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Kidney center prepares for opening

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Since the February closure of the U.S. Renal Care Dialysis clinic in Tillamook, patients with end stage renal disease have been forced to travel more than an hour for thrice-weekly, life-sustaining care.

But that is all set to change in the coming weeks when the clinic reopens under the management of Dialysis Clinics Incorporated (DCI), a Nashville-based nonprofit, as the Tillamook Kidney Center. Dr. Doug Johnson, the Vice Chairman of DCI's Board, said that he was enthusiastic about the opportunity to help bring dialysis back to Tillamook and stressed that it would not have been possible without the strong partnership of Adventist Health, and especially Adventist President Eric Swanson.

"Eric and the Adventist team have been such incredible partners, and it was so inspiring to be able to visit the community, be able to spend time in the community," Johnson said. "We're so excited to be able to help provide this service."

The situation began unfolding in late January of this year, when patients at the U.S. Renal Care (USRC) dialysis clinic in Tillamook received a letter from the company's management informing them that the center would be closing as of February 23, due to economic factors. That forced the clinic's 11 patients to either travel to in-home treatments or transition to Lincoln City, Astoria or Forest Grove three times weekly to dialyze.

"It's been rough, there for a month or two I had to be on the road by 3:30 in the morning to be there at 4:30, and for an old lady, that's a long way," said Sharon Gallino, a patient who was forced to seek care in Lincoln City. Fortunately, the early start time that forced the pre-dawn departures



Tillamook Adventist Patient Care Executive Heather Thompson, Dialysis Clinic Inc. Nurse manager Molly Lust and Tillamook Adventist President Erik Swanson next to one of the recently arrived machines that will treat patients when the Tillamook Kidney Center opens in the coming weeks.

Photos by John Hay

has since shifted, but Gallino is still spending a minimum of six hours on travel and treatment on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and says that driving after treatments is grueling.

Knowing of these challenges and especially concerned about the difficulty of travel when winter weather returned, Swanson immediately swung into action following the closure announcement looking for a way to get the center reopened. "I was on the phone every single day talking with people about dialysis, trying to find a good option for Tillamook," Swanson said.

Tillamook's low number of dialysis patients, just 11 patients

at the time of closure, created a hurdle, as any for-profit company, like USRC, would not be able to make money operating a center.

But after receiving a tip from a consultant, Swanson reached out to DCI, and a path towards reopening began to take shape.

Dialysis Clinics Incorporated was founded in 1971 by Johnson's father, Dr. Keith Johnson, a nephrologist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, who was concerned about the hurdles preventing non-veterans from accessing dialysis care. Johnson would treat patients during the day and then stay late in the evening to dialyze several patients who were waiting for transplants and had

nowhere else to go for care.

After hearing about an outpatient dialysis program in Seattle, the elder Johnson solicited a \$100,000 charitable contribution from his father and opened the company's first clinic in Nashville.

Although Medicare started reimbursing dialysis providers for treatments in 1972, helping to alleviate the issues that had initially drawn Johnson to open a clinic, he saw that there was still a need for dialysis care in certain communities that wasn't being met.

The younger Johnson said that the company always partners with

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Rockaway Beach ramps up higher ground project

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Five years after purchasing a property in the hills above the city, Rockaway Beach leadership has resumed forward progress toward moving the city's fire station out of the tsunami inundation zone in the past year.

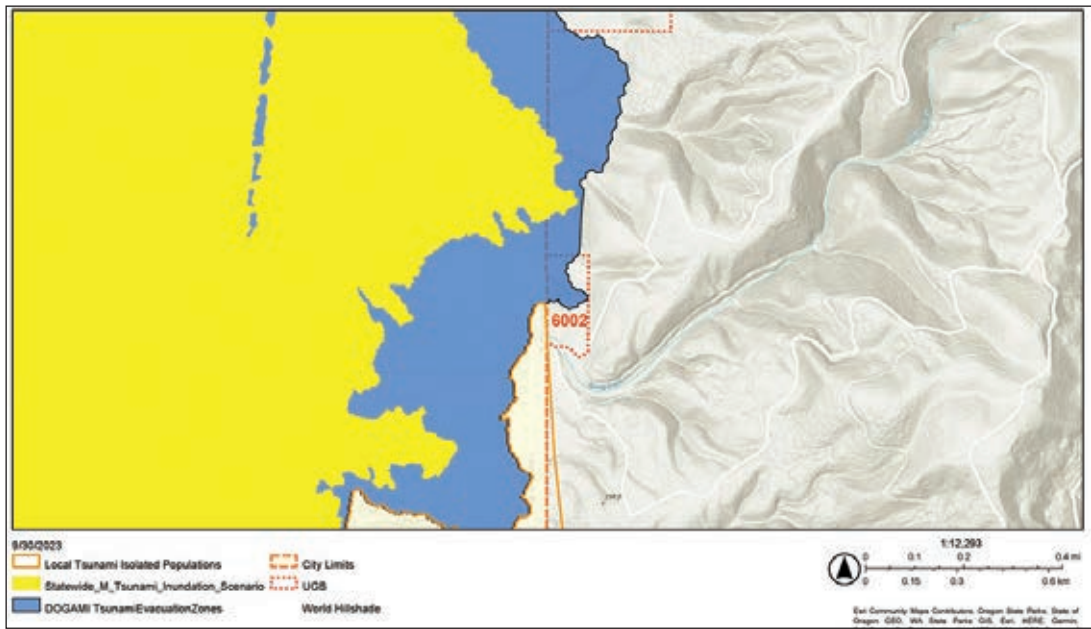
Thomas Fiorelli of Fiorelli Consulting was contracted last November to create a strategic plan for the project, which was approved in May, and is currently working on building public awareness of and support for the project while exploring funding sources.

"We have to build the support from our community, folks who know what we're doing and support it," Fiorelli said. "We have to then also get buy in from citizens in the local area that recognize how important it is and are willing to say, 'yeah, I think this is valuable.'"

The idea for the project first emerged in 2018 or 2019, when city leaders became concerned by the lack of properties outside the tsunami inundation zone and what that would mean for emergency response in the event of a tsunami.

However, discussions stalled out during the coronavirus pandemic, until 2023 when City Manager Luke Shepard worked with council to acquire a ten-acre property in the hills above the north end of the city and expand the city's urban growth boundary to encompass the parcel.

Shepard also reached out to Fiorelli to ask for assistance in developing and funding a plan for the property. Council approved a contract with Fiorelli to develop a strategic plan for the project in November 2023 and approved the



A map of Rockaway Beach's tsunami inundation zone with property purchased by the city for the higher ground project highlighted.

plan itself this May.

