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The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners held a series of emergency meetings after discovering the malware attack. Cody Mann/Headlight Herald

County to negotiate for ransomware key

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Pillamook County commission-■ ers voted Monday, Jan. 27, to negotiate for an encryption key to regain control of the government's computer systems after a cyberattack struck.

Information Technology Director Damian Laviolette told the board of commissioners in a late Monday meeting a significant amount of investigation was done into the cyberattack with help from forensic computer firm Arete Incident Response. Laviolette said the integrity of many, but not all aspects of the county systems have been restored or protected.

"At this time, we are looking to Arete to potentially begin the process of negotiation for an encryption key for the remainder of the systems we have been unable to protect or retain the integrity of," Laviolette said.

The board of commissioners voted unanimously, but with apparent reluctance, to authorize negotiations by Arete for an encryption key, the cost of which the county will later reimburse. A potential ransom cost has not yet been made

"We have to keep moving forward,"

"This is an extremely difficult process and I'm grateful for everyone's patience, and we're ready to take the next step," County Commissioner Mary Faith Bell

Officials have not yet commented regarding possible cyberattack suspects or discussed details regarding any demands for payment to relinquish control of the computer systems.

After meeting in a closed-door session Wednesday, Jan. 22, county officials confirmed a cyberattack took place. The county's server and internal computer systems were down, and phone systems and email networks were affected. The Tillamook County website, which hosts numerous departments, was also down. County computer network connections were disabled to contain the spread of malware.

Bell said Wednesday the attack was apparently ransomware in nature, though no demands had been issued yet. The attack was first suspected to be a storage system technical issue, but it was quickly realized that something sinister was in play. Bell said it was not clear if the malware was still spreading internally,

"We hope that we contained it, and that it's not spreading outside our system, but it's possible that it's still moving around inside our system," Bell said.

Bell added that cyberattacks are essentially an industry now, a growing concern for governments and companies as well as private citizens. She emphasized that there was no indication that any data was compromised in the attack.

Tillamook County had been ramping up cybersecurity since it hired Laviolette this past year. Bell said Laviolette has been invested in bringing his banking cybersecurity savvy to Tillamook. She noted that with the push to go digital for everything, she still sees value in traditional paper documents and methods, in particular physical voting ballots.

"It's a mixed bag ... if there was a loss of data, you would certainly wish for hard copies," Bell said. "I think the lesson is to backup absolutely everything because I think this kind of thing will become more common. There are places in the world where people are just doing this for a living.'

Bell said county officials were discussing whether to pay a ransom when and if a demand was received. She said

but everything with connectivity was See County, Page 6 shut down. County Commissioner David Yamamoto Manzanita man rescued from heavy surf at Netarts Bay

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illamook County L Communications District 911 received a call from a boater in distress in Netarts Bay at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20. The lone occupant, a 72-year-old male from Manzanita, was pulling crab pots while not under power in an 18-foot Alumaweld Stryker in rough waters when he was washed up and became grounded on the sandbar and was taking on water.

According to the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office, before rescuers could get to the vessel, it capsized, throwing the boater into the



water, who was wearing a personal floatation device.

The Sheriff's Office, along with Netarts Oceanside Fire Rescue and the US Coast Guard, responded and launched rescue craft. Netarts Oceanside Fire had four individuals on two jet skis. They were the first on scene and had lost sight of the boater initially but were able to locate and remove the boater from the water to shore. Division Chief James McCamman said waves were 10-12 feet high. McCamman said he pre-

sumes the man was dealing with hypothermia as he was in the water for half an hour but was conscious and alert at the time of rescue. The man was pulled from the water at 1:45 p.m.

The man was transferred to ambulance and transported to Tillamook Regional Medical Center for treatment of minor environmental related injuries.

The vessel remains



Photo courtesy of the Tillamook Co. Sheriff's office.

precariously capsized and grounded on the sandbar at this time due to unsafe weather as the U.S. Coast Guard makes plans for its recovery.

ventist Health Ambulance, U.S. Coast Guard, Oregon State Police and Tillamook

iff's Office assisted Netarts

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Funnel cloud, hailstones hit **North Coast**

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tornado left storm damage in the Manzanita area Tues-Aday, Jan. 21. Large hailstones were also reported as a rainstorm struck along the North Coast.

Witnesses said a water spout was seen on the ocean shortly before the tornado blew through in the area of Neah-Kah-Nie Meadow. TV news station FOX 12's meteorologists first reported the storm as a possible tornado.

Tillamook County Emergency Management and Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue (NBFR) personnel responded to the scene. There were no injuries reported, but some properties were damaged, and there were reports of tree damage.

NBFR Chief Chris Beswick said units were dispatched to a residential fire alarm at around 11 a.m., finding the alarm was triggered by the tornado. He said at least four homes had reports of minor damage such as broken windows, missing shingles and other roof damages.

Beswick said witnesses reported a tornado of around 20 feet in diameter. He said it does not appear to have touched down at any point and it dissipated quickly.

Emergency Manager Gordon McCraw said the National Weather Service did an assessment and classified the funnel cloud as a confirmed EF-0 tornado, weak but bringing winds between 65 and 70 mph. The tornado's path was an estimated quarter-mile long and 100-yards wide.

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Quarter-size hail struck Foss Road in north Tillamook

Housing study reveals need for 2,603 new homes over next 20 years

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The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners held a ▲ board meeting Wednesday, Jan. 15, to hear a Housing Needs Assessment Presentation from Sarah Absher, director of community development; Todd Chase, AICP, LEED AP, principal of economic services; Erin Skaar, executive director of CARE, Inc. and Jake Davis, Tillamook County housing coordinator. Skaar said the process of the assessment began in

A housing task force was started by Commissioner Bill Baertlein and the county, Skaar said. The two keys partners in this study were CARE, Inc. and the Tillamook County Creamery Association. CARE, Inc. has been a fiscal agent for two

"When we started this work back in 2015, our first study was funded almost completely by Tillamook County Creamery Association," Skaar said. "They understood early in the conversation the importance of housing for the community and step forward with funds to help us begin to dig into the problem.

Chase said they have been working on this issue for almost a year. They started in January of last year.

According to the Housing Needs Assessment, Tillamook County has been growing consistently for 20 years. Tillamook has been growing half as fast as the state average. There are 2,890 new dwellings over the past 17 years, according to data that went from 2000 to 2017. That data was pulled from historic building permit data provided by the Community Development Department.

"As Todd also mentioned, right now a vast majority of our new housing stock is diverted to second homes or short-term rentals," Davis said. "The projections of 2,603 new units needed over the next 20 years depends on a significantly more favorable split of new housing going to long term rentals."

Davis said the projections of 2,603 new units needed over the next 20 years depends on a significantly more favorable split of new housing going to long-term versus short-term/seasonal housing (about half short-term, half long-term).

"I'd also like to note that most of those dwellings were constructed pre-recession," Davis said. "This is a national trend: new housing starts have slowly recovered since the recession but are still short of their pre-recession levels.'

There is a need to increase the number of new housing (most multi-family and single family, rental and ownership) to get ahead of increased rents/prices, Davis said. 90 percent of those have been built for seasonal residents. Housing for year-round

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Coastal crabber finds passion at sea

Spending days out at sea collecting Dungeness crab sounds a bit daunting for most people. But for Lincoln City commercial crabber Tony Latino Jr., it's a lifestyle he's quickly taken a liking to.

