cost effective and practical, ODOT states in a release. The normal lifespan of a bridge is between 75-100 years and 60% of the ODOT bridge inventory was built before 1973. In the foreseeable future, there will be more than 1,000 Interstate Era bridges that must be replaced, according to ODOT. However, current funding levels pay for on average only three bridge replacements each year. At

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Oregon appeals court rules in favor of voter-approved gun control law Measure 114

JULIA SHUMWAY
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon’s second-highest court affirmed Wednesday that the voter-approved gun control law Measure 114 is constitutional, potentially clearing the way for the law to take effect after being on hold for years because of a Harney County judge’s ruling. Voters in 2022 narrowly approved Measure 114 to limit sales of some ammunition magazines and require a permit and completed background check before purchasing a gun. Two Harney County residents, joined by national gun rights groups, promptly sued in Harney County, and Judge Robert Raschio blocked the bill from taking effect. A three-judge panel of the appeals court, led by Presiding Judge Darlene Ortega, found Wednesday that Raschio erred and that the law didn’t violate Oregon’s constitution. “We conclude that all of Measure 114 is facially constitutional,” Ortega wrote in a 25-page opinion. Plaintiffs have a little more than a month to chal-

lenge the appeals court’s decision, and an appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court is expected. Measure 114’s backers also prevailed in a federal case filed by an eastern Oregon sheriff, a Keizer gun store owner and a pro-gun group. Judge Karin Immergut ruled last summer that the law didn’t violate the federal Second Amendment because it doesn’t protect large-capacity magazines and Oregon’s restrictions are consistent with a long history of firearm regulation. Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield, whose justice department defended Measure 114, said it was time to move ahead with “common-sense safety measures.” “Today’s decision is a big step forward for gun safety in Oregon,” Rayfield continued. “This measure gives us the tools to make sure gun buyers go through background checks and get proper permits, helping to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and making our communities safer.” Supporters of Measure 114 sought to prevent circumstances that contributed to some of the deadliest mass

shootings in recent years, including the 2017 Las Vegas shooting at a country music festival, the 2016 Pulse night club shooting in Orlando, Florida and the 2007 Virginia Tech shooting. Shooters in all three locations had large-capacity magazines, allowing them to keep firing bullets into crowds. The Las Vegas shooter killed 60 people and wounded more than 400 others, the Pulse night club shooter killed 49 people and the Virginia Tech shooter killed 32 people. In other mass shootings, including the 2012 Sandy Hook shooting in Newtown Connecticut, and a 2019 synagogue shooting in California, people were able to run or overpower the shooter when he stopped to reload his weapon. Requiring a completed background check is meant to close the “Charleston loophole,” named after the 2015 incident where a shooter killed nine people at a church in Charleston, South Carolina. In that case, the shooter had a criminal record that would have disqualified him from buying a gun, but his background check



Magazines that can hold more than 10 bullets are banned under Oregon’s new law. Connor Radnovich / Oregon Capital Chronicle

was delayed, allowing the purchase. Lawmakers’ efforts to pass parts of Measure 114 through the Legislature in 2023 contributed to Republicans’ six-week quorum-denying walkout, and Democratic leaders abandoned most gun restrictions as part of negotiations to bring Republicans back and finish the legislative

session. This year, lawmakers are considering House Bill 3075 to provide deadlines, fees and other structure to pre-purchase permit applications if Measure 114 takes effect. <https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2025/03/12/oregon-appeals-court-rules-in-favor-of-voter-approved-gun-control-law-measure-114/>

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Revenue surge can produce a false sense of abundance

