

# Manzanita City Manager receives pay increase

WILL CHAPPELL Citizen Editor

Manzanita's City Council approved an extension to City Manager Leila Aman's contract while also awarding her a 3% pay bump at their May 3 meeting.

They also approved an across-the-board 5% bump in solid waste collection rates and the permit for the Independence Day parade.

A unanimous vote from city council removed language from Aman's contract requiring a vote to extend her employment in June 2024, and added language that the city and Aman would pay for their own legal representation in the case of a suit.

Council President Linda Kozlowski said that she was suggesting the move after a recent performance review of Aman. The review showed that the councilors thought Aman was exceeding expectations in her role, while members of the community also sent letters of support.

Kozlowski also suggested a 3% pay increase for Aman, which the councilors unanimously approved. Along with an earlier 6% cost of living adjustment given to all city employees, this pay raise will bring Aman's salary from \$129,000 to over \$140,000, a figure that Kozlowski said was more appropriate given other regional comparators.

The 5% solid waste disposal rate increase requested by Recology Western Oregon to account for inflation was approved as was the July 4th Parade route. The parade will run from Underhill Plaza down Division Street to Laneda Avenue before turning on Ocean Avenue and returning to Underhill Plaza via Manzantia Avenue. The parade will have competitions for best float, walker and biker, and an Air Force flyover has been requested.

Controversy was stirred at the meeting when a public commenter shared a letter that she and more than 20 other residents had signed questioning the mayor's relationship with another resident.

The letter was spurred by a public records request that revealed extensive correspondence between Mayor Deb Simmons and Randy Kugler. Kugler served as the Manzanita's city manager from 1989 to 1996, and later retired to the community before running for city council in 2020, a race in which he came in last place of four candidates. Kugler has been a harsh critic of Aman's leadership of the city, raising concerns about the way in which the city has used water revenues to cover staffing costs among other practices.

The emails that were released as part of the records request showed correspondence between Simmons and Kugler in which Simmons sought Kugler's guidance and thanked him for coaching her.

The letter alleged that Kugler has harassed the city

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# Trash Bash Arts Fest ends this weekend



"Flag with String Attached" by Anthony & Victoria Stoppiello

Upcycled art created for Heart of Cartm's annual Trash Bash Art Festival on display at Cove Gallery in Wheeler. See page A2 for more information about the event. PHOTO BY KATHERINE MACE

# Budget Committee backtracks on contingency fund plan

WILL CHAPPELL Citizen Editor

Tillamook County's Budget Committee reversed course on a controversial financial management strategy at their May 10 meeting, deciding to include funding for all positions in departments' budgets.

The decision not to place some of the money that has historically remained unspent into the contingency fund, was spurred by complaints from Sheriff Josh Brown that enflamed Tillamook County residents, several dozen of whom attended the meeting.

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Previously, the committee
had been considering placing
the funding for positions that

have remained unfilled over

the course of several years into the county's contingency fund. This move would have allowed the county to more easily balance its budget while leaving the funds available for new hires if they could be found. In the sheriff's department the proposal would have affected six budgeted positions.

Brown took exception to
this proposed action, coming
before the committee's meeting to detail his concerns.
He said that he would not be
able to advertise positions
that were not in his budget
and that the change would
necessitate him coming
before commissioners for ap-

proval for recruitments.

Brown also said that the change was coming at a bad

time as his department has recently seen an uptick in interest from applicants. He said that two new employees are set to begin employment on June 1, with five more going through background checks and psych evaluations and hoping to start work in July.

However, Brown said two of those candidates had been hired into positions that would be affected by the planned contingency fund transfer, casting doubt on their employment's status.

transfer, casting doubt on their employment's status. Brown said that his department needed all budgeted staff and had been forced to use 9000 overtime hours last

year to cover staffing needs.
All six budget committee members, including the three

county commissioners, went to great pains to make it clear that they were not in favor of cutting the sheriff's staffing. County Commissioner David Yamamoto said that he had been unaware of the hiring challenges the move would create and that they gave him pause.

Commissioner Erin Skaar said that the proposed move had been misinterpreted by Brown and community members after the sheriff made a Facebook post complaining about it a week prior. Skaar said that the proposal had only been advanced to reduce the operating balances that various departments, including the sheriff's, have been finishing years with due to

# Rockaway Beach Council approves budget

WILL CHAPPELL Citizen Editor

Rockaway Beach's City Council approved the city's budget for fiscal year 2024 at their meeting on May 10.

They also named Sandy Johnson Rockaway Beach's 2023 Volunteer of the Year and selected grand marshals for the July Fourth Parade.

The council unanimously approved the budget as recommended by the budget committee, with one clerical error corrected in a motion. They also extended the city's contract with the Tillamook Sheriff's Department for policing services and accepted state funding for the upcoming year.

The meeting started with presentations from Tillamook County Director of Community Development Sarah Absher on senate bill 406 and the proposed changes to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Plan.

Senate Bill 406 would open all cities in Oregon to the development of "missing middle" housing, i.e., duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and cottage clusters to help address the state's affordable housing crisis. The bill would also provide funding for housing studies to communities across the state, and, according to Absher, would allow an opportunity to expand Rockaway Beach's urban growth boundary.

