



Senator Jeff Merkley and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici field questions from the large crowd at Neah-Kah-Nie High School on February 22.

# Merkley, Bonamici sound alarm on ‘constitutional crisis’ at Tillamook town hall

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As 450 concerned constituents packed the Neah-Kah-Nie High School gymnasium on February 22, Senator Jeff Merkley and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici sounded the alarm about the Trump administration’s early actions. Merkley said that the moment represented a constitutional crisis and both exhorted worried citizens to contact representatives and join politically active groups. “Our system is built on an understanding the executive will obey the laws, and when the executive stops obeying the law, everything starts to



Merkley and Bonamici both implored constituents to stay engaged on concerns they had about actions by the Trump Administration.

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# NVHD clinic on track for October opening

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Work is progressing on schedule and budget at the Nehalem Valley Health District’s new clinic and pharmacy building in Wheeler, keeping the project on pace for completion in early September and a grand opening a month later. Crews are currently working to com-

plete the roughing in process for different utilities and will then move onto hanging drywall in the coming weeks. Marc Johnson, President of the Nehalem Valley Health District (NVHD) Board of Directors, said that he was excited to see the project take shape and believed it would be a great asset for the community. “I’m going to go out on a limb and say that I think people will be really pleased with this building when it is complete,” Johnson said. Work on the \$12.2-million facility began last July with a groundbreaking ceremony and represents the first step in a \$15.5-million makeover of the district’s facilities, the majority of which is being financed by a \$10.25-million bond approved by voters in May 2023.

Kevin McMurry, a senior superintendent with Bremik Construction overseeing the project, recently gave the Headlight Herald and Johnson a tour of the construction. The facility’s first floor will be home to the district’s medical clinic and pharmacy, which will have separate entrances to reduce congestion. The new clinic will be home to 15 exam rooms, more than doubling the current clinic’s seven, allowing for much greater efficiency as care teams will be able to accommodate multiple patients at the same time, according to Johnson. The floor will also have an x-ray

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Representative Cyrus Javadi

# Javadi pushes TLT reform in Salem

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With 2025’s long legislative session in full swing in Salem, Representative Cyrus Javadi is working hard to push for a change to Oregon’s transient lodging tax allotment requirements. Counties along the coast have been clamoring for a change in the allotment as their budgets are stretched tight by restrictions on property tax increases coupled with a growing number of visitors who are straining public safety and infrastructure resources. Javadi said that though similar proposals have failed in the face of withering opposition from the Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association (ORLA), he feels like there is a strong chance for a change this year, as more legislators become familiar with the issue. “As we started having those discussions in the building here at the capitol, it was clear that there were a lot of legislators who would like to see something changed with the transient lodging tax,” Javadi said. Passed in 2003, House Bill 2267 established the current regime for transient lodging tax (TLT) collection across the State of Oregon. The bill allowed city and county governments to institute a TLT in their jurisdiction and required that the revenues generated by the tax be split, with 70% dedicated to the construction of tourism-related facilities or tourism promotion, while the remaining 30% could be used for any purpose. Most jurisdictions across the state have since instituted a TLT, but as tourism has boomed in certain areas of the state with small populations, particularly along the coast and in Hood River and Deschutes Counties, problems have arisen. With property taxes frozen and the assessed value of properties limited to 3% annual increases, jurisdictions in these areas have found their budgets crunched as they try to handle the emergency response and infrastructure needs generated by large numbers of visitors. For at least a decade, members of those communities have proposed changing the split and Javadi said that it had been one of the main issues raised throughout his time campaigning and serving in Salem. “This was an issue brought to my attention from the very first day that I announced I was going to run for office in 2021,” Javadi said, “and that was that the transient lodging tax was a potential solution to some budget issues at the county and city level.” After spending his first term in Salem getting familiar with the legislature and its processes, Javadi focused on the issue in his 2024 campaign for reelection and has made it his main priority in this year’s long session. Currently, there are two bills on the table to address the issue. The first, proposed by Javadi in his campaign, would see a group of counties with high tourism designated for a different split in the tax’s allocation, with 50% of TLT revenues made available to the counties’ general funds. The second bill would simply change the definition section of the current bill to include law enforcement and tourist facility maintenance in the allowed expenditures for the 70% of restricted funds. Both bills are going to begin the legisla-

