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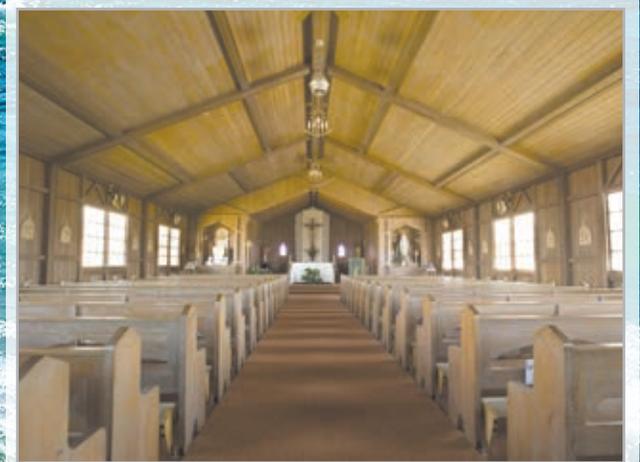
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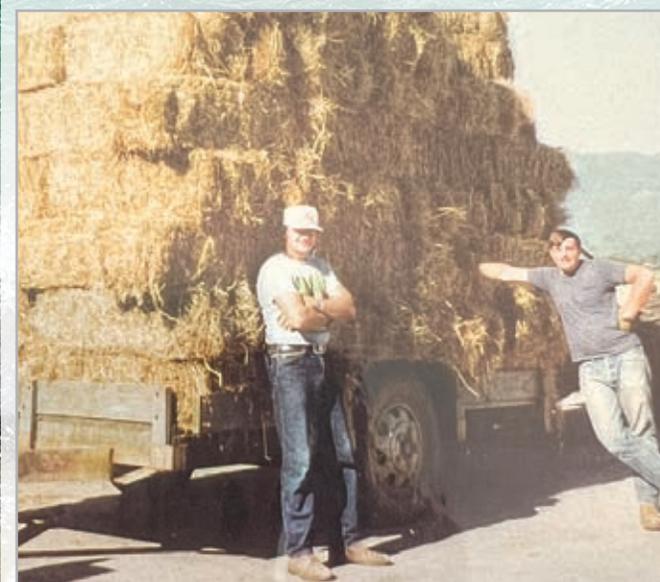
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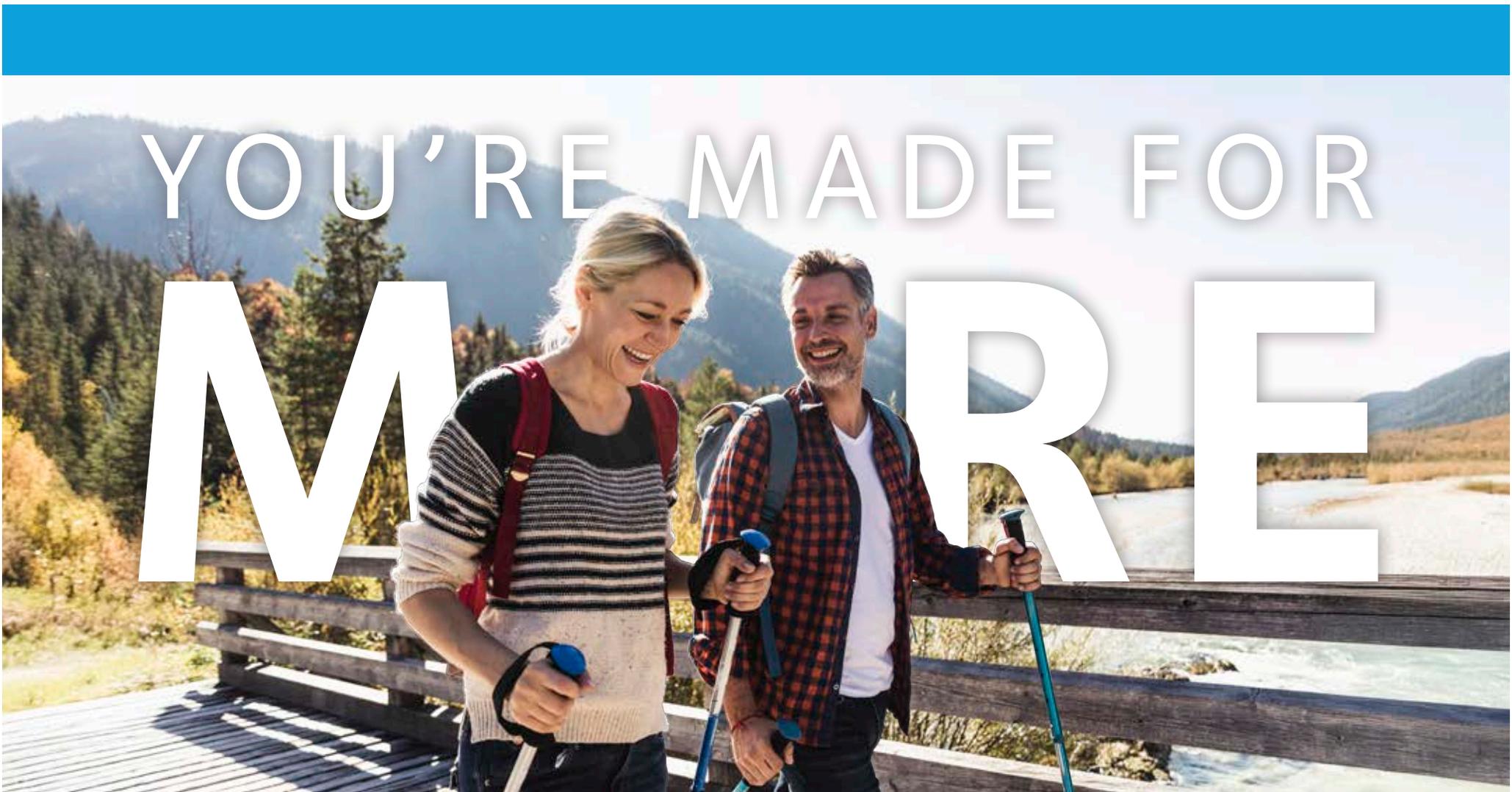
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Tillamook Ford in Weeks family for over 40 years

