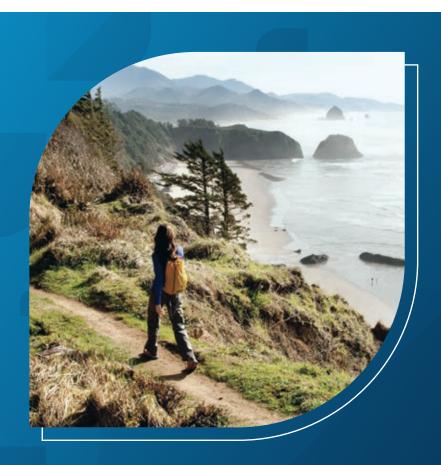


2025 NORTH OREGON COAST PROVIDER DIRECTORY Serving Clatsop and Tillamook County

You're made for more



Adventist Health Tillamook Medical Center and Emergency Department 1000 Third St., Tillamook 503-842-4444

Urgent, primary and specialty care

Medical Office - Manzanita

Open Sunday to Friday 10445 Neahkahnie Creek Road, Manzanita 503-368-6244

Medical Office - Plaza

Open 7 days a week 1100 Third St., Tillamook 503-842-5546

Primary and specialty care

Medical Office – Pacific City

Open Monday to Friday 38505 Brooten Road, Suite A, Pacific City 503-965-6555

You deserve more from your healthcare

That's why we provide convenient healthcare services to the Tillamook County community with the goal of helping fill each day with more health, wholeness and hope. So, if you need expert emergency or urgent care, a compassionate primary care provider, or top specialists in pediatrics, orthopedics, urology or women's health, and more, we are proud to be a partner on your journey. Because we're not just here to put more years in your life. We're here to put more life in your years.

For severe pain, injury or difficulty breathing, always dial 911 for emergency care.

Learn more about services for your whole family at **AdventistHealthTillamook.org**



Adventist Health Tillamook continues quality updates

Will Chappell

As part of ongoing efforts to keep their facilities and systems current, Adventist Health Tillamook has recently installed new medication cabinets and is working on updating call lights and its patient-facing software by the end of the year.

Patient Care Executive Heather Thompson said that the upgrades were also part of a systemwide effort by Adventist to standardize equipment, systems and procedures across its network of hospitals.

"A lot of the time before, we were part of a system, but we did a lot of things independently and so they're making a very strategic effort to standardize," Thompson said.

The new Pyxis medication cabinets

represent a big step forward for hospital staff and patients. Previously, pharmacists needed to visit each individual patient's room to deliver medications, a time-consuming and tedious process. Now, pharmacists fill the cabinets in each department, from which nurses are then able to obtain the needed medications for individual patients.

The cabinets also automatically dispense the correct dose and allow pharmacists to remotely update medication orders for patients, while also alerting them when they need to be refilled, cutting down on delays.

In addition to cutting down on legwork for the pharmacists, the new cabinets will also reduce the chance for human error in dispensation and slow arriving updates to orders, help nurses more easily chart medication and make medication tracking easier. The cabinets will also be able to interface with and set parameters for new infusion pumps being purchased.

Other recent upgrades include new lab equipment, with one machine allowing offsite pathologists to assess samples, and new stretchers for the emergency department, "which doesn't sound like that cool of a thing," according to Thompson, "but if you were driving them, it was a struggle to turn them."

Other forthcoming projects include installing standard call lights across all departments in the hospital and a transition to a new patient

Adventist

Continued on Page 11



Taking Care of Well-Being for People of All Ages & Abilities Recreation, Arts, Culture, Education, Community & FUN!

- Adult Classes & Workshops
- Aquatics Center
- Art Galleries

- Fitness Center & Classes
- Performing Arts Center
- · Pickleball Courts & Rex Champ Field
- Special Events
- Room Rentals & Community Center
- · Youth Activities, Programs & Sports

New home under construction for TBCC nursing, EMT programs



The exterior of the event center will have three large double doors that allow the space to open onto the plaza between the healthcare education building and the college's main building.

www.coastaleyecare.com

Don't miss out on life's beauty because of blurry vision!

Our Optometric Physicians and staff are dedicated to providing you with the most comprehensive eye care from treatment of cataracts and macular degeneration to routine vision exams.

Coastal Eye Care is here to serve you with four convenient locations. We have the largest frame selection from Tillamook to Long Beach and accept most insurance plans.

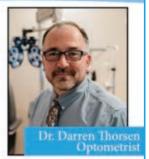
Call to make your appointment today or visit our website.

Coastal Eye Care Long Beach 1703 S. Pacific Hwy. Long Beach, WA

360-642-3214

Coastal Eye Care Seaside 819 S. Holladay Dr. Seaside, OR 503-738-5361 Coastal Eye Care Astoria 553 18th Street Astoria, OR 503-325-4401

Coastal Eye Care Tillamook 102 Main Ave Tillamook, OR 503-374-0399







Dr. Katie Stubbs Optometrist

Optometrist



Will Chappell

Construction is well under way on a new healthcare education building at Tillamook Bay Community College that will house the school's nursing and EMT programs beginning in 2026.

