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Vets honored at Air Museum

WILL CHAPPELL Headlight Editor

n recognition of Veterans Day Lon November 11, veterans and their families gathered at the Tillamook Air Museum for a complimentary breakfast and ceremony celebrating their service.

At the ceremony, veterans were treated to music and speeches, with a special focus on service dogs, as Tillamook Air Museum Curator Christian Gurling shared the story of Spike, an English bulldog that lived at Naval Air Station Tillamook, and Marine veteran Kris Torrey shared his experience with service dog Gunner, who has helped him cope with PTSD.

The ceremony kicked off at 11 a.m. with Tillamook County Veterans' Services Officer Nick Torres welcoming the veterans and their families before a presentation of the colors. Each of the military branch's service anthem was then played and veterans from each branch were invited to stand during their respective anthem. A prayer followed before a rock song performed by No Pros.

Gurling then told the story of spike, a white English bulldog born in March 1941, whose master, aerial photographer Private First Class Phil Morley, took him to Fort Lewis, Washington, where Spike logged over 300 hours of flight time. Tragically, Morley died in a routine flight in October 1942, plunging Spike into a depression where he lost almost half his body weight.

Morley's parents retrieved Spike from Fort Lewis and returned with him to Forest Grove, hoping that familiar surroundings would lift his spirits. However, improvement only came when they gave Spike to the Marines at Naval Air Station Tillamook.

'But what truly revived him wasn't rest of comfort, it was duty," Gurling said. "In June of 1943, Spike returned to service, this time at the Marine detachment right here at Naval Air Station Tillamook. Surround by Marines who understood loss, Spike thrived again. He



Photo by Will Chappell

A color guard retires the colors at the end of the Veterans Day ceremony at the Tillamook Air Museum.

regained his strength, his appetite and his spirit, serving proudly as a member of the Marine Corps.'

Spike took up residence in a small house next to the guard's post at the main gate of the air station and was known by all the Marines on base. Eventually, Spike was recommended for promotion from private, with the note accompanying the recommendation reading, "his habits were generally good, he didn't drink or use profanity, and he was never AWOL.

Unfortunately, on the same day his promotion came though, December 26, 1943, Spike was killed in a vehicle accident, being buried with full honors three days later.

After Gurling told Spike's story,

Torrey discussed his experience with Gunner and Paws Assisting Veterans, a charity dedicated to pairing veterans with service dogs.

Torrey, who served in the Marines from 2001-2008 with stints in Iraq and Cuba, said that after leaving the service, he had struggled to cope with the lingering effects of PTSD, coming close to taking his

Then, in 2019, Torrey found Paws Assisting Veterans and was paired with Gunner, an 18-monthold golden retriever specially trained as a service dog after his personality was judged too friendly for work as a guide dog for the

Following a two-week training

class with Gunner, Torrey said that his life has been transformed, with Gunner helping to ease nightmares by laying over Torrey, allowing the veteran to return to public life, joining the Masons, Shriners, Knights Templar and VFW.

"The program itself has literally been a lifesaver," Torrey said. Donovan Goff, commander of

Tillamook VFW Post 47, then spoke saying that it was time for younger veterans like himself to step into larger leadership roles at the VFW and American Legion to relieve WWII and Vietnam Veterans.

A second prayer was offered and "God Bless the USA" played, before the colors were retired and the ceremony concluded.

Sammy's Place prepares to break ground on Thompson Springs

WILL CHAPPELL Headlight Editor

With millions of dollars raised, land use permission granted and permits for site work issued, Nehalem-based charity Sammy's Place is set to begin construction on its Thompson Springs project as soon as weather allows.

Sammy's Place Board Member Kevin Shluka told the Headlight Herald that while fundraising will continue to help lower the cost of mortgages for future residents of the community, the team was eager to break ground on the project.

"We're excited to tell you that we're on the cusp of breaking ground," Shluka said, "it's been a long, difficult journey and we're there, and we're super excited about

The journey towards building Thompson Springs began in 2019 when the Tillamook County government donated a piece of land on Thompson Lane in Nehalem to the nonprofit, which focuses on supporting those in the community with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). After Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality and the United States Environmental Protection Service donated staff time to remediate environmental concerns, planning began for a

What emerged was a plan to construct six one-bedroom and four two-bedroom homes that will be available for purchase at affordable levels, with five units designated for people with IDD. Eight of the units will be affordable to people making 80% of the area's median income or less, while the final two units will be affordable to those making 120% of that figure or less.

housing development on the site.

Fundraising in support of the project began this year and has progressed successfully, with almost \$4 million already raised, with Oregon Housing and Community Services granting \$1.8 million, the Fairview Trust \$1.2 million and the KUNI foundation \$840,000.

With those funds secured and initial permitting complete, Sammy's Place's leadership and the project team decided to start construction while working to raise more money. "It's a little bit of a complicated step-by-step process, but we are excited that we finally get to start really moving forward on that process," Shluka said. "However, we still need to raise some money."

Thompson Springs is being constructed as a planned unit development, which will allow each of the ten dwellings to be individually sold to residents and requires the completion of site preparation work and platting before final construction approval. Shluka said that crews from Cove Built LLC will begin working on site improvements as soon as weather allows and aim to complete the work by

TELC and Headstart host Friendsgiving for students

WILL CHAPPELL Headlight Editor

illamook Early Learning Center and Tillamook Head Start students were treated to a special Friendsgiving event on November 12, with Food Roots helping teach the students to prepare three dishes before they sampled

The event included food from local producers and gave students an opportunity to learn about food preparation and locally sourced, healthy food options.

At the event, Food Roots Executive Director Lindsay Ward, Tillamook Head Start Center Manager Hallie Edgmon and Tillamook Early Learning Center (TELC) Executive Director Vanessa Cham led students through the activi-

Cham first read students a book to prepare them for the food preparation process, before they washed their hands and got down to business in the school's cafeteria.

Students were split into two groups, with a classroom from TELC and Head Start being paired to form each.

In the cafeteria, students were split into three groups to rotate through stations to prepare the elements of their meal. At the first station, kids were asked to strip kale and spinach from their stems and rip them into bite sized pieces. At the second, Ward showed kids how to combine berry jam with vinegar and olive oil to create a vinaigrette dressing. And at the third, students were asked to mash cooked squashes.

Several grants, including one from the Kiwanis Club of Tillamook, made the event possible and students' parents were also invited



Students shaking their homemade dressing with guidance from Ward (center).

to participate. The greens and squash for the event came from Fawcett Creek Farms and Josi Farms, both of Tillamook, while the berry jam for the salad dressing was provided by Gingifer's Kitchen out of Otis.

After preparing the food, the kids enjoyed the fruits of their labor and at the end of the day were sent home with a bag full of supplies and an instruction sheet so they could repeat the activity at home.

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Manzanita council adopts vision statement

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Manzanita's city council unanimously adopted a vision statement on November 5, as part of the ongoing process to update the city's comprehensive plan.

The vision statement was developed by a citizen committee and lavs out a vision for where the city will be in 20 years, with an emphasis on fostering an inclusive community with transparent and active collaboration.

Linda Kuestner, chair of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Steering Committee, which helped develop the vision statement, spoke about the process that led to its creation. Kuestner said that work on the statement dated to 2022, when the Envision Manzanita process began to gather public feedback for the comprehensive plan update. That initial work was completed in 2023 and the information generated saved.

The six-person committee then went through a series of interviews with interested stakeholders in the community before creating a draft statement. That statement was present-

ed to the public, who were given an opportunity to provide feedback through a survey that received more than 160 responses, which were then incorporated in the statement.

Mark Adamcin from the committee then shared the introduction to the vision statement, which read: "By 2045, Manzanita has strong community support. Manzanita fosters a vibrant, inclusive community where every voice can be heard through transparent and active collaboration. We aim to create a city where individuals of all backgrounds, identities and perspectives can contribute to shaping the future. We are committed to cultivating community involvement by ensuring that civic activities are accessible, equitable and driven by mutual respect and shared progress to build a more connected and welcoming community."

Adamcin then discussed other elements of the extended statement, which included commitments to creating diverse housing types, preserving the natural environment and fostering flourishing local business

while maintaining a smalltown feel.

After the presentation, council voted to approve the statement, which will be used to guide forthcoming work to update Manzanita's comprehensive plan.

Council also unanimously passed a resolution affirming that the design for the Classic Street project, which due to physical constraints will see the road limited to a width of 20 feet in places, was legal under the city's ordinances. Concerns about the street's width had arisen among community members given the city ordinance's recommendation that streets be built to a minimum width of

However, City Manager Leila Aman clarified that the code read that streets "should" be built to that width, rather than outright requiring it, and explained that due to geotechnical concerns and budgetary constraints, it was not feasible for the entirety of Classic Street to be that wide.

Manzanita Public Works Director Rick Rempfer also gave a presentation on the capital improvement

projects his department has accomplished since he took over the role a year ago. In that time, the city's well site has been upgraded with a new metering system that manages chlorine levels in the system, a new security system and a Starlink receiver to increase connectivity, a new generator was added to the city's reservoir, play structures at the city park were overhauled with new structures also added, and a major renovation to the public works building is nearing completion.

Finally, council approved a change in salary schedules to allow Nina Crist to become the city's finance director. Aman explained that she had been preparing Crist to assume the role and that doing so would allow her to take a more active role in the budgeting and policy-making processes, reducing Aman's workload in those arenas.

Aman said that the city would also begin recruitment for a finance and administrative assistant, who will support Crist in her new role and learn the duties of the city's utility clerk so that they can cover the position as needed.



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Application forms are available on the county website on the Board of Commissioners page https://www. co.tillamook.or.us/bocc/page/ committees. Applications

should be emailed to Isabel Gilda in the Commissioners' office at Isabel.gilda@ tillamookcounty.gov by 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 28, 2025. For more information on how to submit an electronic application, call Isabel Gilda at 503-842-3431. For more information about the library board, please contact Commissioner Mary Faith Bell at Maryfaith.bell@ tillamookcounty.gov or call 503-842-3403.







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NEWS

New lighting installed at fairground courts



Fournier (center left) looks on after Von Seggern and Miller cut the ribbon to inaugurate the new lights and members of the pickleball club celebrate

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Members of the Tillamook Pickleball Club gathered at the Tillamook

County Fairgrounds' tennis courts on November 12, to celebrate the installation of new lighting at the facility, which they use daily. At the celebration, Til-

lamook Pickleball Club President Roger Miller, Tillamook County Fairgrounds Manager Camy Von Seggern and Tillamook County Commissioner Paul Fournier gave short remarks and cut a ribbon to celebrate the project's completion.

This is exactly what we should be spending transient lodging tax money on, in my opinion," said Fournier. "It's something that benefits visitors, but also locals."

The need for the project became apparent in recent years as pickleball fever swept the county and the

fluorescent lighting in the fairgrounds' tennis courts showed its age and inadequacy, with dark spots and poor illumination.

Earlier this year, the club applied for a transient lodging tax (TLT) facilities grant through Tillamook Coast Visitors Association, but when commissioners were asked to approve the grant, they instead elected to use a different pot of TLT money to pay for the project, since the fairgrounds belongs to

the county. Commissioners allocated \$45,900 to the project in June, with the Pickleball Club chipping in several thousand more in proceeds from their first annual Cowbell Classic tournament in June.

The new lights feature blue light and eliminate dark spots on the facility's four courts, creating ideal conditions for the club's 70 members to play.

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Sammy's Place is set to begin construction on its Thompson Springs project as soon as weather allows.

early next summer, allowing construction to go vertical, after which he said it will take about 14 months to complete.

While construction progresses, Sammy's Place will continue raising funds to help lower the cost of purchase for future residents of the homes. Currently, the one-bedroom homes are projected to cost between \$88,000 and \$160,000, while the two-bedroom homes will cost between \$110,000 and

\$220,000 Those prices are already significantly lower than other homes in the area, but Sammy's Place Executive Director Julie Chick said that community members with IDD have restricted incomes and would struggle to afford a mortgage for a home at

those prices. Chick said that most adults with IDD rely on social security payments of \$967 a month to cover all their expenses, and that even for those who work, like her son, income is usually limited to a couple hundred dollars a month, making further reducing the cost of the

homes critical. To that end, Sammy's Place is planning to begin a capital campaign around Giving Tuesday so that private individuals can increase the project's afford-

"The whole purpose of this project is to give people in our region an opportunity they have never been afforded before, literally' Chick said.

Chick also explained that donations to help defray the cost of home ownership would have lasting impacts and effectively stay with the home as a silent, second mortgage, helping to lower costs for all future residents, not just the first homeowner.

Work on the first phase of the project will include connecting a dead-end water transmission line in the area to the nearby mainline, completing a circuit, as well as grading at the site. A third of Thompson Lane will also be paved during the project and Shluka said that they plan to have a formal groundbreaking ceremony sometime in the spring.

Shluka also shared that both Owen Gabbard LLC and Jones Architecture were working at reduced rates to help with the project and said that everybody working on the project was committed to getting residents in the homes promptly.

"We just want to get these homes built and people inside them," Shluka said. "That's when returns really start to happen and so any path forward that we can forge ahead as soon as possible is the path we're going to take."



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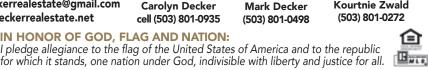
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NEWS

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT-

Bay City Kitchen So good, it sells out

By CHELSEA YARNELL

Guest Contributor

Before the space fills with diners, Bay City Kitchen owners Kathy High and Derek McCarthy are each focused on their own

McCarthy switches back and forth between tending to a sauce on the stovetop and chopping ingredients.

High's mixer is buzzing away in her bakerv space. One egg, two egg. The mixer's contents get creamier.

The finals results will be plates of food and pastries so popular that they sell out on a regular basis.

"At the end of the day, we're just having fun with food and having people enjoy what we're doing," McCarthy said.

The two owners opened Bay City Kitchen on July 20, 2023, right off Hwy 101 in Bay City. The restaurant's menu features offerings from Chef McCarthy and baked goods from Chef High that utilize seasonal, local ingredients. Their menu consists of lunch and dinner items that are ever-changing, adapting to what's available and what guests are craving.

"We've made some great connections with the local food producers like the farmers that we work with," Derek said. "We communicate with them about what's coming up and what's ready for the season. It's all based on seasonal ingredients and putting flavors together. That's the whole concept and idea."

With decades of restaurant experience between them, the pair draws inspiration for dishes from their experience and the environment around them. Like duck leg confit or wok fried shishito peppers. And in the bakery case: chocolate moelleux and huckleberry financiers.

'Once you've been doing it for a long time, you have an understanding of how to balance ingredients



Experienced pastry chef, and co-owner, Kathy High preps in her bakery space at Bay City Kitchen.

and flavor profiles. The world of possibilities really opens up to you," McCarthy said. "I've been fortunate enough to learn from a lot of amazing chefs and worked with some amazing people. I have taken a lot of notes, written a lot of recipes, and I'm still excited about creating more things. We have the biggest cooking library on the coast I would bet. We eat, sleep and breathe food.'

Four days a week, customers can peruse the menu ordering anything from classical mac & cheese to house-smoked fish toast. And one day a week, the focus is heavily placed on coming together. Sunday Supper at Bay City Kitchen is a weekly three course prix fixe menu that has

turned into a popular community gathering time.

"In part, it's because of the way we've structured the meal because no one is worrying about spending 20 minutes looking at a piece of paper deciding what to order," McCarthy said. "Instead, you're turning to your neighbor and asking, 'How's your week been?' It's been delightful in really unexpected ways. To see how we have been able to become a place that for so many people in ways that are really meaningful for us as well. We've invested in the people as much as they are invested in us."

Even if you don't have time to sit and stay for a meal, Bay City Kitchen's grab-and-go freezer is stocked with healthy, hearty



Co-owner of Bay City Kitchen Derek McCarthy preps for lunch and dinner service.

'We've always maintained that we want to make it easy for people to eat well," High said. "It has been so well received by the people who see it."

Whether you stop in for a meal, or need it to-go, Bay City Kitchen has a meal prepared with the guest in mind.

"There is something magical about this space in general," High said. "It seems like we have a lot of people who just sort of show up at the right time for us. We would not exist without local support plain and simple. And every time we see new faces we're excited about it.'

"We're just two people cooking good food and trying to feed the people," McCarthy said. "We just want to support our little happy world and make others happy; that's all we want to do.'

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MEDICAL MINUTE

GLP-1 medications and what you should know



James P. BORDEN, MD, Internal Medicine Adventist Health Tillamook

was asked in this Column to talk about GLP 1s - you know, themiracle weight loss drugs? Timely subject, given that high calorie holidays are

right around the corner. These drugs as a class have been available for many years, but only recently have some of their features been improved, leading to an explosion of interest and prescribing beyond the original indication of diabetes management. A recent survey revealed that twelve percent of adults in this country had tried one of the medications, and six percent were on them. Those numbers are astonishing, given that only a few years back these were niche products for diabetics who needed something

Let's start with some basics: "GLP" stands for glucagon-like peptide, glucagon being a hormone produced by the pancreas crucial for blood sugar regulation. The medication works by mimicking this hormone, producing a variety of effects — I have a chart in my office that shows all its actions, and yes, it's complex. It tells the brain that the stomach is full, slows down absorption of food from the stomach, and increases sensitivity to insulin, which pulls sugar from the blood vessels and puts it in the

These effects end up lowering blood sugar, which helps diabetes, and causes weight loss — all without revving up metabolism the way older

weight loss drugs did, and with (relatively) few side effects. Thus, the medications' popularity.

