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Man

pleads no

contest in

Nehalem

homicide

WILL CHAPPELL Citizen Editor

On July 10, William Evro Stetzel, 59, of Nehalem entered a no contest plea to one count of manslaughter in the first degree for the July 9, 2022, killing of Richard Ford in Nehalem.

For the class A felony, Stetzel was sentenced to 16 years in prison, the first ten of which he

Events began to unfold on the afternoon of July 8, 2022, when Stetzel and a friend visited Ford's family cabin in Nehalem to

will serve with no reduction.

April 2037.

He will be eligible for release in

install a new freezer. Stetzel had worked as a handyman for the Ford family for more than two decades, developing a friendship

with Richard, so after completing

the work, the three shared a beer. At some point in the evening,

before returning with his dog and continuing to drink with Ford.

As the drinks flowed, Stet-

zel's memory became fuzzy, and

he later told investigators that he

remembered getting into an argu-

ment with Ford but that the next

up in his bed covered in blood. Stetzel also had a voicemail from

Ford, received at 1:13 a.m., in

which Ford said that Stetzel had

hit him in the head before leaving

without his dog and asked him to

Upon hearing the voicemail,

Stetzel, his son and a friend went

to Ford's cabin, where they found

Stetzel's dog in a breezeway and

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Ford's body lying in the house,

bludgeoned to death.

come back to pick up the pet.

thing he remembered was waking

Stetzel took his friend home



The concrete pads that will serve as the foundation for Manzanita's new city hall and police station as seen from the west end of the property.

Work progressing smoothly on Manzanita city hall and police station



Jason Stegner of Cove Built LLC (center right) discusses project details with Manzanita City Council President Linda Kozlowski (left), City Manager Leila Aman (right) and project superintendent Dave Kram.

PHOTO BY WILL CHAPPELL

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Construction of a new city hall and police station in Manzanita is on budget and ahead of schedule for a summer 2025 grand opening, with cement pads poured for both structures and work beginning on walls.

Jason Stegner, owner of Cove Built, the company leading construction on the project, said that he was having fun working on the project and that he hopes to have the building roofed by early October, ahead of wet winter

The new city hall and police station are being constructed at the corner of Manzanita Avenue and Classic Street, on the same property where Manzanita's weekly famers' market is held.

Work began this spring with extensive site preparations, including knocking down the old school building and Quonset hut that stood on the property, grading the site and doing preparatory seismic mitigation work for the police station.

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Pearl and Oyster fest to bring weekend of music to Bay City

STAFF REPORT

Returning for its third edition, the Bay City Pearl & Oyster Music Festival is set to rock and roll on August 24 and 25. Co-hosted by the Headlight Herald, the festival welcomes four bands on Saturday before shifting focus to kids' day on Sunday.

According to coorganizer Kathleen Leipzig, the festival's organizers hope to create a sustainable, free event to entertain residents and visitors to the town.

"This is our big event for the year,

Leipzig said. "It's a bedroom community, it's a sleepy little town and so, we really want to highlight all the great things about Bay City and bring our commu-

nity together." First held in 2019, the festival was forced to take a three-vear hiatus during the pandemic, before returning in 2023 for its second year.

The festival will again take over fourth street in Bay City, with more than forty vendors expected, as well as Al Griffin Memorial Park, where a stage will be

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NCC FILE PHOTO Great live music is on Saturday during the festival. Kids day is on Sunday.

Tillamook library transitioning to new system

WILL CHAPPELL Citizen Editor

Tillamook County Library is set to move to a new integrated library systems provider after the board of county commissioners approved contracts with ByWater Solutions to migrate data to and support a new system on August 13.

Transitioning will lead to considerable cost savings for the library and integrate Tillamook's libraries with those at Tillamook Bay Community College and across Lincoln County when the new system goes live on March 11, 2025.

"This is one of those rare opportunities where I think that the service that we will be able to provide will really improve and costs will go down," said Tillamook County Library Director Donald Allgeier.

