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Tillamook Junior High School Principal Karen Thenell enjoys one of the new slides at the playground.

Tillamook School District Superintendent Jennifer Guarcello addresses the crowd before the ribbon cutting, thanking all who were involved, including Randy Schild (right of Guarcello), who has been helping the district manage projects financed by the bond.

East Elementary celebrates playground upgrade

STAFF REPORT

Members of the community joined staff and students from East Elementary School to celebrate a major upgrade to the school's playground facilities on October 16.

New playground equipment and installation cost around $300,000 in total, according to Tillamook School District Superintendent Jennifer Guarcello, who said they replaced equipment designed for the school's original first through third grade student body, before it expanded to include kids in the fourth through sixth grades. Guarcello said the new equipment remedied that deficiency and offered lots of opportunities for climbing, a particularly popular activity with students, and multiple zones for kids to play safely at the same time.

Guarcello also noted that the playground saw lots of use from families in the neighborhood in the afternoons and on weekends, making the investment even more impactful. "We look forward to seeing generations of East students and community members enjoy this playground for years to come," Guarcello said.

The upgrade is one of many projects across the district improving buildings and other facilities being supported by a voter-approved $25.35-million bond and more than $10 million in matching funds from the state.

Bangs targets bloat, overregulation in senate bid

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

In her campaign for State Senate District 16, Clatsop County Commissioner Courtney Bangs is arguing that Oregon needs to cut back on spending to lower costs for residents and streamline regulations to attract and retain businesses.

Bangs, a Republican, said that she would also prioritize repealing or amending the state's corporate activity tax to stimulate economic growth and try to shift the state government's general disposition to one of collaboration with businesses if elected. Above all, though, Bangs said her biggest goal would be to advocate fiscal pragmatism when new programs are proposed and seek to bring the state's spending in line with its means to prevent negative impacts to constituents.

"I think we've hired above our pay grade and now we're sitting in a crisis situation, financially," Bangs said. "And who pays the price? It's the people who need the money the most. It's our schools. It's our social services. It's our older population."

Bangs enters the November campaign with strong momentum coming off a three-way primary victory in which she received 60% of the vote after garnering the endorsement of incumbent Senator Suzanne Weber, a Republican ineligible for reelection following a 2023 walkout. Since the primary, Bangs said that she has been traveling and meeting with constituents to learn local concerns across the district's width and breadth, and that the number one issue across the board is affordability.

To address this issue, Bangs argued that the best approach is creating a more business-friendly environment to increase job opportunities and wages, while controlling government spending to prevent the need for further tax and fee increases.

Two opportunities stand out to Bangs to

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Armitage aims to bring rural voice to Salem

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

In her bid to return to Salem as state senator for District 16, Rachel Armitage is advocating a large infrastructure package and reducing development costs to spur economic and home development on the north coast.

Armitage, a Democrat who served in the position in 2022 following Betsy Johnson's resignation to run for governor, said that she would also work to ensure her constituents' concerns were considered in the legislative process by building strong relationships and effectively communicating with her fellow legislators.

"I think oftentimes the disconnect happens because there's a whole other world that legislators just can't fathom and it's not their job necessarily to represent rural Oregon," Armitage said. "It's my job to be a good voice for rural Oregon and make sure that rural Oregon is a part of that conversation."

After facing no serious opposition in May's primary election, Armitage is squaring off against Republican Courtney Bangs and Independent Lisa Finkle in the race to replace Suzanne Weber, who is ineligible to run for reelection following a 2023 walkout.

One major proposal Armitage is promoting is a large-scale infrastructure investment package, similar to but larger than a $200-million proposal floated by Governor Tina Kotek. Armitage said that she thought the package should contain at least $500 million over three or four years, with $50 million earmarked for rural Oregon. Armitage said that she would propose using funds left over at the end of the budgeting process for the proposal.

An area where Armitage would focus on making her rural constituents' voices heard is the discussion over funding the state's transportation system, which will be under discussion again in 2027 following voter rejection in May of a plan passed by the legislature in 2025. Armitage said that she felt transportation fees were too high and she wanted to find a way to make sure heavy commercial electric vehicles from out of state were being charged for their use of Oregon's roads.

While she said she was not clear on what shape the funding package would take, Armitage said that she would work with local leaders and officials from the Oregon Department of Transportation to find solutions and ensure that whatever was proposed saw projects important to the district funded. "That's my concern, rural working people on the coast need to feel like their roads and bridges are getting funded in a way that's not punishing them first and foremost," Armitage said.

To address persistent high housing costs, Armitage said that she would like to investigate why development costs are so high, adding that she suspected it was high permitting fees and systems development charges, and find solutions to address those drivers of expense, mentioning aligning permitting requirements between state and local agencies. "Those types of variables are things that I'm really interested in addressing," Armitage said. "I think we are in the habit of legislating Band-Aids, and housing is absolutely one of those issues where I want to get at the root cause."

With the state budget under strain, Armitage said that she would like to find ways to promote the growth of small and medium businesses across the state. One way she would do this is reviewing unfunded mandates to city and county governments that drive up their costs and in turn the cost of doing business. Another would be expanding grants aimed at helping those businesses succeed.

"I think we need to expand our grant programs and opportunities for small- and medium-sized businesses to do the work that we're doing," Armitage said. "We're already doing that kind of a thing in Oregon, it's just that the people who benefit are the people who already have a lot of resources. I think we need to do a better job of making sure that just about anybody could start a business, that they can access capital, that they could be successful."

On education, Armitage said that she felt there was not enough testing in schools currently and that she would favor more testing for shorter periods of time for students at all grade levels to provide better data. Armitage said that it was also important to craft curricula that helped students feel a sense of purpose rather than that they

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AAUW hosts candidates' forum for House District 16

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Democrat Cyrus Javadi and Republican Max Sherman appeared at a candidates' forum at Tillamook Bay Community College hosted by the Tillamook Chapter of the American Association of University Women on October 13.

Javadi, the incumbent, and Sherman are squaring off in a hotly contested election to represent Tillamook and Clatsop Counties as state representative. Both zeroed in on affordability as the state's number one issue and agreed on several other issues, while Javadi, who switched party affiliation in 2025, touted his willingness to break with his party, and Sherman emphasized his deep roots in the community.

The forum was hosted in the community room in the college's new Administration and Health Sciences Building and moderated by Lisa Phipps.

Sherman and Javadi agreed on the affordability crisis facing Oregon being the most pressing issue facing legislators in the upcoming long session.

Sherman argued that the best way to address the issue was taking steps to encourage businesses to add jobs, saying that he would focus on policies to stimulate growth in the agricultural sector critical to the north coast.

Javadi largely agreed that cutting burdensome regulations was the best approach the state could take to help lower the cost of housing and other goods and services, while emphasizing the role of the administration of President Donald Trump in creating the crisis.

On healthcare, Javadi said that his top priority would be ensuring the district's existing hospitals stay open. To do this, Javadi said he would try to find a way to make the rates insurance companies reimburse providers for service were less negotiable, like those paid by Medicare and Medicaid, to cut down on bureaucratic impediments for patients to access care. Javadi said that he didn't believe providers should be required to accept the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) but that the state should incentivize them to do so, potentially by offering an allowance for the higher fees associated with OHP patients against their calculated gross revenues for the corporate activity tax levied on businesses grossing more than $1 million annually.

Sherman argued that the state needed to find ways to be less reliant on federal funding for OHP and find ways to support its own healthcare needs. Sherman said that OHP reimbursements to providers needed to be increased to account for the actual cost of providing services and said that he believed overburdensome regulations should also be examined and cut.

Oregon's schools need to get back to basics when it comes to curricula, Sherman, a retired teacher, argued, decreasing focus on initiatives to promote ideological messages. Sherman said the state needs to ensure funding is primarily focused on in-class-

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Finkle prioritizes wildfire preparedness in senate run

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Lisa Finkle, a client care surveyor for the State of Oregon, is looking to bolster wildfire preparedness on the coast in her independent bid for State Senate District 16.

Finkle said that she would bring her experience navigating complex systems to Salem and felt that her nonpartisan status would enable her to serve as a more effective representative for the area, able to work with colleagues in either party without encumbrance.

"I would want to be a bridge for the people. I want to be able to go into Salem and work with all different types of politician, left, right, to try to work for the people of this area, these areas because district 16 is pretty big," Finkle said. "So that's sort of what I'm focused on right now. I think I don't know a lot about how I would come up with the money right now because I'm just right now thinking about why I want to run and it is just so that the people actually have a voice in Salem, which sometimes can get lost."

Finkle is a lifelong Oregonian who lives in Rockaway Beach and is currently working for the state's in-home care program as a client care surveyor, investigating allegations of abuse and neglect, and educating clients. Finkle also serves as a chief steward for her union.

With Senator Suzanne Weber ineligible to run for reelection, Finkle, an independent, said she had seen a chance to put her talents to work for a larger swath of the population and approached the Independent Party last December, becoming their candidate in the race. "I thought it was a good opportunity," Finkle said. "I help people every day access systems that are really confusing and I wanted to be able to spread that out and help the people of the rural coastal communities that I live in."

In her campaign, Finkle is emphasizing the importance of wildfire preparedness for the district. Finkle said that she wants to see the state increase its support of the South Fork Prison Camp, whose inmates train and serve as wildland firefighters with the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Securing funding for social safety net services in rural areas as costs for Medicaid and the supplemental nutrition assistance program increase would be another priority for Finkle, who said that the state has done a good job of pivoting to meet those needs in the past. Finkle said that she would work with her colleagues to increase funding to the district.

"(It would mean) working with other legislators on bills that bring more resources to our area, more funding to our area," Finkle said. "We have our fishing and we have our timber and maybe we need to start looking at tapping into those resources to generate more funds and a higher percentage for the rural and coastal communities but definitely working with the other legislators and just trying to create all that."

On many other issues, Finkle argued that the root of problems was a disconnect between local governments or residents and the services available. "I would like to look more into how to tap into the funds that we already have," Finkle said. "Oregon does have a lot of programs already there and are we actually tapping into all those programs?"

When discussing infrastructure development, Finkle said that she suspected there might be federal funds available to help fund projects that city and county public works departments did not have the capacity to learn of or pursue. Finkle said that she would like to understand the gaps that might exist and prevent full utilization of state and federal grant funding at the city and county level and identify ways the state could help bridge them.

Similarly, on housing, Finkle said that she thought the legislature needed to look at the barriers to building housing on the coast, including infrastructure and permitting. Finkle said she thought permitting costs needed to be cut but did not identify which rules or regulations she would amend to do so when asked.

Finkle said she supported more vocational schools and focusing schools' core curricula on reading, writing and math. Making sure state funding was fairly allocated would be Finkle's budgeting priority, though she said she has not had a chance to look into the matter yet.

To help fund the state's transportation network, Finkle said that she would favor increasing taxes on big corporations.

Finkle said that overall, her approach would be to hold community forums to learn what issues are most impacting the community, before working with legislators on both sides of the aisle to craft common sense policies.

Parker Sammons voter's guide response

My name is Parker Sammons. I'm 40 years old, a fifth-generation Oregonian, I've lived in Bay City for over three years, and I am running to be Mayor of our wonderful city.

I have strived to live a life of service and that has been reflected through my career which has spanned outdoor education, tourism, business and local government. In my most recent role with Tillamook County, I worked with residents, elected officials and community partners to move projects forward, secure resources and navigate complex local issues. I also have more than ten years of combined board experience with non-profit and for-profit organizations. These experiences have taught me the importance of listening, finding common ground, managing resources responsibly and being willing to do the work that strengthens a community.

I believe Bay City's



Parker Sammons

greatest challenge and opportunity is managing change while maintaining the qualities that make this such a special community. That means making sure growth is responsible, infrastructure can support it and residents have a meaningful voice in decisions that affect them.

The most important responsibility of a mayor is to make sure that city government works for the entire community. I want to foster city council meetings where people feel welcome to participate. I would also prioritize maintaining and improving communication between city hall and residents.

Finally, I would use the grant-writing and resource-development skills I have honed through my career to pursue outside funding for projects that improve Bay City's quality of life, including safer walking and biking connections and support for the Salmonberry Trail.

Bay City has an excellent Comprehensive Plan. As mayor, I would work to follow its principles: listen to residents, consider long-term impacts, protect our natural environment, and make sure any development serves the community as a whole.

Editor's note: Sammons's response was received by the Headlight Herald in advance of the publication deadline for our Voters' Guide, included in last week's edition, but was accidentally omitted due to an issue in the editorial process. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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TFCC's Developmental Disabilities Program: Connecting Individuals & Families to Support

TILLAMOOK FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

For individuals and families experiencing a developmental disability, finding the right services and support can sometimes feel overwhelming. There are resources available at the local, regional and state levels, but knowing where to begin and how to navigate the system can be a challenge.

Tillamook Family Counseling Center's Developmental Disabilities (DD) Program is here to provide access to resources and support for children and adults experiencing developmental disabilities. Through comprehensive case management and service coordination, the team works with eligible individuals and families to identify their needs, connect them with appropriate services, and support them through different stages of life.

Understanding Developmental Disabilities

A developmental disability is a physical or mental condition, or combination of conditions, that originates in the brain during the developmental period and results in significant, long-term challenges with daily functioning. Developmental disabilities can affect areas such as communication, mobility, self-care, cognitive abilities, self-direction, independent living and economic self-sufficiency.

While developmental disabilities generally begin early in life, there are limited exceptions, including certain traumatic brain injuries that occur during childhood. Some examples of developmental disabilities include intellectual disabilities, Down syndrome, autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, fetal alcohol syndrome and a variety of genetic and neurological conditions.

Helping Families Navigate the System

One of the primary roles of TFCC's DD Program is helping individuals and families connect with the resources available to them. "Our program can be a light that shines on the numerous local, regional, and statewide services that are available to those who qualify for the program," Developmental Disabilities Program Manager David Richmond said.

The DD team provides eligibility determination, comprehensive case management, service coordination and provider recruitment and coordination. Staff can also assist with service planning and monitoring, early intervention and transitions through different phases of life, in-home services, supported living, foster care, residential placement, supported employment and other resources.

"Essentially, we are a one stop shop for people who qualify to get their needs met and identify available services," Richmond said. Having someone who understands the system and can help navigate available options can make a meaningful difference."

A Relationship-Based Approach

While connecting people to services is an important part of the work, Richmond says the heart of the program is developing relationships with the people it serves and understanding what they want for their lives. "Our program believes in relational case management," Richmond said. "It's just as important for our staff to develop a relationship with a person to not just understand their needs, but to know what they want for their life at a greater level."

