

Family of girl killed, boy missing at Falcon Cove create GoFundMe page

The family of the three who were swept out to sea at Falcon Cove on Saturday, Jan. 11, created a GoFundMe page, requesting support to help the Stiles family with funeral expenses. The page said 47-year-old Jeremy Stiles, 7-year-old Lola Stiles and 4-year-old William Stiles were walking on a beach trail when a sneaker wave crept up and pulled them out to sea.

“Lola was pronounced dead at the hospital, William’s body has not yet been recovered and Jeremy is recovering from hypothermia at Seaside Hospital,” the GoFundMe page said. “The Stiles/Romaine families want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers and especially the support of the first

responders and Coast Guard during this horrific tragedy for our family.”

Emergency services responded to the Falcon Cove area, near the county line of Clatsop County and Tillamook County, at 12:38 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, for three people that had been swept into the ocean.

Preliminary investigation revealed an adult man was holding two children, a 7-year-old girl and a 4-year-old boy, on the shore and they were all swept into the ocean by a wave.

According to authorities, a police officer arrived to find the adult man struggling to get out of the ocean and a girl further out in the ocean. The officer went into the ocean and was able to get the girl and bring her to shore. She was

transported by Medix Ambulance to Providence Seaside Hospital (PSH). The adult man was also taken by ambulance to PSH.

The 4-year-old boy has not yet been located. The United States Coast Guard sent helicopters to aid in the search, but the search had to be suspended at sunset.

The young girl was pronounced deceased at PSH.

Cannon Beach Fire Department, Cannon Beach Police Department and Manzanita Police Department all assisted on scene.

The officer that entered the ocean is from the Manzanita Police Department.

You can make donations at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/stiles-family-support>.



FDA bans fruit, mint flavored cartridges for e-cigarettes

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued Thursday, Jan. 2, a policy prioritizing enforcement against certain unauthorized flavored e-cigarette products that are said to appeal to kids, including fruit and mint flavors.

Under this policy, companies that do not stop manufacturing, distributing and selling unauthorized flavored cartridge-based e-cigarettes (other than tobacco or menthol) within 30 days, risk enforcement actions from the FDA.

The final guidance outlining the agency’s enforcement priorities for electronic nicotine delivery systems such as e-cigarettes and e-liquids comes as the 2019 National Youth Tobacco Survey results on e-cigarette use shows that more than five million U.S. middle and high school students are current e-cigarette users, with a majority of those reporting cartridge-based products such as JUUL as their usual brand.

Beginning in 30 days, the FDA intends to prioritize enforcement against illegally marketed electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) products by focusing on the following groups of products that do not have premarket authorization: any flavored, cartridge-based ENDS product (other than tobacco or menthol), all other ENDS products for which the manufacturer has failed to take adequate measures to prevent minors’ access, and any ENDS product that is targeted to minors or likely to promote use of ENDS to minors.

Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley, the top Democrat on the Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees the FDA, released a statement

in response to the FDA announcement. Merkley said the health of millions of American children will continue to suffer.

“This announcement is simply stating that FDA will target its enforcement on flavors, and even then, it is carving out loopholes for tobacco and menthol flavors, and vape shops,” Merkley said in the statement. “FDA’s own announcement of preliminary data from the 2019 National Youth Tobacco Survey shows that youth use of menthol e-cigarettes soared in 2019 after JUUL stopped selling fruit flavors.”

A spokesperson for the FDA, Stephanie Caccamo, responded by email to the Headlight Herald’s request for a response to Merkley’s statement. Caccamo said the FDA believes prioritizing enforcement with respect to flavored, cartridge-based ENDS products, other than tobacco or menthol-flavored ENDS products, achieves an appropriate balance between restricting youth access to kid-appealing products and maintaining availability of options for current adult smokers.

“A recently published study, focusing on youth use of JUUL – a cartridge-based ENDS product, shows that rates of use of tobacco and menthol-flavored JUUL products ranked among the lowest for respondents (i.e. eighth, 10th, and 12th graders), and were much lower than those for mint and fruit-flavored JUUL products,” Caccamo said. “Additionally, menthol in particular is unique compared to other available ENDS product flavors, as it is the only flavor available in cigarettes.”

Caccamo said menthol cigarettes are used by a substantial portion of adult smokers, so having a different policy for menthol ENDS may provide them with an alternative product to transition completely away from cigarettes. Because of these considerations, these products are not among the current enforcement policies.

However, the FDA said it is prioritizing enforcement



of premarket authorization requirement against all ENDS products (both cartridge-based or otherwise, and including menthol, tobacco and non-flavored) when the manufacturer has not taken or is not taking adequate measures to prevent minors’ access to these products.

“In addition, the FDA is prioritizing enforcement against all ENDS products that are targeted to minors or likely to promote use of ENDS by minors,” Caccamo said. “The FDA will continue to closely monitor the rates of all e-cigarette use among youth and, if needed, will take additional steps to address youth use of those products.”

Under the policy announced Jan. 2, tobacco and menthol-flavored cartridge-based e-cigarettes, are subject to the May 12, 2020 submission date for marketing applications, Caccamo said. The FDA intends to prioritize enforcement of an ENDS product offered for sale after May 12, and for which the manufacturer has not submitted a premarket application.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) issued a statement on Friday, Jan. 3 in response to the FDA’s decision. OHA said they have repeatedly urged the FDA to ban all flavored tobacco products, without exemptions.

“While we recognize FDA’s intent, the proposed enforcement action falls short of its stated goal to protect the public’s health,” OHA said in the statement. “The FDA’s action exempts menthol and open tank e-cigarettes, which allow customers to custom-mix flavors.”

OHA said these exemptions will drastically limit FDA’s effectiveness in reducing youth vaping and said the most recent evidence shows that mint and menthol are among the most popular vape flavors for youth. OHA said they continue to work on decreasing the use of all vaping products and implementing Gov. Kate Brown’s Executive Order 19-09.

Canadian citizen guilty of drug charge in Oregon Coast arrest

John Philip Stirling, 65, a Canadian citizen, pleaded guilty in federal court on Monday, Jan. 13, to one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine under the Maritime Drug Law Enforcement Act (MDLEA).

According to court documents, on April 9, 2019, while on a routine patrol, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Alert detected a sailing vessel traveling north 225 nautical miles from Newport, Oregon. The vessel, named Mandalay, had a home port of Seattle, Washington and visible U.S. registration numbers.

When Coast Guard personnel attempted to communicate with Stirling, he went below deck and would only

respond via VHF radio. Once Coast Guard personnel determined the Mandalay was a vessel within the jurisdiction of the U.S., they boarded and found Stirling to be the vessel’s sole occupant.

Stirling stated he did not have vessel documentation and refused to produce identification. Upon further questioning, Stirling’s speech began to deteriorate, and he displayed signs of a possible drug overdose. Coast Guard personnel administered medical aid to Stirling and evacuated him by helicopter to Astoria, Oregon. He was later transported by ambulance to Adventist Health Portland for additional treatment.

Coast Guard personnel conducted a search of the

Mandalay and discovered 28 seven-gallon jugs containing liquid methamphetamine.

