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North County Pie Day Auction and Feast is back

We all recall the January 2020 Pie Day as one of the last in-person events we attended that year ... NOW IT'S BACK!! The 13th Annual North County Pie Day is coming on Saturday, January 21st. Once again, this fun and fantastic event will take place at the White Clover Grange in Nehalem (36585 Highway 53) and is a fundraiser for the Grange building fund. Over the last 10 years Grangers have made major upgrades to the 100+ year old historic building, and next up is exterior siding and painting. Come buy some pie, eat some pie and support the White Clover Grange building fund!

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Presenting sponsors of North County Pie Day are Manzanita Grocery and Deli, Nehalem Lumber, Manzanita Fresh Foods and Manzanita Lumber.

Join your community on Saturday, January 21st! Doors open



at 2:30 pm and the auction starts at 3. There's nothing better to get you through a winter's afternoon than bidding on a delicious, locally made pie and then celebrating by eating lots of great pie and ice cream, all while supporting the White Clover Grange.

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Time, date, place

Manzanita council delays decisions on projects

Says more information needed for newly elected officials

Will Chappell
Reporter

Manzanita's new city council delayed decisions on several issues on January 4, expressing wariness about their predecessors' committee selection process and asking city staff for more information on several items.

The council gave final approval to a \$1.6 million improvement of Dorcas Avenue to be complete by Advanced Excavation Inc. of Nehalem.

The project is expected to take about six months and all the funding is coming from the city's budget.

Judge Larry Blake of Manzanita's Municipal Court swore in Mayor Deb Simmons and Councilors Linda Kozlowski and Brad Mayerle at the beginning of the meeting.

"I am here with a commitment to action," Simmons said after being sworn in and thanking her predecessor, the retiring Mike Scott.

After electing Kozlowski Council President by a unanimous vote, the council moved into the meeting's business with the consideration of returning to in-person meetings.

City Manager Leila Aman presented a report to the council that said it would cost around \$750 monthly, or \$9,000 annually to return to in-person meetings.

Those costs stem from the city's current lack of a city hall with council chamber, necessitating the rental of the Pine Grove Community House for public meetings.

Additional funds would need to be allocated for staff time to maintain Zoom and YouTube livestreaming capabilities for the meetings.

All six other cities in Tillamook County have returned to in-person meetings but Manzanita councilors remained reticent to commit to doing so.

Each of the councilors said that with Covid case numbers high after the holidays, they were hesitant to meet in person.

They said they might be willing to begin in March if numbers trend downward and postponed a decision until their February meeting.

Council then heard a presentation on the ongoing stormwater system development charges assessment from Shawn Koom from HDR Engineering.

The assessment will lead to an update in charges that newly constructed buildings in the city pay to be connected to the water system.

Those charges aim to equalize the cost burden for system upgrades that have been paid for by existing users over the years.

The fee for stormwater system development was last updated in the 1990s and stands at \$174.

The ongoing assessment will be suggesting an almost tenfold increase in that fee to \$1,700 for a 5,000 square foot lot, with larger lots paying more in direct proportion to their size.

HDR Engineering will be bringing the final report to council at their February meeting where they will vote on the fee

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Dungeness Crab season now reopened for recreational fishers, Jan. 15 for commercial

Oregon's commercial Dungeness crab fishery season opens from Cape Falcon to Cape Arago on Jan. 15 after having passed all tests for the crab being ready to harvest. The season opens Feb. 1 from Cape Falcon north to Washington State in accordance with the Tri-State Protocol.

Meat fill now meets or exceeds criteria in all areas of Oregon, and biotoxins are below alert levels in all crab tested from Cape Arago north. Domoic acid testing of crab will continue from Cape Arago south to the California border as test results today showed elevated levels of the biotoxin in that area.

ODFW works closely with the crab fishing industry, the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, and the Oregon Department of Agriculture on testing and season openings. ODFW also coordinates with California and Washington to help create an orderly start to the season within the Tri-State region.