The National Flood Insurance Plan provides FEMA backed flood insurance to property owners while also setting standards for local ordinances regulating development in floodplains.

The proposed changes to the plan were precipitated by a 2009 lawsuit brought against FEMA by the Audubon Society. The suit claimed that the National Flood Insurance Plan was causing harm to coho salmon, among other marine species, in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act.

As a result of the suit, FEMA was ordered to commission the National Marine Fisheries Service to investigate those claims, leading to a 2016 biological opinion concurring with the suit's claims.

This opinion called for the program to update its requirements to require new developments in the 100-year floodplain be built to a no net loss standard, meaning any loss in water retention in the floodplain would have to be completely offset.

These potential updates sparked a suit by Oregonians for Floodplain Protection in 2017, objecting to the requirement, and a congressionally legislated pause to implementation of the update in 2018. That pause expired in 2021 and efforts by retiring Congressman Peter DeFazio to extend it in late 2022 did not come to fruition.

Absher said that these updates would impact Tillamook County the most of any in the state, with its large proportion of floodplain. She also noted that an update to the model used to create maps of the 100-year floodplain was ongoing and is expected to increase the size of the plain.

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TRASH BASH CONTINUED FROM PAGE AT Photos by Katherine Mace

### **Trash Bash Art Festival concludes** this weekend

### **KATHERINE MACE**

For the Citizen

Now in its 24th year, Heart of Cartm's Trash Art Gallery features works by artists and craftsman who used discarded items and repurposed them into artistic treasure. Last Friday night, May 5, the 2023 Trash Art Gallery Opening was held at COVE Gallery, 395 Nehalem

Boulevard in Wheeler. Dozens attended to see this imaginative exhibit that runs through Sunday, May 21. Trash Art Gallery is open Thursday through Monday.

The Trash Art Gallery is just one component of the Trash Bash 2023 Art Festival. Coming up this Friday, May 19, is a free event, Trash Tales II: Storytelling & Raffle held at a new venue, Rockaway Roastery, 165 S Miller Street in Rockaway Beach, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Another fun and exciting Trash Bash event will occur his Saturday evening, May 20, at

Nehalem Bay Winery, 34965 Highway 53 (across the street from Mohler Co-Op). This is a ticketed event with doors opening at 4:00 p.m. and the runway Trashion Show occurring 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This entertaining show features a parade of models wearing one-of-a-kind originals crafted with repurposed materials resulting in interesting, sometimes breathtaking, and often thought-provoking designs. The show will be followed by live blues music 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. featuring Johnny Wheels and the Swamp Donkeys.



"The Drip" by Tiffany Risseeuw

"My Green Language"

by Kim Koch



"Hard Times" by Deborah Paul



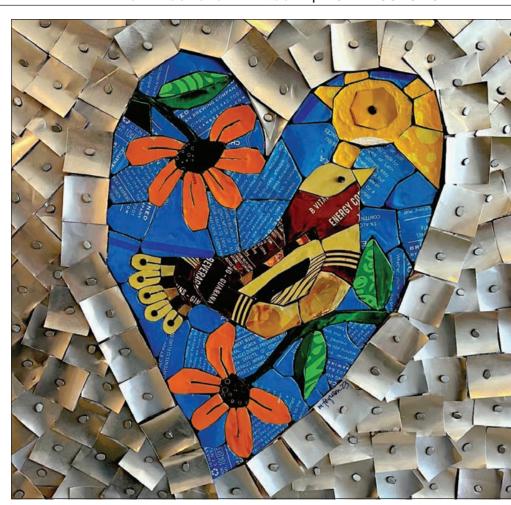


"Winnebago Box"





"Rain Dance" by Kim Koch



"Tweeterpated" by Melonie Ferguson



"Folkart Fish" by Stephany Brockway



"Before there Were Roads" by Candi Merrill



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# May is Women's Health Month

We want to remind women of all ages to schedule your routine medical and dental exams. Routine preventive care including staying up-to-date on recommended screenings and vaccines can help you stay well and catch problems early, helping you live a longer, healthier life.

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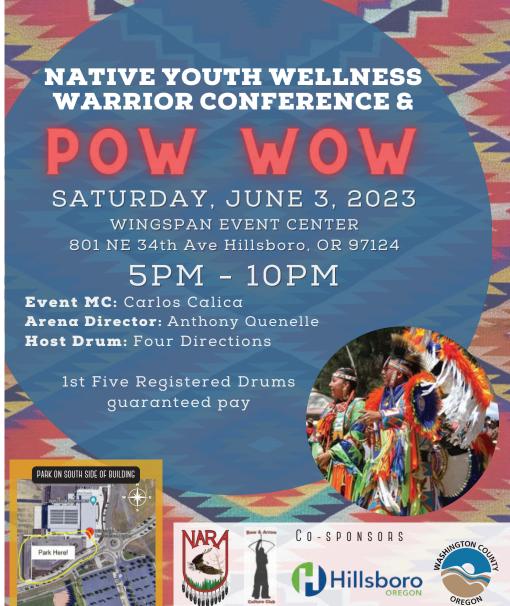
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"Grandpa's Flash" by Wendy Jackson



# Commissioners approve contracts for services, studies and child advocacy interview monitoring system

WILL CHAPPELL Citizen Editor

Tillamook's Board of County Commissioners approved contracts for services and a new interview room monitoring system for the county's program that investigates child abuse on May 10.

