

NEWS

Bay City council hits brakes on fire district merger

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Headlight Editor

The Bay City City Council voted to delay any action on a merger of their fire department with the Garibaldi Fire Department and Garibaldi Rural Fire District at their meeting on October 10.

Citing doubts about the proposal's ability to pass and the financial situation in Garibaldi, councilors unanimously voted not to ask the county to add a ballot question on next November's ballot.

The proposed formation of the new fire district combining the city's departments to offer more streamlined service in the municipalities and up

Miami Foley Road had been in development for since March.

At a joint work group meeting of the councils in late September, members of the steering committee who had been working on the proposal detailed a proposed budget for the new district and informed the councils that funding it would require a levy of \$2.50. The primary reasons for the merger were to allow for the upwards adjustment of the levy to provide a sufficient budget to address growing service demands and to allow for more efficient service to residents.

At the meeting, members of both city councils voiced general support for the concept and agreed to start

the process of adding the necessary questions to next May's ballot at their October meetings.

However, at some point in the weeks since, Bay City councilors started to sour on the idea.

On the Monday preceding October's meeting, Councilor Tim Josi, who had chaired the steering committee, submitted a letter to the public record officially withdrawing his support from the proposed merger. In the letter, Josi said that he did not believe Bay City voters would support increasing the levy they pay from the current \$1.80 to \$2.50 and that he believed the merger should be delayed until the current Bay City levy, passed in 2022, is close to expiration

in 2028.

At Tuesday's meeting, as soon as the agenda items regarding the new district came up, it was immediately clear that Josi was not alone in his doubts about the proposal.

Mayor Kathleen Baker started the discussion and said that she agreed with Josi that voters would not support the move and questioned its advisability. Baker pointed to Garibaldi's past due audits and the recent tumult and turnover in the mayor and city manager's positions as reasons for pause.

Baker also said that she felt Bay City's volunteers worked well together and offered a lot of support to Garibaldi and that she was concerned the partnership

would be unequal.

While Baker said that she might support a merger in the future, she said that Garibaldi would need to be on stabler footing for her to put the question to citizens as she believed that the current proposal would not benefit Bay City or its residents.

The rest of the councilors agreed with Baker and said that they had been underwhelmed by Garibaldi officials' presentations and enthusiasm at their work session the night prior. Josi, who was attending virtually, chimed in that he did not have any questions about Garibaldi officials' enthusiasm or commitment to the idea and reiterated his possible future support.

The council then voted

unanimously to delay the consideration of a possible ballot measure indefinitely.

Contacted for comment after the meeting, Garibaldi Mayor Katie Findling said that despite Bay City's withdrawal, Garibaldi's council will still consider motions related to the creation of a fire district on next May's ballot at their October meeting, but they may look a little different.

Findling said that while Bay City's withdrawal was disappointing, she understood their position. Findling added that Garibaldi's voters had been clear when passing the last levy that it was with the expectation that a fire district be brought to voters.

Tillamook Fire District tightens belt to avoid budget shortfall

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Tillamook Fire District Chief Jeff McBrayer told the district's board at their October 10 meeting that he believed the district would be able to stave off a budget shortfall that had previously appeared inevitable.

The budget crunch has been precipitated by

higher-than-expected legal fees incurred responding to multiple lawsuits from former district members and a shortfall would force the district to seek out loans.

"We might just make it or we might be a little bit short," McBrayer said, adding that he felt there was a 50-50 chance of avoiding a shortfall.

Potential issues with the

district's budget came to McBrayer's attention late in the summer, after the district's budget was strained by attorneys' fees related to responding to lawsuits filed by former district staffer Chuck Spittles and volunteer Aaron Burris. Burris, who is also Tillamook's mayor, was elected to the district's board in May and sworn in at their July meeting but has missed

each of the three, monthly meetings since.

McBrayer found that if spending continued at the same pace, the department's general fund would be empty by some point in October, with property tax revenues only beginning to arrive in November.

McBrayer contacted the Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) to

alert them of the situation as well as other financial institutions who have lent the district money in the past. McBrayer told the board that SDAO had set aside money to loan to the district to meet payroll and volunteer stipend obligations, should the general fund run dry. McBrayer also told the board that the district's emergency fund had what he believed

would be enough money to meet any shortfall.

Since the looming financial issues came to light, McBrayer said that staff and volunteers at the district had stepped up to help reduce costs wherever possible, causing the improved outlook and lessening the possibility of needing loans.

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Commissioners approve pharmacy agreement

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Tillamook's Board of County Commissioners approved a contract with Genoa Healthcare LLC for the establishment of a pharmacy on October 11.

The move comes in response to the recent closure of the Tillamook Pharmacy, which left many patients in the county scrambling to find reliable pharmacy services.

Tillamook County's Health and Human Services Administrator Marlene Putman delineated the specifics of the agreement for the commissioners at the meeting. Putman said that when Tillamook Pharmacy closed abruptly in early September, it put an added strain on the Safeway and Fred Meyer pharmacies, as well as patients.

Now that the agreement is signed, Genoa will work to identify a suitable location for their pharmacy and then carry out the work necessary

to construct or configure the chosen site. Putman estimated that this process would take between six and eight months, a much-expedited timeframe because of Genoa's existing licenses.

In addition to the physical pharmacy, Genoa will offer mail-delivery service for their prescriptions and the company will offer customers the ability to have their prescriptions filled pre-divided in a pill organizer by pharmacy staff.

The commissioners thanked Putman for her work on the agreement, commending her for having it prepared so quickly in the wake of the closure.

Commissioners also approved a lease agreement with Anduril Industries Inc., which will place a marine sentry tower on county property at Tillamook Bay's north jetty.

Anduril Industries, a California-based company, partnered with Near Space Corporation on the application and Near Space

will be responsible for the ongoing monitoring and maintenance of the tower.

The tower will be equipped with a new, experimental radar array capable of identifying targets and using advanced cameras to offer the Coast Guard a live look at identified vessels. The tower will be located just to the west of the existing Coast Guard tower at the jetty and will be used to test the technology.

Commissioners also approved a \$250,000 grant from transient lodging tax revenues to the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum. Similar grants have been awarded in past years.

The majority of the grant, \$190,000, will be dedicated to covering staff salaries, with the remainder going to program supplies, building expenses and covering insurance premiums. The museum plans to hire a collections manager shortly, with the position currently being advertised.

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CRIME SPREE

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The temporary solution installed by the air museum that allowed them to reopen to guests by October 10. PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE TILLAMOOK AIR MUSEUM AND TILLAMOOK SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.



Damage caused to a large screen monitor at the Tillamook Justice Center with a flagpole by one of the two suspects shortly before his apprehension by a corrections deputy. PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE TILLAMOOK AIR MUSEUM AND TILLAMOOK SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

the car before rummaging around for a guitar in the vehicle's backseat and wandering off camera holding it. Welch said that the suspects then proceeded to ransack the lobby, causing what she estimated as \$2,000 of damage to trash cans, a coffee bar, framed artifacts, magazine racks and rugs. The pair can be seen on the security footage wandering away from the museum shortly after 5 a.m.

At that point they walked to the nearby Stimson Lumber offices where they broke a large window to gain entry, before stealing an axe from a truck and using it to cause damage in the office.

The pair also broke into trucks owned by Tillamook

Bay Community College (TBCC) as part of its driver training program that were parked nearby. According to TBCC's Community Education Coordinator JoAnn Critelli, who oversees the truck driving program, the trucks had not been damaged in the break ins. Critelli said that the trucks' glove boxes had been rummaged through and that a fire extinguisher from one of the trucks was discharged.

After vandalizing Stimson and breaking into the trucks, the duo started to head north on foot.

One of the duo ran out of steam along Blimp Boulevard where he was apprehended sleeping shirtless near the scene of the forklift incident

at 6:02 a.m. The man was identified as Taylor Hulbert and transported to Adventist Health Tillamook Hospital for medical evaluation before being transferred to the jail.