Tim Novotny with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission stressed the importance of being able to deliver a level of certainty in the product to the marketplace to start the fishery, both for industry and consumers to have confidence in the



Commercial Crab fishermen haul in pots in this Headlight Herald file photo. ODFW is reopening crabbing along the Oregon Coast on Jan. 15, and reopened crabbing for recreational fishers last week.

product. That comes through rigorous pre-season testing and only opening regions where crab are ready for consumption.

"Oregon's Dungeness crab fishery has been recognized worldwide for its sustainable fisheries practices for generations now. The work we do with ODFW and the hard work and cooperation of the fleet helps us continue to work to solidify our reputation on sustain-

ability, which is a huge benefit for the fleet and coastal communities year-round," Novotny said.

Novotny and Caren Braby, ODFW's Marine Resources Program Manager, say generally the fleet and industry support later season openings when necessary to ensure crab are ready. This season has been just such a situation and industry has overwhelmingly supported waiting until now for

the season to start.

"Look, everyone wants to start Dec. 1," Novotny said. "But the fishermen know that this process sets a high bar on purpose, so consumers know they're getting the highest quality and safest product possible," he said.

Braby agrees.



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Manzanita city leaders look to move major projects forward in 2023

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Reporter

Manzanita's city government spent much of 2022 soliciting public feedback on various issues, chief among them the development of a new city hall, for which planning will proceed in 2023.

City staff also continued to work on achieving three goals set forth by city council to move the city forward.

Planning for the new city hall, progressed through a series of public meetings and studies of the proposed site that now houses a closed elementary school.

Late in 2022, geologic

and site studies revealed that the existing structures were largely not fit for repurposing and doing so would be extremely expensive.

City council will decide in January on a way for the designers to proceed, either by repurposing what materials they can or with a from-the-ground construction proposal.

This will allow the architects and contractor to create design proposals and cost estimates for the city council.

Armed with those designs and estimates, the city council will decide in the spring whether to proceed with the project.

City Manager Leila Aman said that construction could be ready to begin on the project by late 2023, pending council approval and funding allocation.

The council will also be hearing a presentation on a new transportation system plan (TSP) at the January meeting and deciding on its adoption.

The new TSP has been in development in coordination with Wheeler and Nehalem and will comprehensively address the cities' transportation needs.

The city council will also be proceeding with work on a new comprehensive plan.

Aman hosted three town hall meetings in the second half of 2022 to solicit residents' feedback for the new plan.

"It's really going to help us establish a vision for the city and for growth," Aman said of the plan which will address issues from public safety to growth to tourism.

The comprehensive plan update is one part of the three complimentary goals that city council laid out for Aman.

The plan update is an initiative the council dubbed "envision Manzanita" and is joined by "level up Manzanita" and "budget forward

Manzanita."

"Level up Manzanita" is focused on updating the city's government. It includes digitizing city processes and the new city hall project.

"Budget forward Manzanita" is concerned with diversifying the city's revenue streams. Currently 65% of the city's revenue comes from short-term rental licensing fees and Eco Northwest is consulting with the city on ways to diversify its income.

In 2022, Manzanita's city council approved a property tax abatement for developers of workforce housing in the town and passed a tempo-

rory moratorium on net new short-term rental license issuance in the city in October.

A short-term rental advisory committee is examining the issue in the city and will bring recommendations forward in 2023.

Aman was excited about Manzanita's prospects in 2023 and enthusiastic about both her staff and the new city council.

"I'm feeling really optimistic about the council that's coming in to make the decisions to move Manzanita forward," Aman said.

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Nehalem city staff to focus on work to upgrade water system in 2023

Will Chappell

Reporter

Nehalem's city staff focused on upgrading water services in the city in 2022 and will continue to do so in 2023.

The city's elected officials are also set to finalize updates to several of the city's development plans.

Public works completed installation of a roof over a raw water settling basin in 2022 and expects to put a roof over another basin by July. The roofs will extend the lifespan of the reservoirs' floating covers by

reducing the number of debris that fall on to them.

Engineering and design will also take place in 2023 for a raw water transmission main to carry water from Anderson creek to the water treatment plant.