Integrated Library Systems (ILS) are the software programs that libraries use to manage their collections and lending. Currently, Tillamook County Library uses a proprietary system called Sierra and is part of a consortium called Oceanbooks with the libraries in Newport and Driftwood. Meanwhile, the rest of Lincoln County's libraries and

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Nehalem Bay State Park photo courtesy Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

Nehalem Bay State Park to close for upgrades starting November

WILL CHAPPELL Citizen Editor

More than \$11 million in

upgrades are scheduled to take place at Nehalem Bay State Park between this November and June of next year, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department officials told Manzanita City Council on August 7.



The upgrades will focus on restoring and upgrading existing facilities at the park and will necessitate its closure for the duration of the work. The council also moved forward on selecting the design for a new city logo at the meeting. Funding for the work at

Nehalem Bay State Park is coming from a pot of \$50 million in general obligation bonds approved by the Oregon legislature in 2021 to revitalize parks and campgrounds across the state. Work will include upgrading the park's water main, replacing water and electrical ser-

vices in the park's camp-

grounds, adding a new

restroom, renovating nine campsites for improved accessibility, repaving the park's entry road, connecting a day use restroom to the sewer system and improving equine facilities at the south of the park. Tracy Johnson, a senior

project manager at Oregon Parks and Recreation, appeared at the meeting and discussed the decision to close the park for the duration of the work, beginning November 1. Johnson said that the project team had investigated the possibility of leaving part of the park open during the work, but due to the limited roads in

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PEARL FEST Bay City

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On Saturday, activities will start at 11 a.m. with

waterball games and the opportunity for kids to touch a truck and tour Bay City Fire's

At 1 p.m., the musical entertainment begins, with Tombstone Shadows, a Creedence Clearwater Revival cover band, followed by Ala-

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bama cover band Roll On at 4 p.m. and Petty Fever at 7 p.m. Local group

Mercury Coast will be playing two sets at 3 and 6 p.m. on a secondary stage, between the mainstage performances.

Sunday is kids' day with games to be set up in the park and kidfriendly vendors scheduled, before an afternoon talent show.

The festival is free to attend and any money raised by the committee is being set aside to support a future grant for playground equipment.

"It's a festival for tourist but also for locals alike," Leipzig said, "we want to celebrate the connectedness of the

County budget work group forms subcommittees

WILL CHAPPELL Citizen Editor

A working group comprised of Tillamook County's commissioners, budget committee and department heads assigned members to subcommittees to investigate proposals to close the county's budget gap on August 5.

Three groups were formed, with one dedicated to investigating costcutting measures related to employees, one to examining possibilities for new revenues and one to looking at potential legislative or policy actions.

The meeting began with an update on progress towards seeking voter approval for a 5% increase to the county's transient lodging tax in the May 2025 elections. Commissioner Mary Faith Bell said that she had met with representatives from each of the county's seven cities and that a majority of the representatives from each city had voiced support for

Bell said that when the tax was originally passed by voters in 2014, cities had not been involved in the process, leaving them to play catch up and institute their own rates after voters approved the countywide tax. This time, Bell said that she wanted to work in unison with the cities so that they would be able to raise their taxes concurrently and reap the benefits of increased rev-

"We want to do it in partnership with the cities, if at all possible," Bell said.

Commissioner Doug Olson then discussed legislatively mandated services, saying that departments should review Oregon and federal statutes to see

which services they were offering that were not required. Staff should then assess the cost of the services against the revenues they generate and consider why they are doing things that aren't on the list, if they aren't profitable.

Olson then reviewed the projected revenues and shortfalls, saying that to maintain a general fund ending balance of \$10 million, the group needs to find around \$23 million in revenue increases or cost savings over the next four years. Olson said that figure represented roughly 17% of the county's projected general fund budget in the period.

