

Manzanita's water fund transfer to be removed from budget

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The Manzanita Budget Committee discussed at a meeting and public hearing Wednesday, May 19, the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and to take public comment on proposed uses of State Revenue Sharing.

A special council meeting with a public hearing on the budget and adoption by the council is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 23.

A public comment from citizen Gerald Wineinger asked about the city hall expansion fund. He said the spreadsheet shows \$113,674 that was transferred from the water fund for 2019-2020 and is still in the current 2020-2021 budget, but not in the new proposed 2021-2022 budget. The transfer includes 50 percent of the city manager and assistant city manager's salaries being funded from the water fund.

"It's in this year's current budget but like I told the budget committee and council

at the first budget meeting, we're not going to be making that transfer this year," Interim City Manager John Kunkel said. "The reason is there has to be a nexus between why you're taking restricted funds or enterprise funds and moving them to the general fund and we're already using an indirect cost method to calculate the use of the water department on general fund monies."

Moving forward, that transfer will not be there in next year's budget, Kunkel added. Kunkel said the public

works director is the principal manager of the water utility and performs the majority of personnel management activities of water utility staff. He added that he does not see a reason for the public works director's office to be in city hall.

"Regarding the City's overhead compensation for our city manager and assistant city manager from the water fund and also the role that our public works director plays in managing our water utility, citizens can decide for themselves whose

conclusions are credible," Randy Kugler, a citizen and a former city manager, said in a statement. "Is it our city manager who has been doing the job for seven months or the FCS consultant who has never been to Manzanita, admitted that he 'not intimately familiar with the day to day operations and demands upon the city's administrative staff' and who convinced the mayor and council that management responsibilities in Manzanita were similar to those he found in Shelton, Wash., a city of 10,000?"

"It was just two years ago that the mayor stated absolutely that the city manager and assistant city manager were entitled to having 50 percent of their respective salaries taken from the water fund," Kugler added. "It now appears that in reality their management responsibilities are less than half of the 30 percent funding level that the FCS study claimed was justified."

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THE GRADUATES



Neah-Kah-Nie High School celebrated graduation ceremonies Saturday June 5 outdoors by invitation only. Courtesy photo

Neah-Kah-Nie High School celebrates graduation 2021

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Neah-Kah-Nie High School held its Class of 2021 graduation ceremony Saturday, June 5, outside on the school's track. Masks were required and the event was by guest list only. The graduation was livestreamed and is available to view on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLLYj-2_Si8

The Neah-Kah-Nie High School graduating class entered the track to "Pomp and Circumstance."

Salutatorian Kara Rumage said the class has always been a collaborative, supportive community. She thanked people

who supported the Class of 2021 along the way.

Neah-Kah-Nie High School's band played "Fantastic Beasts" and the choir also sang a song for the class.

The gift of the Class of 2021 is to make the courtyard more available for use. There will be alternative seating, tables and plants added.

"I'd like to thank everyone who helped me and my classmates get here," Valedictorian Dinah Schultz said. "Thank you to all of our teachers and staff who taught us during on-line learning this year. Thank you to the custodians who kept our school clean and safe during the pandemic."

Schultz also thanked the bus drivers and cafeteria staff who provided for the students.

Principal Heidi Buckmaster said the Class of 2021 is made up of leaders, champions, gaming wizards and more. Fifteen of the seniors will start four-year college programs, 13 plan to attend community college, four will enter into trade schools and 28 are still deciding. The students are graduating in an unprecedented time, Buckmaster said.

"How you decide to move forward will make history," Buckmaster said.

Networking is very important, Buckmaster added, telling the graduates to keep their

classmates on their contact list.

"Keep checking in with each other, keep supporting each other and talk about the good old days," Buckmaster said. "You have them now."

The Class of 2021 was introduced and awarded their diplomas. They tossed their caps in their air as they were announced the new alumni of Neah-Kah-Nie High School. The ceremony ended with the graduates singing "Hail to Thee our Alma Mater" before taking group photos with their friends and families.

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Former Rockaway volunteer arrested for alleged sex abuse, additional victims sought

In March, Washington County Sheriff's Office detectives opened an investigation into 58-year-old Henry Stephen "Steve" Bauer after receiving a report from a woman that Bauer allegedly sexually abused her when she was a child.

On May 27, a grand jury indicted Bauer on four counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree.

On June 2, detectives with the sheriff's office Violent Crimes Unit (VCU) arrested Bauer at his home. He was lodged at the Washington County Jail.

During their investigation, detectives learned that Bauer



has a lengthy history of volunteering with various organizations where he had access to children. Bauer's concerning behavior with children dates back to the late 1970s. He was removed as a Boy Scout leader in 1993 amid allegations of abuse to a young boy. Bauer also has ties to the Rockaway Beach community, as well.

Detectives strongly believe that Bauer has other victims that have not made reports to law enforcement. Bauer has known connections to the following

organizations:

- Boy Scouts of America Troops 1 and 150 (1970s-1993)
- Alpenrose Dairyville
- Neah-Kah-Nie High School (2009-2012)
- Portland Revels (2013-2021)
- Rockaway Beach Police Department (volunteer until 2017)
- Tillamook Association for the Performing Arts (TAPA)

Neah-Kah-Nie School District Superintendent Paul Erlebach stated in a letter to the community Monday, June 7, all volunteers in the school district must pass a criminal history check with Oregon Department of Education. Bauer passed the background check when he began volunteering in 2009.

"We are cooperating with investigators and encourage anyone with information to contact law enforcement," Erlebach stated. "The school district's sexual conduct policy prohibits this type of conduct,

and all district employees are required to immediately report any suspected abuse to a designated licensed administrator, as well as to law enforcement and/or DHS."

All district employees undergo annual sexual misconduct training, and all volunteers are provided with information on prevention and identification of abuse, sexual conduct and reporting obligations, Erlebach added. The school district has resources available to students who may be victims, including counseling. For more information on resources available, contact Neah-Kah-Nie High School Counselors Margaret Whiting or Esther Troyer at 503-355-2272.

Washington county detectives would like to hear from anyone with information about Bauer, regardless of the length of time it has been. Community members can contact Washington County Sheriff's Office by calling (503) 846-2700.

Vaccine update



COVID-19 vaccine walk-ins available at health center, event held June 19

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Tillamook County will remain in Lower Risk, effective Friday, June 11, to Thursday, June 17. Tillamook County Health Department reported during a community update Tuesday, June 8, the county had nine new positive and presumptive COVID-19 cases from Sunday, May 23, through Saturday, June 5.