Commissioners also proclaimed May to be Mental Health Awareness Month in Tillamook County and approved contracts for an emergency preparedness study and grant management

A \$38,000 contract with Microception Inc. will see

a new recording system installed in a room used by advocates to interview victims of child abuse. According to Undersheriff Matt Kelly, the new system will allow for a reduction in the number of times survivors must tell their story.

Commissioners also agreed to a contract with Tillamook County Family Counseling Center to continue their role in investigating cases of child abuse and a memorandum of understanding governing intergovernmental roles in those cases.

The board approved a contract for \$30,000 with the Rede Group to conduct

a study of emergency and natural disaster preparedness in the county. The study will focus on vulnerable communities with limited access to communications, according to Health and Human Services Department Administrator Marlene Putman.

Outreach for the study will include in-person and virtual town halls and online surveys available in English, Spanish and other languages. Following that, Rede Group will work to assess the county's preparedness and deliver a report by June 30. The funds are coming from the Public Health Department's budget.

American Rescue Plan

Act funds will be used to pay for a \$45,000 contract with Global Grant Services, which will provide grant support services to the county through June 30, 2024. According to Board of Commissioners' Chief of Staff Rachel Hagerty, the company will help county departments identify grant opportunities and navigate the application process. All three commissioners noted that good grant writers paid for themselves.

Frank Hanna-Williams, Tillamook Family Counseling Center's Executive Director, appeared before the board in support of the resolution declaring May as Mental Health Awareness Month in the county. Hanna-Williams shared several strategies for helping to maintain mental health including, maintaining adaptability, being physically active and fostering strong relationships with friends and family.

Commissioners Erin Skaar and Mary Faith Bell both said that they were in full support of the proclamation, which starts by saying that "mental health is health," a sentiment which both endorsed.

The board also okayed an agreement with the United States Forestry Service for maintenance of forest roads. Director of Public Works

Chris Laity said that the agreement allowed the county to access federal funding to maintain county roads and upgrade culverts and bridges to enhance fish habitat, even outside of the Siuslaw National Forest. Laity said that the funds were a valuable resource for the county and were less restrictive than funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The commissioners also approved an extension for projects repairing damage from the December 2016 storm that caused extensive damage across the county and an update to a tax software contract.

# STR Advisory Committee completes work

WILL CHAPPELL Citizen Editor

Tillamook County's Short Term Rental Advisory Committee completed their work on May 9, and the ordinance updates they have suggested will now receive public comment before going to the board of county commissioners for approval.

As at their previous meeting, the committee bogged down on the question of license transferability but they were able to agree on regulations for septic systems and a site plan requirement.

The meeting began with a presentation from a staff member of the onsite wastewater division of the community development department. He said that the division had run into numerous instances of sewage backing up when aging septic systems experienced an

increased load after properties' conversion to short term rentals (STRs).

He said that he had suggested a requirement for new STR applicants with septic systems to have those systems inspected by a county official to determine their suitability for handling an increased load. Applicants would then be required to remediate any issues identified by that inspector within 60 days before receiving their license. The committee agreed to the proposed inspection.

The committee then took up the discussion on license transferability that had stymied them at their last meeting in April. After reaching an impasse, with STR operators arguing for unlimited transferability while others argued for some cap to encourage license circulation, the group agreed to await more data from

Tillamook County Director of Community Development Sarah Absher before making a final decision.

Data provided by Absher showed that over the past seven years, an average of 22 licenses have been transferred annually. In the three years before that, a single digit number of licenses had been transferred, while this year 22 licenses have already been transferred.

The committee was able to agree that all new licenses issued after the pause's lifting would be nontransferable, with exceptions for transfers to trusts, LLCs or family members.

But the data did not change either groups' opinions on the transfer of existing licenses. After a lengthy discussion, the committee took a vote on instituting a two-transfer cap on existing licenses, with six members

voting in favor and five against.

The committee was then able to quickly approve language in the ordinance requiring applicants to include a site plan showing a rough layout of their property with their STR applications.

Next, the committee began a discussion of fallow STR licenses and a potential way to address them. Data on the number of nights for which STR properties were rented in the county showed that in 2021 68 properties across the county with licenses had been rented for zero nights, a figure that more than doubled to 151 properties in 2022.

Committee members noted that this created a situation where the STR program's economic benefits were muted by those properties failure to host tourists. A "use it or lose it" clause was proposed that would see licensees that

failed to rent their houses in two consecutive years surrender their license.

The committee didn't take a vote on the proposal, instead deferring the decision to the board of commissioners.

