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Tillamook Library celebrates 20 years in main branch

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Headlight Editor

Patrons of the Tillamook County Library gathered at the system's main branch in Tillamook on November 14, to celebrate the building's 20th anniversary with a day of music, dancing, craft activities and gratitude.

At a ceremony following a ribbon cutting rededicating the library, Tillamook County Library Director Don Allgeier, Commissioner Mary Faith Bell, State Representative Cyrus Javadi, Library Foundation President Ruth LaFrance and Jen Maurer from the Oregon State Library extolled the benefits of reading, libraries and the Tillamook system specifically. Allgeier expressed deep gratitude to the community for its support of the library, saying that patrons are what give the system life.

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Mercury Coast performs during the celebration for an enthusiastic crowd.

Port board temporarily extends OCSR lease

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With negotiations on a long-term lease near completion with the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad, the Port of Tillamook Bay's Board of Commissioners voted to extend the railroad's current lease to March 31, 2027, at their November 18 board meeting.

The decision came after a lengthy executive session and drew a split on the board, with Board President Jack Mulder, who has been leading negotiations for the port, voting against the extension after its length was shortened from six to three months at the behest of Commissioner Donnie Jenck. Commissioners also voted to accept a $1 million grant from Business Oregon for the construction of two new hangars.

Mulder brought the proposed six-month extension to the board early in the meeting, explaining that negotiations with the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad (OCSR) were essentially complete, with legal review the last step needed before the new contract can be ratified by commissioners. Mulder said that he expected the process to be completed in January or February and that the railroad was basically locked in to operating between Garibaldi and Nehalem Falls in the new agreement. Mulder said that the board also needed to discuss plans for the port to maintain the sections of rail between the port and Garibaldi, and Nehalem Falls and the confluence of the Nehalem and Salmonberry Rivers, as OCSR will no longer be responsible.

Jenck said that he would prefer to see a shorter extension and Mulder suggested that they return to the question after an executive session scheduled to discuss real property transactions.

Following the executive session, when the extension again came up, Jenck motioned to change the expiration date from June 30, 2027, to March 31, explaining that he wanted to keep the pressure on the port's and OCSR's legal teams to work fast and wrap up the multiyear process. Commissioners Bill Baertlein and Kevin Stoecker voted in favor of Jenck's motion, with Mulder voting no and commissioner Matt Mumford absent.

For the maintenance discussion, the board was joined by Shayne Burnem, a district manager of subsea cable systems at Alaska Communication (ACS). Burnem said that while his company wanted to cooperate with the rails to trails effort for the Salmonberry Trail that will be made possible by decreasing OCSR's area of operations, they were concerned about losing the ability to use the rails to access their transmis-

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Tillamook Council returns to parking discussions

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During a work session preceding their November 16 meeting, Tillamook City Councilors discussed a draft of a rewrite of the ordinance governing parking in the city.

The discussion came after City Manager Sean Lewis asked council to pause plans for a new downtown parking enforcement scheme, including paid lots, in September so staff could redraft the ordinance and provide a solid foundation for the new approach. The updated ordinance, which will come to council for further discussion at a work session before their next meeting and a possible first reading during the meeting, would streamline regulations, deleting duplicative language in the existing code and establishing new fines for violations.

Council has been working to address resident and business owner concerns about parking around the city since the spring and already passed an update to the existing parking ordinance in August, banning the on-street storage of RVs and trailers, and parking cars for more than 72 hours. Those new regulations are incorporated in the revised ordinance.

After approving that update, council shifted into a discussion on creating a system of parking lots requiring paid permits around downtown for business employees to free up on-street parking for customers. The proposal was developed in response

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Photo by Paul Shively

Members of the Wheeler Emergency Preparedness Committee in front of one of the two 40-foot Conex boxes.

Wheeler takes delivery of emergency Conex boxes

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Wheeler city staff and members of the Wheeler Emergency Preparedness Committee gathered at the city's Upper Park on November 17, to accept delivery of two, 40-foot Conex boxes that will soon house emergency supplies.

The containers come courtesy of the Oregon Office of Resilience and Emergency Management (OREM), which is working with Fixed Resilience out of Hillsboro to install 15 of the containers up and down the coast this year, including eight in Tillamook County. The containers will hold supplies to sustain 200 people for 30 days, as well as an array of communications equipment that will allow locals to communicate with OREM officials in Salem. Wheeler City Manager Paul Shively said he had been impressed by the community's support of the project, which had allowed its completion with no city funds expended.

"It's been amazing to see," Shively said. "It's one of those

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Commissioner Mary Faith Bell tells the gathered crowd about her deep appreciation for libraries dating back to her childhood.

LIBRARY Celebrates

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"Your presence here is what builds us into the community we want to be," Allgeier said, "and I can't wait to see the community that we become over the next 20 years as we enjoy this building and enjoy this library system and what we're able to provide to each other through this investment."

Celebrations for the anniversary took part throughout the day, starting with a morning story time and the story of the Blaser Family Swiss Dairy, before a performance by Mercury Coast.

At the ceremony, LaFrance discussed the Tillamook Library Foundation's mission, saying that it had been founded in 1989 to give people a way to donate money to the library separate from the county. Since then, the foundation's endowment has grown to $300,000, with interest being used to support the library system. Beyond the endowment, LaFrance said that the foundation also leads grant writing and fundraising efforts for library projects, including the construction of the main branch in the early 2000s.

LaFrance said that she had joined the foundation in the 1990s, when the library's main branch was still in a converted garage on Ivy Avenue between Second and Third Streets. "It was crowded in 1990 and by the end of the 90s, it was "in really bad repair. It couldn't be expanded."

That led the foundation to spearhead the effort to build a new main branch, with United States Senator Mark Hatfield helping to secure federal funding, the Copeland family selling the lot at the corner of Third Street and Stillwell Avenue that had long housed their lumber yard to the library at a discounted rate and John Hampton of Hampton Lumber stepping up to provide last-minute funding to make the project possible.

"All that because the foundation was here and available," LaFrance said. "So, that's kind of who we are and that's what we do. We will continue to serve that purpose."

LaFrance said that the foundation has secured $580,000 in grants over the last ten years and highlighted the bookstore the foundation runs at the main branch.

Bell discussed the importance of libraries in her life, sharing that as a child, she had been an avid reader and after reading all the books in her school library by second grade was delighted to find her community library following a school librarian's suggestion.

Bell said that it had been a "dark time and chaotic and stressful" at home, as her father was in prison and her mother struggled with substance use, but that she had found refuge in the library in books and through relationships with friendly librarians.

"It was lovely to have those relationships and to have that place, that sanctuary in the community that was like my most peaceful place in my world," Bell said. "It was the most welcoming, safe, quiet place in my world and it meant everything to me. And so, when I think about that, I think that I want libraries to be available to all children."

That passion for libraries followed her into adulthood, Bell said, and when she was first considering a move to Tillamook more than 20 years ago, the strength of the local library system drew her in. Bell also highlighted the importance of libraries as hubs for community and said that she looked forward to seeing what the system would do over the next 20 years.

Javadi echoed Bell's sentiment, saying that before he had moved to Tillamook, he also researched the library system, as he valued its importance for his young family.

That emphasis paid off, Javadi said, when one of his sons approached him at the age of 12 and told him that he was a member of the LGBTQ community and asked for guidance. Javadi said that he had taken advantage of the library as a source for books to help his son process his emotions. "Books were a place where he could turn and he could start to get the answers to those questions because there had been authors who had been through that and wrote books about that and wrote in ways that were easy to understand," Javadi said.

Javadi also discussed the positive impacts of reading, sharing statistics from a nationwide test showing that daily readers scored significantly higher than their peers in English and language arts. Given the wide-ranging positive impacts, Javadi said that libraries had the power to change lives and serve as a great equalizer.

Allgeier spoke last at the ceremony, saying that he was overwhelmed by gratitude for the library and thanking foundation members, commissioners and the library staff for their support of the library generally and the event specifically. It was an honor, Allgeier said, to consistently receive positive feedback on the library and know how much it means to community members.

"One of the blessings of being the library director here is to hear the story of people when they come here and see this library for the first time or when they reflect back on the time they first came here and saw this library and understood it as a monument for our community, for what we can accomplish together, for how we believe in ourselves, for how we invest in ourselves," Allgeier said.



Patrons crowd in the library's hallway as Tillamook County Library Director Don Allgeier cuts a ribbon to ceremonially rededicate the library, flanked by (left to right) State Representative Cyrus Javadi, Tillamook County Commissioners Paul Fournier and Mary Faith Bell, and Tillamook Library Foundation President Ruth LaFrance.

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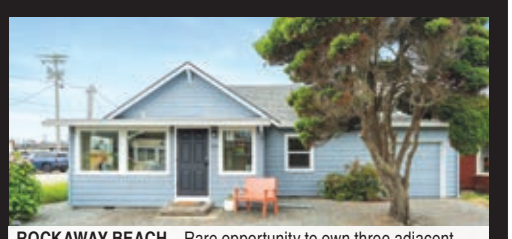

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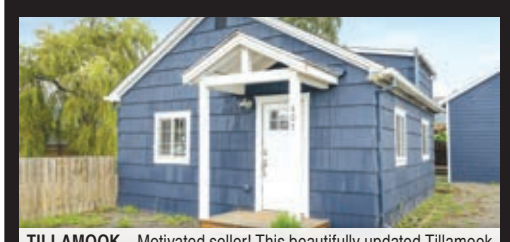

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Garibaldi council discusses 32-hour work week

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At their November 16 meeting, in response to citizen concerns, Garibaldi City Councilors discussed the city employees' 32-hour work week, which was instituted in October 2025 under former City Manager Jake Boone.

Councilors were divided in their opinions on the matter, with Mayor Linda Bade sounding a hesitant note about the approach and its possible costs and Councilor Bud Shattuck voicing opposition to the arrangement, while other councilors were more supportive of the abbreviated work week, if staff are still getting their work done. With staff working under contracts, though, councilors agreed that changing the situation would be challenging and asked that staff members meet to propose solutions that address resident concerns over difficulty accessing them.

The switch to a 32-hour work week was a unilateral decision by Boone last fall, which immediately drew skepticism from the councilors when he sought council approval of an employee handbook update memorializing the change and Bade, Shattuck and Councilor Cheryl Gierga declined to offer a motion in support. Boone pushed ahead with the change anyway, saying that as a matter of staff management, he did not need council approval to make the change and arguing that it matched a trend across private industry and governments.

Since then, citizens have voiced concerns over the change, particularly its impacts on employee availability in city hall. At the council meeting, Bade threw the floor open to councilors and asked their opinions on the matter.

Gierga said that she thought the shortened week worked for some people but that it was important that office hours not be impacted, which she has heard concerns about from constituents.

Shattuck said that he believed in a 40-hour work week.

Councilor Tom Porter said that he wondered if the reduction just didn't sit right with constituents leading to the complaints. Porter said that the research on reducing work weeks was largely from the corporate world and that he was not sure if the positive impacts in that sphere would translate to the government setting.

Porter noted that several staff had been hired to work with contracts specifying 32 hour weeks and that it would be difficult to increase hours given that. Porter said that he did not want to alienate staff, creating a quagmire that he wasn't sure how to resolve to staff and constituents' satisfaction.

Councilor Connye Corey said that many staff were working more than 32 hours a week and that she was okay with the shortened week if staff could complete their work. Corey echoed Gierga's complaints over city hall hours and floated the possibility of splitting shifts to extend them beyond the current 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. schedule.

Bade said that she agreed with Gierga, Porter and Corey that the shortened week was beneficial to staff and agreed that they generally got their work done. The issue, Bade said, is that the move has forced the city to continue staffing the public works department with four employees, whereas before the reduction, council had been preparing to reduce that number to three. Bade said the cost of maintaining the four-person staff had led the city to discontinue its law enforcement contract with the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office, which bothered her a lot.

Bade continued that she had been in touch with the city's attorneys to discuss possible solutions. Bade said that council could ask employees to sign new contracts including 40-hour work weeks, terminate their current contracts and convert them to city employees, or instruct a new city manager, when hired, to hold staff accountable to completing their tasks in 32 hours. Bade said that either of the two former options would probably not go over well with city employees and noted that the last year has been stressful for them.

Gierga suggested council offer staff an opportunity to weigh in on ways they can extend office hours and the situation more generally, with Corey and Porter agreeing.

Public Works Director Nick Theoharris pushed back on Bade's statement about his department's size, saying that the staff had always consisted of a director and three employees. Bade responded that ex-Mayor Katie Findling had told her the number was necessary to maintain on-call staffing around the clock in budget hearings before resigning and Shattuck disagreed with Theoharris's claim that the department had always had four staff.

Corey jumped back in and renewed her suggestion that staff be given an opportunity to discuss the matter and make suggestions to council, with all councilors concurring.

Bade asked the department heads at the meeting to hold those meetings before the council's January session, when they will discuss the issue further.

Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS winter wreath-making workshop scheduled December 13

FRIENDS OF NETARTS BAY WATERSHED, ESTUARY BEACH AND SEA

Join Friends of Netarts Bay Watershed, Estuary, Beach and Sea (WEBS) on Sunday, December 13th, from 1-4 p.m. for our annual Winter Wreath-Making Workshop.

Come embrace the season and leave with your own handcrafted creation using fresh greens collected by WEBS staff and our guest presenter. Participants will learn how to arrange lush boughs, branches and foliage to create a stunning wreath, festive swag or beautiful centerpiece for your home. This popular workshop fills up fast, so don't forget to register to secure your spot.