Under the MDLEA, Stirling faces a maximum sentence of life in prison, a \$10-million fine and five years of supervised release. Pursuant to the plea agreement, the government will recommend Stirling be sentenced to 87 months in prison. He will be sentenced on April 20, 2020 before U.S. District Court Judge Michael W. Mosman.

As part of the plea agreement, Stirling has agreed to forfeit the Mandalay.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

Plans, projects for 2020 in Garibaldi

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The City of Garibaldi starts 2020 with initiating its new and improved Tourism Commission’s first meeting in February. City Manager Geoff Wullschlager said they will be bringing on another admin position soon.

“The new admin position will be refilling the position Administrative Assistant Kylie Poklikuha vacated, which is 50 percent administrative, and 50 percent tourism focused, but it has the potentiality of becoming emergency preparedness focused in the future as well,” Wullschlager said.

Poklikuha resigned about a month and a half ago. Utility Worker II Cory Perkins resigned in September. Systems Operator Martin McCormick retired Dec. 31 after 32 years.

Wastewater Systems Operator Nick Theoharis started in mid-November. David Hancock starts this week as Water Systems Operator. Utility Worker I Renitta Bennett started in July 2019. Assistant City Manager and Finance Director Lori Bennett started in October.

Wullschlager said he was recently approached by the Tillamook County Visitors Association Board and asked to serve as a member.

He has accepted and will be commencing his position this week at the upcoming meeting.

“We have also implemented mayoral office hours in City Hall several times a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays in an effort to make the mayor more accessible to the public,” Wullschlager said.

Additionally, Wullschlager said several council members, Mayor Judy Riggs and Councilman Paul Daniels, are working with the Garibaldi Fire Department’s fire chief in putting forth efforts towards reopening the discussion and process of fire district formation.

Scenes from the North Coast

Vicki Miller captured these elk relaxing on Third Street and Laneda in Manzanita on Wednesday, Jan. 8. Do you have a camera and an eye for beauty? Send us your photos to editor@northcoastcitizen.com. Please and thank you, of course.



Plans, projects in Tillamook County for 2020

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A new year, a new decade. Tillamook County has big plans for 2020.

Bay City

Bay City Mayor Christopher Kruebbe said he plans to introduce the concept of a “Bay City 2020 Vision Plan,” and plans to do some Town Hall meetings for input in developing a community vision.

“To my surprise, it has been 18 years since a vision plan was last instituted,” Kruebbe said. “We have old ideas in that vision plan that didn’t come to fruition, and I personally would like to dust off those plans and see if our current Committee and possibly a newly formed Committee can get them

back on track, rather than reinvent the wheel.”

Kruebbe said one of the ideas that he has already taken particular interest in is notion of enhancing Bay City’s bay front with a boardwalk, similar to the one Rockaway Beach completed recently that goes from just off Highway 101 out to a giant cedar in Rockaway within the 45-acre Old-Growth Cedar Wetlands Preserve. The mammoth western red cedar at the end of the trail, and the project, was funded by a grant from the Nature Conservancy DLCD 306A grant.

“We already have several projects in progress, including the Patterson Creek Project, Watt Family Park Project, the Al Griffin Memorial Park Master Plan, the water source well No. 3

installation that serves Bay City, other local districts and the Tillamook Cheese Factory, the facility plan update to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Hobsonville Point Drive and other streets maintenance through a grant from ODOT, and revising our development ordinances through a grant DLCD and ODOT state agencies,” Kruebbe said.

In 2019, Bay City hired Christy Monson, their new city attorney from the Local Government Law Group in Eugene, Kruebbe said. They secured a contract with Shapiro and Didway, a contractor from Portland, to begin work on upgrades to the Watts Family Park and the Al Griffin Memorial Park. The council approved a new position for a full-time city manager, a new position that the city’s

Public Works Superintendent Chance Steffey now holds. They also hired a new city planner, Scott Fregonese, from the Portland area to help in the planning and development within the city.

Tillamook

Tillamook City Manager Paul Wyntergreen said the new year will be busy. The City of Tillamook is currently ramping up for the construction of the dog park on Front Street, along with storm drain improvements from Park/5th to Miller/12th and some additional sewer repair on the east end near Meadow.

“We also have intersection improvements scheduled for 3rd/Stillwell and 12th/Stillwell, storm drainage enhancements on Hadley, and lighting upgrades for the City

parking lots,” Wyntergreen said.

On the longer-range projects, Wyntergreen said the City of Tillamook will be updating their Housing Strategy in order to expand their supply of work force housing and applying for a \$2.5 million Community Development Block Grant for water distribution improvements.

“And for more short-term and personal importance, the Council is beginning the recruitment process for my replacement, which is targeted for transition on July 1 when I retire from the position,” Wyntergreen said.

Nehalem

Nehalem City Manager said the main project the City of Nehalem has for 2020 is upsizing their water lines.

Warehouse 10 assists meals for Seniors with fundraiser

Warehouse 10, a home and gift market in Twin Rocks, presented a \$545 check to Meals For Seniors, Inc. of Rockaway Beach at their year-end Board meeting in December. This resulted in the proceeds of the store’s sales the weekend of December 7-8. During that time the store also collected canned goods to donate to Meals For Seniors.

In presenting the check

to the MFS Board of Directors on Dec. 9, Michele and Dave Gray, owners of Warehouse 10, said they are proud to have partnered with Meals For Seniors for their 2nd Annual Green Tag Fundraiser.

“We are grateful for all the support we received from our customers,” they said. “We wish we would have written down the amazing stories we heard

during our fundraiser of how programs like Meals For Seniors had helped friends and loved ones in our community.”

In 2018, Meals For Seniors, Inc. served 11,408 meals and in 2019 the number was close to 14,000 meals. With the addition of more meals, food costs rose 22 percent.

Theresa Bruneau, president of Meals For Seniors,

Inc. said, “Warehouse 10 really supported us at a key time as our need continues to grow as we face the winter months. Our home bound seniors profoundly rely on our services. Our many thanks to this wonderful business and key supporter of several non-profit organizations.”

Michele went on to say, “The Warehouse 10 family has always supported the communities that we live in, and we will continue to find ways to help in our new Rockaway Beach community.”

Meals For Seniors, Inc. is a 17-year-old nonprofit organization providing hot, freshly cooked and nutritious meals to senior citizens in North Tillamook County. Meals are served on site three times a week at rented facilities at St. Mary By The Sea Church



in Rockaway Beach as well as delivered to low-income, shut-in senior citizens. The organization is managed and operated by a group of strong and dedicated volunteers who hail from Garibaldi to Nehalem.

Seniors from North Tillamook County are welcome and encouraged

to come for lunch which is served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary By The Sea Church dining hall at 279 S. Pacific St. Rockaway Beach, Oregon 97136. If seniors are unable to attend and in need of food to be delivered, please call 503-812-2073.



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Oregon gas tax increase in effect

The second of four planned increases in the gas tax went into effect Jan. 1, 2020. The increase is part of House Bill 2017, the “Keep Oregon Moving” legislation passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2017.