Included in the plan was a rough estimate of the facility's scope and budget. In addition to serving as a new fire station for the city's department, the building would also house emergency services equipment for public works and space to accommodate local, state and federal agencies responding to emergent events. Fiorelli said that north Tillamook County currently lacks such a facility and that it could serve as a distribution point for emergency supplies around the area and place to congregate.

Fiorelli's initial cost estimate for the project included in the strategic plan was \$15-20 million, including adding utilities to the undeveloped property and necessary seismic mitigation measures for the facility to withstand a major earthquake.

Fiorelli and his team are looking at possible outside funding sources to help support the budget and prioritizing foundation grants that would help support the planning stages of the

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Land Use

County commissioners hew own path in response to FEMA

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

After discussing the possibility of declining to select from among three options to update floodplain development codes in favor of a county-developed alternative at a meeting earlier in the month, Tillamook's Board of County Commissioners officially chose that path on November 27.

The decision was unanimously formalized in a letter to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that informed the agency that the county will require projects in areas of special flood hazard to submit a letter from a biologist certifying that the project will cause no take of endangered species beginning December 1.

Tillamook County Director of Community Development Sarah Absher has been a leader on the issue across the state and came up with the proposed alternative in conjunction with Molly Lawrence, a land-use attorney for the county. Absher and Lawrence argue that the new ordinance will meet the letter of federal law while allowing for more development in areas of special flood hazard, though it is unclear how FEMA will respond.

Absher said that given this lack of clarity and with Oregonians for Floodplain Protection, a coalition opposed to the required development updates, set to file a lawsuit challenging the requirements in the coming weeks, the situation is far from resolved.

"This is not the end, I would say this letter brings us forward into the beginning of a new process," Absher told commissioners.

Work on updating the requirements for participation in the FEMA's flood insurance program has been ongoing since a 2009 lawsuit by the Audubon Society, which claimed that FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was harming coho salmon in Oregon in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

FEMA commissioned the National Marine Fisheries Service to investigate the claim and in 2016, the fisheries service released a report saying that the flood insurance plan was causing an illegal take of coho, other anadromous fish species and orca whales. This meant that FEMA needed to update the requirements of partner governments in the flood insurance plan to comply with federal statute.

But that work was delayed, first by a 2016 suit against FEMA by Oregonians for Floodplain Protection and then by a 2018 congressional delay of three years passed by former Congressman Peter Defazio.

When the implementation stay expired in 2021, progress resumed on updating the program, with a proposal for updates released in 2023. The biological opinion called for the program to update the ordinances for building in flood plains to achieve zero net loss in three areas of floodplain functionality that help preserve fish habitat: flood storage, water quality and riparian vegetation.

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de Garde Brewing is “spontaneous.” It’s what sets them apart. And then, almost ironic to the phrase of spontaneous, a brew of theirs can take years to be ready.

Owners Trevor and Linsey Rogers founded de Garde Brewing in 2013.

“We started doing some trial experiments for spontaneous fermentation on the North Coast, anticipating that it would be an optimal location for it,” Trevor Rogers said. “Home brewing was a big part of my life and it became obsessive as we started kicking around the possibility to start our own. We were making multiple batches a week just trying things out.”

Their wild (also known as spontaneous) fermentation differentiates them from other beer processes. Instead of the introduction of yeast, their brews passively acquire the native yeast and bacteria from the environment in a coolship. It’s through this that the beer speaks of the place that it’s from.

“The style of beer that we’d make, [at the time] there wasn’t really anything being made domestically like that,” Rogers recalled of the business’s origins. “You had to get Belgian



Trevor and Lindsey Rogers, founders of de Guard Brewing.

Photos courtesy of de Garde Brewing

beer if you could find it or travel to Europe. We were looking for a domestic equivalent and targeted this region as a likely candidate for making high-quality, spontaneously fermented beer.”

The Oregon Coast is an ideal location for successful brewing.

“We want a temperate climate to manage ambient bacterial populations,” Rogers said. “It provides for better storage of barrels of maturing and fermenting beer. You don’t want too

insanely cold and you don’t really want it incredibly hot.”

de Garde Brewing became the first brewery in the United States to use strictly spontaneous fermentation.

“We had to go through a lot of trial and error and figure out what recipes and processes work best for our location,” Rogers said.

The process de Garde utilizes has more in common with wine making than with traditional beer making, particularly with timelines.

“Most beer is made in a matter of a few weeks. Ours takes close to three years on average from start to finish,” Rogers said.

Almost all ingredients used in de Garde products are from Oregon.

“Our grain is all from the region,” Rogers said. “Our hops are all from the region (except for a few dozen pounds). All of our fruits are from within the state including the grapes that we use for both beer and wine making. If we were trying to make something that speaks of a place, I think that the closer you can keep those ingredients to home, the better.”

Rogers notes that their beer is “wildly” different (no pun intended) from what most people would consider beer.

“It’s very much in-line with what beer would have been 100-150 years ago,” he said. “There’s an element of acidity to it. The tartness to it can be a bit of a surprise to folks. We always tell people: ‘Sip it, then have a second. You’ve got to recalibrate what you’re expecting to taste.’”

On average, de Garde releases a couple different beers a month and a handful of wines through the year.

Customers can visit de Garde’s tasting room in downtown Tillamook where they offer their own beers on draft, as well as a curated list of guest taps. Drinks are available by the sample pour, the glass, or bottled to-go. One of their current offerings is: “Cheers to the Land,” a spontaneous

wild ale with Mourvèdre grapes, aged in amphorae.

“It benefits the Oregon Agricultural Trust that helps with successful planning and financing for small, independent farms,” Rogers said. “That one was made with grapes fermented in Oregon-made, ceramic vessels as opposed to barrels that we use for everything else.”

de Garde is sometimes served for specialty beer dinners at the Schooner Restaurant, at events featuring JAndy Oyster and Garibaldi Portside Bistro, and their beer and wine is served at Crab Rock Pizza. Their wine is also being shared at Garibaldi Portside Bistro.

“We try and partner and support as local as we possibly can because it’s a business network that supports each other,” Rogers said. “If anybody else is doing better, that likely is going to create a better economic environment that we all have.”

This spring, the business plans to host the first ever “de Garde Invitational.” The festival will bring together 60 guest breweries hosted at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds.

