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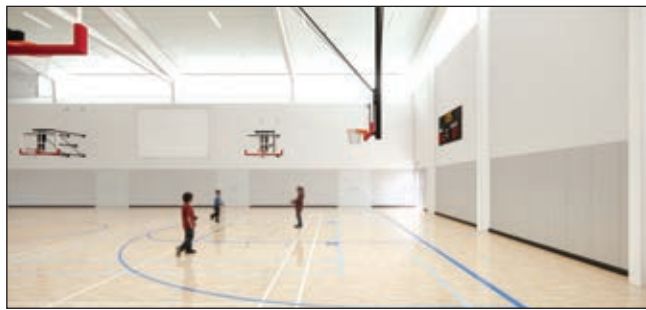
WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

At their meeting on May 11, the Tillamook School District's board of directors approved a three-year contract with Jennifer Guarcello, who has been serving as the district's interim superintendent this school year.

The board was also updated on progress on projects being paid for by a \$23.35-million bond approved by voters last year, which are scheduled to begin this summer.

Guarcello's hiring as the district's long-term superintendent came after she was appointed to the position late last summer following the resignation of Matt Ellis. Guarcello is a third-generation local of Tillamook, who graduated from Tillamook High School before attending Pacific University and beginning her teaching career with a decade in Colton and the Dalles.

After starting a family, Guarcello moved back



Renderings of the new field house slated for Tillamook High School and new gymnasiums at East Elementary School and Tillamook Junior High School, all set to start construction this summer and open next fall.
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DA issues subpoenas for sheriff, whistleblower records

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Headlight Editor

In response to an investigation into complaints against her office, Tillamook County District Attorney Aubrey Olson has been fighting back in Tillamook County Circuit Court for the past several months.

Olson first served the county with a notice of intent to file a tort claim in February, before ramping up her efforts in April by using subpoenas to attempt to access documents related to the investigation, as well as the whistleblower who initiated it and Tillamook County Sheriff Josh Brown.

The county is vigorously contesting the latter subpoenas, with Ashley Cadotte, the lawyer representing the county in the case, arguing in a motion to quash that the subpoenas had been improperly obtained, as they are unrelated to a criminal investigation, in an attempt to retaliate against those who participated in the investigation.

"DA (district attorney) Olson has failed to make a sufficient showing as to how the records sought are even relevant, let alone material

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DA responds to investigation report

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Following last week's story on the report regarding an investigation into complaints against her office in the Headlight Herald, Tillamook County District Attorney Aubrey Olson reached out to respond to the report's findings.

In an extended interview, Olson took issue with many of the findings, arguing that those complaining represented a small minority within the sheriff's office and community partner organizations and chalking the difficulties in those relationships up to misunderstandings and a failure on their part to communicate expectations. Olson similarly contended that complaints from victims' families or partner agencies' advocates could be chalked up to unrealistic expectations of her office.

Olson did acknowledge the shortcomings in several of her deputy district attorneys' (DDA) trial preparations as related to preparing witnesses for testimony and said the issues were being addressed.

As for her charging and pre-trial release decisions, Olson defended her judgment on the former and argued that the latter had been necessary to impress the importance of timely report writing upon the sheriff's office.

Olson said that looking forward, she hoped that those with complaints would communicate them with her directly and representatives from the sheriff's office and community partner agencies would be open to mending broken relationships.

"I would just ask, you know, hopefully that those members, the sheriff and the people from his office and other community partners will be willing to come

to the table," Olson said. "A lot of them I've been able to really work together with and a lot of our community partners and I value those relationships and so I will continue trying to do that."

Olson said that she was surprised in November of last year when she was summoned to an executive session at a board of county commissioners meeting and told that there were complaints into her office and offered no further information. Olson said that she had hoped to be involved in the investigatory process and disappointed that when she cooperated no information was shared with her.

Olson said that the lack of communication and initiation of an investigation without adequate attempts to address issues with her has been the most disappointing part of the process. "That's where I've been disappointed is that they, instead of communicating their expectations in us and being able to have a conversation about it, that they instead decided they didn't feel comfortable with me, and I don't know why that is," Olson said.

Regarding the report's finding that her DDAs had been "incompetent" in their unwillingness to prepare witnesses for testimony at trial out of a fear of uncovering new information, Olson said that she had been surprised to learn of the issue in the report. "I was aware that my DDAs were cautious about talking to victims alone," Olson said. "I was not aware that they weren't even getting the witnesses or victims to tell them, you know, to at least answer those questions. That came as a surprise to me."

Olson said that given that the DDAs had more prosecutorial experience than her and after only hearing great feedback about their work from victims' assistance and

seeing meetings with victims on the calendar, she had not thought it was necessary to observe their trial preparations. "I didn't have a reason to go and sit in with them on their trial prep to see exactly how they did it," Olson said.

Now that she has learned of the issue, Olson said that she has instructed DDAs to bring somebody from victims' services or a law enforcement agency with them for those meetings and to more thoroughly prepare witnesses. "We're all trying to work together to be consistent and to ensure that we are thoroughly prepared for trial and to ensure that we're not going to actually be surprised at the trial," Olson said.

As for changes to victims' assistance, Olson said that she had been working to retool the office's approach to victim's assistance even before she entered office, as the previous model had seen one full-time employee overworked while several part-time employees were unreliable in their availability.

Olson said that she had begun her restructuring by looking at what was legally required of the office in statute and by the grants from the federal government that support victims' assistance positions. In going through those, she found that her office's staff were required to provide access to services to victims, not the services themselves, meaning that in the case of accompanying victims to court, it was their responsibility to make sure that the court did not prevent victims having a supporter present.

"They're not required to actually be the person; they're just supposed to make sure that they (victims) are allowed to have someone of their choosing," Olson said, adding that if a victim requested a staffer accompany them to court, they would do everything

they could to accommodate.

Olson said that she had also shifted the focus for victims' assistance staff towards providing information about restitution payments and away from spending time listening to victims talk. Enforcing victims' rights first "means we wound people about their restitution paperwork," Olson said. "We will spend more time trying to track people down and get information that we need than maybe we spend on the phone with somebody who wants to tie up two hours of somebody's time just venting to them."

When it came to her relationship with Sheriff Josh Brown, Olson acknowledged the long-standing issues but said that they had largely arisen because of miscommunicated expectations and misunderstandings. Olson said that tensions began when she tried to set boundaries about sheriff's deputies visiting her office unannounced, saying that she felt Brown's email responses had carried a "hostile" tone. Following a face-to-face meeting, Olson said that she had been optimistic that the relationship was on the right track, but that she did not believe that was true today.

Matters escalated following Olson's decision not to charge a crime in July 2023, when, in an incident cited as an example of retaliatory behavior by Olson, she responded to a request for a meeting by Brown with a date more than 50 days in the future.

Olson defended that response, arguing that it was an incredibly busy time for her office, which was understaffed and handling a murder that had recently occurred in Cape Meares, leading to a crowded schedule. "Looking back on it, to be chastised

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Election Day is here

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Headlight Editor

Today is the final day for voters across Oregon to return their ballots for the May primary election, and in Tillamook County, residents are weighing in on a bevy of offices and a local fire district merger.

Ballots must either be postmarked today or dropped in a ballot drop box by 8 p.m. tonight, with election authorities recommending the latter option to ensure your vote is received on time.

Tillamook County Commissioner Mary Faith Bell is running for a third term, pointing to her record of bolstering the county's emergency preparedness and efforts to boost the local economy, against a challenge from Jeff Spink who hopes to use his business experience and new perspective to the county's benefit.

With State Senator Suzanne Weber ineligible to run for reelection, a crowded field is jockeying for a place in the November election to replace her representing District 16.

On the Republican side, Clatsop County Commissioner Courtney Bangs has received Weber's endorsement, and is up against Rockaway Beach businessman Tripp Dietrich and retired engineer Frank Mansfield.

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Tillamook Air Museum Director steps down

FRIENDS OF TILLAMOOK AIR MUSEUM

Tillamook Air Museum Director Rita Welch has submitted her resignation from the museum, effective May 20.

Rita Welch's tenure at the Tillamook Air Museum has left a lasting mark on both Tillamook County and the State of Oregon. Through determination, creativity, and an unmis-

takable can-do spirit, Rita helped guide the museum through one of the most important and challenging periods in its history.

Under her leadership, attendance at the museum increased significantly as visitors from across Oregon and beyond rediscovered the magic and history housed inside historic Hangar B. Rita understood that preserving aviation history meant more than maintaining artifacts; it

meant creating experiences that inspired curiosity, pride and wonder. She worked tirelessly to expand exhibits, improve the visitor experience and secure unique aircraft displays that elevated the museum's reputation throughout the Pacific Northwest.

One of the defining moments of her tenure came during the summer of 2025 with the arrival of a legendary Harrier II. Thousands of people lined Highway 101 and gathered

throughout Tillamook to witness the rare aircraft make its dramatic landing at the museum. It became more than an aviation event. It was awesome, a community celebration and a reminder of the excitement Hangar B brings to the Tillamook Coast.

That unforgettable moment reflected Rita's ability to bring people together and create excitement around aviation history and Hangar B. Rita also demonstrated

remarkable leadership during the difficult aftermath of Hangar B's devastating storm damage and was given duties beyond her job description preforming flawlessly. With Hangar B in jeopardy, she was a rock in the storm.

Through uncertainty and public concern, she has remained committed to the museum, its visitors, the community and her employees. Her professionalism, resilience and steady guidance helped keep the

museum moving forward during this extraordinarily difficult time.

The people of Tillamook and Oregon owe Rita Welch a sincere thank you for her dedication, passion and years of service. Her work strengthened the museum's future and inspired countless visitors along the way.

