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City officials busy planning projects for 2022 and beyond

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Editor

The City of Manzanita officials are gearing up for major projects in 2022 while putting together a comprehensive plan to guide the city over the next five years.

According to City Manager Leila Amen, she and the city council are working on three major projects, in the new year including what she calls, Level Up, Budget Forward and Comprehensive Outreach. Level Up includes the daunting task of designing

and building a new city facility that will house the City Hall, a command center for emergencies and the police station among other city offices.

"The facility will include the City's Administration, Building and Planning, and Public Safety," she said. "Public Works will remain at their facility on Oak Street. The City's Administration, Public Safety and Building and Planning departments are currently operating out of three different buildings at the moment."

Amen said the city is currently spread out and this move will

elevate the current model while locating the city offices outside a tsunami inundation zone.

Voters turned down a bond issue in 2020 earmarked for a new city facility, but the council and manager are moving forward with the plan, they just have to find other funding sources.

"The City council will be having ongoing public discussions about how the city will pay for the City Hall building," Amen said "Sources of funding will include proceeds from timber sales already in the city hall fund, proceeds from the sale of old city

hall and other funding sources as identified by council which could include some form of debt."

According to Amen, the current City Hall structure on Laneda Ave is listed at \$875,000.

Citizens have shown support of remodeling the old elementary school building the city bought in 2017, but according to Amen, it's not a feasible or cost effective.

"The existing structure is severely compromised and would require a complete reconstruction, not rehabilitation, not restoration

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Adventist Health to provide home test kits

Isolation guidelines updated

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Tillamook County Health Department reports 41 COVID-19 cases from Dec. 31 through Jan. 2 for the weekend case count, 91 from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1 for the 7-day case count, and 118 cases from Dec. 19 through Jan. 1 for the 14-day case count. The total number of cases for December was 256. Administrator Marlene Putman reported during a community update Tuesday, Jan. 4, there was 100 more cases of COVID-19 during the month of December than in October.

Tillamook County has had 49 COVID-related deaths, as of Jan. 4.

"Forty are confirmed not vaccinated, one had no vaccine record and eight are fully vaccinated," Putman said.

The test positivity rate from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1 was 18.7, Putman said. For the previous 7-day period, the rate was at 7.9 percent.

"We do have some active outbreaks, five confirmed and 14 that are pending with investigation," Putman said. "Right now, we have 19 outbreaks that are under monitoring."

Oregon Health Authority reported a workplace outbreak as of Wednesday, Jan. 5, at Tillamook County Creamery Association with 12 cases.

The health department continues to provide COVID-19 testing through the 8th Street acute care clinic. Testing will expand beginning the week of Jan. 10

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Senate district 16 Democratic Precinct Committee nominates three women to finish Betsy Johnson's term

Last week, Democratic Precinct Committee Persons from Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Tillamook, and Washington counties nominated Melissa Busch (Warren), Rachel Armitage (Warren), and Nadia Gardner (Arch Cape) to complete the remainder of Betsy Johnson's term in Salem.

Columbia County resident Melissa Busch lives in Warren, Oregon with her partner and three children. Busch is a home health nurse who travels the county visiting patients in their homes and long-term care settings, providing care and connection before and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. She has also volunteered at numerous vaccine clinics in the county.

"I know the challenges our community faces because I see my patients navigating those challenges every day," Busch says. "Parents lack affordable childcare, schools lack crucial resources, and families are regularly confronted with impossible choices like whether to buy groceries or pay for prescription medications. As a working mother and a union member, I understand how important it is that we have family wage jobs, good benefits, and safe working conditions. This was true before the COVID-19 pandemic. As our next

State Senator I will stand up for our community just like I stand up for my patients."

Busch announced her intention to run for Johnson's seat in November, 2021. Her endorsements include the Oregon Nurses Association and Chair of the Oregon House of Representa-



Nadia Gardner



Melissa Busch



Rachel Armitage

tives Committee on Health Care, Representative Rachel Prusak.

Columbia County resident Rachel Armitage lives in Warren, Oregon with her husband and stepdaughter. She previously worked as a Legislative Assistant in the 2016 and 2017 legislative sessions, focusing on constituent service and issues such as education, and rights for foster youth. If appointed, Armitage's legislative experience will allow her to hit the ground running in the Legislature with a focus on jobs and housing.

"As a lifelong Oregonian and the daughter of a teacher and a pastor, I know that community is often what gets us through hard times," said Armitage. "That's why I'm seeking this appointment. Our community needs a leader in Salem who brings us together even when we have strong disagreements—who will be an independent voice for rural Oregonians."

Nadia Gardner is a 20-year North Coast resident, who has always been very active in local politics. She lives in the unincorporated Clatsop

County community of Arch Cape with her partner and six year old son. She is the Chair of the Clatsop County Planning Commission. She is elected as a Director on the Arch Cape Domestic Water Supply District Board. In addition to providing critical governance and financial oversight, the Board is leading the acquisition of Arch Capes's 1,500-acre forested drinking watershed.

"I am a scientist with expertise on our forests, rivers, estuaries and ocean and how they contribute to human health and community livability. My scientific background leads me to find proven solutions to tough problems," Gardner says. "I am running because this is a critical moment, and I am the dedicated, knowledgeable, and experienced candidate to bring forward the right solutions."

Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill County Commissions will hold a joint meeting on January 14th to select Johnson's replacement. The term for that Senate seat runs through 2022.

Elderly woman shot burglar to thwart entry into home before police fight to arrest suspect

The Tillamook Police Department received a report on January 4, at 6:47 a.m. that an unknown male was trying to break into a home. While officers were enroute to the call, the suspect, later identified as Dane Jameson Rowland, 25, of Neskowin, broke a window and gained entry into the home and approached the resident with bloody hands. The elderly female resident shot Rowland and he fled.

