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A closer look at the new NCRD pool project



The interior of the new pool building at the North Coast Recreation District featuring a mass timber roof.

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Citizen Editor

As work nears completion on the building that will house the North Coast Recreation District's new pool in Nehalem, fundraising efforts to build the pool itself and purchase necessary equipment are progressing apace.

Thomas Fiorelli of Fiorelli Consulting is helping to steward the project for the district and said that more than \$1 million has now been raised towards the \$2.5 million budget for those phases of the project.

The North Coast Recreation District (NCRD) has been working to replace their existing pool that was built in 1930 since 2012, when discussions on siting of a new pool began. By 2019, the district had saved \$12 million to pay for the project, but after the coronavirus pandemic delayed the start of construction, what had been budgeted as a \$10 million project carried a price tag of \$15 million.

NCRD's board made the decision at that point to split the pool project into three phases to dampen the impact of further cost escalations. With that strategy decided, construction began on the pool that will house the new pool in early 2023.

The new building will house a six-lane pool capable of holding interscholastic competitions as

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A group of dialysis patients and former and current dialysis clinic staff gathered at Denny's to discuss options moving forward on February 1. Standing are former center manager Chip Fletcher, biomedical and renal technician Travis and patient Randy, while sitting are patients Anita Hanakahi, Mike Shreve, Katherine, name unknown, Marty, Sharon and John and former staff member Rebecca.

Dialysis center closure leaves patients scrambling

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Citizen Editor

When U.S. Renal Care announced that it would be shuttering its Tillamook dialysis facility as of February 23, patients who rely on the life-

sustaining care were surprised and immediately concerned about finding a new place to dialyze.

As they began to inquire at nearby facilities, they found that their options were limited and concerns about transport and possible inaccessibility due to weather abound as some weigh discontinuing their care.

"To me, they need to give us more time and definitely have a place," said Anita Hanakahi, a patient at the center, "this unknown is driving all of us crazy and if we don't have dialysis after four days you meet your maker."

U.S. Renal Care, a dialysis company based in Plano, Texas, announced the closure of the Tillamook center to patients on January 24, when they arrived for their regularly scheduled treatments. The Tillamook facility currently serves 11 patients, who spend between three and four and a half hours having toxins and excess fluid removed from their bloodstream three times weekly.

In a statement, U.S. Renal Care Regional Vice President Brian Loveridge said the

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Commissioners approve tourism facilities grants

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Tillamook's board of county commissioners awarded more than \$550,000 to eight groups across the county for facility improvements at their meeting on January 31.

The funding for the grants comes from the county's transient lodging tax and will be used to improve tourism-related facilities.

Nan Devlin, executive director of Tillamook Coast Visitors Association, which manages the grant program for the county, appeared at the meeting to discuss the awards with commissioners.

Awardees were selected from among 21 total applications for grant funding this year by the county's tourism advisory committee, which scored each applicant's submission to make their selection.

Originally, only \$400,000 was allocated for the program in this year's budget, but after two proposals tied, the committee decided to ask for an additional \$71,000 in funding from the commissioners and to allow the use of \$40,000 left over from last year.

Commissioners agreed to the request, saying that transient lodging tax revenues have come in above projections in recent years but noting that if that was not the case this year, a commensurate reduction to next year's grant awards would be necessary.

The eight organizations chosen for the grants, in order of their ranking by the tourism advisory committee, were the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad, the Tillamook County Library Foundation, the Sitka Center for the Arts, the City of Rockaway Beach, the Tillamook YMCA, the Tillamook Air Museum, the City of Manzanita and the Tillamook Area Chamber of Commerce. Aside from the Sitka Center and Tillamook Cham-

ber, each of the applicants was awarded the maximum \$75,000.

The scenic railroad will be putting their award towards ongoing work to upgrade their depot facilities in Garibaldi. The Tillamook County Library Foundation will use their funding for further improvements to the park adjacent to the main library in downtown Tillamook that opened last summer.

The Sitka Center for the Arts will use its award of just over \$61,000 to upgrade their walkway and the City of Rockaway Beach will put the funding towards a new playground at the park on Anchor Street.

Tillamook's YMCA will be using its grant to replace the roof at the recently purchased Tillamook Bowling Alley on Third Street. The grant award will allow the air museum to upgrade its entrance, which was damaged in an incident of vandalism in the summer of 2023, to be ADA compliant. Manzanita will use the money it received to enhance the public restroom facilities at the new city hall that it is set to construct this year.

The Tillamook Area Chamber of Commerce made a last-minute request to the county, submitting a letter on January 23, requesting \$40,000 to help offset unforeseen costs that arose while renovating their meeting space. \$30,000 of the funding will go towards helping to reconfigure a stairwell, replace a roof truss and improve their building's water-intrusion problem, while the final \$10,000 will go towards a roof replacement.

The commissioners also approved the budgeted purchase of an almost \$77,000 Chevrolet 2500 for use as a tow vehicle by the sheriff's department and two Dodge Durango Pursuits for use as patrol vehicles, with a combined price of just under \$89,000.

