



Milestones

**A historic perspective of the
Tillamook County Business Community**

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Roby's Furniture and Appliances serving the community since 1950

Since 1950 Roby's Furniture and Appliances in Tillamook has been "serving the people who call the coast home and loving every minute of it" according to President Andrea Langeliers, a 3rd generation co-owner.

Roby's was started in 1950 by Roby O'Bean in downtown Tillamook. In 1995

George and Cindy Lewis purchased Roby's from Bob Riggert and merged their Tillamook based appliance store with Roby's a few years later.

You certainly can't miss their newest building at 1901 Main Ave North in Tillamook. They moved into this building in March of 2017. Then one month later added to their mini chain a store in McMinnville. "March and April of 2017 were crazy for us" according to Ryan Lewis, a 3rd generation co-owner.

"March and April were just about as exhausting as 2020," added Langeliers. "When the governor announced that furniture stores were to be shut down on March 23, 2020, we decided to still remain open as an appliance store but with limited staffing and shorter hours. Laying off 80% of our staff was heartbreaking."

Fast forward to 2021 and everyone has come back plus a few additions. "One thing I've learned through the 2020 pandemic is that small businesses are nimble and adapt to change much faster than huge corporations," says Langeliers. "We've ramped up our website with direct to consumer shopping, price match technology

and a chat feature. We've adopted new safety protocols and we've been a bit more creative on how people interact with us. For instance, last May we knew people were hesitant to go into stores so we did a drive through Mother's Day flower giveaway. In less than 2 hours all 3,000 of the plants were in new homes!"

According to Ryan Lewis, the furniture buyer, the pandemic has now caused an interesting flow of raw material shortages that are seeing long lead times. Eric Bennett, the appliance buyer,

is also seeing the same issues with appliances. Both buyers have been nimble in finding products that are in stock with the manufacturer. For instance, there was a freezer shortage in the summer that Bennett has over purchased for. "If you need a freezer, we've got them!" says Bennett. Ryan Lewis, echoed this scenario pertaining to sofas, "our warehouses are stuffed!"

Roby's Furniture and Appliance re-branded their mattress departments back in 2015 into The Mattress Shoppe. They carry the most popular mattress brands: Beautyrest and Tempur-pedic. They pride themselves on partnering with manufacturers made in the Pacific Northwest to support the local stories and reduce the carbon footprint.

Roby's currently has 6 locations: Astoria, Lincoln City, Newport, Florence, McMinnville,



Tillamook...plus a Discount Center in Tillamook at their old location 1126 Main Ave. They are open Monday-Saturday from 9-6. They are "Out to Live" on Sundays according to their website: A lot of people assume that Roby's is open every day of the week, and are a bit surprised to learn that we're not open on Sundays – a day we could do a lot of business. But some years ago we made a clear decision: we decided that giving ourselves and our team time to "live" was more important than making more money.... -Andrea Langeliers



Learn more about Roby's and their culture by clicking on the video at we-believe or

check out their documentary <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGoWrzNIRWc&t=36s>.



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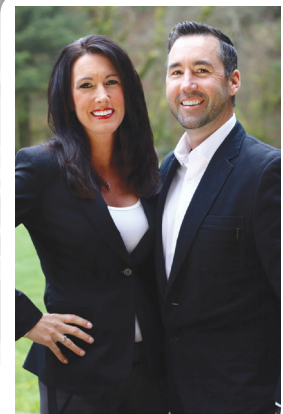
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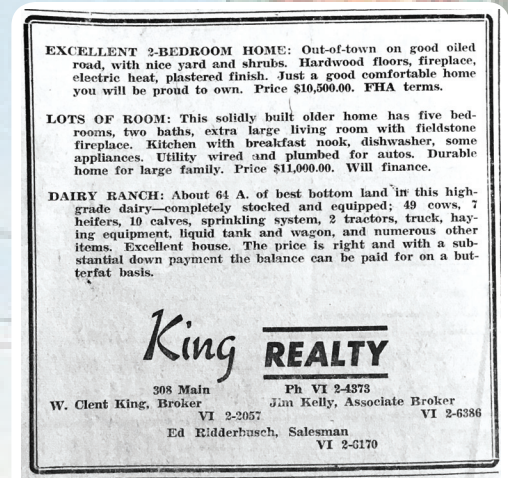
Joey and Melanie are a husband and wife team that have worked for King Realty for over 10 years. They recently obtained their principal broker licenses and enjoy working alongside Marilyn, Melanie's mother. They love all that Tillamook has to offer for country living and make the most of each day with adventures such as biking, jogging, kayaking, boating, or hiking.