The other marauder was not finished for the evening though and proceeded to the Tillamook County Justice Center on Long Prairie Road, a short distance away.

The man entered the public lobby of the facility shortly after it opened for the morning at 6 a.m., used a flagpole to pierce a television screen and broke several framed photographs and awards before fleeing.

A Tillamook County Sheriff's Office corrections deputy gave chase and apprehended the man, who

was arrested by a Tillamook Police Officer who responded to the scene. The man was identified as Ryan Woods and immediately booked into the jail.

Following the spree, the affected business owners were left to clean up the aftermath as deputies continued to investigate the suspect's activities.

Welch said that the museum would be reopened by October 10, after cleaning up the debris and securing the entrance, but added that she worried it would be several months before they could repair the damage to the entry.

A representative from the sheriff's office told the Herald that the deputy investigating

the case is still working to piece together the rest of the pair's evening and believes more crimes have been committed. Anybody who has relevant information or believes they may have been impacted should call Deputy Ben Berger at (503) 815-3392.

The sheriff's representative also told the Herald that investigators believed the two suspects had been using a Slim Jim or other similar device to gain entry to vehicles, because of the lack of smashed windows.

On October 9, Woods was arraigned on a slew of charges including, one count of burglary, one count of possession of a stolen vehicle, two counts

of criminal mischief related to vandalism, one count of pickpocket theft and one count of larceny relating to the unauthorized use of the motor vehicle. Woods was held on a combined \$13,000 bond.

Hulbert was released without charges on Monday. Tillamook District Attorney Aubrey Olson told the Herald that probable cause declarations filed by the arresting officers did not provide enough information to support charges against Hulbert. Olson said that her office was waiting on final investigative reports to decide whether to file charges against him.

BONAMICI

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Congresswoman Bonamici shares an anecdote with constituents about her first call with then-President Barack Obama shortly after her inauguration following a special election. The congresswoman told the crowd that Obama's first question had been whether she was a beaver or a duck. PHOTO BY LAUREN JIN.

told the crowd that she supported immigration reform. She also said that there was a need for more judges to adjudicate asylum cases and that addressing the issues forcing so many to flee countries in Central and South America would be critical to reducing the number of asylum seekers.

Bonamici took her Republican colleagues to task over their preoccupation with increasing the deficit, noting that the \$2 trillion annual budget shortfall conspicuously matched the revenue lost in tax cuts passed during the Trump administration.

Bonamici also encouraged those at the meeting to avail themselves of her office's constituent services if they had any issues with federal programs such as Medicare or Social Security.

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CANDIDATES

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of affordable housing and residents' food security.

While Henson granted that he does not have much public service experience, he said that he thought his experience in various business groups had prepared him for the position. Henson said that he only planned to run for election in 2024 if he was selected by the commissioners to fill the vacancy.

Henson said that, if selected, he would not bring an agenda to the position and would rely on experts to inform his decisions. He said that he would bring his passion for issues of food security to the board and emphasized his attachment and commitment to the country.

Jerry Keene

Keene is a native Oregonian and retired lawyer

who has owned a house in Oceanside for 30 years and retired there with his partner 14 years ago.

In addition to experience working with state agencies in his professional career, Olson has remained active in his retirement, serving on numerous boards and committees addressing issues in Oceanside, and recently participating as a member of the county's short-term rental advisory committee.

The budgetary crisis and implications of the Oregon Department of Forestry's proposed habitat conservation plan, housing and emergency preparedness would be Keene's top priorities as commissioner.

Keene said that he would favor investigating the possibility of adding a surcharge to the county's transient lodging tax to increase revenues in the short term and holding workshops to update the county's strategic plan in the long term.

Keene said that he did not plan to run for the position in 2024 but saw the temporary appointment as an opportunity to lend his experience to the community and noted that he was a known quantity to the commissioners.

Keene said that if appointed he would prioritize opening land to development to bring new businesses to the county.

Paul Fournier

A native Bostonian, Fournier moved to Tillamook County in 1994 and has extensive experience in various public safety agencies across the county.

Fournier worked as a volunteer firefighter and EMT at the Netarts-Oceanside Fire District before stints at Adventist and the Headlight Herald eventually led to 18 years with the sheriff's department, where he still works part time since his retirement in 2018.

Fournier said that he considers the county's housing shortage, dearth of affordable childcare options and strained public safety services the most pressing challenges.

Fournier, who is running in 2024, said that after perennial projections of financial cliffs during his time in the county it is time for commissioners to develop a new revenue model.

Fournier questioned the alarm over the new habitat conservation plan, noting that Tillamook's timber revenues are actually forecast to remain steady for the next several decades, but said that he still favored finding creative ways to bring in more revenue.

Fournier said that if appointed, his top priorities would be addressing the biological opinion issue to ensure the continued viability of development in the floodplain and working to add housing.

Fournier said that he was applying for the vacancy and running because he continued to have a true willingness and desire to serve Tillamook County.

Paul Levesque

Levesque has a long history in Tillamook County, having lived here for 51 years and serving in the county government for 42 years.

In that time, Levesque held a variety of positions before retiring as the county's chief of staff.

In his decades of county service, Levesque said he had gained invaluable experience that would help him as a commissioner, mentioning his extensive experience on statewide boards and dealing with state agencies.

For Levesque, affordable housing, FEMA's proposed biological opinion and the Oregon Department of Forestry's habitat conservation plans would be top concerns as commissioner.

Levesque said he would look at creating side streams for revenue to address short-term concerns and look at strategic budgeting approaches in the long term.

Levesque would not run for reelection and mentioned that he would prioritize supporting Tillamook Lightwave's mission of expanding broadband access to all county residents.

Matt Williams

Williams has lived in south Tillamook County for a dozen years and owns a family business in Pacific City.

He has served as the board president of the Lake Merwin Campers Hideaway in Clark County, Washington, for the past five years, he told the audience, giving him valuable experience in participating on a board.

Williams said that the top three issues facing the county were budget limitations, the housing shortage, and challenges imposed by federal and state mandates.

Williams said that as a commissioner he would listen to the expertise of his fellow commissioners and not take votes personally. Williams plans to run for commissioner if appointed in this process.

He said that he would like to look at identifying new revenue streams for the county and mentioned leveraging recent shifts in employment trends in the county's favor.

The candidates were scheduled for a three-hour public interview with the board of commissioners on Monday, October 16, after which the commissioners will deliberate and Commissioners Mary Faith Bell and Erin Skaar will make a selection.

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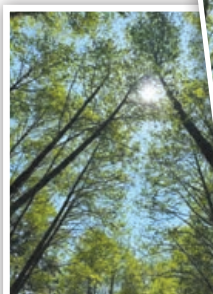
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SPORTS

Cheesemakers run away from Astoria



Griffyn Boomer was a problem for the Fishermen all night, finishing with touchdowns in every phase of the game. PHOTO BY HOLLY WERNER



Tanner Hoskins slips an Astoria tackle. PHOTO BY HOLLY WERNER

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The Tillamook Cheesemakers were clicking in every phase of the game on October 13, beating the Astoria Fishermen 54-13 at home to improve to 5-2 on the season and 2-1 in Cowapa League play.

Griffyn Boomer had a standout performance for the Mooks, notching touchdowns in the rushing and receiving game, on a punt return and with a pick six on defense.

“I don’t know for sure but that may be the first time that’s happened before in THS history,” Tillamook Head Coach Kye Johnson said. “Definitely the only time in my years here.”

Boomer’s huge night was complimented by another stellar game from senior quarterback Tanner Hoskins, who finished with two touchdowns apiece in the air and on the ground and over 200 yards rushing.

Tillamook won the coin toss and, as has been their custom this season, deferred receiving the kickoff until the second half.

Astoria started its opening drive by picking up a first down before the Cheesemaker defense forced a punt from the 40-yard line. Tillamook’s punt return team took advantage of a mishandled snap by the punter to deflect the ball and set the offense up with strong field position at Astoria’s 35-yard line.