WEBS is happy to welcome Phyllis Holmes, a longtime volunteer of the Netarts Community Club and Master Gardener, who will share her design tips and wreath-making expertise. Throughout the year, Phyllis volunteers her time maintaining the landscaping and flower beds around the Netarts Community Club. For the past several years, Phyllis has offered this seasonal floral arranging workshop to her garden club and has graciously offered to share it with WEBS participants again this year. No wreath-making experience is necessary.

We are proud to offer this workshop—and many of our programs and supplies—free of charge to help reduce barriers to participation in our community. Contributions are always welcome and help us offset costs so we can continue offering programs like this for everyone to enjoy. A suggested donation of $25 helps support our ongoing community programs, though any amount—or simply your participation—is deeply appreciated.

Essential supplies, including fresh greens to build a complete wreath or swag, will be provided by WEBS. However, if participants are interested, we invite you to bring your own.

- Wire cutters
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We ask that you consider using recycled, natural, and/or biodegradable materials and supplies whenever possible.

Limited capacity. Registration is required. We want to ensure that as many people are able to enjoy this event as we have space for. If you registered but your plans change, making you unable to attend, please let us know so that we can offer your spot to someone else.

Learn more and register for this event at:

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NEWS

Wheeler Containers

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great, feel-good projects that everybody has just been so supportive of."

Wheeler's containers are part of a push by OREM to prepare communities across the state for natural disasters by providing caches of emergency supplies and comprehensive communications capabilities via the containers, which come equipped with an extendable 25-foot antenna to facilitate radio communications and a Starlink satellite uplink. The containers are climate controlled, connected to three phase power, with a 500-gallon propane tank providing fuel for two backup generators and a solar array to come, and have security systems featuring cameras.

North Tillamook County's Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay (EVCNB) served as the passthrough organization to accept and maintain the containers for the city, a role it is also playing for Manzanita, which is receiving two containers. Rockaway Beach is preparing to receive three 40-foot containers, Netarts has already accepted delivery of a 20-foot container, as has Rock Fam off Highway 101 in Oretown, and Beaver is preparing for a 20-foot container of its own to be housed at the Old Beaver Elementary School.

Steve Fulmer, secretary of EVCNB's Wheeler Emergency Preparedness Committee, informally known as the Wheeler Emergency Team (WET) for acronym purposes, explained that WET members had secured commitments of $40,000 to pay to prepare the site for the containers, but been able to accomplish the needed work for under $20,000. Fulmer said that the new containers supplement an emergency supply shed already at the park, as well as its emergency septic field.

Fulmer said that beyond working on securing the containers and other emergency preparedness supplies, EVCNB and WET were focused on preparing community members for emergencies through education. A particular focus right now is the Prepare Your Neighborhood Initiative, which encourages residents to coordinate their planning efforts with neighbors to prepare the hyper-local areas that would be isolated during a Cascadia subduction event. Fulmer said that these and WET's other efforts served a purpose beyond emergency preparedness, helping foster a stronger community.

"The emergency team itself, beyond trying to locate and supply gear and storage and all the rations and everything that's involved in that, we try to educate people, and that's largely a community-building operation," Fulmer said. "So, that's something that has ramifications for the community way beyond emergency preparedness, just building community spirit, building trust among neighbors."



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One of the containers being unloaded at Wheeler's Upper Park.

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FENCEPOST



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Lin Parkinson, owner of Bookish in downtown Cloverdale, hosted an altered book craft at Bridge Street Coffee Roasters on a recent Sunday. Perhaps twelve of us, including roommate Leo and I, gathered around the table to fold and glue book pages into sleeves for narrow vases and then arranged flowers (from a great selection) into the little vials for the finished product. Thomas, who owns Bridge Street Coffee Roasters (also in downtown Cloverdale) offered a trio of local wines for tasting. It was a fun hour for a fair price. Watch this space for word of future such events.

Speaking of Cloverdale residents, Megan Boisa is teaching gymnastics through Ocean Floors Gymnastics Company. Two sessions are offered with four-year-olds and younger meeting from 4:30-5 p.m. and students five years of age and older meeting from 5-6 p.m. on Wednesdays weekly at the Sandlake Grange. Two months' tuition is $65 for the younger class and $90 for the older; openings exist in both groups. Drop-ins are welcome for $25 per session. For more information or to sign up, call Megan at 971-395-0567.

Remember that it's Bazaar Saturday in South Tillamook County next Saturday, December 5. Kiawanda Community Center (KCC) will host theirs from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. More than thirty vendors will sell goodies and refreshments will be available for purchase. The address is 34600 Cape Kiwanda Drive in Pacific City. Holly Daze Bazaar also happens from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Nestucca K-8 School which is located a mile south of Cloverdale on U.S. Highway 101. As we go to press the event includes 25 vendors (and counting) and hot lunch will be available with proceeds benefitting Senior Safe (a drug and alcohol-free graduation party for Nestucca's Class of 2027).

St. Joseph's Catholic Church will host its 67th annual bazaar, "The crown jewel of holiday bazaars," from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Promised are hand-made gifts, household holiday décor, a quilt raffle, homemade jams, jellies and relish, plus famous cinnamon rolls and polish dogs with kraut to eat there or to go. The address is 34560 Parkway Drive (at the intersection of Parkway Drive and Bridge Streets) in Cloverdale.

Headlands Adventure Team is hosting a beach cleanup at Cape Kiawanda also next Saturday, December 5. Volunteers, dressed for the weather, will gather at a check-in station which will be erected near the boat ramp in the County parking lot adjacent to Cape Kiawanda. The event is planned from 10 a.m. until noon bimonthly (every other month). Coffee, cider and treats from Stimulus Coffee will be provided for volunteers. For more information or to register contact Headlands Adventure Team by calling 503-483-3000 or send email to adventure @ headlandslodge.com.

Language learners can practice their skills at South Tillamook County Library at 4 p.m. on Thursdays. Spanish/English conversation happens on first Thursdays (December 3) French conversation happens on second Thursdays (December 10), German conversation happens on third Thursdays (December 17), Italian conversation is slated for fourth Thursdays (but probably not December 24). The library is located off Brooten Road on Camp Street in Pacific City.

KCC serves Senior lunches for $3 each (others may partake for $6) at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays (November 24) and Wednesdays (November 25) at the center. For more information call 971-212-7131 or go to kiwanda.com. The address is provided above.

Happy Thanksgiving this Thursday, dear reader. Happy birthday this week to Brentlee Boisa, Megan Craven, Kimberlyn Fagan, Dillon Fitch, John Griggs, Robert Griggs, Reese Johnsen, Ken Richwine, Aiden Smith, Vance Trent and Stewart Trost.

Port Board

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sion cable that runs alongside the tracks.

ACS's transmission line is one of many transpacific cables that makes landfall in Tillamook County, currently functioning for 27 miles from its landing site at Nedonna Beach. Burnem explained that ACS has been working to restore the cable, with reconnections made under a washed-out bridge three or four miles upriver of Mohler. Burnem said that the company was working with Nehalemtel to offer internet access to homes along the route.

On a larger scale, ACS is working on plans to repair the route through the canyons section of the railroad line in the unpopulated forested portions of Tillamook and Washington Counties. Burnem said that project had a projected budget of $13 million, with 12 miles of cable needing to be replaced, and that a surveying crew from Alaska that recently hiked the line has identified several sections of the alignment in the canyons that need to be rerouted.

Port of Tillamook Bay General Manager Michele Bradley noted that the reconstruction effort could be an opportunity to construct sections of the Salmonberry Trail outside of populated areas and said those discussions had been happening in the background.

Burnem said that he didn't know if it would make the most sense for the port to enter a contract with OCSR to continue maintaining the sections it is giving up access to but stressed that being able to inspect the route was important for his company. Mulder encouraged Burnem to stay involved as the lease negotiation process concludes.

The $1 million grant award came from Business Oregon's Regional Infrastructure Grant program and will be used to construct two new hangars for lighter than air activities on Long Prairie Road. Bradley noted that the grant to the port had been significantly larger than other awards, all but one of which was for less than $500,000, and that 165 applications had been submitted requesting $79 million in funding from the $10 million available through the program.

OPINION

FENCEPOSTS



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About 20 villagers came out despite the weather warnings to attend an informative—and timely—presentation on hypothermia, the leading cause of death in the outdoors. Pete Steen, ably assisted by Kevin Burke, explained that hypothermia is dangerously reduced body heat; hypothermic signs are a dropping body temperature and shivering; certain kinds of clothing and putting on layers of clothes can help stave off hypothermia; and good hydration is key to preventing hypothermia. The audience had a number of questions and contributions from their own experiences in the great outdoors. The Cape Meares community thanks Pete and Kevin for taking the time to educate us on this important topic. If you are interested in looking at the outline for the seminar, you may email Pete at 4petesteen@gmail.com.

We are in the midst of the first king tide series of this winter season, with a peak tide of 9.2' to occur on November 25 at 11:45 a.m. In addition to some wonderful photo ops (from a safe distance), the high surf has given us the benefit of washing away the decomposing humpback whale that has "graced" our shore since August. Hallelujah.

There is more to the story of that whale. An enterprising neighbor hauled the massive bone that was part of the whale's skull up to higher ground before the big seas could wash it away or the sand bury it. The new location was just behind the ocean view benches at the end of Pacific Street; a great place for scientific study.

Until it wasn't. On the morning of November 14, Cape Mearesians awoke to find the whale bone simply … gone. We were in shock … and sad. We had envisioned the grandkids admiring it.

But that isn't the end of the story. The whale skull was returned to the community, by mysterious means, and there is talk about different ways it could be displayed. All's well that ends well.

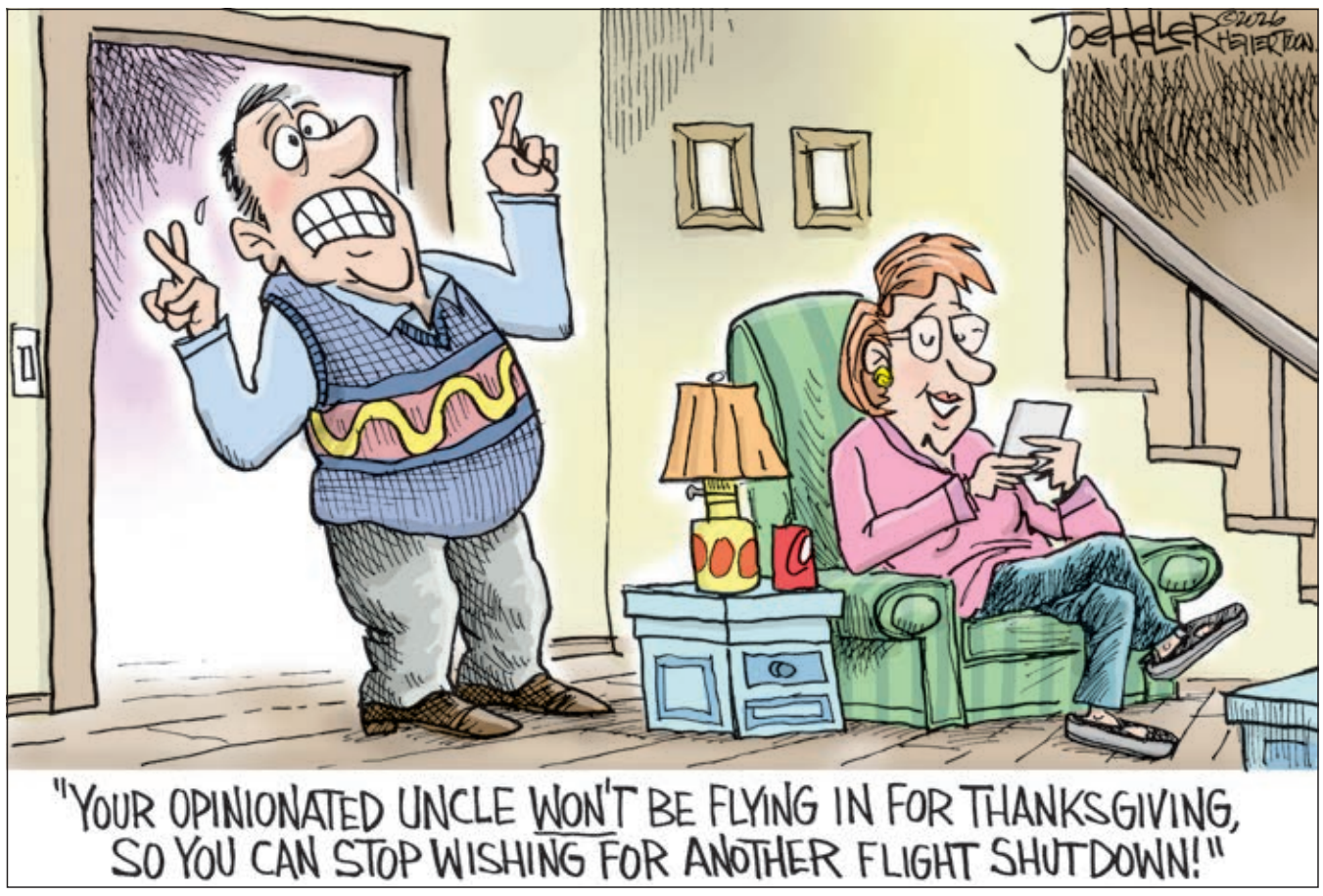
News beyond our village … there is a new Bi-Mart in Seaside. Capt. Pete and I headed up to the grand opening to check it out. A lot of other people had the same idea. Everyone was in a party mood, enjoying the free doughnuts and animal cookies and scooping up some doorbusters. The new store is about an hour and a half away, so while it was fun to join in the excitement of its first day in business, we will do most of our holiday shopping closer to home here in Tillamook.