Son of Tony Latino Sr., the owner of Tony's Top Shop in Lincoln City, Jr. has been working for his Dad but has always had an interest in commercial crabbing. Drawn to a life at sea, and not to mention a wealthy bounty for a good catch, Latino had the opportunity to get his sea legs and join a crew for this year's crabbing season.

"My best friend Tyger Pearson works on the Cape Cleare boat as well as a few other close high school friends, who work down here," Latino said about how he got started. "I heard how much money I could make, so after walking the

docks for a month and having my buddy Tyger ask around, him and his Captain met my boat the Tauny Ann and got me a deck hand job."

For the past three weeks, Latino has been adjusting to the long days and nights at sea aboard the 63-foot crab boat. Recently, he just returned from a 27-hour trip that was followed by cleaning the boat, offloading the crab and cleaning out the

He understands it's not for everyone, but he feels he's cut out for the job.

"I wanted to do it for the challenge, not many people can do it... we had two guys quit first couple days out," Latino said. "Being a crabber is an elite crew, not many people get respect down here until you put time in and show you're tough enough to be around."

But it hasn't all been fun for Latino... it's hard work. He said the first three days on the ocean he faced tough water conditions, sleepless nights and a fast paced working environment. But eventually, Latino started to find certain serenity

"I had no idea what I got myself into working two days straight on the water... It was the hardest challenge of my life," Latino said. "But I found I like working all through the night time to the morning. I'm on the dark ocean and it's peaceful."

In addition to the calmness he's found in the ocean, Latino has also formed camaraderie with his fellow crewmates and other fisherman in his short time as a crabber.

"I really enjoy being around the docks and talking to all the

other people on the boats and hearing the stories," Latino said.

Along with his passion for crabbing, Latino has also had a interest in photography. He has taken his photography skills aboard his crab boat and will often take a quick moment to document an average day at sea. This resulted in the stunning photo of the rough ocean waves crashing over the side of

"I like to take all kinds of pictures all the time just because I like remembering good times," Latino said. "The first three times I went out (to sea) it was pretty rough like you see in the photo."

Although he's still new to the commercial crabbing business, Latino said he's found a joy for the work he's doing and plans to do it every year. And as long as he's living in the Lincoln City area, he should be able to do it quite easily.

"It's only three months long and it makes enough money to where I can live here and I should take advantage of the opportunity," Latino said. "Many people live in the city or inland and never have an opportunity to do this."



Commercial crabber Tony Latino Jr. took this photo, which has been viewed by nearly 50,000 people on the Tillamook Headlight Herald's Facebook page, showing rough ocean waters during a trip to sea.

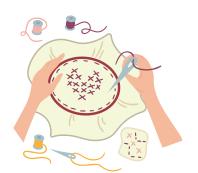
Photo: Tony Latino Jr. - KPOC photography

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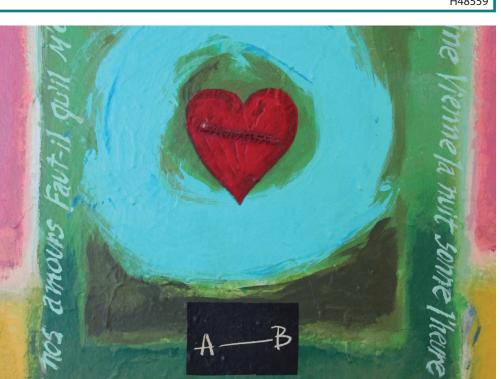


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Please join us Sunday, Feb. 16 from 1 - 4p.m. for a Community Celebration of the Heart and Artist Reception.

We will have live music by Tillamarimba, artwork for sale by local artists and delicious heart healthy refreshments from Bread and Ocean Bakery. Everyone is welcome, all ages. The show will hang at the NCRD gallery through the month of February.

You may purchase artworks in advance of the Feb. 16 event through the NCRD office.* They will be marked as sold and may be taken home Feb. 28.

For more information email AHTM.info@ah.org.

*Twenty percent of the proceeds from art sales will go to support fitness scholarships at NCRD in hopes of contributing to the heart health of our North County neighbors. Thank you for your support.



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Adventist Health



Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue (NBFR) responded to a call around 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at Jetty Fishery in Rockaway Beach. NBFR said there was just smoke from a new stove install. The smoke was confined to the stove. There was no damage to the house. Rockaway Beach Fire Department was the first engine on scene. Garibaldi Fire & Rescue responded to the scene as well. Photo courtesy of Adam Brecht.



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all options were on the table, but none them were good. Bell said it would be a case of choosing from the "best of bad options." She also acknowledged that paying a ransom was no guarantee of a return to normalcy.

Tillamook County Sheriff's Office experienced effects to its phone system and email, though Interim Sheriff Jim Horton said jail operations and the ability for deputies to respond were not hampered by the cyberattack. Tillamook County **Emergency Communications** District's dispatch and 911 services appeared unaffected, though Administrator Doug Kettner said his agency was investigating to further assure the cyberattack had no

County commissioners scheduled another immediate closed session for late Wednesday to discuss what was called a "data security incident." An emergency open session on the matter was held Thursday morning.

A county-issued statement

regarding a cyberattack said computer difficulties with several systems had arisen Wednesday. Information Technology staff immediately launched an investigation and determined there was a malware attack.

County officials said in the statement they would coordinate with law enforcement as well as retain an independent computer forensics provider and legal experts to assist in the investigation. The investigation was in its early stages. The FBI was also contacted.

County officials have apologized for the inconvenience to the public. The statement said there was no indication yet that the personal information of employees or residents has been accessed or misused. The projected cost to regain control of the system was not yet known.

"Tillamook takes the security of the information entrusted to us very seriously. We are taking steps to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future, including strengthening security measures," the county statement said. "Although we are not at liberty to share many details about this matter at this time, we will provide a further update once the investigation

In Thursday morning's emergency meeting, Laviolette said system outages would continue in the coming days, and additional systems could fail as well, noting that some services that were working early in the attack had later gone down. He later added that it was not confirmed how the malware had entered the system.

is complete."

An additional emergency meeting of the board of commissioner was slated for 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24, at the county courthouse. A closeddoor meeting was set for 4 p.m. that day.

In the Friday morning meeting, Laviolette said there was not much additional technical information to share, primarily because contracted professionals had not yet arrived to assist. Arete Incident Response was due at the courthouse later that morning. He was hopeful more details would be available by the end of the day.

'Help is on the way. They're professionals; they do this for a living," Laviolette said. "This is not their first rodeo.'

Laviolette said in the days leading up to the Friday morning meeting he received

good offers of help from a plethora of individuals and agencies as well as other county governments. He said while nothing had necessarily been turned down, county officials were following the best practices in waiting for the specialists to arrive before deciding whose assistance might be needed.

"As of today, we do not know what type of cyber event we are truly dealing with," Laviolette said. "We do not know the specifics ... that will come with the professionals' work."

County commissioners thanked Laviolette for his diligent efforts to upgrade an old information security system and for his leadership in the wake of the cyberattack. Baertlein said he hoped the incident would be used as a lesson to drive technological improvements.

With county government in crisis mode and reports of misinformation in the community, Tillamook County **Emergency Manager Gordon** McCraw was named incident commander and public information officer in charge of all communications. McCraw

said an incident command team was formed to handle the situation.

