



Most of the BLM's 28-person Tillamook staff gather for a group photo in front of the new building.

BLM moves into new digs

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Citizen Editor

Tillamook's Bureau of Land Management field office has moved into a brand-new building located at the Port of Tillamook Bay, after vacating its old Third Street location last July.

Staff are still working to move in furniture and settle in, and Tillamook Field Manager Janet Satter said that the office is planning a ribbon cutting and open house ceremony sometime in March to officially welcome the public to the new building.

The move was precipitated after the owner of the Third Street building the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) had occupied for 30 years decided not to renew the agency's lease, which expired at the end of June 2024.



The new Bureau of Land Management Tillamook Field Office on Blimp Boulevard at the Port of Tillamook Bay.

Developers present affordable housing projects for county support

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Developers working to consummate eight workforce and affordable housing projects across Tillamook County presented their plans to the Tillamook

County Housing Commission on January 14, as part of the application process for grants from the county's Housing Production Solutions Fund.

The projects range from four apartments above a commercial kitchen in Rockaway Beach to a 60-apartment project in Manzanita and the housing commission will now score the projects and make recommendations to county commissioners for the \$500,000 in available funds.

This marks the third year of the county's Housing Production Solutions Fund, which was established to support below-market-rate multifamily housing projects in the county. The fund's money comes from a fee assessed on short-term rental licenses and after this year's awards, the fund will have given a total of \$1.5 million to support projects.

Alder Creek Commons

Led by North Development Group, the Alder Creek Commons project plans to repurpose the disused Nehalem Bay House in Bayside Gardens into 24 apartments for independent senior living.

Nehalem Bay House was formerly a 34-room assisted care facility, which closed in 2022. The building belongs to Community Action Resource Enterprises (CARE) in Tillamook.

The renovation will see a rearrangement of the interior space to combine smaller rooms into apartments, so that the resulting 24 apartments would each have a full kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. Additionally, the building exterior will be upgraded with new windows and siding, a commercial kitchen would be removed, medical exam rooms would

be repurposed as storage space and new laundry machines will be installed.

Apartments will be affordable to people at several income levels, with all units affordable to those making 60% of the area median income (AMI) and six dedicated to those making 30% or below.

North Development Group has already received a Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) funding grant from Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) and is asking the county for \$120,000 to put towards the project's \$2.5-million budget.

Renovations are expected to take six months, with Cove Built construction overseeing the work, Cascade Management signed on to oversee the building upon completion and CARE to stay involved as resident services partner.

National Bank Building

Being undertaken by Terry Phillips, the National Bank Building project on the Second Street Plaza in downtown Tillamook will add nine apartments when complete.

The building, originally constructed by the National Bank, then housed in the building currently occupied by Pacific Restaurant, has played home to the Moose Lodge and Rialto Restaurant in the past, and used to have apartments on the second floor until a fire forced their abandonment.

Phillips, owner of multiple local businesses, told the commission that he has built eight or nine houses in the past few years and undertaken numerous renovation projects and has already

Manzanita council requests beach driving ban

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Manzanita's city council requested that the State Parks and Recreation Commission review rules regulating driving on the city's beach and bar the practice at their meeting on January 8.

Council also approved \$13,123 in off-season tourism grants for seven businesses funded by the city's transient lodging tax and memoranda of agreement with two private property owners to allow for the construction of a separate pedestrian path on their properties along Classic Avenue, as part of upgrades to the water system set to take place later this year.

The request to reevaluate the beach driving rules came after the issue was brought to council's attention last fall and taken up by Councilor Jerry Spegman.

Driving is allowed on the city's beach between the months of October and April, from 7 a.m. to noon, and at any time for vehicles using the beach to launch boats. Spegman said that he had reached out to a state parks official, who had said that she did not know when the rule had been put in place but guessed that it had probably been in the 1990s or earlier.

Spegman said that the rule had probably been appropriate when passed, but that in the intervening years, the shoulder season in Manzanita had decreased significantly, as holiday season and spring break travel picked up, making the allowance inappropriate in 2025.

Oregon's State Parks and Recreation Commission is in charge of regulating driving on the state's beaches and Spegman said that passing a resolution to request the change would spur them to action. The next step in the process will be for the commission to start a rules change process at their next meeting on February 25, which will open a public comment period on the matter.

That period will last at least a month and include a public hearing of some type, and the county government will also be asked to weigh in, as portions of beach in the unincorporated county would also be affected by the change.