Design for the project will cost \$400,000 with funding is coming from the American Rescue Plan Act. City Manager Melissa Thompson-Kiefer said the bidding process for engineering and design will begin in January.

Anderson Creek is Nehalem's secondary water supply with Bob's

Creek serving as the primary.

The new project will upgrade transmission capabilities from Anderson Creek and improve service in periods of peak demand in late summer and early fall.

Thompson-Kiefer said she expects the project will be completed by June 2024.

The city government completed a water rate study in July of 2022 and began offering online bill payment options in August.

A new sidewalk will be installed by the elementary school on Eighth Street between B and C streets next

summer. The Oregon Department of Transportation's small city allotment grant will pay for the \$247,000 project.

Elected officials will also move forward with the final adoption of two updates to city plans.

A new transportation system plan (TSP) will come before the planning commission in January before going to the city council in February for final approval.

The new TSP has been in development in coordination with Manzanita and Wheeler and will address the three cities' combined needs.

The planning commission has also been working on an update to the development code, which Thompson-Kiefer expects to be finished by June.

Thompson-Kiefer also said that the city's government needs to start planning for construction of a new public works building.

The existing building has cracks in the structure and needs to be replaced by a new facility.

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Wheeler council, manager plunge into 2023 with optimism

Will Chappell

Reporter

Wheeler's city government was constrained in 2022 by a budget limited by costly ongoing litigation before the land use board of appeals.

City Manager Mary Johnson said that despite a still-unsettled case, she is optimistic that 2023 will see the city able to move forward on much needed projects.

"Unfortunately, 2022 has been a bit of a rough year for Wheeler," Johnson said in December.

The ongoing litigation stems from development proposals for a piece of wa-

terfront property in downtown Wheeler.

Separate applications for a hotel and restaurant, and a fish processing plant were both rejected by the city council in 2019, leading the applicant to appeal those decisions to LUBA.

In a lengthy saga, the hotel and restaurant application was returned to the city seven times before the board finally upheld the denial in 2022.

The application for the fish processing plant is still in front of LUBA on its third appeal.

Johnson said that the city had put \$85,000 aside to cover those legal fees in 2022.

"That's a huge amount for our budget," Johnson said.

This constrained the city's ability to undertake major projects throughout the year.

Public Works completed installation of new water meters in town that have cut down on their time reading meters and alert customers to leaks sooner, but otherwise the city mostly focused on day-to-day operations.

Johnson hopes that 2023 will be a more productive year for the city, as several projects need to go ahead.

The biggest of these is the Gervais Creek stormwater mitigation project, which will improve water flow under

downtown to lower the risk of flooding.

Civil West has completed the engineering designs for the project and is helping the city move forward with grant applications for the \$8 million project.

There are two potential funding sources, the Oregon Department of Emergency Management's hazard mitigation grant, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's building resilient infrastructure grant, with the former offering more favorable terms to the city.

Johnson said that upgrading drinking water lines in the Wheeler Heights neigh-

borhood is also a priority. The city will be applying to Business Oregon's safe water revolving loan fund next year for money to move forward with that work.

Elected officials will begin the final adoption process for a new transportation system plan (TSP) for Wheeler starting in January.

The new TSP has been under development in coordination with Nehalem and Manzanita and will comprehensively address the transportation needs of the three cities.

The city council will also be starting work on a new vision plan in 2023, with

outside consultants currently under consideration.

"It's really important to me that everyone is heard, and we don't just have a few people making decisions for the entire community," Johnson said of her hope for public involvement in the new plan's development.

She said that it is important for the city's government to have a roadmap for where its citizens want to go moving forward so that it can craft policies to achieve those goals.

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Commissioners talk 2022 highlights, 2023 projects

The Tillamook Board of County Commissioners had an active 2022 taking steps forward to address the housing and homelessness crises in the county and completing the first stage of a courthouse renovation.

County commissioners were enthusiastic about these accomplishments and excited for the year ahead, but also noted that the county faces hurdles as state lawmakers continue to implement new environmental policies that threaten to further limit the county's revenues.

Housing was a major area of progress in 2022, as the county handed out its first round of Workforce Housing Grant money aimed at promoting affordable housing.