"From the beginning of the pandemic – now remember this is from March 2020 – Tillamook County has had 672 cases, four deaths and 30 hospitalizations," Administrator Marlene Putman said.

Adventist Health Tillamook President Eric Swanson reported 206 hospitalizations with COVID-19 across Oregon, as of June 8. There are 767 available ventilators in the state of Oregon. The Tillamook hospital has more than adequate personal protective equipment.

When Oregon reaches a first dose 70 percent statewide vaccination rate for residents 18 and older, Oregon will lift all risk level health and safety restrictions. This includes mandates such as wearing masks and social distancing, as well as the lifting of vaccination verification in businesses.

The statewide vaccination rate is at 66.8 percent, as of Tuesday, June 8, Putman said. The county's goal of 65 percent is currently at 62.8 percent. Around 480 first dose vaccinations are needed to reach the 65 percent goal.

"Our health center and public health, for the month of June, will be doing new appointments at the community health center, which is just right next door to our clinic," Putman said. "We will be offering Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson on Tuesdays. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson clinics will be held on Thursdays."

To schedule an appointment, call the health center at 503-842-3914.

"Boosters will still be held at Tillamook County Fairgrounds," Putman said of those who have received their first dose at the fairgrounds and are awaiting their second shot.

Tillamook County Creamery hosted a drive-in vaccine clinic with free ice cream Wednesday, June 9. The health center is hosting a vaccine clinic Saturday, June 19, for walk-ins.

"All three vaccines will be available," Putman said of the June 19 event.

People can also receive a vaccine through their health care provider or local pharmacy.

Those Tillamook County residents who went out of the county to get vaccinated are counted in the county's vaccination rate, Putman said. The second doses are allocated mainly where the first dose was received. Those who received their first dose outside of the county and are struggling to receive a second dose should give the health department a call to schedule an appointment in the county.

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Oregon moves closer to lifting COVID restrictions

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Oregon is closing in on reopening the economy.

On Friday, Gov. Kate Brown announced that more than 67% of Oregon residents have taken at least one dose of the COVID vaccine, leaving fewer than 100,000 more vaccines needed to reach the 70% threshold Brown set to fully reopen the economy.

“Thanks to the vaccine, our case rate and hospitalizations continue to decline,” Brown said. “As of today, at least 2.3 million Oregonians have received at least one dose of the vaccine. We are so close to reopening our economy.”

State Epidemiologist Dr. Dead Sidelinger said that cases in the state are directly in line with the increase in vaccinations.

“Daily cases, COVID-19 related

hospitalizations and the percentage of people testing positive continue to decline,” Sidelinger said.

Over the last week, 1,725 new COVID cases were announced in the state, the lowest number since September. Hospitalizations were down 24 percent and only 20 new deaths linked to the virus were reported.

“The landscape of the virus has shifted dramatically,” Sidelinger said. “The virus is overwhelmingly impacting those who are not vaccinated when those who are vaccinated are safe. Virtually every person infected right now is not fully vaccinated.”

Sidelinger said the vaccines are all proven safe and effective, and the best way to beat COVID is to get the vaccine.

“In order to decisively defeat the virus and avoid a future outbreak, we must get more people vaccinated,” he said. “There’s no substi-

tute for the vaccine.”

Sidelinger said modeling in Oregon continues to show decreasing cases, hospitalizations and deaths. On the current trend, cases will fall to around 100 a day with only five new hospitalizations.

Brown echoed that sentiment, saying those who have taken the vaccine deserve praise.

“We still have more work to do to ensure all Oregonians are safe from COVID-19,” Brown said. “Thank you to everyone who’s gotten the vaccine. Thank you to all Oregonians who are making it easier for their employees to get vaccinated. Thank you to everyone who’s taken the time to drive a family member or friend to an appointment or had a conversation with a friend who’s had a question about vaccines. All these efforts contribute to our success as a state.”

Brown also reminded Oregon res-

idents that getting the vaccine is free, and every Oregonian who gets at least one dose will be eligible to win \$1 million. On June 25, the state will announce winners of the vaccine awards, with one person winning \$1 million and one person from every county winning \$10,000.

Brown said one of her big worries right now is coming changes to the eviction moratorium in the state. A new state law does not allow Brown to extend the moratorium, which ends June 30.

“This means renters must pay their July rent or the landlord can evict them for nonpayment,” Brown said. “To the thousands of Oregonians who lost jobs or fell behind on their rent during the pandemic, please apply today for rental assistance to pay your July rent. Under current law, you cannot be evicted until next year for rent owed from April 2020 to June 2021. Rental

assistance programs can help you with past rent.”

Brown encouraged those struggling with rent to apply at oregon-rentalassistance.org to get a share of the federal money sent to the state to help just those people.

Brown also called on landlords in the state to give renters time to pay, especially if they have applied for rental assistance.

“We have made it through the pandemic by watching out for one another,” Brown said. “We have seen Oregon’s spirit time and again.”

Sidelinger closed the meeting by again encouraging residents to get vaccinated. He emphasized the vaccine is safe and effective. The key to defeating COVID is simple, the vaccines.

“We are finally gaining the upper hand against the virus,” Sidelinger said.

Tillamook County Sheriff’s Office takes over police services in Rockaway Beach

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Tillamook County Board of Commissioners approved during a board meeting Wednesday, June 9, an agreement between the City of Rockaway Beach and Tillamook County Sheriff’s Office for the sheriff’s office to provide police services.

Tillamook County Sheriff’s Office Undersheriff Matt Kelly said Rockaway approached the sheriff’s office about contracting for law

enforcement services for the city due to personnel issues. According to the sheriff’s office, Police Chief Charlie Stewart resigned to take a position with Adventist Health Tillamook. Two officers from the police department will be hired at the sheriff’s office soon.

“The state requirements for hiring law enforcement make it challenging,” Kelly said. “It’s going to be difficult for a small town to have a small department. In the next few years, I think it will be very rare that a department of 10

men will exist in the state of Oregon.”

The agreement is in effect as of June 10, 2021 through June 30, 2023. It may be extended for an additional term by mutual agreement by the city and county in writing. The sheriff’s office will assign one full-time deputy sheriff to make patrols and provide law enforcement within the city. As staffing resources become available, the sheriff’s office will assign up to four full-time city patrol deputies.

Kelly and Sheriff Josh Brown will be covering a cou-

ple of shifts from Rockaway.