There are seven varieties of these products, but generally only two are widely prescribed: semaglutide (Ozempic, Wegovy), and terzepatide (Mounjaro, Zepbound). They each have different features, and are all covered differently — if at all — by insurance. Here is not the place to go in to all that. Full disclosure - I am on one of these products and have lost thirtyfive pounds. So that begs the question — how much weight can I lose, is it safe, and how long do I use it?

Weight loss varies, but averages, under good circumstances, about 16% of body weight. Take out your calculators and see where you would fit. These medications are considered safe, but there are some significant side effects and risks, and I would say as my warning about these products, not to do anything without consulting a provider who is familiar. In general, I would not get these medications through the internet, or without a provider's supervision though I know many do

As for how long to use them, well that's a tough one, and the jury is still out. Some of it depends on the indication, for instance a diabetic is likely to be on them long term, someone like me, well, I'm close, so time to prepare for tapering off, which is always recommended.

So, the bottom line: GLP-1 medications are generally safe and effective, but they aren't risk-free and can be expensive. They're also mostly injectables for now, though oral options are in development. November is Diabetes Awareness Month, a good reminder that these medications began as tools for managing diabetes

and continue to help millions control their blood sugar and improve their overall health. Whether for diabetes management or weight loss, make sure any decision about using them is guided by a trusted healthcare provider.



COMMENTARY

The healing power of shared values

Mary FAITH BELL

n a time when political Lpolarization is happening around us and to us, pitting neighbors against neighbors, driving wedges in families, fomenting anger and weakening our social structure, I see signs that people are weary of vitriol and hate.

First Corinthians 13:1 plays in my mind when I hear or read people judging and tearing one another down, or justifying unconscionable things happening to other people, as if they were so much collateral damage. "If I speak in the tongues of human beings and angels, but I don't have love, I'm only a clanging gong, or a clashing cymbal." (CEB)

Our ears are ringing from so many clanging gongs. Current levels of antipathy are unsustainable for those who do not use anger as their daily fuel. Consequently, people are withdrawing, turning away from social media and news in order to protect their emotional balance.

I don't blame people for etreating from the daily barrage of things that are out of our control. Our nervous

systems are stressed. Our mental and emotional health is impacted.

Please consider acts of service as a way to turn the tide of negativity, to help our neighbors and ourselves.

Lately I have witnessed waves of compassion and generosity that not only help the receivers, but also the givers. For instance, we started a food drive at the courthouse that is bringing people together in extraordinary ways. It is not just individual employees bringing food to share with the food bank, but departments and whole floors working together to fill the barrels. I sent out an email inviting people to help feed their neighbors, and the outpouring of enthusiasm and loving kindness from county employees is a beautiful thing to behold.

Not only will we make a meaningful difference in the lives of our hungry neighbors, but we are improving our own and each other's morale in the process. Acts of service are uplifting. Most people want to help others, and they feel better when they have the opportunity to do so, particularly if it involves working together with people with shared values. I believe that in Tillamook County, we have much more

in common than not. The important things. The majority of people in our county: Don't want our neighbors

to go hungry, especially children, senior citizens, veterans, college students and people with disabilities.

We care about children in our community and want them to be safe, healthy, and happy, to have a roof over their heads, regular meals, clean water, access to healthcare, safe schools, a solid education and opportunities for healthy sports and recreation activities. We want kids to feel loved and supported and to thrive.

We care about healthcare. Most of us want people to get the medical services they

Let's start there. While SNAP benefits have been restored, there remains a looming hunger crisis on the horizon. Federal funding for food banks has been reduced, while the number of local people seeking food from food banks has risen dramatically: for instance, in October 2025, before SNAP benefits were cut off, the number of

people seeking food at one local food bank increased by 60 percent. Many of them were requesting food assistance for the first time.

SNAP benefits are slated to be reduced in January. Federal funding for healthcare is being reduced; therefore, it will be hard if not impossible for healthcare providers to maintain current service levels. Medicare contributions are rising, in some cases quadrupling, which is a hardship for vulnerable seniors on fixed incomes. The price for ACA Marketplace insurance is going up exponentially. One local woman's marketplace insurance is going up over 1000 percent. Her current monthly premium is \$200, and in January

it will be \$2040. The organizations in our community that rely on state funding have been asked to submit budgets cuts that will result in layoffs for local people, causing more food and housing insecurity for

local families. This is not a comprehensive list. The outlook for vulnerable people is dire. There

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OPINION

CHAMBER CHATTER

Your invitation to Small Business Saturday

Join Our Shop Small Adventure and Invest in the Spirit of Tillamook on November 29th

TILLAMOOK AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

With the Thanksgiving season quickly approaching, we find ourselves reflecting on what truly matters: community, connection, and gratitude. This time of year often encourages us to slow down, if only for a moment, and cherish the people and places that make Tillamook County so special.

Looking ahead to Small Business Saturday on Saturday, November 29th, we think this is a great opportunity to turn our local appreciation into action and directly support the people and businesses that make Tillamook County tick.

We understand the allure of online convenience. Hopping onto your favorite shopping app, clicking a few times, and having a package delivered straight to your door, without ever having to leave your couch, can certainly have its perks. We've all done it. But we want to share the heart and soul behind our local small businesses and why it's important to think local first.

A small, locally owned shop in Tillamook County is much more than just a place



of commerce. It is someone's dream, their passion, and their livelihood. Our family, friends, and neighbors pour their energy, time, and dedication into these endeavors every single day. There is so much effort and hope invested behind the scenes that we rarely ever see.

How often have we driven

past a charming little shop off the highway, intending to stop but never quite making the time? This holiday season, we invite you to pause and explore. Take a moment to wander in and look around. You might just stumble upon a hidden treasure, a beautiful locket for your aunt, a nostalgic stuffed animal you know your granddaughter would adore or a piece of local art that perfectly captures the beauty of our coast.

For us, shopping locally is about more than just knocking an item off a to-do list; it's about slowing down to genuinely enjoy the sense of community and thoughtfulness that holiday gift giving

When you choose to spend your dollars right here in Tillamook County, you are directly investing in the community. Studies consistently show that for every dollar spent at a local small business, a significant portion (often up to 70% more) stays within the local community compared to shopping at national big box stores. Your purchase funds local services, our schools, and the

We invite you to kick off the holiday spirit and join the fun with us on Small Business Saturday, November 29th. We have a wonderful day planned.

dreams of our neighbors. It

truly makes a difference.

Start your day at the Tillamook Chamber HQ between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Enjoy a complimentary hot cocoa donated by Tillamook Dutch Bros before setting off on your holiday shopping spree.

While you're here, you can pick up a list of participating businesses that will be giving adorable ornaments to the first 12 shoppers to make a purchase, compliments of the Chamber. To keep the excitement going, bring your collected ornaments to the Chamber HQ by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 1st to be entered into a drawing for a fabulous gift basket, beautifully arranged by Ashley Christensen. Each ornament counts as one entry.

Plus, you have even more chances to win. Submit your receipts from any locally owned business for the Shop Small Sweepstakes; we are taking unlimited entries throughout the day on November 29th. This gives you a chance to win a gift basket worth \$75 and you'll be entered into our Grand Prize drawing in early January for \$1,000 in sweepstakes bucks. What a festive, memorable way to get your holiday shopping started.

This year, let's choose to slow down, connect, and celebrate the incredible people and businesses that make Tillamook County our home. Your choice to shop local is more than just a purchase; it's a profound investment in the vibrant heart of our community.

We can't wait to see you on November 29th—let's make this a Small Business Saturday to remember.

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Medicare and marketplace insurance will be vastly more expensive; if people can pay the increased rates, they will have less money to spend on food. However, many will not be able to pay the higher prices, which will result in more people being uninsured and not getting the care they need. There will be less food assistance and less food on the shelves in the food banks, and more people than ever

We have a lot of reasons to be legitimately worried about ourselves and our

What can we do? Acts of service. We have the power to help feed people in our community. But it will take all of us. Start food drives at your work, church, school or gym. Make it fun. Get people involved. Have friendly competitions.

We can also help by donating cash to Oregon Food Bank Tillamook. Have fundraiser events for the food bank! Gather a group of people with shared values to work together, and everyone will benefit.

Oregon Foodbank Tillamook provides food for individuals and families in need, and they serve as a countywide food hub, supplying food for outlying food banks and meal sites throughout Tillamook County

Your food donations stay in our community. If you donate money, your gift goes further than your grocery purchases because the Oregon Food Bank has wholesale buying power. Go to Oregonfoodbank.org/ tillamookdonate to ensure that your donation stays right here in Tillamook County.

There are several churches and schools that provide food pantry services and hot meals throughout the county. They could use your help and donations as well. Please see the Oregon Food Bank Tillamook County Services Guide. Any of the programs listed may need volunteers in addition to food and cash donations.

If you are buying food o donate please remember upcoming holidays. We can't solve all the problems in our community, but we can love our neighbors with food.

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It was a great play date at the community center. About a dozen of us gathered to participate in a communal art project, responding to the landscape around us in various artistic ways. This art experiment was an offshoot of a session several Cape Mearesians attended this past spring at Nestucca K-8 school in Cloverdale, where poet laureate Ada Limón read her poems in a setting featuring art by the students. Locals Mimi Maduro and Miriam Fultz were so taken by that experience that they recreated their own smaller version of it here at the Barbara Bennett Community Center. Miriam took pictures of our resulting artwork and will make a photo book to share with the community. Thank you, Mimi and Miriam, for a most delightful morning of art,

friendship and community. The first king tide series of this winter season occurred November 5–7. We certainly had high surf, but there was no damage nor anyone swept away here in Cape Meares. "King tides" is the term given to the highest high tides of the year, generally one to two feet higher than average high tides. On our Tillamook-adjusted tide tables, these tides are all 9.0 feet or higher. The other king tides this season will be December 3–6 and, in the new year, January 1–4. Enjoy them from a distance; it would be easy to be swept off your feet with a surge from a king tide.

We had almost summerlike weather the other day, inspiring Ciel Downing to invite neighbors over for a relaxing evening by her outdoor fire pit. As a hot pink sunset flared its last across Bayocean Spit, about a dozen individuals made their way to Ciel's home. There they enjoyed the ambiance and warmth of both fire and community. Folks brought their own beverages and snacks to share as they caught up on neighborhood news, from who had been out surfing that day to who watched the Oregon Ducks slip past Iowa. Many thanks to Ciel for her hospitality.

Mussel harvesting has been reopened coastwide, from the Washington border to the California border. Oregon's daily limit for mussels is 72 per person. You must have a valid Oregon shellfish license to harvest, except for children under 12. Check the Shellfish hotline (800-448-2474) before you go in case there are any lastminute changes.

My faith in humanity is restored. I had lost my grandmother's gold watch, which held great sentimental value for me, while shopping at Fred Meyer. I checked with Fred's later that day, when I realized the watch was missing, but it had not been turned in. I stopped in at Customer Service on our next weekly grocery shopping trip, just on a whim-and there it was. Some blessed soul had had the goodness to turn it in, despite the fact that it is real gold and worth some money. I immediately took it to Fred Meyer Jewelers to have the latch fixed. Now it is back on my wrist—on special occasions only. Thank you, thank you, whoever you are.

Happy birthday today to dear granddaughter Olivia! Sending oceans of love her way.

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merce invites one and all to

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Bazaar Saturday arrived to

week. Thanks to Irene Bara-

jas for word that Nestucca's

our Fencepost inbox this

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annual Holly Days Bazaar

from 9 a.m. trough 3 p.m.

Nestucca K-8 School. It's

on Saturday, December 6 at

located about a mile south of

Cloverdale off U.S. Highway

(SoCoCATS) plans to collect

clothing, hygiene items and

non-perishable groceries for

families in need at the event.

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p.m. on Thanksgiving Day
(Thursday, November 27)
at Kiawanda Community
Center (KCC). The address is
34600 Cape Kiawanda Drive
in Pacific City. Volunteers
are needed; call KCC at 503965-7900.

KCC serves senior lunches at 11:30 on Tuesdays (November 18) and Wednesdays (November 19) weekly for \$3 each. (Others may partake for \$6.) They also host Bingo from 1-3 p.m. on Thursdays, weekly. A source describes buy-in as low as \$5 with cash prizes awarded to winners in several categories. The address is included

It's not too late to access an All-Ages Walk-in Vaccine Clinic from 1-6 p.m. on Mondays and from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, weekly through November 24. We can access Covid-19, Flu and Pneumonia vaccines. The address is 800 Main Avenue in Tillamook. No one will be turned away for an inability to pay.

Community Action Resource Enterprise (CARE) will host a free drop-in legal clinic from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. on a Friday, monthly. For November, the date is this Friday, November 21. Oregon Law Center staff the event. Low-income households can receive advice on civil matters (domestic violence, employee's rights, public benefits and tenant's rights). They don't assist with criminal matters. CARE's address is 2310 First Street in Tillamook.

I mentioned a while back (in this space) that Nestucca K-8 School is seeking Start Making a Reader Today (SMART) reading volunteers. Volunteers read for an hour a week with a student who is assigned to them for the duration. I had misplaced my source as we went to press; it surfaced this past week and the online link to sign up is www.SMART-Reading.org or call 971-634-1628.

Remember that our own Pacific City-Nestucca

Stephen Jay Hurst *April 21, 1946 - Nov. 3, 2025*



Stephen Jay Hurst passed away at home Nov. 03, 2025; he was 79. Steve was born on April 21, 1946 in Emporia, Kansas. He was the youngest of 4 children born to William Floyd Hurst Jr. and Alma Lydia (Renchler) Hurst. One sister and two brothers: Gwendalyn Hurst, Francis Hurst, Hobert Hurst. The family moved to Falls City, Oregon in 1951 and purchased a small farm, where the children went to school and grew up. They learned to garden, hunt and fish together.

Stephen married Loranda Redding in 1971 (divorced in 1994), he went to college, worked in Forestry and then BLM as a cartographer, while raising two daughters: Angela (Hurst) Firey (of TN) and Viriginia Hurst (of AL). He taught them to hunt and fish. Steve has 5 grandchildren, 7 step grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 2 step great-grandchildren.

In 1995 Steve married Laura (Harper) Hurst, and after retiring, they moved to Rockaway Beach in 1999, where he helped Laura with her 3 sons: Des DesJardins (of OR) Shaun DesJardins (of OR), and Dennis Russell (of OR), who predeceased Steve by just a few weeks.

Stephen was a talented cartographer and after retiring, he went on to make many Hunting Unit Maps for Big Sky Maps.

He also loved fishing and he liked to fish the lakes, rivers and streams near home. He was a born ocean fisherman. Although handicapped since the age of nine, if he wasn't working, he would be found FISHING. Steve loved to cook an amazing meal now and then. Usually, he would make a delicious chili or his famous potato salad or an amazing fish dinner.

Stephen was a kind and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to many. He will be missed, so very much.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Stephen after the holidays, in the springtime.

David Effenberger March 29, 1934 - 2025



Dave was born March
29, 1934 in Tilla-

mook, Oregon, to Mary Ellen (Foster) and Alie Joseph Effenberger. He attended Liberty grade school and graduated from THS, where he acquired his love for football. He proudly served 20 years in the US Air Force including the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Introduced by his father, he married Patsy Lurleen Haynes on August 6, 1955 and they were married 70 years! They had 2 daughters. Attending night school, Dave earned a degree in Accounting at age 45. His civilian career began at Milwaukie Plywood in 1974 and he fully retired as Controller from Calbag Metals in Portland, Oregon.

He is survived by his wife, Patti, daughters Debby (and John) Kling and Kathy Parrish; 3 grandchildren: Lindsay (and Ryan) LeBreton, Dan (and Molly) Kling, and Stephanie (and Rudy) Grigar; and 7 great grandchildren: Bailey (and Zack) Blinn, Zoe and Hunter LeBreton, Silas, Jeb and Beka Kling, and finally, Jack and baby Grigar.

Dave spent much of his time supporting nephews, children, and grandchildren at their sporting events over generations. He also enjoyed golf, woodworking, singing with the Lutheran Chorale, making jam, and watching his Packers. His loyalty, kindness and integrity will be sorely missed.

A Celebration of Dave's life will be held on Nov. 23, 2025 at 3 p.m. at the Milwaukie Lutheran Church, 3810 SE Lake Rd, Portland, OR 97222.

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o you remember When we had television sets? Big clunky boxes with tiny screens that gradually became bigger over time. And similar to when people sat around and listened to the radio, we would sit around and watch our favorite shows and talk about them the next day. Then we were able to record from the tv. That was novel. And we could rent movies and buy them. Then came cable. Pretty much the same thing, but without advertisements. I like the western channel because I like old John Wayne movies. I like old black and white movies with those "old time" film stars like Greer Garson. Ronald Coleman, Walter Pigeon, Claude Rains, Cary Grant, Ingrid Berman, Danny Kaye, Bing Crosby. So many

And now comes streaming. I know, it has been around for a while now, but I'm late to the technology table. I don't like all that change. I am a baby boomer after all. It means changing all these connections, updating internet, phones, carriers, service providers. Learning new names for things I still don't really understand. It's like learning what RAM is for the first time with a computer. Wait. RAM was capacity, right? The computer's short-term memory; random access memory.

All this to say that I am about to learn about streaming; I'm getting up my nerve to move forward with technology. But I don't think it has the westerns channel.