To overcome communications issues, McCraw recommended using the emergency alert service Nixle. You can subscribe to the service by texting your zip code to 888777 or by going to Nixle. com and registering. On the website, you can select what type of alerts you receive. Tillamook People's Utility District also sends alerts through Nixle.

Tillamook County Emergency Management established temporary contact methods due to computer difficulties. Emergency Management can be reached at by phone at 281-254-0970 or by email at gordon.mccraw@ gmail.com.

The courthouse and other external departments remained open for business. However, the ability to do business electronically was compromised. Tillamook County Circuit Court, being part of the state judicial department, was reportedly unaffected the county problem. The Justice Court also continued to function.

Tillamook County Health Department and Department of Community Development directed patients and customers who could not get through by phone number to use alternative phone numbers, which are provided below.

Tillamook County Health Department was open, although there was no access to electronic medical records. The county statement assured that personal health information was protected. If patients cannot get through on regular phone numbers, please call:

• 503-812-3916 for medical and behavioral health clinic

scheduling
• 503-812-3774 for dental clinic scheduling and services • 503-354-4257 for WIC,

public health and environ-

mental health Department of Community Development is open Mon. to Fri. from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please visit the office for planning and other depart-

ment services. Please call: • 503-812-8543 for building, plumbing, mechanical and electrical inspections

• 503-812-2431 for sani-

Historical society presents 'Black in Oregon 1840 - 1870

Nehalem Valley Historical Society presents "Black in Oregon 1840-1870" at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at Pine Grove Community House in Manzanita. Join for their Speaker Series Presentation every second Saturday in February, March, April and May.

Admission is \$5 per person at the door. "Black in Oregon 1840-1870" is presented by Layne Sawyer, reference manager for the Oregon State Archives. Learn

about the award-winning exhibit produced by the Oregon State Archives staff, interns and volunteers – illuminating the courage and resilience of black pioneer and their families who immigrated to Oregon between 1840 and 1870, despite the many barriers they

The Nehalem Valley Historical Society (NVHS) is headquartered in the lower level of the historic Pine Grove Community House and maintains

archives and exhibits featuring the history of the lower Nehalem Valley. For more information. email them at info@nehalemvalleyhistory.org.

Coast

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An EF-2 tornado with winds up to 130 mph tore into Manzanita in 2016, causing significant damage. Two shops and a home were smashed in the storm and more than 100 other properties were dam-

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Warren Piece: Why we cover hard news in our community

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two fatal crash stories with photos both online and in our weekly paper. It's something we cover when these events happen because it's news. My heart goes out to the

families and friends of those involved in these horrible accidents. I lost my older brother to accidental death, so I have a little idea what these families are going through.

I would rather fill the pages with news of state championships, or news of the fair breaking records for attendance. And we do, but sometimes tragedy strikes and we have to cover it.

A quick check with our

sheriff last week and he said they have responded to something like 18 vehicle accidents in the past month or more. He and his deputies have been very busy on our roads this winter.

stories like crashes, we do follow the policies we have in place that allow us to present the story in a professional manner, giving the readers a true picture of the event. We do screen the photos we use to ensure no graphic images are published. It's important and helpful

to emergency crews to let people know when a road is

When covering hard news

closed or there is a situation where it's best to void the area. That's where social media comes in play. When a road is closed, people want to know why, when they hear or see an emergency crew set up on our roads they want to know what happened. It's also important to

recognize that running stories and photos of crashes makes people think and drive more carefully. With all the bloggers

and so-called information websites out there today simply passing on what they have heard or reposting what someone else has shared, it's become even more important to get the facts and story straight. The people of Tillamook County have turned to our news company to do just that. It's our job.

Lately, we have been questioned why we run photos of

crash scenes with stories. The use of photos is

sometimes the best way to describe an event. They compose an image we can't always make with words. They help tell the serious nature of life and death. And they show how important it is that we have invested our tax dollars in public safety.

It's our ethical and journalistic duty to deliver you the news, not some watered-down version or censored report. That's why we often times dig deeper than what is released or presented to the community by public agencies and other outlets.

We will never be able to please everyone with our coverage. That is unrealistic. But, we can do it in a professional and informed manner. That's our obligation to you, the reader, and that's what we will continue to do.

Guest column: Questions about Manzanita city audit results on the City Hall project for

By Randy Kugler

t the Jan. 8 City of A Manzanita Workshop and City Council meeting, the Mayor solicited suggestions from citizens as to next steps

the Underhill property. The tone of the meetings and desire to maintain momentum on this important community project was encouraging and welcome.

At the council meeting, the city auditor was present to answer questions on last year's budget. Given that the council had announced that it would be conducting an analysis to determine if reasonable overhead allocations from the Water Fund were being made for the city manager and assistant city manager, I was content to refrain from making any further public comments on this subject until this analysis was completed but the auditor's statement that she "didn't have any heartburn with any of the allocations to the water fund" I believed required a further explanation.

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January

CHIP Info Session, attend one free session, Tuesday, Jan 21 or Thursday, Jan 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church, lower level in back, 2610 First St., Tillamook.

Empowered Childbirth, Sunday, January 26, 1 - 5 pm, Adventist Health Tillamook, Conference Room A, Tillamook.

February

CHIP, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, February 3 to March 12, 5:45 to 8:15 pm, Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church, lower level in back, 2610 First St., Tillamook.

Mammogram Spa Day,

Thursday, February 13. There will be light refreshments, goodies and massages free of charge for anyone having their annual

screening mammogram. Make your appointment today by calling 503-815-2292.

clubChip, Monday, February 17, 5:45 to 8:30 pm, Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church, lower level in back, 2610 First St., Tillamook.

Men's ONLY Caregiver Support **Group,** Wednesday, February 19, 1:30 -3:00 PM facilitated by Howard Shapiro, Hatfield Room, Tillamook Library, 1716 Third St. Tillamook.

March

Empowered Childbirth, Sunday, March 1, 1 - 5 pm, Adventist Health Tillamook, Conference Room A, Tillamook.

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Men's ONLY Caregiver Support **Group,** Wednesday, March 18, 1:30 - 3:00 pm facilitated by Howard Shapiro, Hatfield Room, Tillamook Library, 1716 Third St. Tillamook.

Diabetes Undone, Thursdays, March 19 - May 7, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church, conference room, 2610 First St., Tillamook.

Unless otherwise noted, all classes are held at Adventist Health Tillamook, 1000 Third Street, Tillamook

We also offer FREE ongoing support groups for men's caregiving, diabetes, grief support, cancer, Alzheimer's and clubCHIP.

For more information: AdventistHealthTillamook.org or call 503-815-2270 unless otherwise noted.



DAILY

Free van service for veterans - 7:30 a.m. leaves Tillamook County Transportation District every weekday to provide local veterans with free transportation to either the Hillsboro or Portland VA medical facilities for appointments. For more information please contact veterans service office at 503-842-4358.

Thursday, Jan 30

Tillamook County Quilt Guild - 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Every third and fifth Thursday at the Latimer Quilt and Textile Center. For more information contact latimerprograms@centurylink.net or call Gail or Kim at 503-842-8622.

Friday, Jan 31

Bay City Boosters Potluck – 11:30 a.m. the last Friday of each month at Bay City Hall.

Hammer Dulcimer Free Music Performance- 3 p.m. at the Hoffman Center for the Arts. 594 Laneda Ave. Manzanita. (across from the library)

Saturday, Feb 1

Live Music: Midnight Gumbo - 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Tillamook Eagles Lodge. First and third Saturday of each month.