Tillamook County housing commission makes multi-family housing grant recommendations

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Tillamook County’s housing commission made recommendations to the county commissioners for awarding \$400,000 from the county’s annual multi-family housing grant program.

Commissioners unanimously recommended offering funding to six workforce and affordable housing projects across the county and the board of county commissioners will now decide on the awards.

In its inaugural year in 2023, the program offered \$710,000 in funding to six projects, with federal funding supplementing the short-term rental operator license fee that will support the program in this and subsequent years.

Eight total applications were received for the grant this year, with two projects in Bay City, two in Manzanita and one each in Tillamook and Rockaway Beach recommended for funding, while projects in Beaver and Bay City were not.

The Seagull’s Rest development in Bay City was recommended to receive \$100,000 in funding from the county after requesting \$200,000. The funding will help to complete the construction of six two-bedroom duplexes in downtown Bay City that will be available to residents making between 80% and 120% of the area’s median income (AMI).

The Hobsonville Point project in Bay City plans to add 29 two-bedroom units in a mix of duplex, triplex and quadplex buildings affordable for residents making between 60% and 120% AMI. Developers

requested \$250,000 in funding and were recommended for \$40,000.

A project redeveloping the space above the T-Mobile store on First Street in downtown Tillamook was recommended for \$70,000 in funding against an \$80,000 request. The project is construction ready and will add four, two-bedroom apartments for people earning between 80% and 120% AMI.

Manzanita saw two projects recommended for funding and together they will represent the first workforce housing available in the city.

Maker Manzanita plans to add 34 one-bedroom apartments that will be affordable to residents making between 80% and 120% AMI. The project’s developers requested \$400,000 in grant funding and were recommended for an award of \$50,000.

The Manzanita Pines projects is even more ambitious, aiming to add 60 two- and three-bedroom apartments affordable to people making between 60% and 80% AMI. The project is in pre-development and Tillamook County Housing Coordinator Parker Sammons said that receiving the county grant would allow the developers to access additional grant funding as well.

The final project recommended for the award was a development in Rockaway Beach which plans to add four one- and two-bedroom units above a community kitchen space on Anchor Street. Those units will be affordable for residents making 80% AMI and the project was recommended for an award of \$65,000 against an \$80,000 request.

Port commissioners discuss bond for Hangar B

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The Port of Tillamook Bay’s board of commissioners began preliminary discussions about the possibility of seeking a bond to finance repairs to Hangar B at their meeting on January 24.

The World War II era hangar needs an estimated \$5-7 million in total repair work and hundreds of thousands of dollars in maintenance work annually, for which the port does not have funds set aside.

Repairs to Hangar B can be broken into two general categories, active issues that need to be addressed in the short-term and less-pressing issues that would be part of a full restoration of the roof.

Main items in the former group include work to the building’s ventilation system, which is estimated to cost between \$1.5 and \$2 million, and securing the upper sections of the roofing on the hangar, which would have a similar budget.

The full reroofing option would address both of those issues and evaluate the condition of the box beams that form the spine of the structure’s roof and would carry an estimated \$5 to \$7 million price tag. Neither of the options would affect the tin cladding on the structure’s roof and all cost estimates are extremely preliminary.

Members of the Friends of Tillamook Air Museum, a group which has been working to raise funds for the hangar’s restoration, attended the meeting and participated in the discussion with the board.

If the groups decide to move forward with a bond ask, the first decision to be made is whether the port should seek the bond or try to partner with the county for the ask. Partnering with

the county would allow the bond to be supported across the county, decreasing the per-property payments, whereas a port bond would only affect properties falling within their taxing district, which has the same boundaries as Tillamook School District 9. Moving the bond forward from that point would require the services of a consultant, which would cost around \$20,000.

Members of the board said that they were unsure if county residents would support the bond and said that it would be necessary to convince them by sharing what the bond would support. They noted that many members of the community associated the hangar inextricably with the air museum and said that they would like to see polling done to gauge public sentiment before deciding.

One of the friends of the air museum clarified that the bond would only finance the repairs to the hangar, not guarantee the continued survival of the air museum. They said that the structure itself was a landmark in the community and deserved preservation.

Port of Tillamook Bay General Manager Michele Bradley chimed in and noted that interest in the hangar from businesses has been growing in recent years. Bradley said that several private entities had approached her to express interest in leasing anywhere from one third to the entire building and investing in the structure’s repair in lieu

of rent payments.

A board member said that he felt if the bond was sought it would be inappropriate to subsequently accept a tenant who would restrict public access to the building.

Another commissioner said that there should be funds included in the bond ask for ongoing maintenance and a port staffer said that a similar hangar in Tustin, California, cost around \$300,000 annually to maintain, though Tillamook’s hangar is in better shape.