By Chelsea Yarnell

Guest Contributor

Tillamook Ford (Tillamook Motor Company) has been in the Weeks family for over 40 years.

When Bob and Elva Weeks were looking to purchase a car dealership in 1979, their choices were a Ford location in Sandy or Tillamook. Bob decided that the profit history, and proximity to great fishing spots, made Tillamook the best choice. The couple purchased the dealership in 1979, and it has remained family-owned ever since.

The history of Tillamook Ford begins with "Mig" Ackley. In 1916, Ackley established the Tillamook Garage. He took on a partner, R.B. Miller, and in 1921 the two men constructed Sunset Garage on 4th and Main in Tillamook. The garage sold Ford, Dodge, and Buick until

1927 when Henry Ford said "no" to selling other makes of cars and trucks in Ford dealerships.

Because of this decision, Ackley moved the Ford franchise to its current location at 501 Main Avenue, while Miller kept the other franchises at Sunset Garage.

At his new Ford location, Ackley brought on two new partners: A.J. Swett and Everett Condit. Swett was a friend of T.B. Potter, the developer of the resort on the Bayocean Spit. The safe, originally made for the T.B. Potter Realty Company, is used at Tillamook Ford to this day.

In 1935, Condit left to form Condit Chevrolet at 5th and Main that eventually became Bob Wirth Motors from 1966-2007. The remaining partners at Ford, Ackley and Swett, sold the dealership to Herb MacKenzie in 1943. MacKenzie also

owned the Ford dealership in Hillsboro. Tom Bailey was brought on to manage the Tillamook location and eventually bought the dealership in 1946. Bailey brought on partner C.E. Carlos Douglas in 1946.

By 1955, the business became incorporated as Tillamook Motor Company.

Tony Dooher, Bailey's son-in-law, became the dealer in 1977, only a few years before Bob Weeks took over.

Bob and Elva Weeks both attended and graduated from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington in 1958. The day after their graduation, the couple was married.