That relationship-based approach allows staff to work alongside individuals in a way that fits their preferences and goals. "We can work side by side with people or consult with them to mold to the style they need and want in their life." Richmond said. The goal is to help individuals have the support they need while also encouraging choice, independence and opportunities to pursue the things that are meaningful to them.

Community Events for Connection

Throughout the year, TFCC provides opportunities for individuals, families, and community members to come together, have fun and build connections.

One example is First Friday Bingo, held on the first Friday of every month from 1:30 to

2:30 p.m. at the Tillamook Library. The free event offers an hour of games, prizes, and community connection, and everyone in the community is welcome to attend. You do not need to be part of TFCC's Developmental Disabilities Program to participate.

Each spring and summer, the DD Program also hosts its annual Spring Fling Dance and DD Picnic, providing additional opportunities for people to gather, enjoy time together and strengthen community connections. The staff also support annual community based activities such as the Halloween and Christmas parties hosted by and in collaboration with Marie Mills.

Seeing Possibilities

For Richmond, one of the most important things for the community to understand is that the people served by the DD Program are individuals with their own talents, interests, personalities and passions.

"People in our program, and many others that don't quite meet the criteria, have so many different talents and qualities," Richmond said. "Many of them have a great passion for life and we get to see those passions and talents on a daily basis."

When Richmond was asked what he finds most rewarding about his work, he said, "There are many things that I enjoy, but one of the most satisfying things is being able to see people have experiences in life that they may not otherwise have without the support of our program. I think our program staff work hard and do an exceptional job of helping make hopes and dreams become a reality for many."

Connect with the DD Program

If you would like to learn more or get connected to the Developmental Disabilities Program, call TFCC at 503-842-8201.

TFCC also connects individuals with opportunities to work as Personal Support Workers (PSWs), who support children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in their homes and communities. Those interested in becoming a PSW can contact Jolene Kyriss-Mooney at jolenem@tfcc.org or visit the Oregon Home Care Commission website to learn more.

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room staff and resources and restore graduation requirements.

Javadi argued chronic absenteeism is the primary culprit behind Oregon students' lackluster scores on standardized tests, saying that around a third of kids make it to school less than 90% of the time. Javadi said the state needed to create policies to cut down on that figure and maintain funding to schools generally.

Both candidates agreed that the permitting process for housing was driving up costs and slowing down development, and that it needs to be addressed by legislators. Both also said that Oregon's land use laws should be updated to allow increased development in some areas of the district.

The candidates diverged sharply on the issue of transportation, one of the hot buttons in the race after Javadi voted in 2025 in favor of a transportation bill including a gas tax increase that was ultimately rejected by voters this May.

Sherman argued that the issue could be solved by looking at the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) spending, citing the long-delayed Interstate 5 bridge project in Portland. Sherman said the state also needed to look at cutting down on regulations for road projects, contending its regulations were the most onerous on the west coast, discouraging contractors from bidding to complete the work and driving up costs. Sherman also argued that ODOT should focus on maintaining existing infrastructure.

Javadi said that those arguments were simply not true, with the latest report on the state's transportation system showing that there is $5 billion in needed maintenance across the system over the next decade above what will be generated by current revenue sources. Javadi said that the state needed to be serious about funding its roads, specifically mentioning Highways 6 and 26, and that he respected the voters' rejection of the gas tax increase and would look for other ways to bridge the funding gap.

Both candidates agreed that the country's immigration system is broken.

Javadi pointed to his vote for a bill protecting education and healthcare workers from arrest for refusing to provide citizenship data to federal authorities as evidence of his support for the immigrant community.

Sherman said the felt the issue arose from the local, state and federal governments not working together and that he thought a solution could be found for longstanding members of the community who work in agriculture by collaborating with the federal government.

Asked about his switch in parties and in his stance on abortion from pro-choice to pro-life, Javadi said that he had listened to feedback from constituents and after studying the issues, his opinions had shifted. Javadi said that he would keep that same attitude towards all issues if reelected and continue to vote based on what he believed was right for the district.

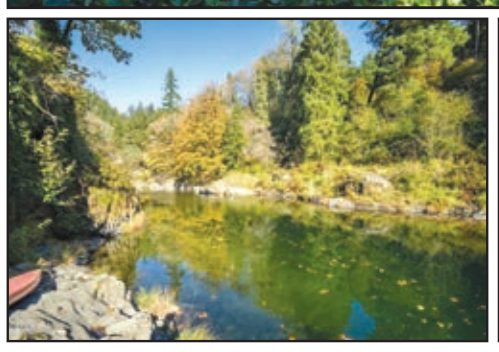
Javadi also took Sherman to task over a response in a recent interview where he said that he could not think of an issue on which he would be willing to break from the Republican Party in the interest of the north coast. Javadi said that by contrast, he couldn't think of a single issue he wouldn't be willing to break with the Democratic Party on should it be in the best interest of the district.

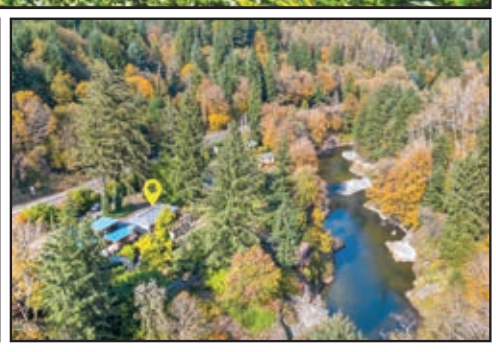
Asked about his pro-life stance, Sherman said that while he was pro-life, he respected that he was in the minority in the state. On the issue of how he would approach being in the minority, Sherman said he would collaborate with fellow legislators regardless party affiliation and focus on building consensus in committee to avoid rancorous, partisan disputes on the house floor.

Sherman closed the forum by extolling his wife Linda's role in the campaign, saying that she had long been a critical part of the community, teaching, volunteering with the Junior Livestock Auction and growing crops and raising livestock to donate to local food pantries alongside him. Sherman said that the couple is deeply invested in the community and wants to go to Salem to make decisions that would support the north coast.

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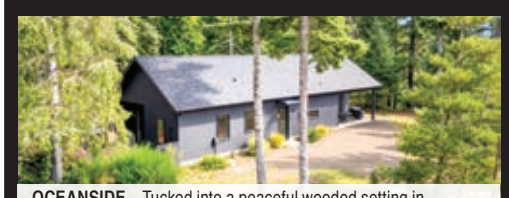
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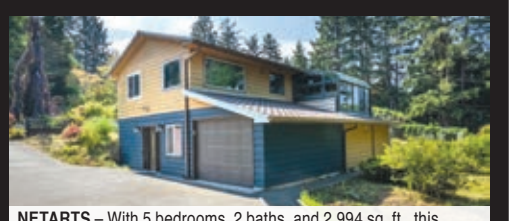
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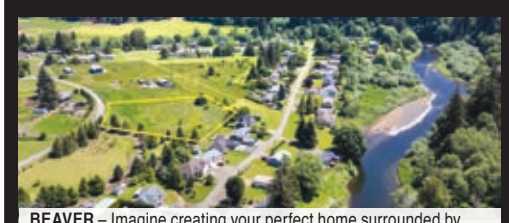
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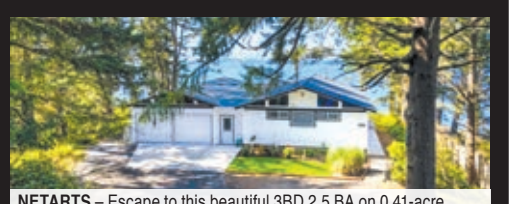
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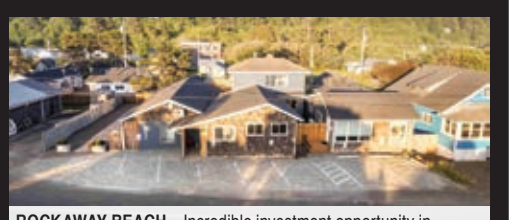
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Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with art, culture and traditional ecological knowledge

FRIENDS OF NETARTS BAY WEBS

Friends of Netarts Bay Watershed, Estuary, Beach and Sea, Bay City Arts Center and Tillamook Pioneer Museum invite the community and visitors to a special two-day celebration November 6–7, 2026, at the Bay City Arts Center located at 5680 A Street, Bay City OR.

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with two days of art, culture, shopping and learning. Friends of Netarts Bay Watershed, Estuary, Beach, and Sea (WEBS), Bay City Arts Center and Tillamook Pioneer Museum are coming together to host a series of events honoring Native American artists, businesses and cultural traditions.

Bay City Art Center Gallery Opening

Friday, November 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The celebration begins Friday, November 6, with Bay City Art Center's Artist of the Month Gallery Opening. The center will be open to the public from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Native American artists Kitana Connelly of Twahna Creation, www.twahnacreation.com, Amanda Freeman of Ampkwa Images, www.Ampwaimages.com, and Leonard Harmon of Leonard Harmon Fine Art, www.leonardharmonfineart.com, will share their work as part of the center's featured Artists of the Month exhibit.

Guests are invited to explore the artwork, meet community members, and celebrate the creativity and perspectives of Indigenous artists. No registration required - come anytime during gallery hours.

Native American Marketplace

Saturday, November 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Saturday, November 7, the festivities continue with the 2026 Native American Marketplace, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors can discover and purchase goods from Native American-owned businesses and producers. From food and teas to beadwork and abstract art, the marketplace offers something for everyone while providing an opportunity to support Indigenous entrepreneurs and artisans. No registration required - come anytime during market hours.

Traditional Ecological Knowledge on the Oregon Coast

Saturday, November 7

Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS, Tillamook Pioneer Museum, and Bay City Art Center are also inviting you to a special presentation, "Traditional Ecological Knowledge on the Oregon Coast," Presented by Molly Leno, Co-Executive Director of Rooted Ways, and Stephanie Craig, founder of Kalapura Weaving & Consulting and the Co-Executive Director of Rooted Ways, the talk will take place during the Native American Marketplace and will be held at the Bay City Art Center auditorium on November 7 from 1–3 p.m.

In this deeply rooted and reflective presentation, Stephanie and Molly will share the lifeways of the Tillamook people, whose ancestral lands and waters include the Netarts area. Their talk will illuminate the enduring relationships between land, culture, and community resilience. The presenters will introduce Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) as a living system grounded in care, reciprocity and long-term environmental stewardship. The presentation will include time for reflection and audience questions, along with opportunities to view cultural items, including baskets, plant materials and weaving displays.

Registration is required, and space is limited for the presentation. Visit Netartsbaywebs.org/events for more information.

Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS, Bay City Arts Center and Tillamook Pioneer Museum are grateful to the guest presenters, artists, and vendors who are generously sharing their knowledge, skills, creativity and handmade products with the community. Together, these events offer an opportunity to celebrate Indigenous artistry, learn about the rich cultural heritage of the Oregon Coast, and deepen our understanding of the connections between people, place, and the natural world.

Cost: There is no cost to attend these events. Donations are appreciated.



"It's important to know the people you're doing business with."

Kelly Barnum learned early that building on the Pacific County coast leaves no room for shortcuts. A lifelong native, he founded Barnum Homes, LLC in 2004 as a one-man operation. He used real CDX plywood when others used OSB, oversized Douglas fir joists, and cedar trim primed on all six sides. Word spread, and the business grew by reputation.

His wife, Stefaine, joined the business and became the backbone of its operations. Together, they have completed more than 100 custom homes across four counties. "Twenty-two years of building in this climate has taught us a lot of lessons," says Kelly. "You learn to respect Mother Nature when she's got a lesson to teach."

Barnum Homes is a total process builder, handling everything from planning, design, and permitting to excavation, framing, and finished paint and trim. Most work is done in house, with the rest going to local owner-operators whenever possible. "This community has supported us from day one," says Kelly. "We do everything we can to ensure your hard-earned dollars stay here." The results last. "Barnum Built homes rarely come up for sale, and I think that speaks to our quality."

Kelly's banking relationship runs nearly as deep as his local roots. At 16, he opened his first savings account at what was then Raymond Federal Bank, later Connect Community Bank and now part of Oregon Coast Bank. That account grew into business accounts, mortgages, auto loans, and a preferred-lender relationship for Barnum Homes' clients. "Knowing my bank rep is a phone call away straight to her cell phone, or a Sunday evening text message when I finally get a chance to sit down and go through numbers, is priceless," he says.

Looking ahead, Barnum Homes isn't changing a thing. Kelly still walks every job site, and Stefaine still picks up the phone. "We are going to continue to see our past customers in the grocery store or at a local sporting event and catch up like family," says Kelly. Oregon Coast Bank is proud to stand behind Barnum Homes and looks forward to helping build Pacific County's future, one home at a time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Animal horror

Ghosts? Fun! Zombies? Bring them on. Haunted houses? We'll take two tickets. But this Halloween, there is something genuinely frightening we should talk about.

Every day, animals are transported into slaughterhouses most of us will never see. What happens inside is kept far away from grocery stores, restaurant menus, and cheerful food packaging. We even use comfortable words like "beef," "pork" and "poultry" to help us forget who our food once was. Maybe that is because looking too closely would scare us.

Here is the good news: Halloween horror is supposed to be pretend. We can fill our parties with plant-based candy, cook frighteningly good vegan food, carve pumpkins, dress like monsters, and celebrate everything wonderfully weird about October without making the night terrifying for anyone else.

This Halloween, save the screams for the haunted house—and leave animals off the menu.

Tate Harringer
Tillamook

Appreciative of judges

Thank you to all the judiciary from district to federal to appeal judges. The majority are living up to the oaths they took and are trying to stop the outlandish actions of the current administration. In spite of actual death threats, they hold the bad actors to account, to the rule of law, time and again.

While American citizens need help with soaring food prices, our tax dollars are used for a ballroom for the elite.

While Americans need help with childcare, our tax dollars are being used to put 24 gold leaf on horse statues.

While Americans need help with gas and diesel prices, our tax dollars are being spent on an arch to overpower the design to honor our veterans and their final resting place.

While Americans are desperate for lower health care, our president and his family are making billions with cryptocurrency.

While Americans are preparing to cast their votes, this administration is trying to limit voters' ability to get to the polls safely and securely, falsely claiming fraud and offering outright bribes to voters to vote a certain way.

The corruption of this administration is stunning, using our tax dollars as a slush fund for vanity projects, to enrich every member of this administration's cabinet and the president and his family, making money stock trading instead of working for the average family.

No funding for fascism.