“It’ll be the best beer event in the country,” Rogers said. “We’ll have six different food vendors, predominantly local, all based in Oregon, and live music. We’re targeting 2,000 people being out at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds.”

The de Garde Invitational is slated for May 4. Ticket sales will be announced via their social media channels.

Feeling spontaneous? The Rogers invite customers to stop by de Garde Brewing located at 114 Ivy Ave, Tillamook; open Thursday – Saturday noon – 7 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. – to 5 p.m.

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project. Fiorelli said that the project would likely qualify for funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency but that a bond supported by local taxpayers would probably be necessary as well. He also said that he hoped the county government and neighboring cities might contribute, given the project's areal impacts.

"It'll be the largest and most capable facility that exists and so we expect it to have a real central role, and we would probably see some funding coming from the county and some of our

neighboring jurisdictions," Fiorelli said.

At the same time as they begin those explorations, Fiorelli and his team are also working on increasing public awareness of the area's tsunami risk and consequent need for the move.

The outreach efforts are taking several forms, including surveys, monthly updates at meetings of the city's emergency preparedness group and quarterly events aimed at the public.

Currently, a survey of subject matter experts on

emergency preparedness is underway, with another planned for north county residents in the coming months. Fiorelli said that he wants to gather all potential concerns about the project from neighbors and work to address them during planning and design.

Monthly updates occur at the city's emergency preparedness meeting on first Wednesdays at city hall, with a tsunami expert from the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries scheduled to speak at this month's meeting.

The quarterly events, geared at a wider audience, are focused more on increasing general awareness of tsunami risk and the need for the project. Fiorelli said that he is currently working with the Neah-Kah-Nie School District to organize an event next summer on the beach, when flyers written by district students will be handed out to visitors and locals.

Fiorelli is also working to coordinate with state and federal legislators and has

already discussed the project with Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici, State Senator Suzanne Weber and State Representative Cyrus Javadi.

Fiorelli said that he hopes that increasing community support through outreach would not only improve a potential bond question's chance at success but also boost the odds of outside grant funding by showing local buy in.

"All of the work that we're doing right now in

this kind of quiet phase allows us to build the data and support, bring in stakeholders and get lots of different perspectives, that then we can report out to our capital campaign funders, to people who might provide some grant funding," Fiorelli said.

Fiorelli said that it would probably take three to five years to plan and fund the project and that public engagement will remain a focus of the work moving forward.

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local organizations in the communities that they serve and only open clinics in communities that reach out seeking help. Nowadays, the company operates 242 clinics in 29 states and serves more than 14,000 patients.

When Swanson reached out, Johnson said that the company had already heard about the potential need in Tillamook and would be happy to get the ball rolling on the process.

Tillamook Kidney Center, as the reopened facility will be known, will be DCI's first center in Oregon, and the company has been working to obtain regulatory approvals since the summer, with Johnson saying that state officials have been very helpful in that process.

The new center will operate three days a week and offer a home dialysis program, allowing patients to train to dialyze themselves in their homes and do monthly check-in visits at the clinic, rather than having to travel out of the county for those appointments.

In addition to helping coordinate the management, Adventist will be allowing DCI to use the basement dialysis clinic space "basically rent free," according to Swanson, and sharing a staff dietitian and social worker to help staff the center. While USRC donated the machines that they had been using to provide care, DCI opted to purchase new machines.

Dr. Claire Kassakian of Northwest Renal Clinic, who previously worked with USRC, will be the center's medical director and the dialysis nurse formerly employed by USRC will also be returning. Johnson said that he expects the center may end up serving a larger number of patients than before the closure but said that financial plans had been made based on eleven patients.

With that number, Johnson said that the clinic is expected to run at a \$200,000 annual deficit, but that donations and revenues from profitable centers run elsewhere by the company will help to offset that. Two foundations associated with DCI, the Life Extension Foundation and Johnson Family Foundation have already pledged a combined \$100,000 annually for the first three years of the center's operations, and Adventist health will be helping lead further fundraising efforts going forward. Medicare will also contribute \$50,000 annually to the center's operations after it has been open for two years.

Johnson said that the team at DCI were working to get the center open as soon as possible and that he hoped they would be able to begin providing service in December, but that it might be a bit later.

Johnson repeatedly stressed that while DCI was the company running the clinic, they viewed the project as a community initiative. "We see this as a community clinic," Johnson said, "we happen to be the company that's providing the dialysis, but we see this as a community service."

Swanson echoed that sentiment and said that the small, closely-knit nature of the community, had made

the problem personal and urgent, keeping him and the team at Adventist motivated to find a solution. "At the end of the day what we're really trying to do is take care of our friends and family in our community," Swanson said. "That's the advantage of rural healthcare, you're taking care of your friends and family."

Kassakian said that she and the physicians at Northwest Renal Clinic were honored to be able to return to Tillamook and begin offering their patients convenient care again. "As a nephrologist, the prior closure of the dialysis unit

was one of the saddest events of my career," Kassakian said, "I am so grateful to all those who have joined hands to bring dialysis care back to Tillamook."

Gallino said that she was excited and relieved that the center was reopening and that it would make a big difference for her wellbeing.

"It was just awesome," Gallino said of learning the news of the center's reopening. "It was a miracle that that happened, that everything got into place the way it did and thank God for that. I was very excited."



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Under the new rules, any projects proposed in the 100-year floodplain would have to include mitigation efforts that would lead to no loss in any of the three fish habitat functions to receive building permits. Since FEMA is a federal agency and not allowed to make land use laws, it falls on the localities it partners with in the flood insurance program to implement the new standards. Initially, FEMA officials had said that they would not require governments to update their codes until the

proposal had undergone full NEPA review, expected in either 2025 or 2027. But that changed with a July 15 letter, spurred by further litigation from the Centers for Biological Diversity, that told local governments they need to select one of three options to update their ordinances by December 1 of this year. Since receiving that letter, Tillamook County Commissioners and Absher have been vociferous in their opposition to the new deadline and options presented. Absher

began work with Lawrence on crafting the county's response while also participating in ongoing conversations with FEMA officials, including a trip to Colorado to meet with national leaders last month. A proposed plan for the county's response to the deadline and proposed options, as well as the path forward in litigating against the requirements was unveiled at a combined meeting of the board of commissioners and planning committee on November 14, attended by more than 100