After the public comment period concludes, the commission will ask the council if they still support the change before making a final decision.

Nan Devlin, Executive Director of the Tillamook Coast Visitors Association, detailed the off-season tourism grants, which the council

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Tillamook librarians prep for new system, consortium

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Librarians in Tillamook County are preparing to switch the system they use for collections management and to join the Chinook Library Consortium, with both moves set to occur on March 10.

According to Tillamook County Library Director Donald Allgeier and Systems Librarian Danielle Meininger, the new system will enhance patrons' experience of interacting with the library's offerings while the consortium move will expand those offerings.

"These resources belong to this community and so this is just one more step towards making sure that everyone has access to the resources that belong to them," Allgeier said.

The change in integrated library systems, used to manage collections and lending, from the current Sierra system to the new Chinook has been in the offing since last summer. The new system will also be paired with a new catalogue tool called Aspen that will greatly enhance the system's usability.

When the new system goes live on March 10, users will be greeted with a more intuitive and discoverable interface, with all a certain material's formats listed under a single entry, ratings for materials and increased ability to filter results.

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Local Business Spotlight

‘Follow the fish’ to Riverside Fish n’ Chips



Kris and RJ Whittle own and operate Riverside Fish n’ Chips food cart in Nehalem. Photo provided by Riverside Fish n’ Chips.

Kris and RJ Whittle knew they’d found a good thing. The light, thin, crispiness of the batter on the fish and chips was the best they’d ever tasted. The sweet, homemade coleslaw was unlike any other. Their entire family became instant fans of Riverside Fish n’ Chips food cart in Nehalem. So, when the opportunity came up to purchase the business two years ago, they couldn’t pass it up. “We had always wanted to own a little food cart or coffee shop or something of that nature,” Kris said. “So, this was an obvious no-brainer.” Riverside Fish n’ Chips is located on the banks of the Nehalem River behind Revival and Buttercup Ice Creams & Chowders off Hwy 101. The cart is known for their beer battered fish and chips, fish tacos and crunchy grilled cheese sandwiches. A selection of regional beers is also sold for pairings. “When we took over, it was already amazing,” RJ said. “We didn’t want to change anything about the food whatsoever. All we did was come in and try and see if we could help organize some things. We added some variety to the menu.” For example, halibut was added as an option for fish

in addition to cod. But the recipes that made the Whittles originally fall in love with the food have remained the same. The popularity of the cart has garnered over 800 positive reviews on Google and has attracted press attention. In September, Riverside Fish n’ Chips was named by Eater Portland as one of the “Best Fish and Chip Spots Worth Their Salt on the Oregon Coast.” At the cart, all orders are to-go with seating available riverside or under cover on the nearby patio. Inside the cart, the Whittles have a crew that they said they’re really lucky to have. “We have had the same staff since taking over,” Kris said. “They’ve been fantastic to have on this journey with most of them having worked for Riverside Fish n’ Chips

for the past four to five years. They work hard for us and work well together. We’re blessed to have the people that we have.” As a couple, the Whittles are accustomed to working with each other in business. Both currently manage hotels in the Manzanita area and have taken it upon themselves to learn every role in the food cart so they can step in at any point. “It’s been fun working in both the food and tourism industries” Kris said. “The first year was very challenging. The second year is now a little bit easier, but it’s nice to have someone to be in it with you who understands the work and exhaustion.” During this shoulder season, the couple plans to try out some new menu items and explore how to expedite

items even faster during the summer rush. Follow Riverside Fish n’ Chips on Facebook for updates and business hours. The food cart is located at 35915 N, Hwy 101, Nehalem. From Hwy 101, “follow the fish” to the riverside. This series is provided by the Economic Development Council of Tillamook County to highlight thriving businesses in Tillamook County. The EDCTC works to strengthen and grow the economy of Tillamook County by working together with public and private partners. The EDCTC works to attract new business, grow and retain existing businesses while supporting entrepreneurship and innovation. For more information, or to reach out to the EDCTC, visit edctc.com.



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Pirate boys notch comeback victory

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Neah-Kah-Nie’s boys’ basketball team defeated the Riverdale Mavericks 66-57 at home on January 15, storming back from a double digit first half deficit for the win.

Freshman Dylan Sigman led the Pirates with 20 points, 16 of which came in the second half, and Clayton Dante chipped in 18, with 10 first-half points helping keep Neah-Kah-Nie in the game.