Over \$700,000 of money collected by the county in short-term rental licensing fees was awarded by the housing commission to six different developments across the county in the inaugural year of a new grant program.

"I'm super pleased with the role the county is playing in housing development at this point," Commissioner Erin Skaar said.

The money will help to add 87 units of below market rate housing across six different developments.

Work is already underway

at several, including above the Oregon Coast Dance Center in Tillamook and at the Kingfisher Apartments in Bay City, with other projects in various stages of development.

In addition to funding housing development in 2022, the county also saw developers being able to take advantage of a property tax abatement aimed at incentivizing workforce housing.

Developers at Kingfisher and Bayside Commons will have their property taxes waived by the county in exchange for agreeing to keep the units available to individuals making between 80% and 120% of the area's median income.

"It was a difficult choice to determine if we were winning or losing by doing that," Skaar said, "but it was one of the things we could do, and it has a lot less impact than one might think."

The other major advancement in housing that Skaar pointed to was the passage of House Bill 4123. The bill, which Skaar lobbied on behalf of, will send \$1 million to Tillamook County over the next two years to coordinate homeless services.

The bill set up the Coordinated Homeless Services Response System Grant that will fund the development

of county-level systems to address the homelessness crisis across the state.

Tillamook is one of the first counties set to receive funding starting in 2022 to set up a coordination center and develop a comprehensive plan to tackle the issue.

Community Action Resource Enterprises (CARE) is partnering with the county and the seven cities in it to manage the office and administer the program.

The new office at CARE will work to direct funding and services across the county and will secure funding to continue its activities after the \$1 million has been spent.

Skaar noted that even in advance of the funding coming, Tillamook Sheriff Josh Brown started coordinating with CARE and the Tillamook Family Counseling Center to do wellness checks on those living in county campgrounds in 2022.

"Nobody wants to see anyone living out of doors," Skaar said. "There's a place where you really have to partner that humanity with the greater good of the community...so it's this balancing piece that you have to do."

Another major accomplish-

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Tillamook County Library launches strategic planning with listening sessions

Tillamook County Library is developing its strategic plan for the next 5 years.

Between January and March, the library will be conducting community engagement work to hear what members of the public would like to see from their library in the coming years. This effort will result in a new strategic plan in July 2023 building on highly rated

services the library has provided throughout Tillamook County.

The first two strategic planning events will take place on January 17th at the Manzanita branch and January 19th at the Tillamook Main branch. Both events will be from 6 PM to 7 PM. Join Library Director Don Allgeier for a brief overview of the library's

strategic planning process followed by a listening session to provide community members with an opportunity to shape the future of their library. For more information call 503-842-4792. More events will follow. For groups that would like to set up a listening session, please reach out to the library for more information.

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ment for the commissioners in 2022 was the completion of the first stage of a major renovation to the county courthouse.

The work, completed in November, saw the county commissioners move their meetings from the second floor of the courthouse to what had previously been a courtroom on the first floor.

This allowed the court that had been housed in the space that was too small for its purpose to move to a more appropriate venue in the vacated commissioners' meeting room.

"That was a huge feather in our cap, because that has been for 15 years, 20 years, a serious bone of contention," Commissioner Mary Faith Bell said.

Bell said that the next step in upgrading the courthouse to accommodate the county's growth will be the addition of an annex either on the south end of the courthouse or adjacent to the Pioneer Museum across Laurel Avenue.

Work on the annex will not begin in 2023, but commissioners should start looking at plans, according to Bell.

The commissioners also used American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds to commission a seismic study of the courthouse in 2022.

The report from the study revealed that retrofitting the building with seismic upgrades will cost between \$5 million and \$12 million.

Bell said that the commissioners will add the county to the state's list of rotating funding for courthouse improvements for the project.

Progress also continued in bringing broadband internet

to the rural communities in Tillamook County in 2022.

"The best economic development tool that any rural area can have is high speed internet," Commissioner David Yamamoto said.

Yamamoto said that the work was slow to advance, but that crews have been steadily working their way down Highway 101 laying fiberoptic cable.