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TCVA's staff, Dan Haag, Lisa Hayden, Nan Devlin, Mariah Surat and Nicole Steen (left to right), during the awards presentation ceremony at the banquet.



Mark and Linda Lytle of Pacific City Fishing and Jim Skaar (right) were recognized for excellence in marketing at the banquet.

# TCVA fetes tourist industry

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The Tillamook Coast Visitors Association hosted its annual tourism awards banquet at the Red Barn at the Tillamook Creamery Association on February 21.

Guests were treated to a dinner catered by the creamery association and given a virtual tour of tourism across the county, with awards given to businesses and organizations doing standout work.

The evening kicked off with hors d'oeuvres as guests filtered in, before Tillamook Coast Visitors Association (TCVA) Director Nan Devlin welcomed attendees and recognized the elected officials who were present. Devlin shared that the association has recently hired an admin-

istrations and operations assistant and has a new tourism sector coordinator beginning on March 1, which will bring them to full staffing for the first time in a decade.

Devlin then shared a video produced by TCVA celebrating the Cape Meares Loop Road Project, which was awarded Project of the Year in 2024, and another video discussing the vision of and projects accomplished by TCVA.

Dan Haag, TCVA's trails and outdoor recreation manager, then talked about the association's work with Wheel the World, which aims to increase accessibility and make the process of visiting tourist destinations seamless for people with different needs. Tillamook County was named an accessible destination by the

program last year and Haag shared a video showing some of the programs that helped the county garner that recognition, including the multiple David's Chair beach wheelchairs across the county.

After dinner, Devlin returned to the stage and began a presentation about developments in Tillamook Tourism in the past year, during which she handed out the awards.

Tillamook County Historical Society was given an award for Excellence in Cultural Heritage in recognition for its work to preserve Cloverdale's Main Street. The society was founded almost 40 years ago to preserve the county's history and engages with the community through hands-on projects, plaques that mark sites of historical interest, publishing books

and newsletters, and conducting tours.

The Blimp Base Disc Golf Course at the Port of Tillamook Bay was recognized for Excellence in Outdoor Recreation. The disc golf course was constructed with \$8,000 in funding from TCVA, \$10,000 from the Oregon Coast Visitor's Association and a \$75,000 facilities grant from Tillamook County.

Opened last year, the course currently comprises nine holes on thirty acres next to Anderson Hill and has welcomed almost 1,000 players to date. Slade Sapora who has overseen the course's construction said that nine more holes will be added this year and that when complete the course will be the only professional-level course on the Oregon

Coast. Sapora also said that the Tillamook Disc Golf Club, which runs the course, is now a registered 501(c)3.

D.J. and Jaimie Josi, of Josi Farms, were recognized for Excellence in Culinary Agritourism award for their farm stand and work educating local kids about farming.

Cape Meares Community Association received the award for Excellence in Community Stewardship for their work on a project to preserve 107 acres of the forest containing the community's watershed. The group consummated the purchase by partnering with the Conservation Fund, which will eventually sell the parcel to the Cape Meares National Wildlife refuge for permanent protection.

Pacific City Fishing and Nordic Pirate Guide

Service were recognized for Excellence in Marketing and Sidney and Larry Oswald were awarded for their Excellence in Business Development for Twins Ranch LLC, which offers a bevy of services in Bay City and Garibaldi, including catering, a restaurant and dog grooming.