The committee then discussed the enforcement of the rules and the new Granicus Hotline that will be available by June 1, for community members to call and log complaints about STRs violating ordinance rules. STR operators were concerned about the proper handling and disposition of those complaints and their enforcement, but no revisions were made to the proposed ordinance.

Absher will now incorporate the final proposed updates into the draft ordinance for consideration by the board of county commissioners.

A first public hearing for the ordinance will be held on May 30 at the Port of Tillamook Bay, with another to come the week of June 12. Absher said that she expects the commissioners to vote on the ordinance at their June 21 meeting as well as on a lifting of the pause on license issuance that has been in effect since last July. That vote would allow the new ordinance to take effect on July 1 concurrent with new licenses being available.

Absher said that she expects the STR advisory committee to hold annual meetings going forward to monitor the impacts of the new ordinance but that she wouldn't expect another overhaul in the immediate future.

# Who is the Mayor of Manzanita?

This is the story of one man's relentless "war" with Manzanita's City Council and City Manager as disclosed in a review of public records. We, the undersigned Manzanita voters, describe this story below in the interest of full transparency and in the hope that Mayor Deb Simmons will step up and stop this clandestine and destructive interference in our city's affairs.

For the past five years, Randy Kugler, who was a city manager here 30 years ago, has persistently pushed his personal agenda on the Council and city administration because of what he calls "inept" public officials and a "complacent citizenry." In 2018 and 2019, he pestered city staff to advance his budget and city hall proposals. Though unappointed and unelected, he pressured the Hoffman Center for the Arts Board to sell its property

as part of an unauthorized city hall scheme. He issued imperious demands to the city manager if his requests were not answered quickly enough. Even now he continues a campaign of harassment of the current city manager. Mr. Kugler's contempt for our entire community is best illustrated by his dismissal of "80-year-old EVC volunteers" as participants in a scheme to promote Manzanita as a "disaster destination."

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When he came in dead last in his 2020 bid for election to the Council, Mr. Kugler settled the next year on a new tactic—what he termed the "Simmons project." As part of that project, Mr. Kugler joined forces with Bill Simmons, a similarly disgruntled resident. They chose Deb Simmons, Bill's wife, as someone with the necessary "star power" to be the spokesperson for their positions on local issues. Mayor Mike Scott's unex-

pected withdrawal from the 2022 mayoral race on June 2 presented the opportunity to put Deb forward as a candidate for mayor, which she announced three days after Scott withdrew.

After her uncontested election, Mr. Kugler began coaching Mayor Simmons for the role of mayor and dispensed advice to her and Councilors Brad Mayerle and Jerry Spegman as a self-appointed "trusted advisor." He also prepped Mayor Simmons before Council meetings. Describing their campaign of disruption as a "war" in a March 9 email to Ms. Simmons, Mr. Kugler congratulated her on getting "Lelia [sic] to say some dumb things that I will further investigate." He urged Mayor Simmons to be content with winning some "skirmishes" before moving on to "a battle here and there." He encouraged her by saying, "You are getting better with

each meeting. We'll do some practice for next month."

Did Manzanita voters elect Mr. Kugler as Mayor? Or did we elect Ms. Simmons? It appears from these public records that Mr. Kugler is pulling the strings behind the curtain. We do not object to the Mayor seeking advice from a trusted advisor, but Mr. Kugler has been an obsessive faultfinder for many years. He has consistently shown disdain for any opinions other than his own—on a new city hall, allocation of overhead costs, and short-term rentals.

costs, and short-term rentals. We urge Mayor Simmons to sever her relationship with a man who has harassed our city managers and sought to tear this city apart rather than to bring people together as the Mayor has said she wants to do. We also urge the City Council to support the City's employees and protect them from harassment.

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access to 478 pages of records dating back to 2018 provided by the City of Manzanita in response to a public records request.

Sources for this document Paragraph 2: February 13, 2018, Kugler email to Alamilo and Scott; August 26, 2019, Kugler email to Alamillo; August 2, 2021, Kugler email to Aman; February 16, 2023, Kugler email to Simmons, Spegman, and Mayerle; April 29, 2023, Tillamook County Pioneer op-ed

Paragraph 3: August 28, 2021, Spegman email to Kugler; November 11, 2021, Kugler email to Spegman; June 6, 2022, BBQ post

Paragraph 4: Kugler emails dated January 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 22, 23, 25, 2023; February 16, 19, 2023; March 6, 9, 14, 21, 2023; February 26 and March 9, 2023, Simmons emails to Kugler)





# Pirate baseball has up and down final week ahead of state playoff appearance

By **MIKE WEBER** For The Citizen

he Neah-Kah-Nie High Pirates concluded the Special District 1 baseball regular season by finishing in third place, securing a berth in the OnPoint Community Credit Union OSAA Class 3A state playoffs beginning May 22.

The Pirates (13-3 SD1, 17-7 overall) had a rough final week though as they lost three straight league games.

After having four days off, the Pirates had a 12-game win streak snapped in a 5-4 loss to the Valley Catholic High Valiants (10-4 SD1, 12-10

overall) May 6 in Beaverton. The Valiants overcame

a 2-0 second inning deficit and scored four runs over the next three innings to take a 4-2 lead after five. Following a scoreless sixth frame, Neah-Kah-Nie knotted it up by scoring two runs in the top of the seventh, making it 4-4. The Valiants responded by scoring the game-winning run in the bottom of the frame to get the win.