Another development in the push to bring broadband to the south of Tillamook County is coming with the arrival of a new trans-Pacific, data transmission cable being laid by Amazon.

The cable will join more than half a dozen other cables that land in Tillamook, more than all other Oregon coastal counties combined.

The new cable will be more powerful than previous cables and Amazon will be adding branches off it to rural communities along the route to give them broadband access.

Amazon will also be partnering with cell phone companies to use the cable's data transmission capabilities to add new cellphone towers along the Wilson River Highway.

This will finally bring cellular service to the critical road link, which also sees high volumes of crashes.

The broadband push for rural areas of the county received a further boost in late December when Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkeley secured \$3 million in federal funding towards rural broadband in an omnibus spending bill.

That bill allocated a further \$2 million in funding for public safety radio communications systems in the county.

Those radio systems will be critical for Tillamook County during emergency situations and will help facilitate communications and supply

delivery.

The county government is also in the final stages of having Tillamook Airport designated as the distribution point for supplies for the coast in an emergency event.

The plan should be approved next year and would see the county partner with the Port of Tillamook Bay and the Near Space Corporation to receive supplies at the airport and coordinate their distribution up and down the coast.

Another major improvement for emergent situations will come with the completion of Cape Meares Road in late 2023.

The road that used to connect the Cape Meares and Oceanside has been closed since 2013, following multiple landslides in the preceding years. Since the closure, both communities have been left without secondary Tsunami evacuation routes.

The new road will cut over Cape Meares and is expected to open in November of 2023. The project will have a total cost around \$21 million, with 90% of that is coming from the federal government, since the new route cuts through federal forest lands on the cape.

"I'm thrilled about that because it's what provides emergency egress to those communities," Bell said.

But in addition to these advances and accomplishments, the county also faced challenges in 2022 that are set to persist moving forward.

For the first time in three years, the county's timber revenue fell in 2022, as prices settled after surging the previous two years and the amount harvested continued to decrease.

Around \$19 million in funding from the timber harvest was generated for special districts across the county and the county government, which

received around a quarter of those proceeds.

Next year promises to be a challenging one for the timber industry in the county as a habitat conservation plan (HCP) for protection of the spotted owl is set to come into effect.

The plan will curtail logging activities further in forests managed by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and could lead to a 20% fall in timber revenues for the county, according to Yamamoto.

"We're going to start seeing the effects of reduced harvest even before the HCP gets implemented," Yamamoto said.

He said that in the last weeks of December commissioners had learned that ODF will begin implementation of the plan in January, sooner than previously expected.

Yamamoto contended that the plan would not only prove deleterious to the county's finances, but also fail to help the spotted owls.

He pointed to a recent Oregon State University study of federal forestlands that have already implemented logging restrictions like those about to come to state forests.

The study found that spotted owl populations had not recovered and that barred owls, which compete with spotted owls for food, were the real cause of the spotted owls'

decline.

Regardless, the new restrictions are coming and will leave the county's budget stretched even thinner.

"As timber revenue continues to go down it's going to be a struggle," Yamamoto said.

All three commissioners repeatedly returned to this point as 2022 drew to a close.

They said that while many residents are frustrated by the decline in the number of services offered by the county over the past decades, the vicissitudes of declining timber revenues had left prior commissioners and themselves with little other choice.

The commissioners' options for increasing revenue are limited, as measure 5, in effect since 1990, has capped property tax increases at 3% annually.

With a lack of land to develop to increase the tax base, the only other option to supplement timber revenues is voter approved levies.

With the difficulty of passing such levies, commissioners have opted to trim budgets and services.

"We want people to know where their dollars are going," Skaar said. "We want people to understand that it's not that we're bad stewards of their dollar, we just don't have enough."

The commissioners all

remained upbeat despite the challenges faced and are being proactive in addressing them.

A major initiative coming in 2023 that all brought up was a comprehensive wage assessment they have ordered for the county.

The assessment will determine where county employees' wages stand compared to those in their positions in similar counties in Oregon.

Commissioners will follow the study by assessing and updating the compensation of employees as needed to make them competitive with other counties.