“I know what I’m in for,” Kelly said. “We’ll make it work. I can see the reward coming out the other side.”

Brown spoke about the partnership during the Rockaway Beach City Council meeting the evening of June 9 and answers questions from the council and citizens. He said Kelly grew up in Rockaway. Stewart has helped with the transition.

“What you guys are going to be able to gain is the full force of the sheriff’s office,” Brown said. “We’re county

wide. We have a large department.”

The sheriff’s office deputies working in Rockaway will have an office at city hall to be ready to respond to calls and write reports, Brown added. Response time would be from city hall for the most part.


The sheriff’s office is currently looking to hire more staff to get to a point of having four deputies in Rockaway.


“It is an active process,” Brown said. “We’re aggressively recruiting to make sure we get those positions filled with quality candidates.”

Brown said Kelly would serve as a deputy sheriff working in Rockaway to help the deputies understand some of the city’s ordinances. The sheriff’s office wants to build a relationship with the city.

The contract is for four full time deputies for day and night shifts, with some time in between for on-call.

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Public works drives ahead on county road projects from 2015 winter storm

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Tillamook County’s December 2015 winter storm event is still ongoing in terms of repairs. Public Works Director Chris Laity said when a storm leaves behind damage, there is an initial reaction to get things fixed and then design and environmental components to consider.

The Kilchis House drainage project is in the design phase right now. In 2015, the field near the Tillamook County Fairgrounds filled with water, Public Works Director Chris Laity said.

“Water came across Marolf Loop and it caused [Kilchis House] to evacuate,” Laity said. “They evacuated out of that and moved them to the fairgrounds.”

The county received money from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to look at how the county can minimize risk in the future. The design plans are ongoing.

“Pre-2015 storm, Cape Meares Loop Road that tied Bayocean to Ocean-side had been shut down because of an active slide,” Laity said. “It’s gone through a number of hoops and hurdles. It’s through design. It’s literally sitting at 95 percent designed. It’s going through the final right of way negotiations and paying for that.”

Laity said project cost is \$21 million to build the 1.5-mile road. This winter, public works would be removing trees, as they can only do this during the winter because of migratory birds, Laity added. The road should be 100 percent open to traffic by two summers from now. Expected construction of the culvert is in 2022.

Neskowin Emergency Egress Trail is in progress.



The culvert on Bayocean Road washed out in December 2015. Cape Meares residents used a forest road for access until the temporary bridge was placed. Public works hopes to have the permanent bridge in place the summer of 2022 if all permitting has been completed, if not it will be delayed till the summer of 2023.

Currently, there is only one route in and out of Nesko-win. People cannot get in or out of town during high surf or storms.

“That’s actually under construction right now,” Laity said of the project.

The project will add a secondary access into town. There will be two new bridges and a culvert. It could be done this summer.

Two culvert replacements with two bridges are in the design phase for Trask River Road. An ongoing project for Ekroth Road is a culvert replacement with a bridge. Laity said the culverts need to be replaced anyway. The Salmon SuperHwy helps fund some of these projects.

“Unless it’s an emergency and a disaster hits, I really have no additional source of funds to replace culverts with bridges,” Laity said.

Sandlake Road needs some portions chip sealed. The road became too slick last fall, Laity said. Chip seal is a conventional way to help with this.

Public works used a new seal-type product before the chip seal, but the product did not work as advertised. The product sealed the road but did not provide traction. Public works ended up having to mill the road, removing part of the surface. Later this summer, they will chip seal the road.

Another ongoing project

is the Bayocean Rockfall Mitigation Project. During winter, the road gets heavy rain and slides by Memaloose Point. Laity said public works is putting together a contract to remove some of the material that is coming down.

Public works does not receive property taxes to pay for the roads. The motor vehicle fee from the state funds the road department. For those who own a second home in Tillamook County, that fee is going to their primary county where their vehicle is registered. Laity said bond money is going to expire and 25 percent of the budget is transient lodging tax funds for tourism-related promotion and facilities.

Laity said paving for this summer is focused on roads that receive a higher number of cars. The long-term solution for McCormick Loop Road is to do realignment. For now, it will be paved.

Public works runs on less than half the staff they used to, Laity added. The department relies heavily on the public letting them there is an issue on a county road.

Call the Tillamook County Public Works Department at 503-815-3975 to report any issues with county roads.

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Neah-Kah-Nie School District, Rinehart Clinic partner for student vaccinations for those 12 years and older

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Neah-Kah-Nie School District has been collaborating with Rinehart Clinic to get students 12 and older vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine Pfizer, the vaccine authorized for this age group.

Rinehart Clinic had worked with Neah-Kah-Nie High School, primarily superintendent Paul Erlebach and high school principal Heidi Buckmaster, when teachers were eligible to get vaccinated in early February. Two vaccine clinics were held for the teachers in the high school gym.

“When it became apparent that Rinehart Clinic needed to vaccinate more community members than our clinic could accommodate in one day, I reached out to both Paul and Heidi again to see if we could once again use an area of the high school on a weekly basis to hold mass vaccination clinics,” said Clinic Manager Delta Holderness, of Rinehart Clinic. “This started in early March. Typically, we were giving out 300 COVID-19 vaccines in one day.”

Holderness said the student vaccinations began when 16 and 17 year olds became eligible for the Pfizer vaccine. Adventist Health Tillamook had recently received their ultra-cold freezer in order to receive the Pfizer vaccine and distribute to clinics in the county.

“A letter was created by Rinehart for the school to email out to the parents and students with all information on how to schedule their appointment and where the students should come on the high school campus to get their vaccination,” Holderness said. “We needed

to move quickly as some of these older students were seniors and would be graduating before the end of the school year. We just administered this group of students’ second Pfizer vaccine May 27.”

When ages 12-15 were eligible to start receiving the vaccine, another letter was emailed to parents and students, Holderness said. The State of Oregon states parent permission is required for children 14 and younger to receive a vaccine.

“Rinehart provided over 200 copies of this packet to be distributed by the school to the students to take home for their parents to read,” Holderness said. “We were under a tight time frame, due to the end of the school year fast approaching, and we were worried that parents might not see the email in time to get their child registered.”

Rinehart Clinic moved quickly to get the first shots scheduled so the second doses could be administered before the end of the school year.