TIM NESBITT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon may be near the bottom of all 50 states in some troubling categories, such as K-12 test scores and children’s mental health care. But it looks like we’ll be Number One when it comes to how much more revenue state government will have to spend in its next budget period. Oregon’s state economist delivered another blockbuster revenue forecast in late February, projecting an increase in General Fund revenues of 29% in the next two-year budget period. This will give lawmakers a total of \$8 billion in new money to spend above the nearly \$28 billion that supports existing programs. How real is this? By comparison, Washington state is forecasting an increase of just over 7% in its next two-year budget, and California is trumpeting a one-year increase of just over 9%. New York projects a 7% year-over-year increase. I can’t find any state with anything close to Oregon’s growth in general revenues. And, here’s another reality check: Oregonians’ incomes have risen by 6% annually, 12% over the past two years, and are expected to barely maintain that pace going forward. So how can the state’s General Fund, largely dependent on personal income taxes, be generating revenues at more than twice that rate?



Oregon forecasters say the state is in line for a huge boost in its government revenue. But much of that is a statistical artifact from the pandemic years, columnist Tim Nesbitt says. Tim Carpenter / Kansas Reflector

The answer is that the new revenues projected for the next biennium reflect growth in personal incomes over the prior four years. The bulk of these new revenues comes from stepped up household income growth that began in 2021, most of which was refunded to taxpayers in 2024 and is now making its way into state coffers for the first time as spendable revenue in 2025-27. Yes, I’m talking about the kicker, the refund Oregon taxpayers get if revenue comes in much higher than expected. Most of us who

filed taxes last year got a portion of the unexpected \$5 billion that was collected from recovering household incomes in 2021-23 and generated the largest kicker in Oregon history. The kicker was real money for us, even though it came as a credit on taxes owed rather than cash in our pockets. But, for the state, it was money in and money out of the budget that never registered as part of the state’s revenue baseline. Because of that kicker-induced, artificially-low revenue level in the current

budget, it might look like the state is enjoying a revenue surge that can sustain higher levels of spending going forward. But the reality is that most of the new revenue forecasted for the next budget period is catch-up money from earlier gains in household incomes. Some \$5 billion of the \$8 billion is due to revenues from personal incomes that rose to record levels in the past four years but was siphoned off in last year’s kicker. That 29% growth in revenue? It was years in the making – and will be two