We wish Rita nothing but success and happiness in all her future endeavors. Thank you, Rita, and save Hangar B.



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SUBPOENAS ISSUED BY DA

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and favorable, to the case at hand," Cadotte wrote in the filing, "which is indicative of her use of the subpoena duces tecum as a personal discovery device to search for information for her own personal benefit and to retaliate against those that participated in the independent investigation regarding complaints against her and her office."

The legal drama began to unfold on February 9, when Olson served the county with a tort claim notice on her office's letterhead threatening to file suit against each of the commissioners for the initiation of investigation into complaints against her office. Olson also served the county with a cease-and-desist letter, demanding that the investigation be stopped and that the county release all records associated with it to her.

In the tort claim notice, Olson alleged that Commissioners Mary Faith Bell, Erin Skaar and Paul Fournier, and Chief Administrative Officer Rachel Hagerty had damaged her reputation by announcing the investigation publicly and complained about not being made privy to its findings. "Specifically, the above-named parties have caused damage to my reputation as well as my mental and physical health by improperly initiating an investigation into my office, notifying the public of said investigation with the implication my office has violated victims' rights, and withholding sufficient documentation of details of complaints and/or policies or procedure that are subject of said investigation, thus preventing me from being able to address or remedy any issues or

concerns," Olson wrote.

County Counsel Bryan Libel responded to Olson's letters by declining to release documents while the investigation was pending, a position he reiterated the following day in response to a follow-up email on the matter.

Things calmed down for the next two months, until April 15, when Olson served the county with a grand jury subpoena duces tecum—seeking documents rather than testimony—requesting records related to the investigation. On April 23, Olson received a redacted version of the 208-page final report.

On the following Monday, April 27, Olson served the county with two additional subpoenas, related to criminal cases from 2019 and 2025 that were investigated by Brown and the whistleblower who initiated the independent investigation, respectively. In addition to requesting documents related to the criminal investigations, the subpoenas sought any complaints made against the DA's office by Brown and the whistleblower, their disciplinary records, copies of investigator's notes and recordings of interviews with them, and materials used to prepare for those interviews.

In response, Cadotte filed a motion to quash the subpoenas on May 8.

In the motion, Cadotte argued that Olson was using grand jury investigations improperly and seeking the subpoenas for personal benefit. Grand juries, Cadotte wrote, are convened to arrest people charged with or suspected of crimes when a district attorney has information that an offense has been committed. Subpoenas may be issued for witnesses within the state in support of the prosecution or who the grand jury directs to appear, or for documents that might be given at trial.

In this instance, though, Cadotte argued that the subpoenas were not seeking records in support of a

prosecution but rather as part of a fishing expedition, pointing to language in the subpoena saying that the records "may be subject to discovery in criminal cases referred for prosecution by the Tillamook County District Attorney" (emphasis added in motion).

"It is clear on the face of the subpoena that the records are not associated with any prosecution or pending criminal case, but rather the hypothetical potential that a criminal case will one day be referred for prosecution in which the required documents may be subject to discovery," Cadotte wrote. "This does not meet the statutory standard for issuance of subpoena by a District Attorney before Grand Jury. To the contrary, it appears that the Grand Jury subpoena process is being used by DA Olson to obtain a personal benefit, specifically to access records of an investigation she is subject to."

Cadotte said that the subpoenas requested communications or complaints by individuals, agencies or private organizations that solely concerned Olson and her office's personnel, unrelated to criminality. Other records requested with information about how county leaders authorized and funded the investigation were similarly unrelated to criminality, Cadotte argued.

Cadotte also argued that the subpoenas were "overly broad, improper, and issued by DA Olson as retaliation and to obtain a personal benefit."

In the grand jury discovery process, law enforcement is regarded as an arm of the prosecution and subject to discovery, required to provide names, addresses and written statements of those who will be called as witnesses, as well as documents that will be offered as evidence or that were obtained from the defendant.

Cadotte wrote that the county had provided the

records that fell under those parameters but were objecting to the request for additional records associated with the investigation and the officers' personnel records that are not relevant to the criminal matters or subject to discovery.

"A subpoena duces tecum may be used only to obtain specific documentary materials known to exist, which can describe specifically, and which materials are determined by the court to be material and or favorable to the defendant," Cadotte wrote. "It is the defendant's burden to show that the requested information is both relevant and admissible at trial." (Emphasis added in filing)

Further, evidence can only be compelled if it is in the prosecution's possession or favorable to the defendant's guilt or punishment, Cadotte wrote, while Olson was seeking material from a non-party to the case, while also failing to show that it was either material or favorable to defendants. Cadotte also wrote that the personnel records were confidential and private, protected by two Oregon statutes and case law.

"The request for 'any disciplinary records' for two law enforcement officers that participated in the independent investigation of DA Olson is retaliation by DA Olson and a fishing expedition to search for negative information about them to benefit her, issued under the cloak of the criminal discovery process," Cadotte wrote.

Finally, Cadotte argued that Olson had clearly violated Oregon law related to conflicts of interest by seeking subpoenas from the grand jury that involved an investigation into complaints made against her and that Olson should have announced the conflict and requested an outside prosecutor.

Olson declined to comment on the motion and a hearing date on it has not yet been set.

DA RESPONDS

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for saying literally my calendar doesn't allow me to meet with you until this later date, because I am at the mercy of the court and in charge of all this, to be criticized for that later is extremely frustrating," Olson said.

Olson also took issue with Brown's contention that she did not return calls, saying that she had remained available for emergency issues, only requesting Brown and others from his office set a time for non-urgent phone calls. Olson also said that she felt the complaints were coming from a small minority in the sheriff's office and speculated on rumors she had heard about internal conflict at the office.

"I do not agree that everything they gave you was in fact accurate," Olson said. "I would want to hear from other deputies at the sheriff's office because that's not my understanding and I don't know, I've

heard that there's tension among the ranks or among some people within the sheriff's office. That's just the information that I've gotten."

Olson further said that her attempts to limit sheriff staff's interactions with victims after charges had been filed were due to instance of deputies pitting victims against her office and giving them bad legal advice.

Overall, Olson said that she believed the complaints from members of the sheriff's office stemmed from a misguided expectation that she would always have cops' backs. "I say, well, I'm supposed to uphold the constitution, and if the police are upholding the constitution, I have their backs, but I can't have someone's back if they are violating somebody's constitutional rights or if it looks like there could have been an issue there."

As for the requirement that reports be filed within 24 hours of an arrest, Olson said that the requirement had not applied to cases with ongoing investigations or physical evidence requiring testing, but those had been completed. She renewed her assertion that sheriff's deputies were

lackadaisical in their approach to reports and said that she had set the hard deadline and made comments about suspects being released if reports weren't completed timely to emphasize the importance of doing so. "This was my effort to get some traction and get better information faster to support our actual cases," Olson said. "It was reported that it was a lot harsher than I intended."

As for complaints about the drop in charges filed and questions about her standard for charging cases, Olson said that she pursued prosecutions when she felt a conviction could be obtained and called the practices of past district attorneys into question saying that many cases had previously resulted in acquittals or dismissals at trial.

In response to questions about her advocacy for victims, Olson said that she cared about protecting victims' rights and always fought to make sure they were heard during court proceedings and reiterated that she charged cases when she thought there was a good chance of conviction. "In the cases where we believe we can prosecute a case, we adamantly advo-

cate for their (victims') rights, we make it a point to meet with them, to have meetings with them," Olson said.

Regarding the handling of domestic violence cases, Olson said that such cases were particularly challenging to prosecute given the prevalence of victims defending their abusers and refusing to participate in prosecutions.

As with law enforcement, Olson said that she believed many of the complaints related to lack of advocacy for victims could be chalked up to a poor understanding of her office's abilities within statute.

"There are people who are going to disagree with my decisions or how I do the job that are going to have different expectations than what I'm able to meet," Olson said. "And I don't know how, I honestly don't know how to address those other than to say, 'this is what I can do with the law, this is what we have done, this is why I will argue for this or not argue for that' and try to just at least offer explanations and help educate."

NEWS

Downtown business owners talk parking

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Headlight Editor

Around 20 downtown Tillamook business and property owners and residents gathered at the Tillamook Coliseum Movie Theater on May 12, for a parking summit hosted by the city.

At the meeting, Tillamook City Manager Sean Lewis detailed issues the city faced when it came to parking enforcement and laid out four potential paths forward, soliciting attendees' input on them. Attendees were in near universal agreement about the need for a change from the city's current approach and slightly favored the institution of a fee on business licenses that would be used to hire parking enforcement personnel and the designation of specific lots for business employees.

Lewis welcomed the group to the meeting and explained that all responses gathered would be anonymous and gathered via an online platform. Attendees answered a first question showing that the majority were business owners, with several employees and residents also in attendance.

60% of the group were daily parkers downtown and most were frustrated by the parking situation in the city.

Lewis then said that he had convened the meeting because he and city staff realized that parking was an issue that frustrated business owners and customers and that having available parking was important to businesses' health. Lewis said that the city wanted the community to have confidence in its parking rules, ensure that they were easily understandable and enforce them evenly.

The city's jurisdiction over parking is limited, Lewis explained, showing a map of the area regulated by parking ordinances lying between Front and Fifth Streets and Stillwell and Laurel Avenues. In that area, there are five city owned lots, two on First Street across from Flavors on First, two on Second Street straddling Ivy Avenue and one adjacent to city hall, as well as on-street parking under the city's jurisdiction. Lewis then showed a map of the Tillamook Fred Meyer and its parking lot superimposed over the area, demonstrating that the property was roughly the same size as the

downtown core and does not generate parking complaints.

Lewis said that he would be presenting four possible scenarios for how to address concerns over employees of certain businesses using on-street parking spaces in front of retail businesses, after city staff's efforts to encourage compliance with a prohibition on doing so since last fall have not changed matters.