I've been writing about the need for food right now. I just learned that Bay City put out barrels for food collection for people in the community. They put out four barrels that were filled in two days. I also heard that our local Food Bank is stocked. That means that our community members are stepping up and lending their helping hands.

As many of you know, I am part of the national AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide program. I do taxes at the Tillamook County Library every year. The State organization just held its annual meeting to kick off the season. We had folks come from the State Department of Revenue

as well as from the local IRS office to share what is new with our team.

The IRS, with the State following, will be making form changes and there will be deductions for tips, overtime, seniors and car loan interest. And there are a lot of new rules around each one of these deductions. These new deductions will expire in 2028. Here they are:

Car loan interest on a new vehicle purchased in 2025 that has final assembly in the USA can be deducted through 2028. Pretty limited scope of who can use that one. Overtime pay – the amount over your normal wage, or if you get time and a half, it would be the half can be deducted. This year, the overtime may not be so easy for your tax preparer to determine. Next year the employer will be required to provide the amount of overtime on the W-2. Allocated tips can be deducted up to a limit. Here is where this one gets tricky - it is the allocated tips on the W-2. If the taxpayer has cash tips, those must be reported as unreported tip income and then they can be deducted. Also, if the tips are mandatory, that is, required of the customer, such as when there is a large party, those tips are not deductible. The new senior deduction is based on income and is phased out as your income increases. Of course, there is still little information on any of these changes on the IRS web page. Hopefully, the agency will get back into the swing of things as they

get to go back to work.

This is also the last year for energy credits for items such as doors, windows, and skylights. The manufacturing pin is required to file for this credit. And finally, the deduction for your state and local taxes had been capped at \$10,000, but that cap has increased to \$40,000 this year. Happy tax filing.

Our favorite librarian is back but is going on vacation for two weeks. She provided me with a couple of updates and reminders. The book club meets on November 18th at 2 p.m. and they will be discussing The Storied Life of A.J. Fikey by Gabrielle Zevin. Then on Wednesday, the 19th at 4:15 p.m. Teen Craft and Chat is happening. Snacks are provided. There will be family story time on Friday at 11 a.m. And finally, ta da/ there is the Salmon Release. The salmon (also known as fry) will be released in Lorens Drift Pond Tuesday, November 25 at 11:30 a.m. See the flyer posted at the library for

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he November 12 ■ Rockaway Beach city council workshop and meeting saw several important developments which will have an ongoing effect on residents

One of the most significant of them has been delayed pending feedback from the community: the ongoing discussion over Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Pre-Implementation Compliance Measures (PICM). Based on the 2016 Biological Opinion from the National Marine Fisheries Service, this addresses the effects of changes to protected wetlands on the environment for various fish, particularly salmon and steelhead.

At issue is more than just new development in coastal areas, specifically in designated Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). One comment during the meeting pointed out that in addition



to approving or denying new home or business construction, some possible PICM effects could include requiring approval for digging a hole for your mailbox or repairing your fence.

While it's not immediately clear that the PICM reaches down to that level, it's certainly reason enough to apply more thought to the issue, and to reach out to the community for feedback.

"We've only heard from about 10% of the community" with regards to the PICM, said Councilor Mary McGinniss.

At issue are three basic options for proceeding, according to legal consultant Armand Resto-Spotts, who spoke at the workshop via Zoom. First, because the city has not yet implemented a decision, FEMA's default condition is to implement a permit-by-permit approach to regulation. That is, individual permits for each change must be assessed with regard to suitability.

Manzanita has adopted this approach, but their area only includes four specific properties which could be impacted by the PICM. Rockaway Beach has 86 acres in the SFHA, 11% of which are residentially zoned, with 23 acres undeveloped. Commercial areas in our SFHA total 14 acres, of which between 7% and 9% are zoned residential/ commercial. This suggests the permit-by-permit approach could be complex and potentially costly.

The other approaches are to place a moratorium on all development for a specified time. Bay City, which has significantly less SFHA than Rockaway, has taken this approach, after which they are planning to switch to the permit-by-permit process.

Warrenton, which is much closer to Rockaway in the impact of the PICM, has declared their intention to adopt a model ordinance (though they have yet to do so). The model ordinance adopts legislation based on standardized language from FEMA about what will and will not be permitted, which simplifies approval or rejection of development that affects the flood plain.

Resto-Spotts added that all three PICM approaches have legal risk, and furthermore that they are all temporary because FEMA is still going through litigation challenging PICM and its

findings, in a suit brought by Oregonians for Floodplain Protection.

He explained that the model ordinance is the safest approach but questioned whether it was required to take action on it today. Consensus among the council was to table the matter (which was subsequently accepted by unanimous vote at the city council meeting).

McGinniss strongly suggested setting up a community-wide hearing, possibly with an online survey, to reach more Rockaway residents.

"In Rockaway Beach," she said, "there are definitely folks interested in commenting on this issue. Continuing this one more time, then, it's on the councilors to do outreach to the community."

Mayor Charles McNeilly concurred: "I don't think the community is engaged with this issue. If what we want is to get a community view

with this, I don't think it will happen tonight." McNeilly echoed the call for community outreach to help understand the implications, then do another hearing with "a more balanced or complete

view from the community." You can sign up for email from the city's website, https://corb.us, to be kept informed of future develop-

ments.

Other items of interest: the sewer rate increase is entering the next phase, with HDR presenting several cases for the new rates. Again, this issue will be brought before Rockaway residents, with announcements planned at the December 10 city council meeting. While rate increases are slated to take effect January 1, 2026, City Manager Luke Shepard noted that with our two-month billing cycle, residents will see the new rates at the end of February.

his past Veterans Day I you may have noticed all the US flags positioned around the parking area at the new Welcome Garden and at the RV lift station. Thanks to Public works Director Roy Marquee for the idea, and all the public works team members, we now have an area to display and respect the flag on holidays. Veteran's Day was a lovely, sunny day, with all the new flags waving

in the breeze. Our Mayor Lianne Welch, City Manager David McCall and folks from the community gathered for a brief ceremony to recognize our veterans and those who made this new space possible. The large boulders that surround the parking lot were drilled and the flags placed in those. Special thanks also to John Malcolm of JM Excavating for donating his time to retrieve and place the



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The Bay City Booster Club monthly meeting and Potluck is set for November 21 beginning at 11:30 in the Ad Montgomery Hall located behind city hall. All are welcome to join in and find out more about the club and volunteer opportunities, and to enjoy delicious food and warm and welcoming

Come and join in with

the City of Bay City Porch Parade and car decorating contest. This event will take place on December 13th, with staging beginning at 5 p.m. at Al Griffin Park at the corner of 4th and Trade Street. So, get those creative thinking caps on and come and join the fun, Santa will be riding along with the fire department, and there will be hot cocoa and treats following the parade at the Bay

City Fire Department. There will be prizes awarded for best car decorations, \$75 for first place, \$50 for second, and \$25 for 3rd place. This is always a fun event, especially for children and sets a very festive note for the coming holidays.

At the main Tillamook Library, they will be featuring noir films on Wednesday nights beginning at 6 p.m. Movies are free to all and there will be snacks.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming performance by the Bay Ocean Community Chorus of A Tillamook Christmas. This event will take place of December 13th at 2 p.m. at the Tillamook United Methodist Church, Located at 3808 12th Street in Tillamook. This will be a time for singing and celebrating. The Bay Ocean Community Chorus is an inclusive choral collective that uplifts, inspires and enriches the spirit and quality of community through performance, education and outreach. Choral leader. Annita, who also teaches my cardio drumming class at the YMCA (which is incredibly fun) has told me that there will be some terrific holiday music and fun, and opportunities to sing a -long, which always gets a rson in the festive mo

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Adventist Health Tillamook has been honored with the 2025 Oregon Rural Health Excellence Award by the Oregon Office of Rural Health, recognizing outstanding innovation and commitment to improving access to care in rural communities.

The award celebrates Adventist Health Tillamook's Community-Based Nursing Services (ČBNS) program, an innovative nurse-led model that brings healthcare directly to underserved and high-risk patients across Tillamook and Columbia counties. The program redefines rural health delivery by providing care wherever patients are — whether at home, in temporary housing, or on the streets. Registered nurses serve as health coaches, trust builders, and care navigators, helping patients manage chronic illnesses, access medications, and connect with essential community resources.

Supported by a \$1.3 million grant from the American Nurses Foundation's Reimagining Nursing Initiative and developed in collaboration with the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) School of Nursing, the program demonstrates statistically significant improvements in medication adherence, chronic disease outcomes, and patient

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Cheesemakers fall to Indians in playoffs

WIII CHAPPELL Headlight Editor

Tillamook High School's football team exited the state playoffs with a 46-7 road loss to the Scappoose High School Indians in the quarterfinals on November 14.

Scappoose jumped out to an early, decisive lead behind a stifling defensive performance, and the Cheesemakers failed to find an answer for a high-powered Indian attack as their season ended with an 8-3 record.

Scappoose opted to receive the opening kickoff and started at their own 31 following a squib kick. The Indians picked up three on a first-down rush and an incomplete pass and five-yard completion brought up fourth and two, but a quarterback keeper moved the chains and gave Scappoose a new set of downs at Tillamook's 48.

After a first down rush went nowhere, Tristan Smith Evans came up with a tackle for a five-yard loss before a 14-yard completion brought up another fourth and short and an Indian timeout. A pitch went for ten and again kept the drive rolling and a 27-yard completion set up a one-yard rushing touchdown moments later, with a fumbled snap on the PAT leaving Scappoose ahead 6-0 with eight and a half to go in the first.

An attempted onside kick recovered successfully gave the Cheesemakers possession at their own 39, and a 22-yard completion to Jacoby Goss got the drive rolling, with a face mask penalty advancing the Mooks to the Indian 33. Tillamook quarterback Kevin Hurliman was sacked on the ensuing

first down before Griffyn Boomer took a direct snap for six and Hurliman found Aden Camacho Garcia for a nine-yard pickup.

The Mooks jumped offside setting them back to fourth and 11, and a completion to Max Abrogoua came up four yards short, returning the ball to the Indians at the

Scappoose picked up two first downs to advance to midfield before a tackle for loss and incompletion brought up a third and 16, which the Indians converted with a 26-yard pass. The drive continued into the Cheesemaker red zone and culminated in a seven-yard rushing touchdown, with a failed two-point conversion attempt leaving the home team ahead 12-0 with 18 seconds left in the first quarter.

Tillamook's offense got its second look starting at their own 39 and a Smith Evans reception for 36 got the Cheesemakers rolling before the quarter ended. At Scappoose's 25, the Mooks picked up one on the ground before a four-yard completion gave the Cheesemakers a third and five, which Tuiolemotu turned into a fourth and three. Boomer couldn't come down with an attempted pass in the end zone on fourth, giving Scappoose possession at the 18.

Tillamook's defense ofered little resistance to Scappoose as the Indians quickly drove into their territory and tacked on a third rushing touchdown, pushing the lead to 19-0 with just over seven minutes remaining in the half after a successful PAT.

The Cheesemakers' third drive started at their own



Quarterback Kevin Hurliman lines up against the Indians on a damp night in Scappoose.

23, and Tuiolemotu got the Mooks moving with a second down rush for 22 to near midfield. Boomer took a direct snap for five but a second failed to pick up yardage, bringing up a third and five, with a Hurliman keeper picking up two. Facing fourth and three after a timeout, Hurliman connected with Luke Corbus across the middle to pick up a first at the Indian 30.

Tillamook only managed three yards on the first three plays of its next set of downs and Hurliman threw an interception to an Indian defender at the five on fourth.

With under two minutes to play, Scappoose entered the hurry-up offense and quickly advanced downfield, pinning

on another touchdown with 25 seconds left in the half and pushing the lead to 27-0 with a successful two-point

Tillamook started a short drive from its own 39 before time ran out in the half. Tillamook started the

second half with possession at their own 29 and failed to go anywhere, punting after a quick three and out.

Scappoose took over at their own 40 and advanced to the Cheesemaker 18 before turning the ball over on downs.

Tillamook lost eight on first down, but a 22-yard Boomer reception got the Cheesemakers moving on third and Hurliman connected with Carson Remington

on the next play for a 64-yard touchdown to cut the lead to 27-7 with 5:24 to play in the third quarter. Scappoose immediately

responded with an 80-yard kickoff return touchdown, pushing the lead back to 34-7 with just over five minutes to go in the quarter.

Camacho Garcia responded with a 50-plus yard return to the Indian 16 and two Tuiolemotu rushes brought up a first and goal, but a fumble on third down returned the ball to the Indians.

Another long Indian drive unfolded and ended with another rushing touchdown, pushing the lead to 40-7 with 11 minutes left in the game.

Tillamook's next drive ended in a turnover on downs at the Indian 43 but they quickly regained possession with a recovered fumble, before giving the ball back to Scappoose with another turnover on downs at the Indian 41.

Scappoose scored a 51yard passing touchdown on fourth and two, stretching the lead to 46-7 with four and a half left in the game, and Tillamook advanced to the Scappoose 33 before the game ended.

Tillamook's season ended with the loss after the Cheesemakers amassed an 8-3 record, finishing second in the Cowapa League and beating North Bend 48-12 in a first round playoff matchup last week at home.

Mook soccer bows out in quarterfinals

By MIKE WEBER For The Headlight Herald

In their most successful season since 2007, the Tillamook High School Cheesemakers boys' soccer team advanced to the quarterfinals of the state tournament, before exiting in a shootout loss.

Following a first-round 3-2 overtime road win over the Marist Catholic High Spartans (8-5-3), the Mooks were again on the road for a November 8 matchup versus the No. 1-ranked, unbeaten, Oregon West Conference champion Stayton High Eagles.

The underdog No. 8-ranked Mooks (10-5-1) played outstanding, holding the Eagles scoreless through 80 minutes of regulation play, sending the contest into

overtime.

The evenly matched squads then played two, ten-minute overtime sessions, with the game still in a scoreless tie after 100 minutes. In the subsequent penalty kick shootout, the Eagles prevailed in sudden death penalty kicks, outscoring the Mooks 8-7 to pull out the victory.

It marked the tenth shutout of the season for the Eagles, who allowed only eight goals scored against them all season. Stayton was the only unbeaten team out of 31 Class 4A squads and has since won a November 11 semifinal 3-2 over the Klamath Union High Pelicans (13-4) to advance championship game where they played the North Marion High Huskies (results unavailable).

The Mooks, guided by firstyear Coach Graham Allen, were disappointed to see their season conclude, but were proud to advance in the tournament and come so close to clipping the Eagles.

We had a very good season, and we pushed Stayton all the way and we lost by one penalty kick," said Allen. "We played great defense the entire game. The whole team just played phenomenal, but it was a tough way to lose for sure. The boys played a total of 200 minutes in our two overtime playoff games in a time span of three days and they did incredibly

The quarterfinals marked the conclusion of the Tillamook High School soccer careers of seniors Jonny Flores, Chris Losoya, Juan Deniz, Oscar Martinez Gonzalez, Alfonso Esquivel and Bruno

"The seniors played great all year, they're a wonderful group and they've made a huge impact on the Tillamook High School soccer program, so I will definitely miss them," said Allen.

The Mooks had a great season as they took second place in the six-team Cowapa League standings behind the No. 7-ranked league Seaside High Seagulls (9-1 league, 10-4-1 overall).

"I'm glad that we did as well as we did, which was very exciting and there's more to build on too as we look forward to next year," said Allen.

Despite having an injury that he sustained earlier in the season, Tillamook junior forward Canon Affolter provided some highlights as he led the Mooks in scoring with 12 goals and six assists and played 10 minutes of the quarterfinal contest versus Stayton. Affolter missed three games earlier in the season due to the injury.

"It was remarkable that Canon was our leading scorer because he was playing with an injury (knee) all season long," said Allen. "For him to score as many goals as he did and get assists too was really amazing.'

The Cheesemakers had lots of momentu late in the season, going unbeaten in nine of their last 10 games, which helped them qualify for 16-team state championship tournament for a fifth consecutive

Wildfire risk making timberland less valuable

By STEVE LUNDEBERG

Rising wildfire risk in the Pacific Northwest combined with notoriously volatile timber pricing may lower forestland values by as much as 50% and persuade plantation owners to harvest trees much earlier than planned, a new analysis of Douglas-fir forests shows.

Under the worst-case scenarios, modeling by researchers at Oregon State University suggests harvesting trees at 24 years would make the most economic sense. Absent wildfire risk, the optimal age would be 65

Generally, private landowners harvest between those two ages, but it's not a surprise for the optimal rotation age to go down in these scenarios, the scientists say.

"Basically, under high wildfire risk that rises with stand age, every year you wait to harvest you're rolling the dice," said Mindy Crandall, an associate professor in the OSU College of Forestry. Earlier harvesting

reduces both long-term timber revenue and carbon storage potential, as well as impacting wood quality, adds study co-author Andres Susaeta.

'Our research highlights that traditional forest valuation methods, often based on fixed timber prices. fail to capture the financial uncertainty caused by fluctuating markets and growing wildfire danger," said Susaeta, an assistant professor in the College of Forestry. "By integrating both wildfire risk and timber price volatility into

forest management models, policymakers can design smarter tax systems, insurance programs and carbon market incentives that adapt to the changing conditions we are seeing and that are expected to worsen."