Rowland then attempted to gain entry into two other homes in the area. A witness

reported that another resident came outside and as he approached, he kept the suspect from gaining entry into their home by pointing a firearm at him and going back into their house and locking the door. According to law enforcement reports, Rowland fled toward the back of the house.

Tillamook Police Officer Mike Hanratty arrived and found Rowland attempting to kick in the front door of a home. The suspect then tried ripping a screen off a window. Officer Hanratty confronted Rowland, who did not comply with Officer Hanratty's commands.

Rowland was tased twice without effect. He then began violently attacking Officer Hanratty. Officer Hanratty was able to subdue Rowland and control him until back-up officers arrived.

"Officer Hanratty did not stop fighting," said Tillamook Police Chief Ray Rau. "He did his job and held that guy until help got there, despite getting hit hard a bunch of times." Chief Rau credits the

actions of Officer Hanratty in preventing further crimes, injuries or worse. "There could have been loss of life if Mike hadn't kept a hold of the guy. This could have been tragic."

Oregon State Senior Trooper John King and Trooper Silkwood arrived and handcuffed Rowland even as he continued to fight with the three officers.

Tillamook Police Sgt. Nick Troxel began his investigation with the assistance of TCSO Detectives.

Rowland and Officer Hanratty were transported to Tillamook Hospital for treatment.

Rowland had lacerations to his hands from breaking windows and a small caliber gunshot wound to his arm from being shot by the elderly woman.

Officer Hanratty was treated and released with serious injuries to his head and face.

"When one of my people gets hurt on my watch, it kills me," said Chief Rau. "The suspect admitted to knowing

exactly what he was doing to Mike. This was an intentional assault on an officer."

Officer Hanratty served Tillamook County for 23 years as a criminal deputy for the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office. After he retired, he joined the former Rockaway Beach Police Department before becoming an officer for the Tillamook Police Department in 2020.

"Can you imagine what it would be like to wake up in your home and find a stranger with his hands covered in blood walking toward you?" asked Tillamook County Sheriff Joshua Brown. "I have much respect for the brave actions of the woman for protecting herself from a criminal who entered her home. I am also grateful for the restraint shown by Officer Hanratty, and Troopers King and Silkwood in taking the suspect into custody. And, also for the restraint demonstrated by the resident that kept the suspect out of his house."

"This shows the com-



Dane Jameson Rowland

mitment and positive relationship between our law enforcement agencies, as well as Tillamook Ambulance and Tillamook Fire," said Tillamook Police Chief Rau. "This is where it all comes together. This is why it works here."

Rowland is facing multiple charges and has been booked on charges of Burglary, Menacing, Assault, Criminal Trespass and Crimi-

nal Mischief.

Local law enforcement are asking for any more possible victims of his crime spree on January 4, 2022.

If you have any pertinent information to report, please call the TCSO Tip Line at 503-815-3319.

Tillamook Police Department is the lead investigating agency for this incident and the investigation is ongoing.



First cases of Omicron variant now found in Tillamook County, surge preparedness updates

Two cases of COVID-19 variant, Omicron, have been detected in Tillamook County.

Following Oregon Health Authority guidelines for variant sequencing, Tillamook County Public Health requested variant sequencing by the state lab, not all positive COVID-19 tests may be sequenced and return of results may be delayed such as in the case of these two samples.

Tillamook County is experiencing an increase in COVID-19 cases, with positive COVID-19 cases increasing from 91 in the previous 7-day case count to 129 in the current 7-day case count. This surge is likely due to recent holiday gatherings and the arrival of the highly contagious Omicron variant.

The best protection against severe disease and death from COVID-19 is to be up to date on your vaccinations. A chart describing what “up to date” means is at the end of this news release.

Slowing the spread of COVID-19 is a layered approach, so every action can help reduce your risk of illness, here are some actions to take:

- Choose to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as you are able to for everyone 5-years-old and older, and if already fully vaccinated, choose to receive a booster dose.
 - Wear a well-fitting mask in public when you are around people. Consider upgrading the level of your mask protection.
 - Stay at least 6 feet from those who do not live with you. Increase cleaning in your environment and washing your hands.
 - Refrain from touching your mouth, nose, and eyes.
 - Avoid large gatherings, if you choose to gather, improve ventilation, for example open windows or gather outside.
 - If you have symptoms of COVID-19 such as shortness of breath, cough, fever, loss of taste or smell, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea, seek COVID-19 testing.
- In preparation, as we enter the Omicron surge,

public health guidelines have been adapted to support public health staff in their COVID-19 response.

Local public health staff will only be able to contact a limited number of positive COVID-19 cases to perform case investigation. With more COVID-19 cases than public health staff can manage, it is important that the community take action to keep themselves and others safe after a positive test or exposure.

Public health staff is committed to making the education for cases and contacts available as well as supporting the community by having staff available to answer questions. Please call 503-842-3940 to reach public health staff.

Information regarding COVID-19 testing, vaccination, positive case guidance and close contacts/ exposure guidance is provided next in this news release.

COVID-19 Testing:
A viral test for COVID-19 tells you if you have a current infection. During a viral test, the inside of the nose is swabbed, and the swab is then used to detect the presence of COVID-19 using a quick-antigen test or sending the swab to a lab to be processed (PCR-test).

Quick- Antigen test: Available via home/self-kits or from healthcare facilities. Follow the manufacture instructions included with the kit if performing at home. Results are typically available within 15 minutes. This test can only detect a higher presence of the virus in your body and is often recommended to use when symptomatic or 3-5 days after a potential exposure.

