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Manzanita celebrates municipal judge Larry Blake Jr.

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Staff Writer

The City of Manzanita hosted a celebration Friday, July 16, at the Manzanita Police Department Garage Bay for 25 years of service by Judge Larry Blake Jr. as judge of Manzanita Municipal Court. The event was celebrated with cupcakes.

Former city manager Randy Kugler worked with Blake and said they had a good relationship and Blake has done a wonderful job.

“I know for a fact you don’t do this for the money,” Kugler said.

“You do this out of love for your community.”

Kugler said as a citizen, he appreciates everything Blake has done.

Mayor Mike Scott thanked Blake for helping with illegal short-term rentals.

The city presented Blake with a plaque.

“Presented to Larry Blake Jr. Twenty-five years of service.



Judge Larry Blake Jr.

Thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to the communities of Manzanita, Nehalem and Wheeler,” the plaque read.

Blake said it has been a pleasure to serve the city for 25 years. Before he was judge, Blake volunteered to help bring an ambulance crew into town.

One of Blake’s first cases as

judge in Manzanita was with Manzanita Grocery and Deli, now known as The Little Apple. A young man stole a bottle of wine. The owner at the time, Patty Rinehart, paid for the man’s counseling.

“To me, that was the essence of what it means to live in a small town,” Blake said.

Blake is currently the judge of nine small towns, Manzanita being the first. He recently celebrated his 20th anniversary in Philomath.

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Local author

Rockaway Beach storyteller presents new design book, “Storytelling”

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Staff Writer

Local marketer, photographer and storyteller Mike Arseneault has written a new book, “Storytelling.” The book features a collection of short stories, vintage and new photography, the history of Rockaway Beach and other places of historical significance in Tillamook County.

A limited number of books have been printed as a collector’s piece. The book comes in a custom designed envelope. The book provides ample photos and was created for people who have a passion for the north coast.

To honor Rockaway Beach and north county, the book went on sale for locals first July 9 at Simply Charming, located at 130 S. Hwy 101 in Rockaway Beach. A book signing took place July 17.

An official book launch will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 31 at the Garibaldi Historic U.S. Coast Guard Boathouse, located at 1209 Bay Lane in Garibaldi. Books can be purchased and signed at the launch. Arseneault will also talk about themes, his creative process and personal highlights.

A small book launch event will also take place at 4 p.m. Aug. 8 at the Hoffman Center for the Arts, located at 594 Laneda Ave. in Manzanita.

The book is also available for sale at Cloud & Leaf Bookstore, located at 148 Laneda Ave. in Manzanita, and by mail order through Arseneault. Order at mikes.arseneault@gmail.com

Arseneault has owned a property in Rockaway since 2011 and moved full time

TELLING STORIES



Author Mike Arseneault with his new book. *Courtesy photo by Julie Resnick.*

in 2017.

“I started to talk to more locals and find out more about sort of the history of the town,” Arseneault said. “The thing that really hooked me on the whole heritage angle was the natatorium and just understanding what that was.”

Arseneault said the COVID-19 pandemic was a catalyst for his book. During this time, he chose to spend more time doing projects. He started working on the book about one year ago.

In the book, readers will take a journey that starts in Rockaway Beach and then travels from Tillamook to Astoria. Topics included in the book include Rockaway Beach, Twin Rocks, Rockaway Natatorium, Astoria Column, Tillamook Rock Lighthouse, Lost Town of Bayocean, and much more.

Arseneault said the reason he wanted to do this book was a lot of locals do not know the history of these places, such as the mills in Garibaldi, and visitors were wanting to learn. He thought there was an angle in there to simplify and highlight the historical

places.

“Most people learn visually, I believe,” Arseneault said. “Most of the books coming out were black and white really detailed history. I thought, ‘I want to make it a simpler story.’”

Arseneault said he wanted to be connected to each place in the book and for people to think of their first memory at that location. He also likes to go for the little tidbits that are not commonly known. He hopes to inspire people about the past and bring more volunteers to connect to these places and participate.

Arseneault always looks for the emotional angle. For “Storytelling,” he picked all the places that mean something to him and have history, bringing the stories to life in a more contemporary way.

To keep up to date on book details and new stories, follow <https://www.facebook.com/groups/storytellingbyrecreatenow>

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Leaders respond to difficult wildfire season

Hilary Dorsey
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Nearly 450,000 acres of land have already burned across the state during this year’s wildfire season, Gov. Kate Brown announced during a wildfire briefing Tuesday, July 20. Nine large fires are currently burning.