Bob's association with Ford began when he joined the Ford Division of Ford Motor Company in Seattle. His career spanned 22 years, the majority of which were spent in the Seattle district.

In 1979, Dooher contacted Bob, and after a short negotiation, Bob bought the Tillamook dealership. He was approved as the dealer in January 1980. The family relocated to the Oregon Coast with their son Roger who as a junior in high school at the time.

Roger went on to graduate with a master's degree in computer science and business from Oregon State University. After starting a family of his own, Roger moved his family back to



1950's Tractor

Tillamook and became the office manager at the dealership. He worked his way through the business as the sales manager, general manager, and then as the dealer and service manager once he purchased the store from his parents in 2004. Bob and Elva continue to have a stock interest in the business.

Roger's son Colton joined the business in 2022 as a shop technician. Both Roger and Bob agree that it's a very special thing to have the family continue to work within the business.

The physical location of Tillamook Ford has seen changes and upgrades throughout the years. In the 1950s, the business (at the current location) featured a gas station. By the 1960s, a body shop was built, and in

2003 a new service department was added.

Bob and Roger both recall the digital changes through the years, remembering that their first computer had a tape that had to be sent into the Ford corporation.

Yet through all the changes, the Weeks say it makes them happy to see new generations of customers continue to come to the business, just as their parents and grandparents did.

Today, Tillamook Ford is a Ford Lincoln Mercury dealer as well as a certified all-electric vehicle dealership. Tillamook Ford also offers a full-service shop servicing all vehicle makes and models.

The Weeks family has also generously loaned cars to local high schools for their homecoming courts, as well

as local and visiting dignitaries for the June Dairy Parade.

And many passersby are often intrigued by the pristine orange Ford Bronco on the showroom floor. It is the Week's family vehicle that was gifted to Roger upon his graduation from Oregon State in 1987. At the time, the Bronco was 15-years old, valued at \$5,000, was becoming a rare edition, and Roger absolutely loved it. It is now put out on display during the holidays and special occasions.

To see new and used inventory, and for additional information about the Tillamook Motor Company, visit them online at: tillamook-motors.net.

Tillamook Ford is located at 501 Main Avenue, Tillamook.

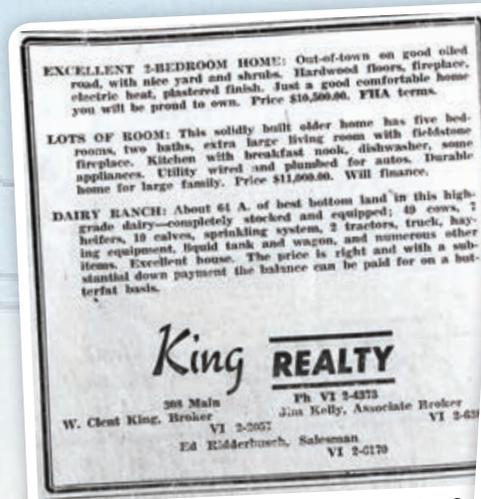


1949 Ford



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Dylan was born and raised in Tillamook. His family runs a large dairy farm that Dylan has helped with most of his life. Family businesses are important to Dylan and he is excited making new connections in the community with real estate sales while working with his grandma, Marilyn Hankins (owner and principal broker of King Realty). Dylan's favorite hobby is racing dirt bikes, which keeps him busy during his off time on weekends. Should you be looking for a young, knowledgeable realtor who is familiar with many aspects of Tillamook County, drop by King Realty or give Dylan a call!

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Tillamook Christian Center celebrates centennial

By Chelsea Yarnell
Guest Contributor

It was an abandoned pool hall in downtown Tillamook, but the Stenberg family saw the perfect opportunity for a church.

In 1924, the roots of Tillamook Christian Center were planted. The church's base moved through the years. After leaving downtown, the church relocated to the corner of 7th and Pacific where it became known as the Pentecostal Tabernacle. By 1936, the church began its affiliation with the Assembly of God denomination. And in 1970 moved to its current location on Marolf Loop Road, adopting the name Tillamook Christian Center.