The first scenario Lewis discussed was maintaining the status quo. Currently visitors are allowed to park for two hours in on-street spots and four hours in city-owned lots, and there is supposed to be a prohibition on employees and residents using those spots. Lewis said that the city did not have a funding source to pay for enforcement of these rules however and that in any case, judges often throw out the violations, which only carry a penalty of \$5 currently.

To enforce the regulations, Lewis explained that the city had once employed parking aids to chalk tires and issue tickets, but that now the city only has a single code enforcement officer. That officer works on parking enforcement as

his time allows, but Lewis said that he responds to 8.6 calls for service per shift, each taking between 30 and 90 minutes on average each, leaving little time for parking enforcement.

89% of the meeting attendees were opposed to continuing the current approach.

The second approach Lewis laid out was removing all time limits on downtown parking, aside from restrictions on long-term storage of vehicles. Nobody was in favor.

The third scenario Lewis put forward was instituting a paid parking scheme, utilizing QR codes to allow visitors to pay online using their license plate number. This system would generate revenue for the city that could be used to pay for enforcement while simultaneously making enforcement easier, Lewis said, though it would carry a high cost of implementation and one-to-two-year timeline to get going. Lewis said that it could be possible to include a system to offer free parking to customers of

downtown businesses with validation.

Business owners voiced concerns about the added hurdle for would-be customers and were largely against the proposal.

The final option presented by Lewis was adding a fee to business licenses, either specifically downtown or citywide, that would be dedicated to hiring two part-time parking enforcement officers. Lewis said that those employees would cost around \$80,000 annually and implementing the plan would take between six months and a year.

Business owners were receptive to this idea, though voiced concerns about a lack of parking for employees and floated the idea of designating one or more of the city-owned lots for employee parking, potentially requiring permits with a monthly fee.

Lewis said that was a possibility and that he would bring the data and feedback gathered at the summit to city council at a future city council work session for discussion. Mayor Aaron Burris and Councilors Garrett Noffsinger and Dean Crist were also in attendance at the summit.

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City of Nehalem Seeks Public Input on Future Management of City Forest Land and Bobs Creek Watershed

The City of Nehalem, in partnership with Sustainable Northwest, is inviting community members and rate payers to share their feedback on the future management of the city's 884-acre forest land, including the Bob's Creek Watershed — the city's primary source of drinking water. Following the April 28 Community Listening Session, facilitated by Sustainable Northwest at the request of the Nehalem City Council, a public survey has been developed to gather input from Nehalem rate payers and the broader public. Community members who were unable to attend the April 28 session are encouraged to review the recorded session and materials provided by Sustainable Northwest, available on the City of Nehalem's website, to gain context on the management history and current structure of the Nehalem City Forest.

The survey includes questions related to the experience of residents and ratepayers of the City of Nehalem as it pertains to water quality, availability, and rates. The survey will remain open for public feedback until Friday, May 29, 2026.

All public input collected through this survey will be compiled and shared

directly with Nehalem City Council to inform their recommendations to the City Forester in updating the City's Forest Management Plan. Community members are encouraged to complete the survey and share it with their neighbors to ensure broad representation of community voices.


A final forest management plan, informed by the feedback gathered, is expected to be developed by the end of 2026. The City of Nehalem and Sustainable Northwest are committed to a transparent and inclusive process that reflects the values and priorities of the Nehalem community.

For more information, please visit the City of Nehalem's website or contact the City directly.

Survey Link can be found here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScV88PUX0p5O_cVZY- QEKqIRgpdcpLI72_dYFwFaTRSFvv6lpQ/viewform?usp=header

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FENCEPOST

Nine individuals from Cape Meares recently finished an online workshop entitled “Death-care Workshop: Neighbor-to-Neighbor Support for Serious Illness, Grief & Dying.” The workshop was conducted by three experts in aging and end of life issues: two staff members from the Peaceful Presence Project in Bend and Margo Lulich of the North Coast End of Life Collective.

The workshop’s six classes were focused on community and individual support in times of need. The group discussed grief associated with loss—not just death, but relationships, estrangement, functions/capabilities, etc.—and defined community and its important role in death and loss care. They explored how neighbors, friends and community groups can learn to support each other with aging in place, grief, using the medical system effectively for serious and chronic illness, and handling needs during the death process and aftermath.

The presenters, videos and printed material all stressed the importance

of how small measures of support are valuable: offering to walk a dog, mow the lawn, water the plants or just listen. In the group discussions, leaders and participants often shared personal examples of their experiences that illustrated the course content. Even though these topics can be uncomfortable to discuss at first, the presenters created a supportive and informative atmosphere with their compassion, wisdom and experience. Discussing these often-avoided topics takes practice and becomes easier with the assistance of such knowledgeable guides.

Many thanks to Merrie Ziady, Kathy Burke, Mimi Maduro and Narayan Lincoln for sharing their workshop experiences for this report. For more information on this topic, check out the resources on the websites of the Peaceful Presence Project (<https://thepeacefulpresenceproject.org/>) and the North Coast EOL Collective (<https://www.northcoasteolcollective.com/>).

Neighbor Mimi Maduro came across a great beachcombing article from “The



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New Yorker.” It is entitled “Signed, Sealed, Delivered” and is about messages in bottles (M.I.B.s) and a man named Clint Buffington, who must be the world’s most prolific hunter of M.I.B.s. Yes, you read that right: He doesn’t just come across a bottle with a note in it when beachcombing on his favorite beach. He studies maps and currents and all sorts of information to pinpoint where he thinks M.I.B.s might have washed ashore, then he goes there. And he’s often right. In fact, the article said that Buffington has recovered nearly 150 notes in bottles since 2007, when he found his first M.I.B. His mission doesn’t stop at retrieving a bottle with a note inside;

he tracks down the writer, if possible, and gets the full story behind the note. He has come across everything from “love letters to promotional stunts, science projects, pleas for help and drunken ramblings.” If you have an interest in beachcombing and in M.I.B.s in particular, check out this article by Lauren Collins.

The spring Chinook salmon run is underway. When we launched our drift boat in Tillamook Bay on May 1, a fisherman we didn’t know just was taking out—with his limit, two hatchery Chinook. Since that morning, several fisherfolk from Cape Meares have pulled in catches. The fish seem to be a decent size, 10-15 pounds, and bright silver. Let’s hope a steady stream of fish comes in over the next six weeks or so of the springer season.

Today is neighbor Charles Ansoerge’s birthday, with Charles reaching a resolute 86. Happy birthday, Charles.

And tomorrow will be Capt. Pete’s birthday, hitting age 85 and glad of it. Love you to the beach and back, sweetheart.

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ELECTION

Day is here

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In the Democratic primary, Rachel Armitage, who previously was appointed to represent the district in 2022, is up against tax consultant Jordan Gutierrez and nurse Aaron Dickie.

State Representative Cyrus Javadi is running unopposed in the Demo-

cratic primary for District 32, while retired businessman Christian Honl, retired teacher Max Sherman and policeman and small business owner Adam Dean face off in the Republican primary.

Tillamook County voters will also be asked to choose between Alex Hamalian and Matthew Lyon to serve as circuit court judge to replace the retiring Mari Trevino.

Voters in the city of Tillamook will also have two questions on the ballot related to the proposed

new Tillamook Bay Fire & Rescue Rural Fire Protection District, while voters in Bay City will have one.

In Tillamook, voters will be asked whether they favor dissolving the existing Tillamook Fire District, with a second question asking if they are in favor of forming a new district that adds encompasses Bay City, while Bay City voters will only weigh in on the second question. Voters in both will also be asked to select a board of directors to serve, should the district’s formation be

approved.

The new district would have a tax rate of \$1.49 cents per thousand dollars of assessed property value annually, allowing for eight full-time staff. The Tillamook District has been operating with the same tax rate of 69 cents per thousand dollars of assessed property value since its founding in 1993.

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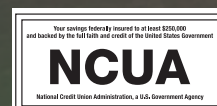
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get out and vote

To the Editor,
Time is ticking, folks. It's almost time to have those ballots turned in. I realize that I'm privileged to be able to do my research and make an informed decision on what person seems to most represent my values. It may sound a bit cliché, but every vote truly matters. Local elections shape the services we rely on every day—our schools, our roads, our emergency response and the leadership that guides our community forward. When turnout is low, a handful of ballots can decide outcomes that affect all of us. That's why it's so important for every eligible voter to make a plan and ensure their ballot is counted. This year, many residents have noticed delays in USPS processing times, especially when it comes to postmarking ballots. While the Postal Service works hard to serve rural communities, slower mail can create real risks for voters who wait until the last minute. A ballot that arrives late—even if it was mailed with good intentions—may not be counted.

Fortunately, our county provides a simple, reliable alternative: official ballot drop boxes. These secure boxes are emptied directly by elections staff, and ballots placed in them do not depend on postal timelines or postmarking delays. Using a drop box ensures your vote is received on time and handled through the most direct chain of custody available.

Voting is one of the few responsibilities we all share, regardless of background or politics. It's how we show up for our neighbors and help shape the future of our town. I encourage everyone to take a moment to locate

their nearest ballot drop box and return their ballot before the week is out. It's a small step that protects your voice and strengthens our community.

Our democracy works best when we all participate—and when we make sure our votes get where they need to go.

Sincerely,
*Carrie Leslie
Tillamook*

Hangar B isn't going anywhere anytime soon

For months, Tillamook County leaders have argued that dedicating Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) dollars toward repairs of historic Hangar B could somehow violate statutory requirements tied to tourism promotion and tourism-related facilities. Yet those same concerns seemed to disappear when \$1.7 million in TLT funds was approved for the North County Community Swimming Pool — a facility with limited regional draw and virtually no national tourism identity.