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Tillamook Motor Company shares long history of service to community

Tillamook Motor Company, known to the locals as Tillamook Ford, has been in business pretty much as we know it since 1927, but its roots date back to 1914 when M.C. 'Mig' Ackley bought Ed's Garage from Ed Snodgrass. Back then the dealership sold various makes of autos.

In total, the dealership has had four owners: Mig Ackley had it

for 22 years from 1921 to 1943. Tom Bailey owned the dealership for 35 years from 1945 to 1980 and Bob and Elva Weeks bought it in 1980. Roger Weeks, Bob and Elva's son is purchasing the business, but Elva still does payroll and works in the office and you can still see Bob there working behind the scene or volunteering his time helping out with various groups like the Chamber of Commerce or the Tillamook Revitalization Assoc. or anything to do with supporting youth sports and activities.

"You have to be involved in the community," Bob said lamenting his years at the helm of Tilla-

mook's family owned dealership.

Bob started working for Ford Motor Company as a planning clerk in the sales department at Ford's district office in Seattle. He worked his way up the ladder and left as assistant district sales

manager before joining the company as a dealer.

Roger became a dealer in 2006, but has been around the business his

entire life. "I got my start detailing cars," Roger remembered. "I've washed a few cars."

In the beginning, Bob said, the original owners sold tractors and other brands along with Ford options.

The Early Days

After Mig bought Ed's Garage in approximately 1916, Ackley established Tillamook Motor Garage. He took on a partner by the name of R.B. Miller. In 1921 the two men started construction on Sunset Garage on 4th and Main. They sold Ford, Dodge and Buick cars and trucks.



A customer looks at the new lineup of Ford sedan in 1949 on the showroom floor.



Above: The dealership as it looks today on the corner of 5th and Main.

In 1927, Henry Ford said they could not sell other makes or models of cars and trucks. Miller and Ackley split up, Miller taking the other franchises and Sunset Garage while Ackley took the Ford franchise and moved it to its present location.

In 1927 Ackley was joined by two partners, A.J. Sweet and Everett Condit.

In 1935, Condit left to form Condit Chevrolet in the 5th and Main location, known in recent history as Bob Wirth Motors.

In 1943 Swett and Ackley sold to Herb MacKenzie. MacKenzie owned the Ford Dealership in Hillsboro. Mackenzie brought Tom Bailey to Tillamook to manage the dealership. Bailey then bought out Mackenzie in 1946. In the 1950s Bailey took on a partner, C.E. Carlos Douglas. Tony Dooher, Bailey's son-in-law became the dealer in 1977.

Bob's association with Ford began in 1957. His career spanned 22 years, mostly in Seattle, but he spent six years in Los Angeles also working for Ford Motor Company prior to purchasing the dealership.

In 1979, Dooher contacted Bob and after a short negotiation he bought the Tillamook Ford dealership and was approved by Ford as the dealer in January of 1980.



A look at the dealership on 5th and Main in the 1960s.

In 2006 Roger Weeks was approved by Ford to take over the dealership. Roger, along with growing up in the business literally from the ground up, graduated from the National Auto Dealers Assoc. Dealer Academy.

Today the company sells Ford and Lincoln products, owns a used vehicle section, has an extensive service and parts department and body shop.