After a Brady Douma three gave Neah-Kah-Nie a lead on the first possession of the game, the Pirates struggled with turnovers and were tied with the Mavericks 6-6 halfway through the quarter. As the turnovers continued for the Pirates, Riverdale capitalized, scoring five straight to seize the lead before Dante ended the run with a steal and fastbreak layup. Dante scored on the next two possessions as well, but



Brady Douma attempts a contested shot in the lane against Riverdale.

Riverdale answered each time and at the end of the quarter led 18-12.

Neah-Kah-Nie continued to struggle taking care of the ball early in the sec-

ond quarter and Riverdale pushed its lead to ten before Dante again answered for

the Pirates with a midrange jumper. The Pirates started to clean up the sloppy play as the quarter wore on, but went cold from the field, allowing the Mavericks to maintain their margin, as they led 25-17 with four minutes remaining in the half.

Turnovers again reared their heads for the Pirates in the waning moments of the half, but they tightened up their defense as well, keeping the game competitive with a 32-26 margin at the half.

After the break, the Pirates came out hot, with Sigman scoring four straight and Ethan Hanson following up with a three to cut the lead to 35-33 just two minutes into the quarter. Moments later, the Pirates tied the game at 37, before a Dante lay-in gave them their first lead since the game’s early moments halfway through the frame.

Another three from Hanson, who scored 17

on the night, pushed the lead to five and the teams battled back and forth for the rest of the quarter, sending the game to the fourth with the Pirates ahead 47-42.

Neah-Kah-Nie was hot again to start the fourth and quickly pushed the lead to 53-42, triggering a timeout from the Mavericks, who responded with seven straight to cut the lead to four.

Hanson finally ended the streak with a three from the corner and the Pirates pushed the lead back to 62-52 with two minutes remaining and held on for the 66-57 victory.

The Pirates improved to 7-4 on the season and followed up with a 71-59 victory against the Banks Braves on January 16. They had a home game against Warrenton on January 20 (result unavailable), a road matchup against Rainier on January 22, and a home game against Corbett on January 24.

Neah-Kah-Nie girls fall to Riverdale Mavericks

WILL CHAPPELL
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Neah-Kah-Nie High School’s girls’ basketball team lost a league matchup 48-35 at home against the Riverdale Mavericks on January 14, bringing their record to 8-4 on the season.

The Pirates struggled to find their rhythm offensively on the night and trailed throughout as Payton White led the team with 11 points.

Neah-Kah-Nie struggled with the Maverick’s full-court press in the game’s early going, allowing Riverdale to take a 10-6 lead halfway through the first. Neah-Kah-Nie tightened up its defense and cut the lead to two points moments later and managed to trim it to one with a minute left in the half before a field goal and buzzer beating three pushed it back to 19-13 at the end of the quarter.

The Pirates were ice cold to start the second quarter, remaining scoreless through the first four and a half minutes as the Mavericks pushed their lead to double digits, 25-13 with four minutes remaining in the half.

Ashley Perez broke the drought for Neah-Kah-Nie with a free throw moments later but the Pirates’ scoring woes continued, allowing the lead to grow as high as 15 and settling at 31-18 at the half.

Neah-Kah-Nie scored four straight to cut the lead to single digits at the start of the second half, but they again went cold, and Riverdale reeled off eight straight to push the lead to 39-22 halfway through the quarter. The teams played to a draw for the rest of the quarter and entered the final frame with a score of 43-27.

The Pirates were again

cold to start the fourth, managing just two points in the first four minutes of the quarter, though their output was matched by the Mavericks, leaving the score 45-29 with four minutes remaining. Neah-Kah-Nie chipped into the lead as Riverdale remained cold, scoring seven straight to trim the deficit to 45-35 with a minute and a half to play, but it was too little too late and a Maverick three with 40 seconds left sealed the 48-35 victory.

With the loss, the Pirates record stood at 8-4 for the season and they followed up with a 45-35 loss at Banks on January 16. Neah-Kah-Nie has a busy week scheduled, with a home game against Warrenton on January 20 (result unavailable), a road matchup against Rainier on January 22, and a home game against Corbett on January 24.



Payton White goes for a layup on a fast break against the Mavericks.

Commissioners create STR cap exemption zone in Pacific City

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Tillamook’s Board of County Commissioners approved a cap-free zone for short-term rental properties west of the Nestucca River in Pacific City at their meeting on January 9.