“The weather conditions – windy and dry with lightning – are truly problematic,” Brown said. “It’s shaping up to be another difficult wildfire season.”

There are extensive drought conditions throughout the state, with 19 counties in drought emergencies. Teams from Utah and California have partnered with Oregon to respond to the Bootleg fire in the Fremont-Winema National Forest in Lakeview.

“Being prepared is one of the best ways you can help frontline firefighters do their jobs,” Brown said. “Make a plan with your family, sign up for local alerts at oralert.gov so you’re aware of fires in your community.”

Department of Forestry Fire Chief Doug Grafe said drought conditions across Oregon are driving the fire potential.

“Ninety percent of the state is in exceptional, extreme or severe drought conditions,” Grafe said.

The heat dome in late June – with 100 plus degrees – propelled the state into early fire conditions. There have been 580 fires to date.

“The future forest for the remainder of the season continues to look above normal dry and above normal temperatures,” Grafe said. “This is not going to return to normal anytime soon.”

Grafe said the Bootleg fire, the largest fire in the nation, has had 387,000 acres burned and is 30 percent contained. The fire began July 6. Lines are established on the west side.

“The east side remains problematic,” Grafe said.

State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple said significant work has been done on the southeast side. Lines are being secured and work is being done to contain the fire in and around community structures.

The Elbow Creek Fire began July 15 and has grown over 16,000 acres and is 15 percent contained, Grafe said. The fire is in the Grande Ronde River drainage near Mud Springs.

The Grandview Fire, reported July 11, located near Sisters, is now 72 percent contained and 6,032 acres burned.

“That’s going to be turned over to the local district this Thursday,” Grafe said.

For more information, visit <https://wildfire.oregon.gov/>

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Also available for purchase on the fair’s website are the Unlimited Carnival Wristbands, at the early discount price of \$30, good for one day use during the Tillamook County Fair. The Wristband purchase does not include Fair admission, and Wristband receipts may be exchanged at the Carnival Ticket Booth for an actual Wristband to be used

during Fair. Purchases made with a debit or credit card are subject to service fees. Wristbands may also be purchased onsite during Fair for \$40.

Parking passes will also be available onsite for purchase during the Fair.

The Tillamook County Fair runs Wednesday August 11 – 14, 10 a.m.–10 p.m. daily. Find more info at tillamookfair.com.



Hoffman Center for the Arts announces Aug. Show

Hoffman Center for the Arts is featuring the works of Crow’s Shadow Lithography & Joe Robinson and Audrey Sloan Anagama-fired ceramics during the month of August.

Crow’s Shadow Institute of the Arts — Crow’s Shadow Press

Crow’s Shadow Institute of the Arts [CSIA] was founded in 1992 by the painter, James Lavadour on the Confederated

Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. First envisioned as a center for local and regional Native and Indigenous artists to gain professional development opportunities and a space to continue creating art beyond their academic years, it has since grown into a leading fine-art, lithographic print studio serving not just local, but national and international artists from all walks of life through its artists-in-residence program.

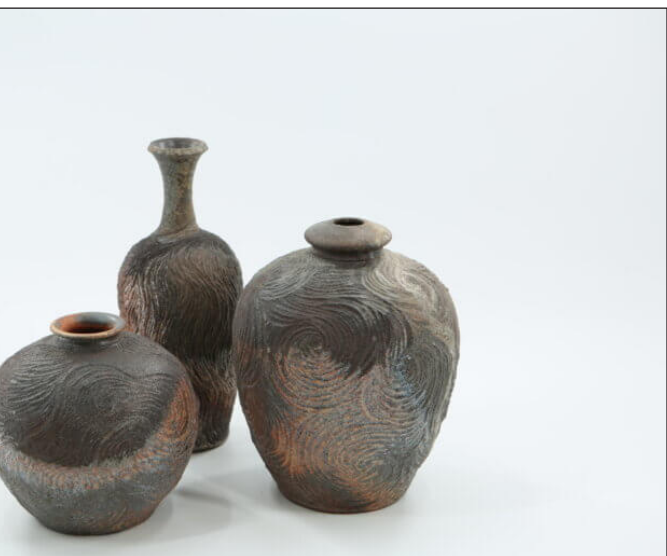
The residency program itself is small; only 3-6 artists per year are invited for two-week residencies. Each artist works closely with the Master Printer, Judith Baumann, to produce between 2-3 editions and/or a series of monotypes or monoprints. The artists range from painters and printmakers to sculptors, filmmakers, and even fiber artists. They are responsible for the creative output while the Master Printer and her assistants direct all technical aspects of the process. Once the residency is complete and the artists have departed, the Master Printer then works to publish the prints in limited editions; most number between 12-18 prints. One print of each edition is added to the CSIA Permanent Collection,

one is archived at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art at Willamette University in Salem, OR, and the remainder are made available for sale to individual collectors, museums and academic institutions. Works from the Crow’s Shadow Press have found their way into places such as the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian; the United States Library of Congress, the Whitney Museum of American Art, among others.