Bazaar, craft, plant and rummage sale - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tillamook Senior Center, 316 Stillwell Avenue. Contact Barbara, 503-842-8988 for a table (\$10) or to donate items (tax deductible). First Saturday of the month May - December. Estate Planning 101 Work-

shop -Taylor Kittel covers wills, trusts, powers of attorney, advance directives, guardianships, and probate. 10-11:30 a.m. at the Tillamook County Library. 1716 Third Street, Tllamook, OR. 97141 Oregon Shadow Theatre

Presents Puss In Boots- 11 a.m. at Hoffman Center 504 Laneda, Manzanita. A Shadow Puppet Play with Live Music for all ages.

The Brownsmead Flats free concert- 3 p.m. at the Tillamook County Library. 1716 Third Street, Tllamook, OR. 97141

Sunday, Feb 2

Labyrinth Walk – 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. at St. Catherine's Episcopal Church 36335 Hwy 101 in North Nehalem. The walk will be held the first Sunday of each month. Free for all who come, more information at www. saintcatherineoregoncoast.org.

Monday, Feb 3

Tillamook City Council Meeting - 7 p.m., first and third Mondays, City Hall. Open to the public.

Tuesday, Feb 4

Grief Support Group - 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., first and third Tuesdays, Tillamook Regional Medical Center, Conference Room A (third floor).

Grief Support Group - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., first and third Tuesdays at the office building behind Calvary Bible Church Corner of 5th and 506 Laneda Ave. Manzanita.

The Women's Club of Manzanita meeting - First Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m., at the Pine Grove house.

Oregon Coast Fiberartisans - Every Tuesday at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Latimer Quilt and Textile Center. For more information contact latimerprograms@centurylink.net or call Gail or Kim at 503-842-8622.

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Bazaar, craft, plant and rummage sale – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tillamook Senior Center, 316 Stillwell Avenue. Contact Barbara, 503-842-8988 for a table (\$10) or to donate items (tax deductible). First Saturday of the month May – December. Labyrinth Walk - 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

at St. Catherine's Episcopal Church 36335 Hwy 101 in North Nehalem. The walk will be held the first Sunday of each month. Free for all who come, more information at www. saintcatherineoregoncoast.org

Estate Planning 101 Work**shop** -Taylor Kittel covers wills, trusts, powers of attorney, advance directives guardianships, and probate. 10-11:30 a.m. at the Tillamook County Library. 1716 Third Street, Tllamook, OR. 97141

Oregon Shadow Theatre Presents Puss In Boots- 11 a.m. at Hoffman Center 504 Laneda, Manzanita. A Shadow Puppet Play with Live Music for all ages

The Brownsmead Flats free concert- 3 p.m. at the Tillamook County Library. 1716 Third Street, Tllamook, OR. 97141

Sunday, Feb 2

Labyrinth Walk – 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. at St. Catherine's Episcopal Church 36335 Hwy 101 in North Nehalem. The walk will be held the first Sunday of each month. Free for all who come, more information at www. saintcatherineoregoncoast.org.

Tuesday, Feb 4

Got seeds! Now What? - Join us for a free introductory gardening class! 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Tillamook County Library, 1716 Third St. For more information, please contact Julia Wentzel at julia.wentzel@foodrootsnw. org or 503-815-2800

Pacific City Community
Committee Meeting – 11:30 a.m., monthly first Tuesday at Pelican Pub and Brewery in Pacific City. Call 503-392-4340.

Pacific City-Nestucca Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Meeting – Noon, monthly first Tuesday at the Kiawanda Community Center in Pacific City. Information and business matters. All are welcome.

Questions, call 503-965-3633.

KCC Volunteer meeting – 1 p.m. (first Tuesdays) at Cape Kiwanda Community Center 34600 Cape Kiwanda Drive in Pacific City.

Grief Support Group – 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., first and third Tuesdays, Tillamook Regional Medical Center, Conference Room A (third floor). Grief Support Group - 11

third Tuesdays at the office building behind Calvary Bible Church Corner of 5th and 506 Laneda Ave. Manzanita. The Women's Club of Manzanita meeting – First Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m.,

a.m. to 12:30 p.m., first and

at the Pine Grove house Oregon Coast Fiberartisans Every Tuesday at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Latimer Quilt and Textile Center. For more information contact latimerprograms@centurylink.net or call Gail or Kim at 503-842-8622.

Wednesday, Feb 5

International Order of Rainbow for Girls - 7 p.m. first and third Wednesdays, Tillamook Masonic Hall. 503-842-6758.

Writers' Meet Up is held from 6:00 to 8:00 on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Art Accelerated Art Annex (1906A) Third Street. The workshop is led by local author Lana Hechtman Ayers

White Clover Grange Pot-luck – White Clover Grange potluck and monthly meeting. Potluck at 6:30 followed by monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Bunco Night - 6 p.m. at the Tillamook Eagles Lodge.

First and third Wednesday of every month.

Women's Cancer Support Group -10:30 a.m.-noon first Wednesdays at the Tillamook Medical, third floor, room D. Women who have or have had cancer share their experience, strength and hope. No charge. Call 503-815-7640.

Tillamook County Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Developmental Disability Advisory Council – 5:15 p.m. at the Tillamook Regional Medical Center 1000 West Third Street. The Tillamook County Mental Health meeting is held on the first Wednesdays of each month.

Thursday, Feb 6

Wellspring Adult Respite Care – 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Covenant Community Church Manzanita. 503-815-2272.

Tillamook Chapter of Beta Siama Phi - 1:30 p.m. first Thursday. International Women's Organization. Call Frances Emery at 503-801-3140.

Tillamook Community Chorus begins- Thursdays, 6:30 8:30 pm Begins Thursday, February 6 (come at 6pm to register) Tillamook High School Choir Room. All singers welcome. Questions: Mary at (503) 812-1830

North County Grief Support Group – 3-4:30 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Calvary Bible Church, Manzanita. Call 503-368-6544, ext. 2313.

Circle of Caring meeting - First and fourth Thursdays at St. Mary's in Rockaway Beach, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join them to knit and sew. Contact 503 355 2661 (parish office).

Saturday, Feb 8

Your Art's Desire- A celebration of art, wine and chocolate. The gala starts at 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Kiwanda Community Center in Pacific City. Tickets to the evening event are \$30 advance, \$35 at the door. For information or to purchase tickets, www. communityartsproject.net or contact 503-358-6143.

Karaoke Night - 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Tillamook Eagles Lodge. Second and fourth Saturday of each month. Tillamook County Woodturn-

ers meeting - Every second Saturday of the month at 8792 Doughty Rd., Bay City at 10 a.m. For more information, call 503-801-0352.

Sunday, Feb 9

Pacific I.O.O.F. Pancake Breakfast – 8-11 a.m., second Sunday, Bay City I.O.O.F. Hall. \$5 per adult, \$2.50 per child under 12.

Monday, Feb 10

Cloverdale Water District Meeting – 7 p.m., second Monday, Cloverdale Sanitary District Building, 34540 U.S. Hwy. 101. Call 503-392-3515.

Nehalem City Council Meeting – 7:30 p.m., second Monday, City Hall. Open to the public. Tillamook School District

Meeting – 5:30 p.m., second Monday. Open to the public. Call for meeting location, 503-842-4414.

Neah-Kah-Nie School District Meeting – 6:30 p.m., second Monday. Open to the public.