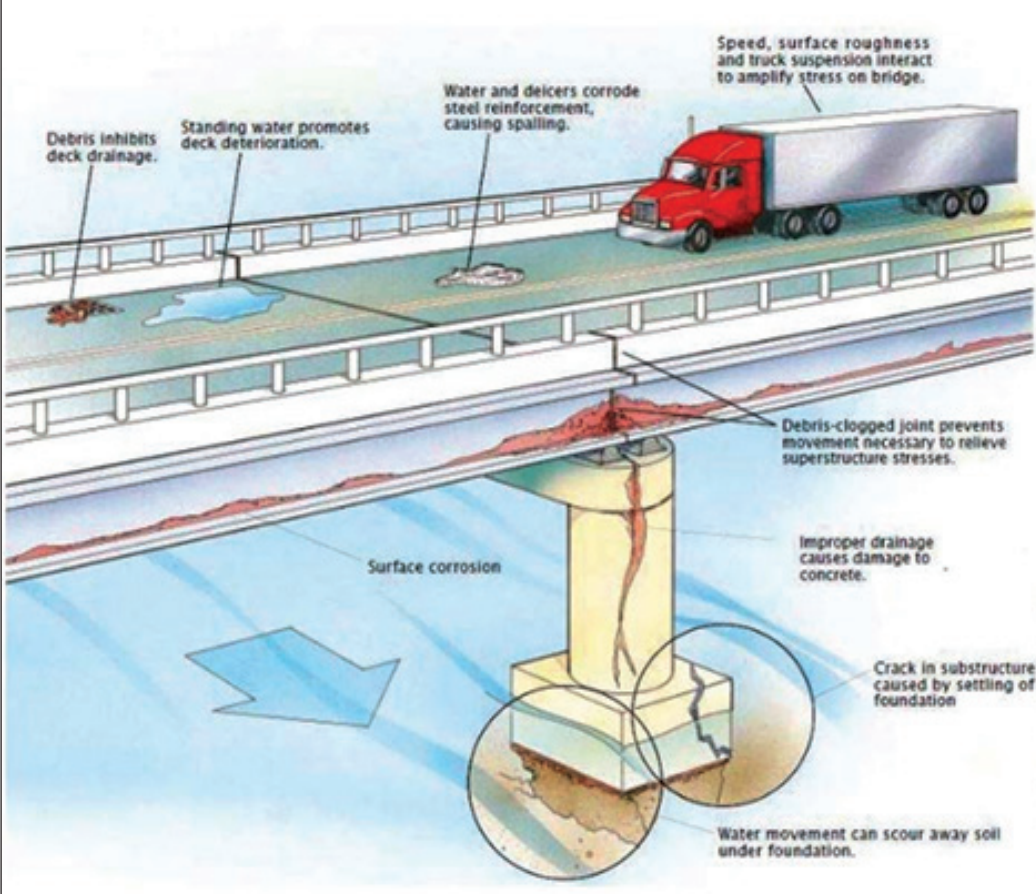
short years in its ending. After this one-time acceleration in tax receipts, even if all goes well in the larger economy, Oregon’s General Fund will still face a yellow flag down the track. Revenues will be slowing to the more modest ongoing pace seen in our neighboring states and our own personal income growth of 5-6% a year through the end of this decade. This is the challenge for the Legislature’s budget writers. Topline numbers of the kind released last month can give advocates for public service spending a false sense of abundance. They have compelling cases for be made for boosting funds for schools, early childhood programs and mental health care in particular. But if lawmakers raise ongoing spending above 5-6% a year, or above \$3 billion in the next budget period, they’ll be creating an unsustainable spending trajectory. We learned a hard lesson in the late 1990s and 2000s, when a strongly growing economy generated both kicker refunds for taxpayers and rising revenues for the state’s budget, which later collapsed in the wake of two recessions and forced deep cuts in services thereafter. Since then, lawmakers did a good job of building up reserves to weather economic downturns in the future. But what we’re facing now is a perfect storm of politically-created fiscal and economic

crises, which states and their local governments have not had to deal with in our lifetimes. The storm clouds darkened over the past few weeks, with the federal budget framework adopted by Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives and the continuing chain-sawing of the federal workforce led by Elon Musk. This is not to concede what is still to be contested. But the threats of federal cuts in funding for Medicaid, education and other vital state programs are real, and are likely to force states to struggle to sustain what they have in place before committing to new, ongoing funding levels that would have been hard to keep going, even in steadier times. Thankfully for Oregon, there is a lot that can be done with an extra \$5 billion to weather the political storm-front on the horizon. Just not yet, and not all at once. <https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2025/03/12/oregons-revenue-surge-can-produce-a-false-sense-of-abundance/> *Oregon Capital Chronicle is part of States Newsroom, a network of news bureaus supported by grants and a coalition of donors as a 501c(3) public charity. Oregon Capital Chronicle maintains editorial independence. Contact Editor Lynne Terry for questions: info@oregoncapitalchronicle.com.*



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Construction crews use a crane to remove the old Van Buren Bridge in Corvallis in preparation for the new bridge.

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Experience has shown that bridge deterioration is dependent on complex interactions of multiple factors as shown. Extreme events (earthquakes, flooding, vehicle impacts) are another cause of bridge distress not considered as general deterioration but result in the need for quick response and investment to restore mobility.



Adapted from "Why America's Bridges are Crumbling," by K.F. Dunker and B. G. Rabbat, 1993, March, Scientific American, 268, no. 3, p. 69. Permission for use courtesy of Jana Brenning, illustrator.