This past fall, the church commemorated their 100-year history with a weekend-long celebration: "100 Years...Just

Beginning." The event featured former pastors Mike Hill, Dennis Archer and Terry Sprenkel.

Today, the church is pastored by interim pastors Zach and Jenna Johnson as Pastor Zach completes the credentialing process with the Assemblies of God. Pastor Jenna also serves as the church's Worship Leader.

"My family and I are very blessed for this opportunity to serve our god and king Jesus Christ in this new journey as we serve our church and this community," Pastor Zach said. "Towards the middle of last year, our transitional Pastor Tim Scarbrough (as well as my mentor), encouraged me to begin seeking god for a vision and direction for our church as well as our place in this community. So, after some time, I began to have a vision



for our church. Our vision statement is 'Piercing the darkness with the light and the love of Jesus Christ.'"

Pastor Mario and Landy Quezada lead the Hispanic Ministry and have been a part of Tillamook Christian Center since 2015. Pastor Kyle Sprenkel founded the Contagious youth group and has been a part of Tillamook Christian Center since 1996.

Sunday morning services are held at 10:30 a.m. in English, with an afternoon service hosted in Spanish and English at 3 p.m. Additional worship opportunities and bible studies are held throughout the week. For a full list of services, visit tillamookchristian-center.com.

The Tillamook Christian Center is located at 701 Marolf Loop Road. in Tillamook.



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Tillamook dairy finds winner in 'coffee milk'

Rose Valley Creamery sells farm-fresh milk

By Chelsea Yarnell
Guest Contributor

Not too sweet. Just enough coffee. And, above all else, creamy milk. These combined flavors are what is earning Rose Valley Creamery's "coffee milk" its own fan group.

Rose Valley Creamery is a small, family-run dairy located in Tillamook. The farm is primarily operated by married couple of 31 years Devin and Elena Johnston, with assistance from their five adult children. The farm has been in Devin's family for 84 years with five generations of dairy farmers having worked the land.

"Ever since I was a little kid, this is what I wanted to do," Devin said, looking out at his herd of 20 cows.

Milk from the dairy was produced for several different creameries through the years including the Tillamook County Creamery Association and most recently, Organic Valley Creamery out of McMinnville.

In November 2022, Devin and Elena decided to switch

gears and bottle and sell their farm-fresh milk themselves.

"That was a big decision. It was frightening," Elena said.

The Johnston's farm has been certified organic for 14 years, but the family has been farming in that manner before "organic" was even a category. Even after leaving Organic Valley, the Johnstons have maintained the practice.

"We've remained a grass-fed cow dairy," Elena said. "Our cows don't eat any grains."

Every 12 hours, the herd is moved to a fresh section of pasture on the Johnston's 70-acre farm.

The cattle forage on grasses and forbs of clover, kale, chicory, dandelion, plantain, peas, vetch and chickweed.

"We're trying to get a variety of species because they all have medicinal purposes," Elena said. "They're really good for the soil and it's good for the cows."

The oldest cow on the farm is 16 years old.

"My dad and grandpa had this way of thinking for farming," Devin said. "I mean, we like our cows. Why wouldn't we want them to live as long as they possibly can?"

After milk is collected,



it is processed, pasteurized, and bottled all onsite at the farm. Rose Valley Creamery describes their pasteurization process as "low and slow" which helps the milk retain nutrients and enzymes typically lost in high heat or ultra-high heat pasteurization.

"Our quality has always been very high," Devin said. "If we can provide a high-quality product for people at price they can afford, that makes us happy."

The milk is "cream top" meaning that it is in the form as it comes from the cow. In each bottle, the cream will float to the top of the container. Shaking gently is suggested prior to consuming.

Rose Valley Creamery sells bottles of whole milk as well as seasonal flavors such as coffee milk, chocolate, and maple spice.



Once bottled, the Johnstons distribute the milk themselves. In Tillamook County, Rose Valley Creamery milk is sold at Tillamook Grocery Outlet,

Valley Fresh Produce, Fresh Foods Manzanita, Bear Creek Artichokes and Cape Kiwanda Marketplace. Rose Valley Creamery milk is also served at JAndy Oyster

Company. Additional vendor locations can also be found in the Willamette Valley area. Look for the watercolor painting of "Rose" the cow on their label.