concerned citizens. At the meeting, Lawrence told the crowd that Oregonians for Floodplain Protection is preparing to file a lawsuit, similar to a 2018 suit, challenging FEMA's actions by the beginning of 2025, relying on four legal arguments. First, the suit will argue that the proposed updates are premature as FEMA has not completed the National Environmental Planning Act review process and is therefore uninformed about the environmental effects of the proposed changes. The failure to complete that process has also deprived the public of an opportunity to give feedback during the decision-making process. Second, no provision of the act creating the NFIP gives FEMA the authority to implement the options that it has presented to counties. Third, even if FEMA does have the authority, the only way for it to implement the change is through passing updated regulations, which it has not done. And fourth, none of the presented options exist in the county's code and they need time to meet Oregon land use public noticing requirements. Lawrence also presented the possible fourth option that the county could choose to pursue to update its development codes, in lieu of those proposed by FEMA. Lawrence suggested that

the county require applicants to include a statement from a qualified biologist that proposed projects in areas of special flood hazard would not cause a take of endangered species. Lawrence said that, in her opinion, this phraseology would meet the requirements of federal statute while being far less restrictive than the no-net-loss standard required by FEMA's proposals. Lawrence said that she has drafted a letter regarding this fourth option to FEMA and that she expected FEMA officials would not like the proposal but that the gap between the no-take standard required by statute and no-net-loss standard set forth in the BiOp was their problem, not Oregon counties'. The risk to the county in pursuing such an approach would theoretically be suspension or removal from the NFIP, but according to Lawrence that risk is low. Lawrence said that the fastest such a process could progress would be six months, and that in her experience in a similar situation in Washington state in the 2000s it would take at least a year. Lawrence also said that the county would have the option to change course on its decision and come into compliance if leaders got cold feet, without penalty. At the meeting, members of the planning committee and commissioners reached a consensus on moving forward with the proposed plan and agreed that commissioners would consider the letter at a coming meeting. The letter was presented by Absher at the commissioners' regular meeting on November 27, with Absher starting the discussion by thanking the commissioners for their bravery and courage in supporting communities with their forthcoming choice. Absher also thanked her staff for helping her to work through the process and solicit as many applications for development in the floodplain as possible ahead of the deadline. Absher said that she felt

the proposal met requirements set forth in federal statute and that, if approved, she would work on developing a list of biologists who could provide the required certification letter for projects after the requirement took effect on December 1. Absher also said that she will be bringing a letter of support for a lawsuit from Oregonians for Floodplain Management to commissioners for approval in the coming weeks and suggesting that the county contribute funds toward legal expenses for that suit. Tillamook County Commissioner Erin Skaar said that she felt taking the proposed approach was the best option to support local communities and push back against unreasonable requests from FEMA. Tillamook County Commissioner Doug Olson said that in the weeks since the meeting proposing the alternative he had heard from many members of the public, and not one had supported choosing from among the proposed options. Olson said that he felt the demands from FEMA were a severe overreach and that he planned to support the proposal. Tillamook County Commissioner Mary Faith Bell thanked Absher for her diligent work on the issue over the past eight years and praised her expertise and leadership at the state level. Bell said that she agreed with her fellow commissioners and believed in standing up to authority when it was in error. Commissioner-elect Paul Fournier, invited to state his position, concurred with the current commissioners and said that he was proud of them for taking a stand against FEMA. Commissioners then unanimously voted in favor of sending the letter to FEMA and instituting the requirement that applications for projects in areas of special flood hazard be required to submit a letter from a biologist certifying they will cause no take of endangered species in violation of federal law beginning December 1.



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Tillamook’s Director of Emergency Management Randy Thorpe and the State of Oregon’s Social Services Emergency Liaison Marleen Zytniowski asked Cape Meares representatives to give a short presentation to a delegation from Taiwan about the work Cape Meares has been doing for emergency preparedness. The State of Oregon established sister state relations with Taiwan in 1986 and continues to foster a strong relationship between the two entities.

Pam Robenolt, assisted by Kathy Burke, put together a Google slide presentation about the history of emergency preparedness here in Cape Meares, starting with a wild December 2007 storm (we Steens well remember that; wind gusts up to 82 mph and a power outage that lasted five days).

Pam’s presentation moved from that point in time to today, detailing the history of how we came together as a village, identified risks we faced (earthquakes, tsunamis, wildfires, power outages, landslides, high winds, flooding, and severe weather), organized into eight neighborhoods with neighborhood captains under the Map Your Neighborhood program, established an emergency preparedness task force under the Cape Meares Community Association (a nonprofit since 2014), identified evacuation routes and disseminated maps in conjunction with state and county officials, wrote grants, built and stocked supply sheds, participated in local drills and the nationwide Great American ShakeOuts, created emergency protocols, and are now looking at fundraising to use the Barbara Bennett Community Center

as a resilience hub in emergencies. We’ve come a long way, baby. Hope the Taiwanese, who could be facing a more extreme and immediate danger than we are, gained some helpful information from the Cape Meares Emergency Volunteer Corps disaster preparedness efforts. Speaking of emergency preparedness, we all hunkered down for a “bomb cyclone” and other severe weather right before Thanksgiving. Fortunately, there did not seem to be any property damage here in Cape Meares. A few overturned garbage cans, of course, and an outdoor thermometer that bit the dust in the 40+ mph winds, but no power outages—thanks to some preventive maintenance by the Tillamook PUD that we saw taking place earlier along Bayocean Road. Thanks, PUD crew.

The Cape Meares Community Association (CMCA) has shortened the name of the Aging in Place and Preparing for End-of-Life project to “Aging with Grace.” There is a resource guide posted on CMCA’s website with information about programs and contacts for a variety of services (<https://capemeares.org/aging-in-place-preparing-for-end-of-life/>). If you need durable medical equipment such as walkers or wheelchairs, they are available for free by calling Linda Hanratty at 503-812-8889. The equipment is stored behind the church at 701 Marolf Road. The storage facility is open Wednesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. The other alternative is to post your request in the Cape Meares group on social media site MeWe.

Get ready to test your vocal cords, Cape Mearesians. Capt. Pete and I will be hosting a Christmas caroling party at the Barbara Bennett Community Center on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m. Eat an early dinner at home; cookies and cocoa (okay, with peppermint schnapps) will be provided, but feel free to bring additional desserts or beverages. See you there.



FENCEPOSTS

Riverbend Players presents “It’s A Wonderful Life,” the staged radio play version by Joe Landry. Adapted from the 1947 Frank Capra classic, the radio version tells the story of “an ordinary American dreamer” named George Bailey, who faces a crisis one snowy Christmas Eve.

In addition to the timeless appeal of the story and characters, audiences love the use of live sound effects on stage. These effects delight audiences who watch as police sirens, car horns and more are created in front of them.