PCR test: Available via home/self-kits or from healthcare facilities. Follow the manufacture instructions included with the kit if performing at home. These tests require the sample to be sent to a lab facility for processing. Results are typically available within 2-3 days. This test can detect lower levels of the virus in the body due to the more advanced equipment used in the lab facility. Recommended for use for asymptomatic close contacts and for those with symptoms after a negative quick-antigen

test.
Tillamook County public health expects to receive a small supply of quick-antigen home-tests from Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in the following weeks. These kits will be supplied to the community based on OHA’s ongoing commitment to centering equity in our COVID-19 response efforts as well as the priorities of maintaining health care system infrastructure and keeping students in school. Home-test kits may be a covered benefit, please contact your health insurance. For a list of FDA approved quick-antigen tests available, here.

COVID-19 quick antigen and PCR tests are available from the following healthcare providers in Tillamook County:

- Adventist Health, Tillamook (503-842-5546)
- Tillamook County Community Health Center (503-842-3900)
- Rinehart Clinic (1-800-368-5182)

COVID-19 Vaccination:
Data on COVID-19 shows that booster doses of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines provide a notable increase in antibodies to help prevent infection and reduce the risk of serious illness from the COVID-19 virus. Tillamook County has achieved a vaccination rate of 75% for its 18-and-older population that are considered fully vaccinated but only an estimated 25% of that same population has received a booster dose. Booster dose recommendation varies by vaccine:

- Pfizer: 12-years-old and older who received a second dose of Pfizer 5 months ago. Those 5-years-old and older who have moderate to severely compromised immune systems may receive a 3rd dose of Pfizer 28 days after the second dose.
- Moderna: 18-years-old and older who received a second dose of Moderna 5 months ago. Those 18-years-old and older who have moderate to severely compromised immune systems may receive the 3rd dose of Moderna 28 days after the second dose.
- Johnson & Johnson: 18-years-old and older who received a single dose of

Johnson & Johnson 2 months ago. dose of Pfizer 6 months ago.

COVID-19 vaccines are available from the following healthcare providers in Tillamook County:

- Adventist Health, Tillamook (503-815-2100)
- Tillamook County Community Health Center (503-842-3900)
- Rinehart Clinic (1-800-368-5182 Ext. 100)
- Local and state pharmacies (211)

Community Guidance for Positive Tests and Close Contacts (exposures)

What to do if you test positive for COVID-19 (general public):

Whether you test positive at home with home/self-test kit, or in a healthcare setting, after a positive COVID-19 result, it can feel overwhelming. Here are some first steps to take:

1. Start your isolation. Isolation keeps someone who is infected away from others, even in your own home, anyone infected should separate from others by staying in a specific “sick room” or area and use a separate bathroom (if available). Isolation is required for all regardless of vaccination status.

• Most who are positive with no symptoms up to mild or moderate symptoms need to isolate for 5 days, with day 0 being the first day symptoms or the day you tested positive if you are without symptoms. After 5 days, if symptoms are improving (fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications with other symptoms resolving for at least 24 hours), isolation may end, but needs to be followed by 5 days of wearing a well-fitted mask everywhere. You can return to work during this period. Five-day isolation does not apply to healthcare workers or those in K-12 school settings, see tillamookchc.org for detail or contact your employer for guidance. Contact public health at 503-842-3914 if you need help isolating or have questions about how long to stay home.

• If you are critically ill or have severe symptoms including those who have been hospitalized or have severely compromised immune systems, isolate for 20 days.

2. Notify your close contacts and your employer. You can help slow the spread by telling those you’ve been in close contact with right away. A close contact is

someone you have been within 6 feet of for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

• Call, email, or text close contacts as soon as possible. Timing matters! Contact the people you were in close contact with beginning 2 days before your symptoms began. If you did not or do not have symptoms, contact the people you were in close contact with beginning 2 days before you took your COVID-19 test. Close contacts should stay home depending on their vaccine status. See the exposure guide for details.

• Do not go to work after a positive test, even if you do not have symptoms. It is strongly recommended that you tell your employer you tested positive for COVID-19. If you work in food service, you are required by law to notify your supervisor. Your employer is required to notify other employees but must keep your information confidential. If you experience discrimination when you tell your employer you tested positive for COVID-19, contact the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) right away to file a report and get help. Call 971-673-0761 or email help@boli.state.or.us. Contact Oregon OSHA to report hazards at your worksite.

3. Monitor for symptoms and seek treatment. If you have mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath, call your healthcare provider as soon as possible. Early treatment for COVID-19 is available and often must be started within 5 to 10 days after a positive test. If you have emergency signs or symptoms, call 911. These symptoms may include difficulty breathing, pain or pressure in the chest or belly, unable to drink or keep liquids down, new confusion or inability to wake up, or bluish lips or face.

What to do if you are exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19?
1. Determine your quarantine period. Quarantining keeps someone who has been

exposed to COVID-19 away from others to prevent the spread of the virus

before they know they are sick or in case they have COVID-19 but have no symptoms. The length on the quarantine depends upon vaccination status.

• Unvaccinated or not up to date on COVID-19 vaccination: If you are not vaccinated against COVID-19 or have not received a booster dose and it has been more than 6 months since you received Moderna or Pfizer or more than 2 months since you received Johnson & Johnson you should quarantine away from others for 5 days. The date of your exposure is considered day 0. After 5 days, if you have not developed any symptoms, your quarantine may end, but should be followed by 5 days of wearing a well-fitted mask everywhere. Five-day quarantine does not apply to healthcare workers or those in K-12 school settings, see tillamookchc.org for detail or contact your employer for guidance.

• Up to date on COVID-19 vaccination: If you have received a booster dose or have completed Moderna or Pfizer series within 6 months or Johnson and Johnson within 2 months, you are not required quarantine. Wear a well-fitted mask everywhere for 10 days following an exposure.