Tuesday, Feb 11

Tillamook County Citizens for Human Dignity - 6 p.m., second Tuesday, Tillamook County Library. Open to the public. South County Library Club

Board Meeting – 4 p.m., second Tuesday, Pacific City Library branch. Call Cheryl Trent at 503-812-5133 for more information. Get Your Garden Gloves On -

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. second Tuesday, Anyone interested in helping to weed the South Tillamook County Library grounds, for more info call Cheryl Trent at 503-812-5133. Bay City City Council Meeting -

6 p.m., second Tuesday, in the Council Chambers at 5525 B Street, Bay City City Hall. Open to the public. A workshop will be held at 5:30 p.m. the day before the meeting. The public is invited to attend workshops and meetings.

Tillamook Masonic Lodge AF & AM Meetings – 7 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at 1904 Second Street. Officers meet at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesdays.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) – 8:45-9 a.m. check-in; 9-11 a.m. meeting, second and fourth Tuesday. First Christian Church, Tillamook. Registration and dues re-quired. Call 503-842-6213.

Disability Services Help -1-4 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays, Sheridan Square nity room, 895 St., Tillamook. Sponsored by NorthWest Senior and Disability Services. Call Julie Woodward, 503-842-2770 or 800-584-9712.

Wellspring Adult Respite Care – 10 a.m-4 p.m., sec-ond and fourth Tuesdays, Tillamook United Methodist Church. 503-815-2272

MEDITATION - 5 p.m. Center for the Contemplative Arts. 300 Division St. Manzanita.

MONDAY

AL-ANON - 7:30 p.m.8:30 p.m. North County Recreation District, Nehalem. 503-368-5093.

MEDITATION - 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. at St. Catherine's church, located next to the Bunk House. Free. Contact Lola Sacks at 503-368-6227. MEALS FOR SENIORS

- 11:45 a.m. St. Mary's by the

Sea in Rockaway. Call Bob Dempster, 503-355-3244.

TUESDAY

MENT HELP – 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. WorkSource Oregon, 2105 Fifth St., Tillamook. 800-643-5709, ext. 227.

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time. 503-355-2665. WRITING LOUNGE

- 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at

the Hoffman Center. \$5

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suggested donation. Call 503-368-3846

MAH JONG LESSON -3 p.m. at the North Tillamook County Library in Manzanita. For more information, call

WOMAN'S AA MEET-ING, SISTER'S IN SOBRI-ETY - Noon to 1 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, 36335 N. Hwy 101, Nehalem.

WEDNESDAY

VOLUNTEER CEME-TERY BEAUTIFICATION

- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Historic American Legion Cemetery on Necarney Blvd in Nehalem. For more information, contact Val Magee at 808-264-1454.

TAI CHI YANG STYLE:

Pine Grove Community House. Wednesdays at 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. at 225 Laneda Avenue n Manzanita, 97130

PICKLE BALL - 2:30 p.m. in Manzanita City Park on 3rd Street. New members or drop-ins welcome. Contact Corinne at cbbcalm@hotmail. com for more information.

MOVIE NIGHT - 6 p.m. at the Rising Star Cafe in Wheeler. Call 503-368-3990.

ALCOHOLICS ANON-**YMOUS -** 7:30 p.m. to 8:30

SUNDAY

p.m. North County Recreation District, Nehalem. 503-368-5093.

BRIDGE, PINOCHLE AND CRIBBAGE – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. North County Rec. District, Nehalem. 503-355-

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503-368-3846.

LIVE MUSIC - 9 p.m. at the San Dune Pub on in Manzanita. Cover charge. For more information, call 503-368-5080.

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Saturday, Feb. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Study

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residents has remained slack. In fact, seasonal housing is crowding out residential housing, especially longterm rentals. Chase said Tillamook

has three housing markets to work with: coastal/ seasonal, inland/local, and mixed. Tillamook County is near a 0 percent vacancy rate for long-term rental units, compared with a more typical rate of 4-5 percent, which is found in most cities in Oregon, Chase said. 22 percent of Tillamook renters spend over 50 percent of their income on rent, from data in 2018. Housing and other fac-

tors are contributing to an increase in economically distressed households, Chase said. Tillamook County is now tied for second, according to a metric furnished by United Way called ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed). 'This is a really spectacu-

lar report that takes a variety of data sources to calculate the percentage of households not only impoverished by the federal standard, but also near impoverished based on cost of living, tax burden, income, etc.," Davis said. Tillamook County's

ALICE percentage has gone from 19 percent in 2010,

to 23 percent in 2012, to 31 percent in 2014, to 37 percent in 2016. Davis said the 2018 numbers are not out yet, but he suspects they will be similar to 2016, and the county has trended very

Chase said one in four workers commute over 100 miles a day. Davis said this data is compiled by the Census Bureau, which looks at where residents for a given geographic area are coming from and going to for work. "The data suggests that

21.5 percent of workers in Tillamook County commute 50 or more miles each way,' Davis said. "I would caveat this slightly – some of these workers will be 'work from home,' but the overall number is still very large." Davis managed to grab

this data and aggressively cut out some cases that he thought were probably remote workers instead of actual commuters, and it still only brought the number down to 17 percent. The implication is that people are moving out of the county, presumably due to housing costs, to reach their job in-county. There is an estimate of

nearly 3,000 more people expected by year 2040. There is more demand for small lot dwellings, townhomes, plexes and apartments. There is a need for middle income housing that consist of smaller, more affordable units.

Chase did a residential needs analysis and found that despite environmental constraints, there are 2,000 acres of buildable residential-zoned land that exists in the unincorporated areas in the county. Chairman David Yamamoto asked if there has been any analysis done in the unincorporated areas in south Tillamook County that are buildable. Chase said 815 dwellings would need to be added in.

According to the assessment, 1,788 new dwellings in the cities would require 404 buildable acres. There is very low-density zoning in unincorporated areas in the county. The smaller cities have better potential for providing townhomes, duplexes and more. Policy recommendations were to utilize state and federal grants for gap funding. A 10-year multiple-unit

tax abatement is part of the missing solution, Chase said. He encourages accessory dwelling units (guest homes, granny-flats, mother-in-lawapartments) and cottage homes within the low-density zones. There should be focus on downtown redevelopment in Tillamook.

Chase suggested an expansion of water and sewer and include both in unincorporated areas. He wants to continue countywide Housing

Needs Assessment planning and housing allocations with city, community and Department of Land Conservation & Development input. He suggested to continue to work with local sewer and water districts to determine current and planned capacity

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levels. Another recommendation was to partner with others to create new local housing construction certification programs. Shelter Institute provides classes for people in northeast from rural Maine. People travel for 300 miles for these trainings. There is nothing like it in Oregon or Washington, Chase said.

Baertlein asked of the 2,000 acres available, how much of it are property owners actually willing to sell. Chase said there is a supply here of land that a lot of communities do not have. He suggested that the county reach out to property owners about developing in the near future. Absher said they are currently identifying potential sites.

This is going to be a challenge," Absher said.

Commissioner Mary Faith Bell said she is excited to deliver the data and start with work. Commissioner Bill Baertlein said there could be an impact on school districts He pointed out that Newport called the office to see what Tillamook was doing and followed their plan.