In the coming weeks, Bradley and Port Commissioner Matt Mumford will meet with a bond specialist from the Special Districts Association of Oregon to discuss the path forward before the board’s next meeting. Commissioners said that they would like to develop a plan to take to the board of county commissioners for a preliminary discussion at that meeting.

The board also approved the declaration of the port’s railyard in Banks as surplus, paving the way for its future sale.

Tillamook Air Museum Director Rita Welch also gave an update to the board, informing them that the museum is now certified to receive items from the Air Force and added two new planes to its collection last year. The museum will also be rotating out its exhibit on children in the holocaust and replacing it with a new exhibit being

Compassion clinic coming to Tillamook

Compassion Connect has been around for many years in the Portland area putting together free clinics by partnering with local churches to provide service for the communities where they are located. Coming up on February 25th Compassion will be coming to Tillamook. Several churches in Tillamook are partnering together to put this


on and are organizing teams to provide free care for those in our community that need it. From 1pm to 6pm on the 25th people will be able to make and have appointments for medical, dental, optical, chiropractic and many other types of care completely free. All appointments are first come first serve and once all the appointments are full we


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Public voices show support for new HCP

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More than 20 public commenters appeared virtually at a listening session hosted by Oregon State Forester Cal Mukumoto to encourage the adoption of a new habitat conservation plan for western Oregon state forests on January 29.

Many of the commenters spoke on behalf of or were members of conservation groups and said that while they would like to see more protections for endangered species, they felt the proposed plan was a good compromise.

Mukumoto scheduled the series

of three listening sessions to gather public feedback in advance of making a recommendation on the adoption of a new habitat conservation plan (HCP) to the Oregon Board of Forestry at their March meeting. In addition to the virtual session, two in-person sessions were held in Eugene and Astoria.

Mukumoto started the meeting by addressing the commenters who had signed up in advance, thanking them for taking time to participate in the process. He reminded the audience that the department of forestry must work within the framework of state and federal laws when developing the HCP.

Three questions were provided to help guide the discussion, asking how new modeling information released in December impacted perceptions of the HCP, what recommendations commenters would make to improve outcomes and what they thought the most important consideration was for a new HCP.

After that, public commenters were given two minutes apiece to share their answers to those questions.

A trend quickly emerged, with all but a handful of commenters calling for passage of a strong HCP, with many voicing support for scenario three, which would

prioritize net present value over harvest levels.

Commenters representing Oregon Trout Unlimited, Portland Audubon and the Wild Salmon Center all said that the plan was a step in the right direction towards cold, clear streams but noted that they would like to see more protections added. They mentioned a desire to see larger riparian protection areas around streams and buffers added to headwater streams.

Other public commenters echoed these sentiments and many also mentioned the impacts of clearcut logging on local watersheds as another concern.

Several mentioned the econom-

ic impacts timber harvest reductions under the new plan would have on counties and said that their budgets should be secure and not reliant on timber revenues, but no alternatives were mentioned.

Laura Wilkeson, Hampton Lumber’s state forest policy director, was one of the few dissenting voices at the meeting, calling on Mukumoto to consider the plan’s economic impacts more carefully before recommending passage.

Tillamook County Commissioner Doug Olson asked Mukumoto to try to find a balance between the conservation goals of the plan and the economic impacts on the counties.

Pool Project

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well as a therapy pool and allow NCRD to continue its mission of teaching children in north county to swim.

Work on the pool building is making good progress, with the building’s concrete walls and mass timber roof in place and should be complete sometime this spring.

At that point, work will temporarily halt at the site while preparations begin for the second phase of work.

The second phase will involve building the pools themselves, while the installation of their equipment will happen during the third phase of the project. The second phase of the project is forecast to cost \$1.5 million, while the third will cost around \$1 million.

Fiorelli said that this approach was novel for the entire project team but that necessity had driven the decision. During phase two,

workers will have to use a conveyor belt to remove dirt excavated for the pools from the building, a unique work-around to account for the abnormal project sequencing. Connections for the pool equipment have already been drilled through the base of the wall by the area where the equipment will be housed.

Fundraising for the final two phases has also been progressing well in recent months, Fiorelli said, with the project recently receiving a \$500,000 pledge from a local organization.

The identity of the donor is still under wraps, but a representative from the organization will be a keynote speaker at a February 29 fundraising event for the new pool, where they will formally announce the donation.

That gift will bring the total raised for phases two and three of the project to around \$1.2 million, per Fiorelli, and the NCRD’s board plans to vote to move forward on phase two at their February meeting. Fiorelli said that

the district may take a bridge loan as needed to complete the funding package and that there were donors mulling the possibility of a \$1 million donation that would come with naming rights for the main pool.

Fiorelli said that he and the district’s leadership are hopeful that the new pools can be completed and opened to the public by spring 2025, at which point the old pool will close.

However, as soon as the pool project is complete, the district will need to pivot into fundraising for a major renovation of the former school building that houses the rest of its facilities. Fiorelli said that the 1920s structure needed seismic upgrades, asbestos remediation and new windows among other items and estimated the cost of those improvements at around \$15 million.