Speaking of the holidays, BottleDrop has started its annual Give Program and will provide a 20% match on all donations until December 1. The Cape Meares Community Association (CMCA) participates in the BottleDrop program. This means money from your recycled beverage containers goes to CMCA, a registered 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation eligible to receive tax-deductible donations. Pick up blue bags and stickers at the front door of the Barbara Bennett Community Center (BBCC); fill them with empty, uncrushed beverage containers carrying an Oregon 10-cent refund value; and deposit the bags at any BottleDrop center (Fred Meyer is the closest). So far this year, CMCA has raised $1,100 through participation in the BottleDrop program.

A celebration of life for BJ Byron will be held on December 11 at the Barbara Bennett Community Center (BBCC). The event is an open house, from 2–4 p.m., and will range from inside to outside; you may wish to bring a raincoat. This is a time to come together to share our many memories of this wonderfully eccentric woman.

The caroling party originally scheduled for December 10, and the coffee house for December 13, have both been canceled in order to accommodate the arrangements for BJ's celebration of life. The next coffee house will be held in February 2027.

Have a great Thanksgiving, dear Fencepost readers. Next week's column will roll us right into December.





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Today is nice and dry, after all that rain we have had. I did remember to blow leaves out of my drainage system so when the rain came it would not flood the shop. Some things in life become a priority.

City council met on Monday for their November business meeting. Neighbors had asked if they could purchase a strip of land from the city that was adjacent to their house. Council has been considering that as an option but decided not to sell at this time. The city originally purchased the land for stormwater purposes; there is a storm pipe in the ground there. The city's public works department has been working toward updating the city's stormwater master plan in order to appropriately deal with these atmospheric storms we have been having. In addition, the city is just starting to look at the street system as it begins to lay out what maintenance and improvements are needed for the street plan. It made more sense to get these other studies completed before making a sale decision.

Seems like there is a lot of activity this council is asking of the staff and they are responding.

The Capital Improvement Plan is also being worked on. Think new fire truck. The purchase and maintenance of a lot of things. Fire provided a detailed list of items that they will be needing in the near future – including a new fire truck. Although, that said, the fire chief is taking one of the older vehicles in for analysis to determine if it can be retrofitted to become a "new" engine. If possible, and not cost prohibitive, that might be one way to update the department's equipment. A new engine would cost about $1,250,000.

Public works also provided a listing of priority items for each of their service areas – water, wastewater, and streets. They also have equipment needs, trucks that are not working properly, not functioning up to speed anymore. Their list will be helpful in looking forward to what the city needs, in terms of capital, and what it might cost. Council is asking them to provide the costs of all the things they are charged with doing. Council needs to know the full cost of providing city services.

And then the council gets to figure out where and how to spend the resources. This year, the budget could involve some tough decisions. Council has asked the city manager to explore reentering a contract with the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement in the city. The 24/25 audit may be completed by the end of May, and the city might have a better handle on where all the money is supposed to be. Which would make it easier to budget.

Wednesday the council will hold initial, screening interviews with the three candidates they selected to process through the recruiting/hiring process. The next step is setting up the actual interviews and putting the interview panels together. Questions are ready to go. It is getting closer and I am not sure how I feel about the whole thing. I am excited to meet these candidates, but it also means we will be making that decision. Oh, so carefully. Knowing that you just never really know. I do know that when we hire it will give our interim city manager a break from doing two jobs.

I have warmed my house up to the point where I can hardly move. It is 80 plus degrees in the living room. I need to learn that last piece of wood is not really necessary. But that wood heat cannot be beat.

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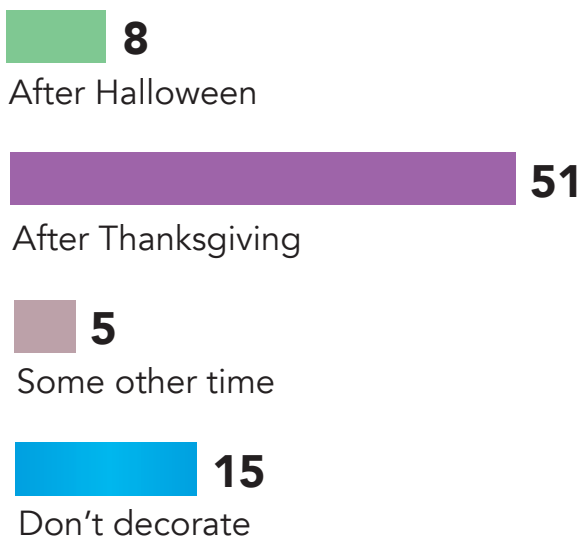

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OPINION

FENCEPOSTS

Giving Thanks in 2026

This week we celebrate the most American holiday, Thanksgiving. As children we were taught the origins and meaning of this holiday. I am sure they stick in your mind as much as they do in mine. Pilgrims, Indians, turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce. Although I am not certain the menu is the original one but instead has morphed over the years to how we eat today.

But this year also marks a very important celebration for the Albright Family. It is granddaughter Daisy's 18th birthday. Her big plan for the day includes filling out her voter registration form. I am so proud of her for wanting to do that as Daisy is a special needs student.

Thinking about the years since 2008, I realized we have had some good times and some bad times. Technology has been leaping forward to the point that we all have smart watches and ear buds instead of just phones. No more VCR's or DVDs. Streaming services offer movies concurrent with their release in the theatres. We have combated Covid, started wars and suffered crippling prices at the gas stations and grocery stores.

But if we step back, the last 18 years have also offered a chance to reflect on how American horticulture has changed. The story is not simply about different flowers appearing in garden centers. It is about changing priorities: growing food, welcoming wildlife, understanding local conditions and finding new ways to produce plants. Beauty still matters, but increasingly we ask what a garden can do as well as how it looks.

Food gardening provides a good starting point. The National Gardening Association reported that households growing food increased from 36 million in 2008 to 42 million in 2013. Economic uncertainty helped motivate participation, although better tasting food remained the leading reason. Vegetable patches and community gardens offered Americans a more direct connection with what reached their dinner tables.



GARDENING MATTERS
CARLA ALBRIGHT

Then the pandemic brought another wave of interest. The association's 2021 surveys documented 18.3 million new gardeners and increased participation among younger families, renters and people living in apartments or condos. Gardening was not reserved for homeowners with spacious yards. Respondents also recognized its emotional and mental health benefits. For many, tending plants offered something constructive to do during an unsettling time. And it gave us a reason to be outside where it was considered to be safer.

Another important change is the growing interest in native plants. A National Wildlife Federation survey found that purchasing regionally native plants and converting lawn areas to natural or wildflower landscapes both increased between 2019 and 2023. This suggests a broader idea of gardening success. Our landscapes can be attractive while also providing food and shelter for birds, butterflies and native bees.

That shift is reaching the nursery trade, too. Research published in HortScience in 2025 describes increasing demand for native plants and growers incorporating them into their offerings. It also examines how water sources and production choices relate to adoption. Conservation is becoming part of the horticultural conversation, not merely an afterthought. Choosing plants suited to a particular place deserves attention alongside choosing their colors.

Our understanding of growing conditions has become more detailed. The USDA's 2023 Plant Hardiness Zone Map placed about half the country in the next warmer half zone compared with its 2012 edition. More recent temperature records, additional weather stations and improved mapping contributed to the changes. However, the map describes average winter extremes, not every condition a plant will encounter. It is a guide, not a promise.

Commercial horticulture has also expanded beyond traditional outdoor production. A USDA report found that controlled environment agriculture operations more than doubled between 2009 and 2019. Greenhouses, hydroponic systems and vertical growing structures illustrate the possibilities. Technology is opening ways to produce specialty crops where conventional growing space is limited. These systems broaden the horticultural toolbox rather than making the familiar garden plot obsolete.

Looking back, I find the most encouraging change is this widening sense of purpose. Gardens can feed households, bring people together and leave room for wildlife. Horticulture still begins with the patient work of caring for plants. What has expanded since 2008 is our appreciation of how that work connects us with the larger world.

This Thanksgiving, I am grateful for Daisy reaching 18, for my whole family, for another season in the garden and for the chance to keep learning. Gardening reminds me that good things take patience and care, and that a harvest is sweeter when shared. Whether your bounty is a bowl of homegrown vegetables or the pleasure of a favorite flower, I hope you find something to give thanks for. Happy Thanksgiving.


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BARBARA TROUT

Greetings from Rockaway Beach. This is going to be a very busy, enjoyable Thanksgiving week in Rockaway Beach. First up, the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, sponsored by St. Mary's by the Sea Catholic Church members and Meals for Seniors. The meal will be held Thursday November 26th from 2-4 p.m. at St. Mary's dining hall at 275 S. Pacific in Rockaway Beach. This wonderful community gathering will feature a complete Thanksgiving meal. Everyone is welcome to feast on turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, rolls, cranberry sauce, vegetables and dessert. If you would like to make a donation, proceeds will go to St. Mary's by the Sea.

Our community's Holiday Bazaar kicks off Friday morning at 10 a.m. at Rockaway Beach City Hall. The Holiday Bazaar will have more than 25 vendors with delicious treats and fabulous creations from local artisans. There will also be complimentary coffee and hot chocolate and a free holiday photo booth. There will also be a raffle of a variety of themed baskets to benefit Rockaway Beach Fire and Rescue and Go Rockaway. The Holiday Bazaar is a two-day event, this Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Also on Friday, the Rockaway Beach Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at the Rockaway Beach Wayside. Santa will be arriving on the Rockaway Beach Tree Lighting Train at 5:30 p.m., the Tree Lighting will be held at 6 p.m., with refreshments and caroling with the Salty Strings beginning at 6:15 p.m. This will be fun for the whole family, and people are encouraged to bring homemade ornaments to decorate the tree, and canned food donations for the North County Food Bank. The Christmas Tree Lighting is brought to you by the City of Rockaway Beach and the Rockaway Beach Business Association. To celebrate this event and to get ready for your holidays, Rockaway Beach businesses will be holding their annual holiday sales with their stores open late for shoppers.

On Saturday, Meals for Seniors will hold their delicious French Toast Breakfast fundraiser. Everyone is invited to enjoy French toast along with link sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit compote, coffee and juice. The fundraising meal is served from 8 a.m. to noon at St. Mary's by the Sea dining hall. The meal is by donation only, and proceeds will benefit Meals for Seniors, which has become so critical in providing nutritious meals and communal gatherings for our senior population. It is so important to support this cadre of volunteers, because on a daily basis, they are seeing the real time effects of increased hunger for many in our community, and it is hitting those on fixed incomes and those who are homebound, extremely hard. The need continues to grow. In 2025 they served 18,515 meals, which was a 34 percent increase over 2024. This year they are on track to prepare almost 20,000 meals, an all-time high. Meals for Seniors is a volunteer managed and operated organization, and they receive no ongoing local, state or federal funding, so all donations mean a great deal to them.


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This week we welcome the Thanksgiving holiday, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our dear readers a happy Thanksgiving. As we celebrate and share the day with family, friends and neighbors, there is much to be thankful for, even just simple everyday events, acts of kindness, the joy in the beauty of nature, and here in Bay City, I am thankful for our caring and giving community. Enjoy this day of celebration.

Today at 9:30 is the monthly Coffee with the Mayor and City manager, taking place in the community hall. This is always an interesting gathering, an informal get-together for community members to share issues and concerns and hear about happenings in Bay City. There is always coffee and some treats.

The Bay City Arts Center hosts open mic nights each Thursday from 6-8 p.m. Bring a song, poem, story or stand-up comedy act so we can enjoy the winter months and our gifts together. All ages are welcome, but children under 12 need to bring an adult along.

My friend Nikki Shibley is starting a crafting group called Create and Gather, a North Coast Creative Community. Her goal is to help us all make a little more room in our lives for creativity, connection and simply enjoying time with others. This group is a welcoming, casual community, bringing people together through art, crafts, shared ideas and the joy of making things. You don't have to be artistic, use expensive supplies or have experience, it's about meeting people, trying something new, sharing what we have. Think greeting cards, mixed media, junk journaling, upcycling to name a few. The first gathering will take place on Tuesday, December 1 from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Copeland Room at the main Tillamook Library and will focus on Christmas card making, so bring along any supplies you have, old cards, crayons, bits of fabric, whatever you have on hand and make some lovely cards. There is no charge, just bring your ideas and creativity.

A few weeks ago, I was lucky enough to attend TAPA's production of Into the Woods. Even though the show is over now, I wanted to give a shout out to all involved in the production. It truly was fantastic, so much talent within our communities. On December 6th at 2 p.m., Once Upon a Yule will be presented by the Oregon Adventure Theatre at the Red Barn. This is a new play celebrating Yuletide, Folklore and community. This performance is an hour in length, a mask and puppet filled adventure through three wintry myths that is fun for all ages.

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OBITUARIES

Barbara Jean "BJ" Byron

Sept. 28, 1944–Nov. 3, 2026



It is with great sadness that the Cape Meares community announces the passing of Barbara Jean "BJ" Byron on Nov. 3, 2026, at the age of 82. After having fought a fierce battle against various kinds of cancer over the years, BJ died quietly at home with friends at her side.

BJ was born in Saginaw, Michigan, to Robert and Jean Byron on Sept. 28, 1944. A sister, Jill, joined the family a few years later. BJ grew up in Michigan on the family farm, which she inherited in later years and visited each summer right up until her death.

BJ did her undergraduate work at the University of Michigan and graduate studies at Michigan State, culminating in a master's degree in social work. BJ spent her career in psychotherapy; she used to say, "with the emphasis on psycho." While forthright and often blunt in conversation, she cared deeply about others. She knew the favorite pie for each of her friends in Cape Meares, and delivered home-baked pies to them on birthdays and at Christmas. She supplied many Thanksgiving pies as well.