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David McCall announces run for County Commissioner

David McCall filed to run for Tillamook County Commissioner Position No. 2 on Friday, Jan. 17. McCall is a Bay City councilor and Tillamook County's Solid Waste Program manager. He will focus on important local issues such as: housing, quality services, recycling and sustainability, infrastructure repair and emergency preparedness.

"I have a wide range of experiences and I want to use my knowledge to serve Tillamook County residents," McCall said in a press release. "I believe we need to better integrate the traditional roles of forestry, fishing and farming with tourism." McCall said tourism has

been growing faster than the

support structures needed

to support it. Each of these

industries has an important role to play, but we need to work together to be successful. "As commissioner I will continue to promote transparency and collaborative efforts that benefit our community,' McCall said in the release. "Far too often decisions are made

within a vacuum, and local res-

idents are left wondering what happened." McCall has been active within the Democratic Party on local and state levels, as well as in Hungary. He helped organize the Tillamook Farmers Market, serving as president of the board for three years. In Bay City, he has played an integral role in advancing emergency

preparedness in the community. McCall coordinates the activities of the Master Recyclers, a group of about two dozen volunteers who strive to make a difference in their community. If you have taken your recycling to the Manzanita or Pacific City transfer stations, or brought in hazardous waste at a collection event, chances are that you have interacted with

McCall has earned several awards, including: Recycler of the Year (Association of Oregon Recyclers, 2017); Golden Bung Awards (North American Hazardous Materials Management Association, 2016, 2017 & 2018); Agent of Change Award (North American Hazardous Materials Management Association, 2015); Professional Achievement Recognition (Minister for the Environment, Hungary, 2012); Strategic Advisory Board (Junior Achievement Magyarország, 2006); and Service Recognition Award (American Chamber of Commerce in Hungary, 2004).

McCall is a member of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA), the Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR), and has HAZWOPER and ACS-100 certifications.

McCall and his wife Éva have been married for 25 years. Their daughter, Julia, graduated from the University of Oregon with a major in dance and is currently dancing in Budapest, Hungary. McCall speaks fluent English, Hungarian, German, and enough Russian to order four cups of tea.

Stay tuned to hear about McCall's campaign kickoffs, as well as other opportunities where he hopes to meet with residents and businesses throughout the county.

For more information on his campaign, contact David McCall, (503) 801-7866, david@votemccall.org or visit VoteMcCall.org

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I posed a series of questions to the auditor. 1. She spent about four days in Manzanita to do the audit. 2. She spends the majority of that time in the council chamber reviewing various documents pertinent to the audit. When I challenged how she could observe what any city employee is doing during the day while reviewing documents in the council chambers, she stated that 'we wander around back and forth between the two rooms to see what they are doing on a daily basis on those days we are here". 3. She does review timesheets from the city manager and assistant city

manager. I obtained a copy of those timesheets and confirmed that they only record that the employee in question generally works eight hours a day and contain no details as to how that time is allocated to any particular activity.

A municipal audit is an objective examination of the financial statements of the city to make sure that the financial records are a fair and accurate representation of the transactions they claim to represent in accordance with the city's adopted budget. Confirming overhead allocations in part by wandering around and apparently without any notes of those observations in the audit is a problem.

Rather than simply state

that payroll records confirmed that the city manager and assistant city manager did in

fact receive 50 percent of their annual salaries from the water fund in accordance with the adopted budget, she made it sound to a roomful of citizens that based on the above circumstances, she was able to definitively conclude that the city manager and assistant city manager are each spending four hours each day in management activities related to the water utility and therefore current overhead allocations are appropriate. Her conclusions unfortunately, raise more questions than they answer. Councilor Aschenbrener

then offered that "allocation of time towards a budget in leadership positions is based on responsibility, not on the number of hours worked." His analogy to support this conclusion was that you don't just pay a police officer or a

fireman when they respond to an emergency. While both officers and fireman have tremendous responsibilities, they are not managers and they show up each day for their shifts ready to meet the demands of wherever the day brings as described in their job descriptions. Councilor Aschenbrener appears to believe that a subjective standard of "responsibility" regardless of actual time spent in any tangible activity involving our water utility is all that matters for the managers in city hall. Once you untether yourself from the need to consider any objective measurements and your personal opinion now becomes the standard, you are free to determine any level of compensation that you believe is commensurate with the "responsibility.

I do not have any information on the details of this allocation study that the city is conducting. The mayor and Councilor Nuttall indicated that they remain open to new information other than the Auditor's opinion. I would suggest that the consultant and city council review Chapter 10 Section 41 of the city charter which states in part that water fund revenues shall only be used "For the payment of the costs of operation and maintenance of the city water supply system."

The city by allocating 90 percent of the public works director's salary from the water fund has made the policy decision that he is the manager of the city water utility. To the extent that the city manager provides some supplementary operational assistance

and general supervision of the utility would justify an allocation of 10-15 percent for this responsibility. This would be consistent with the vast majority of Oregon cities with organizational structures similar to Manzanita. There is no justification to provide an assistant city manager in Manzanita with any funding from the water fund.

The voters of Manzanita have approved the city charter as to how they want water fund revenues used and this voter approval supersedes opinions of individual councilors or consultant recommendations.

Please keep up to date on this issue and attend future council meetings when this subject is to be discussed.

Randy Kugler is a former Manzanita city manager

Tillamook county report gains, above average graduation rates

At 80 percent, Oregon's four-year graduation rate has never been higher. Even so, the school districts in the four counties making up the Northwest Regional Education Service District (ESD) collectively outperformed the state graduation rate in 2018-2019 by six points.

"The educators in our region work so hard to support each student's success," said Dan Goldman, superintendent of Northwest Regional ESD, in a press release. "It really is an exciting opportunity to celebrate their dedication and conviction."

Goldman said when we dig into these results a little deeper, we can see the most significant growth is occurring in the school systems that protect time for teacher teams to collaborate, that regularly monitor student progress and adjust instruction accordingly, and in those that are highly intentional about building culturally sustaining and welcoming school climates where children and families from all backgrounds feel they belong.

High school success highlights from the four-county region include: the four-year graduation rate for Astoria School District jumped to 85.8 percent from 77.7 percent; even after an 8-point leap from last year, graduation rate gains continued to grow for Tillamook School District where the four-year graduation rate grew to 86.6 percent from 84.1 percent; Rainier School District helped an

additional 8 percent of its students from the class of 2018 cross the finish line by the end of their fifth year; through the Northwest Regional ESD's "9th Grade Success Professional Learning Network," teams from 31 area high schools convene regularly to dig into research, share successful practices, and collaboratively solve challenges, ultimately multiplying positive student outcomes. Over the four years of the network's existence, participating high schools have shown growth across nearly all student groups in the number of ninth graders on track to graduate; at 82 percent, 84 percent, 88 percent and 87 percent, respectively, Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and Washington counties outperformed the state average of 80 percent.

"We're particularly grateful for the many school district leaders and role models in our region who are unwavering in their commitment to disrupting racial inequities in our school systems and communities," said Sarah Pope, deputy superintendent at Northwest Regional ESD, in the release.

Several districts across the region saw significant gains for specific student populations over the last six years: Beaverton School District saw an increase of 16 points in Latinx students graduating on time. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander students in Beaverton increased to 79.4 percent from 52.4 percent in 2013-14; Astoria, Knappa and Warrenton-Hammond school districts all saw increases

in excess of 27 points for economically disadvantaged students.