2. Get tested for COVID-19. If you have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19, you should be tested regardless of your vaccination status. Close contact means being within 6 feet of someone for 15 minutes or more over the course of a day, with or without a mask or face shield.

• Wait 3 to 5 days after the last time you were together with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or when you were last exposed. If you test too early, the virus levels may be too low to detect, which makes the test less accurate. It is recommended for all to stay home and away from others while you wait to be tested.

Staying home until you can no longer spread the virus is important but staying home may not be easy. If you need assistance with food, grocery or medication delivery, call: 503-374-0750.

Proudly welcoming Amy Echelberger, MD, Internal Medicine



If you’re looking for a partner in your healthcare needs, look to Amy Echelberger, MD, our new internal medicine doctor.

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Emergency SNAP benefits continue for most in Jan.

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) has announced that most Oregonian’s who receive increased emergency SNAP benefits will continue to receive them in January.

The ODHS said approximately 382,000 SNAP households will receive approximately \$61 million in extra food benefits in addition to their regular SNAP benefits.

“We are grateful to have the opportunity to provide emergency benefits to most SNAP households in Oregon,” ODHS Self-Sufficiency Program Director Dan Haun said.

“We also know that many Oregonians are still struggling to meet their basic needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we encourage them to contact our partners at 211 and the Oregon Food Bank for support during this difficult time.”

The federal government has approved emergency monthly allotments since March 2020, according to the ODHS. SNAP households will be able to collect the allotments on Jan. 11 while new households will have funds available at the end of the month.

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Pirate Boys hoops bring home win against the Royals

Mike Weber
For The Citizen

After they were unable to play for one month, you would've thought that the Neah-Kah-Nie High Pirates boys basketball team would've been a little rusty while playing their first Northwest League game on Tuesday versus the Portland Christian Royals.

That certainly wasn't the case though as the No. 15 ranked Pirates (1-0 NWL, 3-0 overall) appeared to be in midseason form as they steamrolled the Royals (1-3 NWL, 1-12 overall) 83-53 Jan. 4 at Portland Christian High School.

The Pirates, guided by second-year Coach Erick White, displayed a potent offensive attack, led by sophomore Anthony Allen, whose team-high 16 points led six players with double figure scoring.

"I was worried about the long layoff and it kind of felt like the opening game of the season again," said White. "We've only played two games and we've only had four practices in the last month. I thought we would

have first game jitters all over again. We had a little bit at the beginning, but we snapped out of it and then we just started playing good basketball. I'm very proud of all the kids for the great performance that they all had and it was definitely a lot of fun."

Because of COVID-19 safety and health protocols and some weather related situations too, the Pirates had many games canceled and their last game was Dec. 4 (a 46-41 win over Delphian). The Pirates seemed to be thrilled to be back on the hardwood floor as they outplayed the Royals in every aspect of the game, while out-running them, outrebounding them and outthrusting Portland Christian.

Neah-Kah-Nie trailed early at 6-0, but they quickly came back. After an 8-8 deadlock, junior wing Eddie Loza (13 pts.) fired in a three-point long range field goal putting Neah-Kah-Nie up 11-10 and the Pirates never trailed again in the contest.

"We played pretty well and I'm happy we won," said Loza. "We've been going hard at it in practice and we

came out and played well and I'm pretty happy that we won by a lot. It was a pretty easy game and it gives us some momentum after being off for a month.

The Pirates took control of the momentum from that point and a rebound and putback shot by freshman Ethan Hanson (15 pts.) helped Neah-Kah-Nie take a 17-10 advantage after the first quarter. The Pirates upped the lead to double digits when junior Jacobee Wilkinson (three pts.) sank two free throws, making it 26-15 with 2:59 left in the second quarter.

An 8-2 Pirates run, capped by a jumper in the lane by senior wing Matthew Erickson (14 pts.), extended the margin to 34-17. Erickson is one of four Pirate seniors along with Matthew Spellman, Joseph Vega and Spider Hyde. Spellman is a truly remarkable and inspirational athlete, who has played on the Pirates basketball team for four years, despite the fact that he has cerebral palsy.

"I didn't score, but I had fun when I was out on the court and there was a lot of energy during the game," said

Spellman. "I started playing when I was younger and it was a lot of work for me to get up to the level to play with these guys."

"Matthew Spellman is a good hard, working and impressive player and he's a good shooter and he's a great guy in general and he's a very valuable part of our team," said Coach White.

The teams traded points for the remainder of the quarter and junior Espen White's (10 pts.) two free throws, helped the Pirates build a 40-23 half-time lead. The Pirates were able to build a big lead by utilizing a tough and aggressive zone defense, while creating turnovers and then scoring a number of layups on fast break scoring opportunities.

The Pirates displayed solid perimeter shooting too and a three-pointer by Allen midway through the third helped put Neah-Kah-Nie up 46-28, forcing a PC timeout with 4:13 left in the quarter.

"It was good to come out here and play again and it's always nice to start our league schedule with a win," said Allen. "We have a lot of potential and I think our team



might be a contender for the Northwest League title this year, which would be really nice for sure. We've been playing a lot during the break and so this was like another day in the office for us. We played our best and that's why we won."

An Erickson three from the corner extend the lead to 51-31 with 2:45 left in the third and the Pirates led 58-39 after three. The Pirates just continued have a dominating

performance in the fourth as they outscored the Royals 22-14 to get the lopsided 30-point margin of victory.

Neah-Kah-Nie plays its next Class 2A Northwest League game Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Mannahouse Christian Academy (3-0 NWL, 9-2 overall) in Portland, followed by a 7 p.m. home game Wednesday versus the Gaston Greyhounds (0-4 NWL, 0-7) at Neah-Kah-Nie High School.