"We have to figure out how to pay people what they deserve to be paid," Bell said.

Other projects coming from the county government in 2023 include: beginning redevelopment work at the Cape Kiwanda parking area in Pacific City, the dredging of the Memaloose Boat Ramp, new short-term rental regulations stemming from the work of a citizens' advisory committee, a new director for the Salmonberry Trail Foundation, a new strategic plan for the county's libraries and a reconstitution of the Tillamook Bay Watershed Council.

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Crab

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"I'm proud of the crab fishery and our management of this iconic symbol of the Oregon coast," she said. "By working with industry on the problems we've faced – from biotoxins, whale entanglements, and climate change – we're crafting a stronger fishery that will stand the test of time. Steady collaborative management fostered an environment in which the fishery's value and reputation continue to grow."

The earliest the commercial crab season can open by regulation is Dec. 1 pending meat fill and biotoxin results. In recent years, that has been rare – 2021 was the first time since 2014 the fishery opened Dec. 1.

During 2020-2021, the season opened in stages (Dec. 16, 2020 south of Cape Falcon; Feb. 15, 2021 north of Cape Falcon). Fishermen brought in 12.2 million

pounds of Dungeness crab coastwide with an ex-vessel value of \$60.6 million. The 2021-2022 season brought in just over 17 million pounds of crab with a \$91.5 million ex-vessel value.

Coastwide recreational ocean and bay crabbing reopened

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and ODFW reopens all recreational crabbing (ocean, bays, and estuaries) along the entire Oregon coast. Two consecutive tests show domoic acid levels are under the closure threshold.

Recreational bay clam and mussel harvesting also remain open along the entire Oregon coast. However, razor clamming is still closed coastwide.

ODA tests for shellfish toxins twice per month, as tides and weather permit. Reopening an area closed for biotoxins requires two consecutive tests with results below the closure limit.

It is recommended that

recreational crab harvesters always eviscerate crab before cooking. This includes removing and discarding the viscera, internal organs, and gills.

For more information, call ODA's shellfish biotoxin safety hotline at (800)448-2474, the Food Safety Division at (503) 986-4720, or visit the ODA shellfish biotoxin closures webpage.

Contact ODFW for recreational license requirements, permits, rules and limits.

Council

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increase.

Following the storm water presentation, the council moved on to consider appointments to the planning commission.

A search committee had put forth recommendations for three empty spots after going through a lengthy application and review process in 2022.

But Mayor Simmons, who must give final approval for the appointments, took issue with that process.

She said that she had misgivings about the conduct of search committee member and Councilor Jenna Edginton, as well as Aman, who Simmons felt had interjected her opinion in the process.

Simmons flatly rejected the search committee's nominations, saying that her review of the applicants using the same decision matrix had led to different candidates.

She said that she favored reopening consideration of all 12 applicants and letting the newly seated council review them and offer its own recommendations.

Planning Commission Chair Karen Reddick Yurka who had led the search committee and was at the meeting

was taken aback by this proposal from the new mayor.

Yurka said that after spending many hours working on the selection process at the direction of elected officials, the abrupt about-face was insulting to the committee members and their nominees.

Edginton concurred with Yurka and Kozlowski added that delaying the appointments would continue to leave an important government body shorthanded.

Aman said that while Simmons will make the final decision, the city's charter required a process be followed to evaluate applicants and that doing so would take at least two meetings.

Simmons said that the delay was unavoidable due to the discrepancies in the search committee's procedure, which she said had also been noted by the Oregon Mayors' Association.

She said that she would add discussion of search criteria to the city council's work session in the second week of January and begin the mandated process to reevaluate applicants.

Finally, the council approved criteria for the search for new budget committee members and adjourned.

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Lewis and Clark visited the area in January 1806

Bob Atiyeh
For the Citizen

Sent west by President Thomas Jefferson to explore the recent Louisiana Purchase, and find a navigable water route to the Pacific, members of the Lewis and Clark expedition visited the area 217 years ago on January 8th-9th, 1806.