Rockaway Beach's Sand Dollar Restaurant and Lounge was given an award for Excellence in Accessibility for its owners' dedication to creating an environment that is welcoming to all. Nehalem's Riverbend Players were awarded for Excellence in Arts and Culture and the City of Manzanita received recognition for Excellence in Destination Management for its recent rebranding and wayfinding efforts.

# Neah-Kah-Nie superintendent talks budget crunch

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As his district has taken a million-dollar budget haircut this year, Neah-Kah-Nie Superintendent Tyler Reed is

working to minimize impacts to students and staff and continue the district's strong performance.

In a recent interview with the Headlight Herald, Reed said that he is concerned that

further cuts could be coming to the portion of the district's budget supported by federal dollars with the recent administrative change in Washington and that he hoped to educate citizens about potential impacts.

"We just want to do right by kids and our staff and continue to be a great asset to the Neah-Kah-Nie School District," Reed said.

Neah-Kah-Nie School District has historically sat in an advantageous financial position, supported by strong property values in its coastal communities and receiving \$2-3 million annually from harvests on timberlands held in trust in the Tillamook State Forest. This has allowed the district to forego funding from the state, as it does not qualify for the school equalization fund, though it does receive around a million dollars towards its roughly \$15-million annual budget from the federal government.

That position of strength took a hit last March, however, when the Oregon Board of Forestry approved a habitat conservation plan (HCP) for

western Oregon state forests that limits harvest areas and consequently volumes to comply with federal laws. Though the plan still has to be approved by federal agencies, the Oregon Department of Forestry began offering timber sales under the new plan's constrictions this year, leading to revenue decreases for the department and counties and various special districts that receive portions of the forest funds.

For Neah-Kah-Nie, the partial implementation has already had a drastic impact, with revenue down by around a million dollars for this fiscal year, according to Reed. While the district has thus far been able to address the falling revenues by reducing training expenditures and economizing building budgets, Reed said that further revenue cuts would eventually force staffing or programmatic reductions.

"The HCP is not even fully implemented yet and so that scares us," Reed said. "And so, what has to happen is, I mean, we have to start

cutting programming or staff."

Since the HCP was approved, Governor Tina Kotek has been working with leaders from the affected timberland counties and the Oregon Department of Education to discuss ways to make up for the timber revenue cuts, though no potential solutions have yet been made public. Reed said that he was open to any answer put forward by the group but that he was concerned that Neah-Kah-Nie's strong property values might lead to its exclusion from additional funding.

As the district works to get a handle on the implications of the HCP, a process made easier by past boards' prudent fiscal decisions, Reed said that he has become concerned about the impact that changes at the federal level could bring.

While he did not have any specific fears, Reed said that losing part or all the \$982,667 that the district received from Washington in fiscal year 2024 would serve to exacerbate the existing issues and that he wanted to

share with the community the purposes for which those dollars are allocated.

The largest federal grant, \$288,926.39, comes to support low-income elementary school students, with the second largest sum, \$222,341.52, used for low-income student meal reimbursement, a program which has been on the table in recent budget cuts proposed by congressional Republicans. The next largest recipients of federal dollars are Neah-Kah-Nie's special education program, which received \$139,970.51, and its college and career readiness program, which received \$104,828.

The balance of the funding comes through a bevy of different grants and programs, including those to support homeless students, technology and rural schools.

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# Town Hall

## Merkley, Bonamici

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crumble,” Merkley said. “That is a constitutional crisis right there that we have to confront in a very fierce fashion.”

The town hall, one of 36 that Merkley hosts each year in every Oregon county, was moved from its traditional location at the Officers’ Mess at the Port of Tillamook Bay in anticipation of large crowds, after recent town halls have drawn crowds of hundreds, several times larger than in past years.

Throughout the hour-long meeting, around a dozen constituents asked questions of the representatives, with all focused on concerns about the Trump administration’s actions and the Democratic response.

Merkley and Bonamici both defended their party’s response to the Trump administration’s aggressive actions, while pointing out that being the minority party in both the Senate and House of Representatives limited their options.

