



Ben Salo won Saturday's championship Pig n' Ford race thanks to three perfect cranks and two smooth pig exchanges.

Salo wins 100th Pig n' Ford

STAFF REPORT

Another Tillamook County Fair is in the books, after a week of music, food, rides, animals and so much more from August 6-9. The week kicked off on a drizzly Wednesday that saw the Pig n' Ford association forced to cancel their first day of racing but ended with three days of beautiful weather, culminating in Saturday night's Pig n' Ford championship race and demolition derby. This year, the fair celebrated the Pig n' Ford races centennial anniversary, with booths around the fair getting in on the fun, limited edition, commemorative souvenirs available for sale and a driver meet and greet on Friday night. Ben Salo won the centen-

nial championship in the #20 car owned by his father Ken, with the Walker franchise #13 car finishing second and the Prince #15 car coming in third. Exhibit halls at the fairground were busy throughout the week as locals showed off their green thumbs and handiwork, while area youth showed a plethora of farm animals as part of FFA and 4H competitions. Parimutuel horse racing filled the afternoons in the main grandstand, while various entertainment from ice cream tasting and bubble gum eating contests to magicians kept families delighted in the courtyard. Chase Matthew, Fleetwood Mac cover band Taken by the Sky and up-and-comer Waylon Wyatt put on memorable concerts in the grandstand arena.



Salo embraces his father, Ken, owner of the #20 franchise after triumphing in the championship race.



Tillamook County's Parks Department was named the best commercial booth at the fair.



Riders jockey for position in the last pari-mutuel horse race of the week on Saturday evening.

Music returns to Bay City with Pearl and Oyster Festival

STAFF REPORT

Bay City's fourth annual Pearl and Oyster Festival is scheduled to bring a week-end of music and family fun to Al Griffin Memorial Park on August 23 and 24. As in past years, Saturday will see a full day of live performances from professional bands before Sunday is dedicated to kids, with a talent show and other activities, games and entertainment for the youth. First held in 2019, the festival was envisioned as a celebration of the city and a way to attract visitors and returned for its second edition in 2023 after a three-year pandemic hiatus. Each year, the festival shuts down Fourth Street in Bay City, as dozens of vendors offer their wares, while Al Griffin Memorial Park is transformed into a concert venue featuring two stages. On Saturday, the main stage will play host to three cover bands, with Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band Tombstone Shadows playing the first set at 1 p.m. Grand Royale, a Beastie Boys tribute band, performing at 4 p.m. and Eagle Eyes wrapping up the evening with renditions of Eagles' favorites at 7. The second stage in the park will host two performances by Hope Montgomery & The Invasive Species at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. A beer and wine garden will be hosted by Clatsop Distributing and Grocery Outlet and food will also be available for purchase. On Sunday, kids will take center stage with games, music and chalk art on offer and the opportunity for kids to set up their own vendor table with no charge from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A pet parade will start the day's festivities at 11 a.m., with kids encouraged to bring their furry pal and to be prepared to walk several blocks with them. At noon, a local kids' band will perform and at 1 p.m., an open-mic hour will give kids a chance to prepare for the talent show. Kicking off at 2 p.m., the third annual kids' talent show is open to those aged zero to 18, has five categories and a five-minute time limit per performer, and offers a cash prize. To register for the talent show and find more information about the weekend's activities visit baycitypearlandoysterfestival.com.

CARE prepares for October shelter opening

WILL CHAPPELL
Citizen Editor

In October, those experiencing Tillamook County will have two new options to help on the path to stable housing,

when Community Action Resource Enterprises Inc. opens a new congregate shelter and shelter village at its Tillamook headquarters. Community Action Resource Enterprises Inc. (CARE) Executive Director Jeff Blackford said that he was excited for the facilities to open and believed that they would be an asset for the community. "We're trying to make the neighborhood safer; we're trying to make the neighborhood just a nicer place to be," Blackford said. "We want our neighbors to be happy with what we're doing because we did hear them loud and clear when they were not happy when this was first announced. And we think we've done a really good job at making it blend into the environment, into the neighborhood." Work on the new shelters began in February 2024 and is being funded with

\$266,000 from behavioral health and resource networks, which were created with the passage of Measure 110 in 2020. Difficulties with utility installation slowed the project's progress, but as of early August, utilities had been connected to the large congregate shelter, two three-person shelters, eight one-person shelters and three bathrooms, and a fence had been installed around the project's exterior. Finishing touches like landscaping, covering for the paths in the shelter village area and the installation of outdoor kitchen equipment remained to be done, and finding a date for an opening ceremony has caused another slight delay. "We are having a challenge right now of getting our speakers and elected of-

See CARE, Page A5



The new congregate shelter's entrance off CARE's parking lot.