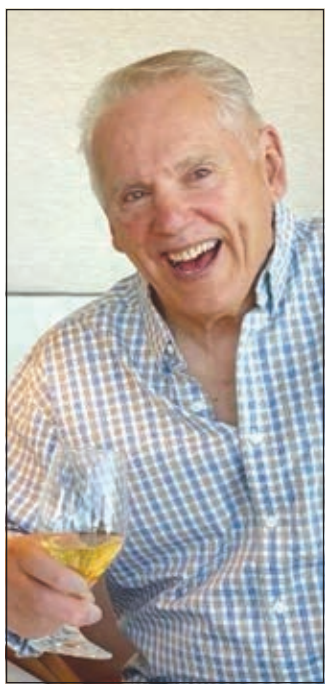
BJ volunteered at the Elks in Tillamook in many capacities, including cooking her killer chicken enchiladas. She played a mean game of bingo there and a tough game of canasta back home in Cape Meares. BJ also loved bowling and was on a bowling team here in Tillamook; she played until she could no longer pick up a bowling ball.

An inveterate beachcomber, BJ found many treasures during her 20+ years in Cape Meares. She kept a big blue-green glass ball, 18" in diameter, on a dog bed in front of her television. That was the biggest of the 11 glass floats she found on May 9, 2014; she walked to the south jetty twice that lucky day. At a different time, she found a jug with Asian writing on it. BJ could step out her front door, test the wind and know when treasures would be washing ashore.

BJ's biggest love was for her dogs, usually labrador retrievers and generally two at a time. She had many furry friends throughout the years and left her last dog, Zora, in Nicholas's good hands.

In addition to her sister, Jill Byron, many friends will mourn BJ's passing. A celebration of life will be held December 11 at 2 p.m. at the Barbara Bennett Community Center in Cape Meares to remember BJ Byron, an incredibly passionate, vibrant, energetic, and generous woman.

Glenn Michel Harris



Glenn "Mike" Harris, a devoted husband, loving stepfather, cherished grandfather, proud Navy veteran, and lifelong adventurer, passed away peacefully from natural causes, surrounded by his family at his bedside. He lived a full and remarkable life, and those who knew him will remember not only what he accomplished, but how he made them feel.

For 65 years, Mike dedicated himself to the family oyster business in Tillamook, Oregon, a tradition that was far more than a livelihood. It was a way of life, reflecting his strong work ethic, commitment to family, and love of the water. He also proudly served his country in the United States Navy.

There was far more to Mike than his work. He had an adventurous spirit, whether hang gliding through the sky, spending time around tugboats, or enjoying the thrill of hydroplane boat racing. He never lost his curiosity or his enthusiasm for the things he loved.

Above all, Mike had a remarkable way of connecting with people. He was generous with his time, always willing to lend a hand, share a story, or offer encouragement. His smile brightened the day of those around him, and his warmth made people feel welcomed and valued. He left people a little better than he found them, and that may be one of the greatest measures of a life well lived.

His greatest earthly treasures were his family: his beloved wife, his stepchildren, and his grandchildren. His legacy will live on through the memories, stories, values, and love he leaves behind.

His faith was important in his final hours. Surrounded by those who loved him, he found comfort in singing a hymn with his wife, and his family took comfort in knowing he was going home to be with Jesus. While his passing leaves an immeasurable space, there is peace in believing that his earthly journey has ended and his eternal one has begun.

Janet Stahl

October 21, 1938 - January 20, 2026

Janet Josephine Blondell was born October 21, 1938 to Martin and Bertha Blondell, in Sebewaing, Michigan. She passed in Tillamook, OR on January 20, 2026, exactly 9 years to the day, that her beloved husband John Stahl passed.

John and Jan married in 1957, moving to Portland, OR in 1967, and eventually settling in Netarts in 1980, with their dear 'Chessie' dogs. Jan supported John's art career and was a passionate community member for causes she was devoted to.

She advocated for Habitat for Humanity, Tillamook Bay Community College, the Native Plant Society, Hoffman Center for the Arts, Bay City Arts Center and the Soup Bowl Project for domestic violence victims.

She was employed by Fred Meyer Savings and Loan in Tillamook, as well as Netarts Water District when she retired.

Jan's friendships meant the world to her, and a Celebration of Her Life was held in October, to honor her spirit.

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Poor school attendance persists in Oregon, remains among lowest in nation post-Covid

Proportion of Oregon ninth graders on track to graduate in four years remains relatively unchanged, and one-third are chronically absent

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Roughly one-third of Oregon ninth graders last year missed at least three weeks of classes, according to new data from the Oregon Department of Education, continuing trends of some of the worst attendance rates in the nation.

It's still about a 2 percentage point improvement in attendance from the 2024-25 school year, when 35% of ninth graders were considered chronically absent. Oregon's 160-day school year is already among the shortest in the country.

The data is part of the state's At-A-Glance report cards for each district, which also showed the rate of ninth graders on track to graduate in four years grew by one-fifth of 1% between the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. To be considered on track, ninth graders must have earned at least one-quarter of their required credits for graduation in their first year of high school.

The report builds on state assessment data education officials shared in September showing Oregon students have made small gains in key subjects over the last year but are still lagging behind the proficiency levels of their peers before the pandemic.

At a news conference on Tuesday ahead of the data release, Oregon education officials celebrated attendance improvements in some districts, and the statewide ninth-grade on track rate growing from a prior record of 86.6% to a new record 86.8%. The proportion grew while the overall number of 9th graders on track to graduate dropped.

During the 2024-25 school year, 36,512 ninth graders of 41,713 total were on track to graduate in four years.

During the 2025-26 year, 36,200 were on track — 312 less than the class before them — though there were 473 fewer ninth graders counted in 2025-26.

Still, it's been a significant improvement — about 13 points — since students returned to school following the pandemic.

Oregon Education Director Charlene Williams didn't directly answer questions about whether the low attendance since the pandemic, yet still growing on-track graduation rate, shows ultimately that schools are passing and promoting students who don't show up.

"I can't argue with you that we have a lot more work to do," Williams said. "We have to do better. We have to do better with attendance. We've got to get our students coming to school way more regularly, so that you know if they are performing at this rate with this level of attendance, imagine what could happen if we really double down and our students are able to participate in all of the aspects of this assessment of learning that we're doing."

The chronic absenteeism rate nationally during the 2025-26 school year was roughly 21%, significantly lower than Oregon's statewide average of about 32%. About 69% of Oregon students regularly attended school during the 2025-26 academic year.

Ten years ago more than 80% of Oregon students regularly attended school.

Attendance has been worse among high schoolers. Nearly 43% of eleventh graders and more than half of high school seniors were chronically absent during the 2025-26 school year.

Chris Wells, assistant principal at Cottage Grove High School in Lane County, said lawmakers' passage of Senate Bill 817 in 2021 neutralized schools' ability to dig in and make sure kids get to school by imposing penalties on parents, including fines.

"Without a manner to help families motivate students to go to school, we will see a snowballing of the problem and it will only drastically multiply in its severity as these students not only enter the workforce, but also as they become parents with the misunderstanding that school is optional," Wells said in an email.

He said other states that do impose fines also have legislation that directs districts to undertake certain actions before the fine is issued. He said Oregon could do the same and reinstate penalties that do have real-world consequences for parents who are not ensuring their kids get to school.

"Just like driving, if I know that I won't be given a ticket and won't face a consequence, I'm not likely to drive the speed limit. SB 817 removed all the speed signs."

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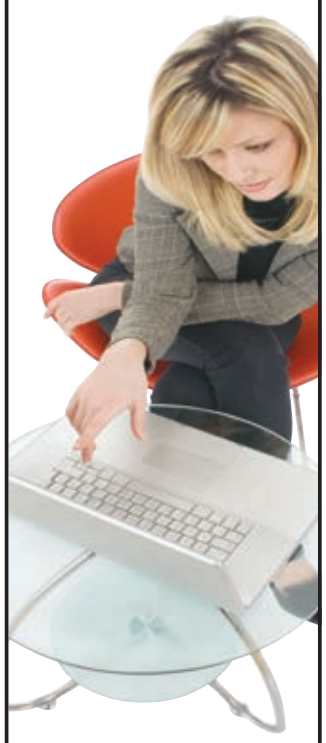

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Oregon's financial outlook 'healthy' going into 2027, state economists forecast

Oregon's latest revenue forecast is mostly unchanged since economists last reported on the state of the state's economy in August

BY ALEX BAUMHARDT

Oregon's economy is holding steady despite persistent and rising inflation and record fuel prices driven by the war in Iran, and little has changed in recent months to concern economists about the state's financial health going into the new year.

The state's top economists shared their quarterly revenue forecast with the Legislature's revenue committees Wednesday morning and previewed it for reporters Tuesday. It's the last forecast before legislators convene in January and begin crafting a two-year budget, with about $245 million more revenue in the state's coffers than previously expected.

"The overarching theme of this forecast is no news, no real change in terms of the economic outlook or the revenue picture," Carl Riccadonna, Oregon's chief economist, told reporters Tuesday.

The additional money will be critical to partially cover federal government funding cuts to healthcare and food access programs during the next few years, as well as new costs that states are required to take on to administer those aid programs. Congressional Republicans passed the cuts in 2025 and new Medicaid work and reporting requirements are set to be implemented in early 2027, though exact dates have shifted in recent days.

Only $11 million of that additional $245 million, or roughly half of 1%, was from the most recent financial quarter, further indicating the state's steady revenue growth and no major increases or drops.

"Today's revenue forecast shows Oregon state government has steady financial footing on which to protect essential services, even as stubborn inflation persists as a result of tepid federal action," Gov. Tina Kotek said in a statement. "While this economic trajectory is encouraging, we must create more momentum to help families struggling to make ends meet."

The additional revenue is not yet at a threshold to trigger the state's kicker tax rebate that occurs when state income tax revenues exceed projections by more than 2%. Corporate taxes are hovering right around the threshold for triggering a tax surplus that would go to schools, called the "corporate kicker," Kennedy said, but it's too early to tell what could happen.

Kennedy said revenues going into 2027 are healthy, "but with a tax season left to go, there's still potential there for that ($245 projected revenue increase) to evaporate."

Riccadonna said consumer spending is healthy and corporate profits are healthy despite gas and diesel prices up 40% and 70% respectively over the last year. Businesses appear to be spending and investing in infrastructure, equipment, software and more, indicating accelerating economic activity that should put downward pressure on the unemployment rate, he said.

The Oregon Employment Department will release the state's latest jobs numbers shortly after the revenue forecast is shared. Riccadonna said there seems to be some acceleration in the pace of hirings and job openings that have, in Oregon and nationally, stalled for the last few quarters.

Economists remain concerned that persistent inflation could trigger a recession, and the roughly one-in-five odds of a recession remain relatively unchanged from the last quarter, Riccadonna said. That could go higher if the federal reserve too aggressively raises interest rates to curb inflation, as has happened in the past, he added.

More energy shocks due to rising fuel costs could also contribute to a recession, and fuel prices are still far higher today than a year ago.

"We're not there at the moment, but the Fed does seem to be in a moment of recalibration on their expectations of what it will take to get inflation pressures down," Riccadonna said. "A couple of weeks ago they were saying one or two more rate increases. Now some of the Fed communications today are talking about four interest rate increases or potentially even more."

The bulk of Oregon's income tax growth in the last few quarters is from what Riccadonna and Kennedy described as the "wealth effect." That is more revenue from corporate dividends, interest earnings and capital gains taxes on stock sales and on retirement investment fund distributions from high income households.

Baby boomers, and the wealthiest 10% of them that hold the single largest share of generational wealth in U.S. history, are retiring, and taxes on the sale of their assets are helping to buoy Oregon's revenues, where one in five residents are 65 or older, according to the Legislative Policy and Research Office. Nationwide, one in six Americans is 65 or older.

Senate Republican Leader Bruce Starr, of Dundee, said in a statement the state's overreliance on revenue from dividends on market growth as opposed to wage growth is worrying.

"Wall Street is doing fine, but that doesn't mean Oregon is. The stock market is propping up state revenues while Oregon families and businesses are getting hammered by rising costs. The state can't keep making permanent spending decisions based on stock market gains that could disappear overnight," he said.

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Council Discusses Parking

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downtown business owners' complaints that employees of some businesses monopolize the available on-street parking, hurting retail and other foot-traffic-reliant businesses. Funds generated by the permits would be used to pay for a new parking enforcement officer to patrol downtown.

However, following a successful first reading of the code update that would have created the framework for the program, Lewis asked council to pause progress before a scheduled second reading. Lewis told councilors that he and city staff had found numerous instances where the current parking code would have conflicted with or hampered the proposed revisions, like a lack of authorization for police to tow vehicles, leading to the recommendation that a complete rewrite of the ordinance would be the wiser approach, with council agreeing.

At the work session, Lewis told councilors that he believed the proposed code met the criteria he judged ordinances by, namely predictability, readability and enforceability. Lewis said that the ordinance had a revised organizational pattern, with a purpose and scope clearly laid out at its beginning followed by a definitions section, with words included in the glossary bolded throughout the document for reference. Lewis said that similar topics had been grouped together, and graphics for things like large truck routes and a dedicated penalties section with updated fines added.

Lewis said city staff plan to use the new organizational method as a template to revise the rest of the city's ordinances in a similar fashion over the coming years.

Council then participated in an activity demonstrating the improvements in readability and organization the new code would provide compared to the existing, searching for the ordinances prohibiting on-street parking of RVs and trailers, parking on the sidewalk, riding a scooter on the sidewalk and leaving a vehicle parked in the street for more than 72 hours. In each instance, the search was significantly faster using the updated ordinance, and in several, Lewis pointed out that the existing code contained potentially applicable regulations in multiple locations.