The decision came in response to community feedback after a 2023 update to the county’s short-term rental (STR) ordinance that established a cap on the properties in unincorporated areas at 1% above the number licensed in each at the time of the ordinance’s adoption.

Commissioners also approved increases and changes to the fees for county parks and approved a \$276,876 contract for design work for an expansion to the health and human services department’s main clinic.

Sarah Absher, Tillamook County’s Director of

Community Development, attended the board meeting to provide an update on her discussions with the various unincorporated communities in Tillamook County since the update to ordinance 84 last July. The ordinance update established a process for the commissioners to implement a cap on STR licenses but left the setting of the cap to a board order to make changing the cap easier to allow the program to evolve in response to community feedback.

Absher told the commissioners that she had met with residents of the unincorporated communities that were heavily impacted by STRs and that in every community except Pacific City, they had agreed that changes should be delayed another year. Absher said that this was because the ordinance update’s use-it-or-lose-it provision for license holders is only taking effect this year and because

of litigation filed challenging the ordinance.

Though the communities favored waiting to enact changes, Absher said that a clear consensus already existed in favor of lowering the cap in each.

In Oceanside, Absher helped the community to map the concentration of STR properties in the central village area against the outlying areas, determining that the village had a much higher concentration, matching with residents’ reports of issues. Neskowin residents told Absher that they might support removing condos in the community from the cap and Cape Meares residents said that since their community has consistently fallen below their quota for properties, they would like to see the cap reduced to reflect the actual number of STRs operating.

Residents of Pacific City, however, were in consensus

in their support of changing the ordinance to create an area of cap exemption in their community because of its history of vacation rentals and its housing stock, which reflects that history.

The cap exemption area will stretch from the Nestucca River to the ocean and from Alder Street south to Bob Straub State Park. Absher said that 236 of the community’s 326 existing licenses fell within the zone as did 18 of the 28 properties on the waitlist for new licenses in the community. In addition to allowing the licensure of those 18 properties, the move will also free up five licenses for properties in Pacific City outside of the zone. Following the zone’s creation, the cap for the rest of Pacific City/Woods is set at 95.

Park camping fees were standardized for both summer and winter stays and

increased by \$5 across the board over the previous summer rates. Tillamook County Park Director Dan Keyes said that the increase was in response to increasing costs to pick up waste, the move from coin-operated to timed showers, water rate increases and a desire to help address the county’s budget situation.

To achieve this last goal, Keyes included in the fee update a provision to transfer \$150,000 to the county’s general fund as a public safety fee to support the sheriff’s office, in recognition of their role in keeping parks safe.

Annual parking tags will also be issued on a continual basis going forward, with tags valid for a year from the date of issuance, rather than for a specific calendar year.

The \$276,876 contract with McKinstry Essention LLC will see the firm cre-

ate a schematic design and budget for a 1,585 square foot expansion of the health department’s downtown Tillamook Clinic’s patient waiting area, a renovation of 2,415 square feet of the facility to add more patient rooms and the replacement of the buildings HVAC system.

Tillamook County’s Health and Human Services Administrator Marlene Putman said that the design process was expected to take five months and was being paid for by funds set aside by the county government and health council for facilities maintenance and improvements. Putman said that having the plans would put the health department in position to apply for state or federal funding to support the project and noted that the same reserve being used to pay for the design could also be tapped to support the project, in part or in whole.

Adventist Health Tillamook Presents: Art for the Heart Exhibition

Adventist Health Tillamook announces the upcoming Art for the Heart exhibition and community reception, a celebration of creativity, community and the connection between art and a healthy heart. This non-juried art event will take place at the North County Recreation District (NCRD) Gallery in Nehalem, Oregon. Featuring diverse artwork from local artists of all ages, this exhibition also supports fitness scholarships at NCRD, helping to promote heart health in the community.

The exhibition invites local Oregon Coast artists to submit up to five pieces of artwork inspired by what speaks to their heart. Submissions are open to all ages, free of charge, and welcome a variety of mediums, including painting,

photography, clay, mixed media and digital art. All entries must be display-ready, labeled with the title, artist’s name and sale price, if applicable.

Artwork can be submitted at the NCRD Gallery, 36155 9th St., Nehalem, Oregon, on Thursday, January 30, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., or Friday, January 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The exhibition will include awards for first, second and third place, as well as a People’s Choice Award and a special award for a youth artist, high-school aged or younger.