The McDonnell-Douglas AV-8B Harrier II hovering over the runway at the Tillamook Airport.

Harrier lands

WILL CHAPPELL
Citizen Editor

Hundreds of aviation enthusiasts gathered around the perimeter of the Tillamook Airport on August 4, for the delivery of a McDonnell-Douglas AV-8B Harrier II ground-attack jet to the Tillamook Air Museum. After arriving from China Lake, California, the aircraft's pilot performed several low fly-bys before putting on an extensive demonstration of the plane's hover and turn maneuvers, and short takeoff and landing capabilities. Following the demonstration and a short decommissioning, members of the public were given an opportunity to take photos and meet the pilot before the craft was moved into Hangar B for preparation to be exhibited in the museum. Visit our Facebook page for video of the aircraft.





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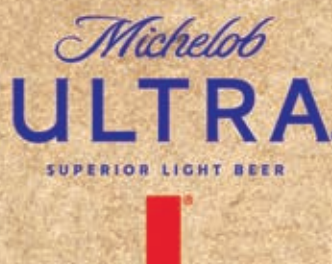
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Answer

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CryptoQuip

answer

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Super Crossword

MINERAL BOOST

ACROSS

1 Hello, in Rio

4 Look after

10 Capture on film again

16 Laceration

19 Concerning past events

21 Single-person, as a band

22 Be incorrect

23 Writing a computer program based on a Grimm story?

25 With

26 Remove from a crate

27 Iowa's tree

28 Plant plots

30 Wasps' home

31 Diplomatic delegation headed for a meeting with Philippine president Ferdinand?

36 Cards used by psychics

39 Et — (and others)

40 Paris subway

41 Unintelligible message on a warning sign?

47 Wash. VIP

48 Started to cry, with "up"

49 Orig. copies

50 Sugar block

53 Occasionally

55 Signal light shaped like an abdominal organ?

63 — fire (ignited wood, say)

64 Caught up in — of lies

67 See

68 Voice a view

69 Hoppy pub

70 Small group of child prodigies?

74 Scottish cap

75 Mild cheese

77 1982 Disney cyberfilm

78 — tide

79 Actor Noah

80 Very destructive hurricane?

84 Unfamous people

86 Oklahoma tribe

87 Moo goo — pan

90 Doha native

91 U.K. network

94 School chaplain?

100 Vowel quintet

103 iPod variety

104 Win over

105 Have the same remorseful feelings that I'm having?

109 Healing sign

113 Ari of NPR

114 — Canals

115 Huge desert

117 "Science Kid" of PBS

118 Dietary extras given to eight answers in this puzzle?

124 Filmmaker DuVernay

125 Clarke of "Game of Thrones"

126 Eradicated

127 Marks, as a ballot

128 Pardner

129 Tantalizes

130 Afore

3 Athletic shoe brand

4 Playpen array

5 "The Father of Art Deco"

6 Actress Vardalos

7 Nero's 650

8 — kwon do

9 Butter substitutes

10 Big jukebox brand

11 Brian of Roxy Music

12 Danson of "Ink"

13 Pal, to Pedro

14 Former TWA rival

15 Hypothetical memory imprint

16 Says "no" to

17 Smelter input

18 Keep trying

20 Pasta-serving cafe

24 River nymph

29 Hip-hop "Dr."

31 "Eat — Chikin" (Chick-fil-A slogan)

32 Tabloid pair

33 IRS IDs

34 Diarist Anaïs

35 Gift stick-on

37 Attention-getting sound

38 Common sunfish variety

41 Slanted type

42 Sinus-cleaning apparatus

43 Cow-bison hybrid

44 "Bad!" cluck

45 Tarzan player Ron

46 Chafe

51 Tabby's cry

52 Infant food

54 Stockholm's land: Abbr.

56 Cake coater

57 Scooby- —

58 Proper —

59 Additionally

60 Guy living in an urban area

61 Vigilant

62 Archival

65 Outer: Prefix

66 Brian — (11th-century Irish king)

70 Money given for a svc.

71 — anglais (oboe cousin)

72 Enthusiast

73 Belle — (pre-World War I period)

76 Pal, slangily

79 Area drained by a river

81 Instant lawn

82 Middle grade

83 Big head

85 Zero

88 For — (not free)

89 "— it a pity?"

91 Big wind instrument

92 Apian abode

93 Noisy insects

95 "Whichever"

96 Kia or Tesla

97 Like some poor ratings

98 NASA cancellations

99 Six-pt. plays

101 "Alley —!"

102 Social welfare org.

106 Suffix with aero- or vello-

107 It merged with Exxon

108 Wake rudely

110 River vessel

111 Pianist Rubinstein

112 Sew loosely

115 30-day mo.