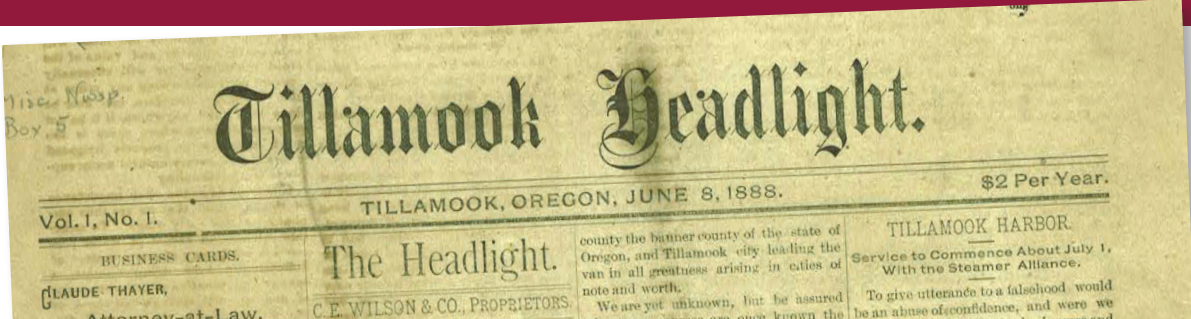
The Weeks employ 23 people from sales, service, parts, the

body shop and in the office, a big difference from when Bob purchased the dealership in 1980 taking over with three people including himself and his wife Elva. Since that time it's grown into what we know today and because of the Weeks family values in business, is successful, thriving and serves the greater Tillamook County area with a variety of Ford products, focusing on customer satisfaction. "There goes another Tillamook Ford."



The dealership had a good business selling Ford tractors in the earlier years. This image was taken in the 1950s.

A Proud Beginning



The first message from the Editor in the first issue of the Tillamook Headlight, June 8, 1888:

To our patrons:
After some four weeks of extensive delay we are enabled to present to the people of Tillamook county the first paper printed within her borders. The Tillamook Headlight is here as a permanent fixture, and its future developments and success will depend largely on the liberality of patronage from the citizens whose cause it has undertaken to espouse. We will, as time advances, enlarge our paper to meet the demand of business which is sure to follow the rapid immigration now heading for Tillamook county – sturdy farmers, solid business men and capitalists who are seeking to enhance their wealth by proper investments in a county of great promises. For the years past and gone Tillamook has remained dormant, dependent upon

outside people to herald its wealth and its worth, which, to say the least is unknown and untold, but now, as the Headlight grows older, and becomes better acquainted, the county possesses no merit but which shall be sung in tones of echoed splendor until the reverberation shall be daught [sic] up in the most nethermost parts of the earth, and the name become synonymous to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We bespeak a liberal, open hearted patronage, and the greater liberality bestowed the greater benefits will be accrued. Roll in your subscriptions – your money – your aid – counsel and your well wishes, and the Headlight will have achieved its greatest aim and object.

Respectfully,
C.E. Wilson & Co.

*“Be honest,
be just, and fear not.
Hew to the line,
and let the chips fall
where they may.”*

- Tillamook Headlight, 1888



Ready for business

We are yet unknown, but be assured when our resources are once known the flood gates of immigration will be opened, the hidden wealth unearthed, and Tillamook will be looked upon as the wonder of wonders. We have the climate, advantages and resources to make us what no other county in Oregon can make, and it but wants the outside world to know of the advantages untold when thousands

will knock at our doors for admission and acceptance into the great family of Tillamook. We shall strive to give you all the news, county and general, and in order to do this it behooves every citizen to send us the news from his respective locality. In this manner the reputation of the Headlight can be built up until it can be sought with greater zeal than the buried wealth in the vaults of the nation's treasury. Very truly,
J.B. Edwards, Editor.

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We're thrilled to celebrate 64 years in Tillamook and look forward to building financial relationships within this community for generations to come.

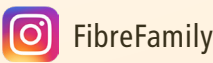
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