The building will feature labs with advanced training equipment for both programs, as well as a large event center and new administrative suite for the college.

The building was first proposed by staff in a 2018 meeting, with community members echoing the sentiment that a new building was needed in a 2019 survey and saying that they felt the area needed more healthcare worker training. That set the ball rolling towards both the healthcare education building and the nursing program, which was inaugurated in January 2024, with the first cohort of 18 students set to graduate this June.

The new building will be situated to the south of the college's main building and consist of 28,000 square feet spread across two floors. The first floor will house a nursing skills lab, EMT lab and event center, while the second floor will host more classrooms and a new administrative suite for the college.

In the EMT lab, an ambulance simulator will be supplemented by live ambulances, donated by Adventist Health Tillamook, which will be able to access the lab by an exterior garage door.

In the nursing lab, patient simulators will mimic various medical conditions and be controlled by instructors, while four treatment bays featuring full hospital beds will give students an opportunity to experience a clinical setting.

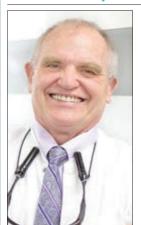
The new event center will be able to accommodate more than 350 for banquets and over 400 in a theatre-style seating arrangement. The large room will feature three double doors opening onto the courtyard between the new building and the college's current building, and will be divisible, with three temporary walls providing five potential configurations.

On the building's second floor, there will be two classrooms, three small

TBCC

TILLAMOOK COUNTY PHYSICIANS & PROVIDERS

LEE LONG, DDS



DENTAL SCHOOL Loma Linda University

MEDICAL INTEREST

General Dentistry

Specializing in Smiles!



The Smile Studio



Association

1503 Third Street 503.842.2386 Tillamook, OR 97141 503.368.5028 www.thesmilestudio.net

DAWN SEA KAHRS, DC

EDUCATION LCCW. UI Music School

CREDENTIALS

D.C., B.S., Part III NetworkSpinal Certification (2004) Master-E Post-Graduate Program on EpiEnergetics (2015-2017)



SPECIALTY

Optimizing Spinal, Postural, Mechanical, Nervous & Immune System Function & Ease; Energy Level Optimization; Integrative, Gentle & Holistic Care for every family member

LIVE Vibrantly. LOVE Soulfully. INSPIRE Greatness.



206 S. Marine Dr., Wheeler, OR 97147 503-368-9355 (WELL) www.gracefulwaveswellness.com

MORONKE ABOYEWA, PMHNP-BC



EDUCATION

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Shenandoah University

CREDENTIALS

ANCC Board Certification: Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

MEDICAL INTEREST

Women's reproductive mental health. Schizophrenia spectrum and psychotic disorders, trauma and stressor related disorders, Autism spectrum disorder, ADHD, Depressive disorder, Bipolar and related disorders, substance use disorders, trauma-informed and holistic care, and integrated collaborative care.



Serving all of Tillamook County 503-842-3900 • 800-528-2938 TTY 800-735-2900 www.tillamookchc.org



Taking care of what matters

At Tillamook County Community Health Centers, we offer a wide range of services and providers to improve your overall health and well-being in convenient locations throughout the county.

Our services include primary and family health care, mental and behavioral health care, dental health care, and public health.

We take private insurance, Medicare and Medicaid, Oregon Health Plan and Veteran's benefits. No one is refused services for inability to pay.

Call to make an appointment today!



Central County Clinic 801 Pacific Avenue Tillamook

(503) 842-3938

Dental Clinic 805 Ivy Avenue, Suite B Tillamook (503) 842-2356

Mobile Clinic Countywide Tillamook (503) 842-3938 **North County Clinic** 276 S. Hwy 101 Rockaway Beach

(503) 842-3938

www.tillamookchc.org • Call toll free for any clinic: 1-800-528-2938 • TTY: 711 • Se habla Español

TILLAMOOK COUNTY PHYSICIANS & PROVIDERS

JENNIFER ALLBRIGHT, EPDH



EDUCATION Lane Community College

Expanded Practice

Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist

SPECIAL INTEREST

Comprehensive preventative dental hygiene for all ages



Serving all of Tillamook County 503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938 TTY 800-735-2900 www.tillamookchc.org

DANELL BOGGS, DBH, LCSW



EDUCATION DBH - Arizona State University MSW – Portland State University

CREDENTIALS

Doctorate in Behavioral Health, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor III, EMDR trained

MEDICAL INTEREST

Holistic approach to physical and mental/emotional wellbeing for all individuals (i.e.; LGBTQIA2S+, all ages, abilities/neurodiversity, race/ ethnicity, substance use, or culture).