“We want to make sure that we continue to talk about both pieces,” Fiorelli said, “because what people don’t understand right now is we have a \$15-million



The exterior of the new pool building on the side that will be its entrance facing B Street.

project right there as soon as this \$15-million project is done.”

Fiorelli also mentioned

that the Friends of NCRD might be looking to transition their organization from a nonprofit structure to a

foundation soon to open more fundraising opportunities.

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closure had been caused Medicare reimbursements for treatments not keeping up with inflation. Loveridge said that the company was “taking every measure to ensure our patients have access to the lifesaving care they need.”

However, multiple patients said that this had not been their experience and that the handling of the closure and transitioning of care has been frustrating and stressful from their perspectives.

Sharon Shreve, whose husband Mike Shreve is a patient at the center, said that when she called a dialysis center in Lincoln City operated by DaVita, a competing dialysis company, employees there told her they had heard nothing about the closure. Shreve said that the workers at the facility also told her that they already had a waiting list of patients to be treated at their facility.

That left a center in Astoria as the only other option on the north coast, but Shreve said that with summer traffic it was too far for her and her husband and that they are now looking at centers in the Portland metro area.

But for dialysis patients, many of whom suffer from significant other health problems and struggle with mobility, the prospect of travelling to Astoria or the valley thrice weekly is daunting. In ideal circumstances the drive to those centers takes around an hour and a half and between getting set up on the machine, completing treatment and being taken off the machine, patients spend at least four to five hours at the center, making for a seven- to eight-hour day.

Sharon Gallino, another patient, also pointed out that after dialysis treatments she and other patients feel extremely drained, are often struggling with cramps and have to worry about bandages coming off and allowing blood to flow from access sites used during the dialysis process. Gallino

said that when taken in combination, these factors meant that any patient driving after treatment would essentially be impaired.

Even for those who have family or friends to help with drive, other secondary medical conditions make the thought of lengthy travel over rough roads challenging.

Anita Hanakahi suffers from severe osteoporosis secondary to her kidney failure and has repeatedly suffered broken bones over the last several years. Hanakahi says that even routine car rides around Tillamook are painful and potentially risky and that travel to the valley forces her to take medication to manage the pain. “Going up and down ninth street where I live is a challenge but going over the hill is an even bigger challenge,” Hanakahi said.

Gallino also brought up the question of how patients would access care during emergent weather events like the ice storm that occurred in January and closed access to the valley for most of a week. “Any way you look at it, we’re in the mountains and we have to travel over those mountains and they close,” Gallino said.

Eric Swanson, president of Adventist Health Tillamook, said that the hospital has reached out to the two other major dialysis companies, Fresenius Medical Care and DaVita, to discuss taking over the space currently leased by U.S. Renal to continue offering dialysis care in Tillamook. He also said that the team at Adventist would discuss the possibility of adding acute care capabilities at the hospital to care for patients in emergent situations.

Dr. Claire Kassakian, the medical director of the clinic, said that the week since the closure’s announcement had been emotionally draining and that she was deeply concerned for her patients. Kassakian said that while her practice, Northwest Renal Clinic, was responsible for the medical aspects of the clinic, they had not had input in the closure. She did note that contacts at U.S. Renal had communicated about the

center’s struggling finances and potential closure over the past year as they sought support from the state to continue operating center but said that it was frustrating to see her patients’ lives upended.

“These are decisions that companies are making and they’re being made without a lot of weigh-in from the medical specialists, and that’s the way the medical system works in our country,” Kassakian said.

Kassakian said that Northwest Renal Care manages centers owned by both DaVita and Fresenius and would be willing to partner with either company to continue the Tillamook center’s operations. She repeatedly emphasized that her clinic had a history of serving patients on the coast and that they were committed to making sure the patients in Tillamook had a plan of care going forward, whether it be with them or another provider.

“Our practice is committed to our patients no matter where they dialyze, no matter what their resources are and we’re working hard to help them navigate this tremendous hardship,” Kassakian said.

Patients and their families are still working to find alternative support for continuing dialysis operations in Tillamook, reaching out to elected officials and charitable organizations around the region.

The patients interviewed for this article said that they would find a way to continue their care, but that they worried about some of their compatriots who have been considering discontinuing care and choosing to end their life. “So, now this becomes a death sentence” Hanakahi said.

The patients and family members also emphasized that the effects of the closure would ripple through the community, affecting the family members and friends of the patients. “This is my husband’s life and it affects me and my family and every other patient here and their families,” Shreve said, “it’s not just the 11 people on dialysis.”

Hanakahi said that she hoped the community

would “make a racket” and help to prevent the complete withdrawal of dialysis services from the county. She said that even though life on dialysis was

a struggle, she still found meaning and purpose and hated to think that her fellow patients were considering giving up the fight.

“My life might not

seem like it’s great to somebody, but every day is a gift and I have a purpose and something to do,” Hanakahi said.