Nehalem Elementary School Principal Kristi Woika and her children, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School sixth grader Carter and Neah-Kah-Nie High School freshman Daisy, have been vaccinated. Kristi is fully vaccinated and Carter and Daisy received their first dose Thursday, May 20. Kristi said she decided to get the vaccine after a friend’s mother-in-law died from COVID-19 and hearing about long-haulers, those who have lingering symptoms of COVID-19 for weeks or months. Kristi said another reason she got vaccinated is because, as principal, she interacts with students, parents and staff regularly.

Kristi said she attended several meetings to learn more. She trusted medical experts, did research and decided to get the vaccine to keep her family safe.

“I had some one-on-one conversations with our school nurse,” Kristi said. “I just decided that I feel like I have to trust people who do this for a living.”

The day after they received their vaccines, Carter and Daisy reported sore arms. They both said it was an easy shot. They both received the shot at school and went back to class afterwards. Daisy was tired after receiving her first dose, sleeping 12 hours the previous night after receiving her shot.

“I barely felt anything,” Carter said. “It was a real easy shot.”

Carter said he wanted to get vaccinated because he hates wearing face masks, especially in his physical education class. He also read that once someone is fully vaccinated, they could now go inside some businesses without masks on.

“I haven’t been able to hang out with friends and family for like a whole year,” Daisy said.

Daisy looks forward to hanging out with friends outside of school once she is fully vaccinated and not worry about social distancing and wearing face masks.

People who are hesitant about getting the vaccine should talk their time and do their research, Carter said. He added the vaccine is better than getting the virus and having to go to the hospital.

“I think the district did a really good job of educating people,” Kristi said. “We have a pretty high rate of vaccinations within the school district. I think it’s



Left to right: Daisy, Kristi and Carter Woika. Photo provided by Kristi Woika. Neah-Kah-Nie School District, Rinehart Clinic partner for student vaccinations

because the school district did a really good job getting outside experts to talk about the vaccine.”

Lilly Cram, a freshman at Neah-Kah-Nie High School, said getting the shot makes her feel more comfortable around older family members and people in general, knowing she is vaccinated. The vaccine was quick and everyone was friendly, she added.

“They even passed out little toys and things like that to make the younger kids feel more comfortable,” Cram said.

The day after she got her shot at school, Cram said her arm was a little sore. She had been asked prior which arm she would like the shot so she could avoid moving her arm when possible. Her family will soon be fully vaccinated, as her parents and brother are also vaccinated.

“Rinehart Clinic is dedicated to ensuring our community is healthy and by providing vaccines where the students reside during the day can be a huge help to parents who work,” Holderness said. “Once our time is complete at the high school – June 10 is

our last day – Rinehart Clinic will continue to vaccinate anyone who is eligible at the clinic.”

Currently, Rinehart Clinic is scheduling for first and second doses on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will hold mini-vaccine clinics for those ages 12-17 and for anyone else who might prefer the Pfizer vaccine to Moderna, which is authorized for those 18 and older.

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Senate Republicans Vote to Get Kids Back in School Full-Time in the Fall

Senate Republicans attempted to pass Senate Bill 867, a bill that would reopen schools for full-time, in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.

According to data, Governor Brown’s arbitrary COVID metrics are putting Oregon third-worst in the country on school reopenings. Barely 1/3rd of Oregon schools are in “on-site” instruction while the majority are in hybrid.

“Kids deserve to be in the classroom,” Senator Dick Anderson, chief sponsor of the legislation, said. “It’s past time to give students a guarantee that they will get a real education next year. This past year and a half has devastated learning for our kids and wreaked havoc for parents trying to make ends meet. This bill was about making a promise to Oregon students that their education matters.”

Recent scientific studies have shown that kids hospitalized for COVID have been overcounted, further quelling fears about COVID-19 in schools. Just over a week ago, the president of the American Federation of Teachers, Randi Weingarten came out

in support of getting American students back into the classroom for full-time instruction:

“Given current circumstances, nothing should stand in the way of fully reopening our public schools this fall and keeping them open,” Weingarten said in a speech. “The United States will not be fully back until we are fully back in school. And my union is all in.”

“The evidence is overwhelming that schools are safe, but Democrats believe the science is different here in Oregon. Other states have returned kids to the classroom, but our students and families are still struggling with a governor that doesn’t listen and an education system that isn’t required to meet their needs,” Senate Republican Leader Fred Girod (R-Lyons)

said.

Republicans have advocated to fully fund and fully reopen K-12 schools with school districts’ recommended budget of \$9.6 billion. Senate Republicans have

also put forward a robust education reform agenda this session that would have given kids and parents more control over their education. Democrats have blocked all but one of them.

SB 867 was blocked from consideration by Democrats along party lines, leaving in limbo another year of education for Oregon students.

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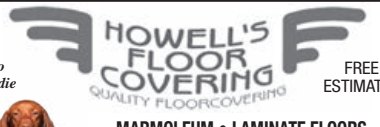
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Hunting and Sports
Groups Call for
More Accuracy in
IP 13 Ballot Title

Several pro-hunting conservation organizations have challenged the draft language of the ballot title and summary for Initiative Petition 13, which they contend do not adequately convey the initiative’s devastating impact to legal hunting, fishing and trapping. The groups have submitted comments to the Oregon Attorney General’s office requesting clarification to the initiative’s draft ballot language.

The organizations, which include the Oregon Hunters Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Wild Sheep Foundation, Oregon Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Oregon Trappers Association, Sportsmen’s Alliance, and the Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation, also assert that the draft ballot title inappropriately uses the term “prohibits” rather than “criminalizes,” which they believe is more accurate.

IP 13 would criminalize killing an animal for any reason other than an immediate act of self-defense. It would criminalize good animal husbandry practices, animal breeding of both livestock and pets, training techniques, and even pest control. In keeping with the “no kill” directive, it would also criminalize any livestock slaughter practices, with the proponents stating that meat consumption would still be allowed from animals that have died of old age.

IP 13 effectively would outlaw a self-sufficient lifestyle, according to Oregon Hunters Association outreach coordinator Amy Patrick.

“Under this initiative, it would be illegal to put a deer in the freezer, catch fish, or raise animals to offset a family’s grocery bill,” Patrick said. “While it prevents Oregonians from securing their own naturally raised or harvested food, it does not prohibit grocery stores from carrying animal proteins, meaning those items would be imported from states that do not have such outrageous regulations, effectively creating even more distance between Oregon families and their

food.”

Patrick said IP 13 would impact Oregonians who want to ensure natural, local food sources for their families through hunting, fishing, trapping, or raising their own livestock.