After the activity, councilors asked questions about the code, with Councilor Hope Bouchard asking about verbiage relating to resting in a vehicle versus living in a vehicle, with the former allowed and latter prohibited. Lewis said the language had been drafted to comply with state law relating to the unhoused.

Lewis then explained that staff planned to let the previous ordinance update that had passed a first reading in August die and restart the process with the new ordinance, as amending a proposed ordinance following a first reading requires that all changes be read aloud into the record. Lewis said that the new ordinance would also provide the framework for the paid parking plan and that he could bring a resolution to council that would establish the specific elements and fees associated with it at their next meeting along with the ordinance.

Councilor Justin Aufdermauer raised some questions about parking limits and zones in the downtown core and wondered if the ordinance would be ready for a first reading at the next meeting.

During the council's business meeting, Lewis suggested a first reading be scheduled but that the council also hold a work session prior to the meeting to discuss a finalized draft of the ordinance and decide whether to hold the hearing or delay it to a subsequent meeting. Councilors agreed and Lewis said he would also plan to bring a draft of the downtown parking resolution to that work session.

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Tillamook Shark Earns Oregon Swimming Top 5 Honors

ERIC DAVIS

Tillamook YMCA swimmer Indra Davis was recognized among Oregon's fastest Girls 8 & Under competitors for the 2025–26 swimming year, earning three statewide Top 5 rankings.

In February, she competed at the Arena Short Course 10 & Under State Championships in Springfield, returning home with four medals. She earned silver in the 25-yard freestyle with a personal-best 16.88 seconds, bronze in both the 50-yard freestyle and backstroke and fourth place in the 25-yard backstroke.

Three podium finishes highlighted her weekend.

At April's Wray Open in Newport, Davis swept all five events she entered, leaving a trail of first place finishes in her wake. Including three events that would ultimately secure her statewide top five honors:

- 3rd fastest – 50-yard freestyle (35.89)
- 3rd fastest – 50-yard backstroke (41.44)
- 5th fastest – 25-yard butterfly (17.90)

All three came with considerable improvements over her championship performances. That fly also marked her final appearance in the 25-yard sprint events before aging into the next division.

While the victories belonged to that weekend, the rankings reflected the fastest eligible times recorded across Oregon during the swimming year, which runs from September 1 through August 31.

And by August, the competitive currents had shifted, as she had taken on a 500-yard free at Newport's Seahorse Invitational. Twenty lengths of the pool, twenty times the distance of the sprint that earned her a state championship silver medal.

An unusual coincidence unfolded at the same meet. Another eight-year-old recorded a 25-yard freestyle time of 16.87 seconds. That result edged Davis's silver-medal time by a single hundredth of a second. Both swimmers attended the same competition, though they never raced one another in that event. Davis had since turned nine, leaving her earlier 8 & Under time to stand on its own.

The connection wasn't discovered until after the season's end, when top five reviews prompted a closer look at the official rankings. Her 16.88 had missed a fourth statewide honor by just 0.01 seconds, nearly six months after it was recorded.

Behind her progress was a familiar group of supporters. Head Coach Lee Martin's practices and race-day enthusiasm helped keep her motivated, focused, and ready to compete. Her Moach (mom and coach) continues to make the most of every opportunity to refine technique and strengthen her skills.

Within the shiver, the teammates share instruction that extends beyond the lateral lines separating the lanes. Through countless laps together, they pass along an instinctive feel for the water, spatial awareness, and lessons that are best learned Shark to Shark.

On November 15, Indra joined fellow honorees at Oregon State University's LaSells Stewart Center in Corvallis for the annual Top 5 recognition ceremony. Athletes were announced individually, crossed the stage and gathered for photographs, with each receiving a personalized trophy recognizing their accomplishments. For the young Shark, earning a place among the state's fastest swimmers was quite the experience. Visiting a major university campus, stepping onto its stage and sharing the moment with fellow honorees made the occasion even more memorable.

The recognition came as a surprise, but the effort behind it was anything but accidental. What began as a series of races and personal goals had become a milestone worth celebrating.

As she continues her swimming journey, her season serves as a reminder that some of the most meaningful victories in youth sports aren't always measured in ribbons, medals, or hundredths of a second, but in the courage to enter the race and the determination to finish it.



Photo by Eric Davis
Indra Davis of the Tillamook YMCA Sharks poses with her Oregon Swimming Top 5 trophy at Oregon State University in Corvallis on November 15, 2026. Davis earned three statewide Girls 8 & Under rankings during the 2025–26 swimming season.

Michael Luchak, MDiv., Joins Adventist Health Tillamook as Staff Chaplain

ADVENTIST HEALTH TILLAMOOK

Adventist Health Tillamook welcomes Michael Luchak, MDiv., as Staff Chaplain and leader of their Spiritual Care department, providing emotional and spiritual support for patients, families and associates while helping strengthen connections between the organization and the broader community in Tillamook.

Luchak brings five years of ministry experience, including service as an associate pastor for the Rocky Mountain Conference in Colorado and Clinical Pastoral Education training at Adventist Health Portland. He earned a Master of Divinity with a concentration in chaplaincy from Andrews University and a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Southern Adventist University. He also completed four units of Clinical Pastoral Education through the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy at Adventist Health Portland.

"Providing a compassionate presence inspires hope, and hope promotes physical, spiritual and mental health for those we serve," Luchak said. "I find inspiration through supporting people through some of the most challenging times in life."

As Staff Chaplain, Luchak leads a Spiritual Care program focused on supporting the whole- person needs of patients, loved ones and associates, and collaborates with spiritual care colleagues across their Adventist Health facilities in Oregon. Chaplain services may include a caring and nonjudgmental presence during illness or uncertainty, support for patients and families during end-of-life care, and prayer, scripture readings, blessings and other religious or spiritual services upon request. Spiritual care is available to people of all faith traditions as well as those who do not identify with a particular faith.

Luchak will also help strengthen Adventist Health Tillamook's community outreach by developing relationships with local faith communities, social service organizations and other community partners. He will lead and manage the organization's Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) reporting, helping identify community health priorities and inform collaborative efforts to address local needs. These responsibilities will strengthen connections between Adventist Health and community partners while supporting patients and families whose health, social, emotional or spiritual needs extend beyond a hospital or clinic visit.

"Mike brings the training and experience to support people in difficult moments, but just as importantly, he has a genuine desire to become part of the Tillamook community," said Eric Swanson, president of Adventist Health Tillamook. "Spiritual care is an important part of whole-person care, and his leadership of our Community Health Needs Assessment work will further strengthen how we listen to and respond to the needs of our community. We look forward to Mike building relationships both within our organization and with community partners who share our commitment to supporting the well-being of our neighbors."



Michael Luchak, MDiv.

Luchak succeeds Tracy Welch, who had served as Senior Chaplain on a part-time basis since November 2024. Welch continues supporting the Spiritual Care department as Associate Chaplain, providing continuity for patients, associates, and community relationships. Luchak is available during business hours and through on-call coverage. Adventist Health Tillamook Spiritual Care can be reached at 503-815-2411.

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King tides returning to the Oregon Coast

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This photo shot in November 2021 shows the power of the King tides along the central Oregon Coast.



High waves can rush up along the shore crashing into walkways and buildings along the beaches during the King Tides.

The highest tides of the year, known as the King tides are returning to the Oregon Coast this fall and winter.

The National Weather Service forecasts the King tides for Nov. 23-27, Dec. 22-26, and Jan. 20-24.

A King Tide is a non-scientific term people often use to describe exceptionally high tides. Tides are long-period waves that roll around the planet as the ocean is "pulled" back and forth by the gravitational pull of the moon and the sun as these bodies interact with the Earth in their monthly and yearly orbits. Higher than normal tides typically occur during a new or full moon and when the Moon is at its perigee, or during specific seasons around the country, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The tides are quite the sight to see and bring visitors to the coastline to photograph, view, and bask in the amazing power of the ocean, according to Explore Lincoln City. Nut the high tides also can be dangerous.

These highest tides of the year can cause flooding, erosion, and impacts to buildings and roads, especially during storms, they offer opportunities for scientists and land planners. Observing King tides, provides a glimpse of future sea level rise and its potential to intensify erosion, flooding, and beach access issues, according to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development.

The US Coast Guard warns that sneaker waves are one of the largest weather threats to those on the beach. The sneaker waves can occur with the King tides. Earlier this month at least two examples of the danger were illustrated on social media showing the rescue of a child that was being pulled by a sneaker wave into the ocean at Cannon Beach and another video showing multiple people injured at Barview after massive waves surged up the beach Sunday morning, Nov. 8. The National Weather Service had issued a High Surf Warning that weekend.

"During King Tides and severe storms beach access can be closed, and for good reason," Explore Lincoln City cautions in a website post. "The water can approach out of nowhere, a phenomenon known as sneaker waves. Typically, there is a period of calm that results in people relaxing their awareness and oftentimes results in beach-goers caught off guard and swept off their feet, sometimes into the ocean. During these dangerous conditions, large pieces of driftwood and other objects are effortlessly rolled, which can put both individuals and rescue teams in danger. Protect yourself, your family, pets, and even your car by avoiding low-lying coastal areas and obeying beach access closures."

If you are on Oregon's Coast, you are invited to take photos of these high-water events to help document their impact on coastal communities. The Oregon King Tides Photo Project, part of a global effort to track sea level changes, encourages anyone with a camera to join in and capture a preview of how rising sea levels might affect communities in the future. Seeing King tide photos can help planners, resource agencies, conservationists, and coastal citizens get ready for these changes, organizers of the project said.

Participation is easy: choose a location along the coast, snap a photo when the tide is at its highest point, and share it at www.oregonkingtides.net.

To join the King Tides Photo Project, capture the high-water levels around fixed features like pilings, seawalls, or bridge supports, as they help show how high the tide reaches. Include the location, date, and direction of your photo. If possible, take a second photo from the same spot during a normal high tide for comparison. Tide tables and photo tips are available on the King Tides website: www.oregonkingtides.net.

"One of the most encouraging things we've noticed over the past 15 years of the Oregon King Tides Project is how many people are excited about coastal issues and learning more about how dynamic our ocean environment is," Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development Coastal Shores Specialist Rhiannon Bezore said in a Lincoln County Leader published interview in 2025. "Seeing people from all backgrounds and ages heading to the coast to see the impacts of king tides is amazing and getting people involved in citizen science to help us document king tides now and plan for future conditions is one of the best things about the project."

Bezore said the King tides bring many people to the coast during some of the most dangerous conditions of the year.

"It is imperative that anyone on the coast be aware of the power of the waves and tides and put safety first," Bezore said. "We emphasize that king tide participants should view from a safe distance, never turn their backs on the water, and be mindful that areas accessible during lower tides may not be passable during king tides."

ODOT lays out a stark picture of what transportation system would look like without new funding

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek said the Oregon Department of Transportation must live within existing revenue. But what happens if lawmakers don't step in to address the agency's impending $200 million budget shortfall?

Major construction projects would stall. Roadway fatalities and serious injuries would increase. Public transit and passenger rail service would be cut, and ODOT would have to shift its maintenance work almost entirely to reactive repairs and emergency responses, according to Susan Peithman, the transportation agency's climate director.

Peithman presented that scenario to the group of business and transportation experts Kotek charged with vetting and recommending solutions to the agency's funding shortfall.

ODOT is facing a fifth budget cycle where it'll have to cut services and staff unless lawmakers find a way to provide more revenue, or rearrange existing funding — a move Republicans have been pushing for for years that Kotek is finally on board with.

The 12-member group met in Salem Tuesday to discuss what ODOT could accomplish with existing revenue and how much additional funding would be needed to avoid service cuts. The group has until Dec. 15 to send Kotek its recommendations, which must include three investment scenarios, funding options to support them and policy proposals to improve accountability and efficiency within the agency.

Kotek says she'll take a different approach to transportation funding in 2027

At a press conference last week, Kotek told reporters that her 2027 budget recommendations would require ODOT to operate within its existing revenue.

"Now that's a trade-off, because that means taking money away from highway projects and other things to pay for basic operations and maintenance. But that's what you'll see in my budget," she told reporters at a press conference Friday.

The position marks a shift from 2025, when she pushed Democratic lawmakers to pass an unpopular transportation package that would have raised $4.3 billion for the agency over the next decade.

In a Republican-led referendum in May, more than 80% of Oregon voters rejected increases to the gas tax, payroll tax and vehicle registration and title fee hikes that would have generated that revenue.

If lawmakers want a different approach, Kotek said, they'll have to "come to the table" and discuss it.

The consequences of no new funding

A lack of additional funding would affect everything from highway construction and routine maintenance to public transit and passenger rail, according to transportation agency staff's analyses of several funding scenarios.

On top of accelerating the deterioration of transportation infrastructure, no new funding for the agency would prevent 30 nonhighway infrastructure projects from the Connect Oregon program from moving forward and stall major construction projects.

"Oregon's multimodal freight system is key to economic development, especially as it relates to national and international trade" said Gale Castillo, a workgroup member and former longtime President of the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber. "This is where we send freight out and bring freight in and distribute it. Without that, we don't have access to those markets."

Cost overruns and lost tolling revenue would also divert money from statewide bridge and seismic preservation projects, Peithman said.

The consequences would extend to routine maintenance, she said. ODOT would have less money to purchase materials and repair roads and other transportation infrastructure, and maintenance would shift almost exclusively to reactive repairs and emergency responses.

That would mean more road closures, rougher roads and slower responses to traffic incidents, Peithman said. Safety would also suffer. Peithman said the agency projects fatalities and serious injuries would increase by 15% over the next decade, while 30% fewer teenagers would receive driver education.