Subcommittee assignments then began, with Olson reviewing the list of proposed revenue boosting or cost cutting measures before asking for volunteers for the subcommit-

The first group will focus on different proposals to cut county costs by shortening county employees' work week, either to four-day weeks or six-hour days. Director of Community Development Sarah Absher, Director of Human Resources Jodi Wilson, County Counsel Joel Stevens, Commissioner-Elect Paul Fournier and Commissioner Erin Skaar will form the subcommittee.

Discussion then moved onto revenue-boosting ideas, with Olson and Bell raising two new possibilities not discussed at the group's previous meeting. Olson broached the subject of installing red light cameras in the county, a possibility that he said he had discussed with a judge, and Bell mentioned the possibility of stopping the county's fix-it ticket program, which is optional

under state law.

Bell also said that she had considered the possibility of a countywide prepared food tax since the last meeting and believed that work towards that should be delayed until after seeking the transient lodging tax increase.

Fournier brought up the possibility of increasing the county's paid parking offerings, saying that he favored boosting revenues by offering services over cutting costs.

Tillamook County Chief of Staff Rachel Hagerty, Treasurer Shawn Blanchard, Library Director Donald Allgeier and Bell volunteered to form the subcommittee that will investigate straightforward opportunities to grow

Finally, focus moved to revenue boosting possibilities that would require more substantive legislative or policy shifts by the

Absher said that during discussions with members of various communities in the county, the subject of increasing revenues from the large number of transpacific cables that land on Tillamook's beaches had come up repeatedly. Olson said that Astound Broadband had paid just \$2,600 to the county for its cable which is scheduled to land this fall and that the fee had previously been just \$1,500 to companies like Meta and Microsoft.

The final subcommittee will consist of Hagerty, Fournier, Olson, Stevens and Sheriff Josh Brown and investigate possible legislative changes, including leasing county land to businesses or instituting a vacant house tax or forming a tourism improvement

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Pirate volleyball looks to gain experience

MIKE WEBER

After starting practice on Monday, Neah-Kah-Nie will be focusing on having an improved squad this following a disappointing 2023 season in which the Pirates were 2-10 in the Class 3A Coastal Range League and 4-15 overall. It marked the second straight season the Pirates won just two league contests.

The Pirates, guided by 10th year Coach Jacque Vandecoevering and assistant Coach Jenni Stinnett, lost five graduated seniors from last year. They'll have a talented squad returning this season that includes leadership from the senior quartet of Elizabeth Reyes-Avalos, Jadan Ayers, Krista Bosley and Ashley Perez.

"I kind of expect that

we'll probably continue to struggle again this year, but we'll see what happens," said Vandecoevering.

"We're a pretty young team and our seniors are really kind of an inexperienced group. I'm excited for the underclassmen because I feel that as they continue on their high school career, they'll be really great players when they are seniors. So, we'll be focusing on getting more experience for the younger kids to help get them ready for the season.'

The Bobcats also have a senior foreign exchange student from Mexico who is 6-foot-2 and will most likely be a strong force in front of the net for the Pirates. The Pirates will also be looking for key contributions on the court from sophomores Jasmine Jones and Ruby Marteeny, and juniors Aspen Burden,

Spellman. "Most of the younger

players have been participating in offseason workouts, they're really committed to the program, and they want to become better players and that's why I'm excited about that group,' said Vandecoevering. "We'll have the tall and experienced foreign exchange student in the middle, who will certainly be a key player for us. If our other players step up their level of play a little, then maybe we'll be a pretty decent team this year.'

The Pirates will play the opener of their 15-game schedule in a 4:30 p.m. nonleague local rivalry matchup at home Sept. 4 against Nestucca. The Pirates begin their 12-game CRL schedule Sept. 10 on the road versus the Yamhill-Carlton High Tigers (14-11 in 2023).

Pirate football looks to grow

MIKE WEBER For the Citizen

Playing their first season since 2021, the Neah-Kah-Nie High Pirates returned to OSAA Class 2A football

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last year and finished 2-5 (2-7 overall) in Special District 1, taking sixth place in the eight-team standings.