No funding for dictatorship.

No payouts for pedophiles.

No public killings.

No wonder the administration fights so very hard to keep the Epstein files in the dark. Who knows how often and how many of the same names are tucked away in those pages.

Diane Colcord
Tillamook

Food for thought

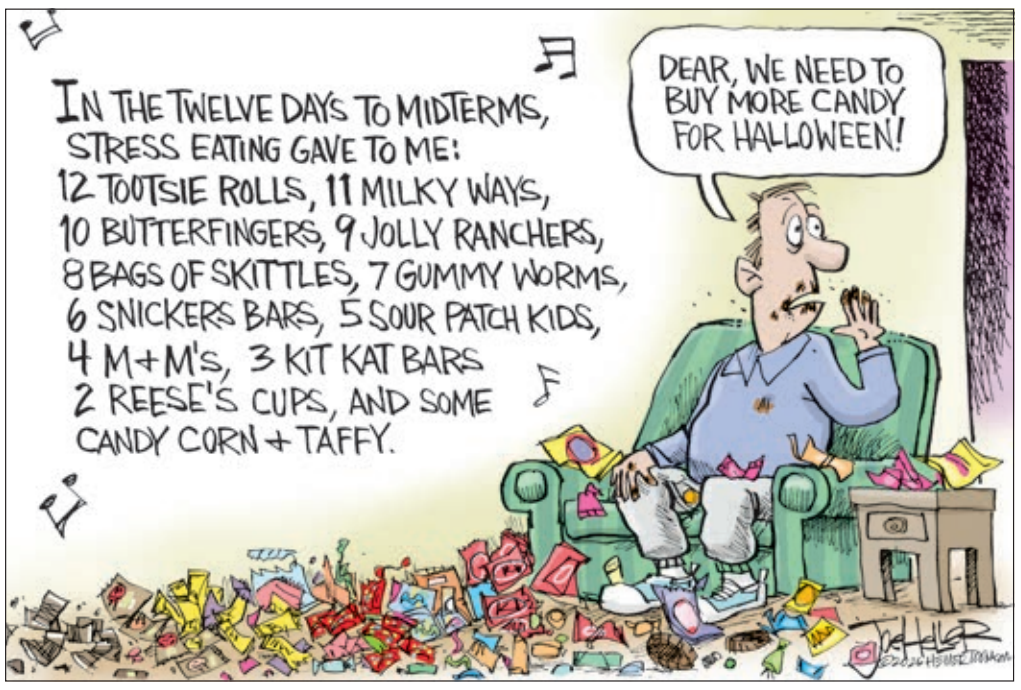
On World Food Day, people around the globe will discuss hunger, sustainability, and how to feed a growing population. There is another question worth asking: What are we feeding our food to?

Vast quantities of crops, land, and water are used to raise animals who are then eaten by people. It is a remarkably resource-intensive way to produce food, especially while hundreds of millions of people face hunger.

Ending animal agriculture alone will not solve the political and economic causes of food insecurity, but that does not make the system sensible. If we were designing tomorrow's food system today, would we build it this way?

We have an opportunity to grow more food for direct human consumption, expand affordable plant-based choices, support farmers through a fair transition, and spare countless animals. A more efficient, equitable and compassionate future is possible—and it is worth putting on the table.

Terry Hays
Tillamook



Get out and vote

It has been my honor to stand on the corner of First and Main almost every Sunday since March, from 1-2 p.m., with 25-40 like-minded people. We community members stand for democracy, the rule of law and the common good. We stand against cruelty, endless wars and looming fascism. We are often met honks and waves from drivers, although sometimes with ruder gestures.

Our signs are as varied as the people holding them. The most effective ones are readable at a distance. Some are hand lettered. Some are pre-printed. Some are in Spanish. All of them basically express a sentiment like "No Kings" or "No War" or "Democracy Now" or "Freeze ICE." One of my favorites is "Grantifa," a portmanteau coined by a fellow granny who says that, as Americans, we are automatically members of antifa, that phantom anti-fascist philosophy that once motivated our soldiers in WWII. I am Grantifa.

And yes, we protesters are mainly older folks. Our bones may creak on cold days, but we've got time and we understand the assignment: that every single one of our bodies on the street is a solid, tangible, meaningful statement of resistance. But we don't let it go to our heads. It's a function of our privilege to feel safe while standing here protesting in public. We're not heroes, just concerned citizens. We're here because we don't feel right doing otherwise.

I think of the words of Mother Teresa: We can do no great things. Only small things with great love. She actually did do great things. Most likely we will not. But the small things add up. The small seeds are planted. The small roots seek deeper ground. Maybe the sight of a small group of sign-holders, die-hards for democracy, stays in the mind of some potential voter. We can hope.

I'll be out-of-state from now until the election. I will miss my Sunday afternoons on the corner. Please give a wave for me if you see the true-blue patriots holding up signs. And please: vote.

Valerie Schultz
Rockaway Beach

Impressed by Javadi

In the last few months, I have been privileged to receive the Facebook posts of Cyrus Javadi I have witnessed how differently he campaigns from other political candidates.

While daylight lasted, he went out night after night, alone, walking the streets of Tillamook, talking to individuals he might encounter about their concerns, continually learning and listening.

While most other political candidates save themselves for group gatherings, to speechify, Javadi has met people where they are individually to listen. It is a unique and refreshing approach and shows that he will take an experiential knowledge of his constituents to the house of representatives.

Sincerely,

Susan S. Baker
Portland

Leipzig in Bay City has done her homework

This November, Bay City voters will fill three city council seats from a field of eight. I support Kathleen Leipzig because at the recent candidate forum she showed she has done her homework. I encourage every Bay City voter to watch the candidate forum recording, available on Bay City's Facebook page.

Asked to name Bay City's most pressing issue, Penny Eberle and Stephen Owens both cited various housing concerns, Kathleen Baker cited sustaining grant funding and managing growth, and other candidates cited communication with the council. Ms. Leipzig named aging infrastructure, including sewer laterals, and referenced what she learned touring city facilities with the Public Works Department.

Failing private sewer laterals, the pipes connecting individual properties to Bay City's main sewer lines, let stormwater and debris into the collection system, significantly stressing our aging wastewater treatment plant. This is a hard problem to fix because individual homeowners are responsible for costly sewer lateral repairs. Ms. Leipzig suggested an application process for financial assistance to help struggling homeowners with repairs.

City council is where the technical work of running a municipality happens, which is best handled by those who come prepared after researching the city's problems, reading budgets, touring facilities and engaging with city's government. Ms. Leipzig has my support because many of her answers during the forum showed that she had done that preparation and was more interested in practical solutions than platitudes.

Kat Peters-Miller
Bay City, Oregon

Vote Sammons

I'm writing in support of Parker Sammons' bid for mayor of Bay City. Through Parker's proven service as the Tillamook County Housing Coordinator and volunteerism on boards such as Habitat for Humanity, he has shown that he has the passion and commitment needed to serve as our town's mayor. I believe an important part of serving as mayor of Bay City is not only being a facilitator and community builder alongside city council but also advocating for our community at the state level and ensuring our town's needs and interests are represented. Parker Sammons has the experience, energy and commitment to take on that level of responsibility.

Parker has a proven record of listening and collaborating with others and will be a voice for people in our community who are not always heard. He understands that good leadership begins with listening and that every resident deserves to have their concerns considered.

Bay City needs a mayor who will engage with our community, represent us beyond our city limits, and work toward a future that reflects the voices of its residents. I believe he brings the experience and dedication this role requires.

Sincerely,

Shawn Jackson
Bay City, Oregon

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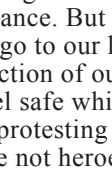
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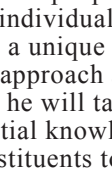
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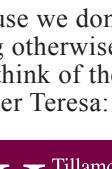
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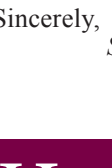
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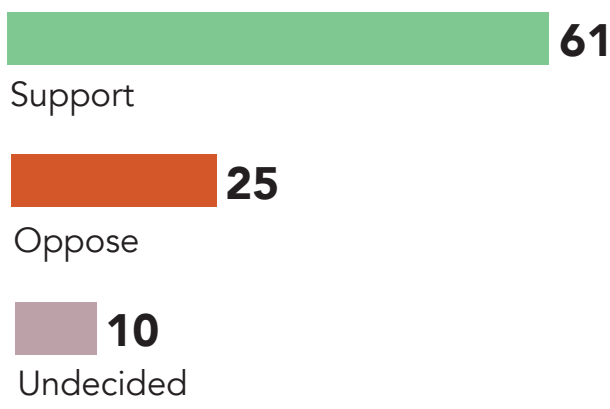
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Do you support or oppose Tillamook County updating its code enforcement procedures to more stringently enforce existing ordinances?



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OPINION

FENCEPOSTS



BAY CITY
PENNY EBERLE
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Fall is definitely in the air, chilly mornings but glorious sunny days plus a little rain. This is my favorite time of year. Being a plant person, I will miss all the color of summer, but as seasons change this is the time to put all those plants to bed, clean out containers and trim shrubs, though not rhododendrons, azaleas or other early spring bloomers, as they have set buds for next spring.

To coincide with this perfect clean up time, the City of Bay City and the Firewise program, will be holding a free vegetation debris collection this coming weekend, October 24 and 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Watt Family park located off Tillamook Avenue. Residents can bring their yard debris to this collection area rather than burning, and volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions regarding the Firewise program. Keep track of the hours taken to clear debris, clean out gutters and generally make your yard more fire safe. These hours can be reported at the collection site and will go towards keeping our city a recognized Firewise community.

Halloween is just around the corner and will be celebrated on Saturday, October 31st, so get all those costumes ready and come on down to city hall from 5-7 p.m. for the annual Bay City Trunk or Treat. Local organizations will join city councilors to welcome kids of all ages to this fun event. Spaces are available both inside and outside the hall so if your group or organization would like to host a space or you can decorate and bring your vehicle to set up on B Street in front of city hall or sign up to set up a table inside the community hall. There will be prizes awarded for the scariest (family friendly) cutest, most creative and funniest vehicle entries. There will be hot chocolate and cider provided. This event is brought to the community by the Fire District, Emergency Volunteers and the Bay City Booster Club. For more information, e-mail ljepson@ci.bay-city.or.us or call city hall at 503-377-2288, this should be a spooky good time.

Saturday October 24th the Bay City Arts Center will be holding an oil painting workshop from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. where you will be able to create a Halloween themed painting to take home. Cost is $75 or $65 for members. That evening, beginning at 6 p.m. The Glensiders will be performing Celtic music, sea shanties, sing-a-longs and sharing some tales and folklore. This should be a food stomping, fun concert, celebrating Irish and Scottish traditions and music.

Congratulations to my dear friend Sylvia Burden Schrieber who has just become a first-time grandma.



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The flu sent nearly three quarters of a million Americans to the hospital last year. Vaccines reduce instances and/or symptoms. Walk-in vaccinations are available in South Tillamook County at Bayshore Family Medicine between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Fridays. They bill all major insurance and are located at 38505 Brooten Road, Suite A, in Pacific City.

-Walk-in vaccinations are available at five locations in Tillamook. I'm listing them in order of their distance from us, with the shortest distance first. Tillamook County Community Health is open from 7 a.m. through 5 p.m. weekdays with a sliding pay scale available. They're located at 801 Pacific Avenue in Tillamook. Genoa Pharmacy is open from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. weekdays with low-cost vaccines available. Their address is 800 Main Avenue, Suite A in Tillamook. Safeway Pharmacy accepts walk-ins during open business hours seven days a week. They're located at 1815 4th Street, in Tillamook. Adventist Health Tillamook offers walk-ins between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.; they bill major insurance and are located at 1100 3rd Street in Tillamook. Fred Meyer Pharmacy encourages walk-ins between 2 and 5 p.m. seven days a week. Their address is 2500 Main Avenue North in Tillamook.

Oregon Coast Bank is gathering nonperishable food donations to benefit South County Food Pantry, their neighbor to the west. Please drop off donations during weekday business hours. The bank is located on Brooten Road in Pacific City.

Kiawanda Community Center (KCC) will host a Candidate's Forum from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20. It's a great opportunity to get to know those running for local office. The address is 34600 Cape Kiwanda Drive in Pacific City.

KCC serves senior lunches at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays (October 20) and Wednesdays (October 21) for $3 each. (Others may partake for $6.) Bingo there is planned from 1-3 p.m. on Thursdays (October 22). For more information call 971-212-7131 or go to kiwanda.com. The address is provided above.

Recurring third week of the month events at South Tillamook County Library include Poetry Readings at 5 p.m. on third Tuesdays monthly (October 20), free help with electronics at 3 p.m. and coloring time (for adults 19 and older) at 5 on third Wednesdays monthly (October 21). The library is located off Brooten Road on Camp Street, in Pacific City.

Don't forget that Tides of change will hold their annual "Soup Bowl" fundraiser (the biggest fundraiser of their year) this weekend. Hosted by Pacific Restaurant, the event will run from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, October 24. Admission is $50 with a ceramic bowl to keep, or $30 without a bowl. The address is 205 Main Avenue in Tillamook.

Remember that Fun activities for everyone are planned indoors. Please wear your Halloween costume. KCC is located in Pacific City at 34600 Cape Kiawanda Drive.

Remember that Halloween shenanigans are in the works. Tillamook County Family Y.M.C.A. will host free "trunk or treating" from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, October 30; their address is 610 Stillwell, in Tillamook. This is not the same evening that trick or treaters will go door to door to businesses in downtown Tillamook. That's planned from 3-5 p.m. on Halloween night, Saturday, October 31.

"Trick or Treat the Dory Fleet" is happening on Halloween night this year. Dory boats and trunk-or-treating opportunities will be parked in KCC's main parking lot from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, October 31. There will be fun activities indoors as well. The address is included above.

Happy birthday this week to: Reagan, Dooher, Christy Fagan, Amanda Gilhuly, Minita Hagerty, Suzi Hays Kehr, Amanda Hinkle, Wyatt Link, Rosa Reyes, Chance Schuster and Alex Wickham.

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Cape Meares Community Association (CMCA) board members Scott Gordon, Miriam Fultz and Randy Klobas, along with Spike Klobas, represented Cape Meares at the ribbon-cutting ceremony in Barview on October 8 to celebrate the completion of repairs to Tillamook Bay's south jetty. The Tillamook Headlight Herald reported extensively on this completed project in last week's edition, so suffice it to say here that along with the mariners and businesses who appreciate the repair, the folks in Cape Meares are well pleased, too. Hats off to all who worked on this huge infrastructure project and to all those who fought to fund it.