Serving all of Tillamook County 503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938 TTY 800-735-2900 www.tillamookchc.org

RHONDA BOLOW, MSW, CSWA



EDUCATIONPortland State University

CREDENTIALS Masters degree in Social Work. Integrated Behavioral Health

Clinician.

MEDICAL INTEREST

Chronic illness, grief, anxiety, stress, depression, emotional dysregulation, experiences with sexual trauma using Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Solution-Focused Therapy, and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.



Serving all of Tillamook County 503-842-3900 • 800-528-2938 TTY 800-735-2900 www.tillamookchc.org

ESTHER BRADEEN, MS



EDUCATION

Capella University

CREDENTIALS

Professional Counselor Associate, under the supervision of Valerie Bundy, LPC, NCC

MEDICAL INTEREST

Multimodal therapy used to help extraordinary individuals of all kinds without judgment; LGBTQAI+, all ages, gender, substance use, culture or neurodiversity. Background in domestic and sexual violence. Trained in Trauma-Focused CBT



Serving all of Tillamook County 503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938 TTY 800-735-2900 www.tillamookchc.org

PATRICIA DANNEN, PA-C



EDUCATION
Oregon Health
Sciences
University

CREDENTIALS

Certified Physician Assistant

MEDICAL INTEREST

Family care of all ages, children to elderly, promoting healthy lifestyle in treatment and prevention of disease



Serving all of Tillamook County 503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938 TTY 800-735-2900 www.tillamookchc.org

MELISSA PAULISSEN, MD



MEDICAL SCHOOL

Oregon Health Science University

RESIDENCY

Providence Oregon Family Medicine

MEDICAL INTEREST

Board Certified Family Medicine, Preventive Care, Pediatrics, Adult Medicine



Serving all of Tillamook County
503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938
TTY 800-735-2900
www.tillamookchc.org

TILLAMOOK COUNTY PHYSICIANS & PROVIDERS

DARIN PRULHIERE, MD



EDUCATION
Medical School
Oregon Health
Sciences
University

RESIDENCYVentura County
Hospital

MEDICAL INTEREST

Board Certified with the American Board of Family Medicine and Certified Medical Director specializing in geriatrics and preventative care.



Serving all of Tillamook County 503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938 TTY 800-735-2900 www.tillamookchc.org

DOVE RAINBOW, PA-C



EDUCATIONIdaho State
University

CREDENTIALS Certified Physician Assistant

MEDICAL INTEREST Preventive Care, Family

Medicine of All Ages, Women's Health



Serving all of Tillamook County 503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938 TTY 800-735-2900 www.tillamookchc.org

DR. ITZEL ROMERO, DDS



EDUCATION
University of
Texas School
of Dentistry

CREDENTIALS Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry

DENTAL INTEREST

Oral care for all ages, oral health education, Bilingual (English/Spanish).



Serving all of Tillamook County 503-842-2356 • 800-528-2938 TTY 800-735-2900 www.tillamookchc.org

LISA STEFFEY, DO



MEDICAL SCHOOL

College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

RESIDENCY

University of Wyoming Family Practice

MEDICAL INTEREST

Board Certified Family Medicine, Women's Health, Pediatrics, Adolescent Health



Serving all of Tillamook County 503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938 TTY 800-735-2900 www.tillamookchc.org

JENNI TRAVIS, MSW, CSWA



EDUCATION

Walla Walla

University

CREDENTIALS Master's degree in Social Work. Behavioral Health

Clinician.

MEDICAL INTEREST

Works with children and their families developing integration through physical, emotional, spiritual, and relational wellness. Offers cognitive therapy, skills development, eye-movement and play therapies.



Serving all of Tillamook County 503-842-3900 • 800-528-2938 TTY 800-735-2900 www.tillamookchc.org

MICHELLE WALTERS, MA, CIMHP



EDUCATION

Masters in Counseling Psychology – University of San Francisco Doctoral degree in Depth Psychology – Pacifica Graduate Institute, expected 2025.

CREDENTIALS

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Certified Integrative Mental Health Professional (CIMHP)

MEDICAL INTEREST

Integrated healing practices, maternal mental health, PTSD resulting from sexual trauma, grief integration, and stages of life challenges



Serving all of Tillamook County 503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938 TTY 800-735-2900 www.tillamookchc.org

PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS TILLAMOOK COUNTY

ACUPUNCTURE

Dr. Monte Gores, Doctor of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine 1-800-368-5182 nehalembayhealth.org

ADVOCACY SERVICES:

Tides of Change

1902 Second Street, Tillamook 503-842-9486

ADULT SERVICES

Northwest Senior & Disability Services (NWSDS)

503-815-2060 • nwsds.org

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Danell Boggs, DBH, LCSW 503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938 TTY 800-735-2900 • tillamookchc.org Rhonda Bolow, MSW, CSWA

503-842-3900 Tillamook County Community Health Centers

Esther Bradeen, MS

503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938 TTY 800-735-2900 • tillamookchc.org