Bill Britton handles these, plus the all-important bell that marks the play’s heartwarming finale. With Linda Olsson assisting on the wind machine (a sheet of canvas wrapped around a wooden armature that she cranks for the outdoor scenes), the two bring a sense of fun and a little extra realism to the show.

Linda also voices several roles, including Rose Bailey, mother to the lead character, George, as well as the stage manager, setting the scene for the live drama. Tom Mattia, in his fourth Riverbend production, assists in the sound creation, as well as giving pathos to Peter Bailey, founder of the Building and Loan and father to George.



ROCKAWAY BEACH
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This year Eric Arnold debuts alongside his wife Brioney and their son Oliver. Eric performs Harry Bailey and Sam Wainwright, plus several shorter roles. Brioney, in her fourth Riverbend production, plays Mary Bailey (née Hatch), who puts in the work to bring about the play’s happy ending. Son Oliver reprises his role as young George Bailey with riveting emotional intensity. His scene with the druggist had us on the verge of tears, even in rehearsal.

The children form a strong ensemble cast. Quincy Powell plays young Harry Bailey and, later, Pete Bailey, and brings energy and emotion to both roles. Colbie Conner plays young Mary Hatch, then later goes on to play Janie Bailey as the show’s story arc nears its dramatic peak. Mila Jarvis plays young Violet Bick but goes on to deliver the show’s climactic line as Zuzu, the Baileys’ youngest.

Katie Hackman, in her second production with Riverbend, uses her flexible voice and emotional richness to give distinct performances to a number of characters, but most especially Violet Bick, an early rival for George’s attention. In a scene not in the film, she plays Sadie Vance, the bank examiner who uncovers the truth about the missing \$8,000. Each role has a distinct voice, intensity, and character. She and Brioney also sing the sponsor jingles.

Director Frank Squillo voices evil Mr. Potter, Mr. Gower, the druggist, and bar owners Mr. Martini and Nick, where George Bailey enters the alternate timeline in which he was never born. Frank’s directorial contribution to the performances of the children’s ensemble throughout rehearsal, done with compassion, integrity, and creative insight, was instructive for everyone on stage.

Mark Bartrom, who directed 2022’s “Dracula,” has several crucial roles. As Joseph, superintendent of angels, he narrates the early life of George Bailey. He’s also Uncle Billy, whose lovable but forgetful character inadvertently sets in motion the events that lead to the climax.

Two performers have only one role each. Gary Cook, a newcomer to the Oregon Coast (but not to the stage), plays George Bailey, the man whose lifetime of helping others nearly comes to a tragic end. And it’s only through the intervention of my character, Clarence, a second-class angel who hasn’t even won his wings, that George sees what a wonderful life he truly had.

Plays Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., from Dec. 6—22, at the NCRD Performing Arts Center in Nehalem. Tickets are available at <https://www.RiverbendPlayers.org>.

Another piece of Christmas cheer: The Friends of the Library gift table is now available at the Rockaway Beach Library, 120 N Coral, Tuesday—Thursday 10 a.m.—6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.—5 p.m., through Dec. 25. Choose from gifts, small Christmas trees, vintage and contemporary ornaments including some hand carved by Friend of the Library Linda Olson, as well as Christmas DVDs, holiday books for adults and children, and wrapping paper. Prices are by donation. It’s a great way for kids on a piggy-bank budget to shop for family and friends.

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FENCEPOSTS



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Bazaar Saturday is this weekend, December 7, in South Tillamook County; four events have reached out to our Fencepost for publicity. St. Joseph's Catholic Church (34560 Parkway Drive in Cloverdale) will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., a block up Parkway Drive in Cloverdale from the flashing light on U.S. Highway 101. They offer a treasure trove of handmade gifts and holiday decor including two generous raffles. And they serve a tasty lunch of homemade sauerkraut with sausages and cinnamon rolls along with other baked goodies and jars of jam and jelly to go. Proceeds benefit the church Alter Society, which supports many good causes.

Nestucca K-8 School (a mile south of Cloverdale on U.S. Highway 101) will hold their Holly Days Bazaar that day. The hours are 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. They're advertising "gifts, goodies and raffle tickets" along with a visit from Santa for photo opportunities from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Kiawanda Community Center's (KCC) 28th annual Holiday Bazaar will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 7. They have more than thirty vendors offering treasures for gift giving and collectors alike. On offer will be quilts, vintage ornament wreaths, handmade journals, Paparazzi and hand-made jewelry, soft caramels, dog jackets, photography shell wreaths, crochet items, gemstones, cutting boards, paintings and wind chimes. There's something for everyone! Grateful Grub will

offer refreshments with the proceeds benefitting meals for families in need. Santa will visit from 1-3 p.m. The address is 34600 Cape Kiawanda Drive in Pacific City.

I am a vendor at KCC this year. I'll display a portion of the thousands of pieces of Paparazzi jewelry that I sell in live shows on Facebook. It sells for just \$5 each.

We appreciate Wally Nelson, of Hebo, writing with word that Tillamook Methodist Church (3808 12th Street in Tillamook) will hold a Christmas Bazaar from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, December 6 and from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 7. The church is located east of Tillamook High School on 12th Street in Tillamook.

Remember that Tillamook P.U.D. will host a drive-through "Holiday Party" for customers from 4-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 5. The address is 1115 Pacific Avenue in Tillamook. (Enter through the Tillamook P.U.D truck yard gate on 11th Street.) Participants will pick up a holiday gift while enjoying a festive light display.

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As we go to press, Hebo Woman's Book Club is poised to meet for November at South Tillamook County Library. We're discussing "The Color of Water" by James McBride. The nonfiction marvel is a life story told in two voices. Chapters alternate between mother and son as the intriguing life story of the author's mother is told. Ruth McBride Jordan married and buried two husbands and went on to raise her twelve children into remarkable adults. I highly recommend the book.

Happy birthday this week to Greg Bergren, Tara Capps-Boldy, Nia Chatelain, Dexter Corey, Islande Dillon, Brook Fleming, Mark Fitch, Karl Hale, Kent Hancock, Arial Huddleston, Jeff Hurliman, Melissa Jones, Kaleb Jordan, Mitchell Richwine, Jeremy Sisco and Nick Troxel.