The Pirates, guided by second-year Coach Alejandro Quintana-Rios, lost seven graduated seniors from last year's squad and will have some big shoes to fill at the beginning of practice on Monday. The Pirates have six seniors this year who will help provide leadership abil-



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ity for the team, including Samuel Lommen, Dallas Coleman, Gage Wilkinson, Matt Steiger, Zane Krumenaker and Isaac Ferber.

"I think we'll have a much-improved team that will hopefully win more games than we did last year," said Quintan-Rios. "We'll just be focusing on improving every day at practice so that we can achieve our goal of getting a good outcome in most of our games and hopefully get a few wins and have some fun too."

The Pirates will play Sheridan and the Class 3A Jefferson High Lions (0-8 in 2023) in an Aug. 30 jamboree at Nestucca High School. The Pirates open their eight-game season with a 7 p.m. Sept. 6 home matchup versus the Irrigon High Knights (4-5 in 2023). The Pirates lost 66-44 to Irrigon in their season opener a year ago at Irrigon High School.

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That work consisted of drilling 100 four-footdiameter holes to a depth of 40 to 50 feet and filling them with a mixture of sand, concrete and water to stabilize the building's foundation in the event of soil liquefaction during a seismic event. The holes cover the footprint of the police station, which was separated from the main city hall facility and given more seismic resistance so that it can serve as the city's emergency management center.

A mistake by a subcontractor also led to the drilling of superfluous holes to the east of the police station for about 20 feet, meaning that area can accommodate a future expansion, should the need arise.

The police station building will also house the city's information technology equipment in a room with a separate entrance, which will help to preserve the city's communications capabilities in emergent

City hall itself will house the city council chamber at the west end of the building, three offices and working area to accommodate the city's six staff,

several smaller meeting spaces, with a conference room for meetings with the public, and a secure garage for police vehicles at the east end, with a short driveway off Classic Street. The facility will also have an outdoor staff parking lot behind the garage off Classic Street and public parking at the west end, accessible off Manzanita

The building's entryway will feature a 16-foot ceiling at the front, sloping down to nine feet at the rear of the building. Wooden beams from the Quonset hut that used to stand on the site were salvaged for use in feature walls, as were large glass globes

from the school building that will be repurposed as a light fixture in the new

space's lobby. Three restrooms will also be included in city hall, with a full bathroom off the garage for police use, staff restrooms and a public restroom that will have its own entrance, allowing for independent access during events like the farmers' market.

Currently, carpenters are working on laying out the wall plates in the buildings, after which framing will begin.

Stegner said that the project had gone to plan so far and that the separation of the facility into two buildings had

increased the complexity of installing conduits for utilities. Pouring the concrete slabs in the summertime also increased the complexity of the job, requiring the construction team to water down the slabs during the curing process to minimize cracking, but Stegner said that these factors had been considered during the planning process.

After the framing is complete, work will begin on installing the buildings' roofs and windows, so that work can move inside during inclement weather.

Stegner said that as the project progressed, his confidence in both budgetary and timeline projections is increasing and that he expected to hand the project over to the city in May 2025. Manzanita City Manager Leila Aman said that it would take about two months from that point for staff to prepare the building for its grand opening.

Aman said that she was happy the construction was being carried out by a local company, noting that it helped to keep costs down and communication open. "That's, I think, been a big advantage to this project, the local knowledge, the local contractors, the local subs," Aman said. "It results in a better project overall, a better team dynamic but also getting a better cost."

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The trio withdrew to a boat landing down the road, where Stetzel's son convinced him to call 911, after which they returned to Stetzel's house to wait for law enforcement officers.

When sheriff's deputies arrived on the scene, they collected Stetzel's bloodstained clothing for DNA testing, which revealed the stains to be a mixture of Stetzel and Ford's blood. Deputies also saw a cut on Stetzel's hand, scratches on the top of his head and bruising in several areas on his body and arrested him.