Collin Smith, LCSW

1-800-368-5182 • nehalembayhealth.org

Jenni Travis, LMSW, CSWA

503-842-3900, Tillamook County Community Health Centers

CLINICS

Adventist Health Medical Offices

503-815-2292

AdventistHealthTillamook.org

Coastal Eye Care

503-374-0399

102 Main Ave., Tillamook, OR 97141 coastalevecare.com

Graceful Waves Wellness Center

Dr. Dawn Sea Kahrs, DC 206 S. Marine Dr., Wheeler 503-368-9355 (WELL) gracefulwaveswellness.com

Nehalem Bay Health Center & Pharmacy (formerly known as Rinehart Clinic)

230 Rowe Street, Wheeler, OR 1-800-368-5182 • nehalembayhealth.org

Tillamook County Community Health Centers

Central Clinic, Tillamook 503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938

TTY 800-735-2900

Dental Clinic, Tillamook

503-842-2356 • 800-528-2938

TTY 800-735-2900

Mobile Clinic, Countywide

503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938

TTY 800-735-2900

North County Clinic, Rockaway Beach

503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938

TTY 800-735-2900

The Smile Studio

Lee Long, DDS 503-842-2386 • 503-368-5028 thesmilestudio.net

Tillamook Family Counseling Center

24/7 Crisis Services 503-842-8201 • 800-962-2851 tfcc.org

Continued on Page 9



Nehalem Bay Health Center 1-800-368-5182 Open: M-F 8 am-6 pm

Nehalem Bay Pharmacy 1-844-715-2299 Open: M-F 9 am-5:30 pm

230 Rowe Street WHEELER, OREGON

1-800-368-5182 nehalembayhealth.org



Patient-Centered Primary Care

on the North Oregon Coast

Offering: Primary Care | Family Care | Naturopathic Medicine | Acupuncture Mental Health Counseling | Telehealth Visits Available | Patient Transportation Available | Insurance Sign-up Assistance | On-site Pharmacy (open to the public, not just patients) | Servicios de Interpretación Gratuitos (Free Interpreter Services)

New Patients Welcome!

Most insurance plans accepted, including Medicare and the Oregon Health Plan.

Nehalem Bay Health Center (formerly known as Rinehart Clinic) is a Nonprofit 501(c)(3) Federally Qualified Health Center.

Nehalem Bay Health Center also staffs the School-Based Health Center at Neah-Kah-Nie High School in Rockaway Beach, Oregon. NKN Student Health & Wellness Center serves students and school staff throughout the NKN School District.



Learn more at NKNHealth.org

TILLAMOOK COUNTY PROVIDERS Continued from Page 8

CHIROPRACTIC

Dawn Sea Kahrs, DC

206 S. Marine Dr., Wheeler 505-368-WELL (9355) gracefulwaveswellness.com

COUNSELING

Esther Bradeen, MS

503-842-3938, 800-528-2938 TTY 800-735-2900

Chris Kruebbe, LCSW 503-815-2292

Adrienne Rombach, LCSW 503-815-2292

Michelle Walters, MA, CIMHP

503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938 TTY 800-735-2900 • tillamookchc.org

DENTAL/ORTHODONTICS

The Smile Studio Lee Long, DDS

503-842-2386, 503-368-5028 thesmilestudio.net

Tillamook County Community Health Centers Dental Clinic

503-842-2356 • 800-528-2938



Have You Planned Your Deathbed Ecosystem?

Where do you want to pass away?
Who do you want present?
What does the room look like,
sound like, smell like?
As a death doula, I can help you
envision that ecosystem, plan its
creation, and bring it into being.

Ready to get started? Call/text (925) 212-2865

Email

Morningstar.deathdoula@gmail.com

Morningstardeathdoula.com

H25168

Dr. Itzel Romero, DDS

503-842-2356 Tillamook County Community Health Centers

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Jennifer Allbright, EPDH 503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938

TTY 800-735-2900 tillamookchc.org

END-OF-LIFE DOULA

Morning Star Death Doula 925-212-2865

GAMBLING PREVENTION

OPGR Problem Gambling HelplineOPGR.org

HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER

North Coast Home Care

210 Ivy Ave., Tillamook, OR 97141 888-271-8078

Toll Free 503-842-8755 • NCHC.net

HOSPITAL AND URGENT CARE

Adventist Health Tillamook 503-842-4444

Continued on Page 10







Our Mission Statement

We strive to provide:

- an exceptional experience to every patient, every time;
- to deliver the most comprehensive care possible to our patients and to our community;
- and to provide a place where our staff feels respected, valued, and encouraged to reach their maximum potential.