That contradiction deserves discussion. Like it or not, Hangar B is one of the most recognizable structures on the entire Oregon Coast. Even damaged and partially closed, the massive World War II-era blimp hangar still stops traffic. Visitors photograph it from Highway 101. Travelers ask about it at hotels, restaurants and other attractions. Aviation enthusiasts, history buffs, photographers, veterans, architects and tourists already come to Tillamook because of the hangar and the Tillamook Air Museum.

The North County pool serves an important community purpose. No one disputes that. But families are not traveling across Or-

egon or the nation to visit a municipal swimming pool. People do travel to see Hangar B.

And here's the reality county leaders must confront: Hangar B is not going anywhere anytime soon. The structure is too massive and historic. Whether repaired tomorrow or restored over time, it will remain a defining landmark for decades. That means Tillamook County has a choice.

It can either view Hangar B as a liability or embrace it as one of the county's greatest tourism assets.

Even in its damaged state, portions of the facility could potentially be opened for limited guided tours, historical exhibits, viewing platforms, educational programming or special events under controlled conditions. Across the country, damaged industrial and historic sites attract visitors through curated "behind-the-scenes" experiences. The scale of Hangar B alone makes it unforgettable.

Tourism dollars should support tourism infrastructure. Few structures in Oregon generate the recognition, curiosity, and economic potential of Hangar B.

The county should stop looking for excuses and start recognizing the opportunity standing right in front of it.

*Dallas Adams
Netarts*

Policing the Word "Milk"

Dear Editor:
Efforts to restrict plant-based products from using the word "milk" are gaining traction again, despite little evidence that consumers are confused. Most people know exactly what oat milk is—and choose it intentionally.

So why the push to regulate language? It's hard



not to see it as an attempt to shield one industry from growing competition.

Consumers benefit from clear labeling and diverse choices. Limiting how products are described doesn't protect the public—it limits innovation and restricts access to alternatives many people prefer for health, environmental, or ethical reasons.

What's next? If the dairy lobby has their way, you soon might have to buy peanut spread instead of peanut butter.

Respectfully,
*Terry Hays
Tillamook*

Long Prairie Water District Summary of Water Supply Planning Efforts

In 2020, the Long Prairie Water District formed a partnership with Pleasant Valley Water Company, the Port of Tillamook Bay, and South Prairie Water Association to evaluate options for reducing the cost of water

we purchase from the City of Tillamook.

That study identified there are at least three water supply options available to Long Prairie:

- We can continue to purchase treated water from the city,
- We can pursue a new partnership with the port and other local partners to develop a new source of supply, or
- We can pursue a new partnership to connect to another water supplier in the area.

Based in part on the results of that study, in 2023 the city offered to sell water to districts outside the city at a rate for industrial customers. That new rate reduced the district's purchased water cost by about half. At the time, the Long Prairie board decided to continue to purchase water from the city.

Now, in 2026, the City of Tillamook has announced significant new potential water rate increases. The potential rate increases identified by the city would more than double Long Prairie's costs for purchasing water

within about five years.

Long Prairie Water District was able to absorb this year's anticipated rate increase without immediately passing the full cost on to our customers. However, continued increases in the magnitude proposed by the city will require raising our own customers' rates in the near future.

Given the significant potential increases in our future rates, the Long Prairie board intends to reconsider some of the water supply options described above. These are not routine decisions. They involve millions of dollars in infrastructure, multi-year rate impacts on every household and business in our district, and the long-term security of our water supply.

Given the potential impact of these decisions on our community, our current board believes it is essential to bring new perspectives to fill the two current vacancies on our board of directors.

We are hoping to find individuals who can help evaluate engineering studies, financing options, grant applications, and rate structures with the vigor and fresh outlook these issues demand.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request, and your help in shaping the future of our community.

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FENCEPOSTS

“We Must Never Forget” is the theme of a Memorial Day Ceremony planned for 11 a.m. on Monday, May 25 at Sunset Memorial Park. It’s located on Trask River Road in Tillamook.

Earlier this weekend, “The Patriot’s Pitstop,” presented by Committed Motorsports, is happening at Tillamook County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 11 a.m. and motor sports action starts at 1 p.m. Events will include a car show, SXS figure 8 racing, monster trucks, an import demo derby, and a full-size van/SUV derby. There’ll also be bouncy houses, kid’s games, corn hole, and refreshments. Admission is \$25 for adults, \$15 for youth age 6 and older, and free admission for kids age 5 and younger. The address is 4603 E. Third Street in Tillamook.

Did you know that Pelican Brewery hosts a free Trivia Night from 6-9 each Tuesday at the brewpub? Winners can win “cool prizes including a seasonal grand prize of free beer for a year and mug club membership for their team.” The pub’s located adjacent to Cape Kiwanda Natural Area on Cape Kiwanda Drive in Pacific City.

Kiawanda Community Center (KCC) serves senior lunches at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays (May 19) and Wednes-



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days (May 20) for \$3 each. (Others may partake for \$6.) Bingo there is planned from 1-3 p.m. on Thursdays (May 21). The address is 34600 Cape Kiwanda Drive, in Pacific City. For more information call 971-212-7131 or go to kiwanda.com.

Poets and poetry lovers of all ages are invited to drop by South Tillamook County Library to listen to and read a poem at 5 p.m. on the Third Tuesday, monthly (May 19). Free help with smartphones, tablets, laptops, and similar devices at 3 p.m. on third Wednesdays (May 20). Be there at 5 p.m. that evening (third Wednesdays, monthly) for an hour of coloring time. This program is for adults 19 and older.

Story time happens there at 3:30 p.m. on second and fourth Wednesdays (May 27, June 10) monthly. Children of all ages are invited; the program

includes stories, singing and moving about. Family fun is in store there at 11 a.m. on third Saturdays (June 20) with a variety of activities.

Marilyn Burkhardt, of Hebo, leads drawing sessions from 6-8 p.m. on Third Thursdays monthly (May 21) at Nestucca High School. Participants contribute \$2 each towards rental of the space and take turns posing for each other. The address is 34660 Parkway Drive, in Cloverdale. Contact Marilyn Burkhardt, 503-392-3333 by phone, or email artist@marilynburkhardt.com.

Community Action Resource Enterprise (CARE) will host drop-in legal clinic from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. on the last Friday, monthly. For May, the date is next Friday, May 29. Oregon Law Center staff the event. Low-income households can receive advice on civil matters (domestic violence, employee’s rights, public benefits, and tenant’s rights). They don’t assist with criminal matters. CARE’s address is 2310 First Street in Tillamook.

Remember that Tillamook Serenity Club will host their 12th Annual “Don’t Get High” Tea early next month. It’s planned for 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 7. Hosted by Pacific Restaurant, it will include a silent auction, savory and sweet foods, and a variety of specialty teas. The address is 205 Main Avenue in Tillamook. Admission is \$40; for advance tickets call Joanne, 503-842-1115.

Happy Memorial Day on Monday, dear reader. There will be no school for Nestucca students.

Happy birthday this week to- Isabelle Bruce, Freedom Capps, Keith Carver, Adaleigh Gann, Austynn Gann, Cody Hagerty, Rachel Hagerty, Jim Huddleston, Nolan Kellow, Ben Owens, Tyler Peterson, Gladys Polivka, Kay Saddler, Jackie Scroggins, Holly Sigman, Harlow Watters, Brinley Whiteman and Taylor Whiteman.

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OBITUARY

Frank (Skip) Richter

November 4, 1946 - April 26, 2026

Frank (Skip) Richter was born in Tillamook, Oregon on November 4, 1946 to Paul Richter and Clementine Richter and passed away on April 26 in Portland, Oregon.

A graduate of Tillamook High School, he married Carol Smith and they had two sons, Matt and Nathan.

Skip began his career in telecommunications in Portland, later relocating to Colorado in 1980 where he managed a local telephone company in the Vail area. He followed other opportunities in Montana, Arizona, and Washington DC until returning to Oregon where he retired from the industry in 2010. He returned to Tillamook each August, staying at Happy Camp and reuniting with friends at the county fair.



An avid sports fan, he was a long-time season ticket holder for the Oregon Ducks and the Portland Timbers. When his sons starting playing soccer in the early 70's, Skip read about and studied this "new" sport to become a

coach. After moving to the town in Colorado where there was no youth soccer offered, he organized their first league and watched it flourish.

One of his greatest joys was attending several European soccer championships as well as annual trips to the Belmont Stakes horse races. He also participated in several humanitarian trips to Africa and the Philippines.

Skip was preceded in death by his parents, brother Paul Richter, and sister Bobbie McVey. He is survived by sons Matt (Marnie), Nathan (Cerys) and beloved grandchildren Calvin and Naomi Richter.

A celebration of his life will be held later this summer.

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SCHOOLS

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to Tillamook, starting as a first-grade teacher at South Prairie Elementary School before a stint in curriculum development and nine years as principal of Liberty Elementary. Guarcello then moved back to the district office, where she became Director of Communications, Grants and the Tillamook Education Foundation.

At the meeting, Board Chair Kris Lachenmeier said that the board had decided several months ago to offer Guarcello the full-time position given her strong performance as interim. Lachenmeier cited Guarcello's familiarity with the district and its history, and thanked Guarcello for her commitment to the district.

Lachenmeier said that the board had worked with an outside firm to determine Guarcello's salary, which will be \$172,000 plus a cost-of-living adjustment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, when her new contract begins with a term of three years.

Two representatives from Integrity Management Solutions also presented at the board meeting on the status of projects to be financed by a \$23.35-million bond approved by voters last year. The bond ended

up selling for a \$1.8-million premium, which in addition to \$6 million in state matching funds unlocked by the bond's passage, a grant for seismic upgrades at Liberty Elementary and interest on bond proceeds brings the total budget for projects to \$34.15 million.