BRIDGES

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this rate, an Oregon bridge will need to stay in service for over 900 years, well

beyond the expected service life. With more than 2,700 state highway bridges across Oregon that vary in size, age, type and condition, the state's needs are outpacing the agency's resources. "We continue to focus on maintaining the bridges we have through preservation

and maintenance work to ensure our aging bridge inventory remains safe," ODOT officials said in the release. **HOW ODOT MAINTAINS ITS INVESTMENT** Compared to other western states, ODOT has the most bridges in fair condition. To keep bridges in fair condition or better ODOT

performs both maintenance and preservation activities. Effective bridge preservation actions are intended to delay the need for costly reconstruction or replacement by applying preservation strategies on bridges while they are still in good or fair condition and before the onset of serious deterioration. Bridge preservation encompasses preventive maintenance and rehabilitation activities, according to ODOT.

Preservation activities include lubricating bearings, sealing concrete and deck joints, and painting steel. These treatments prevent future damage and keep the bridge performing well. Maintenance activities encompass a wide range of treatments that are delivered at every stage of the bridge's life cycle, such as fixing unexpected damage. "We also consider the environment the bridge is located in. For example, the coastal climate is very different than the central Oregon climate. Bridges exposed to salt air require different treatments than bridges in snow zones. In addition, older bridges have a different maintenance routine than newer bridges," ODOT officials said.

2024 REPORT HIGHLIGHTS
• ODOT owns and main-

tains 2,781 bridges.
• 60% of state-owned bridges in the National Bridge Inventory were built before 1973.
• Last year, ODOT completed 1,331 state-owned bridge inspections.
• ODOT paved 35 bridge decks, repaired six bridges in poor condition and addressed 63 other bridges with high-priority maintenance needs.
• ODOT assessed 130 bridges for load rating in 2024 and placed new or revised restrictions on 11.
ODOT's SEISMIC PROGRAM PROGRESS
ODOT's Seismic Program continues to make seismic improvements to bridges along high priority routes. Several projects are either under design, construction, or have recently been completed. ODOT said these projects will offer seismically resilient highway corridors that can save lives and help the Oregon economy recover after a major seismic event. Recently completed seismic work as part of the U.S. 97 / OR 58 Bridge Retrofits:
• Pelican City Bridge (U.S. 97 over Lakeport Blvd & UPRR)
• S. 97 over Nevada Ave.
• S. 97 over United States Bureau of Reclamation Canal
• Green Springs Interchange (U.S. 97 over Oregon 140)

• S. 97 over Klamath River
The final two bridges in this project are expected to be completed by summer 2025.
The Southern Oregon Seismic Bridge Retrofit project, funded by HB 2017, is testing the buckling restraint bracing system which has proved to be a cost-effective retrofit method for bridges with multi-column supports, according to ODOT. This project is divided into four separate projects. The second project addressed seismic vulnerabilities of five bridges on I-5, which are all complete. The third project also addressed five bridges on Oregon 140 and is complete. The fourth project replaces three bridges on Oregon 99, with two of these projects completed in 2024. The third bridge is expected to be completed summer of 2025.
There are many more seismic retrofit priority route projects in the works statewide, including the Abernethy Bridge near Oregon City and the Van Buren Bridge in Corvallis.
The Oregon Transportation Commission received a presentation of the 2024 Bridge Conditions Report from ODOT earlier this month.

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HH25-181 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Garibaldi Rural Fire District, Tillamook, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, will be held at Garibaldi City Hall, Garibaldi, Oregon. The meeting will take place on April 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 9, 2025 at Garibaldi City Hall, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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HH25-182 NOTICE of BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING - NEAH KAH NIE WATER DISTRICT - A public meeting of the Budget Committee of Neahkahnie Water District, Tillamook County, state of Oregon to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, will be held via teleconference from the District office, 9155 Nehalem Rd., Nehalem, OR, 97131. The meeting will take place on the 24th day of April 2025 at 3:00PM. The purpose of the meeting is to present the budget message and receive comments from the public on the proposed budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the budget committee will take place. Any persons may appear at the meeting to discuss

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the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the proposed budget may be viewed or obtained after April 24th, 2025, at the District office between the hours of 10:30AM and 3:00PM. Public notices may also be viewed online at the District's website, www.nknwd.org. Persons wishing to attend or needing special accommodations for hearing, vision or physical impairments should contact the District Manager at least 48 hours before the meeting at 503-368-7309.