“I have cattle in my pasture, chickens in my coop, my husband hunts, and I like to fly fish,” she said. “IP 13 would make us criminals for our attempts to control our food sources and be less reliant on the mainstream food network.”

If the initiative language is certified by the AG’s office, the proponents will have until June 2022 to collect the more than 112,000 signatures required to place it on the November 2022 general election ballot.

The groups challenging the draft ballot language have stated that they will not rule out legal action if the current language is upheld.

“We will use all available avenues and resources to defeat this initiative,” Patrick said. “Too many Oregonians have too much at stake.”

OHA (www.oregonhunters.org) is the state’s largest Oregon-based

pro-hunting organization, with 10,000 members and 26 chapters statewide. Its mission is “protecting Oregon’s wildlife, habitat and heritage.”

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Cynthia Speckman
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Local students graduate from Oregon State University

More than 7,000 students representing all 36 of Oregon’s counties, all 50 states and 73 countries have earned degrees as part of Oregon State University’s class of 2021.

The graduates were celebrated with an in-person, informal processional of graduates through the Corvallis campus to Reser Stadium followed by brief remarks from OSU leaders on June 11. Oregon State University President Emeritus Edward J. Ray gave the commencement address during a virtual ceremony June 12.

This year’s class includes a record 7,391 graduating students receiving 7,690 degrees, with 271 students receiving two degrees and four who will receive three degrees. They will add to the ranks of Oregon State alumni, which have earned 272,504 degrees over the university’s history.

The graduating class includes 1,390 who are the first in their family to earn a college degree; 4,226 Oregon residents; 3,164 non-resident students; and 983 students from other countries. With this graduating class, Oregon State will now have more than 205,000 alumni living and working in all 50 states and more than 125 countries.

Local students graduating this June from Oregon State include:

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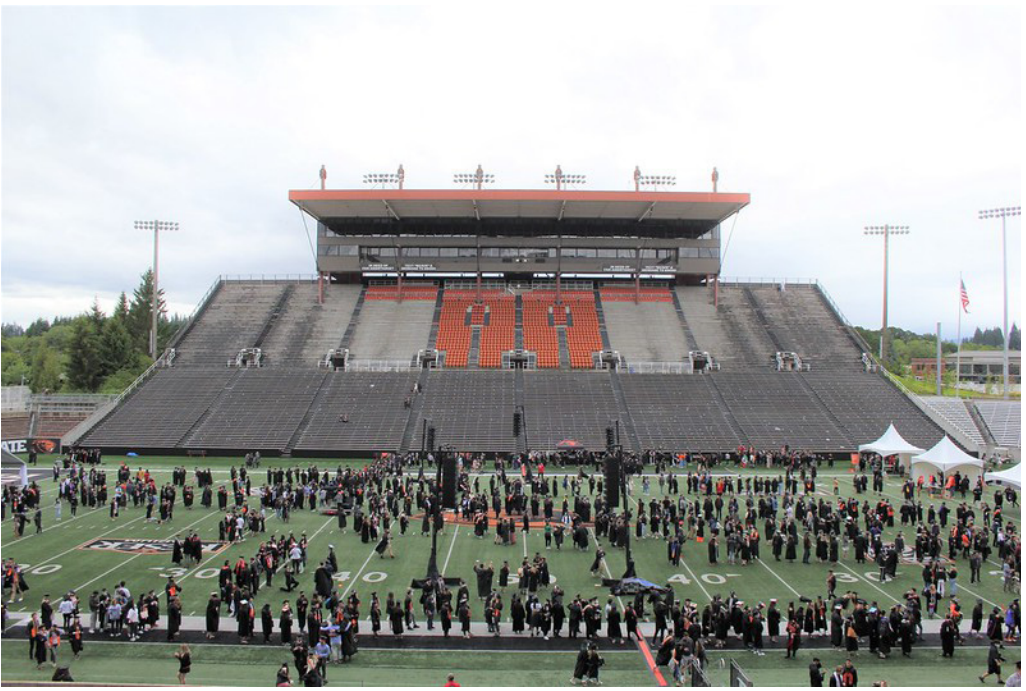
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North Tillamook County Women’s Association awards 2021 scholarship

Emily Stanfield, senior from Neah-Kah-Nie High School, has received the North Tillamook County Women’s Association 2021 scholarship. She plans to attend Western Oregon University to study education and become an elementary school teacher.

Stanfield is an outstanding student at Neah-Kah-Nie High School. She is a member of the Speech and Debate team, Leo’s Club, a MS Web leader, and an alumni of the 2019 Hoby Leadership Conference. Stanfield’s community activities include volunteering with Rockaway Beach Park and work as a counselor at Twin Rocks Friends Camp. Dedication, tenacity, and optimism were highlighted in the reference letters that supported Emily’s application. One noted that she “is inclusive to students and staff... and brings a smile and positive energy wherever she goes.” Another, a youth camp director, described that Emily has “a natural gift for working with young children.”

The North Tillamook County Women’s Association Scholarship was originated in 2007 by Jan Markle to support the educational plans of a woman graduating from Neah-Kah-Nie High School. Although traditional fund-raising events have been curtailed, this year’s scholarship fund was sustained with donations from organizational and community members. To contribute to the 2022 Scholarship Fund, please



contact the North Tillamook County Women’s Association at PO Box 73, Manzanita, OR 97130.

New online GIS-enabled map details county’s trails, outdoor recreation areas

Tillamook County offers a bounty of outdoor recreation – fishing, hiking, kayaking, camping, surfing, birdwatching, horseback riding, mountain biking, even just hanging out on the beach. Now, with a new online GIS trails and recreation map, it’s easy to plan a trip, do the things you love, and discover new places to do them.

The GIS map is at <https://tillamook-coast.com/recreation-map> and includes downloadable area maps if a person will be in an area without cell service. The GIS map lists more than 800 locations in 13 categories: campgrounds, parks and day use areas, trailheads, boat launches, beach and water access, dispersed campsites, equestrian trails, mountain bike trails, hiking trails, community trails, the Oregon Coast Trail, water trails, and other recreation.

“This recreation map is a ‘live map,’ one we’ll be updating with new features and data,” said Nan Devlin, executive director of Tillamook Coast Visitors Association. “We will also regularly gather information from our land managers and first responders throughout the county to

keep the public informed of events, such as fires, trail changes or closures, King Tides and floods.”