Forests cover nearly half of Oregon's 96,000 square miles, and Douglas-fir accounts for roughly 65% of the state's timber stock. It's the backbone of an \$18 billion timber industry, and Douglas-fir forests also provide a range of ecosystem services including wildlife habitat and carbon sequestration, a key factor in mitigating climate change.

Susaeta, Crandall and doctoral student Hsu Kyaw, who led the project under Susaeta and Crandall's supervision, say their findings point to several strategies for strengthening forest

resilience and economic returns.

Fuel reduction programs such as thinning and prescribed burns, they note, can lower fire risk and help landowners extend harvest cycles, capturing higher returns from mature timber.

"Improved salvage logging operations and wildfire-adjusted insurance programs could also help recover postfire losses and stabilize landowner income," Susaeta said. "It's important to note that our study shows that higher carbon prices can encourage longer rotations and boost land values – but these benefits diminish under high wildfire risk. Expanding carbon offset programs to include wildfire mitigation and salvage credits could better align climate goals

with economic incentives."

The researchers say that reducing fire exposure while maintaining forest productivity requires a mix of adaptive zoning, cooperative fuel management and diversified forest composition.

Adaptive zoning refers to the flexible, dynamic allocation of management zones within a forest landscape based on changing environmental or socioeconomic conditions, and cooperative fuel management is a collaborative approach among multiple stakeholders to reduce fire risk by managing forest fuels across property boundaries.

Forests have a diversified composition when they feature a variety of tree species, age classes and structural features. The diversity enhances their economic value as well as their resilience and ecological function,

Susaeta said. In addition, longer rotations improve the odds of having valuable material to salvage.

However, the way financial risk is usually considered has an even bigger impact on landowners decisions than potential salvage value, he said. This is particularly important for landowners who are cautious about risk.

"Overall, our work underscores that managing forests under climate uncertainty requires integrating economic and ecological risks," Susaeta said. "By balancing wildfire resilience with market adaptation, forest policies can better protect both the environment and rural livelihoods."

Findings were published in Forest Policy and Economics.

Oregon private companies adjust plans, 'tread carefully'

JOHN LAUSENG Herald Guest Article

Oregon's private companies are adopting a cautious yet agile approach as they navigate slowing growth, workforce challenges, capital constraints and the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), according to the Q4 2025 Aldrich Uncertainty Report released Nov. 10.

The report is based on a survey of more than 60 leaders of private companies in the Western U.S., including 20 Oregon owners and executives representing construction, healthcare, real estate, manufacturing and professional services. It reveals a business environment defined by guarded optimism, operational adaptation and renewed focus on resilience.

The report has been published by Aldrich, a leading accounting and advisory firm headquartered in Portland, Oregon that provides the Western U.S. with a full suite of integrated financial, tax, accounting, wealth, corporate retirement and business transition services.

"Oregon's business leaders are not standing still—they're recalibrating," Aldrich CPA, CEO, and Partner John Lauseng said. "They're responding to economic uncertainty by making proactive changes to their supply chain, growth and employment strategies. This agility will be critical to longterm success."

Outlook is guarded, but leaders are taking action

Only 20% of Oregon business leaders feel optimistic

about revenue growth in the year ahead, and nearly one-third (30%) are more pessimistic than they were six months ago. Rising costs, high interest rates and persistent workforce challenges are fueling a cautious approach.

Still, Oregon companies are taking decisive steps to preserve financial health and operational stability:

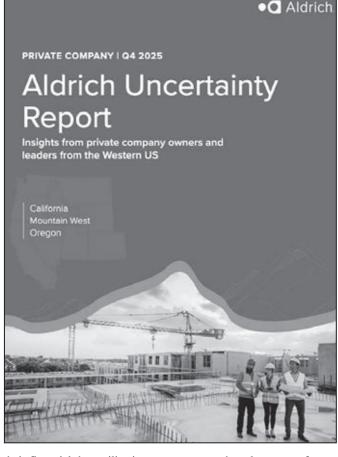
- 45% have slowed or delayed capital investments to maintain liquidity, while 30% are considering doing this going forward
- 35% have made supply chain changes, with another 45% considering them
- 70% are adjusting talent strategies, from slowing hiring to reducing headcount and
- While only 20% have passed increased costs on to customers, and additional 45% are considering doing this in the

"We're seeing Oregon leaders act early rather than react late," Lauseng added. "They're protecting core operations and adjusting their strategic plans where needed, while maintaining flexibility and looking for ways to operate more efficiently."

Leadership gaps in technology and financial insight

Oregon companies acknowl-

edge room for improvement in how they leverage data and technology. Only 30% of leaders are confident in their team's ability to implement the right technology, and just 10% rate



their financial data utilization as excellent.

"Strengthening these capabilities presents an opportunity for businesses to gain real-time insight and sharpen decisionmaking amid ongoing uncertainty," Lauseng noted.

Continuity is the top priority for business transitions

Among Oregon business leaders planning for succession, continuity for employees and clients (55%) and finding the right buyer or successor (55%) ranked as the top focus areas. By comparison, only 40% prioritize maximizing sale value and 35% identified minimizing

taxes on the sales or transfer, revealing that most Oregon leaders value legacy, relationships and cultural fit over financial return.

At the same time, 75% of owners reported receiving at least one unsolicited offer to sell in the past year. This high level of interest highlights the market demand for well-run private companies, but it also raises the stakes, the report

"The most successful transitions often begin five to ten years in advance," Lauseng said. "Starting early allows business owners to explore all

transition options, identify the right successor and ensure continuity for employees, clients and the business."

"One Big Beautiful Bill" opens strategic planning opportunities

While most Oregon leaders have a general understanding of the OBBBA, few have applied its provisions to strategic planning. The legislation includes significant tax updates, including permanent full expensing, restored Research & Development (R&D) deductions, enhanced pass-through flexibility and targeted incentives for domestic manufacturing.

Lauseng stressed that early evaluation of these opportunities and thoughtful planning can turn tax code changes into a long-term competitive advantage, especially for businesses considering expansion or ownership transition.

Additional trends shaping Oregon's mid-market outlook

The Q4 2025 Aldrich Uncertainty Report also revealed several broader themes:

- Confidence in managing disruption is low: Only 25% of leaders feel prepared to adapt to external shocks such as tariffs or economic volatility
- Financial visibility needs improvement: Just 10% rate their company's use of financial data as excellent
- Credit conditions are tightening: 45% report greater difficulty accessing outside capital compared with six months ago

• Tariffs and supply chain challenges are pressuring margins: 60% say disruptions have negatively impacted financial health, particularly in manufacturing and construction

• Workforce adjustments under review: While 25% have already reduced hiring or hours, another 45% are considering adjustments as part of a broader workforce strategy

"This year's data shows that Oregon companies are pragmatic and resilient," Lauseng said. "They're balancing nearterm caution with forwardlooking planning—and that's a powerful combination in uncertain times."

About the Q4 2025 Aldrich **Uncertainty Report**

The Q4 2025 Aldrich Uncertainty Report provides a snapshot of how private midmarket companies are responding to ongoing economic and legislative change. It reflects survey responses collected by GLG, a financial and global information services consulting company, in August 2025 from business owners and executives representing Oregon's core industries.

About Aldrich

John Aldrich is a CPA, CEO and partner at Aldrich. For more than 50 years, Aldrich has worked with businesses, their owners, and their employees to help them achieve their professional and personal financial goals. Based in Oregon since its founding in 1973, Aldrich now serves clients across the country from our eight offices throughout the Western US.

What to expect when visiting Oregon state parks in 2026

OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION

As this year comes to a close, Oregon State Parks is looking back on 2025 and planning for the 2026

This year Oregon State Parks welcomed millions of visitors, maintained nearly 1,000 miles of trails, hosted hundreds of events including mushroom hikes and star parties and finished dozens of projects from the restoration of the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse to repaving the campground at Silver Falls State Park.

State parks also updated many of its fees to reflect increasing costs and decreasing Oregon State Lottery funding. Depending on the fee, the last update was anywhere from seven to 15 years ago.

Staff are looking forward to welcoming visitors for the 2026 season with guided hikes, seasonal events and outdoor adventures. To help visitors enjoy the more than 250 state parks and

know what to expect next year, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department gathered the upcoming updates in one place.

Winter 2025:

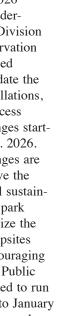
• Green Friday (Nov. 28): Parking fees will no longer be waived at parks requiring permits on Green Friday.

Beginning January 1,

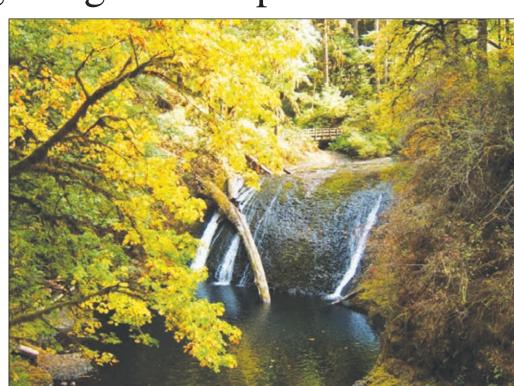
- First Day Hike (Jan. 1): Guided hikes at select parks. Parking fees will no longer be waived at parks requiring permits for First Day Hikes.
- 12-month parking permits will increase from \$30 to \$60 for Oregon residents and to \$75 for out-of-state residents due to the out-ofstate surcharge.
- 24-month parking permits will not be sold in 2026. Existing permits will be honored until they expire.
- Oregon State Parks will no longer sell Oregon Pacific Coast Passports but will honor passports purchased in 2025 until they expire.
- Oregon State Parks will no longer honor Jackson County parking permits.

Winter/Spring 2026

- OPRD is considering updates to its Division 15 Rates and Reservation Policy. The proposed changes would update the rules around cancellations, refunds, special access passes and rate ranges starting as soon as Feb. 2026. The proposed changes are designed to improve the long-term financial sustainability of the state park system and maximize the availability of campsites for visitors by encouraging early cancellation. Public comment is expected to run from December 1 to January 15, 2026. Final approval is required by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Additional parks will require a parking fee. The specific parks and imple-
- Implement fees to use dump stations at Oregon State Parks to support the cost of that service.
- 6), will continue to offer free parking for Oregon



- mentation date is still being finalized.
- State Parks Day (June



Courtesy from the OPRD OPRD is projecting at \$14 million budget shortfall this biennium due to decreasing lottery revenue, increasing costs and a long-standing need for more sustainable funding.

residents. Camping fees will no longer be waived on that day pending approval of the proposed Division 15 Rates and Reservation Policy updates.

"The changes are critical to sustaining state park operations and services now and

Seasons Greetings

for the future. We appreciate visitors' continued support as these necessary changes are implemented," Oregon Parks and Recreation Director (OPRD) Director Lisa Sumption said.

OPRD is projecting at \$14 million budget shortfall this

biennium due to decreasing lottery revenue, increasing costs and a long-standing need for more sustainable funding. OPRD does not receive general fund tax revenue for operations.

OPRD will continue to review and update fees and operations to keep providing high-quality visitor experiences and sustain parks now and in the future.



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Veterans honored at Tillamook events

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Veterans gathered at the Tillamook Elks for a complimentary dinner on November 11, including a presentation of the colors and table set for those who didn't make it home. Photos by Paul Fournier







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A photo of Spike, the white English bulldog who lived at Naval Air Station Tillamook during WWII. Photo Courtesy Tillamook Air Museum

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engagement. Since launching its pilot phase in December 2023, the program has served over 100 patients and is now active in six rural clinics, supported by a toolkit in development to promote statewide adoption.

Eric Swanson, president of Adventist Health Tillamook, expressed his gratitude for the teams and partnerships that made this achievement possible: "This recognition truly belongs to our community-based nurses, whose compassion and dedication have reimagined what rural care can look like," Swanson said. "We are deeply grateful to our recently retired executive, Gina Seufert, who led this work with vision and heart, our academic partners at OHSU, and the American Nurses Foundation, whose grant made this innovation possible. When we combine innovation with state support and community collaboration, we break down barriers of care giving us real hope for the future of rural health-

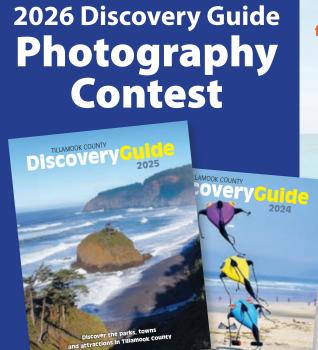
Adventist Health Tillamook's Community-Based Nursing Services program is now seen as a replicable and sustainable model for rural healthcare delivery, supported by new state legislation (HB 2789) passed into law on May 28 that enables reimbursement for nurse-led community care.

The Oregon Rural Health Excellence Award recognizes hospitals, clinics, EMS agencies, and community-based organizations that demonstrate exceptional creativity, teamwork, and resourcefulness in improving health outcomes across rural Oregon.

The 2025 awardees were honored on October 2, 2025, at the 42nd Oregon Rural Health Conference in Bend. More information about the award recognition is available at: https://www.ohsu.edu/oregon-office-of-rural-health/orh-announces-2025-oregon-rural-health-excellence-awardees



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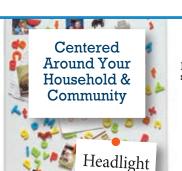
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Manzanita council adopts vision statement

WILL CHAPPELL Headlight Editor

Manzanita's city council unanimously adopted a vision statement on November 5, as part of the ongoing process to update the city's comprehensive plan.

The vision statement was developed by a citizen committee and lavs out a vision for where the city will be in 20 years, with an emphasis on fostering an inclusive community with transparent and active collaboration.

Linda Kuestner, chair of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Steering Committee, which helped develop the vision statement, spoke about the process that led to its creation. Kuestner said that work on the statement dated to 2022, when the Envision Manzanita process began to gather public feedback for the comprehensive plan update. That initial work was completed in 2023 and the information generated saved.

The six-person committee then went through a series of interviews with interested stakeholders in the community before creating a draft statement. That statement was present-

ed to the public, who were given an opportunity to provide feedback through a survey that received more than 160 responses, which were then incorporated in the statement.

Mark Adamcin from the committee then shared the introduction to the vision statement, which read: "By 2045, Manzanita has strong community support. Manzanita fosters a vibrant, inclusive community where every voice can be heard through transparent and active collaboration. We aim to create a city where individuals of all backgrounds, identities and perspectives can contribute to shaping the future. We are committed to cultivating community involvement by ensuring that civic activities are accessible, equitable and driven by mutual respect and shared progress to build a more connected and welcoming community."

Adamcin then discussed other elements of the extended statement, which included commitments to creating diverse housing types, preserving the natural environment and fostering flourishing local business

while maintaining a smalltown feel.

After the presentation, council voted to approve the statement, which will be used to guide forthcoming work to update Manzanita's comprehensive plan.

Council also unanimously passed a resolution affirming that the design for the Classic Street project, which due to physical constraints will see the road limited to a width of 20 feet in places, was legal under the city's ordinances. Concerns about the street's width had arisen among community members given the city ordinance's recommendation that streets be built to a minimum width of

However, City Manager Leila Aman clarified that the code read that streets "should" be built to that width, rather than outright requiring it, and explained that due to geotechnical concerns and budgetary constraints, it was not feasible for the entirety of Classic Street to be that wide.

Manzanita Public Works Director Rick Rempfer also gave a presentation on the capital improvement

projects his department has accomplished since he took over the role a year ago. In that time, the city's well site has been upgraded with a new metering system that manages chlorine levels in the system, a new security system and a Starlink receiver to increase connectivity, a new generator was added to the city's reservoir, play structures at the city park were overhauled with new structures also added, and a major renovation to the public works building is nearing completion.

Finally, council approved a change in salary schedules to allow Nina Crist to become the city's finance director. Aman explained that she had been preparing Crist to assume the role and that doing so would allow her to take a more active role in the budgeting and policy-making processes, reducing Aman's workload in those arenas.

Aman said that the city would also begin recruitment for a finance and administrative assistant, who will support Crist in her new role and learn the duties of the city's utility clerk so that they can cover the position as needed.

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NEWS

New lighting installed at fairground courts



Fournier (center left) looks on after Von Seggern and Miller cut the ribbon to inaugurate the new lights and members of the pickleball club celebrate

WIII CHAPPELL Headlight Editor

Members of the Tillamook Pickleball Club gathered at the Tillamook

County Fairgrounds' tennis courts on November 12, to celebrate the installation of new lighting at the facility, which they use daily. At the celebration, Til-

lamook Pickleball Club President Roger Miller, Tillamook County Fairgrounds Manager Camy Von Seggern and Tillamook County Commissioner Paul Fournier gave short remarks and cut a ribbon to celebrate the project's completion.

This is exactly what we should be spending transient lodging tax money on, in my opinion," said Fournier. "It's something that benefits visitors, but also locals."

The need for the project became apparent in recent years as pickleball fever swept the county and the

fluorescent lighting in the fairgrounds' tennis courts showed its age and inadequacy, with dark spots and poor illumination.

Earlier this year, the club applied for a transient lodging tax (TLT) facilities grant through Tillamook Coast Visitors Association, but when commissioners were asked to approve the grant, they instead elected to use a different pot of TLT money to pay for the project, since the fairgrounds belongs to

the county. Commissioners allocated \$45,900 to the project in June, with the Pickleball Club chipping in several thousand more in proceeds from their first annual Cowbell Classic tournament in June.

The new lights feature blue light and eliminate dark spots on the facility's four courts, creating ideal conditions for the club's 70 members to play.