Additionally, about 40% of priority walking and biking routes would remain unfinished. And public transit services statewide would be cut by 20% over the next decade, affecting roughly 94,000 riders who would lose access to public transit.

Those cuts would also hit passenger rail services. Daily service would drop from two round trips to one in 2031, and all passenger rail service would end in 2032, she said.

To cut funding for programs or find new revenue to support all the state's transportation needs

The workgroup will meet again Nov. 19 to finalize and choose three funding scenarios to present to Kotek in December that would either rearrange the agency's budget or require new revenue streams.

One scenario the workgroup considered would require the agency to raise $644 million annually, with 73% of that dedicated to maintenance and operations. This scenario does not allocate any funding toward major construction or nonhighway infrastructure projects.

The scenario that would support most of Oregon's transportation needs — including maintenance and operations, public transit, major projects, safety, nonhighway infrastructure, pedestrian paths and passenger rail — would require the agency to raise $1.38 billion annually. More than 60% of the funding for this scenario would go to operations and maintenance, about a quarter to public transit, 7% to major projects and 4% to nonhighway modes of transportation infrastructure.

Oregon Capital Chronicle reporter Alex Baumhardt contributed to this story.

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NEWS

BOLI Reverses Position on Stalled Affordable Housing Development in Astoria

The Oregon Court of Appeals said the agency misinterpreted prevailing wage law. That ruling will save Copeland Commons millions and greenlight more building conversions.

BY NIGEL JAQUISS
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The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries has reversed itself on the matter of requiring prevailing wages on some residential developments.

In 2025, BOLI told a developer of a proposed conversion of a vacant Astoria hotel into a 64-unit affordable housing complex that it would have to pay prevailing, i.e., union-scale, wages on the project. That ruling increased the cost by $2.5 million and halted the development.

Now, 22 months later, BOLI has reversed itself, following a ruling earlier this fall by the Oregon Court of Appeals. As a result, Astoria will get dozens of badly needed new apartments. And it should now become easier statewide to convert empty offices, dormant churches, and vacant schools into affordable housing.

BOLI has a lot of authority over the construction of subsidized affordable housing in Oregon. Whenever a developer gets public funding for a project, BOLI decides whether the developer must pay prevailing wages. The agency's determination carries high stakes for developers because union wages can add 10% to 20% to a project's cost.

Oregon law states that affordable housing projects, generally, are exempt from prevailing wage requirements. But developers say that under Labor Commissioner Christina Stephenson, elected in 2022 and reelected this year, BOLI has regularly required prevailing wages on projects that developers believe should be exempt.

In the case of the Astoria development, BOLI ruled that converting a vacant structure into affordable housing would require paying prevailing wages. In writing about the stalled conversion last year, OJP held it up as an example of how the agency's legal interpretations can slow projects, make them more expensive, or kill them outright, all while Oregon battles the nation's second-highest rate of homelessness, trailing only New York.

The Astoria project, called Copeland Commons, dates back to 2019. Bill Van Nostran, a since retired minister at Astoria's First Presbyterian Church, wanted to combat Clatsop County's rate of homelessness, Oregon's highest. He formed a nonprofit and purchased the State Hotel, a four-story downtown building that had stood largely vacant for more than 50 years.

But in January 2025, as Van Nostran's group moved toward construction, BOLI told his development team that although the building conversion would create new apartments, the project did not meet the definition of "residential construction" and therefore would have to pay prevailing wages.

In a state where trade unions carry enormous sway with the BOLI commissioner, Gov. Tina Kotek and the Democratic supermajorities in both legislative chambers, Van Nostran was outgunned.

An attorney for affordable housing developers argued in a June 2024 memo to Kotek that Stephenson's agency was contributing to the state's housing shortage.

"BOLI has become increasingly predisposed to interpreting Oregon statutes and administrative rules in a manner that subjects projects to prevailing wage rate laws," Dina Alexander wrote. "BOLI consistently looks for any reason" to require projects to pay prevailing wages "with little regard for legal rationale or larger policy questions."

Van Nostran's team appealed BOLI's decision late last year. The bureau, which acts as first arbiter of its own decisions, rejected the appeal. OJP reported that the agency insisted the project would have to pay union wages.

But on Election Day, Nov 3., BOLI did a 180-degree turn and informed Van Nostran it had changed its earlier finding. The reason? In September, the Oregon Court of Appeals, ruling on a similar dispute over a Salem affordable housing project that BOLI said required prevailing wages, found the agency had misinterpreted the law.

"The Legislature intended for the [prevailing wage] exemption to cover affordable housing, regardless of whether it uses some materials from a previous building," the court wrote. "BOLI's interpretation is contrary to the Legislature's intent."

The court's ruling set a precedent that prompted BOLI to change its finding on Van Nostran's project.

Based on the new Court of Appeals decision, BOLI Commissioner Stephenson wrote to Van Nostran's group that "prevailing wage rate laws do not apply to projects for residential construction that are privately owned and that predominantly provide affordable housing."

Van Nostran felt vindicated. "The permission NOT to pay prevailing wages should save us approximately $2.5 million in construction costs," he told OJP.

Van Nostran credited OJP's coverage of BOLI's earlier ruling with bringing needed attention to the matter. That coverage, he said, "created quite a stir—both locally, as well as in Portland and, perhaps, around the state."

BOLI spokeswoman Rachel Mann said her agency simply responded to the Court of Appeals' decision.

"BOLI's actions in this case reflect the agency's proactive commitment to ensuring that its pending determinations are informed by the most recent and applicable legal authority when they are issued," Mann said.

State Sen. Dick Anderson (R-Lincoln City), vice chair of the Senate Housing Committee, said he's pleased Astoria will get new housing but also frustrated BOLI stood in the way in the first place.

"Copeland Commons never should have been a fight," Anderson told OJP. "The Legislature wrote this exemption for exactly this kind of project, and it took a Court of Appeals ruling to get a Democratic state agency to follow it."

Anderson introduced Senate Bill 1566 earlier this year to clarify prevailing wage laws and speed up construction of more and cheaper affordable housing. He said next year's legislative session will test whether the Democrats who control Salem care about solving Oregon's homelessness crisis.

Even after the Court of Appeals ruling on renovation, there is still significant disagreement over how prevailing wage law affects other affordable housing projects. The first issue is whether new affordable housing projects financed by the state's Local Innovation and Fast Track program, which provides hundreds of millions annually, require prevailing wages.

A second: whether the construction of public infrastructure triggers prevailing wages on adjacent private projects. As OJP has reported, BOLI's position that it does has stalled a major development in Eugene.

Anderson said it's time for the Legislature to give BOLI clear instructions that match the urgency of the state's homelessness crisis.

"Housing providers shouldn't have to sue to get the law applied as written," Anderson said. "In 2027, I will bring this fix [SB 1566] back and Democratic leaders will have to decide whether they stand with working families who need homes—or keep standing in the way."

Oregon becomes 22nd state to detect bird flu in dairy cattle

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U.S. and Oregon agriculture officials have for the first time detected the highly contagious and, for many animals, lethal, avian influenza virus, commonly known as bird flu, in Oregon dairy cattle.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service confirmed the case on Tuesday, saying in a news release the discovery was made as part of routine testing done by state agriculture officials. The Oregon Department of Agriculture reported that the virus was detected in a herd in Morrow County.

The most recent nationwide outbreak of the virus began in March 2024 and has since reached herds in 22 states, now including Oregon, and infecting more than 1,200 cattle.

Federal officials said the virus does not pose a risk to pasteurized milk and dairy consumers, and it poses low risk to the general public, though people who work or spend time recreationally with birds or mammals should take precautions outlined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Milk from infected animals is being diverted from commercial milk tanks or destroyed, and dairies are required to test and send only milk from healthy animals into processing for human consumption.

In late October, neighboring Washington became the 20th state where officials discovered cattle with the virus. Cattle in Indiana shortly after were also found to have the virus.

The USDA is working closely with the Oregon Department of Agriculture to further investigate the case, conduct testing and collect data to prevent further disease spread.

https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/11/12/oregon-becomes-22nd-state-to-detect-bird-flu-in-dairy-cattle/

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HH26-413 TS No. OR13000017-16-2 APN 318775 / 2N1029-DC-01300 TO No 220677759-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, CYNTHIA ANN CHURCH UNMARRIED as Grantor to U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Trustee, in favor of U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION N.D. as Beneficiary dated as of April 2, 2008 and recorded on May 1, 2008 as Instrument No. 2008-003307 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Tillamook County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 318775 / 2N1029-DC-01300 LOT 3, BLOCK 3, LAKE LYTLE ESTATES, IN TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN BOOK 3, PAGE 89, PLAT RECORDS Commonly known as: 1040 NE CHARLOTTE ST, ROCKAWAY BEACH, OR 97136 Both the Beneficiary, U.S. Bank National Association, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Total Monthly Payment(s): Total Monthly Payment(s) from 12/01/2021 to 10/01/2026 at $56,410.04 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of $83,762.03 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.87500% per annum from February 1, 2021 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on March 10, 2027 at the hour of 09:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, Near the South Entrance, Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, Oregon 97141 County of Tillamook, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Dated: 10/22/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0496719 To: HEADLIGHT HERALD

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HH26-414 The annual meeting of the Kilchis Water District will be held on December 8th, 2026 at 6:00 pm at 6105 Hathaway Rd, Tillamook Oregon. The public is invited.

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HH26-415 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TILLAMOOK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Public hearings will be held by the Tillamook County Planning Commission at 6:00p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2026, at the Tillamook Library Main Branch, 1716 Third Street, Tillamook, OR 97141, and at 9:45am on Wednesday, January 27, 2027, by the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners in Room 106, Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, OR 97141, to consider the following: #851-26-000532-PLNG: Legislative Text Amendment request to amend Article 3, Section 3.312 Commercial Oceanside (COS) Zone of the Tillamook County Land Use Ordinance (TCLUO), Subsection 2: Uses Permitted Outright to allow for walk-up eating and drinking establishments and one-or two-family dwellings as outright permitted uses. Amendments to Subsection 4: Standards include reducing the maximum building height of structures located on non-oceanfront lots from 35-feet (existing) to 30-feet and increasing the maximum building height of structures on oceanfront lots from 24-feet to 25-feet. Proposed text amendments in Subsection 4 also include new building height calculation language, exemptions of building height calculation to certain structural elements, a requirement for elevation/topographic data and building height verification for structures proposed within 3-feet of the maxi-

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mum building height of the zone and definitions for "Building Height", "Existing Grade", "Grade Rectangle". Other proposed amendments to Subsection 4 include an exemption for compliance with off-street parking requirements for certain uses permitted outright in the COS Zone that do not exceed 1,000 square feet of interior floor area and an exemption to off-street parking requirements for accessory uses in a motel or hotel provided the combined floor area of accessory uses do not exceed 25% of the combined floor area of motel or hotel units. The Tillamook County Department of Community Development is the Applicant. #851-26-000533-PLNG: Legislative Text Amendment request to amend Article 3, Section 3.310: Residential Oceanside (ROS) Zone of the Tillamook County Land Use Ordinance (TCLUO), Subsection 4: Standards include proposed building height calculation language, exemptions of building height calculation to certain structural elements, a requirement for elevation/topographic data and building height verification for structures proposed within 3-feet of the maximum building height of the zone and definitions for "Building Height", "Existing Grade", "Grade Rectangle". Subsection 4 amendments include reducing the minimum street side yard setback on a corner lot to 10-feet. The Tillamook County Department of Community Development is the Applicant. #851-26-000534-PLNG: Legislative Text Amendment request to amend Article 3 of the Tillamook County Land Use Ordinance (TCLUO) to adopt a new section, Section 3.590: Oceanside Village Overlay (OVO) Zone, an overlay zone that applies to properties within the "village area" of the Unincorporated Oceanside Community as depicted on the map included with this notice, together with a Zone Change/Map Amendment request to reflect the boundary of the Oceanside Village Overlay (OVO) Zone, if adopted. The purpose of the Oceanside Village Overlay (OVO) Zone is to preserve the character of the village area of the greater Oceanside community and contains provisions designed to mitigate livability concerns related to increased development activity in this area of the community. Proposed development standards establish a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) for new residential development and includes an administrative provision requiring certain Type II uses (Conditional Use, Variance and Non-Conforming land use applications) to be reviewed using a Type III process as outlined in Article 10 of the TCLUO. The Tillamook County Department of Community Development is the Applicant. Applicable criteria are contained within the Tillamook County Land Use Ordinance (TCLUO) Section 9.020: Map Amendment and Criteria and Section 9.030: Text Amendment Procedure. Only comments relevant to the approval criteria are considered relevant evidence. Criteria can be accessed here: https://www.tillamookcounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5519/9. The Planning Commission may take action at the hearing on December 17, 2026, or may continue the matter to a date and time certain announced at the hearing. The Planning Commission will ultimately make recommendations on all legislative text amendment and zone change/map amendment proposals to the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners who will hear these matters at a public hearing on January 27, 2027, at 9:45am. The proposed text amendment and zone change/map amendment proposals will become effective, if adopted, by the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners, which will occur no sooner than January 27, 2027. The Planning Commission hearing will take place at the Tillamook County Library Main Branch with an option for virtual participation. For instructions on how to provide oral testimony at the December 17, 2026, hearing and hearing protocol, please visit the Tillamook County Community Development Planning Commission page at https://www.tillamookcounty.gov/1076/Hearing-Meeting-Information or contact the Department at 503-842-3408. The virtual meeting link can be found at the bottom of the Community Development Department homepage as well as a dial in number for those who wish to participate via teleconference. Written testimony may be submitted to the Tillamook County Department of Community Development, 1510-B Third Street, Tillamook, Oregon, 97141 prior to 4:00 p.m. on the date of the December 17, 2026, Planning Commission hearing. Testimony submitted by 4:00pm on Monday, December 7, 2026, will be included in the packet mailed to the Planning Commission the week prior to the December 17, 2026, hearing. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision-maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue. Please contact the Department at 503-842-3408 as soon as possible if you wish to have your comments included in the staff report that will be presented to the Tillamook County Planning Commission. The Board of County Commissioner hearing will take place at the Tillamook County Courthouse with an option for virtual participation. For instructions on how to provide oral testimony at the January 27, 2027, hearing and hearing protocol, please visit the Tillamook County Community Development Planning Commission page at https://www.tillamookcounty.gov/1076/Hearing-Meeting-Information or contact the Department at 503-842-3408. The virtual meeting link to the Board of County Commissioner hearing will be posted at the top of the Community Development Department homepage as well as a dial in number for those who wish to participate via teleconference the morning of the hearing. Written testimony may be submitted to the Tillamook County Department of Community Development, 1510-B Third Street, Tillamook, Oregon, 97141 prior to 8:00am on the date of the January 27, 2027, Board of County Commissioner hearing. Testimony submitted by 4:00pm on Tuesday, January 19, 2027, will be included in the packet mailed to the Board of County Commissioners the week prior to the January 27, 2027, hearing. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision-maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue. Please contact the Department at 503-842-3408 as soon as possible if you wish to have your comments included in the staff report that will be presented to the Tillamook County Planning Commission and Tillamook County Board of Commissioners. The proposed legislative amendments will be available for public inspection online November 12, 2026, by the end of business day at https://www.tillamookcounty.gov/1098/Land-Use-Applications. The proposed amendments are also available for inspection at the Department of Community Development. To make an appointment to inspect the proposed amendments, or request a copy, please contact staff at 503-842-3408 or email Sarah Thompson, DCD Office Specialist 2, at Sarah.thompson@tillamookcounty.gov. Copies are provided at a cost of $0.25/page. The Tillamook County Library Main Branch and Tillamook County Courthouse are accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with hearing, visual, or manual impairments who wish to participate in the hearings, call 503-842-3408 at least 24 hours prior to the hearings so that the appropriate communications assistance can be arranged. Sincerely, Sarah Absher, CFM, Director