Merkley mentioned several recent marathon budget committee hearings where he and fellow Democratic senators pushed Republicans on the budget being proposed, which included cuts to Medicaid and other social programs. Merkley said that he and his colleagues had gone amendment by amendment to force committee Republicans to show where their priorities really lay. They also proposed an amendment saying that the budget would not include tax cuts for mega millionaires but were rebuffed.

“The whole night just put in stark relief what the real plan is for team Trump,” Merkley said, “and to me this is a great betrayal because this is a president who campaigned on defending families and then he’s in office and it’s

about undercutting the programs that families depend on to thrive and giving away the government to the richest Americans.”

Bonamici said that she has been spending time rallying at various agencies, including the Department of Education and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to try to bring attention to the impacts the changes were having.

In response to constituent concerns about the Department of Government Efficiency, Bonamici said that Elon Musk, the department’s head, was sharing false and misleading information about the agency’s cuts. Bonamici said that she and other Democrats were not opposed to increasing efficiency, but that mass layoffs and programmatic cuts were not the correct approach.

“We can always find smarter, better ways to do things, like around the FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) rollout, you know, that could have been a heck of a lot better,” Bonamici said, “but you don’t just lay people off without a plan or without an understanding of the consequences of the layoffs.”

In addition to concerns about the department’s approach, Bonamici also took Musk to task over conflicts of interest engendered by his companies’ billions of dollars in government contracts and interactions with federal regulators. “He has a lot of government contracts with a lot of business,” Bonamici said, “is he doing this for the good of the country or is he doing this for his profit motive?”

Merkley also took Musk, Trump and senate Republicans to task, calling out threats made by President Trump that the billionaire would finance primary challenges against Republicans who opposed the confirmation of Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, characterizing it as blackmail.

“Have we ever been at



Several town hall attendees had signs, with one (pictured here) parading around the gym in the leadup to the meeting leading chants against Elon Musk.

a point in our nation where the president is essentially blackmailing members of the senate to get their loyalty, rather than a leadership through ideals and a passion and just positive pathways forward instead of blackmailing members of the senate,” Merkley said. “Those Republican senators need to get a spine and stand up for our country”

Likewise, Merkley raised concerns about the Supreme Court agreeing with the Trump administration’s arguments for a unitary executive capable of cutting programs approved by congress and violating the separation of powers in a way that would effectively turn the president into a monarch.

“If you do that, you have broken the line that’s so essential to the separation of the powers, between congress writing

the law and the president enacting it,” Merkley said. “At that point, we do not have a president, we have a king or a future queen and that’s not okay because we are Americans, and we stand for the republic. Every patriotic American is going to have to be in the streets and be loud and be aggressive to save our republic.”

Merkley said that the mere specter of such a decision was a perfect example of the need for reform of the Supreme Court, mentioning that he was arguing for a bill to set fixed terms for the court and institute a code of ethics. Merkley also said that the congress needed to pass legislation to get rid of the Citizens United ruling, which said that corporations were people and entitled to free speech, which could take the form of political contributions.

In response to questions from constituents about the best ways for citizens to get involved, both urged people to continue to be engaged.

Bonamici said that voters should contact their representatives in Washington to let them know about their concerns and especially to share stories about the impacts the changes were having on their lives. “People are really, really wanting us to do something, I said a lot of it is going to come from the people,” Bonamici said. “When they start talking to their representatives and saying, ‘look, this is not helping us in our rural community as well,’ then we’re going to start to see more people push back, I hope.”

Bonamici said that people should also work to counter false information when they hear it from

friends and family and build and strengthen bonds within their communities. “Stay strong and stay together,” Bonamici said, “some people feel sort of overwhelmed and scared, which is understandable, but that’s part of their goal is to wear us down and to say, you know, we’re going overwhelm you with all this.”