Local dance studio celebrates 50 years

Oregon Coast Dance Center (OCDC) has been providing dance instruction and performing around Tillamook County for 50 years! Enrollment is currently open for new students, find more info on their website: OregonCoastDanceCenter.com

Originally named Patrician School of Dance, after founder Patricia Hawkins, OCDC opened its doors in 1975 and offered the core dance subjects (Ballet, Tap, and Jazz) for a variety of ages. With training from the Royal Academy of Dance, as well as Dance Educators of America and Dance Masters of America, Ms. Hawkins came to Tillamook armed with a wealth of dance knowledge, ready to inspire the future generation.

Patrician School of Dance quickly became a staple of Tillamook County's performing arts culture, performing around the county in various locations, such as the Tillamook County Fair, Moonlight Madness, and the June Dairy Parade, as well as their annual spring recitals.

In 1991, the school was sold to Kathy Edison, who continued administration until her departure in 1994. At that time, Ms. Hawkins took over the administration and changed the name of the studio to Oregon Coast Dance Center. In 1998, Rachel Martin (Coon), a longtime student of Ms. Hawkins and OCDC, who also trained with Dance Educators of America, assumed ownership and ran the school until 2013.



Current owner, Lisa Greiner, performs at the 1988 Tillamook County Fair with classmates

Current owner and Director, Miss Lisa Greiner's first years of dance were at Patrician School of Dance with Ms. Hawkins, and has since trained with a number of companies across the nation, including The California Ballet, Pacific NW Ballet, The Portland Ballet, Dance Educators of America, Dance Masters of America, and the International Association of Dance Medicine & Science (IADMS), among others. In 2011, Miss Lisa settled back in Tillamook and purchased OCDC in 2013. Miss Lisa is Tillamook's only DMA (Dance Masters of America), Acrobatic Arts, and Progressing Ballet Technique certified instructor, offering her students a continued level of teaching excellence.

OCDC students have gone on to train professionally in a number of different prestigious dance programs such as Oregon Ballet Theater, Northwest Dance Project, The Portland Ballet, University of Oregon's dance program, and Western Washington University's dance program.



OCDC's current location at 312 Main Ave

Since its inception, the studio has expanded class subjects to include Hip Hop, Tumbling, Musical Theater, Contemporary, Irish, and Mommy & Me, in addition to the original core subjects of Ballet, Tap, and Jazz. The studio's adult program has continued to grow to include adult Ballet, Tap, Jazz, and Hula classes, as well as The Ellové Technique conditioning class. Enrollment is currently open for new students of all ages!

In its tenure in Tillamook, Oregon Coast Dance Center has occupied a number of different locations within the city of Tillamook, including once occupying the former 2nd St. Public Market building, before purchasing and moving to its permanent location of 312 Main Ave in late 2018.

Oregon Coast Dance Center is committed to being a studio of excellence and providing high quality dance training and discipline in a judgment free and family friendly environment.



OCDC believes that through dance their students also learn life skills, discipline, respect, and teamwork. They strive to inspire their students and prepare them for whatever their next chapter is in life.

Visit www.OregonCoastDanceCenter.com, email ocdc@oregoncoastdancecenter.com, or call 503-842-7447 for information on dance classes and performances, or find Oregon Coast Dance Center on Facebook and Instagram.

St. Mary by the Sea Catholic Church, roots in Rockaway since the 1860s

By Chelsea Yarnell
Guest Contributor

Catholicism's beginnings in Tillamook County and Rockaway Beach date back to the 1860s, when Father Adrian Croquet from Grande Ronde would come to Tillamook to offer mass once or twice a year in the home of a Catholic family. The Catholics of Rockaway Beach area attended these Masses as weather and means of transportation allowed, coming on foot, horseback, by wagon and even by boat.

On July 10, 1921, mass was celebrated officially for the first time in Rockaway Beach. Fr. Hildebrand Melchior arranged for Mass here as often as possible during the summer months. A theater (or moving picture house), described by the Catholic Sentinel as a "shack" was used.