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Anagama fired ceramics

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Manzanita’s new city manager focuses on connections with community, local impact



Hilary Dorsey

Staff Writer

Leila Aman was sworn in as city manager of Manzanita on June 1. Since then, she has been learning the job and focusing on connecting with people in the community.

Aman grew up in Portland and graduated from Portland State University. She holds a Masters Degree in Regional Planning from Cornell University. She spent much of her life visiting Manzanita. She would visit relatives in Garibaldi, Bay City and Mohler.

“Manzanita’s always been my second home in a way,” Aman said. “I’ve spent lots of summers and vacations here.”

Aman has worked previously as a community devel-

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Yard debris vouchers available

Tillamook County started a burn ban for debris piles and barrels July 15. To assist citizens with disposal of yard debris during this ban, Oregon Department of Forestry is continuing the yard debris voucher program funded by a Title III grant and awarded through Tillamook County.

Vouchers are available at any fire department in the county and ODF office at 5005 Third Street in Tillamook. The vouchers can be used at Tillamook, Manzanita and Pacific City Transfer Stations to dispose of your yard debris free of charge.

Acceptable yard debris items include tree limbs, leaves, yard and lawn clippings, branches, twigs, shrubs, weeds, woody debris and rose clippings.

Vouchers will be available through September.

Extreme heat can also damage trees

What Oregonians may not have noticed while huddling inside during this week’s extreme heat was the damage those triple-digit temperatures may have been having on their trees. Some of that damage, such as wilting and scorching, will be obvious right away. But other harm may be less easy to spot just from looking.

Christine Buhl, PhD, is a forest scientist with ODF’s Forest Health Team. An expert on insect damage to trees, for years she has looked at trees with visible symptoms of decline and had to sort out what’s causing the damage – insect pests or environmental factors. The two main environmental factors are drought and excessive heat like what gripped the state this week.

“I’m seeing more and more the toll the long-term drought in Oregon is having on trees,” Buhl said. “Even trees



After a year off, Garibaldi Days draws crowds to small fishing village

Garibaldi Days was held Friday, July 23 through Sunday, July 25. The 2020 event was canceled because of the pandemic. The 61st anniversary of the festival has been themed “Garibaldi Days Lite.”

A fireworks display over Tillamook Bay took place July 24. The highlight of the celebration was the gala parade. Parade participants made the trek down Hwy 101 and parts of the city.

The parade’s grand marshal was Virgil Loudon, a Port of Garibaldi employee who recently retired after 32 years and who facilitated the parade for many years.

The marketplace featured a diverse group of vendors offering a variety of crafts, jewelry, keepsakes, food and more. Other events included live music, a silent auction at Garibaldi Museum, a classic car show, open house of the Garibaldi Historic U.S. Coast Guard Boathouse, and more.

Garibaldi Days is a proud tradition for the 800 residents of the city.



(Above) Crowds line the street to watch the parade. Photo by Hilary Dorsey. (Main) Donald Roddy captured this image of the fireworks display over the marina Saturday capping the days events at Garibaldi Days Lite.

that usually tolerate drought well are becoming stressed as we see the years with below-average rainfall start to outnumber those with good amounts of rain.”

When trees are drought-stressed, they cannot mount a strong defense against insect pests like bark beetles. “It may look like the insects are to blame but the underlying cause is the drought weakening the trees defensive capabilities,” said Buhl.

Add high heat to the mix and trees quickly face problems.

Buhl explains that – depending on species and local conditions – above about 95 degrees Fahrenheit, trees may pass more water from their leaves

to the air than they can pull from the soil with their roots. This can cause air bubbles to form in the channels leading from the roots to the leaves. Those bubbles break the chain of water molecules that are required to keep water moving upward through a tree.

“This breaking is called cavitation. Once that happens, parts of the tree above the bubbles don’t get water and start to dry out and die,” said Buhl.

Another response to high heat is that trees start closing the openings in their leaves to limit water loss.

“This shuts down a tree’s ability to photosynthesize. So it is no longer able to make food until temperatures cool a bit,” said Buhl. “This weak-

ens them and stunts their growth. It can also make it easier for pests to overcome their defenses.”