116 College town in Iowa

119 Everybody

120 Recline

121 Educ. group

122 Ex-Laker Gasol

123 Trio after K

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: F equals W

WMOOXF UXWWIUSJWC FMSIO-
FMQ SLMS'B YIUXHJWC IAIW
WMOOXFIO HXWSL YQ HXWSL:
M OIUIBBJAI BSOMJS.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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			4		7	9		6
6	1						7	8
	6		1			8	4	
	8	1					9	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Oregon Tuna Classic Marks 20 Years of Fighting Hunger and Celebrating Sport Fishing

For two decades, the Oregon Tuna Classic (OTC) has united passionate anglers, generous sponsors, and coastal communities in a shared mission: to fight hunger and strengthen Oregon's coast. This August 15-16 in Garibaldi, the OTC celebrated its 20th anniversary with a weekend of competitive fishing, community spirit, and charitable giving — including thousands of pounds of fresh tuna and significant financial support to local causes.

What began in 2005 as the “I Fish for Food Tuna Tournament” — a grassroots effort led by founder Bud Hosner — has grown into one of the West Coast's most prestigious charitable fishing competitions and an exclusive invitational for the Offshore World Championship. Each summer, top anglers from across the Pacific Northwest compete for honors while donating their catch to feed families along the Oregon Coast.

“From our very first tournament, the goal has always been

bigger than fishing,” said John Stanfield, President of the OTC Board. “This event is about feeding families, supporting our neighbors, and showing the power of a community that comes together on and off the water. It's incredible to see how far we've come in 20 years — growing from a small group of anglers into a major event with more than 40 teams competing, a vibrant community presence, and a mission that continues to inspire. We're proud to create an experience that celebrates both the sport and the spirit of giving.”

Last year's tournament saw strong participation and generous donations of both fresh albacore tuna and financial support, helping provide thousands of healthy, protein-rich meals to coastal communities in need. Kati Duffy, Community Philanthropy Developer at Oregon Food Bank, emphasized the vital impact of the tournament: “Fresh, high-quality protein is one of our most needed items, and the opportunity to share



Boats head for open water at the beginning of a past classic. Photo courtesy Oregon Tuna Classic

locally caught tuna with our community is unmatched. The tuna provided through Oregon Tuna Classic goes directly to families along the Oregon

Coast, delivering food that is fresh, nourishing, and local. We are strongest when we connect with and support each other, and Oregon Tuna Classic truly

embodies the power of our Oregon community.”

This year's event featured 49 registered teams. On Saturday, August 16, a shotgun

start sent boats racing offshore in the morning to compete for the five heaviest albacore of the day.

This year's title sponsor, Schooner Creek Boat Works, is proud to help mark this milestone. “As a company rooted in the marine community, supporting the Oregon Tuna Classic was a natural fit for us,” said Pascal Le Guilly, General Manager of Schooner Creek Boat Works. “This tournament is more than a competition — it's about camaraderie, tradition, and giving back to the coastal communities we all cherish.”

Since its inception, the OTC has donated the equivalent of over 1 million pounds of food and more than \$1 million in cash to the Oregon Food Bank and Ducks Unlimited. These contributions not only fight hunger but also help conserve critical wetlands and wildlife habitat, while boosting Oregon's coastal economies through tourism, sponsorship and community partnerships.

Pirate football aims to build

BY MIKE WEBER
For The Headlight Herald

The Neah-Kah-Nie High Pirates football teams started practice Monday with a positive outlook, aiming to have a much better season than they had last year.

The Pirates, guided by fourth-year Coach Alejandro Quintana-Rios, lost six graduated seniors from a year ago. Quintana-Rios is hoping that with a majority of the team returning, the Pirates will have an improved performance on the field and win more games than they have in recent years.

“With most of our kids returning and coming back with the hopes of having a

stronger performance, then we'll have pretty solid team this year,” said Quintana-Rios. “We'll be okay, especially since we'll have our starting senior quarterback Brady Douma back to help lead the offense this year. Brady had a really good off season and our team played seven-man football during the summer with a good, solid group competing there.”

On defense, the Pirates will look to junior cornerback Daniel Sargent, the team's leading tackler last season, for leadership. Pirates senior wide receiver/linebacker Noah Scovel is also expected to be a team leader on both sides of the

ball.

“We just need to have an improved offensive line and our inconsistency at center with snapping the ball was the biggest thing that hurt us last year,” said Quintana-Rios. “We're working on improving in that area this year and hopefully we'll have some guys that we'll rely on to help us out there.”

Neah-Kah-Nie finished in last place in the seven-team OSAA Class 2A Special District 1 standings with a 1-5 league mark (1-7 overall). The highlight of the season was a 24-0 home win on Sept. 27, 2024, over the Vernonia High Loggers (1-5 SD1, 2-7 in 2024).