Lady Pirates take down Royals 43-37 in road win

Mike Weber
For The Citizen

Even though they didn't play for nearly a month, the long layoff didn't seem to have any effect whatsoever on the Neah-Kah-Nie High Pirates girls basketball team.

Playing for the first time since Dec. 8 (a 37-29 loss to Rainier), the Lady Pirates (1-0 NWL, 4-3 overall) appeared to be in midseason form as they won their Northwest League season opener 43-37 over the Portland Christian Royals (1-2 NWL, 3-8 overall) Jan. 4 at Portland Christian High School.

Led by the senior duo of Emma Miller (team-high 18 points) and Jordan White (nine pts.) the Pirates took control of the contest in the first quarter and led nearly the entire game to get their first victory since Dec. 7 (a 33-25 win over Warrenton).

Due to COVID-19 safety and health protocols and some weather related problems,

Neah-Kah-Nie had many games canceled in December. Judging by their strong performance on Tuesday versus Portland Christian, the Pirates seemed very happy to be back on the court.

Neah-Kah-Nie, guided by Coach Corey Douma, trailed 2-0 early and that was the only deficit they had during the contest. The Pirates gained the momentum early in the first quarter and led for the remainder of the game.

"Despite the fact that we were missing some players (Fayth Moschetti, Kennedy Fletcher, Bella Hamann), I thought that everyone played really well," said Douma. "It's nice to see us come out here and respond with a win after being off for almost a month. I didn't even know if we would have our energy to play well enough. You lose conditioning after being off too. Everyone hustled like crazy though and that's how we have to play in order to win. We did everything well and we executed in

our one-two-two zone and we limited the scoring by Portland Christian's top players. We have a lot of athleticism on the team and I think this could be one of our best seasons in a few years."

White's rebound and putback jump shot under the basket knotted the score 2-2 with 6:28 left in the opening quarter and the Pirates never trailed again.

"We haven't had a game in a few weeks, so we were all well focused on coming out here and getting a win," said White. "It's our first league game and we wanted to start out strong and that's what we did. Considering that we had over three weeks off, I thought we all played pretty good."

A jumper in the lane by Miller put Neah-Kah-Nie up 4-2. After deadlocked scores at 4-4 and 6-6, White fired in a three-point field goal, lifting the Pirates in front 9-6 with 3:17 left in the quarter.

"It feels good to get a win after we were off for awhile,

but we're excited to be back," said Miller. "We took care of everything and it's great to get a win. They (Royals) played tough defense, but we just tried to remain calm and do what we could on offense and things worked out well for us. Our press was very effective and even though we haven't had much time to practice it, it worked well for us. We're so happy and it's so much fun to be playing again. We're definitely going to be a contender for the league title this year."

An 8-2 Pirates run was capped by Miller's rebound and putback jumper in the lane, to help give Neah-Kah-Nie a 17-8 lead after the first quarter. The Royals responded with a rally in the second, outscoring the Pirates 8-4, trimming the

margin to 21-16 at halftime.

The Pirates regained the momentum in the third, while utilizing an effective full court press to get steals and create turnovers by the Royals. Neah-Kah-Nie was able to get numerous fast break baskets, led Miller, White, junior Rose Koch (eight pts.) and sophomore Kailyn Stinnett (four pts.) as they combined on an 8-2 run, putting the Pirates up 29-18, forcing a Royals timeout with 3:53 left in the quarter.

The Pirates tough zone defense was just too much for the Royals to handle as Neah-Kah-Nie continued to benefit from Portland Christian turnovers and they got transition baskets on offense to extend the lead to 35-21 at the end of the third.

The Royals fought back in

the fourth and played strong defense and started getting into an offensive rhythm too and they trimmed the margin to 39-37 with less than one minute left in the game. Stinnett sank a clutch layup with just 18 seconds left, putting the Pirates ahead 41-37. The Pirates got a steal on the Royals final possession and Miller capitalized on the scoring opportunity as she sank a buzzer beating jumper for the final six-point margin.

The Pirates meet Mannahouse Christian Academy (0-2 NWL, 2-4 overall) in their next game Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. in Portland, followed by a 5:30 p.m. home game Jan. 12 against the Gaston Greyhounds (0-4 NWL, 0-6 overall).

Obituary

Lily Mae Hilburn

June 14, 1939 - Jan. 2, 2022



girl Jimenez. As you can see, she loved to be surrounded by a larger-than-life family. That was Lily's way. She lived larger than life, marched to her own drum and spent every minute on this earth living free and by her own will.

As a young child, she loved the outdoors and living life to its fullest. In her early years of adulthood, she gained a knack for cooking and baking. Along the way, she met many wonderful friends in the restaurant industry and shared amazing recipes as she went. Her talents were many and she tried a hand in them all. Lily had a taste for adventure and lived in several states over her long life. She planted roots early in Arkansas, followed her heart to California and eventually moved to New Mexico to be closer to her parents but finally settled down in Oregon where she lived, loved and watched her family grow. Lily enjoyed taking her daughter Lisa to bingo at the Eagles and taking her on road trips to see her various friends and family spread far and wide. After Lily retired, she took her love of sewing to a new level. She could always be found sewing new blankets, crocheting something or working on a new project and spent several years volunteering for Oregon Special Olympics. Lily spent her free time staying busy and involved. The world had a little more spark with her kind heart still in it. Please come and join us, family and friends of this vibrant woman, to honor her at a Celebration of Life on January 22, 2022, at 1:00 pm held at God's Light-house Church in Garibaldi, Oregon.