The Pirates had a total of just five hits, while the Valiants had eight. The Pirates were led offensively by junior Johnny Burch (1-for-3, two RBI) and sophomore Ethan Hanson (1-for-2, two RBI).

The Pirates quartet of pitchers Anthony Allen, Parker Hopkins, Eddie Loza and senior Humberto G-Keith combined on the mound for seven strikeouts and three walks.

Valley Catholic finished in fourth place behind Neah-Kah-Nie in SD1 to just earn a state playoff spot.

The Pirates then played a grueling schedule of threegames in three days, starting with a tough home matchup against the No. 1 ranked Banks High Braves (14-1, 21-2) and they lost 9-0 May 8, which marked their only shutout this year and their first home loss this season.

The Braves jumped in

front 2-0 in the first and then remained in control of the momentum from startto-finish as they outhit the Pirates 7-4. The Pirates were led offensively by senior Cole Brown (2-for-3, two singles), G-Keith (1-for-3, single) and senior Jacobee Wilkinson (1for-3, single).

The Pirates continued their slump as they lost again at home 11-1 to the No. 6 ranked Warrenton High Warriors (12-3 SD1, 17-6 overall) May 9.

The Pirates, guided by Coach Rob Herder, snapped the losing streak with a 12-0 win over the Westside Christian High Eagles (0-13 SD1,

3-15 overall) May 10 at Valley Catholic High School.

"Winning over Westside was a nice way for us to rebound and hopefully, we'll regain some momentum to help us prepare for the playoffs," said Herder. "We really struggled while losing three straight. It was a perfect storm and we played three of the top four teams in our league. I have to give those three teams credit because they're playing really well and they were at full strength with their pitching and we were not."

The Pirates jumped in front 4-0 after the first inning over the Eagles and they extended

their advantage to 6-0 in the third. After a scoreless third frame, the Pirates utilized their potent offensive attack as they scored five in the fourth and one in the fifth to conclude the contest early via the 10-run Mercy Rule.

The Pirates had a total of 12 hits and they were led by Allen (2-for-3, four RBI, home run), Burch (3-for-4, RBI), Hunter Lane (2-for-3, two RBI) and G-Keith (2-for-3, two RBI). The pitching duo of Lane and Brown had an outstanding performance on the mound as they combined by throwing a one-hitter with six strikeouts.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### **Fully staff** the sheriff's department

pparently, it is more Aimportant to the County Commissioners to have a fancy Offices in a new building than it is to cut 6 Deputy positions. Law Enforcement should be the number 1 priority for County Government. The citizens in South Country already seldom see the Sheriff's office down here. Defunding the police is apparently

a new byword for the left. The Sheriff's Office should fully staffed - that is more important to the Citizens, and visitors to Tillamook Countythan having a new modern offices for the Commissioners. It is time for all taxpayers in Tiilamook County to make their thoughts known to Erin Skaar & Shawn Blanchard . Just look at other Cities and Counties that cut law enforcement - the crime rate goes up considerably. I spent 33 years in law Enforcement and cutting Deputy positions seemed to the usual tactic

of County Commissioners. The Sheriff's Office has been short handed for sometime now - and should be brought up to full staffing. We the Citizens of Tillamook County want a fully staffed Sheriff's Office rather than new fancy offices for the Commissioners. The voters have a long memory, and when it comes time to vote for Treasurer and County Commissioners we will remember what damage has been done to the Sheriff's office. The tax payers deserve a fully funded Sheriff's office for public safety. We don't

want the crime that comes with defunding six positions in the Sheriff's office. Public safety is always more important than millions spent on new offices for the Commissioners . To Shawn Blanchard & Erin Skaar - the voters voted for you to do the right thing- now prove it. Otherwise in future elections you may find yourself unemployed.

David Desau Neskowin

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# Oregon Veterans Memorial **Traveling Wall** coming to **Tillamook**

# **ROLAN EASYSTONE** remember those who have

Tillamook County Veteran Services Coordinator

he Vietnam Veterans of America Umpqua Valley Chapter 805 is bringing the Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall to Tillamook, Oregon on May 26th and 27th. This wall is a tribute to 957 Oregon veterans who lost their lives while serving their country, including 708 during the Vietnam War and others in later military

actions. The Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall is modeled after the Vietnam Veteran Memorial in Washington, D.C., with the names of the fallen inscribed upon it. It is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by these courageous individuals in service to their country, and serves as a way to honor and given the ultimate sacrifice.

The wall will enter Tillamook from the south with an honorary police escort at around 9am on May 26th. The Tillamook Revitalization Association is sponsoring the event, which will take place at the 2nd Street Plaza from 10am-6pm on both days, coinciding with Memorial Day Weekend. Visitors can come and pay their respects during a time when we honor and remember all those who have served their country.