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Hampton reps discuss Banks mill closure, future impacts of habitat conservation plan

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Following the recent decision to shutter their sawmill in Banks, Hampton Lumber's Director of Public Affairs and Communication Kristin Rasmussen and State Forest Policy Director Laura Wilkeson sat down with the Headlight Herald to discuss the closure and impacts of a proposed habitat conservation plan for state forests in western Oregon.

The pair pushed back on the notion that the closure of the mill had been planned since its 2016 purchase, as suggested by Michael Lang of the Wild Salmon Center, saying that it had been forced by already-falling timber harvests in the state forest as the conservation plan comes online.

"I think the first impact was unfortunately having to

close down Banks, so we're feeling the impacts already of what this proposal is," Wilkerson said. "I foresee more sad stories coming in the future because of this."

Hampton announced the closure of their Banks mill on January 9, citing falling timber harvests under the restrictions of a proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP), which were phased in starting in 2022. The Banks mill opened in 1961 and was purchased by Hampton in 2016.

Some, including Lang, accused Hampton of using the HCP as a scapegoat for a decision made in the normal course of business, pointing to a recent \$150 million investment in the company's Willamina mill as undercutting arguments of poor business forcing the decision.

"It looks like they're shifting their business models and

expanding mills where they need to and then closing their oldest mill and blaming it on the HCP and that doesn't square with the facts," Lang said.

But that isn't the case according to Rasmussen and Wilkeson, who said that Hampton had invested millions of dollars into the Banks mill after its purchase. Rasmussen said that the investment in Willamina didn't have anything to do with the closure in Banks and that Hampton had intended to operate in Banks long term.

"These are totally independent decisions, Banks and Willamina are different mills producing different products," Rasmussen said. "We put a lot of money into it (the Banks mill) with the hope of making it be able to last long term."

Rasmussen allowed that the company had recognized

the mill would be “vulnerable” if similar harvest levels weren’t sustained but pointed out that even early versions of the HCP had called for much higher harvests.

Speaking of harvest levels, Wilkeson said that she believed that the current version of the HCP was overly conservative with its protections and that she believed it could achieve federal acceptance while allowing more harvest. Like Board of Forestry and Council of Forest Trust Land Counties member at a meeting in December, she homed in on excess habitat protections for Northern Spotted Owls above the 40% federal requirement as being an area of potential improvement.

“Hampton is generally supportive of the state having an HCP,” Wilkeson said. “Our argument and our issue has always been around the way that they wrote this one

and the restrictions that are in there because we think that they went above and beyond what they had to do in order to actually get the HCP approval from the feds.”

Wilkeson said that she hoped the board would find a way to improve the economic outcomes of the HCP before passing it, stressing that the economic impact on county and special district revenues would only be part of the loss.

“The ripple effects are unfortunately something that is hard to count but we know it’s something that happens because we’ve seen this before,” Wilkeson said. “This is exactly what happened with the federal forests in the early 90s,” she continued, referencing large scale cuts to timber harvests on federal lands that caused widespread mill closures and detrimental community impacts.

Wilkeson and Rasmussen emphasized that Hampton's remaining mills in Tillamook, Willamina and Warrenton were not in immediate danger, but said that the proposed cuts would probably lead to the loss of around 1,000 jobs, using a metric that assumes one million board feet of timber cut generates 11 jobs.

Wilkeson also clarified that just because harvests in the Tillamook State Forest are forecast to remain steady or increase did not mean that the local economy and sawmills would not feel impacts from the harvest cut.

"A reduction anywhere is a reduction everywhere because those logs can be sold in the Tillamook District, Astoria District or whatever" Rasmussen said, "they're not staying local, so it does have an impact on a more regional basis regardless."

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50 Corp. leader
51 Skip over, as a vowel
52 World War II film, when tripled
53 Charged bit
55 Place — (be active on eBay, say)
57 Cheap cigar
58 Riddle, part 3
63 Simile middle
66 Chaney of film
67 Song-beltin' Merman
68 On a pension, maybe: Abbr.
69 Military draft gp.
70 Riddle, part 4
75 ZZ Top album whose name is Spanish for "The Crazy One"
76 Hamm and Farrow
77 Neither's partner
78 Tingly feeling
82 Totally tired
83 With

84 "Yes" vote
86 Early arcade giant
87 End of the riddle
93 — -Flush (bathroom brand)
94 Architect I.M. —
95 Made angry
96 Florida fruits
97 R&B great Marvin
99 Not at all new
100 Golf club
102 Riddle's answer
111 Stalin-era labor camp
112 Polecat's kin
113 Urge against
114 Muscat native gp.
115 Do over
116 Office squawker
117 Fender dings
118 Mimics a mad mutt
119 Helper of Frankenstein
120 Inventor Whitney