At Ford's cabin, the officers found Ford's body, as well as a fire poker, which

they identified as the murder weapon. The fire poker was also covered in a mixture of Ford and Stetzel's blood.

Under initial questioning, Stetzel claimed ignorance regarding the killing and theorized that a third party had come into Ford's house and attacked the pair, killing

However, as deputies continued to interrogate Stetzel, he admitted that he vaguely recalled that he and Ford had gotten into a fight about "attitude and alcohol," though he did not elaborate.

Stetzel further admitted that in the middle of a physical altercation, the pair had sat down on Ford's couch to rest, at which point Stetzel grabbed a metal object and hit Ford over the head two times. Stetzel claimed that when he had left Ford's

residence, he believed Ford was alive.

Stetzel was indicted on one count of murder in the second degree and Tillamook District Attorney Aubrey Olson began to work with investigators to build a case.

Possessing the murder weapon, Stetzel's clothing and other objects from Ford's cabin covered in both men's blood put the prosecution in a strong position to start. Further evidence included grainy security camera footage from between the men's dwellings showing what investigators believed to be Stetzel's truck heading to Ford's cabin after 7 p.m. by himself and not returning homewards until close to 2 a.m. Several neighbors also said that they had heard arguing coming from Ford's cabin and Ford's phone showed a failed call to 911 at 1:18 a.m.

But, according to Olson, there were several factors complicating a prosecution for murder in the second degree, which requires prosecutors prove a defendant meant to cause the death of

Chief among these was Stetzel's lack of memory of the events of the evening, which several experts found to be genuine. Olson said that investigators could not determine how intoxicated Stetzel had been at the time of the assault because he'd kept drinking after returning to his house and that the resulting uncertainty could have left the door open to a self-defense claim.

Olson also said that the lack of eyewitnesses to the crime or apparent motive

could prove impediments before a jury. "It helps to have a motive for jurors to understand what was the mental state," Olson said.

Those challenges, in concert with the riskiness and expense of jury trials, led Olson to prioritize a plea agreement. Given the facts of the case, Olson and Stetzel's lawyers agreed that a charge of manslaughter in the first degree, defined as one person recklessly causing the death of another, fit the facts of the case.

Owing to Stetzel's lack of memory of the events, Olson, in consultation with the victim's family, agreed to accept a no contest plea, meaning that Stetzel admitted the prosecution could prove his guilt but that he did not admit to committing the crime. "Victim representatives were willing to accept that as well for the reason that he was not able to remember exactly what happened," Olson said.

Stetzel will not be eligible for good-behavior reductions on the first ten years of his 16-year sentence, but will be for the last six, giving him an earliest possible release date in just under 13 years on April 26, 2037. Stetzel is currently being housed by the Oregon Department of Corrections at the Coffee Creek Intake Center.

In addition to his period of incarceration, Stetzel will also be subject to three years of post-prison supervision and was ordered to pay \$7,799.74 to National Commercial Services Inc. and \$4,038.50 to the Oregon Department of Justice's victim compensation fund.

LIBRARY Transitioning

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the library at Tillamook Bay Community College use the opensource Koha system, which is offered by ByWater solutions, and are part of the Chinook consortium.

In 2020, the previous director of Lincoln County's libraries applied for and received a state grant to evaluate the system's services and ways to better integrate them with other libraries on the coast. The consultant hired as part of that process recommended that the library should work to implement a unified system on the coast, with an initial focus on bringing Lincoln County libraries together.

Given the close relationship between Lincoln County libraries and the Tillamook County Library, which already allow for intersystem borrowing, Lincoln County Library District Director Brian Miyagishima approached Allgeier about joining the Driftwood and Newport libraries in

their transition. Allgeier first took the suggestion to his board late last year and they

voted to move forward with the plan this spring.