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Dec. 7th

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Peggy Caserta

Sept. 12, 1940 - Nov. 21, 2024



Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 12, 1940, Peggy Caserta was a force to be reckoned with. As an only child, her parents, Sam and Novelle, loved her very much and instilled in her the meaning of loyalty and compassion, which she gave to them in return and to the people she cared about throughout her colorful life. Her high school experience was rich with achievements, such as scholastic honors, being head cheerleader, being voted prom queen, and being the little kids’ favorite swimming instructor at the country club. After college, Peggy trained as a “stewardess” and started flying out of New York with Delta Airlines. She initially liked it until she discovered that she had severe motion sickness and didn’t like serving coffee, tea, or milk with a smile. She sensed a subtle shift amongst her peers that called her, like a siren, to move to San Francisco. In 1965, Peggy opened a clothing store that became a magnet, attracting thousands of wide-eyed innocents to the corner of Haight and Ashbury. Unexpectedly to Peggy, her store, Mnasidika, was enormously successful. All the wannabe stars, like Carlos Santana, Janis Joplin, and the Grateful Dead band members, hung out at the store and dreamed of making it big. She bought Jerry Garcia his first amplifier, sold Janis one of the first pairs of bell-bottom jeans, and outfitted the local bands. Her store was a safe place for young “hippies” to congregate, which partly sparked the counterculture revolution. She convinced Levi Strauss & Company to create the first bell bottoms flares exclusively for her store. Her ability to manage and navigate the ups and downs in the decades that followed is a testament to her courage and tenacity. Her book, I Ran Into Some Trouble, is a wonderfully well-written account of her life and times, told with humor, honesty, and humility. She fulfilled her dream of living out the final days of her life in her cabin on the Tillamook River. She loved the community, and The Old Oregon Smokehouse and The Crazy Torta were two of her favorites because the food was very good, but she was also treated with great kindness and respect...which meant everything to her. Rest in Peace, Peggy. Thank you for all that you contributed to the making of a movement. You are gone, but your impact is indelible.

Thomas Hayden Hauptert

April 27, 1943 - Nov. 4, 2024



Thomas Hayden Hauptert was born in Garfield, WA on April 27, 1943 and passed away November 4, 2024 in Portland, OR. He was raised in Tillamook, OR along with his sisters Lana, Karen, Denise, Peggy & Mary - all children of Hayden & Louella Hauptert. Tom attended Sacred Heart Grade School, and Tillamook Catholic High School where he excelled as a football tackle. His football talent landed him a full-ride scholarship to Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona as a linebacker. He and his wife Kenni moved to Tacoma, WA where Tom was in the US Army at Fort Lewis for 3 years. Tom worked as a financial advisor and several years in the hospitality industry. He & Kenni had one daughter, Samantha. In 2007, Tom retired to his hometown of Tillamook. He never missed a family event and was always our funny, charming brother. Tom loved to fish and read Mark Twain, Louie L’Amour westerns, poetry and health books. And of course, he loved the NFL games every Fall. Tom rode his bicycle all over Tillamook, engaging people along the way. He definitely had the gift of gab. Tom is survived by Kenni Hauptert, their daughter Samantha Manalang (Joel), sisters Karen Govers (sons Mark & Paul), Denise Miller (Michael and sons Mike & John), and Mary Cahill (sons Jamie & Chris and their families). Tom was predeceased by his loving sisters Lana & Peggy, and parents Hayden & Louella. A graveside service will be held at 1 pm on January 18, 2025 at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery followed by a gathering in the Wilson Room at the Tillamook Inn. All are welcome.

Death Notice

Carol Ann Gorton

(86) of Tillamook died on Nov. 23, 2024. Carol was born on Dec. 16, 1937. Services are to be determined. Contact Waud’s Funeral Home for more information.

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Christine Pye Lytle
July 30, 1952 - Nov. 12, 2024



After a courageous journey with dementia, Christine Pye Lytle, born on July 30, 1952, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, passed away on November 12, 2024. She was reunited in heaven with her parents, Archibald and Rowena Pye, and her brothers, Roger and Russell Pye, who preceded her in death.

Christine graduated from Tillamook High School in 1970, where she was an active participant in many musical endeavors. Music

was a great passion of hers, and she was known for her extraordinary talent. She performed in the choirs of First Christian Church and Tillamook High School, participated in numerous theater productions and operas, and for many years was a member of the renowned Crystal Cathedral Choir in Garden Grove, California. In recognition of her musical abilities, Christine was awarded the Gold Cup by the Monday Musical Club of Tillamook in 1970.

In addition to her love of music, Christine was an accomplished cook who enjoyed exploring new culinary techniques. She delighted in hosting friends and family at her home, where her warmth and hospitality were always felt. A true lover of travel, Christine had a gift for discovering the best dining experiences wherever her adventures took her.

Christine is survived by her husband, Norman Lytle of Carlton, OR, and daughters, Tricia Robideau Clark (Curtis Clark)

of Carlton, OR, and Kimberly Schmidt of Scottsdale, AZ. She is also survived by her sister, Charlotte Pye Warner (Marshall Warner), as well as her cherished grandchildren: Dallas Halsey, Taylor Roth Snow (Shaun Snow), Logan Roth, Jacob Clark (Katie Clark), Reagan Roth, and Lucas Clark and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

A celebration of Christine's life will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 11:00 AM at Macy & Son Funeral Home, 135 N.E. Evans Street, McMinnville, OR 97128.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Christine's memory to the Monday Musical Club of Tillamook at: Monday Musical Club of Tillamook

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Bobcat boys look for turnaround season

By Mike Weber

The Nestucca High Bobcats haven't had much success recently in boys' basketball of late, with their last playoff berth coming back in 1998, but are hoping to end that drought this season.

The Bobcats, guided by fifth-year Coach Justin Hartford, finished in sixth place last year (3-11 NWL, 7-17 overall) in the tough Northwest League standings. They have a solid group returning this year and are optimistic that perhaps they'll have a breakthrough year.

"I'm actually very excited about the team, we have a very good chance to have success with this group because they play really well together," said Hartford. "They all seem to have bought into the program, and I think we have a really good shot at to make it to the state playoffs this year."

A quartet of talented seniors that include Nolen Hurliman, Austin Reno, Eagan Ortis and Josh Knight will provide leadership, and Hurliman, Reno and Ortis earned NWL All-League Honorable Mention Awards

last year. Reno and Ortis are expected to be the Bobcat's leading scorers.

"I'm not quite sure how much productivity we'll get from Nolen, because he has a knee injury that he sustained during the football season and it's still bothering him," said Hartford. "I'm going to kind of limit his minutes early in the season and then just ease him into more playing time as the season progresses."