Coffee time at the Barbara Bennett Community Center (BBCC) on October 11, was a resounding success. Thirty neighbors gathered to sip a hot beverage; munch on apples, oranges and blueberries; and savor the sweet taste of freshly baked scones, coffee cake and muffins. There was talk of fishing, football, travels, relocations, writing, emergency preparedness, electric cars—even AI. And lots more. Many thanks yet again, Ann and Steve Quinn, for hosting these marvelous off-season get-togethers. The next coffee house will be December 13, at 9:30 a.m.

Change is in the air. Earlier this year, Amelia Hirsch took the reins of the Cape Meares Emergency Volunteer Corps (CMEVC) from Kathy Burke, longtime leader of emergency preparedness efforts here. Now, Pete Steen is passing the baton as neighborhood captain for the Seaview area to John Olmsted. Both Kathy and Pete will continue to be involved in emergency prep efforts, with Kathy remaining in her position as neighborhood captain of the South Beach neighborhood and as the lead for the sanitation group, and Pete offering educational seminars at the BBCC. Many thanks to both Kathy and Pete for their past and continuing service, and to Amelia and John for stepping up to leadership positions in the CMEVC.

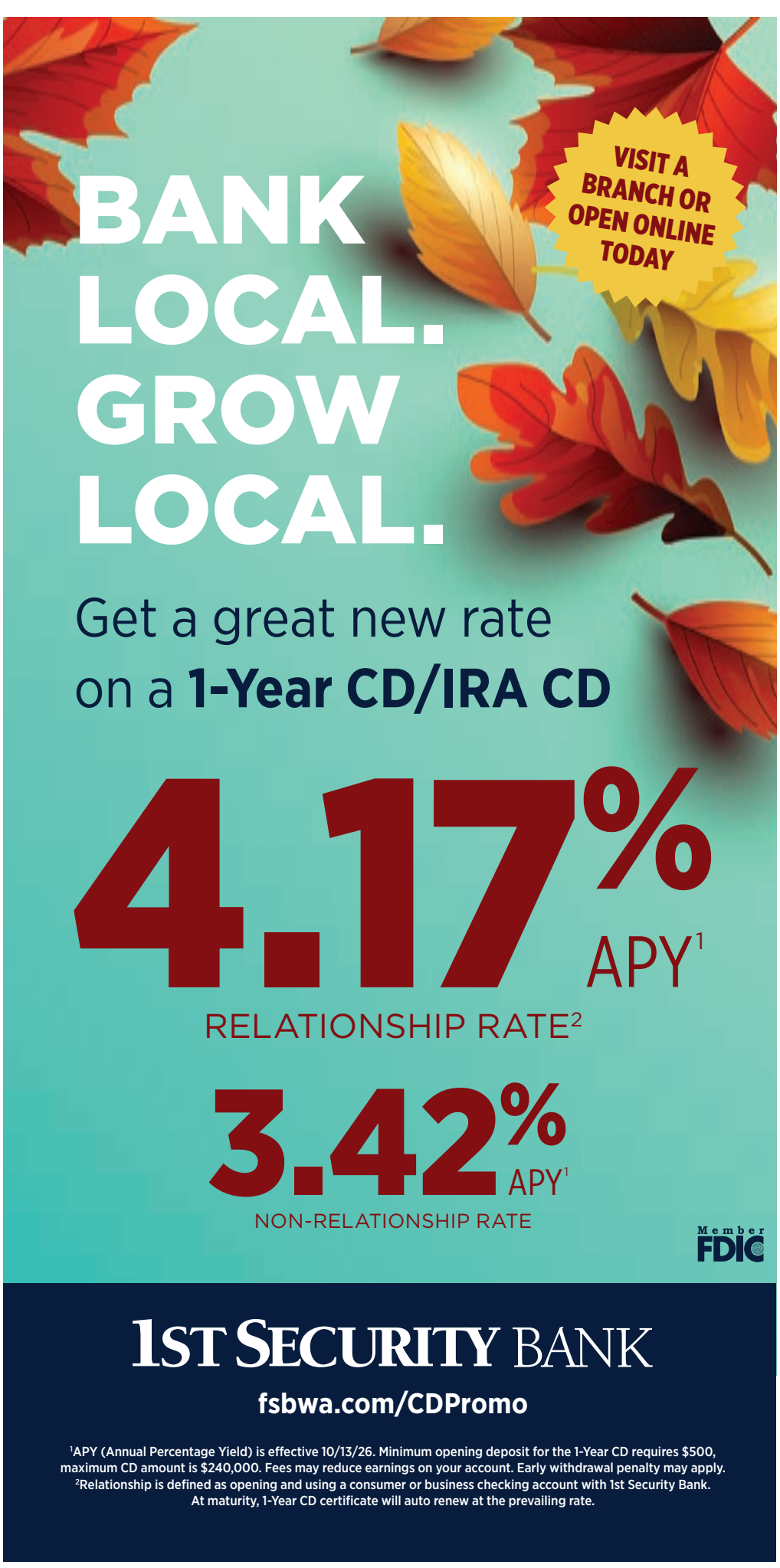
The old and new CMEVC members worked hand-in-hand on the day of the Great Oregon ShakeOut, October 15. At 10:15 a.m., a massive Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake hit (in our minds). We dropped, took cover and held on as ground shook for what seemed like an eternity (about five minutes). Then we seized our grab-n-go bags and ran up to our assigned assembly sites in our neighborhood. There, neighborhood captains took headcounts and noted how many people arrived with or without go-bags. They also handed out tickets for prizes, which were emergency prep supplies. In total, Cape Meares had 33 individuals participate in this important emergency preparation drill. Great job, CMEVC and all the Cape Meares residents and visitors who participated.

I have a special fish tale to share this week. Cape Meares resident Tom Lust took Nate Kavan and his daughter, Mayla, out fishing on October 14. It was Mayla's 10th birthday, and her fondest wish was to catch her first salmon on her birthday. Well, she hooked a salmon that day and played it all the way to the boat, where her dad helped pick the rod up so that Tom could net it. As soon as the fish hit the net, everybody around the boat was cheering and clapping. Fellow Cape Meares fisherfolk chimed in, with Kathy Burke shouting "girl power" and Scott Gordon coming up and singing happy birthday to Mayla. Tom said it was amazing. And to top things off, Mayla's dad got a salmon, too, about an hour later. Wishes can come true. Especially birthday wishes.

A final reminder for two events at the BBCC this weekend:

• Saturday, October 24, is one of our quarterly Cape Meares Community Association (CMCA) meetings. The session will run from 10 a.m. until noon and will feature a report by the project manager on the recently completed repair of the south jetty.

• Sunday, October 25, is community art activity from 1 to 3 p.m. Art supplies will be provided, and you are welcome to bring your own, as well.





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Today (at time of writing), October 15, was the Great Shake-Out. At 10:15 a.m. I ran out of the house and held onto something until the "shaking" stopped; I did practice leaving the house. Then I got into my go bag and found several problems. The backpack straps had deteriorated and could not be used. Check, one new backpack. The Levis in the bag are 5 sizes too large. Probably should put a pair in that fit. No whistle, to let people know where you are – and I got one from the Fire Department's open house. Taking the time to take inventory of the bag was extremely helpful – it had been years since I put it together. I am going to check the poster in the Post Office once again for the list to make sure I update my new bag appropriately.

Since I have more people living here, I will need to update the cache of supplies on the hill for such an emergency. See, I told you I was a planner. Yes, I have supplies for emergencies, away from the house, hopefully accessible after an earthquake.

Getting ready for Halloween – I think the city may be hosting a home decorating contest. At least it was discussed at the workshop earlier this month. I have several new ghosts to put out on the lawn to welcome the holiday. And maybe a witch, two or three will show up as well. Witches seem to be the theme this year. I am seeing a lot of them in advertisements, along with the phrase "Yes, I can drive a stick."

There is a lot going on this weekend – Threaded Peaks has their grand opening on Sunday; TAPA is putting on another mystery theater dinner on Saturday. Monday is the next council business meeting. And I hope I have not missed the soup bowl project.

Today is also the last day to file taxes under an extension. So, I thought I would remind you that tax season is right around the corner. Time to start putting all that stuff together or at least start thinking about it. Do you have a file? Are you putting things in it? It is time to make donations of items unused and collect the receipts for tax deductions. I have not started "training" yet, but I will keep you updated as I learn whatever is new in the world of federal and state taxation.

You know I was in the Garibaldi Branch Library the other day and saw the salmon tank, eggs not yet in. But the eggs are in now, according to everyone's favorite librarian, June, and they are hatching. Come on in and watch those little salmon grow into something that looks like a fish. And for your continued edification, there is Book Club on Tuesday and storytime on Friday this coming week. Come on in and enjoy what the library has to offer.

OBITUARIES — OPINION

Loralee Ann Henry

July 12th, 1938 - October 4th, 2026

Loralee Ann Henry died on October 4th, 2026 in Tillamook, Oregon. She was born in Tillamook, to Edmund & Pauline Lyster on July 12th, 1938.

She was the mother to two children, Lori and Ron, whom she loved dearly.

In 2001, Loralee married her husband, William 'Bill' Henry, and they traveled all over the world together. Some of their favorite places were Mexico and New Zealand.

One of the most exciting things she ever did was go skydiving for her 70th birthday!



Loralee loved going for walks and scenic drives, playing sudoku, and visiting with family.

She worked as the office manager for TP Freight for 44 years, and volunteered with hospice, and as the assistant treasurer and a reader at her church.

Loralee is preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Bill, and survived by her son Ron, daughter Lori, and stepdaughters, Tammy and Linda.

A memorial service will be held at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, in Tillamook, Sunday, November 22nd, 2026, at 12:30 p.m., following the regular Sunday services and refreshments.

Maryann (Eckels) Schneiter

April 4, 1953 - September 27, 2026



Maryann (Eckels) Schneiter was born on April 4, 1953 in Tillamook, OR to William and Joyce Eckels. She passed away on September 27, 2026 at home with Tim Clark (nephew) and Family by her side.

Maryann worked as a waitress at the Big Cheese and also as a card dealer. She also cleaned houses for older people she loved. She enjoyed gardening, painting, and playing Bunco.

She was preceded in death by her husband Dan Schneiter; son, Larry Schalow; mother, Joyce Wing; father, William Eckels; sister, June Jepson; and nephew, Bill Jepson. She is survived by sisters Jeannie Penberthy, Sandra Pingel, and Peggy Hahn, and any nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Potluck will be held at the Moose Lodge in Tillamook on November 14, 2026 at 2 p.m.

William F. Molendyke

September 15, 2026

William Molendyke, of Tillamook, OR passed away peacefully in his sleep on September 15, 2026 at the age of 82. Born in Anaconda, Montana, he was the oldest of four children raised by John and Evelyn (Clemens) Molendyke. He grew up in the Catholic school system and was a star athlete lettering multiple years in basketball and track and field. He attended Caroll College on a basketball scholarship before continuing his playing career and graduating from Western Montana State College. It was at Western where he met the love of his life Donna (DeGidio) and the woman he married shortly after graduation.

They moved to Echo, Oregon where he started his career as a science teacher. While excelling as a teacher and earning his Masters of Science in Teaching from Eastern Oregon State College, he coached multiple sports and made the decision to get into school administration. After six years in Echo, he was hired as the Superintendent at Umapine becoming the youngest Superintendent in the state of Oregon.

After one year at Umapine, he was hired at Helix where he stayed for 11 years, becoming a bedrock of the community.



While at Helix, he earned his Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Washington State University. He also was a backup bus driver, expert mechanic on the school's ancient oil burning furnace, and found time to lead the girl's high school basketball team to back-to-back state championships (the program's first ever) in 1982 and 1983 along with a second-place finish in 1985.

He made the tough decision to leave Helix and move across the state to become the Superintendent of the Tillamook County Educational Service District (ESD). He immediately dove into community involvement joining the Elks, Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis. When the state decided to consolidate ESDs, he was a natural choice to be the Vice Superintendent for the NW Region ESD, a position he eventually retired from. He was proud that he started his administration career at the smallest school district (Umapine) in the state and ended it at the largest.

As the patriarch, his family was everything to him and that was evident in retirement as he was everyone's first phone call when a life event (big or small) occurred. He always planned his visits around sporting events and loved to cheer his grandchildren at their cross country meets, basketball games and soccer matches. Though we feel blessed that he died peacefully, his death leaves a huge hole in our family that will never be replaced. He is survived by his wife of 60 years (Donna), his son Troy (wife Shaye), his daughter Kelli, his brother John, sisters Judy and Michele and grandchildren Dominic and Addison.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Tillamook, OR at 11 a.m. (Rosary at 10:30 a.m.) on October 28th, 2026.

Wendell Coleman Werner

November 11, 1934 - October 4, 2026

Jeanne Anne Werner

December 4, 1936 - September 25, 2026



Wendell Coleman Werner, 91, and Jeanne Anne Werner, 89, passed away in Florence, Oregon, after 71 years of marriage. Jeanne Anne went to be with Jesus on September 25, 2026, and Wendell joined her nine days later on October 4, 2026.

Wendell was born on November 11, 1934, and grew up in Tillamook, Oregon. Jeanne Anne was born in Portland on December 4, 1936, grew up in the Portland area with some memorable seasons in Siletz, and moved to Garibaldi for her final year of high school at Tillamook Catholic. The couple met during that time while Wendell was on leave from the U.S. Army, and they were married in June 1955.

They settled in Eugene, Oregon, where they lived for many years and raised their family.

They were preceded in death by two of their children, Carrie and Russell. They are survived by their son, Anthony; their daughters, Michelle and Laura; and their grandchildren, Jonathan and Wendy.

Funeral services will be held at Saint Mary, Our Lady of the Dunes Catholic Church in Florence Oregon, Saturday, October 31, at 1 p.m., with reception to follow.

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FENCEPOST

ROCKAWAY BEACH

BARBARA TROUT

Greetings from Rockaway Beach.

Rockaway Beach has an opening on city council and they are accepting applications until November 5.. Mayor Charles McNeilly says this is an important volunteer position that takes work, but as a council member, you get a seat at the table and will be helping shape our community's future direction and strategic goals. To qualify for a council position, at the time of appointment, the candidate must be a registered voter and have lived within the Rockaway Beach city limits for the previous year continuously.