It is important during a drought and especially during a heat wave to make sure trees are well watered. But watering alone can’t prevent cavitation, leaf scorching or sunscald on thin-barked trees.

“There’s little forest landowners can do when temperatures soar into the 100s,” Buhl said. “But city dwellers may be able to shield young trees from direct sun by rigging up temporary shade tarps until the heat wave passes. That will lower the temperature slightly and protect thin bark from scalding, such as on red maples, Japanese maples, and European beeches.”

Leila

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opment director for the City of Milwaukie for two years. She oversaw implementation of the affordable housing strategic plan.

“While still at the City of Milwaukie, I was a development manager,” Aman said. “I oversaw all the city’s redevelopment activities.”

Aman said she had led the acquisition of a new city hall in this position. She was the development manager for two years.

“This is a really engaged and active community,” Aman said of Manzanita. “It’s been busy. I’ve been learning a lot. It’s been a lot of information, folks really reaching out.”

The city hall project demonstrates a thoughtful and engaged community in Manzanita who cares about the future of the city, Aman said.

“I think it’s an exciting project,” Aman said. “We’re starting to advance that now.”

Through the design process and community engagement, Aman believes the city and its citizens will come together around the right building to construct while following the goals the city set for the project and also being sensitive to the cost side of it.

“I’m looking forward to getting that project kicked off and working with the community to get us to something we can all be really happy about,” Aman said. “Ultimately, I need an office building for folks to work out of.”

Right now, the city is working in a smaller temporary location. The old city hall building was closed for extensive mold. The temporary location, located at 167 S. 5th St., is too small for public meetings. Aman said it is hard for her to have face-to-face meetings with more than two people in that space. The council will discuss how future city council meetings will be held – whether in person, virtually or a hybrid model – during a city council meeting Aug. 4.

Aman came to Manzanita because she was drawn to the sense of community. Aman said her career has been founded on community engagement and livability. During her time as city manager, she hopes to bring

folks together around a common vision for the city.

“It’s really important for us to understand how we want to grow as a city and then making that possible through whatever measures we can do,” Aman said.

Aman lives in Manzanita with her husband and their 10-year-old daughter.

“We feel so lucky to be a part of this community and to be in this environment,” Aman said. “It’s just really wonderful.”

Aman said her family has created bonds and connections with neighbors that she never experienced in Portland.

Having grown up in Portland, Aman has the perspective of seeing change happen. She believes there is opportunity for local impact in small towns, as small towns have an opportunity to dig deep into problems.

“Being able to engage in such a deep way with folks to help solve those problems collectively and collaboratively was one of the things that attracted me,” Aman said.

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County to keep McCraw as on-call emergency manager following retirement

Hilary Dorsey
Staff Writer

Tillamook County Board of Commissioners agreed during a meeting Wednesday, July 21, to keep retiring employee Gordon McCraw as an on-call emergency management director in the emergency management department in the county commissioners office.

Chair Mary Faith Bell said McCraw’s retirement is set to begin Aug. 2 and it would be beneficial to hire McCraw on a temporary basis.

“Not only does he have knowledge of emergency management specifically, but

also the bridge between counties and the state emergency management department, the bridge between counties and FEMA,” Bell said. “I think it’s in our best interest to have Gordon stick around and help us out with his institutional knowledge.”

The office of the emergency manager will now answer to the executive of the board of commissioners. Commissioner Erin Skaar agreed with Bell that it is important to being the position back to the county commissioners office.

“This is intended to be a transition and a bridge to get us from his retirement to having a new full-time person on board,” Skaar said.

Skaar said the council recently attended a Tillamook County Futures Council meeting and the community was clear that emergency preparedness is a priority.

“No matter what happens moving forward with Gordon’s position, please be aware there is a plan in place,” Vice-Chair David Yamamoto said. “We have had many discussions with the Fire Defense Board, and Adventist Health, and the sheriff’s office, 911 center, and everyone who needs to be involved in emergency management.”

The commissioners had a meeting Monday, July 19, with professional leaders of fire defense, as well as concerned citizens, and got information on how the county can improve emergency management moving forward, Bell said.

“Our emergency response is pretty darn good in Tillamook County because we have so much practice,” Bell said.

Bell said one of the areas that can be improved on is communication.

The commissioners approved the personnel requisition for a replacement grant-funded returning employee as an on-call emergency management director in the emergency management department, located in the county commissioners office.

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Opinion Letters and Columns

Manzanita’s Cultural Divide

A contentious Manzanita City Council meeting took place earlier this month regarding the cost, size and location of the village’s new City Hall.