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

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at 18005 Hwy 101, at the Twin Rocks Sanitary Building between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Contact phone is 503-355-2732. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. All Board Meetings of the Twin Rocks Sanitary District are open to the public and accessible to the disabled. Anyone who is wanting or needs special accommodation or remote attendance should contact the District

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Notice of Supplemental Budget Hearing

Oregon Department of Revenue

HH25-185

• Use for supplemental budget proposing a change in any fund's expenditures by more than 10 percent.

A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for City of Manzanita (District name), for the current fiscal year, will be held at Pine Grove Community Center (Location). The hearing will take place on April 9, 2025 (Date) at 6:00 (Time) ☐ a.m. ☒ p.m.. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the supplemental budget with interested persons. A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 7, 2025 (Date) at City of Manzanita (Location) between the hours of 9:00 ☒ a.m. ☐ p.m. and 12:00 ☐ a.m. ☒ p.m..

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES

AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE REVISED TOTALS IN THOSE FUNDS BEING MODIFIED

FUND: General Fund

Resource	Amount	Expenditure-indicate	Amount
1. Begining Fund Balance	\$ 3,105,625	1. Non Department Transfer Out	\$ 4,074,944
2. Proceeds from Debt Issuance	\$ 3,436,944	2. Ending Fund Balance	\$ 2,521,740
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Revised Total Fund Resources	\$ 9,312,590	Revised Total Fund Requirements	\$ 9,312,590

Explanation of changes:
Increase proceeds from debt issuance to accept loan proceeds into the general fund from the Oregon Business Development Special Public Works Fund. During fiscal year 2024 there were unknown delays with invoices from city hall contractors that resulted in payments being made and debt proceeds being received in fiscal year 2025 instead of fiscal yea 2024.

FUND: City Hall Fund

Resource	Amount	Expenditure-indicate	Amount
1. Begining Fund Balance	\$ 262,731	1. Capital Outlay	\$ 4,260,000
2. Interest	\$ 1,908	2.	
3. Transfer In	\$ 4,074,944	3.	
Revised Total Fund Resources	\$ 4,414,583	Revised Total Fund Requirements	\$ 4,414,583

Explanation of changes:
Increase capital outlay for the purpose of constructing a city hall, police station and emergency operations center.

FUND: Building Fund

Resource	Amount	Expenditure-indicate	Amount
1. Fees & Charges	\$ 293,991	1. Materials & Services	\$ 175,491
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Revised Total Fund Resources	\$ 486,010	Revised Total Fund Requirements	\$ 486,010

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get document may be obtained on or after March 28, 2025, at <https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/treasurer/page/budget>. This notice is also posted on Tillamook County's website at: <https://www.tillamookcounty.gov/news>. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Shawn Blanchard, County Treasurer & Budget Officer

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HH25-186 NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS. Pursuant to Tillamook County Ordinance #23, the following businesses are undergoing the annual review of their liquor license: Alice's Country House; Anchorage Motel; Barview Jetty Store; Bayside Market & Deli; Beach Wok; Bear Creek Artichokes; Beaver Firearms & Grocery; Ben & Jeff's Burgers & Tacos; Bunkhouse Restaurant; Cape Kiwanda RV Resort & Marketplace; Center Market; Chester's Hometown; Current Café & Lounge; Discovery Wines; Doryland Pizza; Grateful Bread & Restaurant; Hasco Stations #8045; Hasco Stations #8046; Headlands Coastal Lodge; Hebo Market; Inn at Cape Kiwanda; JAndy Acres; Jetty Fishery; Kelly's Brighton Marina; Los Caporales; Megpies Bakery Café; Mohler Co Op Store; Neskowin