Andrew White picked up

16 yards on back-to-back rushes before Hoskins took a designed run play 19 yards to the house and converted the point after attempt for a 7-0 lead early in the first.

The Fishermen’s offense responded with a touchdown drive, sustained by a big pickup on fourth and three near midfield that put them in the redzone. Astoria elected to go for two after the touchdown, but Boomer batted the attempted pass out of bounds, leaving Tillamook ahead 7-6, with just under four minutes to go in the quarter.

“We didn’t play up to our potential in the defensive run game,” Johnson said after the game. “We just allowed them too much space in their base run game and allowed them to sustain some drives early on.”

After the touchdown, the Cheesemaker’s offense struck back quickly, courtesy of a 39-yard Hoskins keeper that set up a 26-yard rushing touchdown from Carson Rieger to push the Mooks lead to 14-6.

The Fishermen’s next drive started near midfield but failed to go anywhere, bringing the punt team onto the field on fourth down. This time, the punter got off a clean kick that Boomer fielded at Tillamook’s 31-yard line on the right side of the field.

Boomer was quickly engaged by an Astoria defender, but artfully shook off the attempted tackle, bouncing backward before



The Mooks line up against Astoria during one of the periods of heavier rain on the evening. PHOTO BY HOLLY WERNER

breaking across the entire field to the left sideline where he outran Astoria’s coverage for a 69-yard touchdown. Hoskins’s extra point pushed the Cheesemaker lead to 21-6 with half a minute remaining in the first quarter.

Astoria mounted a short drive on their next possession, advancing to Tillamook territory before turning it over on downs at the 39.

Tillamook’s offense was stymied on their ensuing drive and Hoskins’s knee grazed the grass when handling an errant long snap on the fourth-down, punt play, giving the Fishermen possession at Tillamook’s 30-yard line.

Astoria picked up one first down, before again turning the ball over on downs at the 18-yard line.

Hoskins unleashed his longest run of the night on second down, scorching Astoria’s defenders for a 50-plus-yard pickup to Astoria’s 26-yard line, but the Mooks turned the ball over on downs shortly after.

The Fishermen again mounted a short drive before turning the ball over on downs near midfield with 56 seconds remaining in the half.

Then, things got a little wonky.

Tillamook struck quickly, with Hoskins picking up 15 yards on a scramble that found the sideline before completing a short pass to White that he took to the house from 34 yards out. Hoskins’s kicked sailed wide and Tillamook led 27-6 with 33 to go.

Astoria reached into its

bag of tricks on the first play of the next drive, perfectly executing a hook and ladder play for a 65-yard touchdown. 27-13 with 21 seconds left to go.

Taking over at the 29, the Cheesemakers advanced to midfield courtesy of a rush from White before Hoskins uncorked yet another beautiful run, crossing into the end zone just after the horn sounded the end of the half. Another missed point after attempt sent the Mooks into the break with a 33-13 advantage.

“Our playmaking and explosiveness was on full display again,” Johnson said. “When we can get that kind of run-pass dynamic rolling offensively, it forces defenses to try to account for a heck of a lot.”

After the break, Tillamook returned the kick to within Astoria territory and drove to the goal line before the Fishermen stood tall and forced a turnover on downs.

Astoria’s first half pattern continued, as the Fishermen advanced the ball to midfield with several first downs before a coverage sack on fourth and 15 returned the ball to the Mooks.

The Cheesemaker offense found no such problems on their ensuing possession, with a Ryan Wilkes reception and rushes from White and Hoskins giving them a first and goal in quick order. Johnson dialed up a screen pass for Boomer, who juked out three Astoria defenders for his second touchdown of the evening, pushing the lead to 40-13 with just under a minute remaining in the third quarter.

Again, the Fishermen drove to midfield and, again, they turned it over on downs.

Tillamook drove methodically to the red zone, when, facing a fourth and three from the five-yard line, Johnson again called Boomer’s number, this time on a jet sweep to the left that found paydirt. Hoskins’s extra point gave Tillamook the 47-13 lead with just over eight minutes to play.

Boomer’s final highlight moment of the night came on the Fishermen’s next offensive play when he jumped a route to intercept a pass at the 35-yard line, which he proceeded to return for his fourth touchdown of the night.

“Griffyn also played his best game defensively of the year,” Johnson said. “He came downhill from the free safety and made some good tackles and obviously his interception and return for touchdown was a special play too.”

Hoskins’s PAT was successful, extending the lead to 54-13 and triggering a running clock with just under eight minutes remaining. Astoria had one final turnover on downs before Tillamook picked up a first down and allowed time to expire.

This week, Tillamook travels to Scappoose for a Thursday night matchup with the undefeated Indians.

Pirate football notches first win

By **MIKE WEBER**
For The Headlight Herald

The Neah-Kah-Nie High Pirates snapped a five-game losing streak, securing their first win of the season with a 22-12 road victory over the Sheridan High Spartans on October 6.

For Neah-Kah-Nie (1-3 SD1, 1-5 overall), which didn’t field a varsity football team the last two seasons, it marked the program’s first win since 2019 and a breakthrough victory for the

Pirates and first-year Coach Alejandro Quintan-Rios.

“It was good to get our first win, everyone stepped up and played well and we reduced our mistakes to help us come out on top, so I think we’re going in the right direction,” said Quintana-Rios. “We played tough defense and we only gave up two big plays, so everyone played a pretty solid game. We’ve had a lot of mistakes at the center position in previous games, so we made a switch and put Gage Wilkinson in there and he did

a really, really good job.”

The Spartans (0-6 SD1, 0-7 overall) took the initial lead when they recovered an onside kick off at the outset of the contest and scored a touchdown on their opening possession, pulling ahead 6-0 early in the first quarter.

“We didn’t have a very good start to the game, but then we came back and turned things around,” said Quintana-Rios.

The Pirates responded with a scoring drive, capped by a 40-yard touchdown run by senior running back

Anthony Allen (12 carries, 162 yards rushing) to help Neah-Kah-Nie take an 8-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Neah-Kah-Nie extended their advantage to 16-6 in the second quarter when senior quarterback Michael Prior (6-for-12 passing, 94 yards) tossed an 18-yard touchdown pass to Allen (three catches, 55 yards receiving). Prior completed a two-point conversion pass to senior John Burch to put the Pirates up by 10 points.

Both teams scored on their next possession, with the Pirates scoring courtesy of a 28-yard touchdown pass from Prior to Allen, for a 22-12 halftime lead. It was a scoreless second half as both teams played tough defense. It marked the Pirates best defensive performance this year as they allowed a season low point total for an opponent.

Pirates’ freshman Daniel Sargent had a solid overall performance with five carries for 18 yards rushing and one catch for 27 yards receiving. Sargent was a defensive

leader as well with nine tackles and one interception.

Neah-Kah-Nie sought to get a second straight win in an Oct. 13 home game against the Corbett High Cardinals (result was unavailable). The Pirates play their next game Friday at 7 p.m. at home versus the Knappa High Loggers (4-1 SD1, 4-2 overall), followed by an October 27 season finale home game versus the Nestucca High Bobcats.