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Sammy's Place is set to begin construction on its Thompson Springs project as soon as weather allows.

early next summer, allowing construction to go vertical, after which he said it will take about 14 months to complete.

While construction progresses, Sammy's Place will continue raising funds to help lower the cost of purchase for future residents of the homes. Currently, the one-bedroom homes are projected to cost between \$88,000 and \$160,000, while the two-bedroom homes will cost between \$110,000 and

\$220,000 Those prices are already significantly lower than other homes in the area, but Sammy's Place Executive Director Julie Chick said that community members with IDD have restricted incomes and would struggle to afford a mortgage for a home at

those prices. Chick said that most adults with IDD rely on social security payments of \$967 a month to cover all their expenses, and that even for those who work, like her son, income is usually limited to a couple hundred dollars a month, making further reducing the cost of the

homes critical. To that end, Sammy's Place is planning to begin a capital campaign around Giving Tuesday so that private individuals can increase the project's afford-

"The whole purpose of this project is to give people in our region an opportunity they have never been afforded before, literally' Chick said.

Chick also explained that donations to help defray the cost of home ownership would have lasting impacts and effectively stay with the home as a silent, second mortgage, helping to lower costs for all future residents, not just the first homeowner.

Work on the first phase of the project will include connecting a dead-end water transmission line in the area to the nearby mainline, completing a circuit, as well as grading at the site. A third of Thompson Lane will also be paved during the project and Shluka said that they plan to have a formal groundbreaking ceremony sometime in the spring.

Shluka also shared that both Owen Gabbard LLC and Jones Architecture were working at reduced rates to help with the project and said that everybody working on the project was committed to getting residents in the homes promptly.

"We just want to get these homes built and people inside them," Shluka said. "That's when returns really start to happen and so any path forward that we can forge ahead as soon as possible is the path we're going to take."



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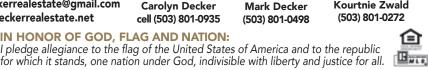
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NEWS

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT-

Bay City Kitchen So good, it sells out

By CHELSEA YARNELL

Guest Contributor

Before the space fills with diners, Bay City Kitchen owners Kathy High and Derek McCarthy are each focused on their own

McCarthy switches back and forth between tending to a sauce on the stovetop and chopping ingredients.

High's mixer is buzzing away in her bakerv space. One egg, two egg. The mixer's contents get creamier.

The finals results will be plates of food and pastries so popular that they sell out on a regular basis.

"At the end of the day, we're just having fun with food and having people enjoy what we're doing," McCarthy said.

The two owners opened Bay City Kitchen on July 20, 2023, right off Hwy 101 in Bay City. The restaurant's menu features offerings from Chef McCarthy and baked goods from Chef High that utilize seasonal, local ingredients. Their menu consists of lunch and dinner items that are ever-changing, adapting to what's available and what guests are craving.

"We've made some great connections with the local food producers like the farmers that we work with," Derek said. "We communicate with them about what's coming up and what's ready for the season. It's all based on seasonal ingredients and putting flavors together. That's the whole concept and idea."

With decades of restaurant experience between them, the pair draws inspiration for dishes from their experience and the environment around them. Like duck leg confit or wok fried shishito peppers. And in the bakery case: chocolate moelleux and huckleberry financiers.

'Once you've been doing it for a long time, you have an understanding of how to balance ingredients



Experienced pastry chef, and co-owner, Kathy High preps in her bakery space at Bay City Kitchen.

and flavor profiles. The world of possibilities really opens up to you," McCarthy said. "I've been fortunate enough to learn from a lot of amazing chefs and worked with some amazing people. I have taken a lot of notes, written a lot of recipes, and I'm still excited about creating more things. We have the biggest cooking library on the coast I would bet. We eat, sleep and breathe food.'

Four days a week, customers can peruse the menu ordering anything from classical mac & cheese to house-smoked fish toast. And one day a week, the focus is heavily placed on coming together. Sunday Supper at Bay City Kitchen is a weekly three course prix fixe menu that has

turned into a popular community gathering time.

"In part, it's because of the way we've structured the meal because no one is worrying about spending 20 minutes looking at a piece of paper deciding what to order," McCarthy said. "Instead, you're turning to your neighbor and asking, 'How's your week been?' It's been delightful in really unexpected ways. To see how we have been able to become a place that for so many people in ways that are really meaningful for us as well. We've invested in the people as much as they are invested in us."

Even if you don't have time to sit and stay for a meal, Bay City Kitchen's grab-and-go freezer is stocked with healthy, hearty



Co-owner of Bay City Kitchen Derek McCarthy preps for lunch and dinner service.

'We've always maintained that we want to make it easy for people to eat well," High said. "It has been so well received by the people who see it."

Whether you stop in for a meal, or need it to-go, Bay City Kitchen has a meal prepared with the guest in mind.

"There is something magical about this space in general," High said. "It seems like we have a lot of people who just sort of show up at the right time for us. We would not exist without local support plain and simple. And every time we see new faces we're excited about it.'

"We're just two people cooking good food and trying to feed the people," McCarthy said. "We just want to support our little happy world and make others happy; that's all we want to do.'

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MEDICAL MINUTE

GLP-1 medications and what you should know



James P. BORDEN, MD, Internal Medicine Adventist Health Tillamook

was asked in this Column to talk about GLP 1s - you know, themiracle weight loss drugs? Timely subject, given that high calorie holidays are

right around the corner. These drugs as a class have been available for many years, but only recently have some of their features been improved, leading to an explosion of interest and prescribing beyond the original indication of diabetes management. A recent survey revealed that twelve percent of adults in this country had tried one of the medications, and six percent were on them. Those numbers are astonishing, given that only a few years back these were niche products for diabetics who needed something

Let's start with some basics: "GLP" stands for glucagon-like peptide, glucagon being a hormone produced by the pancreas crucial for blood sugar regulation. The medication works by mimicking this hormone, producing a variety of effects — I have a chart in my office that shows all its actions, and yes, it's complex. It tells the brain that the stomach is full, slows down absorption of food from the stomach, and increases sensitivity to insulin, which pulls sugar from the blood vessels and puts it in the

These effects end up lowering blood sugar, which helps diabetes, and causes weight loss — all without revving up metabolism the way older

weight loss drugs did, and with (relatively) few side effects. Thus, the medications' popularity.

There are seven varieties of these products, but generally only two are widely prescribed: semaglutide (Ozempic, Wegovy), and terzepatide (Mounjaro, Zepbound). They each have different features, and are all covered differently — if at all — by insurance. Here is not the place to go in to all that. Full disclosure - I am on one of these products and have lost thirtyfive pounds. So that begs the question — how much weight can I lose, is it safe, and how long do I use it?

Weight loss varies, but averages, under good circumstances, about 16% of body weight. Take out your calculators and see where you would fit. These medications are considered safe, but there are some significant side effects and risks, and I would say as my warning about these products, not to do anything without consulting a provider who is familiar. In general, I would not get these medications through the internet, or without a provider's supervision though I know many do

As for how long to use them, well that's a tough one, and the jury is still out. Some of it depends on the indication, for instance a diabetic is likely to be on them long term, someone like me, well, I'm close, so time to prepare for tapering off, which is always recommended.

So, the bottom line: GLP-1 medications are generally safe and effective, but they aren't risk-free and can be expensive. They're also mostly injectables for now, though oral options are in development. November is Diabetes Awareness Month, a good reminder that these medications began as tools for managing diabetes

and continue to help millions control their blood sugar and improve their overall health. Whether for diabetes management or weight loss, make sure any decision about using them is guided by a trusted healthcare provider.



COMMENTARY

The healing power of shared values

Mary FAITH BELL

n a time when political Lpolarization is happening around us and to us, pitting neighbors against neighbors, driving wedges in families, fomenting anger and weakening our social structure, I see signs that people are weary of vitriol and hate.

First Corinthians 13:1 plays in my mind when I hear or read people judging and tearing one another down, or justifying unconscionable things happening to other people, as if they were so much collateral damage. "If I speak in the tongues of human beings and angels, but I don't have love, I'm only a clanging gong, or a clashing cymbal." (CEB)

Our ears are ringing from so many clanging gongs. Current levels of antipathy are unsustainable for those who do not use anger as their daily fuel. Consequently, people are withdrawing, turning away from social media and news in order to protect their emotional balance.

I don't blame people for etreating from the daily barrage of things that are out of our control. Our nervous

systems are stressed. Our mental and emotional health is impacted.

Please consider acts of service as a way to turn the tide of negativity, to help our neighbors and ourselves.

Lately I have witnessed waves of compassion and generosity that not only help the receivers, but also the givers. For instance, we started a food drive at the courthouse that is bringing people together in extraordinary ways. It is not just individual employees bringing food to share with the food bank, but departments and whole floors working together to fill the barrels. I sent out an email inviting people to help feed their neighbors, and the outpouring of enthusiasm and loving kindness from county employees is a beautiful thing to behold.

Not only will we make a meaningful difference in the lives of our hungry neighbors, but we are improving our own and each other's morale in the process. Acts of service are uplifting. Most people want to help others, and they feel better when they have the opportunity to do so, particularly if it involves working together with people with shared values. I believe that in Tillamook County, we have much more

in common than not. The important things. The majority of people in our county: Don't want our neighbors

to go hungry, especially children, senior citizens, veterans, college students and people with disabilities.

We care about children in our community and want them to be safe, healthy, and happy, to have a roof over their heads, regular meals, clean water, access to healthcare, safe schools, a solid education and opportunities for healthy sports and recreation activities. We want kids to feel loved and supported and to thrive.

We care about healthcare. Most of us want people to get the medical services they

Let's start there. While SNAP benefits have been restored, there remains a looming hunger crisis on the horizon. Federal funding for food banks has been reduced, while the number of local people seeking food from food banks has risen dramatically: for instance, in October 2025, before SNAP benefits were cut off, the number of

people seeking food at one local food bank increased by 60 percent. Many of them were requesting food assistance for the first time.

SNAP benefits are slated to be reduced in January. Federal funding for healthcare is being reduced; therefore, it will be hard if not impossible for healthcare providers to maintain current service levels. Medicare contributions are rising, in some cases quadrupling, which is a hardship for vulnerable seniors on fixed incomes. The price for ACA Marketplace insurance is going up exponentially. One local woman's marketplace insurance is going up over 1000 percent. Her current monthly premium is \$200, and in January

it will be \$2040. The organizations in our community that rely on state funding have been asked to submit budgets cuts that will result in layoffs for local people, causing more food and housing insecurity for

local families. This is not a comprehensive list. The outlook for vulnerable people is dire. There

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CHAMBER CHATTER

Your invitation to Small Business Saturday

Join Our Shop Small Adventure and Invest in the Spirit of Tillamook on November 29th

TILLAMOOK AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

With the Thanksgiving season quickly approaching, we find ourselves reflecting on what truly matters: community, connection, and gratitude. This time of year often encourages us to slow down, if only for a moment, and cherish the people and places that make Tillamook County so special.

Looking ahead to Small Business Saturday on Saturday, November 29th, we think this is a great opportunity to turn our local appreciation into action and directly support the people and businesses that make Tillamook County tick.

We understand the allure of online convenience. Hopping onto your favorite shopping app, clicking a few times, and having a package delivered straight to your door, without ever having to leave your couch, can certainly have its perks. We've all done it. But we want to share the heart and soul behind our local small businesses and why it's important to think local first.

A small, locally owned shop in Tillamook County is much more than just a place



of commerce. It is someone's dream, their passion, and their livelihood. Our family, friends, and neighbors pour their energy, time, and dedication into these endeavors every single day. There is so much effort and hope invested behind the scenes that we rarely ever see.

How often have we driven

past a charming little shop off the highway, intending to stop but never quite making the time? This holiday season, we invite you to pause and explore. Take a moment to wander in and look around. You might just stumble upon a hidden treasure, a beautiful locket for your aunt, a nostalgic stuffed animal you know your granddaughter would adore or a piece of local art that perfectly captures the beauty of our coast.

For us, shopping locally is about more than just knocking an item off a to-do list; it's about slowing down to genuinely enjoy the sense of community and thoughtfulness that holiday gift giving

When you choose to spend your dollars right here in Tillamook County, you are directly investing in the community. Studies consistently show that for every dollar spent at a local small business, a significant portion (often up to 70% more) stays within the local community compared to shopping at national big box stores. Your purchase funds local services, our schools, and the

We invite you to kick off the holiday spirit and join the fun with us on Small Business Saturday, November 29th. We have a wonderful day planned.

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truly makes a difference.

Start your day at the Tillamook Chamber HQ between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Enjoy a complimentary hot cocoa donated by Tillamook Dutch Bros before setting off on your holiday shopping spree.

While you're here, you can pick up a list of participating businesses that will be giving adorable ornaments to the first 12 shoppers to make a purchase, compliments of the Chamber. To keep the excitement going, bring your collected ornaments to the Chamber HQ by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 1st to be entered into a drawing for a fabulous gift basket, beautifully arranged by Ashley Christensen. Each ornament counts as one entry.

Plus, you have even more chances to win. Submit your receipts from any locally owned business for the Shop Small Sweepstakes; we are taking unlimited entries throughout the day on November 29th. This gives you a chance to win a gift basket worth \$75 and you'll be entered into our Grand Prize drawing in early January for \$1,000 in sweepstakes bucks. What a festive, memorable way to get your holiday shopping started.

This year, let's choose to slow down, connect, and celebrate the incredible people and businesses that make Tillamook County our home. Your choice to shop local is more than just a purchase; it's a profound investment in the vibrant heart of our community.

We can't wait to see you on November 29th—let's make this a Small Business Saturday to remember.

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Medicare and marketplace insurance will be vastly more expensive; if people can pay the increased rates, they will have less money to spend on food. However, many will not be able to pay the higher prices, which will result in more people being uninsured and not getting the care they need. There will be less food assistance and less food on the shelves in the food banks, and more people than ever

We have a lot of reasons to be legitimately worried about ourselves and our

What can we do? Acts of service. We have the power to help feed people in our community. But it will take all of us. Start food drives at your work, church, school or gym. Make it fun. Get people involved. Have friendly competitions.

We can also help by donating cash to Oregon Food Bank Tillamook. Have fundraiser events for the food bank! Gather a group of people with shared values to work together, and everyone will benefit.

Oregon Foodbank Tillamook provides food for individuals and families in need, and they serve as a countywide food hub, supplying food for outlying food banks and meal sites throughout Tillamook County

Your food donations stay in our community. If you donate money, your gift goes further than your grocery purchases because the Oregon Food Bank has wholesale buying power. Go to Oregonfoodbank.org/ tillamookdonate to ensure that your donation stays right here in Tillamook County.

There are several churches and schools that provide food pantry services and hot meals throughout the county. They could use your help and donations as well. Please see the Oregon Food Bank Tillamook County Services Guide. Any of the programs listed may need volunteers in addition to food and cash donations.

If you are buying food o donate please remember upcoming holidays. We can't solve all the problems in our community, but we can love our neighbors with food.

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It was a great play date at the community center. About a dozen of us gathered to participate in a communal art project, responding to the landscape around us in various artistic ways. This art experiment was an offshoot of a session several Cape Mearesians attended this past spring at Nestucca K-8 school in Cloverdale, where poet laureate Ada Limón read her poems in a setting featuring art by the students. Locals Mimi Maduro and Miriam Fultz were so taken by that experience that they recreated their own smaller version of it here at the Barbara Bennett Community Center. Miriam took pictures of our resulting artwork and will make a photo book to share with the community. Thank you, Mimi and Miriam, for a most delightful morning of art,

friendship and community. The first king tide series of this winter season occurred November 5–7. We certainly had high surf, but there was no damage nor anyone swept away here in Cape Meares. "King tides" is the term given to the highest high tides of the year, generally one to two feet higher than average high tides. On our Tillamook-adjusted tide tables, these tides are all 9.0 feet or higher. The other king tides this season will be December 3–6 and, in the new year, January 1–4. Enjoy them from a distance; it would be easy to be swept off your feet with a surge from a king tide.

We had almost summerlike weather the other day, inspiring Ciel Downing to invite neighbors over for a relaxing evening by her outdoor fire pit. As a hot pink sunset flared its last across Bayocean Spit, about a dozen individuals made their way to Ciel's home. There they enjoyed the ambiance and warmth of both fire and community. Folks brought their own beverages and snacks to share as they caught up on neighborhood news, from who had been out surfing that day to who watched the Oregon Ducks slip past Iowa. Many thanks to Ciel for her hospitality.

Mussel harvesting has been reopened coastwide, from the Washington border to the California border. Oregon's daily limit for mussels is 72 per person. You must have a valid Oregon shellfish license to harvest, except for children under 12. Check the Shellfish hotline (800-448-2474) before you go in case there are any lastminute changes.

My faith in humanity is restored. I had lost my grandmother's gold watch, which held great sentimental value for me, while shopping at Fred Meyer. I checked with Fred's later that day, when I realized the watch was missing, but it had not been turned in. I stopped in at Customer Service on our next weekly grocery shopping trip, just on a whim-and there it was. Some blessed soul had had the goodness to turn it in, despite the fact that it is real gold and worth some money. I immediately took it to Fred Meyer Jewelers to have the latch fixed. Now it is back on my wrist—on special occasions only. Thank you, thank you, whoever you are.

Happy birthday today to dear granddaughter Olivia! Sending oceans of love her way.