Setting out from Missouri in May of 1804, it took the 32 members of the expedition 18 months to reach the Pacific Ocean in November 1805. After hastily constructing Fort Clatsop (near present day Warrenton) they settled in for the wet winter.

In early January, they received word that a whale had washed up on a beach miles to the south, and they decided to try to obtain some whale blubber and oil to supplement their lean diet of wild game. (Language, spelling and punctuation are taken directly from their journals)

William Clark - January 3, 1806: "We were visited by our near neighbour chief Comowool and six Clapsops. They brought for sale some roots berries and 3 dogs also

a small quantity of fresh blubber. This blubber they informed us they had obtained from their neighbours the Calamox who inhabit the coast to the S.E.

Near one of their villages a whale had recently perished. This blubber the Indians eat and esteem it excellent food."

Meriwether Lewis - January 6, 1806: "Capt. Clark set out after an early breakfast with the party..... Charbono and his Indian woman (Sacagawea - their young Shoshone interpreter, who was also carrying her infant son Jean-Baptiste) were also of the party; the Indian woman was very importunate to be permitted to go, and was therefore indulged. She observed that she had traveled a long way with us to see the great waters, and that now that monstrous fish was also to be seen, she thought it very hard she could not be permitted to see either."

William Clark - January 8, 1806: "We set out early and proceeded to the top of the mountain (Tillamook Head) From this point I beheld the grandest and most pleasing prospects which my



Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. Citizen file photo courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society

eyes ever surveyed. In my front, a boundless ocean; to the N. and N.E. the coast as far as my sight could be extended. And on the other side I have a view of the coast for an immense distance to the S.E. by S. the niches and points of high land which forms this coast for a long ways added to the innumerable rocks of immense rise out at a great distance from the shore and against which the seas break with great force gives this coast a most romantic appearance. I proceeded on down a steep descent to a single house the remains of an old Kil-a-mox town in a

nitch immediately on the sea coast, at which place great numbers of irregular rocks are out and the waves come in with great force.

Proceeded to the place the whale had perished, found only the skeleton of this monster on the sand between the villages of the Kil-a-mox nation; the whale was already pillaged of every valuable part by the Kilamox Inds. in the vicinity of whose village's it lay on the strand where the waves and tide had driven up & left it. This skeleton measured 105 ft. I returned to the village of 5 cabins (site of the present

Cannon Beach grade school) on the creek which I shall call E-co-la or Whale Creek, found the natives busily engaged boiling the blubber, which they performed in a large square wooden trough by means of hot stones.

The Kil-a-mox although they possessed large quantities of this blubber and oil were so prevarious that they disposed of it with great reluctance and in small quantities only; insomuch that my utmost exertion aided by the party with the small stock of merchandize I had taken with me were notable to procure more blubber than about 300 lb. and a few gallons of oil; small as this stock is I prize it highly, and thank providence for directing the whale to us.

William Clark - January 9, 1806: "I had the blubber & oil divided among the party and set out about sunrise and returned by the same route we had went out. Met several parties of men & women of the Chinook and Clatsop nations, on their way to trade with the Kil-a-mox for blubber and oil. On the steep descent of the mountain I overtook five men and six

women with immense loads of the oil and blubber of the whale. One of the women in the act of getting down a steep part of the mountain her load by some means had slipped off her back. As I was in front of my party, I endeavored to relieve this woman by taking her load...& to my astonishment found the load as much as I could lift and must exceed 100 lbs."

The members of the Lewis and Clark expedition left Fort Clatsop on March 27th; arriving back in St. Louis six months later in September 1806.

William Clark - September 17, 1806: (we were informed) "that we had been long since given up by the people of the U.S. generally and almost forgotten. The president of the U. States had yet hopes of us."

From the letter Meriwether Lewis wrote to President Thomas Jefferson from St. Louis - September 23, 1806: "In obedience to your orders we have penetrated the continent of North America to the Pacific Ocean."