Tillamook 2101 5th Street Tillamook, OR 97141 503-842-5568 Pacific City 38505 Brooten Rd, Suite D Pacific City, OR 97135 503-917-0670



Dr. Lee Johnson OD, MS, FAAO



Dr. Chris Jenck

TILLAMOOK COUNTY PROVIDERS Continued from Page 9

AdventistHealthTillamook.org

NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

Dr. Eli Andersen, Doctor of **Naturopathic Medicine**

1-800-368-5182 • nehalembayhealth.org

OPTOMETRY

Dr. Laura Bowitz

Optometric Physician 503-374-0399, coastaleyecare.com

Dr. Chris Jenck, OD

Tillamook Vision Center 503-842-5568

Dr. Darren Thorsen, OD

Tillamook Vision Center, 503-842-5568

Dr. Katie Stubbs, OD

Coastal Eye Care, 503-374-0399

Dr. Kyle Thompson, OD

Coastal Eye Care

503-374-0399, 503-842-5568

Dr. Lee Johnson, OD, MS, FAAO

Tillamook Vision Center, 503-842-5568

ORTHOPEDICS

Brett LaFleur, MD

503-815-2292

AdventistHealth.org/BLaFleur

PEDIATRICS

Kerrin Swanson, CPNP

503-815-2292

AdventistHealth.org/KSwanson

Lisa Steffey, DO

503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938

TTY 800-735-2900

www.tillamookchc.org

PHARMACY

Nehalem Bay Pharmacy (formerly known as Rinehart Pharmacy)

230 Rowe St., Wheeler, OR 1-844-715-2299 • nehalembayhealth.org rinehartclinic.org/pharmacy

PODIATRY

Brent Ricks, DPM

503-815-2292

AdventistHealth.org/BRicks

PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS & FAMILY CARE

Adventist Health Medical Offices

Scheduling: 503-815-2292

10445 Neahkahnie Creek Road

Manzanita, OR 97130

1100 3rd St., Tillamook, OR 97141

38505 Brooten Road, Suite A Pacific City, OR 97135

AdventistHealthTillamook.org

Dr. Eli Andersen, Doctor of **Naturopathic Medicine**

1-800-368-5182 • nehalembayhealth.org

Leanna Coy,

Family Nurse Practitioner

1-800-368-5182 • nehalembayhealth.org

Patricia Dannen, PA-C

503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938

TTY 800-735-2900

www.tillamookchc.org

Dr. Jeffrey Luty, MD

1-800-368-5182 • nehalembayhealth.org

Melissa Paulissen, MD

503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938

TTY 800-735-2900

www.tillamookchc.org

Darin Prulhiere, MD

Tillamook County Community Health

Centers

503-842-3938

Dove Rainbow, PA-C

503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938

TTY 800-735-2900

www.tillamookchc.org

Lisa Steffey, DO

503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938

TTY 800-735-2900

www.tillamookchc.org

Leanna Coy,

Family Nurse Practitioner

1-800-368-5182 • nehalembayhealth.org

Amber Hamilton,

Family Nurse Practitioner

1-800-368-5182 • nehalembayhealth.org

PREVENTION PROGRAMS

SOS Tillamook

1-877-695-4648 • 503-842-8201

tfcc.ora

PSYCHIATRY

Moronke Aboyewa, PMHNP-BC

503-842-3900 Tillamook County Community Health Centers

Brandi-Ann Harris, DNP, FNP, **PMHNP**

503-815-2292

RECREATION CENTER

North County Recreation District

855-444-NCRD (6273), ncrd.org

503-842-9622, tillamookymca.org

REGISTERED HOLISTIC HEALTH PROVIDER

Danell Boggs, DBH, LCSW

503-842-3938 • 800-528-2938

TTY 800-735-2900

tillamookchc.org

RESOURCES

Tillamook County Wellness

tillamookcountywellness.org

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

OURTillamook

503-815-2401, OURTillamook.org

SOS Tillamook

503-842-8201, tfcc.org

TRANSPORTATION

Ride the Wave

www.nworegontransit.org/agencies/ tillamook-county-transporta on-district/

TILLAMOOK COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICES

Transportation to Medical Appointments 888-793-0439, 503-842-4358 www.co.tillamook.or.us/gov/Veterans/



Our mission is to provide hope, safety and support to those impacted by gender based violence and shift cultural norms through advocacy, education, and community collaboration.

You can support our efforts by donating to our non-profit organization online or by sending donations to P.O. Box 187, Tillamook, OR 97141

P: 503.842.9486 · Toll-free: 800.992.1679 Text: 503.852.9114 · info@tidesofchangenw.org



Adventist

Continued from Page 3

communication system. Currently, Adventist Tillamook uses a proprietary Adventist platform, but beginning in 2026, they will move to the MyChart system from Epic.

As part of that transition, staff will also receive iPhones to access the platform, and the hospital will be adding direct messages to those phones to audible alerts in the building as means of alerting staff to codes. "Any second you can get to a code is better and quicker for the patient," Thompson explained.