So far, \$1.41 million have been spent on planning and design activities, and a further \$6.58 million have been committed, while many requests for proposal are either outstanding or set to be posted in the coming months.

Work is set to begin this year on a slew of projects, with Liberty Elementary slated for a seismic resiliency upgrade in addition to renovations, the high school's roof set to be replaced and a new field house added to the campus, and Tillamook Junior High and East Elementary to receive new gyms. Those larger projects will be managed by Integrity Management Solutions, while district staff will oversee door and access upgrades at the Wilson River School and district office, the installation of new playground equipment at East Elementary School, paving at the High School and South Prairie Elementary, and the placement of a new fuel tank at the district's transportation building.

The new field house at the high school has a

construction budget of \$2.5 million and total budget of \$3 million and is expected to break ground this August and to be complete by next March.

East Elementary's new gym will be next to the school's play structure, with construction to begin this September or October and finish next August, at a total cost of \$8 million. The junior high's gymnasium project is expected to start in November with the same total cost as the East Elementary Gym and completion set for August next year.

Projects set to begin next year include adding new security vestibules to the entrances of South Prairie, East Elementary, Tillamook Junior High and the high school, renovating the high school's locker room and East Elementary's kitchen and cafeteria, replacing doors at the high school and upgrading HVAC systems at various schools around the district, as well as security systems.

The board also took the first steps on several of the projects, approving a \$322,000 contract with Roy Houck Construction for paving at Tillamook High School and South Prairie, and another for \$181,000 with Columbia Cascade Company for playground equipment for East Elementary.

OPINION

FENCEPOST

Another week and no executive sessions were held. But council members did hold an open public meeting on Monday to gather input from residents about what direction they want the city to move toward. There were just under thirty people present at the Old Mill for our meeting. We wanted forward leaning comments and suggestions, not complaints without solutions. We got a little of both, and we concentrated on the former and captured those thoughts so we can move forward with direction from the community. A follow-up meeting will be held on June 22nd, time to be determined, to see what progress has been made with the objectives we were given. The community will hold our toes to this fire.

What are the goals, you might ask. Well, let me give you the list. And you can also monitor council's progress on achievement and follow-through. There were three main topics - the city hall building, services and streets. No priorities came from streets - rather from services and city hall.

For city hall, folks wanted first to open the community space in the building. For Services it was getting the fiscal house in order - audits completed. Those were the top priorities for the group. The number two item is for council to address the 32-hour work week. Third is to appoint additional members to the council. Other priority items or issues included getting staff back on site, transparency in everything, updating/fixing the city's website and reviewing the city's bid process. Do I ever have my homework laid out for me - reading all the mold reports and reviewing the bid process documentation.

In the upcoming council meeting we will be filling vacant positions, so that issue should be addressed. We learned we are unable to meet in person at the local grade school, as planned, but we are going to try to meet in the fire training room this month and see how that works. Our first item of business is to review



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plans to remediate problems in the building, so hopefully we can get that addressed and take steps to begin using the community space again. That gives us two of the four priority items addressed. Audits will take time, but we will ask for updates at every opportunity to keep you all informed.

Here is the rest of the list: selecting a qualified manager with vision, the mayor being the advocate for the city, phone transfers instead of leaving messages, tree ordinance, watering plants on main street, review building with a specialist before work, find out about asbestos in building, street sweeping, right-of-way mowing, reimbursements to homeowners for right-of-way maintenance, One Way signs needed at third and fourth and Hwy 101, and returning trash cans to the main highway. It took us one hour to generate the list. We took a break and came back to prioritize what should be done first. It had to be done in two steps; first

what is important and second, of those, which is the most important.

And as for transparency - even this fencepost column is being used to provide you with information on what in the world is going on in Garibaldi.

Switching gears, it is about time for some news from our favorite librarian. Here are two upcoming events you may have interest in: on Tuesday, May 19, at 2 p.m. the Book Club meets. This month's book is the One Book One Coast title: They Called Us Enemy by George Takei. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation. If you have not yet read the book, unlimited digital copies are available on the Libby app by Overdrive.

On Saturday, May 23, at 2 p.m. the library hosts Community Chess. All chess players are invited to join us for an afternoon of chess. Play one game or several. All ages and levels are welcome.

There will be an event at the branch library, on Thursday, May 28, at 4 p.m. that sounds interesting - a discussion related to the federal presence on the Oregon coast. A town hall on the "Meeting of the Minds." This will need to be on my calendar.

Do not forget to vote! Tuesday, May 19th you can drop your ballot in the white box next to the Fire Station.

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Have a young runner? Each summer Ultimook Track Club facilitates a youth summer running program for Tillamook-area athletes.

“Our mission is to develop young runners in both mind and body. Young runners require a fun, supportive environment to aid in aerobic development,” Ultimook Youth Director Chelsea Yarnell said.

The Ultimook Youth Track Club is a running club designed for athletes entering PreK-eighth grades.

“Last year we have over 80 athletes that participate in our club,” Yarnell said. “Each of our practices educate young athletes on the different elements of running such as warmups, dynamic drills, running workouts and stretching. We modify all activities based on ages and break our crew into age groups who are overseen by coaches with running and fitness backgrounds.”

Registration is currently open. The 2026 season will run June 2 - July 30 with practices for

all age groups meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 at the Tillamook Junior High School. Each group is led by a coach (or two) with experience in the areas of running, track & field, or fitness.

“The practices are always a highlight of my day,” Yarnell said. “Our coaches love to share their passion for running with the community, and in return, we’re always rewarded with so much enthusiasm and joy from the kids on our team.”

Returning again for its third years is the Ultimook Track & Field Day Camp. The camp will focus on introducing athletes to the various events in track in field including: running races, relays, hurdles, long jump, shot put, discus and javelin. The day camp will be hosted at the Tillamook High School Track Monday, Wednesday, Fridays from July 6 -17 and culminate with a mock track meet on July 17. The camp is designed for those entering grades K-8.

For more information including costs and information about financial assistance, or to register, visit ultimooktrackclub.com or email ultimookyouthtrackclub@gmail.com.



Tillamook County criminal convictions

STAFF REPORT

On March 12, Justin Ray Davidson, 45, pled no contest to one count of identity theft, a class C felony, committed on or about December 12, 2025. Davidson was sentenced to 13 months in prison and 12 months post-prison supervision and ordered to pay \$974.40 in restitution.

On March 19, Jamie Povach Hermes, Jr., 44, pled no contest to one count of failure to appear in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about February 23. Hermes was sentenced to 45 days in jail.

On March 19, Mariah Marie Mullhall Leaverton, 40, pled no contest to one count of resisting arrest, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about February 27. Leaverton was sentenced to 120 days in jail.

On March 20, Miguel Angelo Neto, 44, pled no contest to one count of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, a class C felony, and one count of recklessly endangering another person, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about September 14, 2025. Angelo Neto was sentenced to 18 months’ probation and his driver’s license was

suspended for 90 days.

On March 23, Patrick Eugene Lynch, 70, pled no contest to one count of criminal driving while suspended or revoked, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about November 18, 2025. Lynch was sentenced to two days in jail.

On March 30, Jeremy Dean Pennell, 46, pled guilty to one count of failure to perform the duties of a driver relating to property damage, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about February 6. Pennell was sentenced to ten days in jail and one year on probation, his driver’s license was suspended for 90 days and he was ordered to pay \$4,519.37 in restitution.

On March 31, Cesar Godinez, 27, pled no contest to one count of strangulation constituting domestic violence, a class C felony, and one count of menacing constituting domestic violence, a class A misdemeanor, both committed on or about December 30, 2025, as well as one count of attempting to commit a class B felony-assault in the second degree constituting domestic violence, a class C felony, committed on or about March 1. Godinez was sentenced to 60 days in jail and three years’ probation.

On April 1, Jason

Michael Santos, 38, pled no contest to one count of aggravated harassment, a class C felony, committed on or about December 17, 2025. Santos was sentenced to 18 months in prison and two years’ post-prison supervision and ordered to pay \$1,600 in restitution.

On April 1, Michael Joseph Crone, 39, pled no contest to one count of harassment, a class B misdemeanor, committed on or about February 8. Crone was sentenced to 120 days in jail.

On April 2, Erick Preston MacDonald, 25, was found guilty by the court on one count of criminal driving with a suspended or revoked license, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about August 23, 2025. MacDonald was sentenced to two days in jail.

On April 3, Kenneth Ray Mallare, 35, pled no contest to one count of criminal mischief in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, and one count of carrying a concealed weapon, a class B misdemeanor, both committed on or about May 13, 2025. Mallare was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

On April 3, Damien Kaleookalani Lopes admitted to being in contempt of court and was sentenced to a year of bench probation.

On April 6, Katrina Marie Benton, 39, pled no contest to one count of harassment, a class B misdemeanor, committed on or about December 13, 2025. Benton was sentenced to eight days in jail.

On April 6, James Darrell Dotson, 32, pled no contest to one count of taking, processing or dealing in food fish without a license violating commercial fishing laws with a culpable mental state, a class A violation, committed on or between June 1 and July 31, 2025. Dotson was assessed \$1,153.58 in fines and restitution.

On April 6, Launa Jean Dickerson, 33, pled no contest to one count of offensive littering, a class A violation, committed on or about February 9. Dickerson was assessed a \$440 fine.

On April 7, Edora Liko-mokihana Kalaiwaa Fernandez, 38, pled no contest to one count of criminal trespass in the second degree, a class C misdemeanor, committed on or about January 6, one count of failure to appear in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about January 7, and one count of criminal mischief in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about February 8. Fernandez was sentenced to time served in jail and

three years’ probation.