The Art for the Heart community reception will officially open the exhibition on Sunday, February 2, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the NCRD Gallery. Attendees can enjoy live music by classical guitarist Ivan Danilich, refresh-

ments and the opportunity to vote for their favorite pieces. Artwork will be available for purchase throughout the month, with proceeds supporting fitness scholarships that promote heart health in North County.

Adventist Health Tillamook is proud to partner with local artists to create a space where the community can explore the intersection of art, wellness and connection. Artistic expression has been shown to reduce stress and promote relaxation, providing benefits for both the heart and the mind.

The exhibition runs through February 28, 2025, and all artwork must be picked up that day during NCRD’s regular business hours. This event promises to inspire creativity and bring people together in support of a vibrant and



Art exhibited in the 2024 “Art for the Heart” event from local artists on the Oregon Coast.

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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SNOWFLAKES

solution

Super Crossword

Answers

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BLM Moves

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This set in motion the gears of the federal government, with the General Services Administration (GSA) contracting with an outside company to purpose build a new facility at the Port of Tillamook Bay. In a somewhat convoluted ownership situation, the Port of Tillamook Bay retained ownership of the land, while the builder owns the building, which it leases to the GSA, which in turn leases it to the BLM. The result is a 20-year BLM lease for the building, which will accommodate the Tillamook field office's 28 staff members.

In addition to workspace for employees, the facility features a conference room that will be available for community use, a kitchenette and a

large cold-storage unit to store tree seedlings.

Satter said that she hopes to use the move as an opportunity to increase community awareness of the Tillamook Field Office's operations, which largely revolve around timberland management, but also include recreational offerings.

The Tillamook Field Office is one of five in the Northwest Oregon District Office, which manages BLM lands from the Columbia River to Florence, and from the Pacific Ocean to the crest of the Cascades. The Tillamook office itself manages some 104,000 acres between the Columbia and Highway 18 west to Portland.

Half of the office's staff comprises foresters who work to manage the agency's lands in accordance with federal conservation restrictions and the Oregon and California Railroad Act, which requires the agency to manage its

timberlands for its own and partnering counties' benefit. Satter said that the Tillamook field office oversees an average of 20-25 million board feet in annual harvest.

None of the timberland managed by the Tillamook office is in Tillamook County, however there are 48,370 acres of BLM land in the county, spread across two parcels.

The first is a preserve on the Nestucca River, containing four campgrounds and an extensive OHV area, and the second is an undeveloped parcel on Tillamook Ridge, just north of the east side of Tillamook. Satter said that she hopes to see recreational opportunities added at Tillamook Ridge in the future.

Satter said that a date for the building's March ribbon cutting will be set soon and that she hopes members of the public will attend and take the chance to learn more about the BLM's operations in the area.



The large cold storage unit devoted to storing tree seedlings inside the new BLM building.

Tillamook County criminal convictions

On December 2, 2024, Lucas Wayne Tyrrel, 30, pled no contest to one count of criminal driving with a suspended or revoked license, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about September 13. Tyrrel was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

On December 2, Brian Michael Rieger, 24, pled no contest to one count of harassment, a class B misdemeanor, committed on or about September 17. Rieger was sentenced to time served in jail and ordered to pay a \$100 fine.

On December 3, Joseph Obrien Gunn, 46, pled no contest to one count of attempting to commit the class C/unclassified felony of hindering prosecution, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about April 12. Gunn was sentenced to 14 days in jail.

On December 3, Brandon Robert Hayes, 32, pled no contest to one count of criminal trespass in the second degree, a class C misdemeanor, committed on or about November 20. Hayes was

sentenced to 30 days in jail.

On December 4, Adam James Canul, 18, pled no contest to one count of assault in the third degree, a class C felony, committed on or about February 26, and two counts of attempting to commit the class C/unclassified felony of aggravated harassment, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about April 5. Canul was sentenced to 36 months' probation and time served in jail.

On December 5, Wendy Lynn Satre, 48, pled no contest to one count of theft in the third degree, a class C misdemeanor, committed on or about February 28. Satre was sentenced to one year on probation.

On December 6, Seth Anthony Jordan, 33, pled guilty to one count of criminal mischief in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about May 17 and one count of attempt to commit the class C/unclassified felony of unlawfully possessing a controlled substance, a class A misde-

meanor, committed on or about July 29, 2023. Jordan was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay \$300 in restitution to the Marie Mills Center.