Stewart (Michael) of Terrebonne, Anaya Garcia, Jeremy Mastriano of Tillamook, George Park II (Renee) of Bay City, Stacy Reznick (Nick) of Las Vegas, Jarred DeWitt (Michelle) of Arkansas, Jason DeWitt of Arkansas, Justin DeWitt (Kelly) of Arkansas, Jordan DeWitt (Tierny) of Arkansas and Sunny Catlett of Edmond, OK. Lily was also blessed with many Great-Grandchildren, Taylor Stewart (Tyson), Ryan Rawe, Kaylee Jimenez (Fabio), Dylan Rawe, Peyton Stewart, Jarren DeWitt (Sierra), Anthony Mastriano, Damion Mastriano, Kianna Park, George Park Jr, Natalie Park, Ryan Mastriano, Jasmine Warren, Bentley Reznick, Galina DeWitt, Jerra DeWitt, Maximus DeWitt, Aries DeWitt, Felina DeWitt, Alex DeWitt, Sadie DeWitt, Jacey DeWitt, Ella DeWitt, Lilly DeWitt, Jace DeWitt, Cora Joyce DeWitt, Remi DeWitt, Landon Watson, Braydon Catlett, Whitley Catlett and Cassandra Watkins (Ryan) along with her newest joys, her Great-Grandchildren, Mason Ryan Rawe, Raelynn DeWitt, Richard DeWitt, Wesley DeWitt and Juddson Dewitt and not yet making her appearance, baby

Heaven gained another beautiful soul on January 2, 2022. Lily passed quietly at home after many uphill health battles over the last few years. Lily Mae Hilburn was born June 14, 1939, to John Jefferson Medling and Vera Marida Medling (Reynolds) in Poynor, MO. The 4th of 6 children, Lily loved being the apple of her daddy's eye. Throughout her long-lived life, Lily enjoyed many things but most of all, she enjoyed her family. Lily is preceded in death by her father John, mother Vera, brothers Charles, Billy, John, Gene (Shorty) and sister Sally. She is also preceded by her late husbands, Lloyd Hicks, Carmen Mastriano and James Hilburn, son Johnny Mastriano, daughter Glinda Catlett and grandson Heath Catlett.

Lily will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by all of her surviving family members and many friends. She is survived by her daughters, Donna Garcia (Charles) of Tillamook, Daughter Lisa Mastriano of Tillamook, Daughter Linda DeWitt (Jerry) of Arkansas, Daughter in law Ragan Darr (Rick) of Tillamook. Grandchildren, Carrie

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Letter to the Editor

Behind the shadows and smoky rooms

On the evening of January 3rd, 2022, less than three weeks after Betsy Johnson abruptly resigned from her state senate seat, seventy Precinct Committee People (PCPs) from all five counties in Senate District 16 convened in Seaside to select a slate of candidates to forward to the county commissioners, so that a replacement can be appointed within 30 days, and in time to be sworn in and participate in the short legislative session in February.

Even though Tillamook County accounts for only about 12% of the registered voters in this district, a full 30% of the PCPs arrived from the Land of Cheese,

Trees, and Ocean Breeze.

In an open meeting, the PCPs heard from all eight candidates, and then began voting in a system designed to reflect both the diversity of those in attendance and representation from throughout the district.

Two hours after the meeting was called into session, three outstanding candidates had each obtained the majority of support from the voting PCPs:

Rachel Armitage
Melissa Busch
Nadia Gardner

Three women who represent a new generation in Oregon politics. Although none of them live in Tillamook County, one lives just across the border. Another possesses significant policy experience, while a third has already compiled a strong team to support her.

The manner in which these candidates were selected demonstrates that the democratic process still works well, and we in Oregon can be proud. There were no closed doors and smoky rooms to hide the process, but rather a fully transparent process that ensured inclusivity and offered a fair shake to each and every candidate.

All three candidates will soon appear before a joint meeting of the county commissioners of the five counties in the district, at which the commissioners will choose which young woman will represent us in Senate District 16.

2022 has started off well!
David McCall
Tillamook County
Democrats
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Continued their march toward authoritarian control of Tillamook County by:

Excluding those who cannot, or will not, wear masks under threat of arrest in order to merely address you in a public meeting;

Applying arbitrary, unconstitutional rules concerning speech of citizens during public comment;

Refusing to utilize meeting software that allows for virtual public comments;

Refusing to read public comments sent via email out loud at meetings, because it makes the county employees under pay from the citizen commenters "uncomfortable";

While it was not unexpected in light of their past performance, I was somewhat surprised to see the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution placing Tillamook

County in a state of emergency until June 2022 for COVID-19 without addressing of the negative aspects of such a resolution. Pray tell how is our county currently in an emergency from COVID-19? Isn't the current variant (Omicron) the equivalent of the common cold? Besides given the transmissibility of the current variant and long-time understanding of herd immunity, wouldn't everyone hope to get Omicron in order to develop immunity to the other more virulent COVID-19 variants? Besides aren't the vulnerable potentially protected by a vaccine?

There is NO emergency in Tillamook County. In fact, all urgent matters are a result of you superseding your elected powers by taking unto yourselves power belonging to individuals and businesses. This is not to mention the dereliction of your duty on other matters, such as the condition of our county roads. All your adherence to Governor Brown's unlawful, unsci-

entific mandates has done nothing to stop the virus, but done much to damage the profitability of local businesses. The mandates have also subjected vulnerable persons to experimental medicines and social isolation leading to reduction in medical services, vaccine injury, unnecessary deaths, suicide and drug addiction. These tragedies are becoming your legacy.

I would ask the you immediately rescind this resolution, but if not please know many of the citizens of our county will continue to ignore your illegal seizure of power. Nor can you justify this action in order to receive more money for programs we do not want from the state of Oregon. You have no power except that granted to you by the people. As a voter that you were elected to represent, I do not consent to this resolution.