Valon Higgins is hosting a free
Thanksgiving celebration
(including dinner) from 12-4
p.m. on Thanksgiving Day
(Thursday, November 27)
at Kiawanda Community
Center (KCC). The address is
34600 Cape Kiawanda Drive
in Pacific City. Volunteers
are needed; call KCC at 503965-7900.

KCC serves senior lunches at 11:30 on Tuesdays (November 18) and Wednesdays (November 19) weekly for \$3 each. (Others may partake for \$6.) They also host Bingo from 1-3 p.m. on Thursdays, weekly. A source describes buy-in as low as \$5 with cash prizes awarded to winners in several categories. The address is included

It's not too late to access an All-Ages Walk-in Vaccine Clinic from 1-6 p.m. on Mondays and from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, weekly through November 24. We can access Covid-19, Flu and Pneumonia vaccines. The address is 800 Main Avenue in Tillamook. No one will be turned away for an inability to pay.

Community Action Resource Enterprise (CARE) will host a free drop-in legal clinic from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. on a Friday, monthly. For November, the date is this Friday, November 21. Oregon Law Center staff the event. Low-income households can receive advice on civil matters (domestic violence, employee's rights, public benefits and tenant's rights). They don't assist with criminal matters. CARE's address is 2310 First Street in Tillamook.

I mentioned a while back (in this space) that Nestucca K-8 School is seeking Start Making a Reader Today (SMART) reading volunteers. Volunteers read for an hour a week with a student who is assigned to them for the duration. I had misplaced my source as we went to press; it surfaced this past week and the online link to sign up is www.SMART-Reading.org or call 971-634-1628.

Remember that our own Pacific City-Nestucca



Valley Chamber of Commerce invites one and all to their 24th Annual Awards Banquet and Gala. The event will include dinner by Grateful Bread Bakery and Café, a guest speaker (Betsy Johnson), auctions, and the coveted awards ceremony. It's planned from 5 p.m. onward Monday, December 2 at Kiawanda Community Center. The address is 34600 Cape Kiawanda Drive in Pacific City. Tickets sell for \$65 each and can be accessed by telephone call to 503-965-3633 or email to PCNV-Chamber@gmail.com.

A third option for Holiday Bazaar Saturday arrived to our Fencepost inbox this week. Thanks to Irene Barajas for word that Nestucca's PTO Is sponsoring their annual Holly Days Bazaar from 9 a.m. trough 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 6 at Nestucca K-8 School. It's located about a mile south of Cloverdale off U.S. Highway 101.South County Community Allies Taking a Stand (SoCoCATS) plans to collect new or gently preowned clothing, hygiene items and non-perishable groceries for families in need at the event. Let's start gathering those now and bring them along for Bazaar Saturday shenani-

Fencepost readers appreciate Tillamook County
Public Works alerting us of a change to the hours for Pacific City's Transfer Station.
They will close for lunch from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on business days.

Happy birthday this week to- Sally Aylsworth, Sawyer Corey, Nicole Faust, Wally Fitch, Greg Hancock, Jesse Lee Glen Peterson, Amy Seymour, Janice Simnitt, Leo James Slavens, Sarah Jo Slavens, Nicole Twigg and Jackson Watters.

Stephen Jay Hurst *April 21, 1946 - Nov. 3, 2025*



Stephen Jay Hurst passed away at home Nov. 03, 2025; he was 79. Steve was born on April 21, 1946 in Emporia, Kansas. He was the youngest of 4 children born to William Floyd Hurst Jr. and Alma Lydia (Renchler) Hurst. One sister and two brothers: Gwendalyn Hurst, Francis Hurst, Hobert Hurst. The family moved to Falls City, Oregon in 1951 and purchased a small farm, where the children went to school and grew up. They learned to garden, hunt and fish together.

Stephen married Loranda Redding in 1971 (divorced in 1994), he went to college, worked in Forestry and then BLM as a cartographer, while raising two daughters: Angela (Hurst) Firey (of TN) and Viriginia Hurst (of AL). He taught them to hunt and fish. Steve has 5 grandchildren, 7 step grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 2 step great-grandchildren.

In 1995 Steve married Laura (Harper) Hurst, and after retiring, they moved to Rockaway Beach in 1999, where he helped Laura with her 3 sons: Des DesJardins (of OR) Shaun DesJardins (of OR), and Dennis Russell (of OR), who predeceased Steve by just a few weeks.

Stephen was a talented cartographer and after retiring, he went on to make many Hunting Unit Maps for Big Sky Maps.

He also loved fishing and he liked to fish the lakes, rivers and streams near home. He was a born ocean fisherman. Although handicapped since the age of nine, if he wasn't working, he would be found FISHING. Steve loved to cook an amazing meal now and then. Usually, he would make a delicious chili or his famous potato salad or an amazing fish dinner.

Stephen was a kind and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to many. He will be missed, so very much.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Stephen after the holidays, in the springtime.

David Effenberger March 29, 1934 - 2025



Dave was born March 29, 1934 in Tillamook, Oregon, to Mary Ellen (Foster) and Alie Joseph Effenberger. He attended Liberty grade school and graduated from THS, where he acquired his love for football. He proudly served 20 years in the US Air Force including the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Introduced by his father, he married Patsy Lurleen Haynes on August 6, 1955 and they were married 70 years! They had 2 daughters. Attending night school, Dave earned a degree in Accounting at age 45. His civilian career began at Milwaukie Plywood in 1974 and he fully retired as Controller from Calbag Metals in Portland, Oregon.

He is survived by his wife, Patti, daughters Debby (and John) Kling and Kathy Parrish; 3 grandchildren: Lindsay (and Ryan) LeBreton, Dan (and Molly) Kling, and Stephanie (and Rudy) Grigar; and 7 great grandchildren: Bailey (and Zack) Blinn, Zoe and Hunter LeBreton, Silas, Jeb and Beka Kling, and finally, Jack and baby Grigar.

Dave spent much of his time supporting nephews, children, and grandchildren at their sporting events over generations. He also enjoyed golf, woodworking, singing with the Lutheran Chorale, making jam, and watching his Packers. His loyalty, kindness and integrity will be sorely missed.

A Celebration of Dave's life will be held on Nov. 23, 2025 at 3 p.m. at the Milwaukie Lutheran Church, 3810 SE Lake Rd, Portland, OR 97222.

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o you remember When we had television sets? Big clunky boxes with tiny screens that gradually became bigger over time. And similar to when people sat around and listened to the radio, we would sit around and watch our favorite shows and talk about them the next day. Then we were able to record from the tv. That was novel. And we could rent movies and buy them. Then came cable. Pretty much the same thing, but without advertisements. I like the western channel because I like old John Wayne movies. I like old black and white movies with those "old time" film stars like Greer Garson. Ronald Coleman, Walter Pigeon, Claude Rains, Cary Grant, Ingrid Berman, Danny Kaye, Bing Crosby. So many

And now comes streaming. I know, it has been around for a while now, but I'm late to the technology table. I don't like all that change. I am a baby boomer after all. It means changing all these connections, updating internet, phones, carriers, service providers. Learning new names for things I still don't really understand. It's like learning what RAM is for the first time with a computer. Wait. RAM was capacity, right? The computer's short-term memory; random access memory.

All this to say that I am about to learn about streaming; I'm getting up my nerve to move forward with technology. But I don't think it has the westerns channel.

I've been writing about the need for food right now. I just learned that Bay City put out barrels for food collection for people in the community. They put out four barrels that were filled in two days. I also heard that our local Food Bank is stocked. That means that our community members are stepping up and lending their helping hands.

As many of you know, I

As many of you know, I am part of the national AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide program. I do taxes at the Tillamook County Library every year. The State organization just held its annual meeting to kick off the season. We had folks come from the State Department of Revenue

as well as from the local IRS office to share what is new with our team.

The IRS, with the State following, will be making form changes and there will be deductions for tips, overtime, seniors and car loan interest. And there are a lot of new rules around each one of these deductions. These new deductions will expire in 2028. Here they are:

Car loan interest on a new vehicle purchased in 2025 that has final assembly in the USA can be deducted through 2028. Pretty limited scope of who can use that one. Overtime pay – the amount over your normal wage, or if you get time and a half, it would be the half can be deducted. This year, the overtime may not be so easy for your tax preparer to determine. Next year the employer will be required to provide the amount of overtime on the W-2. Allocated tips can be deducted up to a limit. Here is where this one gets tricky - it is the allocated tips on the W-2. If the taxpayer has cash tips, those must be reported as unreported tip income and then they can be deducted. Also, if the tips are mandatory, that is, required of the customer, such as when there is a large party, those tips are not deductible. The new senior deduction is based on income and is phased out as your income increases. Of course, there is still little information on any of these changes on the IRS web page. Hopefully, the agency will get back into the swing of things as they

get to go back to work.

This is also the last year for energy credits for items such as doors, windows, and skylights. The manufacturing pin is required to file for this credit. And finally, the deduction for your state and local taxes had been capped at \$10,000, but that cap has increased to \$40,000 this year. Happy tax filing.

Our favorite librarian is back but is going on vacation for two weeks. She provided me with a couple of updates and reminders. The book club meets on November 18th at 2 p.m. and they will be discussing The Storied Life of A.J. Fikey by Gabrielle Zevin. Then on Wednesday, the 19th at 4:15 p.m. Teen Craft and Chat is happening. Snacks are provided. There will be family story time on Friday at 11 a.m. And finally, ta da/ there is the Salmon Release. The salmon (also known as fry) will be released in Lorens Drift Pond Tuesday, November 25 at 11:30 a.m. See the flyer posted at the library for

further details.

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he November 12 ■ Rockaway Beach city council workshop and meeting saw several important developments which will have an ongoing effect on residents

One of the most significant of them has been delayed pending feedback from the community: the ongoing discussion over Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Pre-Implementation Compliance Measures (PICM). Based on the 2016 Biological Opinion from the National Marine Fisheries Service, this addresses the effects of changes to protected wetlands on the environment for various fish, particularly salmon and steelhead.

At issue is more than just new development in coastal areas, specifically in designated Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). One comment during the meeting pointed out that in addition



to approving or denying new home or business construction, some possible PICM effects could include requiring approval for digging a hole for your mailbox or repairing your fence.

While it's not immediately clear that the PICM reaches down to that level, it's certainly reason enough to apply more thought to the issue, and to reach out to the community for feedback.

"We've only heard from about 10% of the community" with regards to the PICM, said Councilor Mary McGinniss.

At issue are three basic options for proceeding, according to legal consultant Armand Resto-Spotts, who spoke at the workshop via Zoom. First, because the city has not yet implemented a decision, FEMA's default condition is to implement a permit-by-permit approach to regulation. That is, individual permits for each change must be assessed with regard to suitability.

Manzanita has adopted this approach, but their area only includes four specific properties which could be impacted by the PICM. Rockaway Beach has 86 acres in the SFHA, 11% of which are residentially zoned, with 23 acres undeveloped. Commercial areas in our SFHA total 14 acres, of which between 7% and 9% are zoned residential/ commercial. This suggests the permit-by-permit approach could be complex and potentially costly.

The other approaches are to place a moratorium on all development for a specified time. Bay City, which has significantly less SFHA than Rockaway, has taken this approach, after which they are planning to switch to the permit-by-permit process.

Warrenton, which is much closer to Rockaway in the impact of the PICM, has declared their intention to adopt a model ordinance (though they have yet to do so). The model ordinance adopts legislation based on standardized language from FEMA about what will and will not be permitted, which simplifies approval or rejection of development that affects the flood plain.

Resto-Spotts added that all three PICM approaches have legal risk, and furthermore that they are all temporary because FEMA is still going through litigation challenging PICM and its

findings, in a suit brought by Oregonians for Floodplain Protection.

He explained that the model ordinance is the safest approach but questioned whether it was required to take action on it today. Consensus among the council was to table the matter (which was subsequently accepted by unanimous vote at the city council meeting).

McGinniss strongly suggested setting up a community-wide hearing, possibly with an online survey, to reach more Rockaway residents.

"In Rockaway Beach," she said, "there are definitely folks interested in commenting on this issue. Continuing this one more time, then, it's on the councilors to do outreach to the community."

Mayor Charles McNeilly concurred: "I don't think the community is engaged with this issue. If what we want is to get a community view

with this, I don't think it will happen tonight." McNeilly echoed the call for community outreach to help understand the implications, then do another hearing with "a more balanced or complete

view from the community." You can sign up for email from the city's website, https://corb.us, to be kept informed of future develop-

ments.

February.

Other items of interest: the sewer rate increase is entering the next phase, with HDR presenting several cases for the new rates. Again, this issue will be brought before Rockaway residents, with announcements planned at the December 10 city council meeting. While rate increases are slated to take effect January 1, 2026, City Manager Luke Shepard noted that with our two-month billing cycle, residents will see the new rates at the end of

his past Veterans Day I you may have noticed all the US flags positioned around the parking area at the new Welcome Garden and at the RV lift station. Thanks to Public works Director Roy Marquee for the idea, and all the public works team members, we now have an area to display and respect the flag on holidays. Veteran's Day was a lovely, sunny day, with all the new flags waving

in the breeze. Our Mayor Lianne Welch, City Manager David McCall and folks from the community gathered for a brief ceremony to recognize our veterans and those who made this new space possible. The large boulders that surround the parking lot were drilled and the flags placed in those. Special thanks also to John Malcolm of JM Excavating for donating his time to retrieve and place the



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The Bay City Booster Club monthly meeting and Potluck is set for November 21 beginning at 11:30 in the Ad Montgomery Hall located behind city hall. All are welcome to join in and find out more about the club and volunteer opportunities, and to enjoy delicious food and warm and welcoming

Come and join in with

the City of Bay City Porch Parade and car decorating contest. This event will take place on December 13th, with staging beginning at 5 p.m. at Al Griffin Park at the corner of 4th and Trade Street. So, get those creative thinking caps on and come and join the fun, Santa will be riding along with the fire department, and there will be hot cocoa and treats following the parade at the Bay

City Fire Department. There will be prizes awarded for best car decorations, \$75 for first place, \$50 for second, and \$25 for 3rd place. This is always a fun event, especially for children and sets a very festive note for the coming holidays.

At the main Tillamook Library, they will be featuring noir films on Wednesday nights beginning at 6 p.m. Movies are free to all and there will be snacks.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming performance by the Bay Ocean Community Chorus of A Tillamook Christmas. This event will take place of December 13th at 2 p.m. at the Tillamook United Methodist Church, Located at 3808 12th Street in Tillamook. This will be a time for singing and celebrating. The Bay Ocean Community Chorus is an inclusive choral collective that uplifts, inspires and enriches the spirit and quality of community through performance, education and outreach. Choral leader. Annita, who also teaches my cardio drumming class at the YMCA (which is incredibly fun) has told me that there will be some terrific holiday music and fun, and opportunities to sing a -long, which always gets a rson in the festive mo

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The award celebrates Adventist Health Tillamook's Community-Based Nursing Services (ČBNS) program, an innovative nurse-led model that brings healthcare directly to underserved and high-risk patients across Tillamook and Columbia counties. The program redefines rural health delivery by providing care wherever patients are — whether at home, in temporary housing, or on the streets. Registered nurses serve as health coaches, trust builders, and care navigators, helping patients manage chronic illnesses, access medications, and connect with essential community resources.

Supported by a \$1.3 million grant from the American Nurses Foundation's Reimagining Nursing Initiative and developed in collaboration with the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) School of Nursing, the program demonstrates statistically significant improvements in medication adherence, chronic disease outcomes, and patient

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Cheesemakers fall to Indians in playoffs

WIII CHAPPELL Headlight Editor

Tillamook High School's football team exited the state playoffs with a 46-7 road loss to the Scappoose High School Indians in the quarterfinals on November 14.

Scappoose jumped out to an early, decisive lead behind a stifling defensive performance, and the Cheesemakers failed to find an answer for a high-powered Indian attack as their season ended with an 8-3 record.

Scappoose opted to receive the opening kickoff and started at their own 31 following a squib kick. The Indians picked up three on a first-down rush and an incomplete pass and five-yard completion brought up fourth and two, but a quarterback keeper moved the chains and gave Scappoose a new set of downs at Tillamook's 48.

After a first down rush went nowhere, Tristan Smith Evans came up with a tackle for a five-yard loss before a 14-yard completion brought up another fourth and short and an Indian timeout. A pitch went for ten and again kept the drive rolling and a 27-yard completion set up a one-yard rushing touchdown moments later, with a fumbled snap on the PAT leaving Scappoose ahead 6-0 with eight and a half to go in the first.

An attempted onside kick recovered successfully gave the Cheesemakers possession at their own 39, and a 22-yard completion to Jacoby Goss got the drive rolling, with a face mask penalty advancing the Mooks to the Indian 33. Tillamook quarterback Kevin Hurliman was sacked on the ensuing

first down before Griffyn Boomer took a direct snap for six and Hurliman found Aden Camacho Garcia for a nine-yard pickup.

The Mooks jumped offside setting them back to fourth and 11, and a completion to Max Abrogoua came up four yards short, returning the ball to the Indians at the

Scappoose picked up two first downs to advance to midfield before a tackle for loss and incompletion brought up a third and 16, which the Indians converted with a 26-yard pass. The drive continued into the Cheesemaker red zone and culminated in a seven-yard rushing touchdown, with a failed two-point conversion attempt leaving the home team ahead 12-0 with 18 seconds left in the first quarter.