On December 9, Joseph Giles Kammerer, 34, pled guilty to one count of harassment, a class B misdemeanor, committed on or about June 6. Kammerer was sentenced to 10 days in jail and 18 months' probation.

On December 16, Travis Dean Lucky, 22, pled guilty to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about May 3. Lucky was sentenced to two days in jail and two years' probation, his driver's license was suspended for one year and he was ordered to pay \$2,255 in fees and fines.

On December 17, Tylor Ross Garcia, 26, pled no contest to one count of sexual abuse in the third degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about December 1. Garcia was sentenced to six months in jail.

On December 19, Jalen Boris Russell, 27, pled no contest to one count of burglary in the first degree, a class A felony, committed on or about August 30, 2021. Russell was sentenced to 30 days in jail and three years' probation.

On December 30, Hector William Rojo, Jr., 28, pled no contest to one count of strangulation, a class C felony, committed on or about October 4. Rojo was sentenced to two years' probation.

On December 30, Angelina Monica Rae Martin, pled guilty to one count of criminal mischief in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about November 20. Martin was sentenced to one year on probation and ordered to pay \$611.79 in restitution.

On December 30, Jessica Joy Bedell, 35, pled guilty to two counts of criminal mischief in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, both committed on or about April 7. Bedell was sentenced to 18 months' probation.

On December 31, Jayson Anthony Hoskins, 32, pled no contest to one count of criminal trespass in the second degree, a class C misdemeanor, committed on or about September 24, and one count of menacing, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about October 7. Hoskins was sentenced to time served in jail and two years' probation.

On December 31, Zackeria Lee Smith, 40, pled no contest to one count of public indecency, a class C felony, committed on or about November 14. Smith was sentenced to five years in prison.

On January 3, 2025, Lori Ashley Turner, 39, pled no contest to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about August 5, 2024. Turner was sentenced to three years' probation and her driver's license was suspended for one year.

On January 6, Rick Lee Mortimer, 42, pled no contest to one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm, a class C felony, committed on or about August 2, 2024. Mortimer was sentenced to 19 months in prison and two years' post-prison supervision.

LIBRARIANS New System

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Patrons will also be able to search by keyword or phrase, and materials related to searches will also be displayed.

"(It) is a really nice discovery layer that allows for a lot more patron interaction and it's very pretty, so we're really excited," Meininger said. "It's going to make things a lot easier to find for our patrons. It's going to be a lot of fun to interact with."

The system will also sort results based on what has been borrowed most frequently and recently, and display events related to a search, with, for example, a knitting group being suggested if a patron searches for a book on knitting.

"When you search something in Aspen it's not just looking at the items that we have, but kind of holistically at all the offerings, our databases, our events, programs, things that we might have," Meininger said. "And it's going to be a lot more visual for people, there's color coding, there's ways to see, you know, what's here right now, what could you get from an-

other library, what's checked out."

Another advantage of the system is that it is open source, meaning that Tillamook and the other members of the expanded Chinook Library Consortium will have the opportunity to provide feedback to its developers to inform the application's future development.

Tillamook librarians have begun the process of uploading the library's catalogue into the new system and the Headlight Herald was given a demonstration of its functionality on January 15. Meininger said that she is working on the migration in conjunction with other librarians and that there will be a training with representatives from ByWater Solutions, the company which developed the Koha system, on February 13.

The library will be closed for the training and the online catalogue will be unavailable on March 8 and 9, as the final migration occurs.

Allgeier said that the hope is for patrons to have access again on the morning of Monday, March 10, but cautioned that there might be hiccups. "Now what I'm going to tell you is that migrations fail all the time, it's not uncommon and so I am going to be impressing upon people for the

next two months, I'll sound a little bit like a broken record, that it may not go smoothly," Allgeier said. "We're committed during that week to just being really focused on patrons and making sure they have what they need regardless of what's going on in terms of our system."

Simultaneously on March 10, the library will join the Chinook Library Consortium, with approval of an inter-governmental agreement by county commissioners on January 15, providing the final go-ahead.

Currently, Tillamook County Library is part of a consortium called Oceanbooks with the libraries in Newport and Driftwood (Lincoln City). Meanwhile, the rest of Lincoln County's libraries and the library at Tillamook Bay Community College are part of the Chinook Consortium.