Sincerely,
April Bailey
Resident of Beaver, OR

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Open Letter to Tillamook Board of Commissioners:

Considering that Tillamook County Board of Commissioners has con-

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NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that the Clatsop County Planning Commission and Comprehensive Plan Update Countywide Citizen Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, via GoTo Meeting. The committee will be discussing the following Statewide Planning Goals:

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An agenda will be posted seven days prior to the hearing at: <https://www.co.clatsop.or.us/calendar>.

All documents are available for inspection at the Clatsop County Planning Division at 800 Exchange St, Suite 100, during normal business hours (M-F 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.) at no cost. Paper copies may also be obtained at reasonable cost. The full agenda packet is posted at: <https://www.co.clatsop.or.us/calendar>.

If you have questions about this matter or need more information, please contact the Planning Division at (503) 325-8611 or at comdev@co.clatsop.or.us.
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First Application Review: January 14, 2022

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Column

The Villages Near the Mountain

*A Grim Fairy Tale
(With apologies to the
Brothers Grimm)*

Once upon a time there was a large mountain at the edge of the ocean. Two villages, Cannon and Manita, were on opposite sides of the mountain. The villagers in Cannon and Manita enjoyed their beaches and forests, hiking paths, neighbors, pets and small shops. They were happy.

But the leaders of Cannon and Manita were different in how they led their villages.

In Cannon, the leaders listened to their villagers. They saw the chance to create a community center for the villagers to use for meetings, celebrations, and events.

To build a community center, the leaders found:
-- A 1950s era vacant

4600 square foot school and a 8350 square foot Quonset hut gymnasium on an acre of ground.

-- The school had broken windows and water damage from a leaking roof, but engineers studied the building and said it could be brought up to like new condition for less than the cost of a new building.

-- Cannon leaders paid \$400,000 for the land and structures and started building the community center.

Meanwhile, in Manita, the leaders had their own vision for Manita. They wanted to build a brand-new City Hall for their council meetings and city workers. They knew better, they thought, than the villagers regarding their City Hall.

To build a City Hall, leaders found:

-- A property called Undermountain with an old school structure and Quon-

set hut.

--- Like the Cannon structure, the building had weathered siding and damage, but engineers said it was structurally sound and could be brought up to like new condition for a lot less than building a new City Hall.

---Manita leaders paid more than \$2,000,000 in purchase price and loan interest for the old school building. They wanted to tear down the school and build their dream City Hall.

--- Initial expensive building plans were tied to a new proposed bond levy which was rejected by 68% of the voters.

--- Repeated requests to reconsider remodeling the existing buildings to like new condition at lower costs were repeatedly rejected by the leaders. The leaders had their own plan.

The leaders took funds planned for other City proj-

ects to pay loan payments on the purchase. Future generations and tourists would pay for the leaders' grand vision of a new City Hall. Charging more and bringing in even more tourists to Manita to pay for the new City Hall was the new plan. Full steam ahead!

In Cannon, the citizens liked the plan to remodel the old school building and not spend more than needed. Savings in remodeling the community center might be available for even more community needs.

In Manita, citizens wondered how the leaders' plan for more and more tourists would change Manita. Weren't there too many tourists already? Some villagers avoided going to Manita in tourist season because of traffic, lack of parking, and too many strangers making too much noise in their neighborhoods. All

this discomfort for a City Hall building most villagers would rarely, if ever, go into.

In Cannon, the citizens were proud of their Leaders' plans and lived happily ever after.

Meanwhile, in Manita, the leaders plowed ahead, tore down the old school and built the new building they wanted. They changed rules to fit their plan. They charged higher fees for tourist rentals and encouraged more and more tourists to come to Manita. Villagers hated the crazy parties and large groups that came to Manita on weekends. The main street was clogged with out-of-town cars and the sidewalks were too crowded during the summer months.

So, villagers started meeting in small groups to organize and reclaim Manita. They started showing up at council meetings and complaining about the

leaders' misuse of funds and overspending. They filed initiative petitions to force the council to reduce the number of rental houses for tourists from 17.5% of all houses to 10% of eligible houses. They organized recall efforts to remove leaders who were ignoring villagers' petitions. They demanded votes on increases in their city taxes, the number of occupied houses and tourist fees. They supported candidates who reflected their vision for Manita to run for council.

It took a while, but they finally got the Manita they wanted, reduced the number of tourists, and reduced the size of their village government.

Then they lived happily ever after.

*Will Stone
Mantanita*

Knappa teacher indicted for sex abuse worked in the Nestucca School Dist. from 2019-2021

David Michael Brandon, a 44-year-old Clatsop County resident, was arrested and lodged at the Clatsop County Jail on November 24th, 2021. The arrest came after a warrant was issued by the Clatsop County Circuit Court, after a Grand Jury indictment. Brandon was lodged on five counts of Rape in the Third Degree, nine counts of Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree, one count of Sodomy in the Third Degree, and five counts of Unlawful Delivery of Marijuana Item.

David Michael Brandon was associated with the Jewel School District from 2016 to the Spring of 2019 and Knappa School District

beginning Fall of 2021 until placed on administrative leave.

He worked in Tillamook County as a fifth grade teacher in the Nestucca School District from Aug. of 2019 to June 30, 2021 when according to an official at the district, his contract was not renewed. Brandon was then hired by the Knappa School District.

If anyone has additional information of other victims or witnesses, please contact Detective Jodi Libertad at the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office by calling 503-325-8635 or emailing Detective Libertad at: or emailing Detective Libertad at: jlibertad@co.clatsop.or.us

Tillamook County Transportation District Seeks New Budget Committee Members

Tillamook County Transportation District (TCTD) is seeking volunteers that are registered voters of Tillamook County and would like to serve on the District's Budget Committee. The Budget Committee is comprised of 7 District Board Members and 7 community members who are appointed by the Board of Directors and serve a 3-year term. There are currently 2 community member positions open on the committee. The TCTD Budget Committee generally meets once or twice a year.