Tillamook's offense got its second look starting at their own 39 and a Smith Evans reception for 36 got the Cheesemakers rolling before the quarter ended. At Scappoose's 25, the Mooks picked up one on the ground before a four-yard completion gave the Cheesemakers a third and five, which Tuiolemotu turned into a fourth and three. Boomer couldn't come down with an attempted pass in the end zone on fourth, giving Scappoose possession at the 18.

Tillamook's defense ofered little resistance to Scappoose as the Indians quickly drove into their territory and tacked on a third rushing touchdown, pushing the lead to 19-0 with just over seven minutes remaining in the half after a successful PAT.

The Cheesemakers' third drive started at their own



Quarterback Kevin Hurliman lines up against the Indians on a damp night in Scappoose.

23, and Tuiolemotu got the Mooks moving with a second down rush for 22 to near midfield. Boomer took a direct snap for five but a second failed to pick up yardage, bringing up a third and five, with a Hurliman keeper picking up two. Facing fourth and three after a timeout, Hurliman connected with Luke Corbus across the middle to pick up a first at the Indian 30.

Tillamook only managed three yards on the first three plays of its next set of downs and Hurliman threw an interception to an Indian defender at the five on fourth.

With under two minutes to play, Scappoose entered the hurry-up offense and quickly advanced downfield, pinning

on another touchdown with 25 seconds left in the half and pushing the lead to 27-0 with a successful two-point

Tillamook started a short drive from its own 39 before time ran out in the half. Tillamook started the

second half with possession at their own 29 and failed to go anywhere, punting after a quick three and out.

Scappoose took over at their own 40 and advanced to the Cheesemaker 18 before turning the ball over on downs.

Tillamook lost eight on first down, but a 22-yard Boomer reception got the Cheesemakers moving on third and Hurliman connected with Carson Remington

on the next play for a 64-yard touchdown to cut the lead to 27-7 with 5:24 to play in the third quarter. Scappoose immediately

responded with an 80-yard kickoff return touchdown, pushing the lead back to 34-7 with just over five minutes to go in the quarter.

Camacho Garcia responded with a 50-plus yard return to the Indian 16 and two Tuiolemotu rushes brought up a first and goal, but a fumble on third down returned the ball to the Indians.

Another long Indian drive unfolded and ended with another rushing touchdown, pushing the lead to 40-7 with 11 minutes left in the game.

Tillamook's next drive ended in a turnover on downs at the Indian 43 but they quickly regained possession with a recovered fumble, before giving the ball back to Scappoose with another turnover on downs at the Indian 41.

Scappoose scored a 51yard passing touchdown on fourth and two, stretching the lead to 46-7 with four and a half left in the game, and Tillamook advanced to the Scappoose 33 before the game ended.

Tillamook's season ended with the loss after the Cheesemakers amassed an 8-3 record, finishing second in the Cowapa League and beating North Bend 48-12 in a first round playoff matchup last week at home.

Mook soccer bows out in quarterfinals

By MIKE WEBER For The Headlight Herald

In their most successful season since 2007, the Tillamook High School Cheesemakers boys' soccer team advanced to the quarterfinals of the state tournament, before exiting in a shootout loss.

Following a first-round 3-2 overtime road win over the Marist Catholic High Spartans (8-5-3), the Mooks were again on the road for a November 8 matchup versus the No. 1-ranked, unbeaten, Oregon West Conference champion Stayton High Eagles.

The underdog No. 8-ranked Mooks (10-5-1) played outstanding, holding the Eagles scoreless through 80 minutes of regulation play, sending the contest into

overtime.

The evenly matched squads then played two, ten-minute overtime sessions, with the game still in a scoreless tie after 100 minutes. In the subsequent penalty kick shootout, the Eagles prevailed in sudden death penalty kicks, outscoring the Mooks 8-7 to pull out the victory.

It marked the tenth shutout of the season for the Eagles, who allowed only eight goals scored against them all season. Stayton was the only unbeaten team out of 31 Class 4A squads and has since won a November 11 semifinal 3-2 over the Klamath Union High Pelicans (13-4) to advance championship game where they played the North Marion High Huskies (results unavailable).

The Mooks, guided by firstyear Coach Graham Allen, were disappointed to see their season conclude, but were proud to advance in the tournament and come so close to clipping the Eagles.

We had a very good season, and we pushed Stayton all the way and we lost by one penalty kick," said Allen. "We played great defense the entire game. The whole team just played phenomenal, but it was a tough way to lose for sure. The boys played a total of 200 minutes in our two overtime playoff games in a time span of three days and they did incredibly

The quarterfinals marked the conclusion of the Tillamook High School soccer careers of seniors Jonny Flores, Chris Losoya, Juan Deniz, Oscar Martinez Gonzalez, Alfonso Esquivel and Bruno

"The seniors played great all year, they're a wonderful group and they've made a huge impact on the Tillamook High School soccer program, so I will definitely miss them," said Allen.

The Mooks had a great season as they took second place in the six-team Cowapa League standings behind the No. 7-ranked league Seaside High Seagulls (9-1 league, 10-4-1 overall).

"I'm glad that we did as well as we did, which was very exciting and there's more to build on too as we look forward to next year," said Allen.

Despite having an injury that he sustained earlier in the season, Tillamook junior forward Canon Affolter provided some highlights as he led the Mooks in scoring with 12 goals and six assists and played 10 minutes of the quarterfinal contest versus Stayton. Affolter missed three games earlier in the season due to the injury.

"It was remarkable that Canon was our leading scorer because he was playing with an injury (knee) all season long," said Allen. "For him to score as many goals as he did and get assists too was really amazing.'

The Cheesemakers had lots of momentu late in the season, going unbeaten in nine of their last 10 games, which helped them qualify for 16-team state championship tournament for a fifth consecutive

Wildfire risk making timberland less valuable

By STEVE LUNDEBERG

Rising wildfire risk in the Pacific Northwest combined with notoriously volatile timber pricing may lower forestland values by as much as 50% and persuade plantation owners to harvest trees much earlier than planned, a new analysis of Douglas-fir forests shows.

Under the worst-case scenarios, modeling by researchers at Oregon State University suggests harvesting trees at 24 years would make the most economic sense. Absent wildfire risk, the optimal age would be 65

Generally, private landowners harvest between those two ages, but it's not a surprise for the optimal rotation age to go down in these scenarios, the scientists say.

"Basically, under high wildfire risk that rises with stand age, every year you wait to harvest you're rolling the dice," said Mindy Crandall, an associate professor in the OSU College of Forestry. Earlier harvesting

reduces both long-term timber revenue and carbon storage potential, as well as impacting wood quality, adds study co-author Andres Susaeta.

'Our research highlights that traditional forest valuation methods, often based on fixed timber prices. fail to capture the financial uncertainty caused by fluctuating markets and growing wildfire danger," said Susaeta, an assistant professor in the College of Forestry. "By integrating both wildfire risk and timber price volatility into

forest management models, policymakers can design smarter tax systems, insurance programs and carbon market incentives that adapt to the changing conditions we are seeing and that are expected to worsen."

Forests cover nearly half of Oregon's 96,000 square miles, and Douglas-fir accounts for roughly 65% of the state's timber stock. It's the backbone of an \$18 billion timber industry, and Douglas-fir forests also provide a range of ecosystem services including wildlife habitat and carbon sequestration, a key factor in mitigating climate change.

Susaeta, Crandall and doctoral student Hsu Kyaw, who led the project under Susaeta and Crandall's supervision, say their findings point to several strategies for strengthening forest

resilience and economic returns.

Fuel reduction programs such as thinning and prescribed burns, they note, can lower fire risk and help landowners extend harvest cycles, capturing higher returns from mature timber.

"Improved salvage logging operations and wildfire-adjusted insurance programs could also help recover postfire losses and stabilize landowner income," Susaeta said. "It's important to note that our study shows that higher carbon prices can encourage longer rotations and boost land values – but these benefits diminish under high wildfire risk. Expanding carbon offset programs to include wildfire mitigation and salvage credits could

better align climate goals

with economic incentives."

The researchers say that reducing fire exposure while maintaining forest productivity requires a mix of adaptive zoning, cooperative fuel management and diversified forest composition.

Adaptive zoning refers to the flexible, dynamic allocation of management zones within a forest landscape based on changing environmental or socioeconomic conditions, and cooperative fuel management is a collaborative approach among multiple stakeholders to reduce fire risk by managing forest fuels across property boundaries.

Forests have a diversified composition when they feature a variety of tree species, age classes and structural features. The diversity enhances their economic value as well as their resilience and ecological function,

Susaeta said. In addition, longer rotations improve the odds of having valuable material to salvage.

However, the way financial risk is usually considered has an even bigger impact on landowners decisions than potential salvage value, he said. This is particularly important for landowners who are cautious about risk.

"Overall, our work underscores that managing forests under climate uncertainty requires integrating economic and ecological risks," Susaeta said. "By balancing wildfire resilience with market adaptation, forest policies can better protect both the environment and rural livelihoods."

Findings were published in Forest Policy and Economics.

Oregon private companies adjust plans, 'tread carefully'

JOHN LAUSENG Herald Guest Article

Oregon's private companies are adopting a cautious yet agile approach as they navigate slowing growth, workforce challenges, capital constraints and the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), according to the Q4 2025 Aldrich Uncertainty Report released Nov. 10.

The report is based on a survey of more than 60 leaders of private companies in the Western U.S., including 20 Oregon owners and executives representing construction, healthcare, real estate, manufacturing and professional services. It reveals a business environment defined by guarded optimism, operational adaptation and renewed focus on resilience.

The report has been published by Aldrich, a leading accounting and advisory firm headquartered in Portland, Oregon that provides the Western U.S. with a full suite of integrated financial, tax, accounting, wealth, corporate retirement and business transition services.

"Oregon's business leaders are not standing still—they're recalibrating," Aldrich CPA, CEO, and Partner John Lauseng said. "They're responding to economic uncertainty by making proactive changes to their supply chain, growth and employment strategies. This agility will be critical to longterm success."

Outlook is guarded, but leaders are taking action

Only 20% of Oregon business leaders feel optimistic

about revenue growth in the year ahead, and nearly one-third (30%) are more pessimistic than they were six months ago. Rising costs, high interest rates and persistent workforce challenges are fueling a cautious approach.

Still, Oregon companies are taking decisive steps to preserve financial health and operational stability:

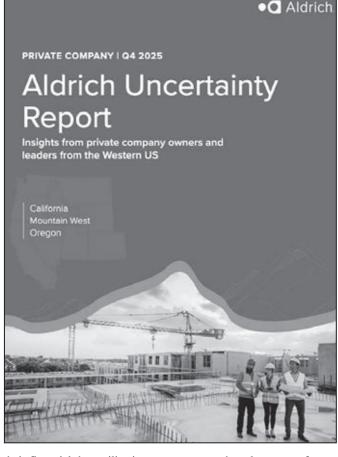
- 45% have slowed or delayed capital investments to maintain liquidity, while 30% are considering doing this going forward
- 35% have made supply chain changes, with another 45% considering them
- 70% are adjusting talent strategies, from slowing hiring to reducing headcount and
- While only 20% have passed increased costs on to customers, and additional 45% are considering doing this in the

"We're seeing Oregon leaders act early rather than react late," Lauseng added. "They're protecting core operations and adjusting their strategic plans where needed, while maintaining flexibility and looking for ways to operate more efficiently."

Leadership gaps in technology and financial insight

Oregon companies acknowl-

edge room for improvement in how they leverage data and technology. Only 30% of leaders are confident in their team's ability to implement the right technology, and just 10% rate



their financial data utilization as excellent.

"Strengthening these capabilities presents an opportunity for businesses to gain real-time insight and sharpen decisionmaking amid ongoing uncertainty," Lauseng noted.

Continuity is the top priority for business transitions

Among Oregon business leaders planning for succession, continuity for employees and clients (55%) and finding the right buyer or successor (55%) ranked as the top focus areas. By comparison, only 40% prioritize maximizing sale value and 35% identified minimizing

taxes on the sales or transfer, revealing that most Oregon leaders value legacy, relationships and cultural fit over financial return.

At the same time, 75% of owners reported receiving at least one unsolicited offer to sell in the past year. This high level of interest highlights the market demand for well-run private companies, but it also raises the stakes, the report

"The most successful transitions often begin five to ten years in advance," Lauseng said. "Starting early allows business owners to explore all

transition options, identify the right successor and ensure continuity for employees, clients and the business."

"One Big Beautiful Bill" opens strategic planning opportunities

While most Oregon leaders have a general understanding of the OBBBA, few have applied its provisions to strategic planning. The legislation includes significant tax updates, including permanent full expensing, restored Research & Development (R&D) deductions, enhanced pass-through flexibility and targeted incentives for domestic manufacturing.

Lauseng stressed that early evaluation of these opportunities and thoughtful planning can turn tax code changes into a long-term competitive advantage, especially for businesses considering expansion or ownership transition.

Additional trends shaping Oregon's mid-market outlook

The Q4 2025 Aldrich Uncertainty Report also revealed several broader themes:

- Confidence in managing disruption is low: Only 25% of leaders feel prepared to adapt to external shocks such as tariffs or economic volatility
- Financial visibility needs improvement: Just 10% rate their company's use of financial data as excellent
- Credit conditions are tightening: 45% report greater difficulty accessing outside capital compared with six months ago

• Tariffs and supply chain challenges are pressuring margins: 60% say disruptions have negatively impacted financial health, particularly in manufacturing and construction

• Workforce adjustments under review: While 25% have already reduced hiring or hours, another 45% are considering adjustments as part of a broader workforce strategy

"This year's data shows that Oregon companies are pragmatic and resilient," Lauseng said. "They're balancing nearterm caution with forwardlooking planning—and that's a powerful combination in uncertain times."

About the Q4 2025 Aldrich **Uncertainty Report**

The Q4 2025 Aldrich Uncertainty Report provides a snapshot of how private midmarket companies are responding to ongoing economic and legislative change. It reflects survey responses collected by GLG, a financial and global information services consulting company, in August 2025 from business owners and executives representing Oregon's core industries.

About Aldrich

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What to expect when visiting Oregon state parks in 2026

OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION

As this year comes to a close, Oregon State Parks is looking back on 2025 and planning for the 2026

This year Oregon State Parks welcomed millions of visitors, maintained nearly 1,000 miles of trails, hosted hundreds of events including mushroom hikes and star parties and finished dozens of projects from the restoration of the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse to repaving the campground at Silver Falls State Park.

State parks also updated many of its fees to reflect increasing costs and decreasing Oregon State Lottery funding. Depending on the fee, the last update was anywhere from seven to 15 years ago.

Staff are looking forward to welcoming visitors for the 2026 season with guided hikes, seasonal events and outdoor adventures. To help visitors enjoy the more than 250 state parks and

know what to expect next year, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department gathered the upcoming updates in one place.

Winter 2025:

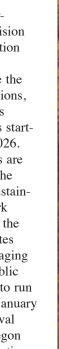
• Green Friday (Nov. 28): Parking fees will no longer be waived at parks requiring permits on Green Friday.

Beginning January 1,

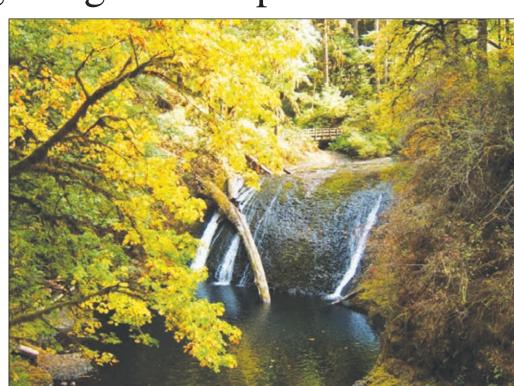
- First Day Hike (Jan. 1): Guided hikes at select parks. Parking fees will no longer be waived at parks requiring permits for First Day Hikes.
- 12-month parking permits will increase from \$30 to \$60 for Oregon residents and to \$75 for out-of-state residents due to the out-ofstate surcharge.
- 24-month parking permits will not be sold in 2026. Existing permits will be honored until they expire.
- Oregon State Parks will no longer sell Oregon Pacific Coast Passports but will honor passports purchased in 2025 until they expire.
- Oregon State Parks will no longer honor Jackson County parking permits.

Winter/Spring 2026

- OPRD is considering updates to its Division 15 Rates and Reservation Policy. The proposed changes would update the rules around cancellations, refunds, special access passes and rate ranges starting as soon as Feb. 2026. The proposed changes are designed to improve the long-term financial sustainability of the state park system and maximize the availability of campsites for visitors by encouraging early cancellation. Public comment is expected to run from December 1 to January 15, 2026. Final approval is required by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Additional parks will require a parking fee. The specific parks and imple-
- Implement fees to use dump stations at Oregon State Parks to support the cost of that service.
- 6), will continue to offer free parking for Oregon



- mentation date is still being finalized.
- State Parks Day (June



Courtesy from the OPRD

OPRD is projecting at \$14 million budget shortfall this biennium due to decreasing lottery revenue, increasing costs and a long-standing need for more sustainable funding.

residents. Camping fees will no longer be waived on that day pending approval of the proposed Division 15 Rates and Reservation Policy updates.

"The changes are critical to sustaining state park operations and services now and

Seasons Greetings

for the future. We appreciate visitors' continued support as these necessary changes are implemented," Oregon Parks and Recreation Director (OPRD) Director Lisa Sumption said.