This is not just an opportunity to honor the fallen, but also a chance to show support and gratitude for those who have served and continue to serve. The Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall stands as a reminder of the bravery and selflessness displayed by those in uniform.

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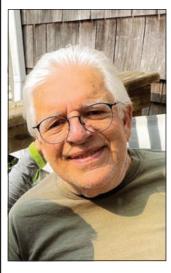


by Jeff Pickering

# **OBITUARIES**

### **Eugene Morrell**

March 27, 1942 ~ March 25, 2023



Eugene Month.

Con March 25, 2023. ugene Morrell died Gene is survived by his wife Grace, son Jed and daughter Lizbeth; his daughter in law Allison and granddaughter Olivia, his son in law Aaron and his grandson Emmett. Gene has a sister Luceille and nephews and nieces in Colorado, California and Rochester New York. Gene spent his early years in Rochester, where he began his love of Photography and Darkroom work. He traveled across the country and settled in Seattle Washington in 1972. He owned and operated Gene's Nob Hill Lab for twenty years, a commercial photo lab for some of Seattle's greatest photographers. In 1993, he moved to Manzanita, Oregon. He became a Specialized Contractor working with a Stone Mason and several General Contractors. He loved the work and everyone that he met in town. Everyone called him "Gino." He sometimes worked as a dishwasher in a local deli in Nehalem Oregon called the Hill House Deli. He was funny, kind and loving. He loved cooking with his family, fishing for Salmon, walking the beach, baking bread and making Sicilian pizza.

He died so suddenly at his home in Manzanita two days before his 81st birthday. He will be terribly missed. Eugene was cremated at Waud's Funeral Home in Tillamook. Oregon. A celebration of his life will be held at his home on July 8, 2023 from 1PM to 5PM.

# Rockaway Beach kicks off farmers market season

#### **ROCKAWAY BEACH CHAMBER** OF COMMERCE

Good morning, Mates as our Pirate Friends would say!

Exciting happens at the Rockaway Beach Visitors Information Center & Historic Chamber Caboose and we would love your help!

First, we're looking for more volunteers to host the Caboose during the busy season. Shifts are generally four hours a day. We strive to be open seven days a week during the busy season and at times provide the businesses and community with two shifts a day. Also looking for a maintenance person that might help with the upkeep of the Caboose. Our caboose hosts 10,000 people a year on average.

Next, we have festivals that need volunteers. The Kite Festival, Art Fest & Farmers Market. It's our goal to have Solve beach cleanups at all of these! We think I have an interested volunteer for that, we could use a backup person.

There's a lot of talk of bringing the pirate festival back this year. We will be taking donations for that beginning at the farmers market on Thursday. We reached out to the Pirates

to see if they would come to the farmers market and serendipitously, they were visiting here from the city so discussions have begun.

Work has begun on the updating our website. RockawayBeach.net. This gives an opportunity for local photographers and writers to be featured and shine. This website is very well established and has been providing local information and showcasing our beauty for more than 30 years. We need you to help us make this a true reflection of our community. Next, we're happy to announce that we have received second nonprofit status. With this second charitable status, work will soon on our educational tourism outreach program! This status allows us to accept charitable donations which are in turn, tax write offs to the donors. Interested volunteers, gifted photograph and beautiful writers please contact us: info@ rockawaybeach.net!

The Rockaway Beach, Chamber of Commerce is a 70-year-old nonprofit run completely by volunteers on the energy and kindness of the stakeholders (you) and our beautiful community.

# CLASSIFIEDS

# Church Services by the Sea Cannon Beach to Nebalem

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### 999 - PUBLIC NOTICES

HH23-182 Nehalem Bay Health District Notice of Budget Committee Meeting The Budget Committee of the Nehalem Bay Health District, (NBHD), Tillamook County, state of Oregon will meet in accordance with ORS 440.403 Oregon. This will be a virtual meeting open to the public. A Zoom invitation will be posted on the district's website for members of the public who wish to participate. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 31, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The meeting will take place on the 22nd day of May 2023, at 6PM. The Committee may opt for a continuance of deliberations on May 23rd at 6PM. The purpose is to receive the budget message, review the proposed budget, modify as needed and approve. Any persons residing within the district are encouraged to participate in this meeting and to discuss the proposed items with the Budget Committee. A copy of the proposed budget may be inspected on or after May 15th, 2023 in the Main Lobby at 278 Rowe Street, Wheeler, Oregon.

### **City of Nehalem Job Announcement City Manager** The City of Nehalem is seeking its next full-time

City Manager/Recorder.

Under the general direction of the City Council, the City Manager serves as the administrative officer for the City, and acts as the City's Personnel Officer, Budget Officer, and City Recorder.

The annual salary range for this position is \$75,000 - \$95,000, plus an excellent health benefits package and SEP-IRA retirement plan.