From 1921 through 1927, Mass continued to be held in the theater in Rockaway Beach every Sunday at least during the summer months. The size of the congregations indicated the urgent need for a church. On August 16, 1923, the lot where the parish house and hall now stand was purchased from Emma D. and W. C. Hawk for \$300.

On September 4, 1927, the church was dedicated by Rt. Rev. Abbot Bernard Murphy, O.S.B., and was named St. Mary's By-The-Sea. The church, a handsome, well-constructed building located about one hundred feet south of Villa St. Benedict, was completed and ready for



Fr. Hildebrand Melchior OSB

services on June 21, 1928.

Many hours must have been spent in designing the church. The setting, so close to the mighty Pacific Ocean called for something special. Two small, stained-glass windows behind the altar, one of Twin Rocks, the other a lighthouse beacon shining on an anchor, set the nautical theme, and it is used throughout. The holy water fonts are carved in the shape of Spanish galleons. It has been claimed that the, Rockaway church is closer to the sea than any other Catholic church in the United States.

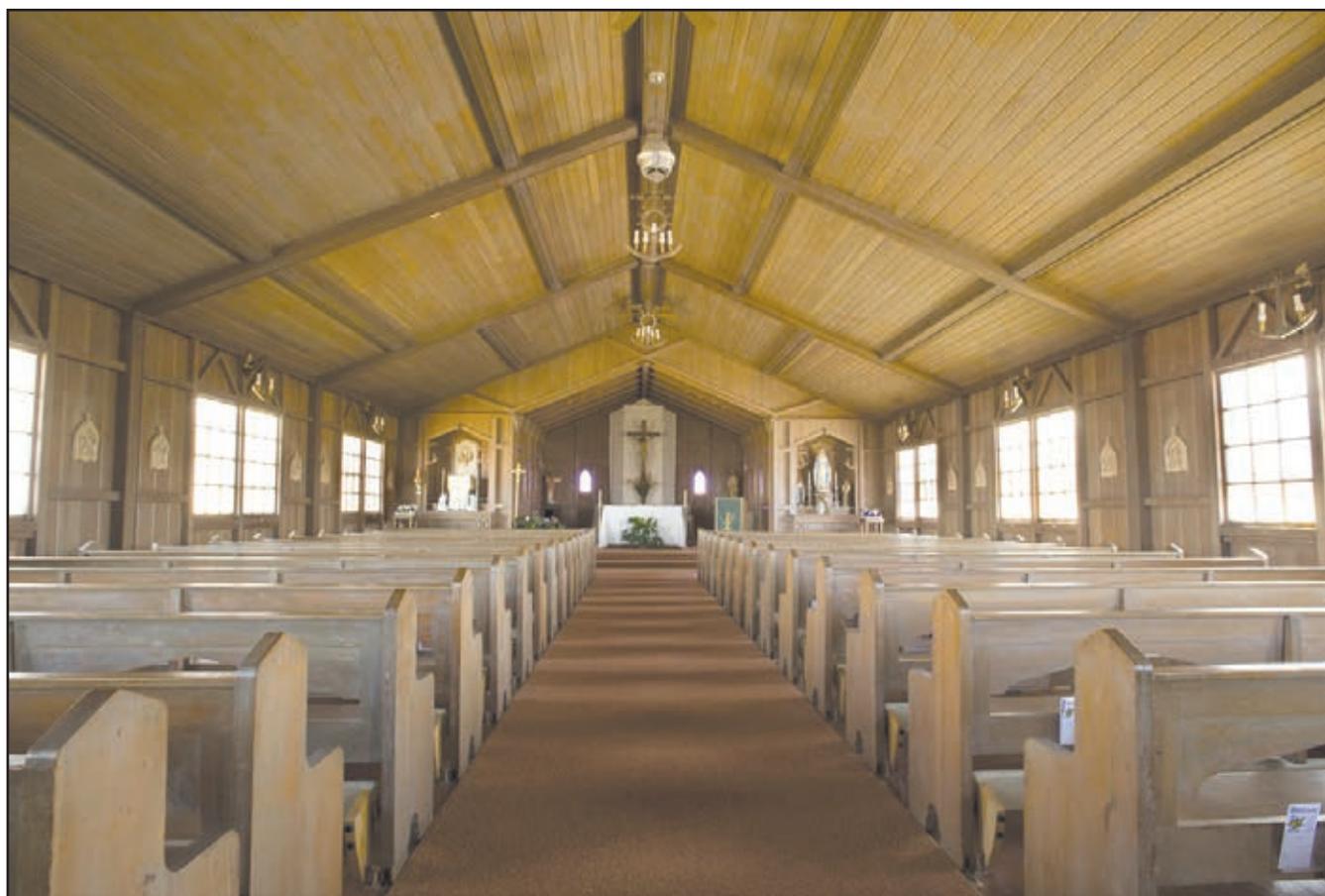
Two years after the church was built (1929) the Church was fitted with a new bronze Bell with the inscription "In Honor of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Rockaway Oregon, August 11, 1929".