While these updates take place, work is also ramping up on a more major project: the renovation and expansion of the hospital's surgery suite. That project will see the addition of a fourth operating room as well as an increase in capacity for the suite as new pre- and post-operative beds are added.

Workers have begun groundwork for the project, including the removal of a concrete slab that used to house a picknick table. Phase one, which consists of the construction of the new operating rooms, is expected to take six to nine months to complete, before the current operating facilities renovated in two subsequent phases.

BEST OF HEALTH & WELLNESS 2025

Publication of the Tillamook Headlight Herald and Country Media. Inc. 1906 Second Street, Tillamook, OR 97141 tillamookheadlightherald.com

To advertise in future editions,

contact Katherine Mace at

headlightads@countrymedia.net or call **503-842-7535**

Chief Executive/Operations:

Joe Warren

Editor: Will Chappell Office Manager: Patty Archambault Graphic Design: Steph Baumgart





Electric Lift Chairs Assist With:

Pain & Weakness

Mobility Issues

Unaided Standing
Surgery Recovery

Positioning & Comfort

Alternate Sleeping Options
Independent Living

Call us for assistance:
Astoria (503) 325-9906
Tillamook (503) 842-8755
Seaside (503) 738-4043
Lincoln City (541) 996-5102
Newport (541) 265-2888
Florence (541) 997-9495
(888) 271-8078 Toll Free

www.NCHC.net

"Providing Quality Service for your Home Medical Equipment needs since 1985"

Your Vibrant Retirement Awaits in Seaside, Oregon!

Assisted living with the award winning care you need and freedom you crave. Newly remodeled!

Schedule Your Tour Today!



101 Forest Dr. Seaside, OR 97138 SuzanneElise.com (503) 738-0307



9646

New NBHD clinic coming this fall

Will Chappell

A new \$12.2-million clinic for the Nehalem Bay Health District is taking shape in Wheeler and is on track for a grand opening this October.

The new facility is being supported by a \$10.25-million, voter-approved bond as well as federal and state funding, and will greatly expand the district's capacity and offerings. It is part of a project with a total budget of \$15.5 million, which is also overhauling the district's senior care facility and will see the current health center and pharmacy demolished to make way for housing.

Progress towards the project began in 2018, when the health district undertook a strategic plan update and identified the needs to upgrade their clinical space and add housing for district staff as top priorities.

Plans crystallized further when Tillamook County Commissioner Erin Skaar, who was then the director of Community Action Resource Enterprises (CARE) in Tillamook, identified the property in Wheeler as a potential site for a new health center and pharmacy.

After purchasing the property tin



2021, the district went about building a funding package, securing \$3 million in federal and \$2 million in state funding, before voter approval of the bond in May 2023 rounded out the financials.

The new building will be around 16,000 square feet, with the first floor home to the district's medical

clinic and pharmacy, which will have separate entrances to reduce congestion. The new clinic will be home to 15 exam rooms, more than doubling the current clinic's seven, allowing for much greater efficiency as care teams will be able to accommodate multiple patients at the same time, according to Johnson.

The floor will also have an x-ray machine, both communal and private workspaces for the clinic staff and the clinic's waiting room, which will feature picture windows with a view over the Nehalem Bay towards Neahkahnie Mountain.

On the second floor, patients will find a new offering for NBHD, a dental clinic. The clinic will initially have three chairs, with the capability of adding two more, and Johnson said that the district is currently looking for a dentist and hygienists to staff it. The second floor will also house behavioral health providers, administrative offices and a community meeting room.

Construction on the facility is on track to be completed in early September, with move-in expected to take about a month ahead of a grand opening in early October.



PROMOTING GOOD HEALTH

CLATSOP COUNTY

ASSISTED LIVING

Suzanne Elise Assisted Living Community

101 Forest Drive, Seaside, OR 97138 suzanneelise.com 503-738-0307

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Clatsop Memorial Hospital

503-325-4321 columbiamemorial.org/apply

DENTAL

Advantage Dental+

1111 N. Roosevelt Dr., Suite 110 Seaside, OR 97138 971-396-5103 advantagedental.com

HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER

North Coast Home Care

2230 Exchange St., Astoria, OR 97103 503-325-9906

Toll Free 503-325-1437

Seaside Location: 503-738-4043

NCHC.net

MEDICAL CLINIC

CMH Medical Group-Seaside

1111 N Roosevelt Dr. Ste. 210 503-738-3002

Columbiamemorial.org

CMH Urgent Care-Seaside

1111 N Roosevelt Dr. Ste. 210 503-738-3002 Columbiamemorial.org

PHARMACY

CMH Community Pharmacy-Seaside

1111 N Roosevelt Dr. Ste. 210 503-738-3006 Columbiamemorial.org

OPTOMETRIC PHYSICIANS

Coastal Eye Care Seaside

819 S. Holladay Dr. Seaside, OR 503-738-5361

Coastal Eye Care Astoria

553 18th St. Astoria, OR, 503-325-4401

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Child Welfare, Oregon Eligibility Partnership and Self-Sufficiency Programs 1111 Roosevelt Drive, Seaside 97