The District will be accepting applications through Monday, January 31 and anticipates appointments will be made at the February

meeting of the District Board of Directors. Those interested should complete the application, below, and return it to the District via mail.

Those interested in serving on the TCTD Budget Committee are asked to complete a Budget Committee Application available on the District's website at www.TillamookBus.com. Please submit completed Application no later than Friday, January 31, 2022.

For more information, please contact Shannon Wakeman at swakeman@tillamookbus.com

City

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but complete reconstruction, to be habitable for any use," she said. "The City Hall building does need to meet seismic standards to function as an Emergency Operations

Center and ideally has a long life. The configuration of the existing building is questionable in terms of meeting the city's needs for a safe, functional, efficient, seismically resilient office building. The City Council determined that it is not a viable option for a new city hall."

Budget Forward
Amen said she is wanting

more input from citizens on how the city budgets, where to find revenue sources and to keep the city fiscally responsible with the goals the council has for the future. She said to accomplish this she would like to put together a committee to give the council input as to what the priorities should be moving forward.

"It's no secret that Manzanita's chief source of revenue

is from the Transient Lodging Tax (or Short Term Rental) tax," she said. "Manzanita taxpayers also enjoy one of the lowest property tax rates in the state of Oregon. With an extremely low property tax rate, and a dependency on a variable income source (the TLT) it is prudent for the city to explore other funding sources."

Moving forward, Amen said she plans to hire a consultant to work with the committee to maximize revenue resources.

"I intend to convene a 'revenue diversification committee' and hire an economic consultant to work with the committee to conduct a comprehensive look at our current revenue streams including enterprise funds and other fees," she said. "The consultant will also work with us to develop a strategy to diversify our revenue streams and ensure cost recovery and resiliency if our TLT revenues decline for any reason in the future."

Comprehensive Outreach

As a former Community Development Director holding a master of Regional Planning degree from Cornell University who also spent nearly four years in the private sector creating comprehensive plans, Amen plans to use that experience developing a comprehen-

sive plan for Manzanita.

"I am calling this Envision Manzanita!" she said. "It is a multi year process that includes the development of a community wide vision, update of the Comprehensive Plan and updated enabling regulations such as the zoning code, sub division code, etc...."

According to Amen, there are so many livability issues facing the city right now and the current comprehensive plan is dated and in many way no longer reflects Manzanita's needs or identity.

"Issues related to growth and development, tree protection, beaches and dune management, housing affordability, all of these issues are symptoms of a greater cause," she said. "The cause being growth and how we manage growth as a community should be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan should be based on a robust and meaningful community engagement process."

Due to Manzanita being one of the many destination cities on the Oregon Coast, the comprehensive plan has to take in consideration of those factors.

"Manzanita is a pluralistic community made up of full time residents, part time residents, visitors and business owners, each of these groups intersect with each other, and there are clear dependencies between them," Amen said.

"By developing a community vision we can begin to have these conversations with each other, and begin to articulate our communities vision for growth. That vision will serve as the starting point for the Comprehensive Plan update."

Technology

Technology will be an ongoing goal of Amen and the council. Amen believes it's important to keep the city up to speed, digitize public records while making the city's website more comprehensive for users.

"This will be a multi year process, my three main goals are to digitize and organize all records into a searchable on line database," Amen said. "This would include at a minimum, all city council and planning commission related files, such as meeting agendas, packets and minutes."

But Amen wants to also include development information as well.

"To create a Geographic Information System for the City which includes linking permit data to specific tax lots," she said. "And finally to develop a municipal code. These goals are essential to the city's success but will take years to implement. We are starting now by moving as much of our transactions on-line like, water billing, building permit, planning fees and short term rental fees."

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to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Testing is also available at Adventist Health Tillamook and Rinehart Clinic.

"You have some other testing options that are hopefully to become available soon," Putman said. "Adventist Health will be providing home tests to the public. Stay tuned about their availability. We're waiting with our public health team whether we're going to receive those additional testing kits to make them available to the public. Expect to have more information in the coming weeks."

Isolation guidelines have been updated. For those who test positive, whether vaccinated or not, should isolate for five days if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving, followed by five days of wearing a mask when around others. The five-day

quarantine does not apply to health care setting or K-12 schools. People, regardless of vaccination status, with severe to critical illness or who are severely immunocompromised, should isolate for at least 20 days since symptoms began or their first positive test, whichever is earlier, and have been fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications with other symptoms resolving for at least 24 hours.

Putman said one of the most important actions people can do to protect themselves and others is to get fully vaccinated, including receiving a booster shot when eligible. Those eligible for a booster dose include those 18 years and older six months after completion of the Moderna series, those 16 years and older if six months after completion of the Pfizer series, and for those 18 years and older two months after a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Vaccine sites are still available throughout Tillamook County. The public health team is continuing to provide vaccines at the Tillamook

County Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays.

"We do have Pfizer and Moderna vaccines," Putman said. "First, second and third doses and pediatric Pfizer and flu and pneumonia vaccines are available. You can get the pneumonia and flu shots at the same time you receive your COVID-19 vaccine."

The health department is also providing vaccines through the community health center's main clinic through appointments. Adventist Health is providing vaccines from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays at the Tillamook Medical Plaza and Women's and Family Health across the street from the hospital. Pacific City also has vaccines at their Adventist Health clinic from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rinehart Clinic has vaccines weekly by appointment.

"Vaccines are still available through your local pharmacy: Safeway, Fred Meyer and Tillamook Pharmacy," Putman said.

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