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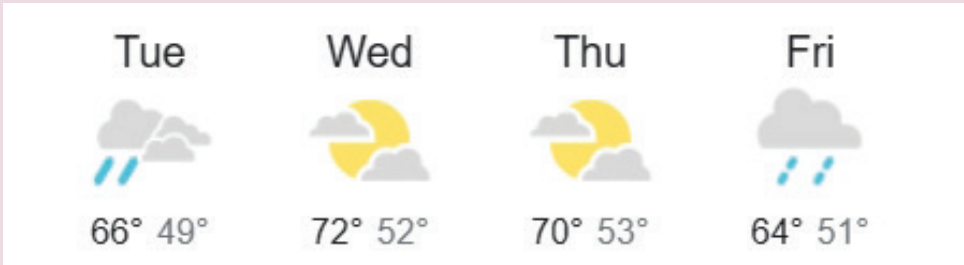
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Definitely voting yes for NCRD

On November 7th the residents of Tillamook County will be asked for the 4th time to renew the five-year tax levy to support the daily operations for programs and services of North County Recreation District in Nehalem. This is not a new tax, but a continuation of what our community has supported for the past 15 years. I have been involved with Friends of NCRD, which is the non-profit partner of NCRD, since I retired from teaching and moved here in 2010. I believe in the Friends’ mission which is to support and promote the programs and services of the North County Recreation District because I believe in its mission to provide health and well-being services to all ages in North Tillamook County. In particular, I am proud that Friends of NCRD

has always had the priority to raise funds for scholarships so that everyone is included and has access to the programs and services at NCRD. This year alone we have given \$15,000 in scholarship assistance, the bulk of which went for youth access to child care and youth sports. I have seen NCRD go through many changes and growth in services while keeping steadfast maintenance of the aging elementary school building. I have seen NCRD continue to survive through the pandemic, providing day care for first responder’s children, keeping close contact with health services for the benefit of all, providing covid test kits and appropriate precautions when opening back up. While many businesses and organizations dissolved, NCRD stayed vital for the community. And now, fitness classes and youth sports offerings have increased resulting in increased patronage.

Here are some other great things you may not know about NCRD. Did you know that NCRD is an official Red Cross emergency shelter site complete with cots and emergency power and supplies ready to accommodate the community in a major emergency? This is different from Warming centers that are available through local churches. Did you know that NCRD has an agreement with Nehalem Bay Health Clinic (formerly Rinehart Clinic) for NCRD to provide physical exercise opportunities for their patients dealing with health related issues. Did you know that the “Learn to Swim” program offered at NCRD is certified by the Red Cross? There are so many good things happening at NCRD that I’m definitely voting “Yes for NCRD”.
Linda Makohon
President, Friends of NCRD

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support our community hub

We strongly support a “Yes for NCRD” vote for renewal of the current five-year option tax for General Operations. This measure renews the current local option tax with no change in current taxation. We think the summary on the ballot describes it best: “North County Recreation District will use the tax revenue from this measure to operate the district at its present level of service. Property taxes pay for recreation and health program services in aquatics, fitness,

youth, and activities for adults, and operating costs such as the existing swimming pool operation, utilities, general administration, and minor maintenance. Major capital expenditures are paid using timber tax and other non-property tax sources of income. Savings for these major capital costs, which include a fund for a replacement swimming pool, do not come from property taxes.” NCRD belongs to our community. It’s ours, it belongs to all of us, and it has consistently demonstrated its value. Whether taking a fitness class, attending a play, viewing artwork on display,

or swimming in the pool—and these are just some of the offerings—there are abundant opportunities to develop and enjoy a sense of community. If there happened to be a national competition for rural community recreation organizations, we think NCRD would come out the top. We absolutely need to continue this operational support bond by voting “Yes”. NCRD is a vital hub of fundamental importance to the community. NCRD supports us; we need to support NCRD. Please keep it intact by voting yes.
Robert and Sharen Borgford
Manzanita

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sustain a community asset

From my first visit, I felt welcomed, included, and supported! Members, staff, and variety of programs have kept me coming. Fitness and yoga instructors are top notch, and classes offered are inclusive of all abilities, whether you’re young or wizened. I’ve attended a number of fund raising and social events there. One of the attractions that draws me down the hall, is the art that adorns

the walls. The art is by local artists, and some or all of the proceeds benefit local programs, so it’s a win win. Another program that impressed me, and that I volunteer at, is the before and after school program, Play-care. Angie and her team, assure a safe, well-supervised, stimulating environment, for the children attending. This program is offered at a fair price and there are scholarships available as well. And then there are Aquatics programs and many other services and programs offered at NCRD. I’m proud

to be a member of this organization that provides so much to the community! Connection, Community, and Inclusivity are at the heart of this center. Vote Yes for NCRD. No increase in taxes to you, and none of this goes to the funding of the new pool! This levy will assure that all programs, services, and operational costs can be covered! How has NCRD been part of your life and those around you? Let’s keep it going.
Debbie Curley
Manzanita

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vote yes for NCRD

Hello Community members. I’m writing you today to share my wholehearted support for the NCRD’s November renewal of our 5-year operational levy. I know firsthand the impact the NCRD has had on our community. If anyone followed my campaign, you’d know I learned to swim at the pool, my children learned to swim in the pool. Now my children participate at the NCRD

sponsored sports programs, my husband and I are fitness members and our youngest daughter is finishing out her last year at New Discoveries Preschool. To say the NCRD plays a big part in my family life would honestly be an understatement. The NCRD provides countless programs for us, from much needed childcare to overall health and wellness. Our beautiful theater offers us entertainment and resources for the arts! All offered at subsidized rates, with additional scholarships to anyone in need to fill in

the gaps! Voting yes for the NCRD would not increase taxes. Voting yes gives critical funding for ongoing services and programs. Voting yes does not fund the new pool. 5 years ago, the levy passed with overwhelming strong support! 72.9% voted YES! We collectively created the NCRD and continue to support and grow in the spirit that first saved the pool! Join me in voting yes for the NCRD
Warmest regards,
Erin Laskey-Wilson

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Shame on the Recall signers

Judy Riggs, Laurie Wandell and Wendy

Woodrum - all three lost the Garibaldi City Council election in November 2022. So what did they do? Cook up a recall petition with previous, unsupported lies and then get signatures from the people who voted for them. Their best excuse: ‘He doesn’t know how to run a council meeting.’ Residents in Garibaldi know from his first term as mayor, Tim Hall proved himself competent by raising awareness to Garibaldi’s serious financial troubles and got the City Council to work on recovery. He demonstrated that a mayor’s relationships with officials have benefits by securing a \$360,000 grant from the state legislature used to install remote water meters and a wastewater facility plan. He worked with council to ensure taxpayer money was spent wisely, which was difficult with no qualified city manager’s oversight for 11 months. Tim tried to restore trust that City Hall would not continue to ignore or neglect important water and safety

concerns. He worked with ODOT to move forward after a 25 years delay on a project to renovate Highway 101 thru downtown. Efforts to save the donated historic Coast Guard buildings and gain a USCG City Designation honor started with Tim. And don’t forget the thousands of dollars he personally donated to community events like the Crab Races, Garibaldi Days, Coast Guard recognition and more. They want Tim to take the blame for the chaos they created like shutting down city hall so they can pretend to be good citizens. Don’t be fooled. Elected officials and mayors from around Oregon, who know and worked with Tim have expressed their disappointment in his resignation that is said to be printed statewide. It’s very sad that the first time Garibaldi is on the front page of The Oregonian is that a good man and well-respected mayor was bullied from further serving the city he loves. Shame.
Helen Wright

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OPINION

FENCEPOSTS

An important correction ahead of the Great American ShakeOut exercise on Oct. 19 at 10:19 a.m. There are eight neighborhood captains in Cape Meares and four assembly sites. Contact information for the captains appears on capemeares.org; select the emergency preparedness “map your neighborhood” tab for more details. Here is a list of the neighborhoods and their captains:

- East Slope, Donna and Paul Lehto
- Mid-Cape, Charles Ansorge
- North Beach, Kathy and Kevin Burke
- South Beach, Patti and Mike Smith
- Lakeview, Pam Robenolt
- Seaview, Pete Steen
- Spruce Hollow, Dave Audet
- East Lake, Scott and Mary Gordon

Capt. Pete and our son, Erik, hosted the 32nd annual Hogs ‘r’ Runnin’ Salmon Derby October 6 and 7. This fishing contest is a private affair for family and close friends. It takes place in Tillamook Bay and the tidewaters of any tributary of Tillamook Bay. Over the years, this derby has raised nearly three thousand dollars for the Oregon Wildlife Foundation to be used exclusively for the enhancement of anadromous fisheries in the Tillamook Bay watershed. The fishing regulations were compli-



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cated this year, with limits on the numbers and species of eligible fish and some date restrictions. The weather also was a challenge, with hot temperatures and strong east winds. Still, the 12 competitors fished hard, and more than half of them caught fish. Capt. Pete himself caught the biggest fish, a 19.5-pound wild Chinook, and won the Big Hog award. He and six others—Kathy Burke, Kevin Burke, Karen Walz, Steve Walz, Marcia Winter, and our son Erik—tied for the Big Pig award for the most fish caught. Yet another year of great memories.