Merkley urged concerned citizens to join affinity groups, mentioning Indivisible, Move On, Planned Parenthood and the Sierra Club. He applauded those in attendance at the town hall for acting and implored them to continue.

“It’s like, get off the sofa,” Merkley said. “If you get off the sofa and do everything you can and we do everything we can, then we will turn the table on this, really what is a coup.”

# JAVADI

## TLT Reform

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tive process with a hearing in the Emergency Management Committee, before advancing to the Revenue Committee. Javadi said that he plans to hold a meeting with representatives from ORLA, which still opposes changes to the split, and the Association of Oregon Counties and League of Oregon Cities, which support an update, as well as other stakeholders, to come to a compromise on which bill to move forward.

“I think in the end what will happen will be some type of compromise in there that makes the most sense so that we don’t push too far but that we don’t make the mistake also of not going far enough,” Javadi said.

While he expects ORLA to fight to maintain the current split, Javadi said that he is bullish on the prospect

of a bill advancing, given the issues that have become apparent with the current split. Not only have highly visited localities struggled to meet growing demands posed by tourists, they have also struggled to spend the restricted funds on projects as required, with Seaside amassing \$9 million in reserves and Lincoln City \$6 million.

As for other issues on the docket for this session, Javadi said that he was opposed to increasing the fuel or truck mileage taxes to help pay for transportation costs, instead favoring cutting down on duplicative costs and increasing transparency at the Oregon Department of Transportation. However, he said that he expected Democrats to use their super majority to increase taxes.

Javadi is also sponsoring several other bills, including the Habitat Conservation Plan Transparency Bill that would require the Oregon Department of Forestry to share more detailed timber harvest pro-

jection data with counties to help them map out their revenues. “(It’s) so that we can make sure the harvest levels in the forest management plans that we’ve adopted will provide some type of predictability for the revenue for counties going forward,” Javadi said.

Another bill proposed by Javadi would instruct the Department of Forestry to decrease their lease rates for telecommunications providers to promote the addition of new cell towers in Northwest Oregon. Currently, the department charges \$40,000 for an annual lease for a macro tower site while federal agencies charge between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

Javadi is also working on bills to reduce the minimum purchases for businesses to use car lock gas stations, define homeless camps to help cities and counties address them and expand OHP to cover emergency dental procedures for seniors while the state applies for total coverage with the federal government.



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HOCUS - FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

References: 1. Light is moved. 2. Nose is smaller. 3. Buttonholes are added. 4. Bricks are lower. 5. Headlight is missing. 6. Shirt is different.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9					2	7		6
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Super Crossword

Answers

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I M M O R T A L O X H E A R T P O L I  
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K O N G E D N A E E O C S A T I O N  
C L I E N T A P P L I C A T I O N  
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R A R I N B R R M E W L E D  
C O N F E S S I O N B O X S N I G L E T  
A S O F W H O M L O I R E L O C I  
E R I E P A R T N E R D A N C E  
T O U R E R O N E N E S S O O Z I E R  
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T A S E E X E D O U T E M E N D I N G  
S E E S D O S A G E S E I N E L E A



NVHD  
CLINIC  
On track

From Page A1

machine, both communal and private workspaces for the clinic staff and the clinic's waiting room, which will feature picture windows with a view over the Nehalem Bay towards Neahkahnie Mountain.

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

offices and a community meeting room. Johnson said that at a recent meeting the district's owner's representative for the project estimated that the project was 42% complete. Johnson also said that the project was on budget and that the owner's contingency was untouched.

McMurry said that the project had used all five of its scheduled weather delays but that it remained on track for a substantial completion on the scheduled date of September 8. "We've had a little bit of everything on the coast, and that's expected," McMurry said.

Following the handover, Johnson said that district staff will spend about a month moving into and familiarizing themselves with the new facility before a grand opening in early October.



The clinic's waiting room will feature a panoramic view of Nehalem Bay and Neahkahnie Mountain.