This is a busy time for city officials as they are currently holding a community survey to update the Rockaway Beach Strategic Plan. You can take the survey at the Rockaway Beach City website. Survey feedback will help city leaders understand what is most important to residents, businesses, community member and visitors. You can also present your opinions at a strategic planning workshop Wednesday October 28th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Rockaway Beach City Hall.

Mayor McNeilly was elected in 2022, and in talking with residents and visitors, he heard many stories about "what used to be here" relating to Rockaway Beach's downtown business district. Our city was founded in 1909; people have been vacationing in our community for over a century, and they have many stories to tell. This sparked an idea to create the Rockaway Beach Heritage Walking Tour, under the direction of Scott Fisher and Nan Devlin. The mayor's goal was to bring our history to life for tourists and to encourage them to visit local businesses.

Access the Rockaway Beach Heritage Walking Tour on the city website, first go to Community & Business, and then click on Visitor Information to enjoy phase one which includes 11 buildings on the east side of Hwy 101 from Grumpy's Café to the Tie Breaker. You'll find photographs, writings and histories of each building. For example, Grumpy's has always been a café, under several names and ownerships. I remember it best as Ramey's Café from 1965 to 1977, it had a large sign below the front windows promoting their Chicken and Dumplings.

El Trio Loco began as two small buildings, one was a rental, the other housed a café, it went through quite a few uses, becoming an insurance office, barbershop, real estate office and tourist information center before reverting back into food service. Currently El Trio Loco serves up delicious Mexican food as part of a family-owned chain of restaurants from Gearhart to Garibaldi.

The Sea Breeze Ice Cream store had a really spicy beginning, built in 1920 and operated by "Redheaded Ruby" this business had a card room, pool table and it is said that Ruby was the local bootlegger during Prohibition. In 1945 the building became a hardware store, and remained so for over 40 years under various ownership, before transforming into an ice cream, kite and candy store.

These are just a few of the stories you'll find on the Heritage Walking Tour, and they are already thinking of ways to expand it and include more of Rockaway Beach's wonderful history.

Starting Too Late on Education Reform

What we are missing about how children learn

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Reading candidate bios in Oregon's voters' pamphlet, it's refreshing to see that many promise to fix our failing education system. Given Oregon's dismal educational outcomes, this attention is reassuring; however, I'm not convinced either major political party fully understands what needs to be fixed.

We have spent decades trying to improve education through pendulum swings between standards, testing, accountability and curriculum changes, and a more recent focus on meeting the social-emotional needs of students.

At the risk of overgeneralizing, progressives tend to emphasize equity, inclusion and meeting children where they are. Conservatives tend to emphasize academic standards, accountability and the expectation that children will rise to meet them. There is value in both approaches. Yet, both seem to overlook an important reality. We have organized education around what children are expected to know, without fully considering how children gain the capacity for learning in the first place.

Kindergarten-readiness goals involve the ability to sit still, pay attention, manage emotions and follow directions in service of learning the three Rs. Ask any teacher today and they will tell you that is not where our kids are, developmentally, at age five. This shouldn't come as a surprise.

A child's brain develops through experiences involving movement, play, relationships and responsive interactions. Together, these experiences contribute to the development of a child's nervous system and help build the necessary infrastructure for learning. In particular, information coming through the eyes, ears and sense of touch must be organized in the brain for it to make sense and be used for learning.

What children spend their time doing as infants and toddlers determines, in large part, how their sensory and nervous systems develop. As a result, more kids are entering preschool and Kindergarten with sensory processing, attention, emotional regulation or motor coordination delays. And then we ask them to sit still and focus for hours every day. Considering this, it should not be all that surprising that changing K-12 policies, standards and curriculum are not moving the dial on education outcomes.

During the first three years of life, approximately 80% of the structure and function of the human brain develops. In basic terms, we are what we do and what we eat. The brain's early architecture is shaped by what young children do with their brains and bodies, what they consume nutritionally, and how safe they feel the world is around them. Early bonding and movement experiences help organize the systems supporting learning readiness. Nutrition provides the 3D filament to build the infrastructure.

Programs like Early Head Start, home visiting, and early intervention help families support this development. Nobel Prize-winning economist James Heckman demonstrated the substantial economic and social returns associated with investing in early childhood. This isn't new science.

Programs and policies alone won't solve our education dilemma. We need to become a society that understands how early experiences shape the developing brain. We must have mainstream awareness of how early movement, nutrition and safety shape learning outcomes. This understanding should influence how we parent, care for children and families and design childcare and early education environments.

Current models ask teachers to compensate for a wide range of unmet developmental needs while simultaneously seeking to hold them accountable for long-term academic outcomes. This is a recipe for disaster.

If we want true education reform, we should be vetting candidates not only on how they intend to improve reading and math scores, but also how they plan to support children's development long before those scores are measured. Preparing children to learn starts at the beginning of life.

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Bangs

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create an environment more conducive to business formation and growth: simplifying permitting processes and repealing the state's corporate activity tax (CAT).

Currently, Bangs said that there are duplicative permitting processes across state agencies, naming the Department of Environmental Quality and Department of State Lands as an example, and that she hoped to bring officials from different agencies together to create unified permitting checklists. "So, rather than having a developer have to bounce between agencies in order to complete their build out, it would be nice for those agencies to just align themselves with each other," Bangs said. "The goal being making Oregon marketable again."

Bangs said that she would favor the repeal of the CAT, approved by the legislature in 2019, arguing that it is a "hidden sales tax" that is passed on to consumers. Bangs acknowledged that there might not be legislative appetite to repeal the tax and said that she would be willing to compromise by raising the revenue threshold for businesses to be subject to the tax.

When looking at the government spending side of the equation, Bangs said that the state government needs to tighten its belt before asking taxpayers to shoulder higher taxes and fees by cutting down on "bloat," which she defines as funds going to costs not associated with services. Bangs pointed at proposed gas tax manager positions that would have been created in the voter-rejected transportation package passed by Democrats last year as an example. Given past hiring that outpaced the growth in tax revenues, Bangs said it would also be necessary to right-size future budgets by using natural attrition and retirement to consolidate agency leadership and to bring similar departments together under unified management.

Policies should receive the same scrutiny, Bangs said, arguing that the benefits of certain objectives, like achieving net-zero carbon emissions needed to be evaluated against the cost of achieving them

Education is an area of particular interest for Bangs, who has a long background as a teacher. Bangs said that two of her top priorities would be returning authority to enforce truancy laws to school districts and crafting policy around artificial intelligence.

Bangs said that artificial intelligence needs to be regulated for both teachers and students. For teachers, Bangs said that she favored a ban on using open-source large language models to create lesson plans, given their lack of factual accuracy, though she said the state might want to invest in proprietary models based on accurate data. For students, Bangs said legislators need to promote statewide conversations on how to stimulate students' critical thinking through classroom exercises.

"There is a need for our legislators to recognize how fully functional the tools are that our kids have access to and then help protect and prevent them from losing critical thinking skills," Bangs said.

On transportation, Bangs said she opposed any increase to the gas tax and felt that the Oregon Department of Transportation needed to rein in its spending and take a maintenance-first approach to roads. Bangs said it was "disheartening" to see problem areas like the bump on Highway 26 and slides on Highway 6 repaved without addressing underlying geotechnical issues while money was invested in new projects elsewhere.

"I think the state of Oregon needs to rein in our growth in our roadway system and in our bike paths and sidewalks and so on and so forth and go to a maintenance first methodology until our current infrastructure is bolstered," Bangs said.

Bangs said that she would take a similar approach to reducing permitting hurdles for housing construction as she proposes for businesses, streamlining the process to reduce costs and stimulate new development.

Other issues Bangs said she would aim to address are repealing the bill requiring farmers to pay overtime to employees and increasing reporting requirements for nonprofit agencies receiving grants from the state to rebuild trust with taxpayers.

Bangs said that in addition to increasing affordability, she wanted to bring accountability back to Salem, whether it be through returning truancy enforcement or further updating or repealing Measure 110 to deter drug use.

"What happens when you remove consequences to something," Bangs queried. "You remove the need to stop doing it. And I would just like to be able to bring consequences back in style a little bit, you know, from school districts to drug use. Consequences are what prevent bad behavior."

Armitage

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were being trained to be "worker bees in somebody else's economy."

Armitage also said she felt the state should partner with educational nonprofits to test new programs in classrooms, as she felt those organizations did a good job identifying potential improvements to teaching processes.

Ensuring existing facilities stay open would be Armitage's focus when it came to healthcare to prevent long trips for patients to access care. Armitage said that one way she would pursue this goal by seeking state funding for housing projects designed for medical workers, like the one the Nehalem Bay Health District is in the early stages of planning.

Central to Armitage's vision of problem solving in the legislature across the board is strong communication with local governments, businesses, healthcare providers and constituents, as well as with colleagues in Salem. Armitage said that she would lean on the coastal caucus to help facilitate the latter and that she has been actively participating in the former on the campaign trail, finding that many constituents feel a severe disconnect from Salem.

"I'm hearing from people who don't feel like rural interests are represented well and certainly from people who struggle with cost of living and finding a job and figuring out if this is going to be a place where their kids want to raise a family," Armitage said. "There are people who just feel like Salem makes decisions and they're left behind and I'm really going to stop that."

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Shiloh Werner atop the podium after her victory at the district cross country meet.



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The Tillamook Junior High School boys' cross country team celebrates their district championship in Knappa.

Tillamook Boys Win Columbia Pacific District Championship – Werner claims Girl's Title

DAVID RICHMOND
Tillamook Middle School

The Tillamook Junior High School boys' cross country team ran to a team championship at Knappa on October 13, at the Columbia Pacific District Championships.

It was only the second boy's title for Tillamook, and it did not come easy. Coming into the season, Vernonia and Astoria were the favorites and returned deep rosters.

Tillamook knocked off Astoria at the Jewell Jaunt in late September and then turned their attention to Vernonia a week later where the Loggers dropped Tillamook by 24 points. It was at that race, the young Lions knew they had their work cut out for them if they were to achieve their goal this season.

The following week at Champeog State Park, Vernonia and Tillamook faced off again and the Lions took a different race strategy into the meet. The result? Tillamook came within 1 point and 0.8 seconds of winning the invitational, but Vernonia still took home the top prize.

It became evident we had just as much talent as Vernonia, but we had to solely focus in on the opponent in the blue and gold uniforms. Bottom line, it came down to who wanted it more.

An effective taper and a final pep talk was all it took for Tillamook to become laser focused on what it would take to win the team title. Every coach will tell you that pack running in cross country can win races. But talking about it and actually doing it are two different things.

Tillamook had the best spread (time between the top five scoring runners) of any team in the district all season long. The boys took the spread down from over a minute in their first meet all the way down to 27 seconds at the district championships.

As the race progressed, Vernonia's top five runners were sprinkled among the top ten racers. The race started to shift and get interesting in the back half, when Vernonia's top two runners slowly inched up on the lead Astoria runner before both overtook him on the final stretch of the race to the finish.

Soren Toulouse-Kelly led Tillamook, as he has done most of the season, with a fourth-place finish, while Evan Michael-White, Trask Sukenan and Luke Richmond followed closely behind in sixth, seventh and eight places overall, respectively. Vernonia's third finisher came in ninth place.

For the spectators, the team picture became blurrier at that point. With multiple teams wearing blue and numerous finishers racing to the finish, it was difficult to know where the other team's runners were finishing. Focused on our fifth and sixth runners, the deciding factor was Naphtali Werner who kicked into gear in the final 300 meters and sprinted past four runners from other teams along the way. I raced over to Naphtali and told him if we won, it would come down to his last burst to seal it. The final score? Tillamook 37, Vernonia 51.

Porter Christopherson and Thad Tohl rounded out the top seven runners for Tillamook and had excellent runs as well with Christopherson also beating out Vernonia's fourth and fifth runners.

On the girl's side, Shiloh Werner took home the individual title running the course in an exceptional time of 12:43, outpacing the hosting team's top girl, Maggie Meier by six seconds. Shiloh became the first Tillamook girl to win the individual crown since Brooke Bush went back-to-back in 2021 and 2022. Paisley Seaholm finished in the top ten for the second year in a row.

Mooks bounce back big against Bulldogs

BY MIKE WEBER
For The Headlight Herald

After getting shutout for the first time this year in a 28-0 loss at Banks, the Tillamook High Cheesemakers recovered in with a 48-0 win over the Woodburn Bulldogs at home on October 16.

In front of a crowd celebrating both Homecoming and Senior night, the Mooks kept their playoff hopes alive ahead of their regular season closer against the Astoria High Fishermen Friday on the road.

"I thought our guys did a good job of executing the game plan and playing with good energy," said Tillamook Head Coach Kye Johnson. "We had a great crowd; it was Homecoming and Senior Night, so it's always nice to make some plays and put on a good show for a special event like that."

Led by senior quarterback Kevin Hurliman (8-for-13 passing, 123 yards, touchdown) and senior running back Aden Camachao Garcia (227 all-purpose yards, two rushing touchdowns), the Mooks took control of the lopsided contest early and controlled the tempo of the game from start-to-finish.

"Aden has been getting stronger and more confident each week after he returned to the lineup after recovering from an injury," Johnson said. "He made an impact on the game in rushing, receiving, in the return game and he had a pass completion too. That was exciting to see. We have four senior running backs who have played all four years. They combined for over 200 rushing yards and had five touchdowns."

Senior running back Drew Boomer scored on a touchdown run and receivers Brodee Leno and Carter Gray each had touchdown reception to contribute to the Mooks impressive offensive performance. Senior running back Vincent Maciel scored on two touchdown runs. Tillamook Senior placekicker Aslan Scott kicked six PATs. The 48 points were the most by the Mooks' offense on the season, and the game was the defense's first shutout.

"We made a lot of rotations and we jumped into a lot of different personnel packages," Johnson said. "That's a sign that we are figuring it out a little bit more. Everybody got into the game and that's another important factor too. We're getting better within our schemes, but we still have things to cleanup in all areas of the game."

After winning three of their last four league games, the Mooks are in a strong position to make the playoffs for a seventh straight year, if they can win their contest in Astoria (2-2 SD1, 2-5 overall) on Friday.

"We have 16 seniors, nearly all of whom played all four years on the team," said Johnson. "We've been to the playoffs each year they've been in the program. Now we have an opportunity to qualify again if we win on Friday. There is a lot at stake this week for us. We need to get a good game plan put together ad have a good week of preparation."

The outcome will likely determine which team gets third place in the league standings and an automatic playoff berth. The No. 4-ranked Scappoose High Indians (5-0 SD1, 7-1 overall) and the No. 5-ranked Banks High Braves (3-1 SD1, 6-1 overall) have nearly clinched the top two spots in the league.