The decision came down to several primary factors, according to Allgeier, with cost being the most prominent. Tillamook County Library currently pays over \$160,000 annually to Sierra to license its system, whereas the new contract with ByWater is for just \$26,000 annually for server space and technical support.

Allgeier said that he hopes to use the money saved to support building maintenance and to replace the library's aging van and bookmobile.

Beyond the savings, Allgeier said that the open-source format of the new software will present novel opportunities for the library system.

One of these will be the opportunity to give feedback on the system's future developments, which Allgeier thinks will be more impactful given the new consortium's larger footprint in the system. "We can work together to kind of identify what are the priorities we have and influence the development

over time," Allgeier said. Koha's open-source format will also allow the library to add its own tools or applications on top of the base software,

should a need arise.

Allgeier also touted the Aspen Discovery System, which will be implemented in conjunction with the new ILS and provide users enhanced search functionality. Allgeier said that the current system requires correct spelling and only provides narrow results, whereas Aspen will correct for misspellings and provide more broad results including related digital materials, online resources and even library events. "It's significantly better than what we have today in terms of that experience," Allgeier said.

In partnership with the Lincoln County Library District, Tillamook received a Library Services and Technology Act grant earlier this year that will help pay for the migration to a new system.

That process will begin in September, with a planned launch date for the new system of March 11, 2025. Library users will not need a new library card, and their account data will transfer to the new system, but it will be necessary to create an online account to access the Aspen Discovery System.

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the area decided it would not

be possible to safely allow public access during the project.

Johnson also said that an outside firm has done extensive archaeological surveying of the site and been retained for monitoring throughout the project.

Efforts to update Manzanita's logo are being undertaken in conjunction with

a Tillamook Coast Visitors Association led initiative to revamp the city's wayfinding signage.

Stephen Schlott from Partners in Design, the firm doing the design work on the logo, appeared at the meeting and presented four preliminary options for the logo.

Each option incorporated Neah Kah Nie Mountain, the ocean and beach, with one taking a more impressionistic approach, while the other three varied slightly in their color palette and inclusion of local flora and fauna.

After Schlott reviewed the designs and showed them in a variety of different settings, including on signage, in an official seal and on merchandise, the councilors discussed their preferences.

All councilors gravitated towards a common design, featuring the beach and mountain, a manzanita bush and bird soaring above in a semi-circular frame. Councilors decided to proceed with that logo option and to survey the public about which bird should be included in the logo.





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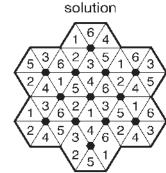
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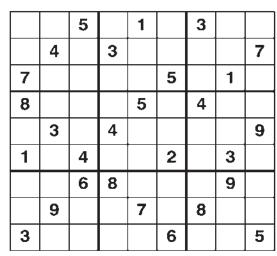
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by Linda Thistle



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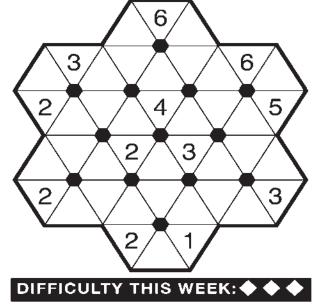
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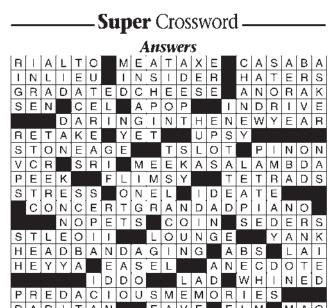
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The excavator moves a legacy stone from the jetty's original construction. Some of these stones are being moved to make place for new stones, but they will all end up back in the jetty, usually near their



A transport truck dumps three stones on top of the jetty for the waiting excavator to place.

South jetty repair work ahead of schedule

WILL CHAPPELL Citizen Editor

Contractors from Civil West working on the repair of the south jetty at the entrance to Tillamook Bay are making substantial progress putting the project several months ahead of schedule.