On April 7, Quinnia Marrie Dubrasky, 41, pled no contest to one count of criminal mischief in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about February 3, and one count of reckless burning, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about February 4, Dubrasky was sentenced to three years’ probation.

On April 8, Roy De Laine Gifford, 60, pled guilty to two counts of theft in the third degree, a class C misdemeanor, committed on or about March 28. Gifford was sentenced to 40 days in jail and ordered to pay \$39.28 in restitution.

On April 10, Bonte Lauri Ammerman, 50, pled no contest to one count of menacing, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about September 19, 2025. Ammerman was sentenced to 36 months’ probation.

On April 13, Esteban Alvarez-Ayala, 29, pled guilty to one count of criminal driving while suspended or revoked, a class B felony, committed on or about October 13, 2025. Alvarez-Ayala was sentenced to ten days in jail and three years’ probation and assessed a \$1,000 traffic fine.

On April 13, Juan Jesus Perez Rojas, then 30, pled

guilty to one count of taking, angling, hunting or trapping in violation of wildlife law or rule with culpable mental state, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about January 16. Perez Rojas was sentenced to five days in jail, his hunting license was revoked for three years, and he was ordered to pay \$5,000 in fines to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

On April 13, Angela Christine Bradley, 48, pled no contest to one count of harassment, a class B misdemeanor, committed on or about April 6. Bradley was sentenced to 18 months’ probation.

On April 14, Katelynn Marguerite Thompson, 28, pled no contest to one count of theft in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about March 16, 2025, and one count of failure to appear in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about March 30, 2025. Thompson was sentenced to 15 days in jail.

On April 16, Michael Steven Socia, 27, pled no contest to two counts of theft in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about February 4. Socia was sentenced to 180 days in jail.



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Eric Swanson Named a 2026 ‘Rural Hospital CEO to Know’



Eric Swanson, President of Adventist Health Tillamook based in Tillamook, Ore.

Adventist Health Tillamook announces that Eric Swanson, MBA, FACHE, NRP, President of Adventist Health Tillamook, has been recognized by Becker’s Hospital Review as one of the nation’s “Rural Hospital and Health System Presidents and CEOs to Know” for 2026. Swanson is among 146 rural healthcare leaders nationwide honored this year and is one of only two leaders recognized in Oregon.

The Becker’s list highlights rural hospital and health system executives who are expanding access to care, recruiting and retaining skilled caregivers, and investing in facilities through thoughtful renovation and new construction. These leaders are recognized for managing extraordinary complexity while serving as community anchors that balance financial pressures and workforce challenges while driving growth and improving patient experience.

Swanson’s career reflects a deep commitment

to rural healthcare leadership. He has spent his professional life serving the Tillamook community, beginning as a teen volunteer and progressing through more than 20 roles before becoming president of Adventist Health Tillamook, a Critical Access Hospital on Oregon’s north coast. A licensed paramedic since 1989, he has guided the organization through some of the most demanding conditions facing rural healthcare, including pandemics, wildfires, winter storms, and flooding in one of the most disaster-prone counties on the West Coast. He also serves on the Tillamook County Emergency Management Committee.

Among his most significant recent accomplishments, Becker’s noted Swanson’s leadership in reopening the Tillamook Kidney Center in 2025, restoring local dialysis services after a previous closure forced medically vulnerable patients to travel long distances multiple times per week for life-sustaining treatment. He also led a \$22

million surgical services expansion and championed passage of a \$14.4 million bond to develop a health education facility at Tillamook Bay Community College, strengthening the rural healthcare workforce pipeline. Under his leadership, Adventist Health Tillamook achieved a 4-star CMS hospital rating in 2025 and received the 2025 Oregon Rural Health Excellence Award for its innovative community-based nursing services.

The full list of 2026 honorees and individual profiles are available through Becker’s Hospital Review. Inclusion on the list is based on editorial research and peer nominations; organizations and individuals cannot pay for recognition.

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Tillamook Medical Minute: Mental Health is a Shared Conversation Worth Having

BRANDI ANN HARRIS
 Family Medicine and Psychiatric Provider at Adventist Health Medical Office – Plaza



Brandi Ann Harris

Mental health is often talked about in whispers, or not at all. For many people, the subject still carries assumptions: that mental health challenges are rare, that they signal weakness or that they belong in a separate category from “real health.” In reality, mental health is simply part of being human. It shapes how we think, feel, connect with others and make decisions every day.

Most of us will experience stress, anxiety, grief or emotional strain at some point in our lives. These experiences don’t always come from dramatic events. They can grow from daily pressures, life transitions, caregiving responsibilities, financial worries or feeling isolated. Recognizing this helps shift the conversation away from labels and toward understanding. Mental health exists on a spectrum, and caring for it is as normal, and necessary, as caring for physical health.

One of the most important messages of May’s Mental Health Awareness Month is that small, everyday habits matter. Movement, nutrition, sleep and stress management aren’t quick fixes, but they are powerful tools. A short walk, a balanced meal, a consistent bedtime or a few moments to pause and breathe can help regulate mood and support emotional resilience over time. These are not cures, but they are foundations that support well-being.

Just as important is how we support one another. Changes in mood, energy,

sleep or behavior can be signs that someone is struggling. You don’t need special training to make a difference; sometimes the most helpful response is to notice, check in, and listen without judgment. A simple “How are you doing?” can open the door to connection. When conversations feel heavy or concerning, encouraging professional support is a caring and responsible step — not an overreaction.

Mental health awareness also means understanding that help is available. Counselors, clinicians and community resources exist to provide guidance, treatment and support when challenges feel overwhelming. Reaching out for help doesn’t mean losing independence or control; it means choosing to care for yourself in the same way

you would with any other health concern.

Equally important is creating environments at work, at home, and in the community where mental health conversations are welcomed rather than avoided. Reducing stigma doesn’t require having all the right words; it starts with openness, empathy and the willingness to treat mental health as part of overall well-being.

Mental Health Awareness Month is not about spotlighting problems. It’s about making space for honest conversations, practical habits and shared responsibility. By paying attention to our own well-being and staying connected to one another, we create communities where people feel supported, understood and valued throughout the year.

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provide oral testimony at the June 11, 2026, hearing, please visit the Tillamook County Department of Community Development (DCD) website at <https://www.tillamook-county.gov/bc-pc> for instructions and protocol or email Sarah Thompson, Office Specialist 2, at Sarah.thompson@tillamook-county.gov. A virtual meeting link will be provided at the bottom of the DCD homepage address as well as a dial in number for those who wish to participate via teleconference but are unable to participate virtually prior to the evening of the hearing. Written testimony may be submitted to the Tillamook County Department of Community Development, 1510-B Third Street, Tillamook, Oregon, 97141 prior to 4:00 p.m. on the date of the June 11, 2026, Planning Commission hearing. If submitted by 4:00 p.m. on June 2, 2026, the testimony will be included in the packet mailed to the Planning Commission the week prior to the June 11, 2026, hearing. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision-maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue. Please contact Sarah Thompson, Office Specialist 2, Tillamook County Department of Community Development, Sarah.thompson@tillamook-county.gov

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tillamookcounty.gov as soon as possible if you wish to have your comments included in the staff report that will be presented to the Planning Commission. The documents and submitted applications are also available on the Tillamook County Department of Community Development website (<https://www.tillamookcounty.gov/commdev/landuseapps>) or at the Department of Community Development office located at 1510-B Third Street, Tillamook, Oregon 97141. A copy of the application and related materials may be purchased from the Department of Community Development at a cost of 25 cents per page. The staff report will be available for public inspection seven days prior to the hearing. Please contact Sarah Thompson for additional information <https://www.tillamookcounty.gov/commdev/landuseapps> or call 503-842-3408. In addition to the specific applicable review criteria, the City of Nehalem Development Ordinance, City of Nehalem Comprehensive Plan, and State-wide Planning Goals which may contain additional regulations, policies, zones and standards that may apply to the request are also available for review at the Department of Community Development. The Port of Tillamook Bay Conference Center is handicapped accessible. If special accommodations are needed

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for persons with hearing, visual, or manual impairments who wish to participate in the hearing, please contact the Department at 503-842-3408, at least 24 hours prior to the hearing in order that appropriate communications assistance can be arranged. If you need additional information, please contact Sarah Thompson, DCD Office Specialist, at 503-842-3408 or email sarah.thompson@tillamookcounty.gov. Tillamook County Department of Community Development Sarah Absher, CFM, Director

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HH26-200 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF TILLAMOOK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: JANNET C. GREEN, Deceased. No. 26PB04175 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the party stated below has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at 2308 Third Street, P.O. Box 939, Tillamook, Oregon 97141, or

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they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published: May 19, 2026. Jason L. Green Personal Representative P.O. Box 939 Tillamook, Oregon 97141 CHRISTOPHER M. KITTELL ALBRIGHT KITTELL PC Attorneys at Law 2308 Third Street P.O. Box 939 Tillamook, Oregon 97141

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HH26-201 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the 4-H & Extension Service District, Tillamook County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, will be held at 201 Laurel Ave, Tillamook Oregon in the BoCC Conference Room- 106 The meeting

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will take place on May 28nd, 2026 at 8:30 am. 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 at <https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/treasurer/page/4h-extension-services-budget-documents> or calling 503-842-3433. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. If you would like a virtual link, please feel free to reach out to use my phone or email. Any person may appear at the virtual meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

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HH26-204 NOTICE OF TILLAMOOK COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING. Notice is hereby given that the Tillamook County Housing Commission will hold a regularly scheduled meet-

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ing the first Thursday of every month beginning at 9:00am at the Port of Tillamook Bay Conference Center, 4000 Blimp Boulevard, Tillamook, Oregon. The public is welcome to attend. Meeting materials including a link to attend the meeting virtually and teleconference access information can be found at the Tillamook County Housing Commission webpage, located at <https://www.tillamook-county.gov/bc-hc>. A public comment period is held at the end of every meeting. For additional information, please contact the Tillamook County Housing Coordinator at (503) 842-3408 if you have any questions regarding the meeting or if assistance is needed to access the meeting.