Tillamook County criminal convictions

STAFF REPORT

On January 17, Patricia Marie Munoz, 39, pled no contest to one count of menacing, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about December 27, 2024. Munoz was sentenced to two years' probation.

On February 3, Elijah Allen Huntsman, 19, pled guilty to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about August 21, 2023. Huntsman was sentenced to two days in jail and two years' bench probation, and his driver's license was suspended for one year.

On February 3, Kandyye Arlene Cervantes, 33, was sentenced after pleading guilty on June 24, 2024, to one count of criminal driving with a suspended or revoked license, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about April 2, 2024. Cervantes was sentenced to time served in jail.

On February 3, Tamara Marie Harris, 49, pled no contest to one count of theft in the third degree, a class A violation, committed on or about September 22, 2024. Harris was fined \$440.

On February 5, Steven Ray Haney, 46, pled no contest to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about August 19, 2024. Haney was sentenced to two days in jail and two years' probation, and his driver's license was suspended for one year.

On February 6, Autumn Strang admitted one count of being in contempt of court and was sentenced to 18 months' probation.

On February 7, Nicholas Edward Murray, 43, pled no contest to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about November 5, 2023. Murray was sentenced to a week in jail and three years' probation, and his driver's license was suspended for three years.

On February 10, Misty

Kay Brown, 41, pled no contest to one count of attempting to commit a class C or unclassified felony, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or between May 1, 2023, and September 30, 2023. Brown's conviction was discharged.

On February 10, Ruben Haeden Mata, 27, pled guilty to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about November 10, 2024. Mata was sentenced to two days in jail and three years' probation, his driver's license was suspended for three years and he was ordered to pay \$7,041.80 in restitution to Lunacy Coffee.

On February 11, Timathia Mahreet Rowland, 42, pled no contest to one count of escape in the third degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about January 26, 2023. Rowland was sentenced to 120 days in jail.

On February 20, Jeremy M. Galloway, 38, pled no contest to one count of failure to appear in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about April 29, 2024. Galloway was sentenced to five days in jail and ordered to pay \$300 in attorney fees.

On February 21, Richard Adam Alfred Jenck, 43, pled guilty to one count of failure to appear in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about July 15, 2024, and one count of use of ESG/tear gas/mace in the second degree, also a class A misdemeanor, committed on about November 30, 2024. Jenck was sentenced to 60 days in jail and ordered to pay \$368 in attorney fees.

On February 21, Brian Edward Wilgus, 48, pled guilty to one count of theft in the third degree, a class C misdemeanor, committed on or about December 17, 2023, one count of failure to appear in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about June 10, 2024, one count of felon in possession of a

restricted weapon, a class A misdemeanor committed on or about December 19, 2024, and one count of carrying a concealed weapon, a class B misdemeanor, committed on or about December 19, 2024. Wilgus was sentenced to 60 days in jail.

On February 24, Jennifer Rae Wise, 50, pled no contest to violation of wildlife law with a culpable mental state—taking, angling, hunting or trapping in violation of wildlife law or rule, a class A violation, committed on or about November 18, 2024. Wise was assessed a \$440 fine.

On February 24, Michael Earl Little Jr., 41, pled no contest to violation of wildlife law with a culpable mental state—taking, angling, hunting or trapping in violation of wildlife law or rule, a class A violation, committed on or about November 18, 2024. Little was fined \$440.

On February 24, Lance Eric Witham, 57, pled no contest to violation of wildlife law with a culpable mental state—taking, angling, hunting or trapping in violation of wildlife law or rule, a class A violation, committed on or about November 27, 2024. Witham was fined \$440 and ordered to pay \$300 in restitution.

On February 24, Valery Nicholas Silva, 32, pled no contest to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class C felony, committed on or about December 28, 2024. Silva was sentenced to 90 days in jail and four years' probation, and his driver's license was revoked for life.