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Beach Golf Course; Neskowin Trading Company; Nestucca Bay Creamery Cheese Shop; Netarts Bay Garden RV Resort; Outpost on the River; PC Pour; Pelican Pub; Pleasant Valley RV Park; Riverhouse Nestucca; Roseanna's; Sandlake Grocery; South Prairie Store; Sportsmans Pub N Grub; The Café on Hawk Creek; The Mook at Alderbrook; The Oar House Bar & Grill; The Schooner; Tillamook Cheese Factory; Trask River RV Park & Grocery; Upstairs Bary & Grill; Your Choice Food Mart. The following businesses are undergoing a modification of their liquor license and applying for a change of ownership for Limited On Premises Sales: Doryland Pizza. The following businesses are undergoing a modification of their liquor license and applying for a change of ownership for Full On Premises Sales: Headlands Coastal Lodge & Spa. The following business is applying for a new liquor license for Off Premises Sales and Limited On Premises Sales: Nestucca Valley Sporting Goods. Written comments will be accepted by the Liquor License Review Administrator until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1. All comments must be signed and must specify the business for which the comments are to be made. These comments will be considered in conjunction with the review of

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the application for a local recommendation to the OLCC. Please direct all comments to Tillamook Environmental Health, 2111 8th Street, Tillamook, Oregon 97141.

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HH25-187 TILLAMOOK COUNTY CALL FOR BIDS – GOODS TILLAMOOK COUNTY 2025 ASPHALT PROCUREMENT, SECTION 00010 CALL FOR BIDS. Tillamook County desires to have the Tillamook County Public Works purchase asphalt from suppliers at suppliers' plants using county owned dump trucks and hot box equipment to meet the specifications listed in Section 1.1.2, Specifications. Tillamook County also desires to purchase asphalt with supplier delivery to Neskowin, Oregon. Specifications and bid forms may be viewed at Tillamook County Public Works Attention: Nicole Baldwin, 503 Marolf Loop, Tillamook, Oregon 9714, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, local time. The specifications and bid forms may be obtained electronically, at no charge, by e-mailing nicole.baldwin@tillamookcounty.gov or may be purchased at a pre-paid cost of fifty dollars (\$50) payable only by check or money order to Tillamook County Public Works. Each prospective bidder must

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ACROSS

- 1 Pleased
5 Rocker
9 Helper for
13 Jumped ship
19 Member of a canine unit
21 Nada
22 Remove adhesive strips from
23 Start of a riddle
25 Nonstudent resident of a college city
26 Microsoft Word creations, informally
27 Regret a lot
28 First-time fathers
30 Riddle, part 2
36 Prego competitor
37 — -mo
38 Tiny, informally
39 Manner
40 Tavern spigot
43 In addition
47 Largest known asteroid
48 Riddle, part 3
53 Sch. near Harvard

- 54 Disposed (of)
55 Actor Sharif
56 Nero's 2,001
57 Fearful
58 Bro relative
59 — orange (inedible fruit)
61 Smidgen
63 "POV" network
65 Huck Finn's floater
67 Bandleader
68 Riddle, part 4
71 Broiling bar
75 Lane of the Daily Planet
77 Nintendo console
78 Tyrant Amin
79 Tree of the pine family
80 "— a deal!"
83 — chic fashion
85 Old horror star Chaney
87 Prefix with Chinese
89 Island guitar, for short
90 Pro-firearm org.
91 Riddle, part 5
95 Joust
97 Pencil add-on
98 Martial arts teacher

- 99 Italian wine city
100 Delhi dress
102 Org. for the Ravens, but not the Falcons
105 Lock lips with
106 End of the riddle
113 Conditionally free prisoner
114 Letters before gees
115 Maui feast
116 Not endless
117 Riddle's answer
124 12-step support group
125 Chocolate-and-caramel candy
126 Talus
127 Arid expanse
128 Plumlike fruit
129 Hit with a stun gun
130 Brainstorm