Paving has begun on the Cape Meares Loop Road. For safety reasons, Tillamook County has prohibited pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the old section of the Loop Road through project completion next month. After 10 years, we will finally have another route in and out of Cape Meares; excellent news for disaster preparedness. For current updates on the project, visit <https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/public-works/page/cape-meares-project-newsletters>.

Stormy weather is back in Cape Meares. The power went out about 10 p.m. on October 10 when a tree fell on Bayocean Road, taking down a power line. Stellar PUD employees had us back up in about an hour; thanks.

This kind of weather calls for a good book. Check out the “Time & Space Series” by prominent local authors Jack and Sue Drafahl. These science-fiction stories feature plots involving time travel, space flight or both. Each novel is a stand-alone book with its own story, plot and characters. The first book in the series is entitled “Polaris” and the second “Spyglass.” Both are available on Amazon in either electronic or print versions. Keep these books or others by the Drafahls in mind as Christmas gifts, too.

Get out your camera or open your cell phone’s camera app. Friends of Cape Meares Lighthouse is holding a photo contest, asking for your three best photos of Cape Meares Lighthouse and Scenic Viewpoint. The pictures must have been taken since 2020. Winning photos will become 2024 edition postcards from Friends of Cape Meares Lighthouse. The deadline for photo submission is November 1. For more details, visit www.friendsofcapemeareslighthouse.com/photo.

FENCEPOSTS

I had the pleasure of previewing the Riverbend Players’ production of “Frankenstein,” opening this Friday, October 20, at the NCRD Performing Arts Center in Nehalem. This production uses an adaptation by Philip Grecian, who also adapted last year’s productions of “Dracula” and December’s holiday treat, “A Christmas Story.”

The play hews much closer to Mary Wollstonecraft’s original novel from 1818 than the many film adaptations. Victor Frankenstein (played by Patrick Conner, Riverbend’s talented set designer since 2021’s “Steel Magnolias”) has a challenging role. Ranging from exultation through remorse, despair and horror, Conner’s emotional range does justice to the role, and manages to deliver some genuine goosebumps as well.

Alongside Conner is Mark Bartrom, last seen as Juror #12 in the gripping drama “12 Angry Jurors. Bartrom plays Victor’s friend and fellow doctor Henry Clerval, reluctantly drawn into Victor’s experiments in creating life from dead tissue.

Shay Knorr plays their old mentor, Professor Waldman, with subtlety and finesse, a Riverbend regular since directing the 2019 production of “The War of the Worlds.” Knorr carries off the role with the air of a 19th-century professor, superior yet ultimately compassionate.



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Many performers play multiple roles, one of the fun aspects to a staged radio play. Philip Mashke, in his debut with Riverbend, plays ship’s captain Robert Walton as well as a priest, a prison guard and most poignantly, De Lacey, a blind man who takes pity on a pitiful, mute creature who appears at his cottage door. De Lacey shows the creature kindness and compassion, as his blindness does not reveal the creature’s hideous appearance.

Jay Johnson, a busy NHS student engaged in local theater, is enjoying their second performance with Riverbend, with a background from the esteemed Missoula Children’s Theater. They play Justine Moritz, governess to Victor’s younger sister Catherine, as well as Birgitta, who steps in after fate alter’s Justine’s life. Chloe Ward, in her first year at Nea-Kah-Nie Middle School, plays Catherine. Chloe previously performed in last year’s “It’s A Wonderful Life.”

Linda Olsson, who plays Catherine and Victor’s mother, Baroness Frankenstein,

returned last summer after a 7-year break to perform in “12 Angry Jurors.” She’s also one of the Foley artists in this production, about which I’ll say more later.

Janet Stinson, as Victor’s fiancée Elizabeth, beautifully manages a role that requires great emotional range. No wonder: a retired elementary school reading specialist, she is also chair of Language Skills Therapy, an organization specializing in dyslexia and other associated learning differences. Her performance comes across as authentic and deeply touching.

Finally, the Creature, Victor’s grotesque being, is played by Stephen Clark. Former drama and media arts teacher at Tualatin High School, Stephen said, “I originally thought this would be an easy role, as the creature only grunts and growls.” Fortunately for us, the creature’s character arc sees it change from an inarticulate brute beast to an intelligent yet ruthless being bent on Victor’s destruction.

As with previous radio plays, the Foley (sound effects) table is practically a cast member. When she isn’t portraying Baroness Frankenstein, Linda Olsson works the Foley effects (including wind, chains and lightning) alongside Riverbend veterans Linda Petersen and Tom Mattia. Foley coordinator Juli Stratton (most recently Juror #1 in “12 Angry Jurors”) also

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Tillamook County will take the “Great American Shake-out” drill to the next level this year. At 10:19 a.m. on Thursday, October 19 we’ll have an earthquake drill countywide. Those who live in tsunami zones are asked to evacuate to the nearest assembly point, within thirty minutes. “Be prepared, not scared” to become ready to survive in an actual emergency.

Remember that Nesko Women’s Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 20, at Kiawanda Community Center. The address is 34600 Cape Kiawanda Drive in Pacific City. Tai Chi teacher and bird watcher LuAnn Anderson will present the program. For reservations call Cathy 541-622-3104. Open to any woman living in south Tillamook County, Nesko is an institution in our community. The philanthropic organization helps with everything from back-to-school needs to candy for the annual Easter egg hunt while providing women in the community a chance to build and enhance



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local friendships. Speaking of fun times at Kiawanda Community Center, local youngsters can “Trick or Treat the Dory Fleet” from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, October 28 in the parking lot. Dory Boats (and other vehicles) will park in the lot and costumed youngsters will proceed from space to space trick or treating for candy and other giveaways. The event is free and the address is included above.

Tillamook Rotary will host their free annual “Senior Citizen Prom” from 12-3 p.m. on Saturday, October 28 at Tillamook Elks Lodge. The address is 1907 3rd Street in

FENCEPOSTS

If you’re looking for Halloween ideas for the kids, Garibaldi Maritime Museum is offering “A Night at the Haunted Museum,” on October 28th from 4-7 p.m. Admission is free and the event will feature a scavenger hunt and treats for the kids – but not the kid in you. Those adults who attempt to exercise such a loophole might find themselves visited by the ghost of Robert Gray, for all the haunting reasons.

For more information, check out <https://www.facebook.com/garibaldimaritimemuseum>.

We’re entering our third week of the 3rd St. railroad crossing closure. According to the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad’s October 1 Facebook post, this closing will last between three and seven weeks. Now, according to the Port of Garibaldi’s September 14 Facebook post, the closure should end on October 20. Either way, for those looking to get to Old Mill, Kelly’s Place by the Smokestack, or simply trying to enter the Port of Garibaldi, the 7th Street crossing remains open. “This work initiates construction for both the Garibaldi Depot project and ODOTs upgrade of US 101 through downtown Garibaldi, with the work being generously funded by ODOT highway; ODOT rail; Visit Tillamook Coast; and others,” the railroad’s post read.

Here’s to hoping seven [weeks] doesn’t come eleven. If you operate a boat with over 10 horsepower and haven’t yet received the required boater education card, you’re in luck. On October 21st from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Garibaldi Fire and Rescue station hall, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 63, Station Tillamook Bay will be presenting an Oregon State Marine Board Recreational Boating Safety Course. The cost of the course is \$10.