Down

1 "—, vidi, vici"
2 "The Keep" novelist Jennifer
3 Forum wear
4 Angel's instrument
5 Drunk
6 Writer Gogol
7 Third-largest city in Israel
8 Ride a wave
9 Eighth-brightest star in the sky
10 Like a hajji's religion
11 Second-largest city in Oklahoma
12 Charles Lamb's alias
13 Bay Area California city
14 Equivalent of A sharp
15 Lee Tracy's "Bombshell" co-star
16 Like praiseful poetry
17 Gossipy Barrett
18 Bakersfield-to-Boise dir.
20 Letters before 39-Across
21 Swiss watch brand
28 Clueless
32 Fizzle sound
33 Sleek, informally
34 Hair removal brand
35 Top squad
36 Mooer's mouthful
38 On the — (fleeing)
39 "— say more?"
41 Actresses Vivien and Janet
42 In — res (mid-plot)
43 Clay pigeons to be shot, informally
45 Three x three
46 Frozen spear
47 Eats away at
53 "Were — it all over again ..."
54 "It can't be!"
55 One of the Three Musketeers
56 Nickname for singer Justin, with "the"
57 Derivative smile
59 One of the three Furies
60 R&R alone
61 "— boy!"
62 Pisa's rival
63 Nuclear trials, for short
64 Class of antimicrobial drugs, in the British spelling
65 Actress Sorkin who once hosted "America's Funniest People"
71 Like animals that don't roam
72 So-called "fifth taste"
73 Apartment near the super's, perhaps
74 Mesh well
79 Piquancy
80 Ontario tribe
81 Cat's warning
83 Pittsburgh footballers
84 "Chances —"
85 "Catch my drift, bro?"
86 Pie-mode link
88 1974 CIA parody film
89 More lacteal
90 Not cardinal, as a number
91 Plundering
92 Writer Sábato
98 Patronage
99 "— Loompa"
101 Half-diameters
102 Journalist Brit
103 Zing
104 Lucy Liu's "Kill Bill" role
105 Insect traps
106 Exploiter
107 Mongrel mutt
108 Frilly material
109 Shrine figure
110 Moore of "G.I. Jane"
111 Shrine figure

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: 50TH STATE

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ ♦

♦ Easy ♦ ♦ Medium ♦ ♦ ♦ Difficult

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By: rj johnson
DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only **ONE** word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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by Linda Thistle

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

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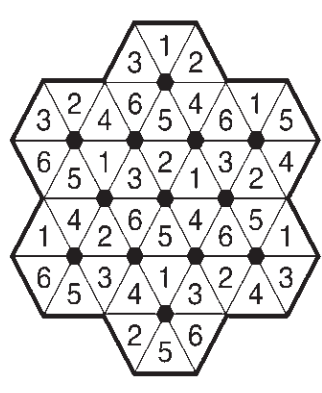
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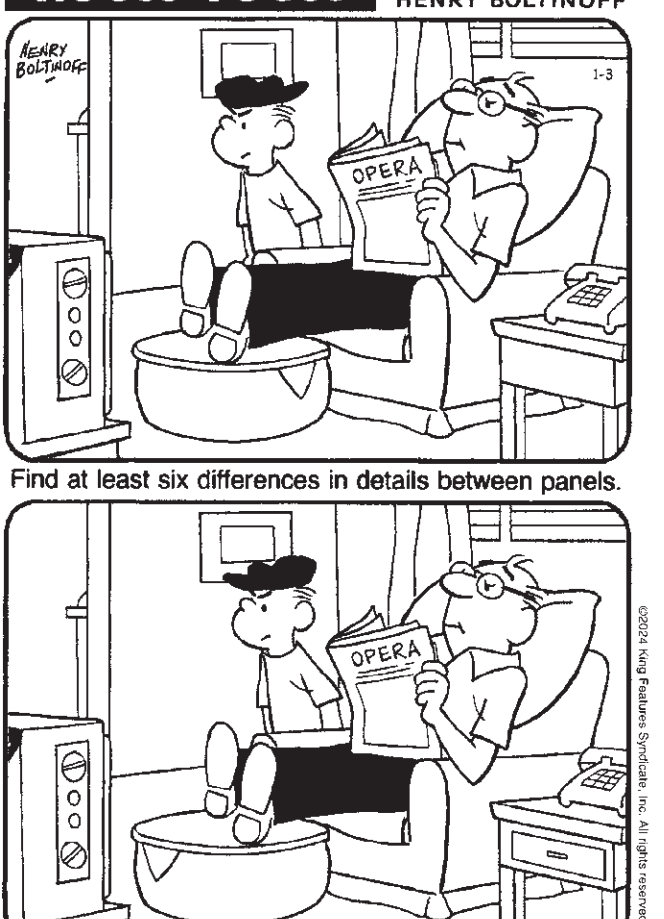


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OBITUARY

Bethel Mae Douma Underhill
1928 ~ Jan. 24, 2024

Bethel Mae Douma Underhill passed away on January 24, 2024 at Adventist Health Tillamook hospital, surrounded by many family members.