"Incoming investments made possible by the Oregon Legislature's Student Success Act will provide unprecedented opportunities to achieve educational equity," Goldman said. "Districts in the region are well-positioned to capitalize on the progress they're making in accelerating important outcomes, especially for students of color and those from historically marginalized backgrounds."

Northwest Regional Education Service District is the largest of Oregon's 19 education service districts. It serves 20 school districts in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and Washington counties. These school districts serve nearly 104,000 students. Through state funding, contracts, and private and public grants, the agency provides a wide range of specialized services to educators and their students. Services include early intervention and early childhood special education; K-12 special education; equity training; instructional and school improvement programs for students, educators, child care providers and community members; professional learning networks made up of educators and students that focus on 9th grade success, early learning and school culture and climate; outdoor school; dual-credit, GED and online educational options; and technology, administrative and business services.

35th Annual Garibaldi Crab Races held March 14-15

The 35th Annual Garibaldi Crab Races will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 14 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 15 at the Old Mill on 3rd Street in Garibaldi. There will be prizes, food and more. 2020 marks the 35th

anniversary of these legendary races where individual teams came from all over the country to compete with locals.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids 6-12 years old, and kids five years old and

under attend for free. Proceeds from admission charges go to sales of food, drinks, T-shirts and other souvenirs and fees to enter crabs in the races, go to the Garibaldi Lions Club. The organization uses the money to

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North Tillamook Library presents Mick Doherty and the Hammer Dulcimer Concert at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at Hoffman Center for the Arts. Doherty is a performing and recording studio musician, playing hammer dulcimer, guitar, string bass, accordions, percussion and various sound effects devices.

Doherty has performed in ensemble and as a solo artist

from sidewalks to concert stages in Anglo and Latin America, Europe, Japan and North Korea. Her has performed with the Trail Band, the Portlanders, the Snakeskinners, the Cascadia Folk Quartet, and Mason Williams with the Oregon Symphony.

Doherty is co-founder of the award-winning Oregon Shadow Theatre, where he composes music and performs as a musician, storyteller, voice actor and sound effects specialist.

Doherty has composed music for film, theater and video, and is known nationally as a hammer dulcimer player and teacher. He organizes the Hammer Dulcimer Rendezvous, an annual teaching festival outside of Portland.

Call for Budget Committee Members

The Nehalem Bay Health District seeks qualified voters for the Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 Budget Committee.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 30 @ 7:00 PM. If a second meeting is required it will be held May 07 @ 7:00 PM.

Applicants should reside in the District which is the same boundaries as Nehalem Bay Fire & Rescue except for the Riverside Estates Annexation. Statements of interest with contact information should be received prior to March 03, 2020.

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Sports News

Lady Pirates move to 4-5 in NWL overall

Mike Weber

After losing six of their first seven games, the much improved Neah-Kah-Nie High girls basketball team has certainly turned things around while enjoying a tremendous amount of success recently.

The Lady Pirates (4-5 NWL, 5-19 overall) won four of five Class 2A Northwest League matchups, including a 42-23 road win over the Gaston Greyhounds Jan. 21. Neah-Kah-Nie, which led from start-to-finish, jumped in front 18-8 after one quarter and led 34-14 at halftime. The Pirates were led by junior Kyla Huntley, who had 17 rebounds and scored a season-high 19 points. Pirates senior guard Clover O'Connor also had an impressive performance as she scored a season-high 15 points. It marked Neah-Kah-Nie's first road win this year.

Having the momentum of four victories, the Pirates came into a Jan. 23 NWL road matchup against the highly regarded No. 7 ranked Portland Christian Royals (7-2, 14-3) playing with a high confidence level. The younger Pirates (five freshmen, four sophomores) had hopes of getting a win against Royals and were focused on having a better performance than they did in the last matchup between the two squads (a 54-21 home loss Dec. 17).

The Pirates, guided by coach Corey Douma, played tough and trailed by just nine points at 24-15 midway through the third quarter. The more experienced Royals took control from that point on, outscoring the Pirates 10-3 to build a 34-18 advantage after three quarters. The Royals maintained their momentum to hold on for a 44-30 win over the Pirates last Thursday at Portland Christian High School.

"It was nice to get some wins, the kids are learning and getting smarter in regards to every aspect of the game and everyone has been working really hard,'

said Douma "We had some sick kids the last time we played them (Royals) so we had mostly everyone ready to play except Ashlynn Lawrence (concussion) and we conpeted very well. I was happy with the way we played, especially with our defensive performance. We just had too many turnovers that created easy baskets for them."

After Portland Christian jumped in front 6-0, Neah-Kah-Nie sophomore Emma Miller (17 points) helped put the Pirates on the scoreboard with a layup, making it 6-2 with 4:24 left in the first quarter.

"It's always our goal to come into each game and show improvement and we did that tonight," said Miller. "We had a higher confidence level after winning some games recently. We knew it would be a tough game though, but we were going to try our hardest regardless of the situation. It's definitely our goal to reach the district playoffs. Being up near the top of the league standings with such a young team that we have really means a lot for us. We're looking forward to the upcoming games and it's going to be a challenge for us to face some of the stronger teams in the league."

Portland Christian took an 8-2 advantage, forcing a Pirates timeout with 3:51 left in the quarter. Neah-Kah-Nie sophomore Jordan White (seven pts.) fired in a three pointer, trimming the margin to 8-5 with 1:52 left on the clock. That was as close as the Pirates would get though for the remainder of the game.

Portland Christian built a 13-5 lead by the end of the first quarter and then extended the lead to double digits at 15-5 in the second quarter. Huntley, who scored six points and had a season high 19 rebounds, scored on a jumper in the lane, trimming the margin to 20-11 with 2:46 remaining in the quarter. The Royals scored to take a 22-11 halftime lead.

"I actually wasn't



Kyla Huntley drives towards the basket against Portland Christian defenders. Photo by Mike Weber.

able to play (Royals) in the last game we played them because I was sick," said Huntley. "We definitely had some momentum after winning four of five games. After the Nestucca game (a 38-37 win Jan. 15), I've noticed that we've been playing much better defensively and I think we showed that tonight versus Portland Christian. I had a really good game against Gaston and I was trying to play that same type of game again, but they have some taller girls and their post players are very good."

PC built a 24-11 third quarter advantage. The Pirates responded as Miller sank two free throws and she later buried a 14-foot jumper from the side to make it 24-15 and force a Royals timeout with 4:23 left in the third.

On Saturday, Neah-Kah-Nie faced an even stronger opponent as they met the No. 4 ranked Faith Bible Falcons (6-1, 14-2) in Hillsboro and the Pirates lost 58-31. On Monday, Neah-Kah-Nie played the No. 15 ranked Mannahouse Christian Lions (5-4, 12-5) in Portland and they lost

The Pirates meet the No. 12 ranked Vernonia Loggers (9-1, 13-3) in their next home game Wednesday at 6 p.m. The Pirates have road games Jan. 30 against the Knappa Loggers (3-7, 7-11) and Feb. 4 against the Columbia Christian Knights (2-7, 4-12) in Portland. The 16-game NWL schedule concludes with four more remaining contest's including the season finale at home Feb. 14 against Gaston.