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I don’t even own a boat and I might go. It’s like, as if by magic, she knew that we’re busy packing for the LOC convention in Eugene, so she cranked out an even-more incredible update a day early. She’s everybody’s favorite local librarian, June Ekborg.

“Today is the gathering of the Garibaldi Branch Book Club. Drop ins are welcome. Join us for a fun conversation about all things books. “Wednesday, October 18th, all Tillamook County branches will be closed during the morning hours for staff development. All libraries will be open from 2-6 p.m. that day. “The salmon eggs arrived as scheduled. All ages are invited to come and watch them develop. Learn about Chinook Salmon and enjoy some fun take and make activities. “We had several players show up for chess and other board games the weekend before last. The more participants the better. By the time this goes to print, we will have held our first open chess tournament in partnership with Chess for Success. If you missed it or a regular game day, join us this Saturday at 2 p.m. for more board game fun. The best way to bring in more players is word of mouth, so let your friends know about regular game days at Garibaldi Branch

Tillamook. Open to retirees and seniors, the event offers free lunch to any who RSVP by telephone in advance. The number is 503-815-1607. We’re invited to come in our favorite Halloween costume; a prize is promised for the “best dressed.”

We can dump yard debris for free at any Tillamook County Transfer Station through the month of October. A required coupon can be accessed by searching for “yard debris coupon” at the Tillamook County’s solid waste website. In South Tillamook County, the transfer station is located at the Highway 101 end of Brooten Road, before the Bayshore medical building when traveling from Pacific City.

Happy birthday this week to: Robert Chatelain III, Dave Dimmitt, Chory Ferguson, Tera Haltiner, Milo Hansen, Janice Kaiser, John Kiser, Jim McKillip, Debbie Romero, Chance Schuster, Caleb Shores, Katy Sukanen Temple, and Alex Wickham.

Library. And I did confirm with the El Trio Loco management. Their much-anticipated Garibaldi location at Third Street and U.S. 101 will be, in fact, their fourth location. And per messages, they still expect to open “a few months” from now, putting their opening in that March / April window. Tengo mucha hambre por ello. Lastly, there’s much anticipation going into City Council’s October monthly meeting.

As noted, several times, it’ll be the first time in 14 months we’ve had a full-time city manager and most of a full staff. The only thing we’re really waiting on now is that final quote from the municipal accounting firm.

For those who’ve never been in either an elected or appointed volunteer position in municipal government, note that your ability to accomplish even menial things is completely dependent on staff support. Part process, part union, part sweet, sweet time. Because we’re so small with such tight budget margins, these employees are specialists without much if any cross-support or redundancy. When they have to cover for other positions, like what we’ve been going through, then the whole government bogs down.

If you want to show the staff some encouragement, they like pizza. Finally, with these holes getting filled and everyone able to go back to their original jobs, some of these tasks are getting checked off. It’s a little intoxicating, going from idling to production. I already received my first “Finn, you’re overwhelming me. Slow down,” delighted look from City Manager Schempf. “I like it when somebody gets excited about something. It’s nice.” – J. D. Salinger “I’m quite illiterate, but I read a lot.” – also J. D.

FENCEPOSTS: GARDENING MATTERS

The Truth About Woolly Bears

There can be no doubt fall is here. Although we had some lovely warm weather earlier this month, there are lots of other signs we have moved on from summer. Most visible in my garden are the hosta that are turning yellow and drooping. I get out as soon as I see that first droop and cut them back to the ground so I don’t have to deal with slimy, dead hosta leaves.

Of course, leaves are falling. Most of my Japanese maples were so stressed from the summer’s drought that they basically just turned brown and dropped rather than putting on a display of beautiful fall colors. As hard



GARDENING MATTERS
CARLA ALBRIGHT

as I try to keep them watered over the Summer, my watering isn’t as thorough as Mother Nature’s. But trees have their own ways of dealing with hot, dry weather and I am certain their leaves will return in full force in the Spring.

One of the things that always heralds autumn to me – and has since I was a child in Pennsylvania- is the

appearance of the “woolly bear” caterpillars. Woolly bears are the caterpillars for the Isabella tiger moth (Pyrrharctia Isabella) and they have been known “sort of scientifically” as predictors of winter weather for the last 75 years.

In fact, the woolly bears folklore has been around for much longer and it goes like this: If the woolly bears have a wide expanse of rusty brown in the middle, it will be a mild winter. If they have wide black ends, the winter will be harsh.

But in 1948, Dr. C.H. Curran, insect curator at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, took his wife for a drive to Bear Mountain State Park, just to look for woolly bear caterpillars. During trips over

the next 8 years, he collected as many samples as he could of the caterpillars to see if he could prove that the band width of rust forecasted the winter. He did seem to find that they did just as the folklore told. But he also knew 8 years from one New York State Park did not make enough of a sample. He, his wife, and a group of friends formed the “Original Society of the Friends of the Woolly Bear” but it was mostly an excuse to escape the city and drive to enjoy the Fall foliage.

And while scientists discard the theory of weather prediction, some have agreed that the width of the brown band does indicate the age of the caterpillar. So, a very wide brown means the caterpillar got an early start in the

Spring. Thus, a woolly bear does indicate winter, but only of the previous year. Not helpful.

Sometimes we see fuzzy caterpillars that are all black but have no fear. That just means it is not a woolly bear caterpillar but a different species. Same with other fuzzy caterpillars in yellow or white. Only the woolly bears have the distinctive black and rusty brown bands. They are found all over the United States, northern Mexico, and southern Canada. Some areas call them woolly worms, but they are true caterpillars and not worms at all.

Woolly bears have 2 generations each year, but the September brood are the forecasters. The goal of September woolly bears is to feast on as much food (clover

and violets, for example) as they can and then find a place to stay in the winter. The woolly bear overwinters as larva, entering a sort of frozen state until May when it emerges from larval stage as an Isabella moth.

The folklore that this little guy has spawned has expanded to woolly bear festivals in Vermillion, Ohio on Lake Erie and in Banner Elk, North Carolina, where they held caterpillar races. There is still an annual woolly bear “count” in Bear Mountain State Park.

Even if the woolly bear caterpillars don’t truly predict the harshness of a winter, they are fun to look for and watch. And in Ohio and North Carolina, what better reason for a party.

OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Shop Small Sweepstakes Returns: Boosting Local Economy and Celebrating Community

By **JESSICA MEYER**
Director of Operations

The brisk autumn weather and beautiful changing of leaves has arrived and with it the Shop Small Sweepstakes has returned to make holiday shopping a little more colorful! The Tillamook Chamber kicks off the exciting annual



sweepstakes, inviting everyone to join in the holiday spirit by shopping locally and boosting our regional economy! With a variety of outstanding choices nearby, why not support locally owned

businesses? The Sweepstakes rewards customers with the chance to win weekly gift card giveaways and a chance to win a \$1,000 local shopping spree.
For those who may have missed the details or need a refresher, here's a summary of the Sweepstakes rules: from October 1 to December 31, whenever you make a purchase at a locally owned business in Tillamook County, keep your receipts. These receipts serve as entries for weekly drawings of gift cards and the grand prize of \$1,000 in local currency. You can submit your entries in two ways: drop your re-