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HH26-416 Tillamook People's Utility District Budget Workshop December 8, 2026 The meeting will be held at the Carl Rawe Meeting Room at Tillamook PUD 1115 Pacific Ave Tillamook, OR 97141 The Tillamook People's Utility District Board of Directors will conduct the following meetings. 3:00 p.m.- Budget Workshop **Those who require special accommodation should contact the PUD at 800-422-2535 or 503-842-2535.

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HH26-417 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF TILLAMOOK PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: DANNY L. GRIFFETH, Deceased. No. 26PB10121 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the party stated below has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at 2308 Third Street, P.O. Box 939, Tillamook, Oregon 97141, or 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: November 24, 2026. Christopher D. Griffeth Personal Representative P.O. Box 939 Tillamook, Oregon 97141 CHRISTOPHER M. KITTELL ALBRIGHT KITTELL PC Attorneys at Law 2308 Third Street P.O. Box 939 Tillamook, Oregon 97141

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HH26-418 CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH Notice of Public Hearing NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Rockaway Beach Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 17, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 276 S. Highway 101, Rockaway Beach, Oregon for the purpose of forwarding its recommendation to City Council on Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) 26-01. The City is proposing amendments to the Comprehensive Plan to establish a policy basis for the introduction of Zoning Ordinances that address new Statewide Planning Goal 5 rules (OAR 660-023-0210). On October 15, 2026, the Planning Commission directed City Staff to prepare updates to the Comprehensive Plan that facilitate the City's ability to implement state requirements implementing Goal 5: Natural Resources, Scenic and Historic Areas, and Open Spaces. In December 2025, the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) adopted the cultural areas rule (OAR 660-023-0210) to ensure that Oregon's land use system meaningfully incorporates tribal knowledge and protects cultural resources. The rule establishes required procedures for local governments to provide notice to federally recognized tribes in Oregon, for process applications from Oregon based governments to determine that a cultural landscape feature is locally significant, and for integrating these requirements into local land use review. The cultural areas rule is intended to strengthen communication between tribes and local governments by requiring notice for development applications involving ground disturbance, urban growth boundary (UGB) amendments, and certain rural applications. The rule also provides direction for how a local government evaluates significance of a cultural landscape feature and determines appropriate protection measures for significant sites. Applicable criteria for these amendments are specified in the Rockaway Beach Comprehensive Plan sections titled Citizen Involvement, Coordination, The Planning Process, Land Use Element, Open Space, Scenic and Historic Areas and Natural Resources. A copy of the proposed amendments shall be available for inspection at no cost during regular business hours at Rockaway Beach City Hall located at 276 Highway 101 S, Rockaway Beach, Oregon 97136. Copies of the proposed amendments are also available for purchase at a reasonable cost.

A staff report will be prepared not less than seven days prior to the hearing for review at City Hall. Hard copies will be available upon request to the City free of cost. All other documents and evidence related to this land use action shall be incorporated into an Official Record and made available for review at City Hall upon request. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and to provide testimony on the matter. Oral public testimony will be heard and written public comments will be accepted at or prior to the hearing. If submitting comments prior to the hearing, deliver to the City Hall at the address given above, or mail to Planning Department at P.O. Box 5, Rockaway Beach, OR 97136. Please use CPA 26-01 on written comments, and include your name, mailing address, and phone number. In raising an issue, the relevant Rockaway Beach Zoning Ordinance Section, Comprehensive Plan Section, or other relevant criteria to which the issue is directed must be specified. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter precludes appeal to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue. The Rockaway Beach Planning Commission and City Council reserve the right to modify the amendments, or to continue the hearing to another date and time. If the hearing is continued, no further public notice will be provided. Following the close of the public hearing and record, the Planning Commission will deliberate and reach a decision on Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) 26-01. The Planning Commission's decision shall be mailed to the applicant and any other person who submitted written comments or is otherwise legally entitled to notice. If you have questions concerning the proposed zoning ordinance amendment, please contact the Responsible Official below. Responsible Official: Abram Tapia City Planner (503) 374-1752 cityplanner@corb.us

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HH26-419 CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH Notice of Public Hearing NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Rockaway Beach Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 17, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 276 S. Highway 101, Rockaway Beach, Oregon for the purpose of forwarding its recommendation to City Council on Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) 26-02. The City is proposing amendments to the Zoning Ordinance by introducing new sections that address new Statewide Planning Goal 5 rules (OAR 660-023-0210). On October 15, 2026, the Planning Commission directed City Staff















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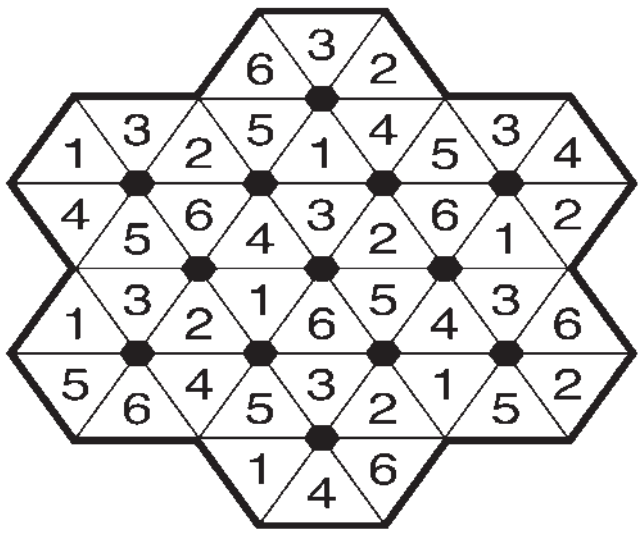

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to prepare updates to the Zoning Ordinance that facilitate the City's ability to implement state requirements implementing Goal 5: Natural Resources, Scenic and Historic Areas, and Open Spaces. In December 2025, the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) adopted the cultural areas rule (OAR 660-023-0210) to ensure that Oregon's land use system meaningfully incorporates tribal knowledge and protects cultural resources. The rule establishes required procedures for local governments to provide notice to federally recognized tribes in Oregon, for process applications from Oregon based governments to determine that a cultural landscape feature is locally significant, and for integrating these requirements into local land use review. The cultural areas rule is intended to strengthen communication between tribes and local governments by requiring notice for development applications involving ground disturbance, urban growth boundary (UGB) amendments, and certain rural applications. The rule also provides direction for how a local government evaluates significance of a cultural landscape feature and determines appropriate protection measures for significant sites. Applicable criteria for these amendments are specified in Rockaway Beach Zoning Ordinance Sections 9.010, 9.015, 9.020 and Rockaway Beach Comprehensive Plan sections titled The Planning Process, Land Use Element, Open Space, Scenic and Historic Areas and Natural Resources. A copy of the proposed amendments shall be available for inspection at no cost during regular business hours at Rockaway Beach City Hall located at 276 Highway 101 S, Rockaway Beach, Oregon 97136. Copies of the proposed amendments are also available for purchase at a reasonable cost. A staff report will be prepared not less than seven days prior to the hearing for review at City Hall. Hard copies will be available upon request to the City free of cost. All other documents and evidence related to this land use action shall be incorporated into an Official Record and made available for review at City Hall upon request. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and to provide testimony on the matter. Oral public testimony will be heard and written public comments will be accepted at or prior to the hearing. If submitting comments prior to the hearing, deliver to the City Hall at the address given above, or mail to Planning Department at P.O. Box 5, Rockaway Beach, OR 97136. Please use ZOA 26-02 on written comments, and include your name, mailing address, and phone number. In raising an issue, the relevant Rockaway Beach Zoning Ordinance Section, Comprehensive Plan Section, or other relevant criteria to which the issue is directed must be specified. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter precludes appeal to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue. The Rockaway Beach Planning Commission and City Council reserve the right to modify the amendments, or to continue the hearing to another date and time. If the hearing is continued, no further public notice will be provided. Following the close of the public hearing and record, the Planning Commission will deliberate and reach a decision on Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) 26-02. The Planning Commission's decision shall be mailed to the applicant and any other person who submitted written comments or is otherwise legally entitled to notice. If you have questions concerning the proposed zoning ordinance amendment, please contact the Responsible Official below. Responsible Official: Abram Tapia City Planner (503) 374-1752 cityplanner@corb.us

11/24/26

HH26-420 CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use #26-01 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Rockaway Beach Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 17th at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 276 S. Highway 101, Rockaway Beach, Oregon for the purpose of reviewing Conditional Use 26-01. Consideration of an approval for a Conditional Use for 1320 North 3rd Avenue (Tillamook County Assessor's Map #2N1032DB Lot #1600). The Applicant, the Rockaway Beach Fire Department, proposes a Resilience Hub that will serve as central point for gathering, information sharing, and coordination in response to a disruption in the community. The Resilience Hub will consist of five 40-foot insulated Conex boxes (one container is already placed on site), one awning between boxes, and one 500-gallon propane tank. At the hub, essential emergency supplies will be stored, including food, water, electronic charging stations, and basic medical supplies and equipment. Per Section 3.090 (2), Government or municipal structures are conditionally allowed in the R3- Lower Density Residential Zone. Applicable criteria for this variance request are specified in Rockaway Beach Zoning Ordinance Sections 3.090, 6.010, 6.020, 6.030, and Rockaway Beach Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the Conditional Use application shall be available for inspection at no cost during regular business hours at Rockaway Beach City Hall located at 276 Highway 101 S, Rockaway Beach, Oregon 97136. Copies of the application are also available for purchase at a reasonable cost. A staff report will be prepared not less than seven days prior to the hearing for review at City Hall. Copies

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: WHIPPED —

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Ganache	Icing	Salsa	

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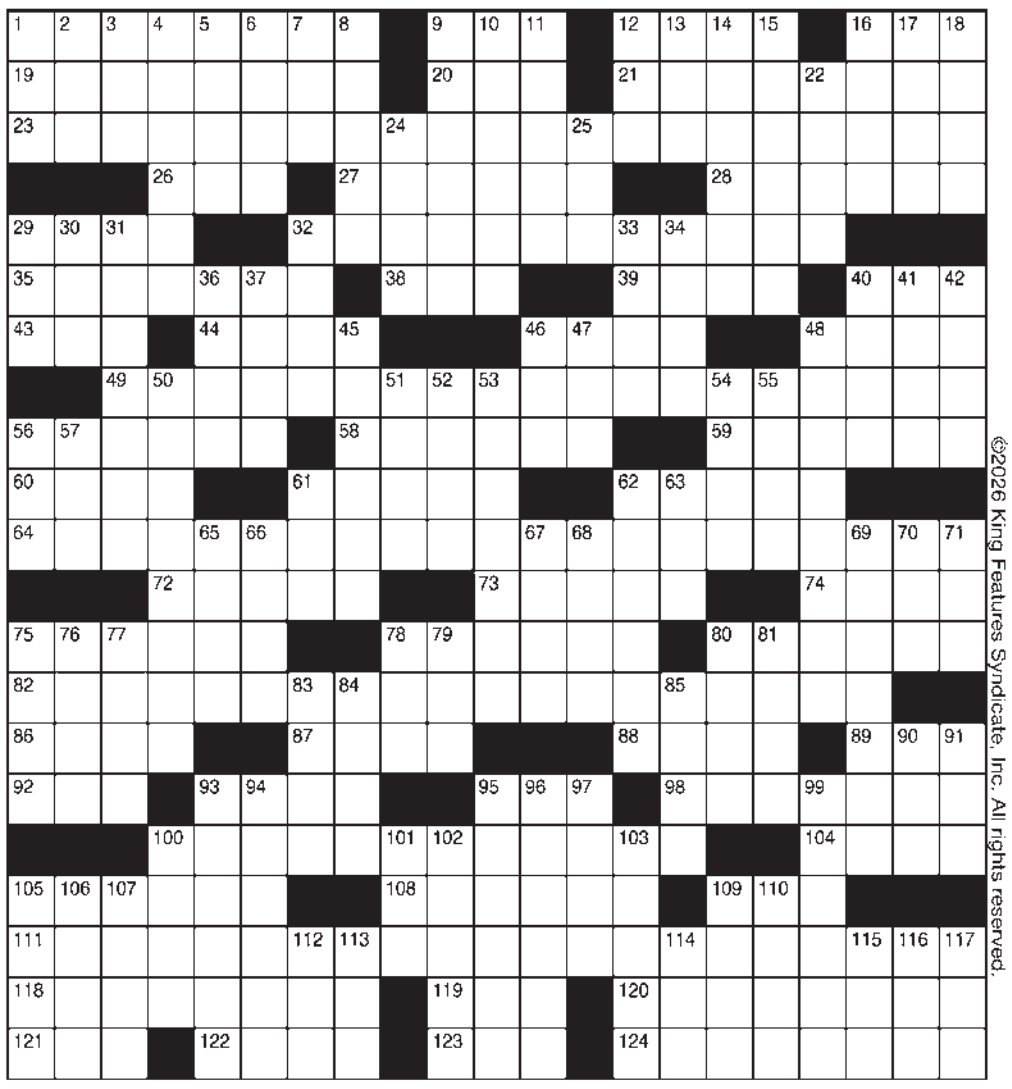
BEINGS AMONG THE BLOOMS