Work on developing bylaws and establishing user committees to oversee the expanded consortium are still under way, but Allgeier said that he is excited for the expanded offerings and the opportunity to coordinate catalogues across the consortium to maximize materials offered. "On the back-catalogue items that means that we can be a little more nuanced in terms of what

we keep and what we don't keep throughout the various partner libraries in the system and still maintain a much greater breadth of materials that are available to people than we would ever be able to shelve in this library system," Allgeier said.

The expansion will also make the more academic catalogues at the community colleges accessible to library patrons and give students the opportunity to more easily access their local libraries. Cards from any member library will be accepted across the consortium and the new system will show materials available at all members, with the ability to easily filter for what is available locally.

"We really do want to have our own community flavor within the catalogue and with the patrons' experience," Meininger said, "so while there is a ton of alignment that's going to be happening behind the scenes, I think that your library will still be your library."

BEACH Driving Ban

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approved.

The Winery at Manzanita was awarded \$2,000 for billboards on Highway 26 and in Astoria. The Hoffman Center for the Arts received \$2,000 to put on two Manzanita Writers Series "Bookend Events," in conjunction with Cloud and Leaf bookstore.

Nehalem Valley Historical Society was given \$2,000 to fund newsletters and presentations, and Centerpoint Healing Arts received \$1,125 to pay for a celebration of World Labyrinth Day on May 3.

Deeply Kneaded Mind and Body Works was awarded \$2,000 to organize and market wellness getaways in collaboration with other area businesses, Four Paws on the Beach received \$2,000 to boost social media marketing and promote events in the store and the Pine Grove Community House was given \$2,000 for a marketing campaign to attract more events.

The memoranda of understanding with Classic Street Cottages and Encore Properties were the first step in securing a permanent easement for a pedestrian pathway along Classic Street. The homeowners' association and owner of encore properties have both signaled their willingness to grant a permanent

easement to the city in support of the project.

At the close of the meeting, Mayor Kathryn Stock also updated the public on the costs incurred by the city in challenges to the public records request denial currently before the Tillamook Circuit Court and by the referendum on water billing frequency added to last November's ballot by a citizen challenge.

Stock said that the cost of responding to the public records request and appeals had surpassed \$25,000 and that the total cost of the referendum, including a rate case study, legal review and communications about the proposal had totaled \$36,500.

The City of Manzanita is looking for a full time **Operations Manager** to join our team!

The Operations Manager will organize, schedule, assign and supervise the operations and maintenance activities of Public Works Field operations. Such services include the areas of water, parks, transportation, storm water and vehicle and equipment and facility maintenance. Identifies work and reviews work of subordinates and contractors by inspecting for compliance with City/state standards for production and quality of City water.

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Salary Range for the position is currently \$5,280 - \$6,418 monthly depending on experience, plus excellent benefits. For more information, please visit ci.manzanita.or.us Please send cover letter, resume, and completed application form to cityhall@ci.manzanita.or.us or mail to: **Manzanita Public Works**
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Position descriptions and employment application are available in person, by appointment, at the front counter of City Hall (276 S. Hwy 101, Rockaway Beach, OR 97136) or online via the City's website at www.corb.us. The City of Rockaway Beach is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Alder Ridge



Thompson Springs Rendering



Tillamook Bay Commons

Housing Projects

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invested substantial funds in the building, which he purchased in 2022.

The project has already received \$95,000 from the Tillamook Urban Renewal Agency to support exterior restoration and Phillips is requesting \$160,000 from the housing solutions fund to help complete the project.

Eight of the nine apartments, those upstairs, would be supported by the grant with a guarantee that they would be affordable to residents making between 80% and 100% AMI.

Tillamook Bay Commons

Adjacent to Adventist Health Tillamook, the Tillamook Bay Commons project would bring 36 one- and two-bedroom apartments affordable to residents making between 80% and 120% AMI.

The project is being led by Maker, which already has a similar project un-

derway in Manzanita and is in the process of transitioning to a not-for-profit management model to support housing development in Tillamook County.

The property, immediately to the west of Adventist's campus, has hazardous materials concerns that need to be remediated as well as a house that needs demolition before the project, which will consist of two three-story buildings, can begin.

Developers have already secured agreements to lease 31 of the project's apartments to workers from local businesses, with Adventist agreeing to fill 14, Tillamook School District 11 and the Tillamook County Creamery Association 6.

Project developers are requesting \$400,000 from the housing solutions fund, which would support the project's planning phase and help to remediate the hazardous materials concerns. The project team is targeting an opening date in quarter two of 2026.