On February 24, Ralph Richard Tramp, 77, pled no contest to violation of wildlife law with a culpable mental state—taking, angling, hunting or trapping in violation of wildlife law or rule, a class A violation, committed on or about November 27, 2024. Tramp was fined \$440 and ordered to pay \$300 in restitution.

On February 25, Richard Allen McEachern, 66, pled

no contest to two counts of recklessly endangering another person, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about February 9. McEachern was sentenced

to 30 days in jail and two years' probation, and his driver's license was suspended for 90 days.

On February 25, James Allen Kasanos II, 47, pled

no contest to one count of failure to appear in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about December 13, 2024. Kasanos was sen-

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R E V A E B S Q P S T R N S L  
S Q U I R R E L J T H A F K E  
C A G R O U N D H O G B R N Y  
X S L I B R E G V M C Y E U U  
S Q S E N I P U C R O P T M P  
N M C D K J H F E A Y A S P C  
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M Y X G I P A E N I U G A H V  
U T R S A L L I H C N I H C Q

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: DAM BUILDER

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|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Blesmol     | Coypu      | Hamster    | Prairie dogs |
| Capybara    | Gerbils    | Marmots    | Rats         |
| Chinchillas | Groundhog  | Mice       | Squirrel     |
| Chipmunks   | Guinea pig | Porcupines |              |

CryptoQuote  
answer

Don't fight a battle if you don't gain anything by winning.  
— Erwin Rommel

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# Pirates’ season ends with playoff loss

WILL CHAPPELL  
CITIZEN EDITOR

The Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates boys’ basketball team ended their season with a first-round home playoff loss, falling 68-56 to the Douglas Trojans on February 26.

Neah-Kah-Nie kept the game close throughout but cold shooting in the second half and a size disadvantage let the Trojans build a small but decisive lead. Ethan Hanson led the pirates with 20 points on the night, while Dylan Sigman chipped in 15 and Jordan Lewis added 11.

Neah-Kah-Nie came out hot, with Sigman giving the Pirates a 4-0 lead with a putback and fast-break layup off a Brady Douma steal, but Douglas responded with a three to get their offense started. Five more points gave the Trojans a four-point lead before a Hanson three ended the run and a Clayton Dante three tied the game at ten.

The game tightened up for the rest of the quarter from there, with both teams playing strong defense and forcing repeated turnovers. Dante and Hanson guided the Pirates through the rough stretch and at the end of one they trailed 20-19.

In the second quarter, Neah-Kah-Nie was ice cold to start, with only a Hanson midrange jumper and Lewis three through four



Dylan Sigman scores an inside basket in the first quarter against Douglas.

minutes, though Douglas was similarly sluggish and had only stretched its lead slightly to 29-26. The Pirates continued to struggle on offense in the

waning minutes of the half, and Douglas managed to stretch the lead to seven, 36-29, with a buzzer-beating three as the half ended. Neah-Kah-Nie came out

strong offensively to start the second, with threes from Lewis and Hanson and a Sigman free throw trimming the lead back to 40-36 after two and a half

minutes, but the Trojans regrouped and answered with five straight, drawing a Pirate timeout. Douglas started to definitively win the re-

bound battle as the quarter dragged on, using second chance and transition points to maintain their margin. Lewis and Douma both hit threes as time ticked down in the third, but the rest of the Pirates remained cold from outside and by the time the quarter ended, they trailed the Trojans 52-44.

Sigman cut the lead to six with a lay in on the first possession of the fourth, but Douglas responded with a layup of their own before a Sigman layup again trimmed the lead to six, 54-48, with just under five to play. With both teams cold, the Trojans slowed the pace of the game and continued to play bothersome defense to keep the Pirates at bay.

A Sigman bucket in the paint and Lewis transition layup cut the lead to 57-52 with 2:45 remaining. Sigman picked up his fifth foul on the next possession and after hitting one of two free throws and a lay-in, the Trojans led 60-52 with a minute left.