Bethel was born in 1928, in Tillamook, Oregon to Jake and Elmira (Edwards) Douma. They moved to Wheeler when Bethel was two months old. She attended Wheeler Grade School and High School. She attended the University of Oregon for a short time before returning home to work in her parents' grocery store, Douma's Market. She met the love of her life, Lawrence, when she was just 18, and they were married in 1947.

Bethel was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great great grandmother and friend. She had a Christian heart, and was strong, kind, caring and compassionate to each and every one she met, knew and befriended. She truly made a difference, and her legacy will be that of treating everyone with kindness and caring; always there to help with what needed to be done. She will live in our hearts and memories always.

Bethel loved to take in God's beauty through travel, watching Neah-Kah-Nie Mountain, Rock Mountain, the elk, deer, birds, cattle, trees and events that occurred outside of her home picture window. She considered family, friends, visits, phone calls, trips and connections always a gift. She knew where those gifts came from; and was



Thankful and Treasured each one. She loved to hear about how everyone was doing; and she always said, "If you see anyone I know, please tell them Hello for me."

Bethel worked side by side as a partner with husband Lawrence initially with TV repair as an interest, while he was also a timber faller. Later moving with their 3 children from Foss Road to Underhill Lane in Nehalem. They built and owned Underhill TV Cable System which served the Manzanita, Nehalem and Wheeler area until they sold the system in 1986. They owned and managed Underhill Plaza in Manzanita for several decades; as grocery store, business shops, rental space, etc.

Bethel is survived by her 3 children Velda Handler of Nehalem, Lynn Underhill of Tualatin, and D.W. Underhill of Bethany; 4 grandchildren, Chad Handler, Elkie Underhill, Bekah (Jim) Barnett, Jason Underhill, 11 Great Grandchildren and 5 Great Grandchildren, many

nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by husband Lawrence.

Lawrence and Bethel traveled in their RV with friends and enjoyed their adventures. Lawrence passed away in 2005 after 58 years of marriage. Bethel volunteered at the Hope Chest Thrift Shop, where she worked until 2015. She donated 100+ hand knitted and crocheted Afghans to Adventist Health Hospital in Tillamook for the "Cover Me with Care" End of Life program for 25 + years.

Bethel was a member of Manzanita Calvary Bible Church, and she loved her church family. She was a wonderful cook, and made amazing pies, cookies, and all....

A celebration of life is planned for April. In lieu of flowers, she requested any donations be made to the local "Hope Chest" - Mailing Address: PO Box 204 Rockaway Beach, Or 97136, or another Charity of Your Choice.

She was a true pioneer, loved this Nehalem Bay area and the rich beauty that is here with each season and each day! She loves our Heavenly Father, and we know she is at eternal Peace in her Forever Home in Glory. Sharing a favorite verse: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

Commissioners propose courthouse replacement

WILL CHAPPELL
Citizen Editor

Tillamook's board of county commissioners submitted a proposal to the Association of Oregon Counties and Oregon Judicial Department Court Facilities Task Force for a project to replace the current county courthouse with a new facility at their January 24 meeting.

The total project would carry a budget north of \$12 million and the county is eligible for a 50% match in funding from the state. A new courthouse would address the glaring needs of the Tillamook Circuit Court, which are the county's responsibility and underserved by the current courthouse.

Oregon statute places the responsibility for constructing and maintaining court facilities for the state's circuit courts to the counties that house them. Tillamook's current courthouse was built in 1932, and the needs of the circuit court and district attorney's office have outstripped its capacity for more than a decade.

Previous attempts to address the problem have fallen through, due to funding constraints and public concern over proposals. In 2016, a proposed new courthouse south of Tillamook failed because of a \$1 million funding gap. More recently, a proposal to build an annex near the current courthouse to house the county commissioners and free up space for the courts met fierce push-back from citizens upset about the commissioners overspending on their own facility.

But the inadequacy of the current facility per-

sists, with a recent study ranking Tillamook's courthouse as the fourth worst out of 48 in the state, and with the expansion of specialty courts in Oregon, the court's needs are set to continue growing.

With the previous plan to renovate the existing courthouse and relocate the commissioners scrapped, Tillamook County Chief of Staff Rachel Hagerty began looking at alternative solutions.

Hagerty said that it was fortunate that the proposed annex plan had fallen through as she had recently been informed by court staff that taking over the entire courthouse still would not have met their needs.

Instead, Hagerty began exploring the option of relocating the courts and district attorney's office to a new facility, leaving the courthouse for exclusive use by the county government.

During that process, Hagerty was alerted to a building in the City of Tillamook that was set to come on the market and could meet the needs of the court. While Hagerty did not divulge the location of the property, she said that it was a 13,000 square foot building which sat on three acres and would cost around \$2.7 million to purchase.

The county would be responsible for the entirety of the purchase price, but that would eventually be offset by a larger contribution from the state during the remodeling phase of the project, bringing the overall cost burden to an equal split between the two.