Spruce Point

The Spruce Point project, formerly known

as Manzanita Pines, is in the final stages of pre-development to bring 60 units of affordable housing to Manzanita, with a scheduled groundbreaking this June.

With a budget of \$24 million, the project's one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments would be spread across five buildings, with all affordable to residents making 60% AMI and 12 units dedicated to those making 30% AMI or less. In addition to the apartments, the development would feature a clubhouse and plaza with a play area for children.

The project has already received an award of \$21.4 million from the OHCS and a county grant to support predevelopment and would use the additional funding to upgrade buildings' efficiency and add amenities for residents.

Thompson Springs

Tillamook County nonprofit Sammy's Place is partnering with Owen Gabbert LLC on the development of Thompson Springs in Nehalem to help provide housing for



Anchor Street



National Bank Building



Nehalem Bay House
B'nai Brith

those who have traditionally been left behind while also providing the opportunity for home ownership.

The 10-unit development will feature one- and two-bedroom homes that will be affordable to residents making between 40% and 120% AMI. The units will all be designed to meet universal accessibility standards and some of them will be made available to community members with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Unlike all the other proposals, Thompson Springs plans to offer residents the opportunity to purchase the condos, with a purchase price between \$74,000 and \$284,000, depending on the unit and buyer's income. The development will use a community land trust model, with Proud Ground owning the property itself and individuals owning the condos thereon, with a homeowners' association overseeing common areas.

Residents would build equity in the homes, but their continued affordability will be ensured by limiting resale prices to the original purchase price plus one quarter of the change in assessed value during the residents' tenancy.

In addition to the condos, the development will feature a communal building with a generator, communal kitchen and storerooms that would serve as a community center and refuge during emergencies.

The project has already received a \$1.9 million LIFT home ownership grant as well as grants of \$840,000 from the Kuni Foundation and \$620,000 from the Fairview Trust.

Developers are requesting \$200,000 from the county and hoping to start work by the end of this summer and complete construction in a year.

Supporters of the B'nai Brith camp in Lincoln City are working to add between 56 and 64 units of affordable housing in an as-yet-unnamed development in Rockaway Beach.

BB360, the group that runs the camp, which opened in 1928, received a 52-acre parcel in Rockaway Beach to the east of Lake Lytle as a donation in 2020 and developed a plan to use it as a wilderness camp site.

After the donation, the group purchased an adjoining 14-acre site to the south of the donated property and decided that developing it into affordable housing matched with their mission.

While details are still scarce, the property is at the end of Sixth Street and has utilities to its property line and its zoning will allow for the desired number of units, laid out in duplexes and triplexes with two or three bedrooms.

The camp management organization is planning to form a new entity to oversee the property's development and management and to donate the \$1.1 million property to that entity.

The group working on the development is requesting \$198,000 from the county to get through the feasibility stage of the project, which would see geotechnical surveys undertaken, a structural engineering model developed and land use approval sought, among other items.

Representatives for the project said that phase would take around nine months and that they hoped to break ground on the project in spring 2026, and that they expected the project to have a total budget of around \$14 million.

industrial site on the hill above Bay City, a group of developers is asking for support to build a 20-unit apartment building.

Developers envision the building serving as a first step towards further development, with townhomes and a senior-focused cottage cluster to follow. A master plan for the entire property is in development and surveys are needed in support of that effort.

A 25,000 square foot industrial building is standing on the site, and the presenter told the commission that they hoped to restore it with an eye towards using it for career technical education.

The group is requesting \$140,000 to \$180,000 from the county and envision the project being open to residents with incomes between 60% and 120% AMI.

Anchor Street

CS Fishery, based out of Garibaldi, is working to develop a commercial kitchen with four upstairs, affordable apartments on Anchor Street in Rockaway Beach.

The kitchen would serve as a processing facility for the company and the owner told commissioners that they were working with other local businesses to use it when it is not being used for that purpose. It would feature storage and cold storage and have the capacity to offer retail service through a garage door at the building's front.

The apartments would be available to residents making between 80% and 120% AMI and the developer is requesting \$80,000 from the county, which would allow completion of the design phase and help to secure further funding.

Alder Ridge

Part of a major redevelopment of an abandoned

2025 Community Support Grant Program

For more information about the Tillamook PUD Community Support Grant Program and to apply, visit www.tpod.org/news-community/community-support-grants/ or stop by the Tillamook PUD office. Applications are due by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

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