Three teams are vying for third place: Tillamook, Astoria and the No. 18-ranked Seaside High Seagulls (2-2 SD1, 3-4 overall). Astoria and Seaside will meet in the final regular season contest for both teams on October 30, at Seaside High School. The Cheesemakers have their bye that week.

A fourth-place team from SD1 could also reach the playoffs via an at-large berth if they're ranked among the top 16 teams in the state as determined by the OSAA Colley computer system.

Bobcat volleyball closes regular season strong

BY MIKE WEBER
For The Headlight Herald

Nestucca High School's volleyball team finished the Northwest League this season strong, winning three of their last four regular season contests.

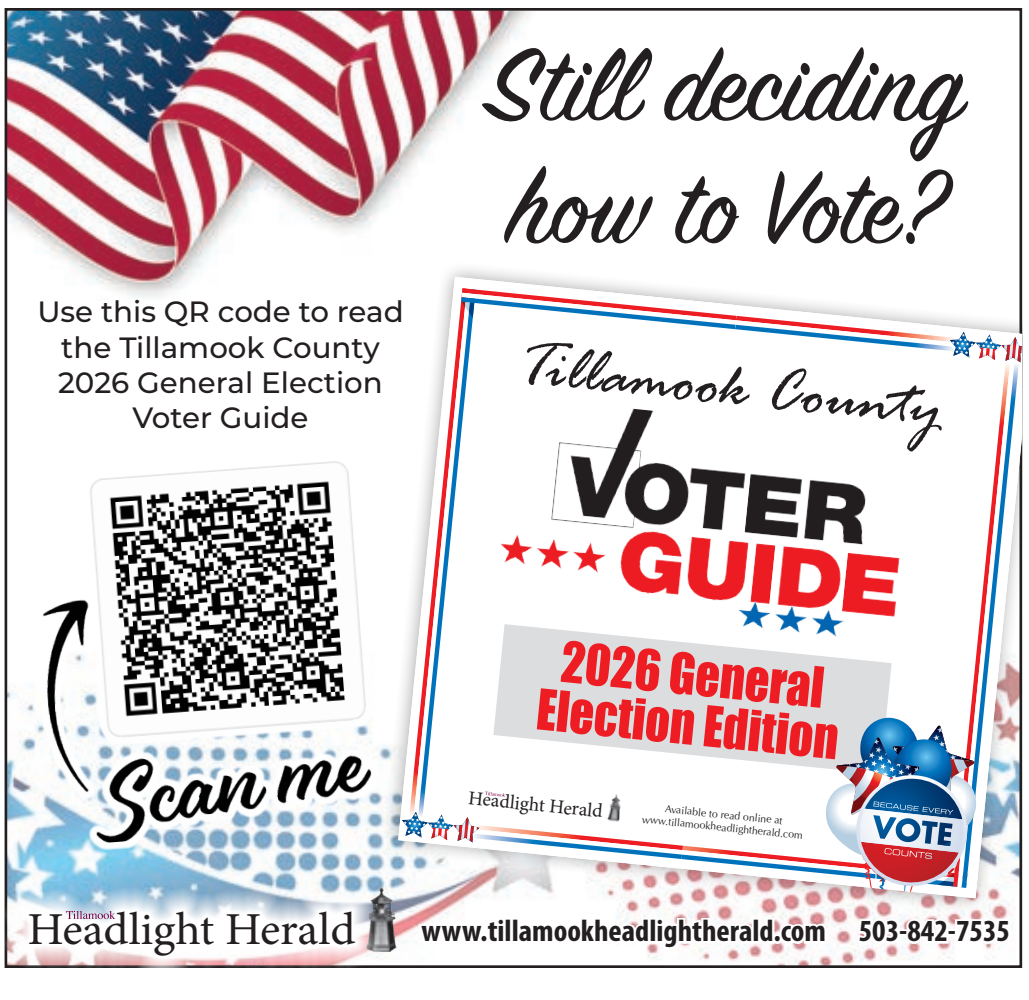
The Bobcats, guided by 20-year-old first-year head Coach Kyla Hurliman, finished in third place in the six-team NWL standings behind the second place Gaston High Greyhounds (6-4 NWL, 12-6 overall).

"We feel like we have some momentum now going into the league playoffs," said Hurliman, who is the youngest high school volleyball coach in Oregon. "We have definitely exceeded the expectations that I had for our team at the beginning of the season. I feel proud of the girls for stepping up and helping us get a lot of wins this year. I'm super happy and we've had a very good season."

The Bobcats had a season-high three-game win streak, including an October 13 3-1 road win over the Vernonia High Loggers (2-8 NWL, 5-11 overall). The Bobcats had their win streak snapped in an October 15 3-1 home loss to the two-time league champion Clatskanie High Tigers (10-0 NWL, 16-2 overall).

"Clatskanie kind of surprised with how well that they played in our last game," said Hurliman, who is hoping to lead the Bobcats to the state playoffs for the first time in four years. "They have one really good girl who is a really tough player."

Nestucca qualified for the NWL district playoffs October 24 at Clatskanie High School, where they'll face the Greyhounds in a 3 p.m. first round game. The winner of the matchup qualifies for the 22-team state playoffs beginning October 28. The Tigers will meet the winner of the Bobcats versus Greyhounds contest in the NWL championship game. Nestucca and Gaston split two regular season games, both winning at home.



SPORTS

Pirate volleyball still in contention

BY MIKE WEBER
For The Headlight Herald

Despite losing two games last week, the No. 19-ranked Neah-Kah-Nie High Pirates (3-6 league, 10-8 overall) remain in contention for a Coastal Range League girls volleyball district playoff game.

The Pirates, guided by second-year Coach Debra Beckwith, lost an October 13 home game 3-1 to the No. 1-ranked Catlin Gabel High Eagles (8-0 CRL, 13-1 overall). They followed with an October 15 3-0 road loss to the No. 14-ranked Warrenton High Warriors (5-3 CRL, 11-7 overall).

"We were pretty happy to win one set against Catlin Gabel," Beckwith said. "We have one more match and then we'll see what happens as far as the league playoffs are concerned and we're just trying to get into the fourth-place spot It would be very important for us to get a win in our final regular season game."

The Pirates were hoping to turn their momentum in their final regular season road game Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. versus the Corbett High Cardinals (5-3 CRL, 9-8 overall). If the Pirates finish in the top four in the six-team league standings after Tuesday's contest, they'll qualify for the CRL district playoffs October 22-24.

"We just have to play at a high level to be competitive on Tuesday and hopefully get a win against Corbett, because it's going to feel like a playoff game for us for sure," Beckwith said. "We probably have to win in order to get fourth place and qualify for a league playoff spot."

The No. 19-ranked Pirates are currently tied for fourth place with the No. 20-ranked Oregon Episcopal High Aardvarks (3-6 CRL, 9-9 overall). However, based on OSAA Colley Computer rankings, the Pirates will edge out the Aardvarks and qualify for districts if they remain as the higher ranked team at the conclusion of the regular season on Tuesday.

Tillamook High Cheesemakers close to volleyball playoff berth

BY MIKE WEBER
For The Headlight Herald

Tillamook High's No. 16-ranked volleyball team (4-3 Cowapa League, 8-7 overall) has had a successful season and have almost clinched a state playoff berth.

The Mooks have been playing well of late, winning three of their last four games. Tillamook won a key matchup 3-1 at home over the No. 12-ranked Banks High Braves (4-3 league, 11-9 overall). They followed with a 3-2 road win October 15 over the Seaside High Seagulls (0-7 league, 4-11 overall) to put them in contention for a state playoff spot. The top 16 ranked teams qualify for the 4A playoffs beginning Oct. 31.

The Mooks senior trio of Adrian Vogel, Maddie Wagner and Emmy Mulder, have been a huge part of the team's success through their leadership ability this year and they're hoping to cap their Tillamook High volleyball career with a state playoff berth.

The Mooks have three-games left on their regular season schedule, which concludes with an October 26 road matchup versus the No. 1-ranked Valley Catholic High Valiants (7-0 league, 23-2 overall).

The Mooks will play their final home game of the season Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. versus the No. 9-ranked Astoria High Fishermen (4-3 league, 9-8 overall). They'll follow with a 6:45 p.m. road matchup against the No. 14-ranked Scappoose High Indians (2-5 league, 9-9 overall) on Oct. 22.

The Mooks are in a three-way tie for second place with Astoria and Banks. With the top 16 teams qualifying for the state playoffs, a possible scenario would have five of the six Cowapa League teams all earning a playoff berth.

NEWS

Tillamook County Property Tax Payments Due

KASANDRA LARSON
Tillamook County Assessor and Tax Collector

The 2026–27 Tillamook County property tax statements are now available online, with printed statements scheduled to be mailed October 22, 2026. Property owners can view their tax statements online at tillamookcounty.gov by selecting Assessment & Taxation.

In the May 2026 primary election, voters approved dissolving the former Tillamook Fire District and creating the new Tillamook Bay Fire & Rescue District. For property owners within the former district's boundaries, the permanent fire district tax rate increased by $0.80, from $0.69 to $1.49 per $1,000 of assessed value.

The new district retained the former district's boundaries and expanded to include properties within the City of Bay City. Because Bay City properties are now included in the fire district, the City of Bay City did not impose its previous $1.80 per $1,000 local option tax for fire protection services this year.

As a result of the new district and its expanded boundaries, property taxes billed for the district increased from approximately $1.04 million last year to $2.62 million in 2026–27. Properties within the City of Bay City account for approximately $290,000, or 11%, of the district's total taxes billed this year.

Another change affecting some property owners is related to House Bill 3940, a statewide change involving rural fire protection taxes.

Property owners within a rural fire protection district who see both a State Fire Patrol Fee and a rural fire protection district charge on their tax statement may be affected. The law did not change rural fire district boundaries; rather, it changed how much land within those districts may be subject to the district's fire protection tax. Additional information for affected property owners is available on the county website.

To be timely and eligible for the applicable discount, payments must be received or postmarked by November 16, 2026. Property owners mailing payments close to the deadline are encouraged to take the envelope to a postal clerk and request a postmark in their presence. Payments postmarked after the due date are not eligible for the discount under Oregon law.

Payments may also be made online, in person, or placed in the secure drop box at First Street and Madrona Avenue in Tillamook. Payment instructions and available options are included with the tax statement.

The Assessment & Taxation Department is located on the first floor of the Tillamook County Courthouse at 201 Laurel Avenue in Tillamook and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Property owners with questions about their assessment or tax statement may contact the office at 503-842-3400.

VFW to host Veterans Day ceremony at TBCC

STAFF REPORT

In recognition of Veterans Day on November 11, the Tillamook Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be hosting an event at Tillamook Bay Community College beginning at 11 a.m.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2848 is also celebrating its 30th anniversary at the event and hosting a fundraising breakfast at the Rendezvous Bar & Grill before it, beginning at 8 a.m.

At the event, the Tillamook High School band will accompany the school's choir and the Bay City Community Chorus for each of the service anthems, before keynote speaker Mike Kreger, who served as a Navy Seal during the Vietnam War, addresses the crowd. A VFW color guard will also present the colors and a flyover is expected, before the ceremony concludes with a performance of Taps.

Members of the VFW, American Legion and Tillamook County Veteran services will be at the event to provide information about each group's benefits and programs for veterans. Burt Darnielle will also be on hand with his traveling military museum.



TCVA Announces New Grant Opportunities, Simplified Application Process

$200,000 available to support local businesses, organizations and community initiatives

The Tillamook Coast Visitors Association (TCVA) is introducing two new grant programs and a simplified application process designed to make funding more accessible to local businesses and organizations. A total of $200,000 will be available through four grant programs beginning October 20.

The changes reflect TCVA's commitment to supporting community needs, strengthening local businesses and creating new opportunities for projects that contribute to a sustainable tourism economy.

2026–27 Grant Programs

• Tourism Marketing Grants: $75,000 available, with awards up to $7,500 for eligible marketing projects. Applications close December 15, 2026.

• Accessibility Grants: $75,000 available, with awards up to $7,500 for projects that improve accessibility. Applications accepted on a rolling basis through June 30, 2027.

• Visual Content Support Fund (new): $25,000 available, with awards up to $2,500 to help businesses and organizations develop photography, video and other visual marketing content. Applications accepted on a rolling basis through June 30, 2027.

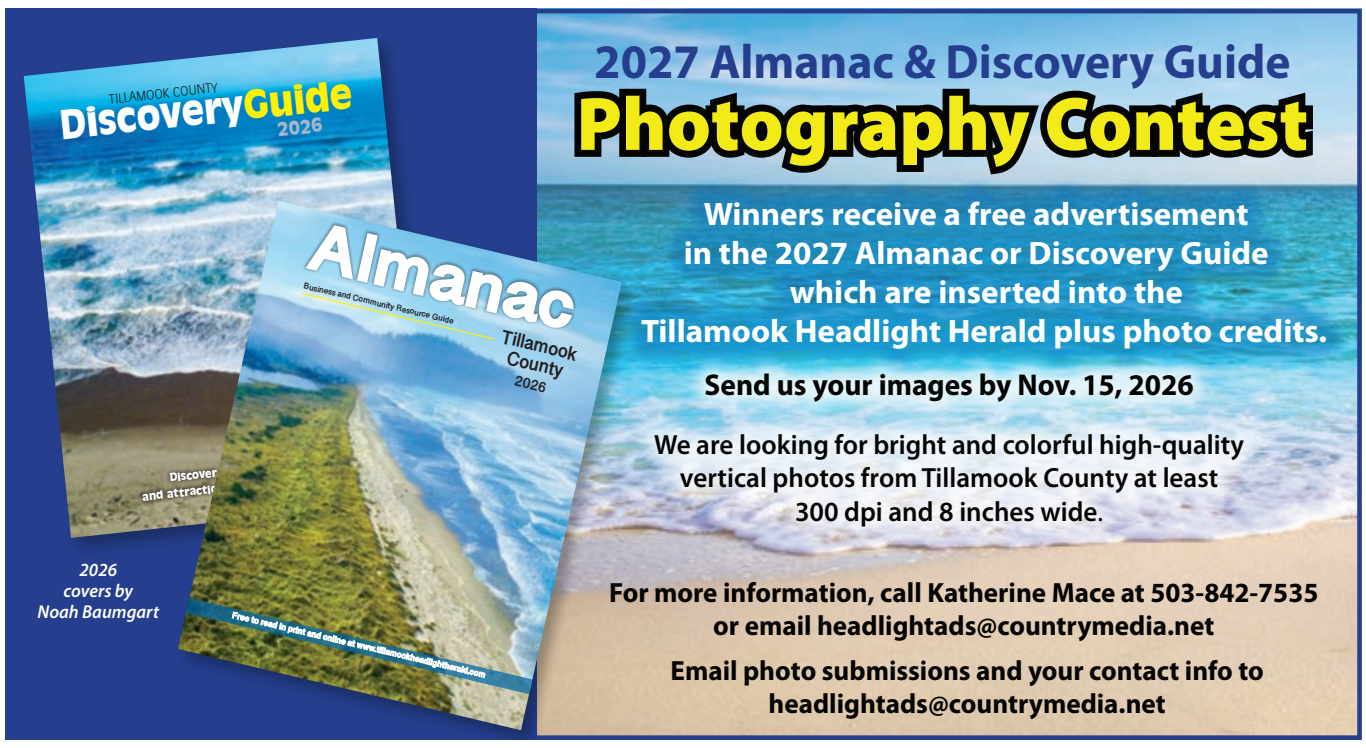
• Offseason Event Support Fund (new): $25,000 available, with awards up to $2,500 to support events that strengthen the local economy during the quieter months. Applications accepted on a rolling basis through April 30, 2027.