The GIS project is a collaborative effort of Tillamook County Wellness, Mt. Hebo Ranger Station, Tillamook County, Tillamook Coast Visitors Association, and New Youth Corps, which oversaw the intern, Samantha Goodwin, who gathered the database. Cardwell Creative of Salem transformed the data into a user-friendly website page.

Just click on an area of the map and a pop-up window provides information about each recreation site. Additional features will be added in the next few months, and there is a form on the website where recreation users can provide information. There are also links to public transportation, beach wheelchair reservations, and a page about prime birdwatching areas.

For more trip planning ideas, order or download a visitor guide at <https://tillamookcoast.com/gettheguide>. To learn about destination management – and to take our Tillamook Coast Pledge – go to <https://tillamookcoast.com/caring-for-our-coast>

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Tillamook High School Valedictorian Gilberto Briseno

Age: 18

Final GPA: 3.944 unweighted, 4.444 weighted

Most memorable high school experience:

Early morning bus rides for speech and debate tournaments were very memorable.

What made your high school career such a success?

I took the easy way out and swapped boring electives for college courses. I ended up putting in less time and effort in introductory college courses than I would have in many elective classes. As a benefit of being in college courses, my GPA got boosted as all classes counted towards honor's credits.

What are your plans for the future after graduation?

I plan to attend Boston College over in Massachusetts to study computer science.



Tillamook High School Salutatorian Malachi Thorne

Age: 18

Final GPA: 4.4225

Most memorable high school experience:

One day after school was out, I was working on tying up a couple loose ends of work that was not finished and tried to get some extra done at the same time. I ended up going to the robotics room. When I opened that door I realized there was basically a party of people cooking and making a large meal for everyone that was working on their robots for the competitions and people were playing Super Smash Bros Ultimate. At that moment, I knew I was not able to go home until I had some of their food. That day was a pretty fantastic day.

What made your high school career such a success?

I think why my high school career was such a success was because I was surrounded by people that pushed each other from having teachers that want the best for their students to having friends that pushed themselves to have to meet goals. This led me to making goals that I wanted to meet. Then there was being surrounded by people with good work ethic and high quality of work because you had to meet their level or do better which becomes your own standard of work.

What are your plans for the future after graduation?

My future plans after graduation is to study computer science and video editing. These are two ways to create art and more out of literally nothing, which gives a lot of freedom and the ability to be creative.



Neah-Kah-Nie School Valedictorian Dinah Schultz

Age: 18

Final GPA: 4.333

Most memorable high school experience:

I will never forget the joy and anticipation of finding out who on my speech team qualified to go to finals at the University of Oregon speech tournament my junior year. Everyone who competed had the support of the entire team. It felt incredible to have teammates that cared so much about each other's effort and successes.

What made your high school career such a success?

Support from my parents and teachers have helped me find academic success in high school. I have been lucky to have teachers and parents who have had confidence in my abilities and who have encouraged me to continue trying to succeed.

What are your plans for the future after graduation?

After graduation, I will attend Oregon State University in the fall, where I will study bioengineering.



Neah-Kah-Nie High School Salutatorian Kara Rumage

Age: 18

Final GPA: 4.313

Most memorable high school experience:

My most memorable high school experience has to be my time on the speech and debate team. I was on the team all four years, most recently as Co-President, and my favorite memories are goofing off at tournaments with my teammates. Competing and winning were fun, but getting to be a part of the speech community was what truly made the experience worthwhile.

What made your high school career such a success?

My community. From my family to my friends to my teachers and classmates, the people I was surrounded by pushed me to try new things and gave me the space to be myself and grow as a person.

What are your plans for the future after graduation?

I will be attending Davidson College in North Carolina in the fall. I am undecided on a major at this point in time, but I am interested in exploring the humanities. Part of the fun is figuring it out, right?



Nestucca High School Valedictorian

Lauryn Dunn

Age: 18

Final GPA: 4.0

Most memorable high school experience:

During my Junior year of high school, I was given the opportunity to help in the special education room at Nestucca Valley Elementary school. During my first experience helping in the classroom a young boy asked me what my favorite color was and then proceeded to make me a paper airplane out of that color paper. From that moment on everything changed. Every day, I got up excited to see what the kids would do that day. It taught me so many new things and made me reconsider my career path. Although my time at the elementary school was cut short by Covid-19, it was by far one of my favorite experiences from high school and it is something I will never forget.

What made your high school career such a success?

My high school career was a success because of the amazing support network I had around me. The staff at Nestucca High School has been incredibly helpful in supporting me throughout my education, and I could not be more thankful. My parents have also had a huge hand in my success and always pushed me to be my very best. Through this, I learned that my best is not perfect, but that does not mean giving up. It means knowing what my best is, and holding myself to that standard.

What are your plans for the future after graduation?

After high school I will be attending Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York. My current plan is to major in either history or psychology. While at Sarah Lawrence I will also be playing on the women's basketball team. In addition to this, I plan to join a few clubs and take time to explore New York City.



Nestucca High School Salutatorian

Cara Simpson

Age: 18

Final GPA: 3.864

Most memorable high school experience:

I think the most memorable high school experience I had would be being on the Cheerleading team. I was able to make some really great memories with my team that I see as my family. I am really going to miss them but I'm excited to watch and cheer them on from the stands next year.

What made your high school career such a success?

I always made sure to communicate with my teachers, and use the resources given to me, especially when I didn't understand something or needed something.

What are your plans for the future after graduation?

I plan on attending Oregon State University, and studying Photography as well as German, and from there I plan on moving to Germany for a couple of years.



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Is now the time for a gap year?

Uncertainty has reigned over many students for the last year-plus. As the COVID-19 virus spread across the globe, schools were forced to transition to virtual learning. Some did so full-time, while others offered hybrid learning plans that combined virtual learning with in person instruction. Confronting that transition proved exhausting for parents and educators, but students also could not be blamed if they felt a little academic fatigue as they navigated learning during the pandemic.

Some students may have no choice but to carry on with their studies until schools return to more traditional, full-time classroom settings. But students about to graduate from high school or college may be wondering if now isn't an ideal time to take a gap year. Others may

be intrigued by gap years but not be entirely certain what they are. The following information can help students determine if a gap year is right for them.

What is a gap year?

The Gap Year Association defines a gap year as "a semester or year of experiential learning, typically taken after high school and prior to career or post-secondary education, in order to deepen one's practical, professional, and personal awareness." The GYA notes that no two gap years are alike, though the spirit of a gap year is to afford students a chance to expand their comfort zones and have a cross-cultural experience while ensuring they have the time to reflect on those experiences.