The Pirates have a good opportunity to earn a spot in the upcoming NWL District Playoffs in late February. The top-six squads from the nine-team league earn district playoff berths. Neah-Kah-Nie is currently in fifth place with seven games remaining and is hoping to qualify for districts for a third straight

"We're right in the thick of things and we have such a young team with just two seniors, so we really didn't know how well we were going to do at the beginning of the season," said Douma. "We've got some good wins under our belts and it's nice to see that we're in the middle of the playoff race. It's a nice position to be in at this point of the season and hopefully we'll get a few more wins

against teams ahead of us in the standings. We have to qualify for districts first, which is our goal, so we'll just take it one game at a time and see how we do."

The Pirates have already beaten the three teams (Knappa, Columbia Christian, Gaston) that trail them in the standings, including double digit wins over the Knights and the Greyhounds. Neah-Kah-Nie should have a good chance to notch wins against those three teams when they play them a second time and that would help secure a playoff spot for the Pirates.

Neah-Kah-Nie has enjoyed success against the three teams, while winning 15 of the last 16 games they've played against Knappa, Columbia Christian and Gaston over the last three years.

Second half woes continue for Pirate boys

Mike Weber

The Neah-Kah-Nie High Pirate boys basketball team has struggled this year while compiling a 3-12 overall record, including a 1-8 mark in the Class 2A Northwest

Despite the dismal record, the Pirates have actually had a chance to win in nearly every game this year while holding first half leads.

It was a similar scenario again for the Pirates when they faced the Portland Christian Royals (5-4, 9-9) in a NWL road contest Thursday. The Pirates, guided by coach Tim Gienger, had a golden opportunity to win, as they led 27-20 at halftime and were up 31-30 after three quarters. However, the Royals responded in the fourth, outscoring the Pirates 18-9 to notch a 49-40 victory at Portland Christian.

"Our pattern this year is that we usually lead in the first half and then in the second half, we just can't put the ball in the basket," said Gienger. "We're trying to get that ironed out, but it seems like we just go through long dry spells offensively and we let teams get back into games. We let opponents build a lead and then it's hard for us to catch up. Tonight was a little better, we were right there and we had a chance to win the game. We're looking for a breakthrough game where we can get a league win. We've had close games with just about every team in our league, but we just couldn't quite get it done."

The Pirates did indeed have a breakthrough per-

formance in their following contest as they won 52-44 over the Faith Bible Falcons (1-6, 2-13) on Saturday in Hillsboro, snapping a seven-game losing streak. It marked the third time this year that Neah-Kah-Nie scored 50 points or more and coincidentally, all three games resulted in victories. The Pirates had three players score in double figures, led by senior post Kent Pieper (15 points), senior Destin Donaldson (14 pts.) and

junior Eric Loza (10 pts.). "We finally played well for the entire second half and our defense was very good Saturday against Faith

Bible," said Gienger. In the matchup against Portland Christian last Thursday, the Pirates started impressively as Pieper, Eric Lambert, Loza and Ben Holm each scored to help Neah-Kah-Nie build a 10-2 lead to force a Portland Christian timeout with 4:19 left in the first quarter.

The Pirates momentum continued as Destin Donaldson and Holm both sank outside jumpers to give Neah-Kah-Nie its largest lead of the game at 14-4 and they led 17-10 at the end of the opening quarter.

The two evenly matched squads traded baskets throughout the second quarter. Loza (10 pts.) scored on three straight offensive possessions to help the Pirates stay in front. He scored on a layup, he sank a jumper and then fired in a buzzer beater to give Neah-Kah-Nie a 27-20 halftime advantage.

"I was playing with a high confidence level and I felt good to be able to drive inside and score some

points," said Loza. "I felt like we had a good chance to win tonight. In most of our games, we shoot well in the first half and then the shots quit falling in the second half and then it seems like we go downhill from there. We're hoping to change that trend during the remainder of the season and play better in the second half so that we can win some more games."

Pieper (four pts.) was in foul trouble though with three in the first half and he was whistled for a fourth foul with 5:45 left in the third, so his playing time was limited for the duration of the game because of the unfortunate foul situation. Pieper and Lambert both fouled out, which severely hurt the Pirates chance to

Portland Christian overcame the deficit with an 8-0 run at the outset of the second half and took it's first lead of the game at 28-27, forcing a Pirates timeout with 3:48 left in the third quarter. Neah-Kah-Nie regained the advantage at 29-28 following a basket by Holm (eight pts.) and Loza's jumper helped the Pirates

take a 31-30 lead after three. Portland Christian had a 7-0 run to take a 37-31 lead midway through the fourth quarter and never trailed again. The Pirates responded to the challenge and fought back valiantly, while hoping to get the win. Donaldson (six pts.) fired in a threepointer from the corner to trim Portland Christian's lead to 40-38 with 1:41 left in the game. The Royals then outscored the Pirates 9-2 in the final 90 seconds of the game while sinking a num-



Senior Mychal Kelly drives towards the basket in action against Portland Christian. Photo by Mike Weber.

ber of free throws to hold on for the win.

"At that point, it kind of boosted my confidence and normally I shoot pretty good, but nothing seemed to be going in for us tonight," said Donaldson. "When that went in and it trimmed the lead to two points, I felt like it gave us a little more energy, but then things just didn't work out to well for us after that. It was a really fun game battling back and forth with them and they (Royals) are a pretty good team.

Mychal Kelly, one of four seniors along with Donaldson, Pieper and Lambert, scored four points and freshman Parker Hopkins

had two points. "It has been a tough season with losing so many

games, but I feel like we've

improved after each game," said Donaldson. "Even though we're not doing as well as we had hope to, we're still moving up and getting better game-bygame. We're hoping to win at least four or five more games by the end of the season. We're trying to focus on playing a completely solid game and hold the lead for the entire game.'

On Jan. 21, the Pirates played the first of four consecutive road games and they lost 48-35 to the Gaston Greyhounds (3-6, 5-11) at Gaston High School. The Pirates led 24-18 at halftime but then they struggled offensively and scored just 11 in the second half. Lambert led Neah-Kah-Nie in scoring with 14 points. On Monday, the Pirates faced versus the

Mannahouse Christian Lions (6-2, 11-6) in Portland and they lost 56-30.

The Pirates play the Vernonia Loggers (2-7, 4-10) in their next home game Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Vernonia won at home 50-43 Jan. 11 in the first contest between the two squads. Neah-Kah-Nie has road games Jan. 30 against the Knappa Loggers (8-1, 16-1) and the Columbia Christian Knights (9-1, 14-4) on Feb. 4. The final portion of the 16-game NWL schedule concludes with four more contest's including the Feb. 14 season finale at home versus Gaston. The top-six sqauds from the nine-team NWL advance to district playoffs. NKN is currently in ninth place with seven games remaining.

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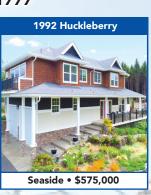
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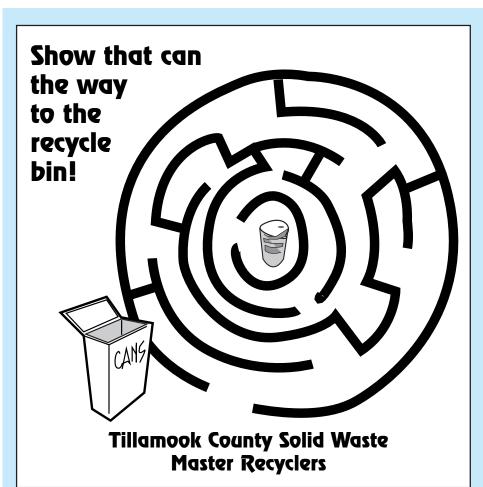
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