For complete job description and application visit the city's website at www.nehalem.gov/jobs Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, completed city job application, and responses to supplemental questions for consideration. Applications can be brought to City Hall, mailed to Melissa Thompson-Kiefer, City Manager, PO Box 143, Nehalem, OR 97131 or emailed to <a href="mailto:mthompson@nehalem.gov">mthompson@nehalem.gov</a>. so that it reaches the City by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

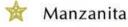
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# Tillamook Family Counseling Center

### **Bilingual Certified Peer Support/Recovery Mentor** (English/Spanish)

F.T. 40-Hours/week Position

Tillamook Family Counseling Center is currently looking to add a bilingual peer specialist to our Prime+ program. The mission of the Prime+ program is to prevent acute life-threatening outcomes of substance use which include reducing overdose morbidity and mortality by providing harm reduction centered overdose prevention education and facilitating access to Naloxone. We also strive to reduce injection-related infections by providing harm reduction centered infection prevention education and facilitating access to safer use supplies. The Prime+ program supports linkage to care, diagnosis and treatment of substance use related conditions and substance us related infections.

This position includes training that leads to state certification according to OAR 410-180-0305 (12) and (13).

As a certified Peer Specialist, you will be a living example and role model of recovery life. As a peer you will be a provider of the life wisdom gained through your own lived experience of recovery as well as a change agent for hope.

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# **CLASSIFIEDS**

# Tillamook Family Counseling Center

**Developmental Disabilities eXPRS Analyst/Foster Care Licensor** 

Full time position w/excellent benefits. Compensation: \$49,000 - \$72,000 annually, DOE

The position manages DD related financial entries into the eXPRS payment system which includes monitoring revenue and expenditures for DD Program, biennial rollover, in-home client services, comprehensive residential programs, foster homes, employment funding for local provider agencies and in-home staff and oversees the recruitment, licensure and certification of adult and child foster homes.

### **Licensed Practical Nurse [LPN]**

Part time position (24 hours weekly) w/excellent benefits. Compensation: \$29 - \$39 Hourly, DOE

Tillamook Family Counseling Center (TFCC) seeks a Licensed Practical Nurse [Part Time 24 Hours per Week] as a health provider for its Assertive Community Treatment Team (ACT). The LPN provides health care coordination, client support, and triage in home and community settings to adults presenting with severe and persistent mental illness.

Tillamook Family Counseling Center is a drug free workplace and equal opportunity employer. A Covid-19 Vaccine Required Employer (per Oregon Healthcare statutes).

If you are interested in any of these positions, please pply online at <a href="http://ttcc.pampooni.com/juma.">http://ttcc.pampooni.com/juma.</a>
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by Linda Thistle

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# **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◀

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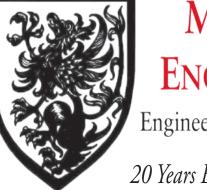


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# RECIPES



# **Sweet** and Sour Chicken

PREP TIME: 20 minutes COOK TIME: 30 minutes MAKE: 6 cups

### **INGREDIENTS**

- · 1 can (8 ounces) unsweetened pineapple chunks
  1 pound skinless, boneless
- chicken breast, cut into 1-inch pieces • 1 cup low-sodium chicken
- broth (see Notes)
- ½ cup rice wine vinegar ½ cup packed brown sugar · 2 Tablespoons low-sodium
- soy sauce ·1 clove garlic, minced, or 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- · 1 cup sliced celery · 1 medium onion, cut in
- 1 green bell pepper, sliced into strips
- •1 large carrot, sliced diago-nally 1/4" thick •3 Tablespoons cornstarch
- · 1/4 cup cold water

#### **DIRECTIONS** 1. Wash hands with soap

- and water. 2. Drain pineapple and reserve juice.
- 3. Place chicken in a large skillet on low heat (250 de grees F in an electric skillet) 4. Add reserved pineapple juice, chicken broth, vinegar brown sugar, soy sauce and garlic. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink when cut. 5. Add vegetables and pine-apple. Cook until vegetables
- are crisp-tender, about 5 minutes. 6. In a small bowl, combine cornstarch with water and stir until smooth. Slowly pour into hot mixture, stirring constantly until thick-

# ened, about 1 minute. 7. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

#### Serve over cooked rice or pasta. · Broth can be homemade, canned or made using

bouillon. For each cup of broth use 1 cup very hot water and 1 teaspoon or 1 cube bouillon.

### **PHOTO & RECIPE SOURCE:** https://foodhero.org/recipes/ sweet-and-sour-chicken



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Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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staff and tried to divide the populace when his suggestions have not been followed and urged Simmons to sever her relationship with Kugler.

At the end of the meeting, during her comments, Simmons said that she was concerned to be asked to end a friendship or ignore dissenting voices in the community. She likened the situation to her experiences as a teacher pulling apart disagreeing children and said she had never expected to be told who to communicate

with as an adult and argued that disagreements were part of democracy.

Kozlowksi chimed in that she agreed that allowing voices to be heard was important in a democracy. But she said that a line existed between that expression and harassment and intimidation and that the line had been crossed by Kugler.

Simmons said that she was sure the discussion would continue and adjourned the meeting.

# BUDGET CONTINUED FROM PAGE AT

Johnson was selected by the council as Volunteer of the Year in recognition for her wide-ranging service to the community. Johnson is a member of the planning commission and helps the city to write grants. She also participates in the organization of the July Fourth Parade and annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony and helps to maintain the city's landscaping by watering and caring for plantings around town.