The debate that ensued, in my estimation, is the overarching story of life in and around north Tillamook County, for the various disputes Manzanita and other similar communities grapple with are, in essence, really about the cultural divides that exist among us.

We don’t have the kind of population diversity in Manzanita, which, unfortunately, underlies many of the political conflicts that occurs across the country.

But we have our own kind of diversity – fulltime residents, second-homeowners, and Short-Term Rental (STR) owners.”

Each group has their own motivations. The majority of full-timers are here to live their lives in a “small village environment” that they long craved, while second homeowners may hover somewhere between “residents-in-training” and investors.

With varying motivations among the three groups, and with some demographic variations among the groups in terms of age and wealth, it is not surprising that the groups (while not monoliths) approach local issues differently.”

It all boils down to how we pay for the services we receive, which at present

mainly comes down to taxing the users of STRs. Of course, a good many residents are fine with this formula and see nothing wrong with attracting additional STR visitors – and with them, their tax revenue.

Others, however, say that encouraging visitors to come here has had an adverse impact on our quality of life, and besides, it costs us more in terms of extra public safety, public works, etc.

We’re often told that our economy depends on tourism, but is that really true for 600-plus fulltime residents? Isn’t the primary occupation for them to simply be “retired.”? Don’t they rely primarily on their investments, and/or their monthly Social Security checks?

The shops and bistros are nice to have, but they exist primarily to attract visitors.

Seaside is fully dependent on tourism, while we in Manzanita are impacted by it.

If any of us cared to build a thriving community, and hoped to promulgate the kind of social connectedness that is the hallmark of great places to live, one most likely would not choose a path by which the vast majority of our houses sit idle for massive chunks of the year.

Ironically, most people who visit or look to become second-homeowners are lured to Manzanita because it is supposedly this quaint little village by the sea. But, the more the quaint village becomes addicted to outsider tax revenue, the less quaint it is.

Then, add to that the reality that those who cast their ballot here pay less of the tab than those who don’t, and the needs and wants on either side of the dividing line often seem to diverge.

If our lawmakers focus solely on fulltime residents, the people who vote and really the only people who have empowered me to do anything, then we will come up with a much different set of values and cost-tolerance than if we were to pay heed to the majority of homeowners here whose primary concern has to do with monetary investment or vacation options – something much less than whatever it may mean to commit to Manzanita fulltime and call this place home.

Back in May, Manzanita Today ran on piece on second-homeowners, which painted a rather rosy picture of that dynamic and how this group has made positive contributions to our social fabric.

But there is a lot more

complexity to it than that, and until we all come to terms with the unique dynamic that we have here, we are going to continue to struggle with making good, long-term decisions that promote something close to a unified vision of what we want to be as a community.

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Manzanita

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Fair 4-H Fashion Revue set

The public is invited to attend the 4-H Fashion Revue at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 29, in the auditorium (skating rink) at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds. The revue will feature Tillamook County 4-H clothing, knitting and crocheting members and the outfits or items they have sewn, knitted or crocheted this year and the ready-to-wear contest that features outfits purchased and accessorized by the participant for less than \$25. At the conclusion of the revue, awards will be presented to the champion and reserve champion in each age division and delegates to state fair will be announced.

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NKN baseball JBO Senior Baseball Team qualifies for state

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Athletes pictured
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Keeping safe, in an environmentally conscious manner

Fire season is upon us, and this year is especially dry. While some may continue to debate the causes of climate change, the fact that our local climate is changing is clear as the sky on a typical Tillamook County summer day. As I talk to people throughout the County, I realize that many do not realize what a good deal we have available to us here locally. Thanks to federal dollars, ODF is able to provide local residents with an opportunity to dispose of their yard debris at no charge. This is first and foremost an effort to assist residents in establishing and maintaining defensible spaces (30') around their homes. This helps reduce the risk of wildfire impacting your home. Far too many of our friends saw wildfires near their homes during the Labor Day fires last year, and the risk is just as high this year. Rather than burning the debris you clear from around your home, you can dispose of it free-of-charge at any of our three county transfer stations.



The yard debris collected at the transfer stations is hauled to Tillamook, where it is chipped and sent to a local composting facility. There our yard debris is mixed with manure from several dairy farms, and processed into quality compost. Most of that compost is utilized on farms, but some is used by landscapers. Compost provides the soil with valuable nutrients, as well as a structure that retains moisture. This quality helps our soil better withstand dry periods, helping protect the root system of whatever grass, plant, bush or tree it covers.

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David McCall
Solid Waste Program Manager



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