Project Superintendent Dan Bryner said that they had completed half of the work on the trunk section of the jetty and expected to complete the section soon before spending the rest of the year stockpiling stones for next year's work.

Placement of stones began in late July with work on the beachside portion of the 600-foot section of the jetty's trunk. Bryner said that the crew working to place stones had first had to excavate six to ten feet of sand at the base of the jetty to prepare for the work, which had taken just two weeks and two days.

With that work complete, the stone placing team is now working on the channel side of the same section and making good progress, placing an average of 40 and 60 stones a day. Bryner said that at the jetty in Coos Bay, teams have placed more than 100 stones a day but explained that the current work at the Tillamook jetty was more painstaking as there is

less infilling taking place.

That means that there are more toe stones being placed, and the requirement that the placement team's spotter log the locations of each toe stone using a GPS beacon slows the pace of placement.

Stone placement is being monitored on an ongoing basis by fieldworkers from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (US-ACE), who ensure that the stones are properly situated to meet the project's requirements. Bryner said that even as work has progressed at a good pace, USACE inspectors had found issues requiring the team to backtrack or "unzip" the jetty to replace stones on three occasions.

As work has progressed on placing stones, the flow of rocks from regional quarries has also continued apace, with more than 700 stones delivered as of early last

Bryner said that the process of offloading the stones at the Port of Garibaldi and transferring them via barge to Kincheloe Point is running smoothly. Once there, the stones are weighed before being marked as A-, B- or Cclass and sorted and placed into a secondary staging area adjacent to the beach and trunk of the jetty.

So far, the largest stones delivered have been in the neighborhood of 15 tons, but stones up to 40 tons will eventually arrive for use in the head section of the project next year.

After work has wrapped up on placing stones on the channel side of the trunk section, Bryner said that the team expects to focus their energies on stockpiling stones during the winter months, as stone placement becomes too treacherous owing to high surf during winter

After winter weather has subsided, workers will construct a temporary road on the top of the jetty to access the 800-foot section of the project at the jetty's head next summer.

At some point in the spring, a different excavator will arrive via barge from Coos Bay, where it is being used this summer. That excavator will be roughly twice as large as the one currently working on the trunk section and will be able to span the longer gaps that will be encountered during work at and near the head.

Bryner pointed to his team's experience in Coos Bay and Trade West's willingness to use innovative solutions, like fabricating their own custom claw for

the rock placing excavator being used currently, as the key factors in helping them pull ahead of their timetable.

Bryner also said that the project team is discussing

what to do with the two jetty rocks that were signed by festivalgoers at July's Garibaldi Days. Bryner explained that the rocks needed to be placed in the jetty as the

company had paid for their delivery and said that they wanted them to be accessible without endangering members of the public who would seek them out.



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The stone placement team's spotter inspects the excavator's placement of a stone, prepared to log its location with a GPS beacon.

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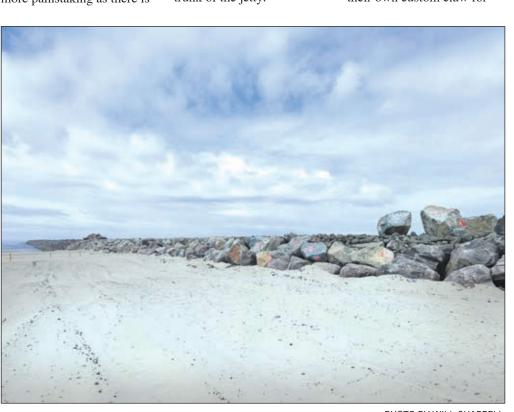


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The 600-foot section at the trunk of the jetty that has already been repaired.



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Community-Based Tourism: Tillamook County's Focus from the Get-Go



NAN DEVLIN
Executive Director, Tillamook Coast
Visitors Association

When county residents approved a ballot measure in November 2013 to implement a transient lodging tax (TLT), the primary intention was to help fund the repair of county roads, which at the time were rated the worst in the state. And because the county was late in implementing a lodging tax, the funds were subject to the 2003 ORS 320.300 state law that lodging tax be subject to

a 70/30 split. That means that 30% of the collected tax could be used for anything the county. The County commissioners chose to use the 30% for road repair.