Gas Tax Increase Schedule

\$.04 - Jan. 1, 2018
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Accountability measures

For the first time, Oregon lawmakers set requirements that Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Oregon cities and counties must meet in order to trigger the increase. The Oregon Transportation Commission sent the Legislature a report outlining how ODOT and local governments have met those requirements on Nov. 26, 2019. Two more 2 cent gas tax increases in 2022 and 2024 are also on deck—but only if ODOT meets additional accountability requirements.

Requirements met

The gas tax increase was tied to ODOT completing two specific projects to help address congestion on I-205.

- I-205 Corridor Bottleneck (\$15.5M). ODOT

paved portions of I-205 and constructed new lanes between interchanges in the Sunnybrook and Johnson Creek areas to improve safety and reduce congestion.

- I-205 Active Traffic Management (\$15.2M). ODOT installed signage giving motorists real-time information about travel times.

Road, bridge condition reports

ODOT worked with Oregon cities and counties to produce a website detailing the condition of the major roads and all Oregon bridges. The site grades the major roads in and through communities as good, fair, or poor so people can see what they’re getting for their increased taxes.

Project reporting

ODOT also had to provide a list of shovel-ready projects that could be constructed with additional funds and report on the agency’s efforts to address congestion through a number of other important projects in the Portland metro region, including the (I-5 Rose Quarter project, new lanes on OR 217, widening of I-205 between Stafford Road and the Abernethy

Bridge, and implementation of tolling.

How the money will be spent

Of the nearly sixty million dollars this increase will raise, 20 percent goes to Oregon counties, 30 percent to Oregon cities and 50 percent to ODOT. ODOT will use its share (\$27.9M) of the funds for:

- Highway maintenance (\$1.7M)
- Bridge projects (\$11.2M)
- Seismic projects (\$8.4M)
- Preservation and culvert projects (\$6.7M)

“Accountability ensures that our state and local transportation agencies are spending taxpayer dollars wisely,” Gov. Kate Brown (D) said. “In this report, Oregonians can see exactly how we are building a transportation system that supports economic development, reduces congestion and related vehicle emissions, and creates more sustainable, livable communities.”

“The Commission is proud of the excellent work ODOT has done to date to implement the 2017 transportation legislation,” said Oregon Transportation Commission Chairman Robert Van Brocklin. “The additional funding that we will see beginning next January as a result of ODOT’s work will allow us to make important new investments, including projects to reduce Portland area traffic congestion.

“It will also allow us to build new and preserve existing transportation investments in every region of the state,” Brocklin said. “We look forward to continuing the work we have been charged with undertaking to keep Oregon moving.”

This first increase would raise the Oregon gas tax from 34 to 36 cents a gallon. The federal tax is 18.4 cents a gallon. Oregon’s counties and cities are allowed to add their own local gas tax as well. At full implementation in 2024, Oregon’s gas tax will be 40 cents a gallon, still less than the gas tax in either Washington or California.

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Oregon senators move to block military action against Iran

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Oregon Democratic Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden have announced among other proposals a bipartisan resolution underscoring their position that any future war must be considered and authorized by Congress.

Specifically, the resolution states that neither the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) passed following the 9/11 attacks nor the 2002 authorization against Iraq legally justify the use of military force against Iran.

Merkley led the resolution along with Sen. Rand Paul (R-Kentucky), who serves with Merkley on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The Senate resolution comes after days of escalating tensions between the United States and Iran. Merkley said it was time to send a clear message that the danger of taking the nation to war is too great for any president to decide.

"The American people do not want another endless war in the Middle East—yet what we've seen in recent days is a president willing to make significant military decisions bringing us closer to war without consulting Congress or recognizing that our Constitution gives

war making power to Congress, not the president," Merkley said.

Wyden said Republican President Donald Trump's use of force has made the Middle East a more dangerous place. He said the Senate must make its own statement that there's no congressional authorization for use of military force against Iran. Previously, Merkley floated the Constitutional Consideration for Use of Force Act, legislation repealing the 2001 and 2002 AUMFs and preventing any new terrorism-related AUMF.

"Our country is a nation of laws, and Trump can't be allowed to scheme his way around those laws to go off on erratic and risky overseas adventures that endanger lives," Wyden said.

The Senators announced the resolution shortly after receiving a classified briefing from top White House officials. The administration has said the drone strike that killed Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani prevented an imminent threat, was retribution for past terrorist acts, and served to defend Iraq.

Soleimani, a top commander Iranian military commander, was the head of the elite Quds Force, part of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, which was designated as a foreign

terrorist organization by the Trump administration.

"Gen. Soleimani was actively developing plans to attack American diplomats and service members in Iraq and throughout the region," an administration statement said. "Gen. Soleimani and his Quds Force were responsible for the deaths of hundreds of American and coalition service members and the wounding of thousands more."

"He had orchestrated attacks on coalition bases in Iraq over the last several months, including the attack on Dec. 27, culminating in the death and wounding of additional American and Iraqi personnel. Gen. Soleimani also approved the attacks on the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad," the administration statement said.

"Qassem Soleimani was a bad man with a lot of blood on his hands, but Donald Trump's decision to assassinate him was a reckless escalation that will take us further down the road to ruinous war," Wyden said. "A president has the responsibility to ensure that all necessary steps have been taken to protect vulnerable American military and civilian targets before taking such a precipitous act."

Wyden and Merkley also joined with five Senate Democrats to introduce

a resolution condemning Trump's threats to attack cultural sites in Iran and demanding he refrain from violating the laws of armed conflict.

The Senate resolution was in response to Trump's threats on Twitter and in a press conference that the United States would make cultural sites a target of attack if conflict with Iran escalated. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper has said that the Pentagon would not violate the laws of armed conflict by attacking Iranian cultural sites. Trump has since backed down from threats to target Iranian cultural sites.

The condemnation highlights Geneva Conventions articles that prohibit hostility against cultural objects, similar guidelines in the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, and the Department of Defense Law of

War Manual that states "[c]ultural property, the areas immediately surrounding it, and appliances in use for its protection should be safeguarded and respected."

Wyden recently joined Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Virginia) to support a war powers resolution that he said would force a debate and vote in Congress to prevent further escalation of hostilities with Iran. Wyden said in town halls this past weekend he heard from Oregonians concerned that the president is pushing towards war.

"We cannot allow Trump's rash approach to foreign policy continue to put American lives in danger at home and abroad," Wyden said. "Congress must act now."

Wyden voted against the Iraq War and says he has consistently opposed foreign military action. He has in the past raised concerns over presidential efforts to expand the use of military

force without congressional authorization. In 2019, Wyden also supported the Prevention of Unconstitutional War with Iran Act and voted against the National Defense Authorization Act in December.

Wyden said the war powers resolution underscores that Congress has the sole power to declare war, as laid out in the Constitution. The resolution requires that any hostilities with Iran must be explicitly authorized by a declaration of war or specific authorization for use of military force but does not prevent the United States from defending itself from imminent attack.

"The resolution will force a public debate and vote in Congress as intended by the framers of the Constitution to determine whether United States forces should be engaged in these hostilities," a statement from Wyden's office said.

Oregon boaters face new law

Effective as of Jan. 1, the Waterway Access Permit is required for non-motorized boats 10 feet long and longer and sailboats 10 to 11.9 feet long. This new permit replaces the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Permit. The AIS permit will remain for out-of-state motorized boats and is included in Oregon boat registration fees.

The Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program was established by the Oregon Legislature to help keep Oregon's lakes, rivers and streams free of destructive invasive species like zebra and quagga mussels. Boaters on Oregon waters help support this program through the purchase of Waterway Access or AIS permits.

Permits can be purchased through Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) eLicensing system and one or two-year permits through the Marine Board's Boat Oregon Store.

Anyone traveling through Oregon and not launching watercraft in state waters does not

need a permit. The Waterway Access Permit is transferrable to other non-motorized watercraft. Children 13 and younger do not need a permit.

All vehicle towing or carrying watercraft into Oregon must stop at any watercraft inspection station that is open to inspect for aquatic invasive species. Located around Oregon, stations are open if large orange "Boat Inspection Ahead" signs are posted, followed by "Inspection Required for All Watercraft."

The permit purchase options are: one week for \$5 (valid for seven days from the date of purchase through ODFW), one year for \$17, and two years for \$30. Tyvek tags will no longer be sold. Enforcement for the permit requirements begins Aug. 1.

Failure to show the permit will be a Class D violation with a \$115 fine. Fees will help fund the aquatic invasive species prevention program and waterway access grants for non-motorized boating facility grant projects.

Recreational mussel harvesting open on Oregon Coast

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) announce the opening of mussel harvesting on the south Oregon coast.

The entire Oregon coast is now open for recreational and commercial mussel harvesting. Recent samples taken from the area indicate the marine biotoxin paralytic shellfish poison has



dropped below the closure limit.

Recreational and commercial razor clam harvesting is closed along the entire Oregon coast for el-

evated levels of the marine biotoxin domoic acid. Bay clams and crab are open for recreational harvesters along the entire Oregon coast. Contact ODFW for recreational license requirements, permits and rules.

For more information please call ODA's shellfish safety information hotline at (800) 448-2474 or visit the ODA shellfish closures webpage.

Find help to quit smoking or vaping

Quitting tobacco is complicated but it is possible. If you use tobacco in any form, quitting is the number one thing you can do for a healthier, longer life. You will breathe easier and so will your family. It also sets a good example for children, to help them avoid smoking and vaping.

E-cigarette use among teens is on the rise in Oregon. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) said one in four Oregon teens uses e-cigarettes. Due to several lung injuries and deaths that were recently linked to vaping, the OHA is urging everyone to stop vaping. No vaping products should currently be considered safe.

When you quit smoking or vaping, you will lower your risk of heart disease, stroke and cancer. Quitting is especially important for people who are pregnant, or who have diabetes or high blood pressure.

Quitting is hard but you're more likely to succeed if you have help. Support is available to quit any type of tobacco, including cigarettes, e-cigarettes and more.

Take the first step.

There's no right way to quit. But here a few great ways to help you get started:

1. Make an appointment with your primary care provider (PCP)

Your PCP can help you plan to meet your goals. You can also talk with your PCP about nicotine gum or patches. Your PCP can also discuss medications that help reduce cravings. Jackson Care Connect members have no out-of-pocket costs for covered services.

2. Contact Quit For Life®

This is a stop-smoking program of the American Cancer Society. Columbia Pacific CCO members have coverage for this successful program. Call toll-free 866-QUIT-4-LIFE (866-784-8454); Spanish option available. Or visit quitnow.net.

3. Contact the Oregon Tobacco Quit Line

Phones are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669) or visit quitnow.net/oregon. For Spanish language, call 855-DEJELO-YA (1-855-335356-92).

All Oregon residents get certain free services from the Oregon Tobacco Quit Line.

Support like this has helped thousands of people quit smoking or vaping for life. It can help you too. Whatever way you choose, making the decision to quit is the most important first step.

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Leaders step down from Tillamook County Democrats

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Dear Tillamook County Democrats,

We are losing a significant leader with the resignation of David McCall as our Chair. I have thought long and hard about the future of the Tillamook County Democrats, one which he and I have both had a stake in building with many of you since 2016. When I attended my first meeting in 2016 to announce that I had been elected to serve as a DNC delegate from Tillamook County, there were only a few folks in the room. Little by little, Democrats from all over the county started coming out of the woodwork to get involved in the wake of Trump's election.

A small handful of volunteers began to build up committees and recruit PCPs, knock doors and write letters to the editor. Since then, we have accomplished many things and many

of the steps we wanted to take to develop this organization are underway. We have developed at both the county and state level to become a Democratic County Party that is known for being small but mighty, always striving to be better, for growing, and for staying true to our values. There is still a lot of growth that needs to happen, but let me be the first to say that I am SO PROUD to have been a part of this formative chapter, and you should be too. There is so much to celebrate.

It is now up to all of us to decide the future of the Tillamook County Democrats. Where will we go? What is possible? How can we rally the voters for the urgent change needed in 2020? How can we be sure that we elect real Democrats who will fight for our values once in office? I know that I don't need any reminders about what is at stake. Everyday, I am confronted with images of infants being ripped from their parents arms, and I read about de-

tainees molested or denied water and medical care. New headlines abound, with constant illegal actions coming from the White House. We stand on the brink of war in the Middle East. Everything we value as Americans and as Democrats is under attack.

This is why (as many of you already know) I have taken a HUGE job working directly to help serve immigrant and refugee communities during this time of constant crisis. It is nearly impossible for me to say the following, as my heart is deeply invested in the Tillamook County Democrats, (and I count many of you as family members who have watched own children as they grow up,) but I can no longer serve in a public leadership role for the Tillamook County Democrats.

My work this year prohibits me from certain political activities and creates a myriad of conflicts of interest. I do not think I would be able to serve our Party

well given this. As we have recently been advised by our legal staff in my work position, I am restricted from participating in many activities due to: potential legal conflicts, our funding sources and work with Census Bureau, and further (political) conflicts of interest. We are expected to be under intense scrutiny, under the microscope. These constraints would prevent me from being an effective Chair and would jeopardize the work I am doing. For this reason, I have resigned from the Mark Gamba for Congress campaign and now resign from the Tillamook County Democrats as well.

I do want to note that this has been a heart-wrenching decision. I took many factors into account, including my own personal capacity and scope of what can be accomplished during this time of political crisis, and did not make this decision lightly. I hope that we can identify someone with the capacity to give the Tillamook

County Democrats full attention, which is what is needed to launch us into 2020. There is a reason that so many of the Party leadership positions tend to be held by retirees, as more and more working-class folks find it hard to balance the demands of work life, personal life and volunteerism. David and I are working to fill the role in the coming days/weeks, including meeting with several folks. I will miss you all, but will not be a stranger to meetings, just to leadership. I will work behind the scenes to make sure we fill in as many gaps as possible.

So... it is with a bittersweet goodbye as your Vice Chair that I must bow out alongside David. It has been my pleasure to serve as your Vice Chair, your State Central Committee Delegate, your Congressional District 5 Delegate, elected Platform and Resolutions delegate, and the (DPO) Vice Chair of the Platform & Resolutions Committee.