“We should be able to

have an improvement in our record and hopefully we'll win more than one game,” said Quintana-Rios. “Last year we lost a couple of close games that we could've won. I'm really hoping that we'll have a much better season and have a better record for sure this year. Hopefully everyone will stay healthy and that will be a key aspect of the season.”

The Pirates could've easily enjoyed more success than having just one win last year, dropping two close matchups. The Pirates lost 22-16 in a nonleague season opening home game to the Irrigon High Knights (2-7 in 2024) on Sept. 6, 2024. They

also lost a close road game, 20-18, to the Corbett High Cardinals (2-4 SD1, 4-5 in 2024) on Oct. 25, 2024.

Following a jamboree at Clatskanie Aug. 29, the Pirates will begin the season with 7 p.m. nonleague home contest against the Class 3A Harrisburg High Eagles (0-9 in 2024) on September 5. The Eagles are playing in Class 2A this year after competing in Class 3A the last three years.

“I'm really excited to have our first game at home with our season opener versus Harrisburg and we'll be ready to go for that,” said Quintana-Rios.

The Eagles have struggled recently and have lost 12

consecutive games overlapping the last two years. Their last win was a 29-19 victory over the Rainier Columbians on Oct. 6, 2023.

The Pirates open their five-game SD1 schedule with a September 26 Tillamook County rivalry road matchup against the Nestucca High Bobcats (5-1 SD1, 5-4 overall in 2024). Nestucca won last year's area rivalry game 38-0 on Sept. 20, 2024 at Neah-Kah-Nie High School in Rockaway.

The two-time defending league champion Gaston High Greyhounds (5-1 SD1, 7-3 overall in 2024) are the top contender again for the league title, with 22 of 25 players returning.

Pirate volleyball looking for bounce back season

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After starting volleyball practice last Monday, the Neah-Kah-Nie High Pirates are focusing on having an improved record follow-

ing a disappointing 2024 season in which they were 1-11 in the OSAA Class 3A Coastal Range League (3-17 overall).

This year the Pirates squad looks markedly different after the loss of six

graduated seniors from last year's varsity team. The Pirates will be guided by new head coach Debra Beckwith, who brings the experience of her 23-year high school volleyball coaching career. Beckwith replaced former Coach Jacque Vandecoevering, who resigned following the conclusion of the 2024 season.

Beckwith is hoping that the Pirates will enjoy some success and show substantial improvement this year. Getting a few more league wins would certainly help the Pirates gain some respectability in the tough Coastal Range League (CRL). The three-time defending CRL champion Corbett Cardinals (12-0 CRL, 24-5 in 2025) will again be a top contender for the league title after they took fifth place in the state last year.

“We have a group of five

juniors who will definitely have a solid impact on the success of our team this year along with senior Bianca Smith,” said Beckwith, who coached teams in Washington throughout her career prior to becoming the Pirates coach. “We had some summer workouts for the team in June which was very helpful for me in getting familiar with them. It helped provide me with some good insight into how well they can play. I've watched the team play for the last three years since I was a linesperson at Neah-Kah-Nie games.”

The Pirates have won a total of just five league games overlapping the last three years. They finished with a 2-10 record in both the 2022 and 2023 seasons.

The Pirates endured a rough stretch last season that included a 10-game

losing streak. A highlight of the season was when they snapped the streak with 3-0 win on Oct. 10, 2024, over the Riverdale High Mavericks (2-10 CRL, 4-15 overall) in Portland.

“It takes time to build a successful program, so I'm not expecting by any means to place at the state tournament,” said Beckwith. “My goal for this year is to get at least a .500 record and possibly contend for a playoff spot. That would be a pretty high goal for this group to achieve, but they're a very athletic group and we just need to enhance their skills a little bit more.”

The Pirates will look for leadership from senior Bianca Smith and juniors Jasmine Jones and Ruby Marteeny Hucek.

Neah Kah Nie will begin the 2025 season with a tournament Aug. 30 at

Warrenton High School. They'll play the season opening contest of their 16-game schedule in a Sept. 2 4 p.m. nonleague area rivalry matchup versus the Class 2A Nestucca High Bobcats (11-13 in 2024) at Nestucca High School.

“The tournament at Warrenton will give everyone an opportunity to get out on the court and play and we'll see where that will take us from that point,” said Beckwith. “I'm just really very excited about the beginning of the season.”

The Bobcats won last year's Tillamook County rivalry contest 3-1 over the Pirates at Neah-Kah-Nie High School in Rockaway on Sept. 4, 2024. The Pirates begin their 12-game CRL schedule Sept. 9 at home versus the Yamhill-Carlton High Tigers (10-2 CRL, 14-8 in 2024).



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