DOWN

- 1 Vehicle navig. aid
2 Baseball great Gehrig
3 Lofty peak
4 Salsa, e.g.
5 Mexican coins
6 Decrees

- 7 Lump in the throat
8 Yoked thing
9 Rack up
10 Thick and sticky
11 Yoko from Tokyo
12 Mended, as a sweater
13 "How come, though?"
14 Battery end
15 "I'm the culprit!"
18 Actress Ruby
20 Part of UPC
24 Pooch's bark
29 D.C. hrs.
30 General discomfort
31 Schedules
32 Responsibility
33 "Our Gang" novelist Philip
34 God, in Madrid
35 Relaxes
36 Musket-loading tool
41 Healing plant
42 Pug or peke alternative

- 44 — -pah-pah
45 Offensively self-assertive
46 African antelope
47 Kitchen VIP
49 "Rocky and Bullwinkle" villainess
50 Slate-colored
51 Delta, for one
52 Big name in big computers
60 Street poet
62 Dawn drops
64 Lanka lead-in
66 Gp. often flagging bags
68 Celine of pop
69 — Wafers
70 Actress Falco
72 Old German kingdom
73 Most disgusting
74 Student's Ph.D. paper
76 Certain wind instrument
79 Ear part
80 Wife's sibling, e.g.
81 Rubbish heap

- 82 Hot California winds
84 Listens to by chance
86 LA-to-IN dir.
88 Hosp. figures
92 "Pics — didn't happen!"
93 — Il (Gillette razor)
94 Egyptian cross
96 Topaz quartz
100 Unspoken
101 Get riper
103 Entertainer Lola
104 Makes heavy, dull sounds
107 Auto engine
108 Mello — (soft drink)
109 Tale — (sob story)
110 Troop support gp.
111 Soup scoop
112 Ditty
116 Craze
118 Cyber-guffaw
119 Kit — (candy bar)
120 Kyoto sash
121 Pea holder
122 Suffix with meth- or prop-
123 In-favor vote

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Crossword answers on page B5

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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Even Exchange answers

1. Robin, Rosin

2. Waltz, Waits

3. Entice, Entire

4. Short, Shirt

5. Chick, Click
6. Middle, Fiddle

7. Fellow, Follow

8. Tryst, Trust

9. Shell, Shelf

10. Hunter, Hunger

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
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Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Mr. Hood | ___ B ___ | Pitcher's resin | ___ S ___ |
| 2. Schubert's creation | ___ Z ___ | Disney and Whitman | ___ S ___ |
| 3. Lure | ___ C ___ | Every bit | ___ R ___ |
| 4. Not very tall | ___ O ___ | Tee or jersey | ___ I ___ |
| 5. Hatchling | ___ H ___ | Use a computer mouse | ___ L ___ |
| 6. Center | M ___ | Play the violin | F ___ |
| 7. Chap | ___ E ___ | Trail | ___ O ___ |
| 8. Rendezvous | ___ Y ___ | Have faith in | ___ U ___ |
| 9. Turtle's casing | ___ L ___ | Ledge | ___ F ___ |
| 10. Orion | ___ T ___ | Long for food | ___ G ___ |

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Go Figure!						
answers						
4	-	1	×	7	÷	21
+		+		-		
6	+	5	-	2	=	9
-		×		-		
9	+	8	×	3	÷	51
1		48		2		

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Drawer handle is different. 2. Picture is reversed. 3. Stripes on sleeve are higher. 4. Spot on dog's back is smaller. 5. Curtain is shorter. 6. Design on lamp is different.

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆ ◆ ◆

◆ Easy ◆ ◆ Medium ◆ ◆ ◆ Difficult

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	2		8	4			1	3
8	4	1	5	7				
3	7	9	6	1	2	4	5	
			9			8		
	8	5					7	2
		2	7				4	
2		8		5		1	3	
		4	2	9				6
6						2		

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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