The remaining 70% must be used for tourism-related facilities and/or tourism promotion. Both happened, and has continued to be the focus ever since TLT was first collected in 2014. The goal was to get as much of the 70% back into communities as quickly as possible through grants and investments.

What the county may not have realized at the time is it was on a road not taken before in the state – community-based tourism. What is that? It's part of a three-tier tourism policy.

Sustainable Tourism

Sustainable tourism is a strategic approach involving three pillars, defined by the United Nations World Tourism Organization in the early 1990s, as people, place and profit. This means including

community in planning tourism (people), respecting environment and stewardship (place), and enhancing year-round economic vitality (profit).

Civic Tourism

Civic tourism focuses on community culture, needs and benefits. For instance, as has happened in towns along the Oregon Coast, do you build massive, multi-story resorts along the beachfront, one that changes the entire culture of the town as well as the views? Or do you respect the culture of that beach town and build facilities important to the people, such as connecting trails? In other words, it's working with the tourism industry to create what people want in their com-

Destination Management

Destination management is the way to put sustainable and civic tourism into practice. It brings together government

Jewelry _

agencies, businesses, land use organizations, nonprofits, community groups and tourism to develop a plan, prioritize projects and take action. The community planning workshops we've conducted in seven communities helps TCVA identify projects that can be funded with either TLT grants or other sources.

Last spring, I taught a class in community planning to students in the Tourism Administration master's program at The George Washington University in Washington DC. The director of the program, Dr. Cevat Tosun, said, "I've been searching for a destination that is committed to community-based tourism. I finally found it on the Tillamook Coast."

You can thank the Tillamook County commissioners, from when the TLT started in 2014 to those in office now, for continuing on the promise of respecting and giving back to the community through tourism: people, place and profit.



Fairgoers queue for and enjoy Tillamook ice cream and peruse the flower display in the fair's main building on Thursday.

Tillamook County Fair a rousing success

STAFF REPORT

For four days last week, the Tillamook County Fairgrounds became a hive of activity as people from across the county, state and region descended for the Tillamook County Fair.

Held from August 7-10, the fair featured longtime traditions like the Pig N' Ford races and demolition derby as well as ongoing entertainment from carnival rides, vendors and livestock displays.

The fair kicked off on Wednesday morning with an opening ceremony that officially got the activity underway. Much of the action on Wednesday took place in the 4H/FFA pavilion, as youth showed their animals in preparation for Friday night's livestock auction.

Pari-mutuel horse racing kicked off in the afternoon before the ten, longstanding Pig N' Ford franchises took to the track in the evening to delight a packed grandstand. Bobby Wassmer and Ben Salo won the night's

races, punching their ticket to Saturday night's world championship before A Boy Named Tom performed to cap the night off.

Thursday and Friday saw crowds swell and the carnival featuring rides from Rainier Amusements become increasingly crowded.

In Pig N' Ford races on Thursday, Mckenzi Wassmer won in the first heat after Ethen Haertel was disqualified and Dillon Walker won the second heat. On Friday, Drew Prince and Chris Hurliman prevailed, claiming the last two spots in the world championship.

On Thursday night,
Eagles' cover band Eagle
Eyes finished the evening's
entertainment and on Friday
country singer Kameron
Marlowe concluded the
fair's concert series.

The world championship race for the Pig N' Fords took place on Saturday night with Dillon Walker emerging victorious and the week ended to the demolition derby's symphony of crunching metal.



The courtyard hosting a musical performance on Thursday afternoon.



The livestock pavilion abuzz with activity as local youth care for and show their livestock.



Competitors scramble for the pig pen at the start of a Pig N' Ford race on Thursday evening.

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