St. Mary's By-The-Sea, was established as a parish on March 17, 1948.

Father Macdonald Akuti has pastored the church since 2019.

Regular Mass Schedule

- Saturday Vigil Mass is at 5 p.m.



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- Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- Daily Mass: 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
- First Saturday of the Month Mass is at 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

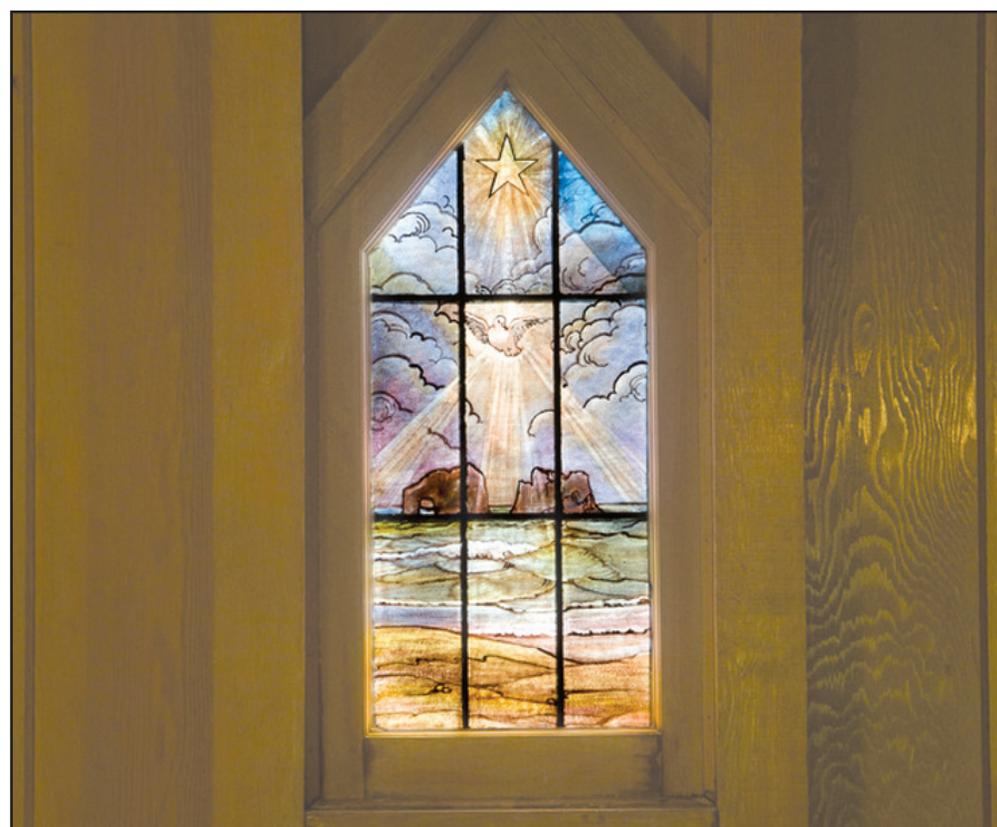
Reconciliation

- Saturday at 4 p.m.