1111 Roosevelt Drive, Seaside 97138 503-945-6116

SHOPPING CENTER

Seaside Outlets

1111 N. Roosevelt Dr. 503-717-1603 seasideoutlets.com

Public Health WIC Program 1131 Broadway

Seaside, OR 97138, 503-338-3637 https://www.womeninfantschildrenoffice

MEDICAL CARE • DENTAL CARE





urgent care • clinics • labs • x-ray

Open daily 9am-7pm (503) 738-3006

Columbia Memorial Hospital & Medical Group A Planetree Gold Certified Person-Centered Health System 503-325-4321 • www.columbiamemorial.org

Advantage Dental
Oral Health Center



ADVANTAGE DENTAL * BATH & BODY WORKS * CANDY FUN IOI CARTER'S * CMH PRIMARY CARE CLINIC CMH COMMUNITY PHARMACY * DHS

EDDIE BAUER * FAMOUS FOOTWEAR * OUTLET FUNTASTIC ARCADE GO! CALENDAR, GAMES AND TOYS

LEGENDS PUBLIC HOUSE * NIKE FACTORY STORE

PENDLETON * RACK ROOM SHOES * SEASIDE HAG BAKED GOODS WINE AND BEER HAUS * WORKSOURCE OREGON TOKYO TERIYAKI * ZUMIEZ

HWY IOI & 12TH AVENUE IN SEASIDE, OREGON VISIT US AT SEASIDEOUTLETS.COM FOR SEASONAL HOURS, LATEST SALES AND EVENTS

North County Recreation District (NCRD) Nurtures Community's Body, Mind & Soul, Serves as Cultural Hub

North County Recreation District (NCRD) was recently featured in Oregon Art Watch as a "cultural hub*." (See link below.) A community-centered organization with something for everyone – to include, empower, support and inspire a healthy community – well-being for all ages and abilities. determined band of locals saved the community pool and began the drive to form the North County Recreation District.

Located in the former Lower
Nehalem Elementary School, built
in 1920 and designed by Portland
architect A.E. Doyle, NCRD is perched
on a hill overlooking the town of
Nehalem, and nearby towns of
Manzanita and Wheeler with a 192seat performing arts center and an art
gallery that showcases a different artist
each month, along with lectures, a
book club, and an art club. The district
also offers fitness classes such as yoga,
a youth sports league, and maintains



recreational facilities: a baseball field and four pickleball courts.

In case none of those ticks your boxes, NCRD also is home to talks by the Nehalem Valley Historical Society, Zumba, summer camps for kids, and — should there be an emergency — this is your place to go.

NCRD later this year will celebrate the opening of a new \$16.4 million aquatics center, featuring a six-lane competition-sized pool and a warmwater therapy pool. The new aquatics center will provide more access to swimming classes, and the therapy pool will be a highlight for those enduring physical therapy. NCRD's commitment to the community is about much more than physical fitness – the many activities and services nurture body, mind and soul, and NCRD is indeed a cultural community hub.

For more information go to www. ncrd.org

*https://www.orartswatch.org/northcounty-recreation-district-from-a-poolto-plays-nehalems-hub-serves-coastalcommunity/



FIND YOUR NEW CAREER

CMH is hiring for a number of positions, including RNs, CNAs, social workers, lab techs, other medical professions, customer service, housekeepers & more.

For more info & to apply:

columbiamemorial.org/apply





2111 Exchange St., Astoria, OR 97103 | 503.338.4073

TCTD steps up for dialysis patients

Will Chappell

Since last year's closure of the dialysis clinic in Tillamook, the Tillamook County Transportation District has provided or paid for more than \$200,000 in transportation costs to get patients to Lincoln City, Astoria and Forest Grove for life sustaining care.

Tillamook County Transportation District (TCTD) General Manager Brian Vitulli said that coordinating the 115,000 miles of transportation has been a complex logistical dance for district staff.

"It's like conducting an orchestra, really," Vitulli said, "it's just the amount of coordination and the amount of teamwork that goes on here is incredible."

Even before the February 2024 closure of the U.S. Renal Care dialysis center in Tillamook, TCTD provided rides to their thrice weekly dialysis appointments through four different programs. But when U.S. Renal Care made the decision to shutter the center, they did not communicate with the district to help establish a plan to get patients to their new centers in Lincoln City, Astoria or Forest Grove.

"That caught us very much by surprise, you know, that the clinic could just pull out of town like that and there not be any kind of plan for how to care for those patients or transport those patients to other centers," Vitulli said.

However, district staff buckled down and tackled the transportation task by relying on the programs that were already making patient transport possible, according to Vitulli. Those programs include the Northwest Rides Nonemergency Medical Transportation Brokerage, the district's inhouse dial-a-ride program, grants received to transport veterans and reimbursement to patient family members.