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Clean Air advocates sue Oregon's Secretary of State for ballot measure rejections

Renew Oregon

An advocacy leader, together with one of the chief petitioners for two clean energy initiatives filed a lawsuit Wednesday, Jan. 8, in Marion County Court against the Secretary of State, calling for the office to allow Initiative Petitioners (IP) 48 and 49 to move forward. Oregon Secretary of State Bev Clarno and Deputy Secretary of State Rich Vial rejected the measures last month.

In the complaint, Chief Petitioner Eric Richardson, executive director of NAACP Eugene/Spring-

field and Tera Hurst, executive director of Renew Oregon, ask the court to allow the initiatives to continue through the process of qualifying for the ballot in November 2020.

The lawsuit points out that the Secretary of State's office provided no legal reasoning for rejecting the citizen's petition and both the Oregon Attorney General and state Legislative Counsel strongly disagree with the positions Clarno and Vial have taken in rejecting petitions this election cycle, even publicly questioning the Secretary's understanding of the law.

"We must not let this egregious abuse of power by Secretary of State Bev Clarno and Deputy Secretary Rich Vial continue," Richardson said in a press release. "Their actions are unconstitutional and run counter to Oregon's proud history of citizen access to the ballot through the initiative system. We are joining the many voices speaking out against the way the Secretary of State is blocking access of citizens to the ballot."

IP's 48 and 49 are statewide initiative petitions to require Oregon to produce all of its electricity using renewable energy and car-

bon-free sources by Jan. 1, 2045. As is precedent and good practice, standards for labor practices were included in the petition to ensure that jobs created during construction and other projects funded by passage of the petitions are quality jobs, something that the Secretary of State incorrectly claims merits rejection.

This is the second of such suits filed against the Oregon Secretary of State this year. Public records uncovered by The Oregonian show that with lack

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Tillamook County Community Health Centers

Introducing Dove Rainbow, PA-C



Dove Rainbow, PA-C, is a Physician Assistant providing primary care with a special interest in women's health and psychiatry.

As she has a certificate in medical Spanish, she looks forward to working with Spanish speaking patients.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology at the College of Idaho in 2010 and spent six years working with mental health and youth in crisis before returning to school to study medicine. In 2019 Rainbow completed her Master of Physician Assistant Studies at Idaho State University.

Dove is an outdoor enthusiast. She looks forward to hiking, mountain biking, and kayaking the local waterways.


She is welcoming new patients!

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Join us for this special presentation with **Zaheen Khan, Financial Education Coordinator Fibre CU**. They'll share information on how to recognize common types of scams (telephone, internet, investment) and set safeguards to prevent financial exploitation.

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Older adults are increasingly becoming targets for fraud and financial exploitation. They are thought to have plenty of money for retirement, may be lonely from losing a spouse, and are trusting and polite. Many people are ashamed to admit they might have been a target from a stranger, or someone they know, and these crimes go unreported. However, financial elder abuse is the most common type of abuse for older adults. According to the U.S. Consumer Financial Protections Bureau, reports of suspicious financial activity involving older adults totals upward of \$35 billion each year and continues to grow.

Seats are limited. Call **(503) 842-0918** to RSVP today.

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Community News Briefs

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 16

Tillamook County Quilt Guild – 10:30 a.m., third Thursdays, Latimer Quilt and Textile Center, 2105 Wilson River Loop Rd., Tillamook. For more information contact latimerprograms@centurylink.net or call Gail or Kim at 503-842-8622.

Fred Meyers Military Discount – Third Thursdays of every month, enjoy 10% off. Show the cashier your Military/Veterans ID or ask them to load the Military Discount onto your rewards card.

VFW Kilchis-Tillamook Bay Post 2848 and the Ladies Auxiliary – 6 p.m. third Thursdays, Bay City Hall, 5525 B Street, Bay City.

Fisherman Advisory Committee of Tillamook – 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Tillamook PUD meeting room at Eleventh Street and Pacific Avenue. The meeting will be every third Thursday of the month.

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

Repair Café. -- This is a new monthly community event every 3rd Thursday of the month from 6pm – 8pm comprised of community volunteers who repair, sew and give expert advice on items in need of fixing. NO Internal combustion engines. If you have questions, contact repairmook@gmail.com. There is no admission fee, all ages welcome.

Grief Support Group North County – 3-4:30 p.m. First and third Thursdays. Calvary Bible Church in Manzanita. Tillamook Hospital's relief chaplain Michael Gabel presents information to help with the grief process.

Breastfeeding Support Group – 6 p.m. Third Thursdays of each month in the Riverbend room of the North Coast Recreation District. Leaders will guide participants in the discussion topic for the one-hour meeting followed by the opportunity for mothers to connect and network. Children are welcome to attend. A \$1 donation is requested to support the use of the space. Call Carlotta Roddy at 503-812-6243 or Jennifer Childress at 503-368-5886 for further information.

Friday, Jan 17

Latimer Quilt & Textile Center Board Meeting – 9 a.m. every third Friday in the library at the Latimer Quilt and Textile Center. For more information contact latimerprograms@centurylink.net, or call 503-842-8622.

Manzanita Municipal Court notice – 1:30 p.m. at Manzanita City Hall. 543 Laneda Avenue, once a month thereafter. The public is invited to attend.

Saturday, Jan 18

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

LGBT Potluck – 6-7:30 p.m., every third Saturday. Women's Resource Center, 1902 Second St., Tillamook. Contact Linda Werner, wernerwhite@centurylink.net or 503-398-5223. Free.

Open Mic Night - organized by Art Accelerated, is held from 6:30 to 8:00 on the third Saturday of each Month at Yo Time (314 Main Ave in downtown Tillamook). Rick Persons and Penny Eberle are the MCs at this event. Go to the Art Accelerated website, artaccelerated.org, for details.

Sunday, Jan 19

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast – 8 a.m.-noon, third Sundays. Bay City Arts Center, 5680 A Street, Bay City. Whole grain or buttermilk pancakes, sausages (meat or vegetarian), salsa, beans, fruit compote with yogurt and blackberries in season. \$5 dollars.

Monday, Jan 20

Tillamook City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. first and third Mondays, city hall. Open to the public.

Garibaldi City Council Meeting – 7 p.m., third Mondays, city hall. Open to the public.

Nestucca Valley School District Meeting – 6 p.m., third Monday. At Nestucca Junior/Senior High School. Open to the public. (the meeting moves to 4th Mondays if there's a no-school day on the third Monday.)

Tuesday, Jan 21

Wheeler City Council Meeting – 7 p.m., third Tuesdays, City Hall. Open to the public.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flo-tilla 63 – 7 p.m. third Tuesdays, lower Coast Guard Station in Garibaldi. Call Gordon Southwick, 5www03-322-3677, or Bob Hickman, 503-368-6717.

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.

Pine Grove Community Club Potluck – 5:45 p.m. social time, 6:30 p.m. dinner, third Tuesdays. Bring your own tableware and a dish. Manzanita. Call Jack Allen, 503-368-5687.

Wednesday, Jan 22

Pinochile - 3 p.m. at the Tillamook Eagles Lodge. Second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Alzheimer's and Caregiver Support - 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., fourth Wednesday at the Tillamook Adventist Church, 2610 1st St. Upper Level to the left of the main entrance doors. Call 503-815-2270.