The junior quartet of Henry Ozuna, Vince Lewis, Pedro Sandoval and Sarge Samek will also be counted on to make key contributions as well offensively and defensively for the Bobcats.

The Bobcats started practice Nov. 18 in preparation for their 25-game 2024-2025 schedule. They'll play the season opener Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at home versus the Class 1A Perrydale High Pirates (20-7 last year), a state playoff squad last year.

"I'm excited about beginning of the season, I can't wait and I'm glad to see how much these guys have grown and improved since we started practice," said Hartford. "To see them

playing so well together as a team, while not being selfish on the court is like a breath of fresh air."

The Bobcats follow with another 7:30 p.m. home game against the Class 3A Blanchet Catholic High Cavaliers (8-17 last year). The Bobcats begin their 14-game NWL schedule Jan. 7 against the Columbia Christian High Knights (5-18 last year) in Portland.

The defending NWL champion Portland Christian High Royals (14-0 NWL, 28-1 overall last year), the Knappa High Loggers (8-6 NWL, 13-13 overall last year) and the Faith Bible High Falcons (9-5 NWL, 14-11 overall last year) are considered the top league contenders again this season.

Those three teams were state playoff squads last year and look to be strong again this season. The Royals will undoubtedly be tough as they return their entire team from last year. The Falcons will likely have a rebuilding season after losing five seniors to graduation. Knappa lost four seniors, which could also mean that the Loggers won't be as strong as they were a year ago.

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Lady Bobcats preparing to defend league title

By Mike Weber
For The Headlight Herald

The defending Northwest League champion Nestucca High Bobcats enjoyed one of their most successful seasons ever a year ago, advancing to the girls' basketball state tournament quarterfinals for the first time in 15 years.

The Bobcats won their first league title since 2009 with a 14-0 league mark (23-5 overall) to finish No. 5 in the OSAA rankings and qualify for the state playoffs a second straight year.

The Bobcats, guided by fifth-year Coach Tevin Gianella, won a Feb. 24, 2024, first-round state playoff home game 34-33 over the Colton High Vikings (16-10) to reach the eight-team tournament in Pendleton. Even though they lost both matchups there, the result was still one of the strongest in program history and the Bobcats are hoping to replicate and build on that success this year.

"We lost four pretty good

seniors, but we bring back six from last year's squad which is exciting to see, and we'll also have a couple of new players on our varsity team this year," said Gianella, who is hoping to lead Nestucca to the state playoffs for a third straight season. "Our goal is to win the league and make it to the tournament in Pendleton and bring home a trophy."

Despite losing four seniors from last year's squad, the Bobcats have six experienced players returning who will help the team be a contender for the NWL title again in 2025.

Those players include senior Rylee Armstrong, juniors Ari Alexander, Taylor Knight, Jackie Gutierrez and sophomores Piper Armstrong and Autumn Rist. Rylee Armstrong and Daisy Camacho will naturally provide senior leadership for the team as well.

Knight a point guard, earned a 2024 NWL Defensive Player-of-the-Year Award and a Second Team All-League

Award and is expected to be the leading scorer. Knight, Camacho, Rylee Armstrong, Gutierrez and Alexander will be the Bobcats starting five.

The Bobcats started practice Nov. 18 in preparation for their 25-game 2024-2025 schedule. They'll play the season opener Wednesday at 6 p.m. in a nonleague contest versus the Class 1A Perrydale High Pirates (11-13 last year), followed by a 6 p.m. home game Friday against the Class 3A Blanchet Catholic High Cavaliers (14-10 last year).

"Perrydale is a much-improved team, they have a new coaching staff and they're a team on the rise so I expect that to be a good first game for us," said Gianella, whose assistant coaches include Dale Anderson and Josh Rist.

Another key matchup is a Dec. 11 Tillamook County rivalry contest versus the Neah-Kah-Nie High Pirates (9-14 last year) in Rockaway. The Bobcats begin their 14-game NWL schedule Jan. 20 versus the Columbia Christian

High Knights in Portland. The Knights were in Class 1A last season, but they moved up to the 2A level this year.

The Knappa High Loggers (12-2 NWL, 24-7 overall last year), the Vernonia High Loggers (10-4 NWL, 13-14 overall last year) and the Clatskanie High Tigers (7-7 NWL, 12-12 overall last year) are also considered to be top league contenders this year too along with the Bobcats.



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NKN boys' basketball shoots to defend league title

By Mike Weber
For The Headlight Herald

The defending Coastal Range League champion Neah-Kah-Nie High Pirates enjoyed a tremendous amount of success in a breakthrough boys basketball season last year.

The Pirates, guided by fifth-year Coach Erick White, won the league title while compiling a 10-2 CRL mark (19-7 overall). The Pirates advanced to the state playoffs for a second straight year and they're hoping to continue that success this season by extending their playoff streak to three in a row. The Pirates recorded a second-round playoff victory (66-61 over Pleasant Hill) on Feb. 23, 2024, and advanced to the state tournament quarterfinals for the first time in recent history.

"We lost three key players from a team that was very successful last year, but we still have a pretty good team, and we have some players who have really stepped up, along with some younger players who will play big roles too," said White. "Things are looking pretty good so far and we'll be a lacking a little in height, but we're a pretty solid all-around team."

Despite losing three seniors to graduation, the Pirates started practice Nov. 18 with a solid foundation of eight returning players from last year's quarterfinals squad.

"If we had a little more height, I would feel more comfortable that we could duplicate last year's success, but I think we'll have strong guard play and solid post play too," said White. "I think if everything rounds into shape and the team continues to improve, then we should be a playoff team again this year."

A somewhat younger team with only two seniors, including returner Ethan Hanson, also includes juniors Brady Douma, Noah Scovel, Greyson Lott, Clayton Dante, Jordan Lewis and Kason Fletcher. Hanson is expected to be one of the top players after he earned a CRL All-League Honorable Mention Award last year.

"We have several players who are capable of being scoring leaders, including Ethan, Clayton and Jordan," said White.

The Pirates will be one of the top contenders again along with the Warrenton High Warriors (9-3, 14-11 last year) and the Yamhill-Carlton High Tigers (8-4, 14-13 last year) in the seven-team CRL as they seek to win a second straight league title.

The Pirates begin a 24-game schedule with a 5 p.m. nonleague season opening matchup Thursday versus the Class 2A Kennedy High Trojans (18-9 last year) in the Westside Christian Winter Tournament Dec. 5-7 in Tigard.