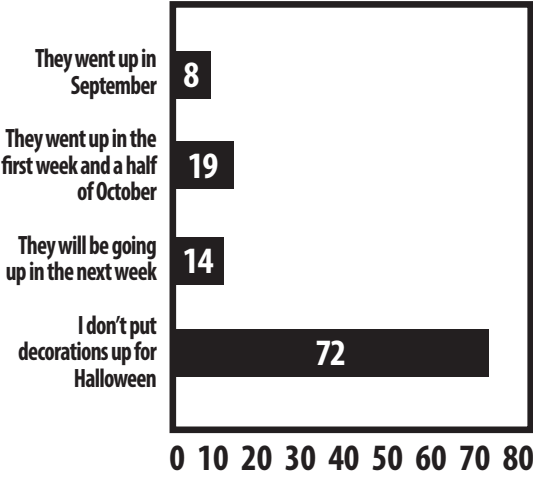
ceipt off at the Chamber HQ located at 208 Main Avenue in downtown Tillamook, or text a photo of your receipt along with your name to 971-410-7458. You're allowed to submit one receipt per day during the entire Sweepstakes period.
A winner will be chosen weekly from daily entries, receiving a gift card for a local business. The weekly gift card prizes are from various local businesses in Tillamook County, we will post each business each week to keep the excitement going. All weekly entries will be combined for the grand prize drawing of \$1,000 in

Shop Local Sweepstakes Bucks which will be drawn after December 31st. The official sweepstakes rules can be found on our website tillamookchamber.org/sweepstakes.
To stay updated on all the winners, follow our Chamber Facebook page, (facebook.com/tillamookchamberofcommerce). We will regularly post updates, announce winners, and share fascinating insights about shopping locally.
We also would like to extend our gratitude to our new Shop Small Sweepstakes sponsor, CHS Northwest Propane, whose partnership

is invaluable. They serve numerous local businesses and retailers in our area and have dedicated this sponsorship to raising awareness about the importance of shopping locally and giving back to our amazing community.
The Sweepstakes officially started on Sunday, October 1, and will continue until December 31st. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact the Chamber at 503-842-7525.
Happy shopping, and best of luck in this year's Sweepstakes!

Results from our online poll:

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announces station breaks and sponsor jingles (sung live by Janet Stinson and Jay Johnson).
One remarkable part of this early rehearsal: the tight timing displayed by all the actors. In many scenes, three or four performers are at the microphones at the same

time, their lines meshing quickly, seamlessly and naturally.
I spoke with first-time director Julee Ward, as well as Riverbend Players board member (and actor and director) Frank Squillo.
"In some of those scenes," Frank explained, "each line

in the script ends with three dots to show that it flows into the next. We told the actors to keep speaking as they reach the end of the line, so that the next actor comes in smoothly, like an orchestra."
Julee agreed and was proud of the hard work her cast had put into mastering

this simple but crucial piece of stagecraft as rapidly as they had.
"Frankenstein" runs six performances, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, October 20-29. For tickets, visit <https://riverbendplayers.org>.



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Habitat for Humanity purchases building



A message from Executive Director Briar Smith

Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity is excited to celebrate the official acquisition of our ReStore and affiliate office building securing a location for our ReStore to continue to operate.

The ReStore is a blessing to the community, providing goods at affordable costs with profits going towards our affordable homes and critical repair programs.

We recently finished critical repairs for a veteran that included installation of a new roof, deck and gutter repairs, and leveling and replacing the front door. These repairs have increased the veteran’s quality of life and will help him be able to age in place.

We are in the process of building two affordable homes, one in Bay City and one in Garibaldi. The homes will be sold at an affordable for price, which we all know in this market is a miracle and blessing.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to several

individuals and entities who played pivotal roles in turning our dream of owning the ReStore property into reality:

Firstly, we want to express our appreciation to Stumpy and Cara, the previous owners, for their patience and dedication throughout this process.

Valerie Schumann, our exceptional real estate agent, also deserves special recognition for her unwavering commitment to making this purchase a success.

Our dedicated TCHFH staff members, Linda and Dave, have put in countless hours to navigate the demands of USDA requirements, their dedication has been invaluable.

Russell and Tony, along with our dedicated volunteers Chuck and Calvin who have passionately engaged in our mission of building affordable homes, deserve our wholehearted thanks.

Melissa has been instrumental in raising funds to support our mission through the profits generated by the ReStore. And our remarkable ReStore staff for their exceptional care of our customers, ensuring a positive experience for all.

Further thanks to our Board for helping guide Habitat to success and Cami Aufdermauer who started this process 2 years ago.

To Suzanne Weber, without whom we wouldn’t be celebrating today, thank you for stepping up for TCHFH, without you I don’t think USDA would have finally closed on our loan.

I personally want to thank my family for being patient and supportive of the endless hours USDA required, and for supporting Habitat whole heartedly.

Last, but certainly not least, we extend our sincere gratitude to our generous sponsors who have stood by us throughout this journey: Tillamook Farmers Coop, Hampton Lumber, Tillamook Creamery, Tillamook County Veterans Service, TLC Fibre Credit Union, Adventist Health, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, Rob Trost Real Estate and Tillamook PUD. Their support has been instrumental in making our vision a reality, and we are deeply thankful for their commitment to our mission of providing affordable housing.

Honoring Mildred Davy

By **DR. ROSS TOMLIN**
TBCC President

The TBCC Foundation has honored Mildred Davy every fall since 2000 with a luncheon in her name to recognize all the scholarship recipients at the college. We had to take a break during COVID-19 but were able to meet again in person last fall for the first time in three years.

For many years, Mildred was the voice of Tillamook as the radio host of “It’s a Woman’s World,” which aired on KTIL, and she was a huge advocate for higher education. In 2002, the first endowed scholarship was awarded in her name to Lori Collingsworth. The endowment was started with \$19,000 but has now grown to over \$168,000 and has helped 43 TBCC students over the years!

This year, to honor Mildred, the Foundation will be holding its annual scholarship luncheon on Friday, October 20 at 3:30 p.m. at the Officer’s Mess Hall at the Port of Tillamook Bay. This is the event where we show appreciation to the donors and donor organizations that make our scholar-

ship program possible and recognize all the foundation scholarship recipients. Those interested in attending the event can contact the Executive Director of the TBCC Foundation, Britta Lawrence, by October 13 at 503-842-8222 ext. 1026. Tickets are \$20 per person. Sponsors for this year’s Mildred Davy Luncheon include TLC, a Division of Fibre Federal Credit Union, Tillamook PUD, and JAndy Acres.

Access to scholarships is vital for students to obtain a college education. The TBCC Foundation awarded 65 scholarships and \$115,000 this year. In 2022-23, we awarded 56 scholarships and \$111,000. Many of these students need these funds to continue their education and the scholarships have had a large, positive impact on their lives. In addition to Foundation scholarships, the College offers the Career-to-Career scholarship that has supported hundreds of students since 2017. The Foundation has raised money to support the Career-to-Career scholarships for the past couple of years and continues to do so as part of

SEE MILDRED DAVY PAGE A10

A statement from Mayor Baker on the fire district decision

For several years the City of Bay City has been exploring the opportunity to work more closely with neighboring communities for fire and emergency services. In March 2023, we joined together the City of Garibaldi and Garibaldi Rural Fire Protection District in creating a Joint Ad-hoc Steering Committee to research the viability of forming a fire district, and report back to the city councils and board with recommendations.

At our City Council meeting on October 10, 2023, the members of the Bay City City Council voted unanimously to table the decision to form a fire district until a future time.

The health and safety of our citizens is of utmost importance to our City. Based on information provided to the City Council by the Steering Committee, testimony from our Firefighters, and input from citizens, the City Council does not believe this is the right time to ask our citizens to increase their tax burden through the formation of this district. Our citizens recently approved a five-year operating levy to provide funding for our Fire Department, and we will continue to strengthen our department through this support.

We maintain our belief that collaboration through strengthened Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA’s) and potentially forming a district would be beneficial in the future. Time constraints involved with placing this decision before voters on the May 2024 ballot would have forced a decision now, when many questions remain unanswered. We hope that more clarity will be available in upcoming years, and this concept will have a better chance at success in the future.

On behalf of the City of Bay City’s City Council, I would like to express my gratitude towards the dedicated volunteers who continue to serve our community, especially to the firefighters, both volunteer and career staff, who have strengthened our local Fire Department into the organization that provides our community with such pride.

I would also like to thank the members of the North Coast Fire & Rescue District Steering Committee for their investment in exploring this option over the past six months. Even though we have chosen not to move forward with forming a district at this time, our community has benefited from your contributions.