ACROSS
1 "The Breakfast Club" bunch
9 Successors of LPs
12 Chores, e.g.
16 Thurman of "Burnt"
19 Not too hard to construct
20 Oval portion
21 Sea east of Italy
23 Start of a riddle
26 Singer Yoko
27 Neighbor of an Ethiopian
28 Instrument with over 30 strings
29 Madeline of "High Anxiety"
32 Riddle, part 2
35 Hard to find
38 Even one
39 Feels poorly
40 Show — (films, plays, TV, etc.)
43 "Assuredly!"
44 Emulate a supermodel
46 Bull's-eye hitter
48 Do a fall yard chore
49 Riddle, part 3
56 Deceive
58 Most liberated
59 Puts in the crosshairs
60 Yuletide
61 Huge meal
62 Louvre Pyramid architect
64 Riddle, part 4
72 Raise, as a flag
73 Earthen cooking pots
74 Soul singer India
75 Cincinnati citizen, say
78 Less certain
80 Be nippy with, as a pup
82 Riddle, part 5
86 Omit
87 Page for think pieces
88 Post-shower powder
89 Bride's vow
92 Ares, to Zeus
93 "I" problems
95 Gun, slangily
98 Largest city in Scotland
100 End of the riddle
104 In the past
105 British noble, in brief
108 "Mrs." with an infamous cow
109 "She's the one"
111 Riddle's answer
118 Result of a shaving slip
119 Tucson-to-Tulsa dir.
120 Delights in the flattery, maybe
121 Styled like
122 Late-night host Meyers
123 Garnet, e.g.
124 Zooms past

DOWN
1 Sporty German auto
2 "Yay team!"
3 Alias lead-in
4 Wyoming range
5 Place in hock
6 "Peek- —!"
7 "McQ" actor Gulager
8 "That '70s Show" character Michael
9 Guy driving a taxi
10 Given to reverie
11 La — (Italian opera house)
12 Tip container
13 Lofty verse
14 Pelé's nation
15 Peaceful protests
16 Provo's state
17 Performer acting silently
18 Big PC brand
22 Poker cost
24 Nick Jr.'s "explorer"
25 Band booking
29 Door opener
30 Hoppy drink
31 Shook a leg
32 Admit to it, with "up"
33 Seniors' org.
34 Tubular pasta
36 Tablet since 2010
37 Use a ballot
40 Saloons
41 Giant in retail furniture
42 Liveliness
45 Consequence
46 Two, in Chile
47 Toward a boat's stern
48 Think deeply
50 It's spun by hip gyration
51 River to the Caspian
52 — majesty (treason)
53 Allows to go with no punishment
54 Accessory for Superman
55 Stadium level
56 Genetic helix
57 Near-eternity
61 Hi- — (some stereos)
62 Trapped by habit
63 Show hosts, in brief
65 Tiger sound
66 Funny Fey
67 Roman 152
68 Cassini of fashion
69 Quitter's statement
70 Vardalos of the screen
71 Catch on to
75 Bettors' calculations
76 Savior
77 Clicked-on symbol
78 "— done it!"
79 Gave grub to
80 Banknote
81 Peruvian ancient
83 Jack or hammer, e.g.
84 — facto
85 — to riches
90 ICU worker
91 Be indebted
93 Sets foot in
94 Pressure felt by a jet pilot
95 "Bonanza" star Lorne
96 Degraded
97 Actress Garr
99 Morally degraded
100 Colon's meaning in an analogy
101 Vie for the affection of
102 Bull on a bottle of glue
103 Fractions of newtons
105 "— -Ca-Dabra" (1974 song)
106 Not fictional
107 Chichén — (Mexican ruins)
109 Abhor
110 Irish Gaelic language
112 Stomach
113 Utmost
114 Hiatus
115 ALF et al.
116 Pencil remnant, e.g.
117 CIA type



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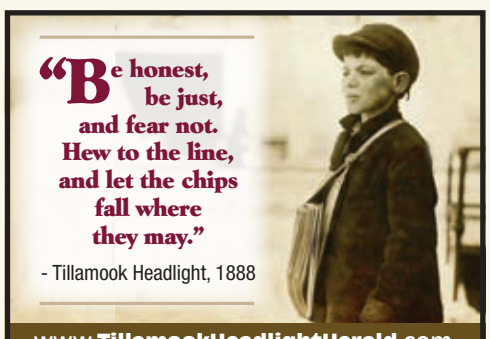

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of the staff report are also available for purchase at a reasonable cost. All other documents and evidence related to this land use action shall be incorporated into an Official Record and made available for review at City Hall upon request. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and to provide testimony on the matter. Oral public testimony will be heard and written public comments will be accepted at or prior to the hearing. If submitting comments prior to the hearing, deliver to the City Hall at the address given above, or mail to Planning Department at P.O. Box 5, Rockaway Beach, OR 97136. Please use ' Conditional Use 26-01' on written comments, and include your name, mailing address, and phone number. In raising an issue, the relevant Rockaway Beach Zoning Ordinance Sections, Comprehensive Plan, or other relevant criteria to which the issue is directed must be specified. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter precludes appeal to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue. The Rockaway Beach Planning Commission and City Council reserve the right to modify the amendments, or to continue the hearing to another date and time. If the hearing is continued, no further public notice will be provided. Following the close of the public hearing and record on the issue at hand, the Planning Commission will deliberate and reach a decision Conditional Use Application 26-01. The Planning Commission's decision shall be mailed to the applicant and any other person who submitted written comments or is otherwise legally entitled to notice. If you have questions concerning the proposed variance, please contact the Responsible Official below. Responsible Official: Abram Tapia City Planner (503) 374-1752 cityplanner@corb.us

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HH26-421 CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use #26-02 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Rockaway Beach Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 17th at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 276 S. Highway 101, Rockaway Beach, Oregon for the purpose of reviewing Conditional Use 26-02. Consideration of an approval for a Conditional Use for 221 South Miller (Tillamook County Assessor's Map #2N1032CC Lot #13300). Applicant Larry Zimmer seeks to propose an accessory structure to an existing dwelling unit in the C1-Commercial zone, a 5-feet by 15-feet deck off the second story. Per Section 3.050 (2), single unit dwellings and their accessory uses are conditionally allowed in the C1-Commercial zone. Applicable criteria for this variance request are specified in Rockaway Beach Zoning Ordinance Sections 3.050, 6.010, 6.020, 6.030, and Rockaway Beach Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the Conditional Use application shall be available for inspection at no cost during regular business hours at Rockaway Beach City Hall located at 276 Highway 101 S, Rockaway Beach, Oregon 97136. Copies of the application are also available for purchase at a reasonable cost. A staff report will be prepared not less than seven days prior to the hearing for review at City Hall. Copies of the staff report are also available for purchase at a reasonable cost. All other documents and evidence related to this land use action shall be incorporated into an Official Record and made available for review at City Hall upon request. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and to provide testimony on the matter. Oral public testimony will be heard and written public comments will be accepted at or prior to the hearing. If submitting comments prior to the hearing, deliver to the City Hall at the address given above, or mail to Planning Department at P.O. Box 5, Rockaway Beach, OR 97136. Please use ' Conditional Use 26-02' on written comments, and include your name, mailing address, and phone number. In raising an issue, the relevant Rockaway Beach Zoning Ordinance Sections, Comprehensive Plan, or other relevant criteria to which the issue is directed must be specified. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter precludes appeal to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue. The Rockaway Beach Planning Commission and City Council reserve the right to modify the amendments, or to continue the hearing to another date and time. If the hearing is continued, no further public notice will be provided. Following the close of the public hearing and record on the issue at hand, the Planning Commission will deliberate and reach a decision Conditional Use Application 26-02. The Planning Commission's decision shall be mailed to the applicant and any other person who submitted written comments or is otherwise legally entitled to notice. If you have questions concerning the proposed variance, please contact the Responsible Official below. Responsible Official: Abram Tapia City Planner (503) 374-1752 cityplanner@corb.us

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HH26-422 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING The Tillamook County Budget Committee will attend a Tillamook County Quarterly Financial Review meeting on December 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, Commissioners Room 106. Audio capabilities are listen-only and are offered on a best effort for the public. Workshop: Dial 971-254-3149, Conference ID: 866 914 607#. Any person may provide public comment at publiccomments@tillamookcounty.gov. A copy of the agenda may be obtained at Agendas & Minutes | Tillamook County OR. This notice is also posted on Tillamook County's website at: https://www.tillamookcounty.gov/news. This is a public meeting where discussion among the Budget Committee will take place.

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STICKELERS [sic].

by Terry Stickels

Here's a geography trivia puzzle...

a. Kathmandu is the capital of ___?___.
b. Quito is the capital of ___?___.
c. South Africa has three capitals: Bloemfontein, Cape Town and ___?___.

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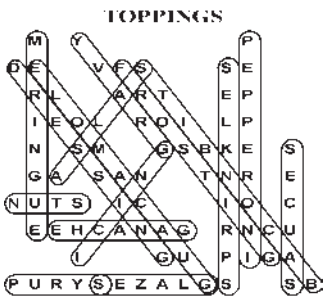

Stickelers Answer

a. Nepal
b. Ecuador
c. Pretoria

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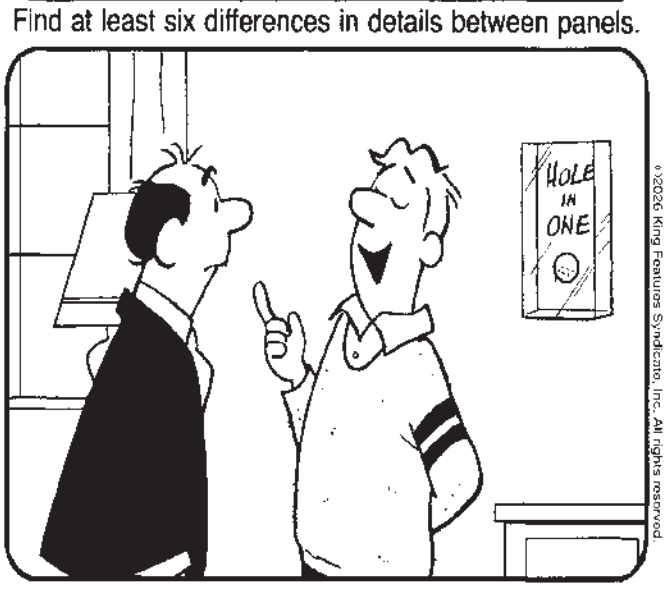
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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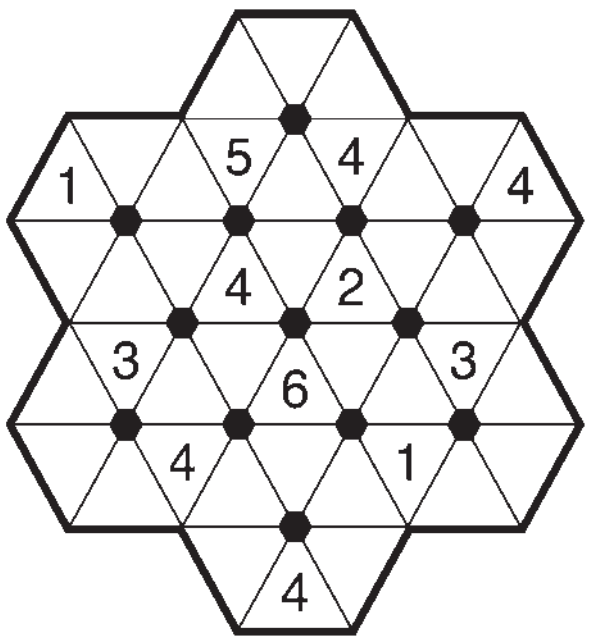
Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Stripe on sleeve is moved. 3. Sleeve is longer. 4. Lampshade is different. 5. Windowpanes are different. 6. Ear is smaller.

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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Weekly SUDOKU

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

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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