Thursday, Jan 23

Association of Northwest Steelheaders North Coast Chapter – 7 p.m. Fourth Thursdays. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife meeting room, 4909 Third St., Tillamook. Call Bill Hedlund at 503-815-2737.

Alzheimer's Support Group – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nehalem Bay House 35385 Tohl Rd. in North Tillamook County. It will be the fourth Thursday of each month. Complimentary lunch included. For more information call (503) 368-6445.

Marie Mills Foundation – Fourth Thursday of January, April, July and October, 10:30 a.m., Marie Mills Center, Tillamook. Call Ron Rush at 503-842-2539, ext. 12.

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

Friday, Jan 24

Weavers – 10 a.m. to until closing time. Every Friday at the Latimer Quilt and Textile Center. For more information contact latimerprograms@centurylink.net or call Gail or Kim at 503-842-8622..

Ocean Breeze RugKrafters – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On the 2nd and 4th Fridays at the Latimer Quilt and Textile Center. For more information contact latimerprograms@centurylink.net or call Gail or Kim at 503-842-8622..

Saturday, Jan 25

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

The Tillamook ArtWalk - organized by Art Accelerated, is held on the 4th Saturday every month (with the exception of June). Go to our website for information each month about participating artists and businesses.

Tuesday, Jan 28

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 required. Call 503-842-6213.

Nehalem Bay Garden Club – 1:30 p.m., fourth Tuesday, September through April. Pine Grove Community House, Manzanita. Call Constance Shimek, 503-368-4678.

Disability services help – 1-4 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays. Sheridan Square community room, 895 Third 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., second and fourth Tuesdays. Tillamook United Methodist Church. 503-815-2272.

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

Wednesday, Jan 29

Social Security 101- A free workshop from Social Security.

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at 1716 Third St. in Tillamook.

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 Workshop -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, Tillamook, 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, Tillamook, 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 Fiberartists - 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.

SUNDAY

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

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

ROCKAWAY LIBRARY – 3 p.m., Pre-school storytime. 503-355-2665.

WRITING LOUNGE - 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hoffman Center. \$5 suggested donation. Call 503-368-3846.

MAH JONG LESSON - 3 p.m. at the North Tillamook County Library in Manzanita. For more information, call 503-368-6665.

WOMAN'S AA MEETING, SISTER'S IN SOBRIETY – Noon to 1 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, 36335 N. Hwy 101, Nehalem.

WEDNESDAY

VOLUNTEER CEMENTERY 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 ANONYMOUS - 7:30 p.m. to 8:30

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

BRIDGE, PINOCHLE AND CRIBBAGE – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. North County Recreation District, Nehalem. 503-355-3381.

MEALS FOR SENIORS – 11:45 a.m. St. Mary's by the Sea in Rockaway. Call Bob Dempster, 503-355-3244.

THURSDAY

CHRISTIAN MEN'S GROUP – 7:30 a.m. Grumpy's Cafe, 202 Hwy 101, Rockaway Beach. 503-355-0567.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – 7-8 p.m. St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Nehalem.

GARIBALDI LIBRARY STORYTIME – 2:45 p.m. 503-322-2100.

FRIDAY

GARIBALDI JAM – 6-8 p.m. Featuring local musicians at the Garibaldi Community Hall.

MEALS FOR SENIORS – 11:45 a.m. St. Mary's by the Sea in Rockaway. Call Bob Dempster, 503-355-3244.

SPIRIT DANCE – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays. Pine Grove Community Center, Manzanita. Free-form dance celebration.

OPEN GALLERY - 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hoffman Center for the Arts in Manzanita. Check out the latest work by local artists. For more information, call 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.

SATURDAY

MANZANITA PACE SETTERS WALK/JOG/RUN GROUP – 7:30 a.m. Parking lot behind Spa Manzanita.

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

GRANDPARENTS PAR-ENTING AGAIN – Call Steve or Jackie for meetings. 503-355-2440.

Jim Horton announces official campaign for Tillamook County Sheriff

The Committee to Elect Jim Horton Tillamook County Sheriff would like to officially announce Sheriff Jim Horton's candidacy for the position of Tillamook County Sheriff in the 2020 Primary Election.

Horton has occupied the position of Tillamook County Sheriff since Aug. 1, 2019, when he was appointed sheriff by the Tillamook County Board of County Commissioners upon Sheriff Andy Long's retirement. Sheriff Long recommended him to be appointed sheriff. Horton's appointment was due to his diverse expertise in law enforcement practices, stewardship of public funds,

and the ability to manage and lead our first-rate Sheriff's Office staff.

Horton was born and raised in Tillamook County. He graduated from Tillamook High School in 1989 and currently resides in the City of Tillamook along with his two teenaged children, Michael and Charlee. He is a third-generation law enforcement officer following his father, Robert Horton, who retired from the Sheriff's Office in 2003, and his grandfather, Jim Hodson, who was a member of the Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputy program in the early 1970s. He is dedicated to serving and protecting our tight-knit

communities and has always considered Tillamook County his home.

Horton has been with the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office for 23 years. He has hands-on, practical experience in every division. He began his career as a reserve deputy in 1997. Shortly after, in 1998, He was hired full-time as a parole and probation deputy. After several years, he transferred to the criminal division and became a patrol deputy, detective, and detective sergeant. He was then promoted to be the criminal division commander and community corrections director. In that role, he supervised two-thirds

of the Sheriff's Office and managed over five million dollars of public funds that operates our agency.

Horton is working toward addressing some of the following issues in our community to include: maintaining the public's trust and pursuing agency professionalism and excellence of service, maintaining and improving interagency relationships and collaboration to address our community issues, keep up with growth and pressures to infrastructure and services, implementing 24-hour patrol coverage, addressing the opioid / drug crisis, continuing to address child abuse,



neglect, and domestic violence, and addressing the mental health crisis. Horton has 23 years of experience in responding to the needs of our community. From his experience he understands what it takes to be your sheriff.

Manzanita adopts US Army unit stationed in Africa

In mid-September 2019, a bus carrying members of the US Army 1st Battalion of the 186th Infantry crashed along Highway 101 in Manzanita. The City of Manzanita was quick to extend help and hospitality to the stranded service men and women and a mutual friendship was born. Manzanita has now "adopted" this unit and the city will

continue extending its hospitality to them as they serve overseas. The unit deployed to the Horn of Africa in November for a year.

Manzanita will begin sending care packages and is asking for local businesses and individuals to contribute items to send the unit during their deployment period. This will be a difficult time for

these men and women while they are separated from their friends, families and loved ones. Anything to support them will go a long way in helping ease that burden. There have already been some generous donations.

"From my own experience, I know how appreciated little items sent from home are received by service men and

women overseas," said Manzanita Mayor and Vietnam veteran Mike Scott in a press release. "They are far from home, separated from family for long periods of time. Some have no family."

Scott said to receive a paperback book, a card, or even a piece of candy is a powerful morale builder and they will know we have not forgotten

them.