Do gap years derail students' academic careers?

Parents might be concerned that a gap year will derail students' academic careers by decreasing the likelihood that they will ultimately return to school. However, the GYA reports that 90 percent of students who take gap years enroll in a four-year institution within one year of completing their gap year. That can quell some of the concerns parents and even students may have about taking a year off from school at a time when many of their peers may be moving forward with their educations.

What do students do during their gap years?

Though the GYA notes that some space and time to explore the unknown is vital to a gap year, students who think a gap year may be right for them should know that such years are most effective when students engage themselves in activities designed to expand their horizons. Many students spend their gap years volunteering with a service organization while others may accept an internship to see what life in a given profession may be like.

Students have had to confront many challenges during the pandemic. Recent grads experiencing fatigue as a result of those challenges may find that now is the ideal time to take a gap year.

Boost chances of getting a new job

The recruiting strategist ERE Recruiting Intelligence estimates that 250 résumés are submitted for each corporate job opening, and the first submission occurs within 200 seconds after a position is posted. In such an environment, procrastination can be costly.

There also is stiff competition for those who think they will simply keep a résumé posted online and wait for the jobs to roll in. BeHiring says the popular job-hunting site Monster.com receives 427,000 résumé postings each and every week. Getting a better idea of how the hiring process works today can improve professionals' chances of getting a new job or even switching careers.

Understand there is a "hiring funnel"

Recruiters use a specific model for every job posting. Informally



dubbed the "hiring funnel," this is a reference to the number of total applications they need to generate in order to get a single hire. On average of the 1,000 who see an online job posting, 200 will begin the application process, 100 will actually follow

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Be creative with a résumé

Hundreds of people are vying for the same job, and human resources personnel who review applicants may spend 10 seconds reading over each résumé. As a result, it is essential to make a résumé stand out. Areas most perused on a résumé include job titles, companies worked for, start/end dates, and education. Make sure these key areas are visible and impressive.

Also, many résumés are scanned electronically, meaning if you do not format a résumé the correct way or use the appli-

cable software mentioned (often PDF formatting is rejected), the résumé may never get flagged and seen.

Network responsibly

Always connect with people you think can bring career benefits in some way rather than blindly networking. Keep your social media image professional as well, as you never know where a good lead or networking opportunity may come from.

Dress the part

If you're one of the lucky ones who earns an interview, keep the good momentum going by dressing in a manner that is appropriate for the role in which you are interviewing. Tidy hair, clean fingernails, minimal jewelry, classic attire, and a pleasant attitude can make a difference.

Do your research

Always conduct background research on the company you're interviewing with and the industry it's a part of. This way you'll be better apt to answer any questions that come your way. Don't be afraid to also prepare questions that you can ask the interviewer to show your interest.

Consider temp jobs

Rejections will certainly happen as you go along, but do not sit idly licking your wounds. A temporary position is better than being unemployed and can get your foot in the door. Work with a recruiter who may be able to place you in temp jobs, especially positions with an employer you have your eye on.

These tips and more can improve applicants' chances of getting a job.

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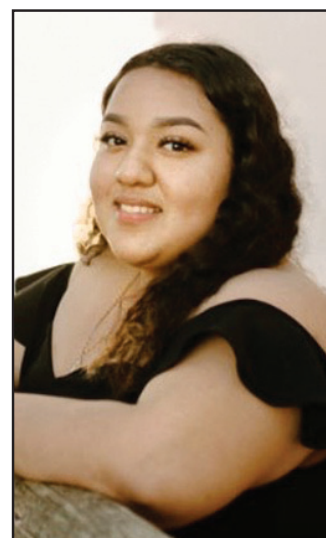
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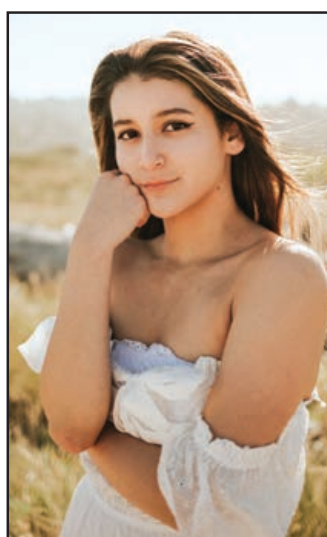
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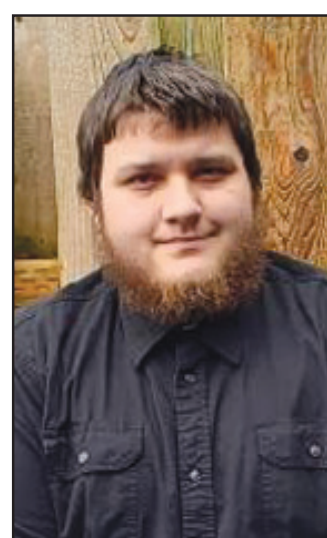
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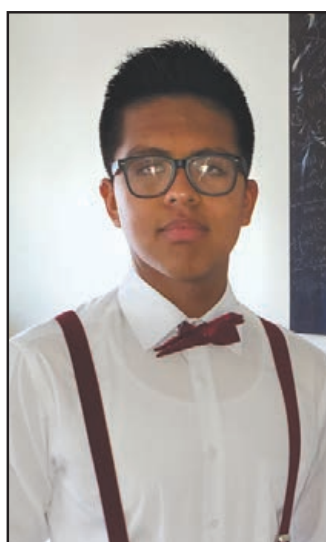
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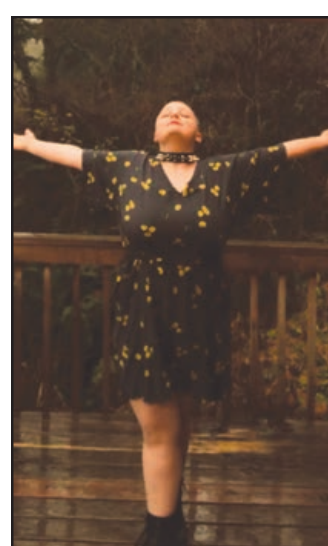
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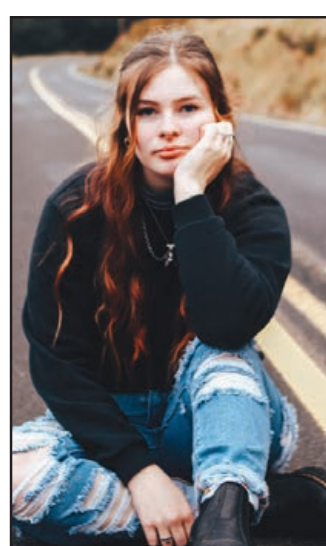
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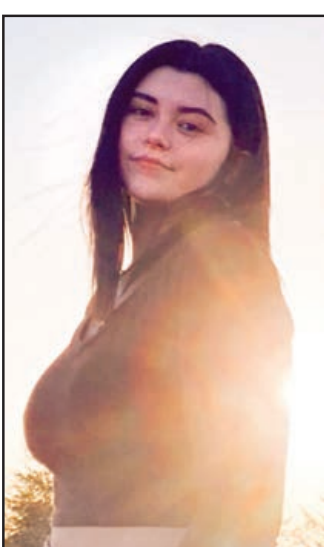
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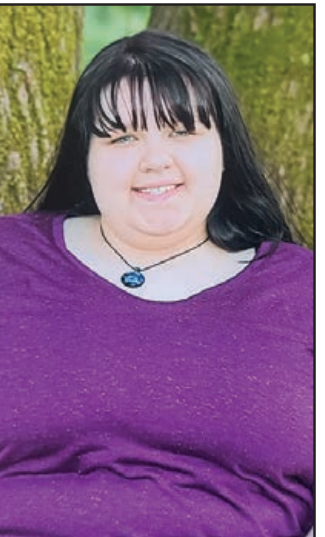
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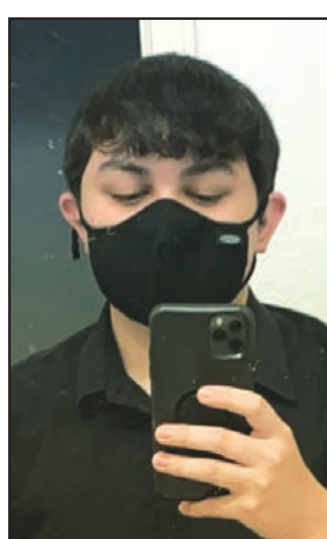
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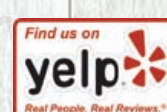