The council selected Terry Walhood, Ronnie Duckworth and the Rockaway Roastery to serve as grand marshals for this year's Fourth of July Parade, in recognition of their service to the community.

The council also discussed an increase to the city's shortterm rental (STR) license fee at their council workshop before the meeting. The proposed increase would double the fee from \$250 to \$500 and would allow the city to expand its STR inspection and enforcement efforts, according to City Manager Luke Shepard.

Councilor Mary McGinnis noted that the city's current fee is well below other towns on Oregon's north coast, all of which charge a minimum of \$500. Mayor Charles McNeilly said that increased enforcement and inspection would allow the program to provide increased economic benefits for the city by removing unused properties from the pool.

The council will vote on the proposed increase at its regular meeting in June.

# Super Crossword

# **ACROSS**

- 1 Salary limit 4 Reputation,
- on the street 8 Two-team
- wrestling competitions
- 13 Gave high
- praise to 19 Pesticide
- compound
- 21 The "A" of James A.
- Garfield 22 Aorta, for
- one 23 Study hard
- 24 Proportional relation
- 25 Supervise
- 26 Start of a riddle 29 Thing a doc
- prescribes **30** Yin and —
- 31 Suffix with hotel or cash
- 32 Riddle, part 2
- 43 Apple on a desk
- 44 Latin "that is" 45 "- So Fine"
- 46 French for
- "man" **47** Set into
- motion 50 Charles Chaplin's titie
- 51 Eileen of "Clue"

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- 53 In the vicinity **54** Riddle, part 3
- 58 Old-time
- actress Irene
- Gorbachev 60 German word
- before "geist" 61 Donkey Kong
- and others 62 Riddle, part 4
- 65 Lacerate
- **69** Dove shelter **113** Moniker 70 Use all of
- **71** Afro-Brazilian
- dance 72 Riddle, part 5 78 Scrupulous
- insistence on traditional 116 Admin. aide rules
- **79** Disturbs 80 Source of
- some bran 81 Havana
- natives, to Havana natives
- 82 Novelist George
- 83 Braying beast
- 84 Shooter of small balls
- 87 Bard's "before"
- riddle
- **95** Bereπ,
- poetically
- 88 End of the
- 94 Huge battle
- 96 Khaki color

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- answer
- 107 Back-baring
- **59** She was Mrs. **108** "— think so!"
  - 109 Certain
  - 111 "History repeats -
  - phony copy
  - of for Wilt
  - 114 Shoulder
  - 117 Low grade

- **2** In —
- (lined up) 3 Phnom —,
- short
- **5** Second-most populous place in
- South Dakota 6 Slaughter of
- 7 Chewing gum brand
- 8 Lack the
- 9 700-mile-long African river

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- course
- 11 Secular
- **12** Range of the **Appalachians**
- 13 Actress Hedy
- 15 Reader
- 17 Hence
- 18 Hair colorer 20 "I love you,"
- to Juanita 27 — Christian
- 28 Opposite of old, in
- 32 Plummer of "Pulp Fiction"
- **33** How cards are
- dealt 34 Gasoline
- **35** Exalting
- part
- **38** Source of some bran
- 39 Goose sound
- from Somalia
- 42 Hong Kong's Hang — Index

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- 48 Catering coffeepots
- 50 Tries to hit,
- **51** Cat variety
- stats 54 DJ Casey
- 55 Fall chill
- 57 Gas in an atmospheric
- 59 Havworth and Moreno 62 Certain
- garden worker **63** "The Simpsons"
- storekeeper 64 Sleuth, in old
- slang 65 Lipinski on ice
- 66 Rapper aka "Slim Shady"
- **67** Sop up **68** 19th-dynasty pharaoh
- 69 Greek island
- 71 Deli hero **72** "Oh, ri-i-ight"
- (court
- plea) **74** "Take —
- from me ..." 75 Take an ax to

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- **76** 2010-19 Royals
- skipper Ned 77 Waist wear
- 78 Pokes a hole in
- 81 Chew the —
- 83 Helicopter rescue, say
- 84 Three 19th-century
- sisters **85** Arctic chunk

literary

- 86 Subgenre of rap music
- 89 Friends of **Snow White**
- 90 Mart start **91** Like flashy
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- 99 Bride of
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- Chamberlain
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# **DOWN**

- 1 Baby bear
- Cambodia 4 Skydived, for
- the Cardinals
- courage to

- 14 Composer Khachaturian
- (magazine)
- **16** Turn a ear
- Andersen
- Germany
- sometimes
- rating
- verse **36** Lower leg
- 37 Feudal toiler
- **40** 1980s Dodge **41** Supermodel

- 49 Vigoda of "Fish"
  - as an insect
- 52 Sluggers'
- 56 Bear, in Baja
  - layer

    - jewelry,
    - frequent 93 Not fulfilled
    - Shakespeare
    - Lohengrin
    - 101 Beehive unit
- 73 contendere 103 Sweat outlet 104 Singer Phil
  - **106** Prefix with marketing