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HH26-205 NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR DISTRICT DIRECTORS OF THE TILLAMOOK COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Notice is hereby given that on No-

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HH26-203

A public meeting of the Board of Directors of NorthWest Senior and Disability Services will be held on Monday, June 1st, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. at Northwest Senior & Disability conference call line 1-877-853-5247 Meeting ID: 846 2122 5310 and via zoom <https://nwdsd.zoom.us/j/84621225310?pwd=Cepvw2o2jpuHnEu3Dncd9KtjLIDSz.1>

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and adopt planning budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026. A summary of the proposed planning budget is presented below. An online copy of the proposed planning budget may be obtained by contacting accounting department at accounting@nwdsd.org or 503-304-3427 between the hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Counties of Clatsop, Marion, Polk, Tillamook and Yamhill, Commissioner Courtney Bangs, Chairperson of the Governing Board.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Proposed Planning Budget FY 2026/2027

Anticipated Requirements

Total Personnel Services	\$ 49,368,133
Total Materials and Services	\$ 6,616,000
Total Contract Services	\$ 3,964,770
Total Capital Outlay	\$ 720,000
Total Contingencies	\$ 45,909,091
TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	\$ 106,577,994
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 106,577,994

FORM OR-LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING HH26-209

A public meeting of the Port of Garibaldi will be held on June 10, 2026 at 7:00pm at Bay City City Hall in Bay City, Oregon. Virtual Meeting link available upon request. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the Port of Garibaldi Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at the Port of Garibaldi office (402 S 7th St, Garibaldi), between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. or online at www.portofgaribaldi.org. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year. If different, the major changes and their effect on the budget are:

Contact: Valerie S. Folkema Telephone: (503) 322-3292 Email: info@portofgaribaldi.org

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
	Actual Amount 2024-25	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-26	Approved Budget Next Year 2025-26
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	72,791	578,381	445,838
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service	1,355,427	1,239,950	1,299,510
Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	5,000	175,000	2,100,000
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	381,767	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	0	0	0
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	102,786	100,000	163,334
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	300,830	305,000	314,000
Total Resources	2,218,601	2,398,331	4,322,682

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	881,306	1,148,631	1,237,560
Materials and Services	455,427	584,500	591,800
Capital Outlay	277,521	475,000	2,305,000
Debt Service	147,220	112,181	107,851
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
Contingencies	0	30,000	60,000
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	0	48,019	20,471
Total Requirements	1,761,474	2,398,331	4,322,682

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
General Fund	1711144	2,143,138	1,951,902
FTE	9	9	8
Enterprise Fund (RV Park)	192748	255,193	370,780
FTE	1	1	1
Capital Fund	0	0	2,000,000
FTE	0	0	0
Total Requirements	1,903,892	2,398,331	4,322,682
Total FTE	10	10	9

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2024-25	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2025-26	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2026-27
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit per \$1,000)	0.262	0.262	0.262
Local Option Levy			
Levy For General Obligation Bonds			

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1,	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$667,198	\$0
Total		

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FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING HH26-215

A public meeting of the Manzanita City Council will be held as a virtual meeting via Zoom on May 27, 2026 at 6:00 pm. Please visit the city's website at www.ci.manzanita.or.us for meeting login details. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the City of Manzanita Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 655 Manzanita Ave, Monday - Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or online at www.ci.manzanita.or.us/budget-committee/. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Nina Crist Telephone: (503)812-2514 Email: ncrist@ci.manzanita.or.us

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
	Actual Amount 2024-2025	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-2026	Approved Budget Next Year 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	9,718,211	10,300,130	10,856,109
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	4,797,368	4,396,100	4,541,100
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	751,618	2,594,980	158,800
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	3,328,414	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	4,522,333	306,785	480,347
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	520,844	208,700	186,740
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	281,555	273,500	281,500
Total Resources	23,920,323	18,080,195	16,504,596

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	2,146,707	2,773,210	3,008,000
Materials and Services	1,166,441	1,667,380	1,877,100
Capital Outlay	4,771,708	3,628,465	285,000
Debt Service	380,956	681,240	701,240
Interfund Transfers	4,313,946	306,785	480,347
Contingencies	0	270,000	605,000
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	11,140,565	8,753,115	9,547,909
Total Requirements	23,920,323	18,080,195	16,504,596

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
Name: Administration	1,088,101	1,339,100	1,555,100
FTE	4.00	5.50	5.50
Name: Public Safety	740,198	915,250	1,003,200
FTE	4.00	4.25	4.50
Name: Water Utility	3,102,392	3,571,110	3,651,595
FTE	4.45	4.40	4.15
Name: Transportation	1,083,526	2,785,460	577,032
FTE	0.90	0.65	0.65
Name: Building	670,538	547,780	642,012
FTE	0.80	1.10	1.10
Name: Tourism	972,832	984,890	953,325
FTE	1.36	1.60	1.35
Name: Facilities Maintenance	18,094	29,500	198,500
FTE	0.09	0.10	0.35
Name: Municipal Court	43,297	51,400	53,900
FTE	0.40	0.40	0.40
Name: System Development Charges	3,294,288	3,204,735	2,949,792
FTE	0	0	0
Name: Public Works Reserve	224,113	235,375	206,778
FTE	0	0	0
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	12,682,944	4,415,595	4,713,362
FTE			
Total Requirements	23,920,323	18,080,195	16,504,596
Total FTE	16.0	18.0	18.0

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *

The City of Manzanita has renamed the Parks Department to Facilities Maintenance.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2024-2025	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2025-2026	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2026-2027
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit 4.233 per \$1,000)	0.4233	0.4233	0.4233
Local Option Levy			
Levy For General Obligation Bonds			

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1,	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$3,252,933	
Other Bonds	\$3,830,000	
Other Borrowings	\$232,999	
Other Borrowings	\$76,301	
Total	\$7,392,233	

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ember 3, 2026, an election will be held for the purpose of electing board director(s) to the following positions for the Tillamook County Soil and Water Conservation District: Positions: Zone 1, 4 years; Zone 2, 4 years; at large 2, 4 years Zone boundaries, eligibility requirements, and copies of the required elections forms may be obtained at the SWCD Office located at 4000 Blimp Blvd. Suite 200, Tillamook, OR 503-457-9024 Election forms and information may also be found at: <https://oda.direct/SWCD-elections> Each candidate must file a "Declaration of Candidacy" and a "Petition for Nomination Signature Sheet" with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Program Area, Grants Administrative Officer. The filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. on August 25, 2026. The last day to file for an elected incumbent district candidate seeking re-election to the same office is 5:00 p.m. August 18, 2026.

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HH26-206 "Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public auction, to satisfy the owner's lien for rent due, the contents of the following storage units located at Tillamook Mini Storage, 3510 3rd St., Tillamook, OR 97141: Casey Jones #304, Casey Jones #665, Randie Sue Smith #348 and Tod H Foulk #235. The sale will be conducted online at www.storageauctions.com beginning June 3rd, 2026 at 9:00 AM and ending June 16th, 2026 at 5:00 PM. All persons claiming an interest in the above property must pay the amounts due before the sale date. Tillamook Mini Storage reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale or cancel the auction without notice."

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HH26-207 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF TILLAMOOK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: JOYCE A. HEUSSER, Deceased. No. 26PB04335 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY

A	Use this notice if public comment will be taken at this meeting.	HH26-196
NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING		
A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Port of Nehalem, State of Oregon, (District Name) Tillamook (County)		
to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, will be held at North County Recreation District - NCRD (Location)		
NCRD, North County Recreations District, 36155 9th Street, Nehalem, OR 97131 (Address) May 27, 2026 05:30pm (Date) (Time)		
The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget.		
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.		
A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after 14-May-26 (Date) (Location)		
Port of Nehalem Office. 36060 Sixth St., Nehalem, OR 97131 Monday, Wed 9:00 AM (Location) (Time) □ am □ pm □ am □ pm		
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GIVEN that the party stated below has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at 2308 Third Street, P.O. Box 939, Tillamook, Oregon 97141, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published: May 19, 2026. Cynthia Perkins Personal Representative P.O. Box 939 Tillamook, Oregon 97141 CHRISTOPHER M. KITTELL ALBRIGHT KITTELL PC Attorneys at Law 2308 Third Street P.O. Box 939 Tillamook, Oregon 97141

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HH26-208 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF TILLAMOOK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: EDWIN O. WALLMARK, Deceased. No. 26PB04336 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the parties stated below have been appointed and have qualified as the co-personal representatives of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the co-personal representatives at 2308 Third Street, P.O. Box 939, Tillamook, Oregon 97141, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the co-personal representatives or the attorney for the co-personal representatives. Dated and published: May 19, 2026. Vickie Mount Brenda Mer-

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ry Co-Personal Representatives P.O. Box 939 Tillamook, Oregon 97141 CHRISTOPHER M. KITTELL ALBRIGHT KITTELL PC Attorneys at Law 2308 Third Street P.O. Box 939 Tillamook, Oregon 97141

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HH26-210 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 819 Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 6/1/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by MENE-FEE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR & 31665 HWY 101 S CLOVERDALE, OR 2026 NOVE TRL VIN = 5JW9E2225T6142438 Amount due on lien \$16156.80 Reputed owner(s) > DERRICK C HESS & SARA M PEARO

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HH26-211 Tillamook Lightwave Regular Board Meeting And Budget Committee Meeting May 26, 2026 The meeting will be held at Tillamook People's Utility District's Carl Rawe Meeting Room is located at 1115 Pacific Avenue, Tillamook, OR 97141 The Tillamook Lightwave Board of Directors will conduct the following meetings. May 26, 2026 - 9:30 a.m. Tillamook Lightwave Budget Committee Meeting. May 26, 2026, 9:30 a.m. Tillamook Lightwave Regular Board Meeting. June 23, 2026, 9:30 a.m. Tillamook Lightwave Budget Hearing Any other matters that may come before the Board. Those who require special accommodations should contact the PUD at 800-422-2535 or 503-842-2535.