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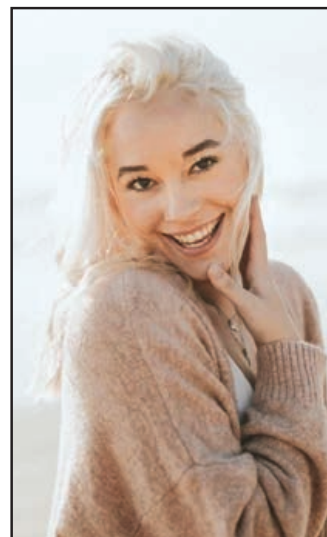
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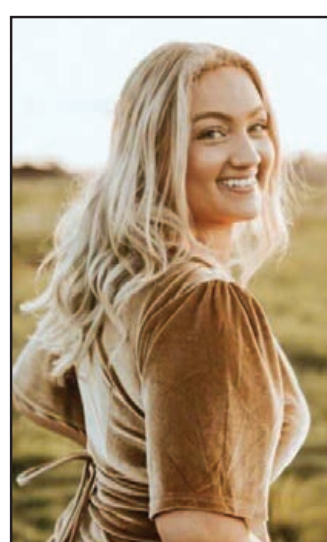
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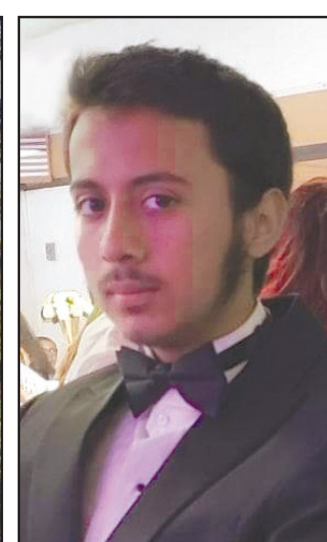
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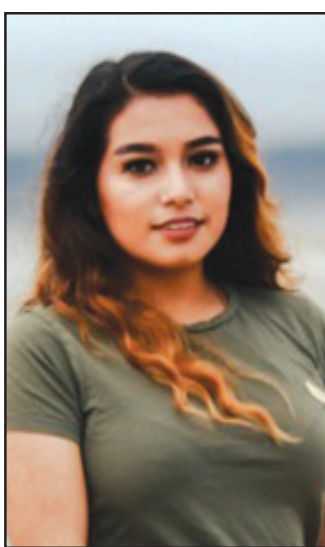
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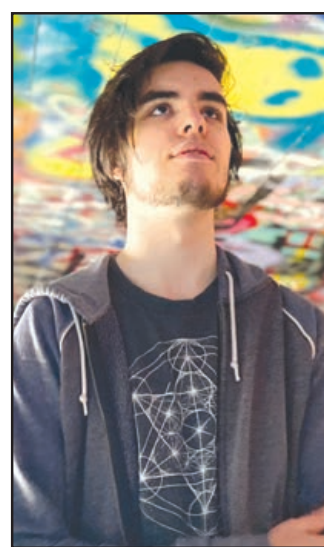
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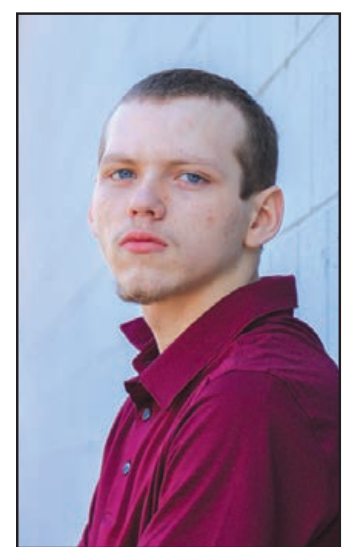
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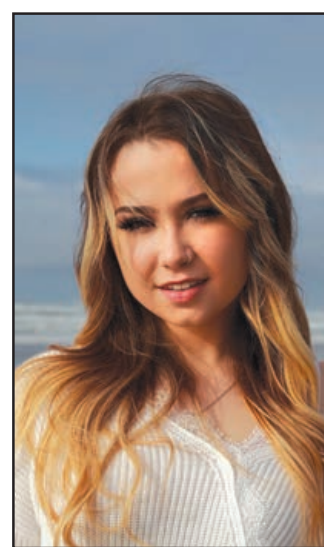
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