Rolling application periods may close earlier if available funding is fully committed.

"These changes are about making our grant programs easier to navigate and more responsive to the needs of our communities," said Dan Haag, TCVA interim executive director. "We want to help more local businesses and organizations access resources that support their work and strengthen the Tillamook Coast."

TCVA is also providing additional applicant resources, including instructional videos, FAQs and grant-writing guidance to help applicants navigate the process.

The annual Facilities Grant program is on hold for now. For updates on this program, as well as eligibility requirements and application information for all other grants, please visit www.tillamookcoast.com/industry/grants.



NEWS

NCFB granted permit for new center

NORTH COUNTY FOOD BANK

North County Food Bank (NCFB) is pleased to announce that Tillamook County granted the organization a building permit to construct a new food distribution center near Nehalem.

Contract negotiations are underway, and the board expects to sign a contract within the next week. Infrastructure development will commence soon after. For 33 years, NCFB served clients from the basement of the former Wheeler Hospital. The food bank moved out of the deteriorating building in late 2025 so that Nehalem Bay Health District could proceed with their demolition plans.

"The health district generously rented part of the former Nehalem Bay Clinic and Pharmacy to us as our temporary home while we build the new distribution center, "said Jeannette Woodhull, NCFB's president.

The food bank will continue to serve Tillamook County residents from that location, 230 Rowe Street in Wheeler, until the new building is completed. NCFB's new, 1600 sq. ft. wood-frame building is designed by local architect Jim Fanjoy at Viridian Architecture, and Cove Built, LLC will be the lead contractor. The fully ADA accessible building will be located directly behind the Hope Chest Thrift Shop on Hwy 101 S. Cove Built expects to complete the structure by late spring 2027.

"The community likely has seen our sign at the entrance to the property," said NCFB President Jeannette Woodhull. "We look forward to distributing food in a welcoming space that is bright, warm, and respectful to all."

The food distribution building will take up only a small part of the one-acre site. The remaining vacant land will be available as the vision for a community services hub evolves. The current project includes utilities sized for future expansion. NCFB has raised 85% of their funding goal. Currently, $230,000 is still needed to fully complete the project. Community members wishing to assist with the final 15% are encouraged to reach out to NCFB for more information.



Current and former board members celebrate groundbreaking for the new food distribution building. L to R: Jenny Greenleaf, Jackie McCrady, Jeannette Woodhull, Helen Hill, Holly Smith, Randy Schultz, Mark Reny, Tom Ayres, David Flemming and Cynthia Speckman.

"The food bank appreciates all who have worked toward creating a permanent home for food distribution in North County. We especially want to thank our previous board members who have worked for years and our current board members who are working to make this a reality," Woodhull added. "Our gratitude goes out to the generous community that supports us to make sure people do not go hungry."

For more information, contact the food bank at 503-368-7724 or northtillamookcountyfoodbank@gmail.com, or use the contact form at www.northtillamookcountyfoodbank.org.

Celebrate Fall Friends Day with Books and Treats

NORTH TILLAMOOK LIBRARY FRIENDS

The kids are back at school, pumpkin everything abounds and the North Tillamook Library Friends are celebrating the changing season with two Fall Friends Days events in late October, both of which will be at the Manzanita Library and open to the public.

On Membership Day, Oct. 30, from 3 to 6 p.m., join the Friends or renew your membership. When you do, you will earn a raffle ticket for Cloud & Leaf Bookstore gift certificates. You can also choose a free book from the daily used book sale. If you bring a friend who becomes a member, you'll earn an extra raffle ticket.

Then on Halloween, the Friends are hosting Children's Day: Books for Treats, where trick-or-treaters can choose a free new book instead of candy. Books for toddlers to teenagers will be available. Cider and doughnuts will also be served. The event begins at 3 p.m. on October 31. The Friends of the Library own, maintain and improve the library building and grounds. Books for Treats is made possible in part by a grant from the City of Manzanita.

LETTERS to the Editor

From Page A5

Think twice before voting

Garibaldi recently removed a city manager who fooled some people into believing he was qualified to run a city. He was not and those who recommended him knew it.

This bad decision cost the city taxpayers $123,000 and it will take many months of thoughtful decisions and leadership to fix the serious problems he left behind.

For weeks this summer a couple of people were out searching to find anyone to run against a well-qualified mayor in Linda Bade. We don't know their motives. They found Mike De La Rosa but too late to be on the official ballot.

While Mike is a nice guy, Garibaldi voters have to ask themselves: Why was he suddenly persuaded to run? And what real experience, skills or expertise does he bring to city leadership and council guidance.

Mike has not been seen at a city council meeting, he admits he knows nothing about any level of government, and I'm sorry but a photo as a volunteer security guard with Tillamook Sheriff deputies does not qualify as law enforcement qualifications.

Most importantly. Mike knows nothing about finance, budgets or basic policies that are critical to the city's recovery from the past three years of city manager mismanagement.

As she stepped into the role of mayor, Linda Bade has shown genuine leadership and sound judgment. She listens, ask for advice and solves community concerns.

Garibaldi cannot afford to again be lured into putting someone in a key position that does not serve the best interests of all residents and businesses.

Please do not be fooled by those with their own personal agenda who convinced Mike to run and who will surely tell him what to say and do if he's elected. Garibaldi needs Linda Bade.

Tim Hall
Garibaldi Mayor & Councilor 2019-2023

Sometimes the Difference Is One Paycheck

Cyrus Javadi recently wrote something about homelessness that struck close to home for me: housing may not be everything, but without it, everything else becomes harder.

I know that from experience.

There was a time when I was a single mother raising three children, earning roughly $7 an hour with no child support. I made exactly $13 a month too much to qualify for food stamps.

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We weren't.

I arranged to pay my rent twice a month because if I paid it all at once, there wouldn't be enough left for groceries and utilities. I worked, paid my bills and took care of my children. Every month was an exercise in making each dollar stretch a little further.

I also have family members who have experienced homelessness, so I know there is rarely one simple story behind it.

That is why I appreciated Cyrus's willingness to look beyond the assumption that homelessness is primarily about addiction, mental illness or bad choices. Those can certainly be factors. But when housing is scarce and rents are high, people already hanging on by their fingertips have nowhere to fall.

Deposits, credit requirements, rising rents and limited vacancies can become wall after wall for people trying to remain housed. Cyrus makes a practical point: if housing scarcity contributes to homelessness, we need more housing of different kinds that ordinary people can afford.

Life doesn't divide people neatly into the deserving and undeserving, the responsible and irresponsible.

Sometimes the distance between being securely housed and being homeless isn't a drug addiction or a bad decision.

Sometimes it's a rent increase. A medical bill. A divorce. A lost job.

Or $13 a month.

I want representatives who understand that difference and are willing to look beyond slogans for practical solutions.

That is one of the reasons I support Cyrus Javadi.

Barbara Billstine
Tillamook, Oregon

Bay City endorsements

I was encouraged to see the large number of citizens, both candidates and attendees. engaged in local government at the recent Bay City candidates' forum.

The candidates introduced themselves to us and answered questions from the audience. I will be supporting Parker Sammons for mayor; he has the education and public service experience to serve our community. He has shown himself to be approachable and leads with empathy.

I will also be supporting three city councilor candidates as they have shown a spirit of leadership and volunteerism for Bay City.

Kathleen Baker is our current council president and has been on the council for ten years, she comes prepared to meetings, listens to others and has shown herself to be a great ambassador for our city.

Penny Eberle is a Bay City Planning Commissioner, a long-time member of the Bay City Booster Club and recently led the visioning for and completion of the city's new Welcome Garden.

Kathleen Leipzig has done an amazing job of leading the Bay City Pearl and Oyster Music Festival.

These three have shown a level of commitment and volunteerism that will serve our city well.

Liane Welch
Mayor of Bay City

Issues with foster care system

As a lifelong Tillamook County resident and licensed adult foster home provider, I am blowing the whistle on a dangerous crisis engineered by the state bureaucracy in Salem.

For 22 and 20 years respectively, my wife and I have raised two individuals with developmental disabilities as part of our own family. We provide absolute stability on a fraction of the budget the state hands to massive, multi-state corporate entities. Yet, recent policies coming out of the Oregon Department of Human Services are designed to completely starve independent family homes out of existence.

Corporate group homes—often backed by out-of-state entities driving vehicles with Minnesota fleet plates—regularly draw $8,000 to over $15,000 per month per client from our human services budget. Meanwhile, local family homes providing identical, 24/7 care are compressed into a fraction of that rate. Worse, the state expects family providers to stay legally chained to their properties under threat of criminal abandonment penalties, while applying fictitious "downtime" clauses to avoid paying for their mandatory overnight labor.

Why is the state intentionally squeezing out successful local families to enrich out-of-state corporate monopolies? Follow the money. Our local State Representative, Cyrus Javadi, was recently pictured at a high-dollar Portland fundraiser standing alongside former Governor John Kitzhaber—the very executive whose administration was sued in the landmark Staley v. Kitzhaber lawsuit for institutional failures.

When our elected officials rely on healthcare corporate PACs to fund their campaigns, local coastal families get left out in the cold. We have drafted a formal legislative bill to strip Salem of its centralized control, outlaw unpaid overnight deductions and return direct rate-override authority back to our local county structures. It is time for Representative Javadi to decide if he represents his corporate healthcare donors or the real families of Tillamook County.

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the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the personal representative at the address below within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Published on October 20, 2026 Kelly Blaser, Personal Representative Michael B. Kittell, Breakwater Law Attorney for Personal Representative 9900 SW Wilshire Street, Ste 200 Portland, OR 97225

10/20/26

HH26-385 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 149667-OR Loan No.: ******3410 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by MARK W. KILLION, A MARRIED MAN, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC., BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 5/11/2022, recorded 5/12/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-03128, in the Official Records of Tillamook County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Tillamook County, Oregon: LOT 7, HILLTOP ESTATES FIRST REPLAT, IN THE CITY OF NEHALEM, COUNTY OF TILLAMOOK AND STATE OF OREGON; RECORDED MAY 23, 2007 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2007004291, TILLAMOOK COUNTY RECORDS. APN: 410777 / 3N1027AB00807 Commonly known as: 13150 D ST NEHALEM, OR 97131-9576 The current beneficiary is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 1/1/2026 - 9/1/2026 Total: $17,326.71 Late Charges: $2,464.32 Beneficiary Advances: $4,059.09 Total Required to Reinstate: $23,850.12 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: $94,436.43 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of $377,517.32 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.99 % per annum, from 12/1/2026 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225, San Diego, CA 92108, will on 2/11/2027, at the hour of 10:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, At the front entrance to the Tillamook Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, in the city of Tillamook, county of Tillamook, Oregon 97141, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds



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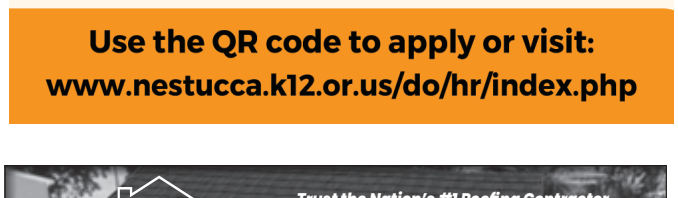
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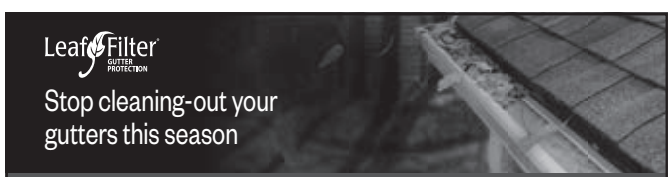
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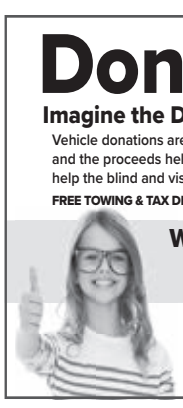












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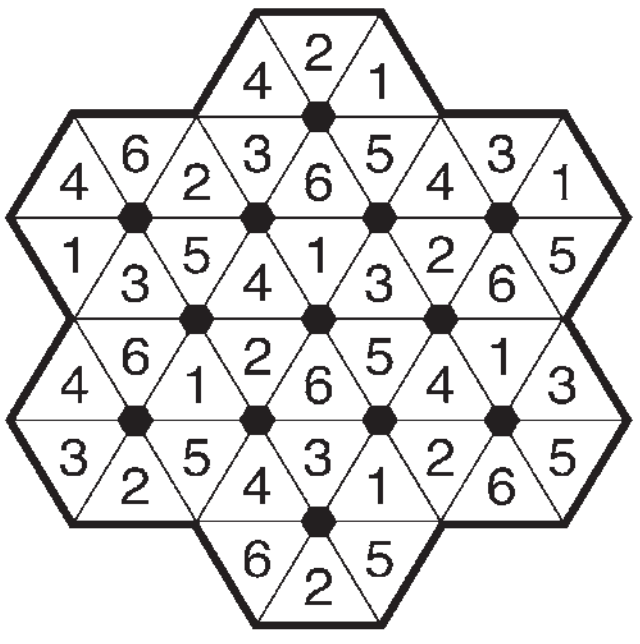
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8	5	7	2	1	6	9	3	4

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or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 9/29/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee

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HH26-386 Tillamook County Transportation District PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: The Tillamook County Transportation District Board of Directors Monthly Board Meeting. Wednesday, October 28, 2026 @ 6:00pm. Persons requiring physical or visual accommodation or who would like a copy of the meeting agenda may contact the District office at (503) 815-8283 before noon, the meeting day. Agendas are also available on the District website at https://nwconnector.org/agencies/tillamook-county-transportation-district/. To attend by phone, please dial: +1 (253) 215-8782 and use Meeting ID: 856 9545 9915. Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8569549915 Agenda items will include a Budget Hearing and State of the District Report with information regarding District finances and grants, service performance, the Northwest Oregon Transit Alliance, the NW Rides NEMT Brokerage, and General Manager activities. The agenda also includes Consent, Action, and Discussion Items with Staff and Board of Director comments. An Executive Session will be added as needed.