Kathleen Baker
Interim Mayor
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Patricia Ann Sump

June 8, 1935 ~ September 8, 2023



Patricia Ann Sump was born June 8, 1935, in Portland, Oregon to Bertha E. Bush and V. Earl Bush.

She died of natural causes in her home on September 8, 2023. She attended Barclay Grade School and Oregon City Jr and High Schools. She was very popular and was the president of the Girl's League. She also sang in a trio at many events and made posters for extra spending money. During the summer she picked beans and hops. After high school she worked a year at International Harvester and then attended University of Oregon. She worked her entire career as a clerk in the courts for

Clackamas and Tillamook Counties. She loved helping people and served many years as a 4-H leader in both Clackamas and Tillamook County. She was preceded in death by her parents and half-brother, Neil Bush, and her children Jeff More and Kris Grand. She is survived by her husband Melvin Sump, her sister Mary Woolley, and her children, Karen Sump, Doug Sump, Mary Lowrimore, Mike Sump, Melinda Wheeler and several grandchildren. A celebration of life is TBD.

DEATH NOTICES

Christine. K. Rulifson

March 9, 1953
~ October 9, 2023

Christine. K. Rulifson, age 70, of Cloverdale, Oregon, born March 9, 1953, died on October 9, 2023. A private family service will be held at a later date.



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its mission. This scholarship is for students that have been out of school for at least five years and covers all their tuition for whatever degree or certificate they are pursuing. Many thanks to all the

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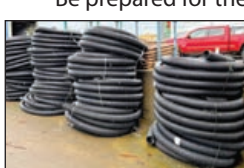
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GREEN TREE FINANCIAL CORPORATION 345 SAINT PETER STREET, STE. L10D, SAINT PAUL, MN 55102 And Ruth Capitol (possible party in interest) 799 Broadway, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10003 And Tillamook County Tax Assessor 201 Laurel Ave., Tillamook, OR 97141 And Tillamook County Tax Collector 201 Laurel Ave., Tillamook, OR 97141 From: St. Johns Bachelor Club 8204 North Central Street, Portland, OR 97203 Kettner, George H and Verna L. 3609 Wilson River Highway, Tillamook Oregon 97141, are the listed owner of a mobile home. Information is: 1994 Fleetwood VIN # ORFLR48A17810SP Sticker # M2979 Stat Class 941 Located at 36309 Wilson River Hwy., Tillamook, OR 97141, also known as St. Johns Bachelor Club Wilson River Campground, owned by the St. Johns Bachelor Club, 8204. N. Central St., Portland, OR 97203. The Registered Owners are deceased. The family members of the Registered Owners of the 1994 Fleetwood mobile home located at the above address have not contacted the St. Johns Bachelor Club, owner of the property address, to make arrangements of the disposition or storage of the mobile home or have failed to make any other kind of arrangements or agreements. All of those named above are hereby notified that the St. Johns Bachelor Club considers the above 1994 Fleetwood mobile home to be abandoned. The St. Johns Bachelor, as landlord, believes that Kari Fleisher, or

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other property appraiser working with Denise VanDecoevering, Assessor to the Tax Collector of Tillamook County, OREGON, will reassess the value of the 1994 Fleetwood once the 45-day notice period has passed. The St. Johns Bachelor Club believes the value of the 1994 Fleetwood is less than \$8,000.00. Public Notice for two plus weeks will also be posted in the local press, The Tillamook Headlight Herald, 1906 2nd Street, Tillamook, Oregon 97141. To arrange for the removal of all personal property left one the premises, including mobile home, any part of interest including Green Tree Financial Corporation must contact the St. Johns Bachelor Club no later than 11/25/2023. All personal property left on the premises shall be stored in a secure manner in accordance with state law (see OR 90.425 et seq.) If any party of interest in the above personal property fail to contact the St. Johns Bachelor Club, landlord, the landlord shall dispose of the personal property left at 36309 Wilson River Hwy., Tillamook, OR 97141, premises in accordance with state law. B. Gilbert Luzader, Secretary, St. Johns Bachelor Club (503)285-4263 /s/ B. Gilbert Luzader. Jeff Simons, Chairman of the Board, St. Johns Bachelor Club (503)267-2863 /s/ Jeffery Simmons

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DISSOLVING THE BEAVER WATER DISTRICT TILLAMOOK COUNTY Notice is hereby given that one (1) Public Hearing shall be held before the Board of Commissioners for Tillamook County pursuant to ORS 198.355. The purpose of the hearing is to determine if the district is in fact operating as an active district or that there is need for the district. The Public Hearing shall be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room 106 in the Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, Oregon 97141; Teleconference 971-254-3149, ID: 736 023 979#; Live Video tctvonline.com. Live video and audio capabilities are listen-only. Those intending to provide public comment shall appear in-person or virtually and testify, or email submissions to publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us. Public comments received by 12:00 p.m. on October 31, 2023 will be distributed to the board and become part of the public record. All interested persons may appear and be heard. All persons having claims against the district shall present them at the time of the hearing. Interested persons can obtain more information by contacting the County Commissioners' office at (503) 842-3403.

HH23-374
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF TILLAMOOK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: DEBRA ANN ELLIS, Deceased. No. 23PB08435 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the party stated below has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication



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of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at 2308 Third Street, P.O. Box 939, Tillamook, Oregon 97141, or they may be barred.All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published: October 10, 2023. Cynthia Harrison Personal Representative P.O. Box 939 Tillamook, Oregon 97141 CHRISTOPHER M. KITTELL, ALBRIGHT KITTELL PC, Attorneys at Law 2308 Third Street P.O. Box 939 Tillamook, Oregon 97141

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 112012-OR Loan No.: ***4626** Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by GARY S. BURROUGHS AND CORRINE G. BURROUGHS AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY, as Grantor, to TICOR TITLE INSURANCE CO, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR INDMAC BANK, F.S.B., A FEDERALLY CHARTERED SAVINGS BANK, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 9/25/2007, recorded 10/3/2007, as Instrument No. 2007-008373, the subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification recorded on 10/30/2017 as Instrument 2017-006564 in the Official Records of Tillamook County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Tillamook County, Oregon: Unit 2, SANDERLING CONDOMINIUMS, in the County of Tillamook,

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State of Oregon, together with the undivided interest in the general and limited common elements appurtenant thereto, as more fully set forth and described in the Declaration of Unit Ownership recorded November 29, 2000 in Book 421, page 885, Tillamook County Records, which description is incorporated herein and



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by reference made a part hereof. APN: 407052 / 3N1029AC90002 Commonly known as: 451 DORCAS LANE MANZANITA, OR 97130 The current beneficiary is: PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION 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

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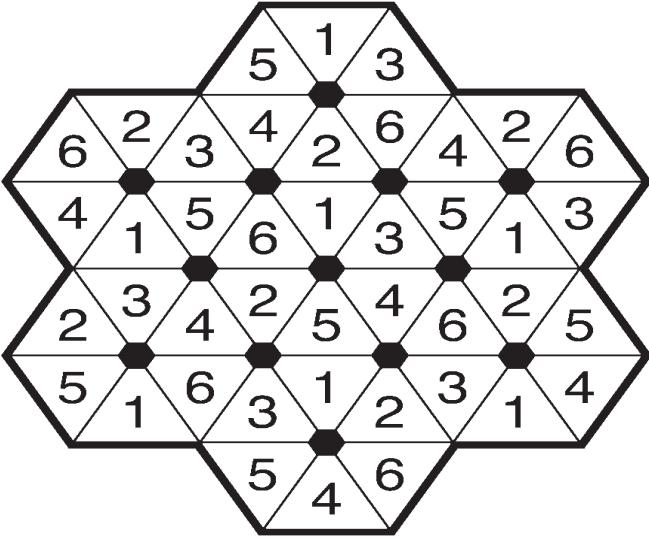
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