The brokerage, run by the Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization, covers Tillamook, Clatsop and Columbia



Photo courtesy Tillamook County Transportation District

TCTD driver Jeremy Bellante assists Martin Boge into a district van for his ride to dialysis treatment in Forest Grove on March 17.

Counties and relies on a network of volunteer drivers to transport Medicaid- and Oregon-Health-Plan-eligible patients to medical appointments. Vitulli said that the brokerage was covering just over 50% of the rides.

A further 40% of rides are being provided by TCTD's dial-a-ride program, which has put a strain on that program's capacity, according to Vitulli. For the most part, patients' dialysis treatment schedules have not been coordinated and the long travel times to the clinics have largely meant that drivers stay for the duration of the three-and-a-half to five-hour treatment.

"It's way outside of our service area and it doesn't make sense for us to bring that driver back in a lot of cases," Vitulli said, "so pretty much, you know, the vehicle and that driver is busy for that entire time transporting them there and then transporting them back."

District dispatchers have done their best to coordinate other rides for the drivers in areas of the county closer to the dialysis centers, but that has been difficult. Vitulli said that dialysis transport was requiring two to four drivers' time on an

average day, constraining the program's ability to serve other community members.

"This is the reason we're at our capacity," Vitulli said, "because we're not able to provide as much dial-a-ride service because we're providing a life-sustaining service for people who have no other way to get there."

Vitulli said that the program would be able to expand capacity again once the Tillamook dialysis center reopens. He also noted that the district faces persistent driver shortages and is looking to hire new employees, adding that they paid for training.

Veterans are also transported by the dial-a-ride program, with the costs for their transport are offset by grants from the federal government.

The final piece of the transportation equation comes from patient family members who are reimbursed by the district for their mileage.

Overall, Vitulli said the district has helped with transport or reimbursement for an average of 11 or 12 patients weekly, ranging up to 16 in some weeks.

TBCC

Continued from Page 4

lounges for students, a large meeting room and a new administrative suite for the college. The administrative suite will feature 18 offices and a smaller meeting room, as well as a staff lounge.

The second floor will also feature a display wall for rotating exhibits from local artists and an open walkway below skylights, allowing natural light to illuminate both the first and second floors.

Funding for the \$23.8-million project is coming from two primary sources, the first a \$14.4 million bond approved by

Tillamook County voters in November 2022 and the second an \$8 million award from the Oregon Legislature. The balance of the funding is coming courtesy of a \$1.4 million bond premium.

The building is on track for a late fall completion and will begin hosting classes in January 2026.













TILLAMOOK FAMILY

COUNSELING CENTER

503-842-8201 • 800-962-2851 24/7 Crisis Services

Outpatient Behavioral Health Services

• Behavioral Health Services

Counseling services are available for adults, children, and families and may be in-person or virtual. During the first appointment, you and the counselor will explore the concern(s) you would like to address and discuss the next steps in counseling and other available resources.

Addiction Recovery

TFCC provides services and supports for substance use and problem gambling addiction. Services include assessment, treatment and prevention services for adolescents and adults.

Developmental Disabilities

The TFCC's Developmental Disabilities Team provides access to local, regional, and statewide resources for children and adults who experience a developmental disability.

Prevention

The Prevention Program provides support to overcome and strengthen Tillamook County residents through prevention services. Services include prevention education, outreach, presentations and training in the following areas: alcohol and other drug prevention, problem gambling prevention, suicide prevention, and parenting supports.

Crisis Intervention

TFCC provides crisis/emergency services and supports for individuals experiencing mental health crisis. Services are available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week and can be accessed by calling (503) 842-8201 or 1-800-962-2851.

Peer Support

Peer Support Specialists are staff who are engaged in personal recovery, dealing with mental health and substance use challenges. In their work as TFCC service providers, they utilize lived experience (using their own stories) to encourage and support individuals in discovering their unique recovery path.

Service Programs

Listed here are agency programs that address a range of needs presented by individuals and families seeking services. Read more about each program on our website at tfcc.org.

- Assertive Community Treatment
- Behavioral Health Court
- Intensive In-Home Behavioral Health Treatment
- Prime+ Peer Program
- Supported Employment
- Together We Rise Recovery House
- Wraparound Services

Tillamook Family Counseling Center

Sliding Fee Scale Available • Accepts Most Insurances

503-842-8201 800-962-2851 www.tfcc.org

906 Main Ave., Tillamook

We've adjusted our services to keep the community and our staff safe. For more information call us. At some time in our lives, we all experience challenging and difficult times.

Professional help can result in a discovery of new options, new skills,
a fresh approach to some of life's problems, and new strategies for coping.

Our staff at TFCC are well qualified to assist you with a wide-range of life issues.

Tillamook Family Counseling Center is committed to supporting the overall well-being of the citizens of Tillamook County by providing comprehensive affordable behavioral health services.