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HH26-387 NOTICE OF TILLAMOOK COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING. Notice is hereby given that the Tillamook County Housing Commission will hold a regularly scheduled meeting the first Thursday of every month beginning at 9:00am at the Port of Tillamook Bay Conference Center, 4000 Blimp Boulevard, Tillamook, Oregon. The public is welcome to attend. Meeting materials including a link to attend the meeting virtually and teleconference access information can be found at the Tillamook County Housing Commission webpage, located at https://www.tillamookcounty.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.

10/20/26

HH26-388 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF TILLAMOOK Probate Department Case No. 26PB09072 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL J. MAHONEY, SR., Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Michael Mahoney, Jr., has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the personal representative at the address below within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Published on October 20, 2026 Michael Mahoney, Jr., Personal Representative Michael B. Kittell, Breakwater Law Attorney for Personal Representative 9900 SW Wilshire Street, Ste 200 Portland, OR 97225

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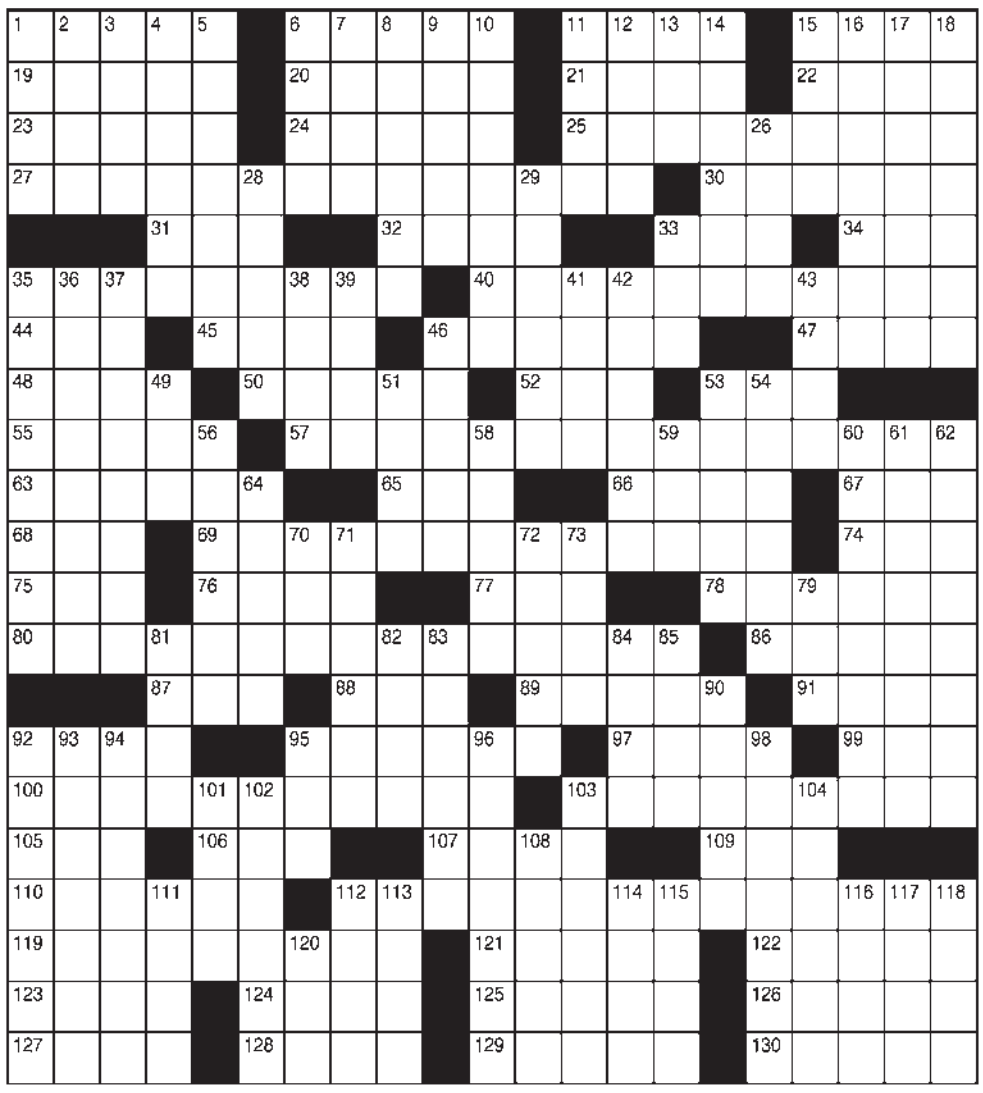
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ACROSS
1 Perp's excuse
6 Bee-related
11 Lipids
15 In addition
19 "Cheers!," in Spain
20 Cousin of largo
21 Concept
22 Geometry, e.g.
23 Photo-sharing app, casually
24 Be finished by
25 "Shakespeare in Love" Oscar winner
27 "A Pocket Full of Rye" novelist
30 Device connecting to a computer port
31 "Alley —!"
32 High mountain peaks, in Italy
33 "J to — L-O!" (2002 album)
34 Put on
35 Portrayer of Emma Peel on "The Avengers"
40 Longtime editor-in-chief of Vogue
44 Purported psychic gift
45 Reebok rival
46 One-celled swimmer
47 — 500 (auto race)
48 Ren or Stimpy, e.g.
50 "Peanuts" blanket toter
52 Cherry-hued
53 "Dr." of rap
55 Gazes at creepily
57 "Rebecca" novelist
63 Fee-free, as a mutual fund
65 Come — halt
66 Succotash ingredient
67 Kung — chicken
68 12-month period, in Rio
69 Longtime Royal Ballet luminary
74 Sick-dog link
75 Levy
76 Conical-bore woodwind
77 Wed.-Fri. link
78 Kind of gas that's banned for autos
80 Best Actress winner for "BUtterfield 8"
86 Large-eyed primate
87 — jiffy
88 Cattle call
89 Presley called "The King"
91 Morning TV's Kelly
92 Trotsky of Russia
95 Copier clogs
97 Free-for- — (melees)
99 Eggy drink
100 "The Good Apprentice" novelist
103 1986 Grammy winner for Best Jazz Vocal Performance
105 La Paz's country: Abbr.
106 Tee preceder
107 See 53-Down
109 Cut the lawn
110 Old Jewish ascetic
112 With 119-Across, "South Pacific" song ... or a declaration about the nine women featured in this puzzle?
119 See 112-Across
121 Mann of pop
122 Apple drink
123 Pernicious
124 British trolley
125 Atlantic, e.g.
126 Siri's cousin?
127 Bears' lairs
128 1980s Dodge
129 Quickness
130 Catnaps, e.g.

DOWN
1 China's home
2 Singer k.d. —
3 "Casablanca" woman
4 Part of a blouse or a mouse
5 Boise native
6 A Baldwin brother
7 Phnom —, Cambodia
8 How RuPaul performs
9 "Garfield: — of Two Kitties" (2006 film)
10 "Move to inbox" email phrase
11 Pacific island nation
12 In unison, in music
13 TV coach Lasso
14 Voiced a quick greeting
15 "That's for sure!"
16 "Arnie" actress Sue Ane —
17 City NW of Minneapolis
18 Classic chocolate candy bar
26 — about-face (flip-flop)
28 May preceder
29 Unrefined source of element #50
33 Pan Am rival
35 Explode, as a bomb
36 Having equal angles
37 Moon-landing mission
38 "Just jokin' with you"
39 Actress Rowlands
41 Must-have
42 Carry off illegally
43 Arena level
46 Take — at (try)
49 Prefix with colonial
51 As many as
53 With 107-Across, he had many hit songs with John Oates
54 Small stream
56 Apia native
58 Three-nation pact of '94
59 Skier Tommy
60 Small tablet from Apple
61 De-intensify
62 Driver's fit of anger
64 "Yabba — doo!"
70 Fish eggs
71 Become irate
72 "That's for sure!"
73 — and void
79 — Lingus
81 California wines, in brief
82 — sapiens
83 "Ooh, good comeback!"
84 Circle relative
85 Irritate
90 Replay mode, for short
92 Defamed in print
93 Causing to wear down
94 Raincoat fabric
95 Srs., last year
96 Ancient Egyptian king
98 Toy racer
101 Actress Suvari
102 In the habit of
103 Regions, weatherwise
104 For a bit
108 Camera brand
111 Morays, e.g.
112 IRS guy, e.g.
113 Half: Prefix
114 Chair part
115 Hawaiian goose
116 — of March
117 Following
118 Mardi —
120 Chair part



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503-842-6647
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Friday - 11 a.m.
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday
March - October 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
November - February noon to 4 p.m.
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email: nbumcnsl2020@gmail.com

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NETARTS FRIENDS CHURCH
4685 Alder Cove Rd. West,
(503) 842-8375
Email: friendschurchnetarts@gmail.com
Website: www.netartsfriends.org
Pastor Aaron Carlson, Adult & Youth
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Regular services Sunday 10 a.m.
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Website: pacificcoastbiblechurch.com
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275 S. Pacific St. (mailing: P. O. Box 390)
Rockaway, OR 97136
(503-355-2661)
e-mail: stmarys1927@gmail.com
Administrator: Fr. MacDonald Akuti
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.)

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

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(503) 842-6192
email: stalbanstillamook@gmail.com
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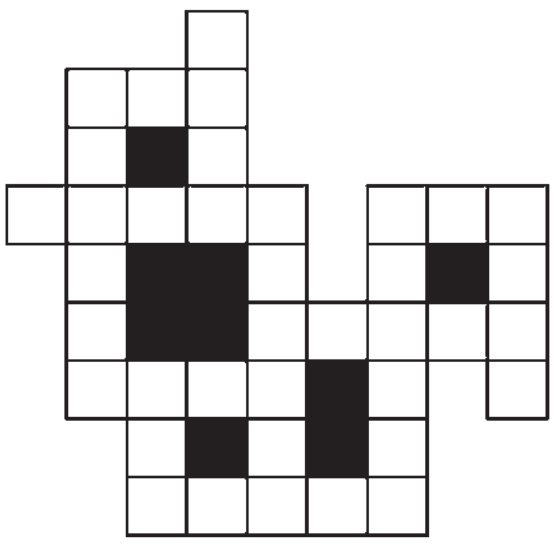
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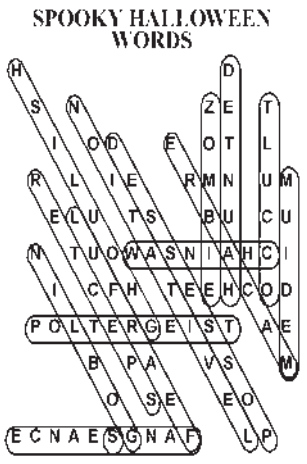
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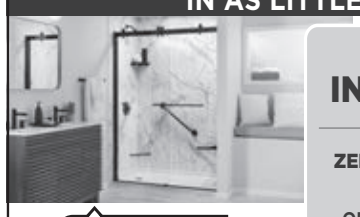


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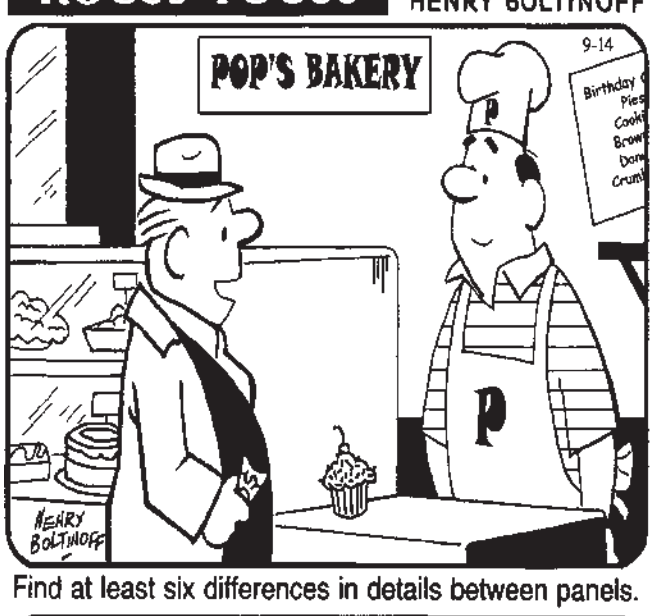


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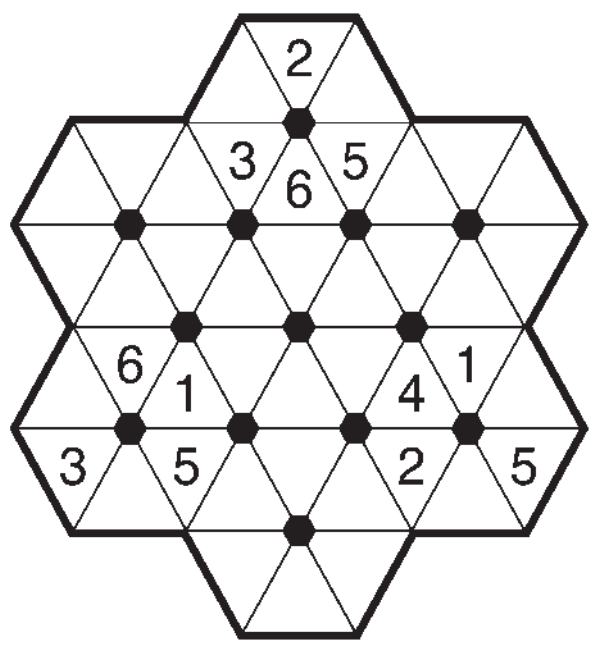
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Differences: 1. Cupcake is moved. 2. Money is missing. 3. Sign is moved. 4. Man is taller. 5. Counter is wider. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

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

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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