OPRD is projecting at \$14 million budget shortfall this

biennium due to decreasing lottery revenue, increasing costs and a long-standing need for more sustainable funding. OPRD does not receive general fund tax revenue for operations.

OPRD will continue to review and update fees and operations to keep providing high-quality visitor experiences and sustain parks now and in the future.

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A photo of Spike, the white English bulldog who lived at Naval Air Station Tillamook during WWII. Photo Courtesy Tillamook Air Museum

ADVENTIST

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engagement. Since launching its pilot phase in December 2023, the program has served over 100 patients and is now active in six rural clinics, supported by a toolkit in development to promote statewide adoption.

Eric Swanson, president of Adventist Health Tillamook, expressed his gratitude for the teams and partnerships that made this achievement possible: "This recognition truly belongs to our community-based nurses, whose compassion and dedication have reimagined what rural care can look like," Swanson said. "We are deeply grateful to our recently retired executive, Gina Seufert, who led this work with vision and heart, our academic partners at OHSU, and the American Nurses Foundation, whose grant made this innovation possible. When we combine innovation with state support and community collaboration, we break down barriers of care giving us real hope for the future of rural health-

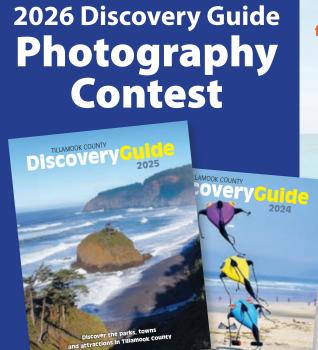
Adventist Health Tillamook's Community-Based Nursing Services program is now seen as a replicable and sustainable model for rural healthcare delivery, supported by new state legislation (HB 2789) passed into law on May 28 that enables reimbursement for nurse-led community care.

The Oregon Rural Health Excellence Award recognizes hospitals, clinics, EMS agencies, and community-based organizations that demonstrate exceptional creativity, teamwork, and resourcefulness in improving health outcomes across rural Oregon.

The 2025 awardees were honored on October 2, 2025, at the 42nd Oregon Rural Health Conference in Bend. More information about the award recognition is available at: https://www.ohsu.edu/oregon-office-of-rural-health/orh-announces-2025-oregon-rural-health-excellence-awardees



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within 30 days from the date of first publication of this Summons. If you fail to appear or respond, the Court may proceed ex parte and enter the relief requested in the Petition, including dissolution of marriage and related orders. without further notice to you. Your response must be filed with the Clackamas County Circuit Court and a copy served on the Petitioner at: Jeffery Stephen Gregg, 134 Thunderbird St. Molalla, Oregon 97038. This Summons is published pursuant to ORCP 7 D(6) and the Court's order authorizing service by publication.

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LLG 25-130173 HH25-506 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE A default has occurred under the terms of a trust deed made by Ashley Samantha Neste and Dennis Gail Damm Jr, as joint tenants, whose address is 3710 3rd Street, Tillamook, OR 97141-2709 as grantor to Ticor Title. as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, as named Beneficiary, dated October 8, 2020, recorded October 9, 2020, in the mortgage records of Tillamook County, Oregon, as Instrument No. 2020-06981. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC is the present Beneficiary as defined by ORS 86.705(2), as covering the following described real property: A tract of land situated in the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 29. Township 1 South, Range 9 West, Willamette Meridian, in the City of Tillamook. County of Tillamook. State of Oregon, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point which is North 4° 26' 51" East 3023.04 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 29: thence North 89° 17' 29" East 118.96 feet; thence South 76° 32 04" East 36.37 feet; thence South 1° 02' 36" East 108.44 feet, more or less, to the North boundary of Third Street: thence South 82° 35 14" West 143.82 feet along said North boundary of Third Street to a point which is South 5° 49' 43" East from the point of beginning; thence North 5° 49' 43" West 134.67 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3710 3rd Street, Tillamook, OR 97141-2709. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a notice of default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 86.752(3); the default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: Monthly payments in the sum of \$1,793.94. from October 1, 2024 plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of \$195.56, together with

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ing on the obligation that the trust deed secures immediately due and payable, said sum being the following, to-wit: \$269,478.13, together with accrued interest in the sum of \$6.320.06 through June 25, 2025, together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.875% per annum from June 26, 2025, plus prior accrued late charges in the amount of \$195.56, plus the sum of \$2,213.00 for advances, together with all costs, disbursements, and/or fees incurred or paid by the beneficiary and/or trustee, their employees, agents or assigns. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on November 18, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 AM, in accord with the standard time established by ORS 187.110, at the southern front entrance to the Tillamook County Courthouse, located at 201 Laurel Avenue, in the City of Tillamook, OR, County of Tillamook, State of Oregon, will appear and postpone the sale to February 10, 2026 at the hour of 1:00PM, in accord with the standard time established by ORS 187.110, at the southern front entrance to the Tillamook County Courthouse, located at 201 Laurel Avenue, in the City of Tillamook, OR, County of Tillamook, State of Oregon, on February 10, 2026, at the hour of 1:00PM, in accord with the standard time established by ORS 187.110, at the southern front entrance to the Tillamook County Courthouse, located at 201 Laurel Avenue, in the City of Tillamook, OR, County of Tillamook, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor has or had power to convey at the time of the execution of 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 to any person named in ORS 86.778 that the right exists, at any time that is not later than five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by paying to the beneficiary of the entire amount due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligations or trust deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance nec-

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actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee's fees and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by said ORS 86.778. Notice is further given that reinstatement or payoff quotes requested pursuant to ORS 86.786 and ORS 86.789 must be timely communicated in a written request that complies with that statute, addressed to trustee's "Reinstatements/ Payoffs - ORS 86.786" either by personal delivery or by first class. certified mail, return receipt requested, to the trustee's address shown below. Due to potential conflicts with federal law, persons having no record legal or equitable interest in the subject property will only receive information concerning the lender's estimated or actual bid. Lender bid information is also available at the trustee's website, www.logs.com. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while property is in default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the said referenced property. 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. The Fair Debt Collection Practice Act requires that we state the following: This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings: This shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt. Dated: 6/26/2025 LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP. Successor Trustee 1499 SE Tech Center Place, Suite 255, Vancouver, WA 98683 www.logs.com Telephone: (360) 260-2253 Toll-free: 1-800-970-5647 LLG 25-130173

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HH25-508 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 819 Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 11/24/2025.

The sale will be held at 10:00am by MENEFEE WELDING RE-PAIR & TOWING 31665 HWY 101 S CLOVERDALE, OR. 2018 JEEP COM 4D VIN = 3C4NJDB-B9JT336260

Amount due on lien \$7679.04 Reputed owner(s) > ANDREW NATHANIEL KEN ONPOINT COMMUNITY **CREDIT UNION**

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HH25-511 SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF YAKIMA JUVENILE DIVISION. Dependency of: LENA JUNE KIDDER, D.O.B. 08/10/2015 No.: 25-7-00266-39. Notice and Summons by Publication. (Dependency)(SMPB). To: Parent 2, Javson Daniel Kidder. A Dependency Petition was filed on September 29, 2025; A Fact-Finding hearing will be held on this matter on: December 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Yakima County Superior Court, Juvenile Division, 1728 Jerome Avenue, Yakima, WA 98902. You should be present at this hearing. To participate in this hearing via Zoom video: COURTROOM #2 https:// zoom.us/j/94269638517. Dial: 1-206-337-9723. Meeting ID: 942 6963 8517, Passcode: 271386 . NOTICE: You must appear for your hearing. A passcode is required for Zoom. The current passcode is listed above and is subject to change. To ensure you have the current passcode call Court Administration at 509-574-2703, 509-574-2707, or 509-574-1794. You will need to tell them the date and time and identify the case by name and/or case number. The hearing will determine if your child is dependent as defined in RCW 13.34.030(6). This begins a judicial process which could result in permanent loss of your parental rights. If you do not appear at the hearing, the court may enter a dependency order in your absence. To request a copy of the Notice, Summons, and Dependency Petition, call DCYF at 509-225-6500. To view information about your rights, including right to a lawyer, go to www.atg. wa.gov/DPY. DATED this 31 day of October 2025. Billie A. Maggard, Yakima County Clerk, By:

/s/ Tysa Thomas, Deputy Clerk 11/11/25 11/18/25 11/25/25

HH25-517 TILLAMOOK PEO-PLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT NO-TICE OF REQUEST FOR PRO-POSALS. Tillamook People's Utility District is requesting proposals for Multi-Year Purchase of Pole Mount. Pad Mount and Three Phase Pad Mount Trans-

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submitted electronically at the following address https://www. tpud.org/rfp with the subject line "Proposal for RFP 2026-1-1" on or before 2:00 p.m. Pacific Prevailing Time, January 27th, 2026 ("RFP Closing"). Proposals will be publicly opened and read at the District's office at 2:00 p.m. (PT), January 27th. Any proposals received after the closing time will be promptly returned to the Proposer unopened. Proposals submitted by facsimile or other means will not be accepted or opened. This RFP is for the procurement of single-phase pole mounted transformers 15 kVA to 167kVA, single phase pad mounted transformers 15kVA to 167kVA and three phase pad mounted transformers 45kVA to 1500kVA (individually and collectively referred to as "Transformers" or "Equipment". All RFP documents may be obtained by contacting Nancy Dillard, Material/Purchasing Agent at (503) 815-8606 or by email to ndillard@tpud.org or on our website at https://www.tpud. org/service-billing/rfp-rfq/. The District reserves the right to waive any or all informalities and irregularities in this RFP; to cancel the RFP at any time in District's sole discretion; to bifurcate the RFF and award the RFP to more than one proposer; and may reject any or all proposals pursuant to ORS 279A, 279B, and District's purchasing policy. Dated at Til-

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November 2025.

HH25-518 NOTICE OF TILLA-MOOK COUNTY PAYROLL SAL-ARIES. Notice is hereby given pursuant to ORS 294.250 that the payroll salaries for the month of October 2025 are posted in the Courthouse lobby at 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, and all County Libraries. Copies are available upon request at the Treasurer's office. There is a fee charged for the actual cost of the copies.

lamook, Oregon, this 6th day of

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HH25-519 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE. Reference is made to a certain trust deed ("Trust Deed") made, executed and delivered by Huston Beene, as grantor, to Trustee Services, Inc.,

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as trustee, in favor of Fibre Federal Credit Union, as beneficiary. dated October 29, 2018, and recorded on October 30, 2018, as Recording No. 2018-06440, in the mortgage records of Tillamook County, Oregon. The Trust Deed covers the following described real property ("Property") situated in said county and state, to-wit: Lot 3, Block 9, PARK AD-DITION TO TILLAMOOK, in the City of Tillamook, County of Tillamook. State of Oregon. EX-CEPTING THEREFROM a portion of said Lot 3 described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Lot 3; thence East 3.0 feet: thence North 28.5 feet; thence West 3.0 feet; thence South 28.5 feet to the Point of Beginning. There are defaults by the grantor or other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Trust Deed, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of default of such provision; the defaults for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: (1) Arrearage in the sum of \$2,245.00 as of July 21, 2025, plus additional payments, property expenditures, taxes, liens, assessments, insurance, late fees, attorney's and trustee's fees and costs, and interest due at the time of reinstatement or sale; and (2) Grantor's failure to protect Lender's security interest by his failure to keep the property free of liens and/or judgments. By reason of said defaults, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: Payoff in the sum of \$37,296.63 as of July 21, 2025, plus taxes, liens, assessments, property expenditures, insurance, accruing interest, late fees, attorney's and trustee's fees and costs incurred by beneficiary or its assigns. WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on January 7, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, at the following place: Front Entrance of the Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the









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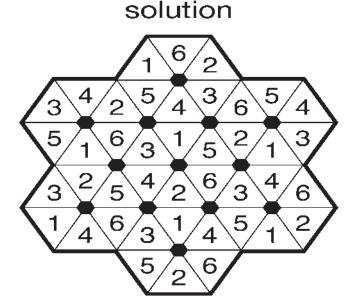
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99 Cold brew,

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HH25-520 NOTICE OF PUB-LIC HEARING. Request for a Development Code and Comprehensive Plan Changes. Meeting Hall, Garibaldi City Hall, 107 6th Street, Garibaldi OR 97118. The City of Garibaldi City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 5:30 pm at Garibaldi City Hall and via Zoom (visit this website for virtual meeting login information: https://

www.ci.garibaldi.or.us/Calendar.

aspx?EID=762). Project Name: Middle Housing Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Updates. Notice is hereby given that the Garibaldi City Council is considering proposed amendments to the text in the following section of the Garibaldi Municipal Code, Chapters: 17.00, 17.25, 18.05, 18.15, 18.25, 18.90, 18.110, 18.125 18.135, and to the Garibaldi Comprehensive Plan VI.B.5.a Housing Findings Policies in accordance with middle housing code and comprehensive plan updates to fully meet state requirements for duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, townhouses, and cottage clusters as directed by Senate Bill (SB) Anyone interested in the proposal should become involved in the land use decision-making process. You may speak for or against the proposal in person or via a representative at the hearing. Written comments may also be filed with the City of Garibaldi before the hearing. All documents, evidence and staff reports relied upon by the applicant are available for inspection by appointment at Garibaldi City Hall at no cost, or copies are available for \$0.25 per page. The City Council shall conduct a public hearing in accordance with adopted rules of procedure. Failure to raise an issue in a hearing, by testifying in person or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence with sufficient specificity to afford the decision-making authority an opportunity to respond to such issues, precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals on the issue. If you need special accommodation to participate in the hearing, please notify City Hall 24 hours before the meeting. For further information, contact City Hall at (503) 322-3327 or write to city@garibaldi. gov. For more information about this project, please contact Scott Fregonese at 971-253-4221 or

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PRE-QUALIFI-HH25-521 CATION OF GENERAL CON-TRACTORS FOR TILLAMOOK SCHOOL DISTRICT #9 LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SEISMIC RENO-VATIONS. Notice is hereby given that Tillamook School District #9 (hereafter 'TSD') is seeking submittals from qualified general contractors interested in providing construction services for the Liberty Elementary Seismic Renovations project. This submittal may also be used, at the election of the district, to qualify contractors for future projects under the 2025 GO-Bond program for proiects of similar size and scope. TSD will receive submittals until December 9, 2025 at 2:00PM via e-mail to TSD's Bond Program Project Manager, Chris Giggy, at chris@imsoregon.com with hard copies delivered to the TSD office by that time. Late submittals will not be accepted. No reading of the submittals will be conducted nor announcement of specifics discussed. The RFQ document

can be obtained by contacting Chris Giggy, Sr. Project Manager, Integrity Management Solutions, at chris@imsoregon.com acting on behalf of TSD. There will not be a pre-submittal meet-Questions can be sent via e-mail by the deadline specified in the RFQ. Do not contact TSD personnel directly. All firms who submit qualifications will be notified of the results within 14 days of the submittal due date. Only prequalified firms will be invited to bid on the project when construction documents are available in February 2026. Responding firms are responsible for providing submittals in the manner. format, and to the delivery point required in the RFQ. All proposers who respond to this solicitation do so at their own expense. TSD reserves the right to reject any submittals not in compliance with RFQ requirements, that are deemed incomplete, that are not in compliance with all prescribed public bidding procedures and requirements and may reject for good cause any or all submittals upon a finding that it is in the public interest to do so. Published: November 17, 2025. Published Daily Journal of Com-

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HH25-523 NEAH-KAH-NIE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCES BOARD VACANCY. Neah-Kah-Nie School District Board of Directors has just announced a

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vacancy in Zone 7. The area included in the Bay Precincts which lie within the boundaries of

the DISTRICT and any of the areas of the Kilchis and Wilson River Precinct which are within the boundaries of the DISTRICT. The board will exercise its normal process of posting the opening for 20 days, take applications, conduct interviews and appoint someone to that position. You may contact the Tillamook County Clerk's office at 503-842-3402 to verify that your address falls within the correct zone. The requirements for serving on the school board are that you must be a registered voter, have lived within the district for one year, and be a resident in the zone from which the vacancy has occurred. For an application, please contact Karen Wheeler at 503-355-3506

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2. Grade, Grape

5. Pinch, Punch

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503-842-6647 Mass Schedule Thursday - 11 a.m. Friday - 11 a.m. Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Confession: Call the office for appointment

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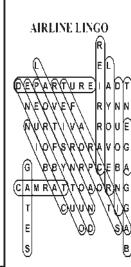


Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Fetch	G	The very edge	K						
2. Report card entry	D _	Fruit of the vine	P _						
3. Allotment	N	Proportions	s						
4. Bread ingredient	U	Ground surface	0 _						
5. Nip	_ '	Boxer's movement	_ U						
6. Fire engine device	D	Pantry	R						
7. 100 pennies	D	Shirt neckline	c						
8. Bower	B	Eagerness	D						
9. German river	R	Gleam	s						
10. Get the better of	W	Garment	F						
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HOCUS-FOCUS HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



strap is different. different. 4. Mose is different. 5. Shoe is different. 6. Golf bag. Differences: 1. Club is missing, 2. Man has less hair, 3. Cap is

Weekly **SUDOKU**

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

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: ◆

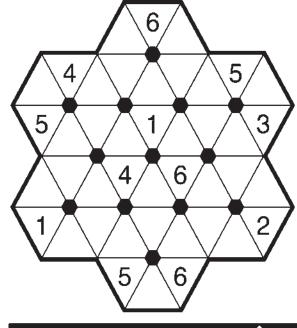
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!

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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

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