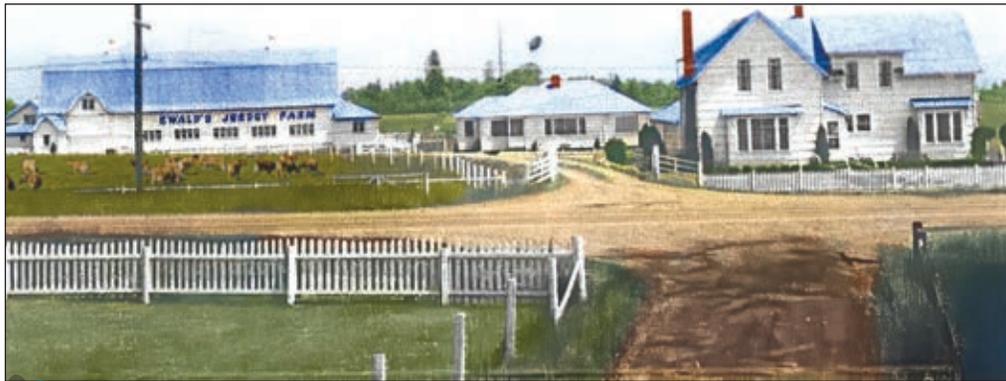
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

- On Thursdays after Mass until Noon
- On First Saturdays after Mass for an hour

- All other Sacraments are by appointment.



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Zwald Farm



Photo by Paul Schwend

Zwald Transport: From dairy farming to hauling milk

By Chelsea Yarnell
Guest Contributor

It started with just one truck back in 1979. Zwald Transport, Inc. has now grown to support a wide variety of businesses in and around Tillamook and Oregon.

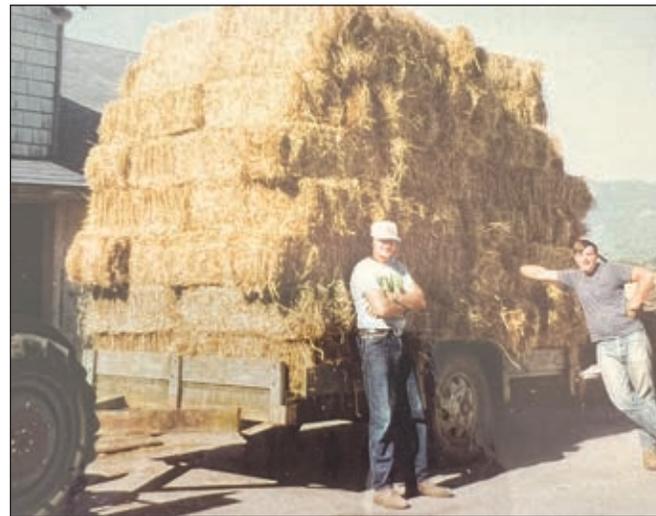
Ken Zwald started the trucking company as a hay hauler, and then eventually purchased a milk route in 1982. Ken and his wife, Nonda, continued to grow the company until 2015, when they handed the reins over to the next generation.

Since then, owners (brother/sister duo) Nick and Heather Zwald have aggressively grown the operation, obtaining

additional milk routes, starting new divisions and upgrading equipment, while never wavering from their commitment to service.

The Zwald family has deep roots in dairy farming, Swiss culture and Tillamook County. Both the paternal and maternal sides of Nick and Heather's family began dairy farming in Tillamook County over 100 years ago.

For several decades, the Zwald family worked as dairy farmers operating: Zwald's Jersey Farm. The farm was noted by several accounts as being immaculately kept. The property is now owned by the Pastega family, with



Ken Zwald



Ken Zwald's truck

the Blue Heron French Cheese Company housed in the original dairy barn.

On their maternal side, the Galloway family operated a dairy farm in the Sandlake area, even building the road from their farm to the Sandlake store. The road is named after the family to this day.

The values gained through farming, translate to the values of the company present day: family-oriented and dedication to customers to get the job done right.

Zwald Transport currently offers hauling services for: milk, refrigerated freight, commodity, lumber, as well as flatbed and vacuum tanker needs.



Ezra Zwald



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