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HH26-212 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED SECOND AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #64 CONCERNING DOGS AT LARGE; LICENSING, IMPOUNDMENT CARE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE WITHIN CERTAIN INCORPORATED CITIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY Notice is hereby given that two (2) Public

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34 1950s-'60s Egyptian president
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Tillamook County Church Services

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

Nehalem
NEHALEM BAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
36050 10th Street, Nehalem, OR
(503) 368-5612
Pastor Celeste Deveney + Sunday service 11 a.m.
Food Pantry
Open Friday, Saturday & Monday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wednesday
March - October 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
November - February noon to 4 p.m.
Nehalem Senior Lunches
Tuesday & Thursday served at noon
email: nbumcns12020@gmail.com

Netarts
NETARTS FRIENDS CHURCH
4685 Alder Cove Rd. West,
(503) 842-8375
Email: friendschurchnetarts@gmail.com
Website: www.netartsfriends.org
Pastor Aaron Carlson, Adult & Youth
Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Nursery available
Handicap Accessible
Small Groups
All are welcome!

Pacific City
NESTUCCA VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
35305 Brooten Road, (503) 965-6229
Rev. Ken Hood
www.nestuccavalley.pc.org
Weekly Bible study group Fridays at 10 a.m.
Open communion the first Sunday of each month
Regular services Sunday 10 a.m.
Everyone is welcome

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

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

Pacific Coast Bible Church
35220 Brooten Road
(Adjacent Post Office)
Pastor Dan Mason (503) 926-8234
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:15 a.m.
Website: pacficcoastbiblechurch.com
All are welcome!

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

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

TILLAMOOK NAZARENE
2611 3rd, (503) 842-2549
Pastor Josh Myers
Sunday: Growth Groups: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
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Hearings shall be held before the Board of Commissioners for Tillamook County pursuant to ORS 203.045(3). The first Public Hearing shall be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 9:45 a.m. The second Public Hearing shall be held on June 10, 2026, at 9:45 a.m. The Public Hearings will be held in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room 106 in the Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, Oregon 97141; Teleconference 971-254-3149, ID: 866 914 607#. The purpose of these Public Hearings will be to receive public testimony concerning the proposed second amendment to Ordinance #64 prohibiting the running of dogs at large; providing for the licensing, impoundment and care of dogs; providing for the applicability of this ordinance within certain incorporated cities; repealing prior enactments and establishing penalties for violations of this ordinance and declaring an emergency. Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available on the Tillamook County web site at <https://www.tillamookcounty.gov/ordinances>. Paper copies are available in the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners' Office. Interested persons can obtain more information by contacting the County Commissioners' Office at (503) 842-3403. Those intending to provide public comment shall appear in-person or virtually and testify, or email submissions to publiccomments@tillamookcounty.gov. To provide public comments virtually, please register by sending an email to publiccomments@tillamookcounty.gov by 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the hearing. All interested persons are welcome to submit written testimony to the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners' Office, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, Oregon 97141. Publish May 19, 2026. Posted pursuant to ORS 203.045(5)(b).

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HH26-213 NOTICE OF NRFPD BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING. A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District, Tillamook County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, will be held at Station 87- located at 30710 Hwy 101 S Cloverdale, OR 97112. The meeting will take place on May 27th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting place is accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for a sign language interpreter or other accommodation should be made at least 48 hours prior to the meeting time by calling 503-392-3313. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message, consider new information on the 2026-2027 budget and to receive comments from the public on the budget. 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. Meeting information is posted at www.nrfpdor.gov. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 20th at Station 87, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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HH26-214 TILLAMOOK COUNTY CALL FOR BIDS - PREVAILING WAGE RATE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION TILLAMOOK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - 2026 ELECTRICAL SERVICE UPGRADES PROJECT SECTION 00010 CALL FOR BIDS This project consists of Electrical Service and Distribution Improvements to the Tillamook County Fairgrounds Site. Specifications and bid forms may be viewed at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds Office, 4603 3rd Street, Tillamook, Oregon, 97141, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. local time. The specifications and bid forms may be obtained electronically,

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at no charge, by e-mailing John Abel at johna@cornerstonemgi.com or Alyssa Pickett at alysap@cornerstonemgi.com. Each prospective contractor must provide full company name, address, contact name, phone and email address at the time of the request. Bidders will not be required to be pre-qualified under ORS 279B.120. This contract is for a project that is subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 (Prevailing Wage Law). Sealed bids shall be submitted to the Tillamook County Fairgrounds Office, Attention: John Abel, 4603 3rd Street, Tillamook, Oregon 97141. Sealed bids shall be marked "TILLAMOOK COUNTY

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FAIRGROUNDS - 2026 ELECTRICAL SERVICE UPGRADES" and be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2026. Bids received after this time shall be returned unopened. Bids may be withdrawn at any time, prior to opening, upon written request of the bidder. NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY WAY OF FAX OR ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE. All bids will be opened and read aloud in the Tillamook County Fairgrounds Office at 4603 3rd Street, Tillamook, Oregon, 97141, at 2:05 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

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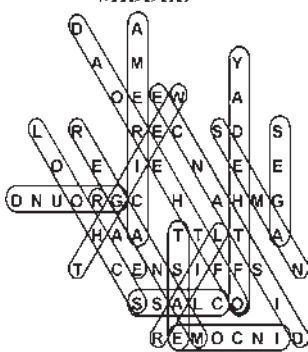
AXYDLBAAXR
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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MIDDLE -



CryptoQuote
answer

Tell me to what you pay attention and I will tell you who you are.
- Jose Ortega y Gasset

MAGIC MAZE ● MIDDLE —



Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: **First Letter of Your Middle Name**

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| America | East | Names | School |
| Class | Ground | Of the day | Weight |
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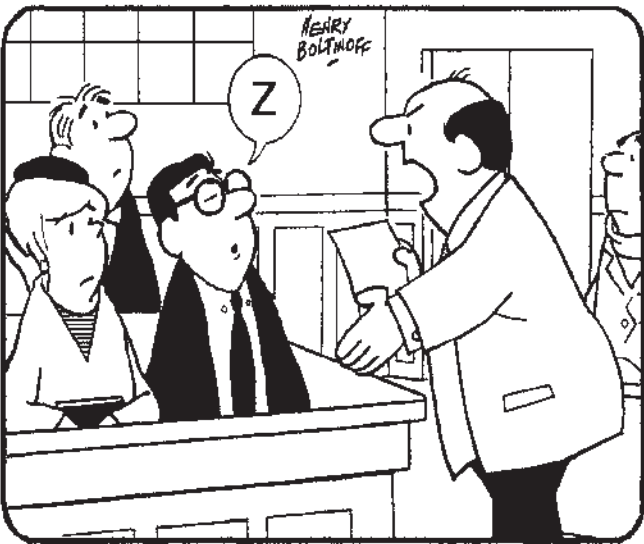
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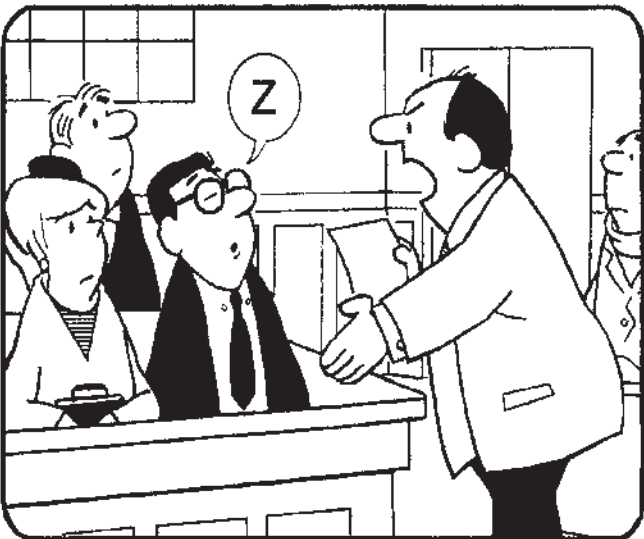
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1	7	8		4	2
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			4	3	
	2	8			
			5	8	2
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

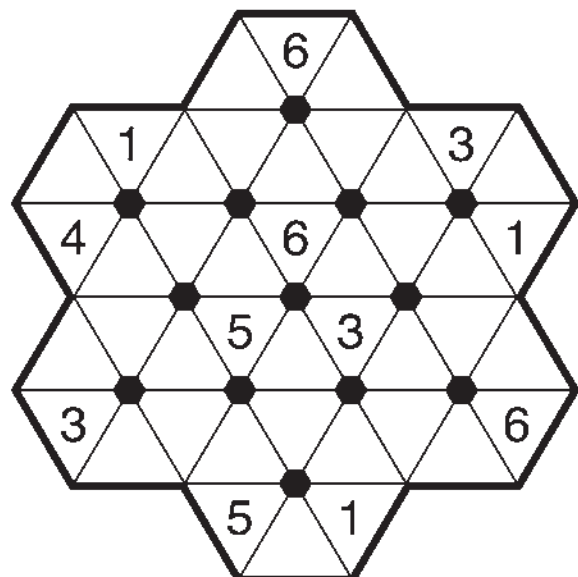
- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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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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