"I wish we had a few more

practices other than the 10 that we get before the season starts, which always seems like it's not enough," said White. "If we could have two or three more it would be much better. We're going to have a tough nonleague schedule that will really provide a good test for us though, and it will help us a lot to prepare for the CRL regular season."

The Pirates play their home opener Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in a Tillamook County rivalry matchup versus the Nestucca High Bobcats (7-17 last year) in Rockaway. Neah-Kah-Nie starts a 12-game CRL schedule Jan. 8 on the road versus Yamhill-Carlton.

NKN Girls

After a disappointing season last year, the Neah-Kah-Nie High Pirates are hoping to turn things around and have some success this year in girls' basketball.

The Pirates, guided by longtime (20-years) Coach Corey Douma, lost three seniors, but have a solid team returning for the 2024-2025 season and are hoping to end this year with a winning record.

"I'm pretty excited and I think that we got a good crew, and they'll work hard and I'm sure we'll all have fun and see how well we can do this year," said Douma.

The Pirates struggled last season while posting a 3-9 Coastal Ranger League mark (9-14 overall) and they finished in sixth place in the seven-team league standings.

The Pirates are hoping to reach the state playoffs for the first time since 2016. A talented squad led by the senior trio of Payton White, Lorelai Keefauver and Ashley Perez will provide the Pirates with leadership and hopefully help the team achieve their goal of making the playoffs. White was a key contributor to the team last season, earning an All-League

Honorable Mention Award.

The Pirates started practice Nov. 18 in preparation for a 25-game schedule. They'll begin with a 3:30 p.m. season opener Thursday in the Westside Christian Winter Tournament Dec. 5-7 in Tigard in a nonleague game versus the Class 2A Kennedy High Trojans (10-14 last year). The Pirates play their home opener Dec. 11 in a Tillamook County rivalry matchup versus the Nestucca High Bobcats (23-5 last year) at Neah-Kah-Nie High School in Rockaway.

Some of the younger players will also be expected to contribute offensively and defensively for the Pirates, including juniors Bianca Smith, Aspen Burden, Avery Spellman and 6-foot center Acacia Christiansen. Sophomores Jasmine Jones and Grace Lambert are also expected to play key roles on the court as well.

"We have multiple players who are capable of scoring with Payton, Bianca, Jasmine, Lorelai, Ashley and Acacia," said Douma. "I think we have a pretty deep roster and on any given night, other players are also capable of stepping up and having a strong performance, including Avery, Aspen and Grace. This is a good group; they have a good attitude and they're all working hard in practice."

The Pirates will begin their 11-game CRL schedule Jan. 8 on the road against the Yamhill-Carlton High Tigers (2-10 CRL, 8-13 last year). The CRL has been one of the toughest leagues in the state recently with top-five squads in the defending state champion Corbett High Cardinals (12-0 CRL, 27-0 overall last year) and the No. 5-ranked Banks High Braves (10-2 CRL, 21-7 last year). It's probably going to be a rebuilding season for Corbett, which lost six seniors to graduation, while Banks lost two seniors.



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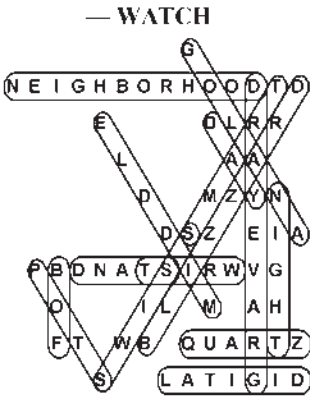
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HH24-3107 PACIFIC CITY JOINT WATER-SANITARY AUTHORITY, PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE. The Pacific City Joint Water-Sanitary Authority Board of Directors will hold their regular monthly business meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 5:00 PM at the Kiawanda Community Center. The agenda includes general Authority Business, New Business, Unfinished Business, and any other business which may come before the Board. This meeting is open to the public. If you would like to attend this meeting from home, a Microsoft Teams video conferencing option is available. Please contact the PCJWSA office at 503-965-6636 to receive an invitation to this meeting in your email. Anyone requiring special accommodation and information about attending the meeting should contact the Authority office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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HH24-3109 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE WORKSHOP/ROUNDTABLE. A budget committee workshop/roundtable of the Tillamook County Budget Committee will be held on December 11, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., at the Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, Commissioners Room 106, to discuss the budget workshop/roundtable. Audio capabilities are listen-only and are offered on a best effort for the public. Workshop: Dial 971-254-3149, Conference ID: 866 914 607#. Any person may provide public comment at publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us. A copy of the agenda may be obtained at Agendas & Minutes | Tillamook County OR. This notice is also posted on Tillamook County's website at: https://www.co.tillamook.or.us/news. This is a



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public meeting where discussion among the Budget Committee will take place. Shawn Blanchard, County Treasurer & Budget Officer.

HH24-3110 "PUBLIC NOTICE: The following listed individuals have left items in storage at Tillamook Mini Storage, 3510 3rd St. Tillamook, OR 97141. 503-842-6388, David R Sinohuiz Jr.#362, Tod H Foulk#235, Shawn Aerni#38, Robert P Rinehart#133, if any of the above wish to settle their accounts, and collect their belongings they need to do so by 5:00pm on December 17th 2024. All items which remain after that time will be sold at auction to the highest bidder online at www.storageauctions.com on December 17th 2024 at 5:00pm."

HH24-3111 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF TILLAMOOK. ROGER F. HEDIGER, Plaintiff, v. UNITED FARM AGENCY, INCORPORATED, A MISSOURI CORPORATION, WHO ACQUIRED TITLE AS UNITED FARM AGENCY, AND ITS SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, IF ANY, Defendants. Case No. 24CV55570 SUMMONS (Publication). TO: United Farm Agency, Incorporated, A Missouri Corporation, Who Acquired Title as United Farm Agency, and its Successors in Interest, If Any, claiming any right, title, lien, or interest in the Property described in the Complaint herein. Summary Statement: The Lawsuit seeks to quiet title in Plaintiff's name to the property legally described as follows: A tract of land in Section 4, Township 2 South, Range 9 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Tillamook County, Oregon, described as follows: The South 200 feet of even width of the following described property, to wit: Beginning at a spruce post which is South 89° 26', East 10.16 chains from the Southwest corner of the Northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 2 South, Range 9 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Tillamook County, Oregon; thence South 89° 26', East 11.48

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chains thence North 0° 29' East 39.49 chains; thence West 11.32 chains, thence South 0° 44' West 39.39 chains to the Point of Beginning Excepting that portion of said tract of land lying within the Long Prairie County Road. Together with a 60 foot easement more particularly described as

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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