There are very specific items the Oregon Military Department allows for care packages. For complete details, visit <http://explore-manzanita.com/city-of-manzanita-adopts-deployed-us-army-unit/>.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, items can be dropped off at the

Manzanita Visitors Center or Manzanita City Hall. Each time they have enough for a package, they will send it off and start to fill a new one.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a donation, please contact Kristin Grasseth at Manzanita City Hall at (503) 368-5343 or Dan Haag at Manzanita Visitors Center at (503) 812-5510.

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Friday-Sunday, Jan. 17-19, from 1 to 4 p.m.
Hoffman Gallery Show: "Green Piece"
Artworks in All Forms

Saturday, Jan. 18, at 4 p.m. (SPECIAL TIME)
Manzanita Writers' Series
Author Leigh Camacho-Rourks
"Moon Trees and Other Orphans"
Admission: \$7

Tuesday, Jan. 21, from 10:30 to 1 p.m.
Writing Lounge
Winter WordPlay: "Write in the Style of

(Favorite Author Here)"
Open to all. Drop-in Fee: \$5

Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 3 p.m. AND 7 p.m.
Liz Cole's Award-Winning Presentation
"The Wisdom of Wit"
Admission: \$10

Friday-Sunday, Jan. 24-26, from 1 to 4 p.m.
Hoffman Gallery Show: "Green Piece"
Artworks in All Forms

Friday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m.
Manzanita Film Series

"PDX Short Docs"
Sixteen short documentaries made in Portland
Admission: \$7

Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 10:30 to 1 p.m.
Writing Lounge
Quiet Writing
Open to all. Drop-in Fee: \$5

Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 7:30 p.m.
"Solo Speak" with Shay Knorr
Personal story-telling performance group
Storytellers: Shay Knorr, Scott Fisher, Chaz Miska

Admission: \$20 at the door, or \$17 online at <https://bpt.me/4470084>

Friday, Jan. 31, at 3 p.m.
Hammer Dulcimer Performance
by Mick Doherty
Sponsored by North Tillamook Library
FREE

Saturday, Feb. 1, at 11 a.m.
"Puss in Boots" Shadow Puppet Play
with Live Music
Presented by Oregon Shadow Theatre
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Researchers, land managers take risk-analysis approach to wildfire

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New digital tools developed by Oregon State University will enable land managers to better adapt to the new reality of large wildfires through analytics that guide planning and suppression across jurisdictional boundaries that fires typically don't adhere to.

Led by Chris Dunn, a research associate in the OSU College of Forestry with several years of firefighting experience, scientists have used machine learning algorithms and risk-analysis science to analyze the many factors involved in handling fires: land management objectives, firefighting decisions, fire mitigation opportunities and the needs of communities, the environment and the fire management system.

Their findings were published in *Environmental Research Letters*.

"We have to learn to live with fire," Dunn said. "There is no forecast or evidence of a future without more fire. If we accept that view, then the question becomes, what kind of fire do we want?"

Now, Dunn notes, "We suppress 97 or 98 percent of fires such that we experience the 2 or 3 percent that are really bad, where we have no chance of successful suppression because they're just so explosive."

But those numbers over time can be inverted, he said.

"We can choose to have more beneficial fires whose impacts aren't as consequential and less of those really bad ones, eventually," Dunn said. "It could ultimately mean more fire, but more of the right kind of fire in the right places for the right reasons."

Using fire-prone land-

scapes of the Pacific Northwest as their study areas, Dunn and collaborators developed a trio of complementary, risk-based analytics tools – quantitative wildfire risk assessment, mapping of suppression difficulty, and atlases of locations where fires might be controlled.

"These tools can be a foundation for adapting fire management to this new reality," Dunn said. "They integrate fire risk with fire management difficulties and opportunities, which makes for a more complete picture of the fire management landscape."

That picture makes possible a risk-based planning structure that allows for preplanning responses to wildfires, responses that balance risk with the likelihood of success.

The landscapes used in the study are "multijurisdictional" – i.e., a mix of federal, state and private property – which highlights the shared responsibility of wildfire risk mitigation, Dunn said.

"We're a couple decades into having really large wildfires here in the American West," he said. "Fires today are bigger, faster and more intense – we're really in a new fire reality. We see this issue globally, like the intense fires currently burning in Australia."

"It's time we step up to the plate with risk-analysis analytics and computing power to complement the experiential knowledge of our fire management service," Dunn said. "As partners, scientists, managers and communities, we can work together to determine how to best interact with fires now and into the future."

The models allow for a view of landscapes "through a fire lens outside of fire season, so we can think in

advance, plan for them, be more strategic with our fire engagement. Ultimately, we can move toward better outcomes," he said.

Before 1910, frequent low-severity surface fires played a key role in maintaining the forests of the mountain regions of the western United States. In the decades since, the fire deficits that resulted from federal policy – in concert with grazing, logging and land-use changes – have caused major structural shifts in older forests as shade-tolerant and fire-intolerant species have moved in.

The policy of fire suppression traces its roots to the Great Fire of 1910, which killed 87 people, destroyed several towns and burned an area roughly the size of Connecticut. The blaze consumed 3 million acres of forest in Idaho, Montana, Washington and British Columbia and resulted in timber losses of an estimated \$1 billion.

However, attempting total fire exclusion leads to what researchers and forestry professionals refer to as the "wildfire paradox" – the harder you try to stamp out wildfires, the worse the fires are when you can't extinguish them.

"The instinct to suppress large fires is a pathology that works against us," Dunn said. "But with our models and process, these decision tools help diversify our initial response and lead to a default fire response that allows fire to play its ecological role while also providing the risk-reduction benefits of recently burned areas."

Planning units on a map known as PODs – short for potential operational delineations – summarize risk to inform wildfire response decisions. Their boundaries line up with "high probability control features" – roads, rivers, lakes, canyons,

etc. – to help ensure that a response will be successful if launched.

"Suppression is necessary in areas where there are high values at risk, and we can be more successful at doing suppression when it's needed," Dunn said. "The fires we need to fight, maybe we can catch them at 500 acres instead of 5,000 if we do planning and management ahead of time instead of when we are chasing the fires."

Jurisdictional or ownership boundaries rarely align with effective control locations, Dunn said, and thus the PODs highlight areas where partners can work together for shared stewardship.

The computer models generate maps that show "how firefighters see the landscape when they're engaging a fire," Dunn said – a visual perspective he hopes can spark a cultural change that will lead to living with fire more constructively.

"Historically, we have zoned landscapes based on timber resources or critical wildlife habitat such as the northern spotted owl," he said. "Now we have the firefighters' perspective that we can share with communities, timber companies, NGOs, creating a platform for partners to understand the decisions made by our fire management service. This can foster partnerships to address the fire challenges of today and ultimately provide the best near- and long-term outcomes for our ecosystems and communities."

Collaborating with Dunn on this project were James Johnston of the College of Forestry and researchers from the U.S. Forest Service, the University of Georgia and Pyrologix, Inc., of Missoula, Montana.