A timeline Hagerty shared showed that if the building was purchased this year, the county could

receive \$1 million in state funds to help with the planning phase of the project in 2025. That would allow the county to apply for funding for the replacement project in 2026 for the 2027 to 2029 biennium, with those funds becoming available in 2029 and renovations taking place in 2030.

In addition to the \$2.7 million purchase price for the existing building, the county would also need to contribute around \$270,000 for planning, with a further \$1 million coming from a state planning fund.

The county would also be responsible for a little over \$3.5 million in funding for the renovations, while the state's courthouse replacement fund would kick in \$6.2 million. Those funds are available when court operations are being relocated to a new facility and would equal the purchase price plus the county's contribution to the renovations.

In total, the county would spend just under \$6.5 million and the state just over \$7.2 million on the entire project between the planning and renovation grants.

Hagerty said that the county already has \$1 million in funding allocated in this year's budget for the courthouse replacement project, which it could use in combination with other funding or a loan to purchase the property.

The application to the state for funding acknowledged that the county did not have a funding plan for the other stages of the project but noted a commitment to developing a plan and providing those details to the state.

Tillamook County criminal convictions

Staff Report

On January 3, Kyle William Curtis, 35, pled no contest to one count of attempting to commit the class C felony of assaulting a public safety officer, a class A misdemeanor, and one count of criminal mischief in the second degree, also a class A misdemeanor, with both offenses committed on or about August 5, 2023. Curtis was sentenced to 90 days in jail.

On January 4, Shawn Daunta Beasley, 34, pled guilty to two counts of recklessly endangering another person, class A misdemeanors, committed on or about December 28, 2023. Beasley was sentenced to 60 days in jail and his driver's license was suspended for 90 days.

On January 8, Kyle Zuercher, 27, pled no contest to one count of interference with making a report, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about August 4, 2023. Zuercher was sentenced to two days in jail and 18 months' probation.

On January 8, Joshua Lyle Leach, 31, pled no contest to one count of theft in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about May 19, 2023, one count of theft in the third degree, a class C misdemeanor, committed on or about October 22, 2023, and one count of unlawful possession of a firearm, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about October 17, 2023. Leach was sentenced to two days in jail on each count to run consecutively.

On January 8, Ronald Earl Martin, 66, pled guilty to one count of criminal driving with a suspended or revoked license, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about October 9, 2023. Martin was sentenced

to 30 days in jail and one year on probation.

On January 8, William Charles LaBree, 70, pled no contest to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, and one count of recklessly endangering another person, also a class A misdemeanor, with both offenses committed on or about March 5, 2022. LaBree was sentenced to two years' probation and a one-year driver's license suspension.

On January 8, Jolynn Kelly Knapp, 66, pled no contest to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about April 25, 2023. Knapp was sentenced to two years' probation and her license was suspended for one year.

On January 8, Jeffrey Steven Heidenreich, 29, pled no contes to one count of theft in the first degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about September 16, 2023. Heidenreich was sentenced to five days in jail and 18 months' probation.

On January 8, Doris Lilian Loya Benito, 26, pled no contest to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about October 27, 2023. Loya Benito was sentenced to two years on probation and her drivers' license was suspended for one year.

On January 9, Tristin Felice Rangel, 50, pled no contest to one count of theft in the first degree, a class C felony, committed on or about March 14, 2022. Rangel was sentenced to 13 months in prison and one year of post-prison supervision.

On January 17, Jeremy James Pruitt, 36, pled no contest to one count

of criminal driving with a suspended or revoked license, a class A misdemeanor, committee on or about March 8, 2023. Pruitt was sentenced to ten days in jail.

On January 19, Bo McRae Bryant, 43, pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit the class C felony of supplying contraband, a class C felony, committed on or about November 14, 2021. Bryant was sentenced to six months in prison and two years of post-prison supervision.

On January 22, Nathaniel Andrew Francois, 28, pled no contest to one count of disorderly conduct in the second degree, a class B misdemeanor, committed on or about April 16, 2023. Francois was sentenced to 14 days in jail and six months' probation.

On January 22, Justin Lloyd Darby, 47, pled no contest to one count of theft in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about October 28, 2023. Darby was sentenced to 15 days in jail.

On January 22, Melissa Pauline Castro, 42, pled guilty to one count of identity theft, a class C felony, committed on or between December 11, 2019, and February 13, 2020. Castro was sentenced to ten days in jail and 18 months' probation.

On January 22, Matthew E Scurlock, 36, pled guilty to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about June 14, 2023. Scurlock was sentenced to one week in jail and three years on probation, his driver's license was suspended for three years and he was ordered to pay \$2,623 in fines and fees to the court and his attorney.

Spink files for county commissioner

Staff Report

Jeff Spink entered the race for Tillamook County Commissioner position one, filing for inclusion on the primary ballot on January 31. Position one is currently occupied by

Erin Skaar, who filed to run for reelection in December of last year.

Spink is an Air Force veteran and has been the longtime sales manager at Tillamook Ford. The filing deadline in the race is March 12.



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