Neah-Kah-Nie began fouling and Hanson hit a three with thirty seconds left, but it was too little too late and a buzzer-beating lay-in for Douglas made the final margin 68-56.

The loss ended the Pirates’ season with a record of 15-10, after they finished with a 9-3 mark in Coastal Range League play.

# North Coast Throwdown set for March 22

WILL CHAPPELL  
CITIZEN EDITOR

Cornhole players from around the northwest will descend on the Tillamook County Fairgrounds on March 22, for the third annual North Coast Throwdown, hosted by the Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation.

The event will run throughout the day in the fairground’s skating rink, and feature food from La Mexicana as well as beer, while as many as 25 teams compete for the championship.

Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation (TBCCF) Development Director Siah Kennedy said that it will be a good time for all, as players with varying skill levels put on a show for the crowd. “Students participate, locals, we had people all the way from Washington,” Kennedy said, “and those are the hardcore cornhole enthusiasts.”

The throwdown is not only a fun day of competition but also raises money for a good cause, with proceeds going towards

Tillamook Bay Community College’s Career-to-Career Scholarship program. Those scholarships are earmarked for students who graduated from high school more than five years ago and pay the entire tuition for a two-year associate’s degree. Established in 2017, to date, the scholarship has been awarded to 147 students, with 33 recipients currently enrolled in classes.

TBCCF has committed to raising \$25,000 annually in support of the scholarship and first conceived of the throwdown as a fundraiser in 2020 but was delayed in staging the inaugural edition until 2023 because of Covid. While the event was held in January in its first two years, Kennedy said that the tournament had originally been envisioned as an outdoor event and that the move to March represented the first step in that migration.

“Our ultimate goal would be to have this be like an outdoor event on campus when we’re there at the new building,” Kennedy said.

Tournament champions will win bragging rights, a trophy, and North Coast Throwdown pint glasses



and t-shirts. In addition to the tournament, attendees will have the chance to compete in raffles and a side competition called “air

mail,” where competitors take a single shot with a cornhole beanbag at a box for the chance at a cash prize.

Last year, the throwdown raised around \$4,000 and registration to compete is still open for this year’s edition, which runs from

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 22. Entry for each two-person team is \$50 and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/NCTD25>.

### CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

ASG'C OMEVC F QFCCKI MO  
BSH ASG'C EFMG FGBVCVMGE  
QB PMGGMG.  
— IWPMG WSYIYK

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### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

9	8	1	4	5	2	7	3	6
3	4	5	8	7	6	9	1	2
2	6	7	1	3	9	4	8	5
7	3	6	2	1	5	8	4	9
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8	2	4	6	9	3	1	5	7
6	9	8	5	2	4	3	7	1
5	1	2	3	8	7	6	9	4
4	7	3	9	6	1	5	2	8

### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Mobile

ICEVAT

Rotate

GREATY

Trick

ELUED

Ban

SCORNE

TODAY'S WORD

"Mr Davis of the Acme \_\_\_\_\_  
Company is here to see you."

### Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Sand castle locale

\_\_\_ A \_\_\_

2. Ordinary

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ L

3. Groucho's sibling

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ O

4. Goopy to the touch

\_\_\_ I \_\_\_

5. Adobe piece

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ C \_

6. Stopwatch

\_\_\_ M \_\_\_

7. Self-pride

V \_\_\_ \_\_\_

8. Wisconsin mammal

\_\_\_ D \_\_\_

9. Hand warmer

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ V \_

10. Spaceship

R \_\_\_ \_\_\_

Judge's seat

\_\_\_ N \_\_\_

Bates from "Psycho"

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ N

Nags relentlessly

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ S

Hefty

\_\_\_ O \_

Cool, like the air

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ S

Sher Khan, e.g.

\_\_\_ G \_

Mental health

S \_\_\_ \_\_\_

Grocery store worker

\_\_\_ G \_

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