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1 Stuff pumped into a 747
8 Bracing devices
14 Teeny bit
20 "Stephen," to the French
21 Rip into
22 Untrue rumor
23 Start of a riddle
25 "Ironic" singer
26 Enzyme name ender
27 Solo for a 41-Across
28 Not feeling well at all
30 Set aflame
31 Riddle, part 2
39 Shar-
40 No, to Burns
41 Certain opera singer
42 Actress Joanne
43 Bit of slander
44 Neighbor of a Croat
46 The, to Josef
48 Apt rhyme of "grab"
50 — O-Fish (McDonald's sandwich)
52 Riddle, part 3
59 Very pungent

61 Certain opera singer
62 Adders, e.g.
63 Most blaring
66 Sculling tools
68 As blind as —
69 Elegant tree
72 Pharmacy amount
73 Riddle, part 4
76 Blackthorn
77 Fire residue
78 Lady Grey
79 Sauce brand since 1937
80 Stays away from
82 Total or Life
84 Neighbor of a Swede
86 Goes fast
87 Riddle, part 5
93 NATO part
94 Mineo of "Tonka"
95 Knighted one, e.g.
96 Pleasant
99 The Beatles' "— Loser"
100 "Citizen X" actor Stephen
103 Equine noise
107 Do a lawn chore
109 Relo vehicle
110 End of the riddle

115 Dir. from Del. to Vt.
116 Busy mo. for a CPA
117 Big particle physics lab in Switz.
118 "Hail, Nero!"
119 Big name in sneakers
121 Riddle's answer
128 Lenient
129 Beethoven's Third, familiarly
130 Mark Antony's wife
131 Local lingoos
132 Wet slightly
133 Wee baby

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1 Seder celebrant
2 Ordinal number ender
3 Carrere of "True Lies"
4 Beyond embryonic
5 Oneness
6 Baja California resort port
7 Permit to
8 Biblical angel
9 Chicana, e.g.
10 Many flying creatures
11 Got together

12 Compadre
13 "Shrek!" author William
14 Like time, speed and temperature
15 Bad, to Luc
16 Including everything
17 Author Steel
18 More sandlike
19 MS markers
24 "Yuk" relative
29 PC screen variety
31 Special — (mil. group)
32 Toll, for one
33 Atomizer for spraying paint
34 Turned right on a horse
35 Has no life
36 — Ark (biblical boat)
37 With
57-Down, supporter for a caterer's dishes
58 Pets' docs
59 Groom's partner
60 Microwave brand
61 Unoriginal
62 Indefinite things

53 Keats verse
54 Gobs
55 Railing locale
56 Hurricane relative
57 See 37-Down
58 Green-lights
59 Alan of "White Mile"
60 Doves' calls
64 Horrify
65 Reasonably muscular
67 Lactose, e.g.
69 Unrequired course
70 Rob of the Brat Pack
71 Disorder
74 Gets close
75 Mom or dad's sister
76 "Da Doo Ron Ron" singer Cassidy
78 — Tull (rock band)
81 — Magnon man
82 Persian, e.g.
83 Country singer Rimes
85 Suffix with lion
87 Army group
88 Ball of perfume in a closet
89 Exhausting

90 Urged in defense
91 Intentions
92 Close friendship between guys
97 "Wheels"
98 Nav. officer
101 Expunges
102 African viper
104 Implant that helps in returning a lost pet
105 Athens' land
106 Husband of Lily Munster
108 Greet with a hand motion
111 Resulted in
112 Followed a curved path
113 Hit skit show since '75
114 "— & Kel" (1990s teen show)
119 — Khan
120 Height fig.
122 Hunters' gp.
123 — de plume
124 Cyclotron bit
125 Actress Longoria
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Pump prices hold steady amid tensions with Iran

Gas price averages are showing little movement this week but that could change if crude oil prices fluctuate due to geopolitical concerns surrounding events in the Middle East, according to the following report from AAA.

For this past week, the national average for regular

remained at \$2.59 a gallon. The Oregon average fell a penny to \$3.02. Gas prices are starting 2020 at higher prices than at the start of 2019. The national average is about 35 cents more and the Oregon average about 10 cents more than a year ago.

Following airstrikes in

Baghdad last Friday that killed Iran's Major General Qassem Soleimani, crude oil prices increased, causing market speculation about what could happen to gas prices in the near-term, according to AAA.

"Crude prices usually climb following news of unrest in the Middle East. Whether this is a short- or long-term trend will depend on how long crude sells at a higher price point. In general, every \$1 increase in the price of crude oil results in about a 2-and-a-half-cent increase in the price of gasoline," said Marie Dodds, public affairs director for

AAA Oregon/Idaho.

Oregon is one of 21 states and the District of Columbia where gas prices are lower now than a week ago. Ohio (-8 cents) has the largest weekly decline in the country. Florida (+7 cents) has the biggest weekly jump. Prices in New Mexico and North Carolina are flat.

This week there are six states with an average above \$3 a gallon, same as a week ago. For the eighth week in a row, there are no states with an average above \$4 a gallon. California's average had topped the \$4-mark last fall.

The cheapest gas in the

nation can be found in Missouri (\$2.22) and Oklahoma (\$2.28). For the 47th week in a row, no states have an average below \$2 a gallon.

Oregon is one of 22 states with lower prices now than a month ago. The national average is half a cent more and the Oregon average is 13 cents less than a month ago. This is the eighth-largest monthly decrease in the nation. Idaho (-26 cents) has the largest month-over-month decline, Nevada (-21 cents) is second, Utah (-19 cents) is third and California (-18 cents) is fourth. Delaware (+9 cents) has the largest month-over-month

increase.

Drivers in every state except Alaska are paying more than a year ago. The national average is 35 cents more and the Oregon average is 10 cents more than a year ago. Ohio (+59 cents) and Illinois (+54 cents) have the biggest year-over-year increases. Alaska (-4 cents) is the only state with a year-over-year drop.

For the week, the national average adds a penny to \$3.02 a gallon for diesel. Oregon's average loses a penny to \$3.27. A year ago, the national average for diesel was \$2.96 and the Oregon average was \$3.15.

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of institutional support for their rogue actions, the Secretary of State has

had to hire a \$700-an-hour private law firm – the same law firm that works for the corporate polluters and big timber companies that oppose the measures the Secretary has rejected.

"Secretary Clarno and

Deputy Secretary Vial are wasting taxpayer money to protect the interests of the wealthy and powerful against the will of the people," Hurst said in the release. "Everyone in Oregon should be concerned

about this threat to our democracy."

The suit goes before Marion County Court and the plaintiffs have requested an expedited review so their petitions can move forward as intended.

Off Season Tourism Promotion grants available

Off Season Tourism Promotion grants are available. The grant is to promote and advertise events designed to attract tourists to the city during the off-season,

October through May. Total amount available is \$15,000. The Off Season Tourism Advisory Committee will review the submitted

applications at a public meeting and will make recommendations to the city council as to which applications should be funded. Upon approval by the city council, the sponsor will receive a grant award from the city.

To apply, complete the application found at the City website (<https://ci.manzanita.or.us/>). Return completed forms to the Off Season Tourism Advisory Committee c/o Cynthia Alamillo, PO BOX 129, Manzanita, OR 97130 or email calamillo@ci.manzanita.or.us by the application deadline.

Jan. 10- Call for applications for grant funding

Feb. 21- Grant application deadline

Feb. 26 - Off Season Tourism Advisory Committee meets to review applications

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Cannon Beach • \$849,000

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Seaside • \$575,000

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Seaside • \$389,000

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