A passion for culinary creations: Bistro Restaurant in Cannon Beach

Deb Atiyeh
Reporter

In the fall of 2016, Jack Stevenson set off on a motorcycle trip along the Oregon coast in search of a restaurant that fit his style and vision. Growing up in Carmel, Monterey and San Diego, he knew he wanted to be on the coast near the ocean. Upon arriving in Cannon Beach, he knew he had found the right

place, saying he "loved the vibe of the town and it felt right." He had a vision of a restaurant that was different from other restaurants in town, had the right lay-out and flow, and was small enough that he could manage it alone. He found it in the Bistro, which just happened to be for sale. Jack ended up purchasing the Bistro from the original owners a few months

later and it all came together - a new life on the Oregon coast in the beautiful town of Cannon Beach. For the first time, he had his own restaurant and his vision was fulfilled as if it was meant to be.

Jack Stevenson has been working as a chef since 1991. After 14 years in the Air Force, he enrolled in culinary school to cultivate his passion for cooking. In the 1960's he would watch the "Galloping Gourmet" with his mother; both were inspired to try new recipes and it's where his inspiration for cooking began.

While working as the Sous Chef at the Bridges Restaurant in San Francisco in the early 90's, Jack was the food stylist for the movie "Mrs. Doubtfire." The film crew and cast, including Robin Williams, were always nibbling on and enjoying his cuisine, and Jack actually had the chance to perform in the movie under the watchful eye of director Chris Columbus.

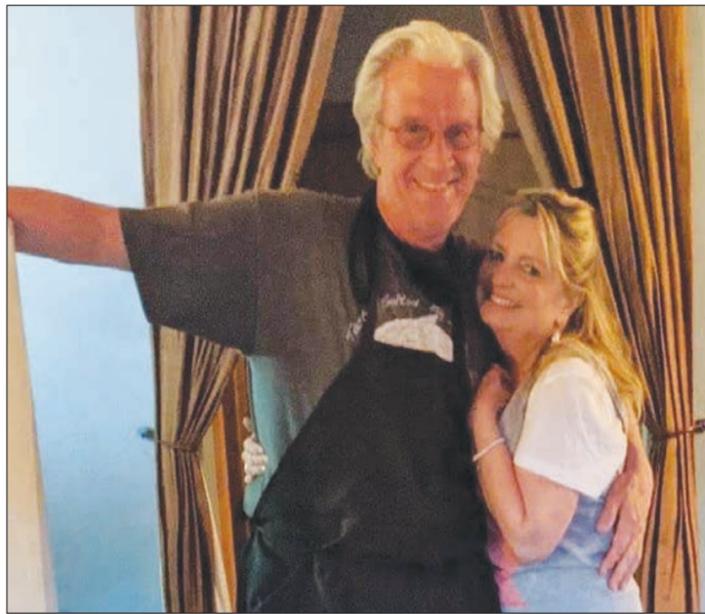
After spending another 3 years at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Francisco, Jack moved to Orlando in 1997 to develop the new position of "Special Banquets" at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin. He inspired them to try new creations apart from the regular meat and potatoes that were prevalent in banquet settings at the time, and a year later took on the role of Executive Sous Chef for the resort.

After 5 years in Orlando, he returned to San Francisco to take the position of Executive Sous Chef at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in San Francisco. During his time at the Mandarin Oriental Group, Jack was the featured personality for five weeks on the Island of Bermuda, highlighting his California style menu at the famed 5-star Elbow Beach Resort.

Not long after purchasing the Bistro in the fall of 2016, some mutual friends introduced Jack to JJ. They spent time getting to know one another, and in 2018 JJ moved to Cannon Beach. JJ became the lovely and warm smiling face of kindness at the Bistro, welcoming guests from near and far. "It is a pleasure to meet such a diversity of people that come to dine at the restaurant," she said. "Many return regularly with their families and it is such a pleasure to see them again." Jack and JJ compliment each other and are the perfect balance for the Bistro.

Jack says not a single day goes by that he doesn't feel grateful, saying that "cooking is not like a job, it is a passion." It is a pleasure to come to work every day; to make the bread dough and create meals from scratch that people will love.

After being closed for the month of December, the Bistro opened again on New Year's



Jack Stevenson and JJ at the Bistro in Cannon Beach. Photo provided

Eve. The Bistro is open for dinner Wednesday through Sunday (closed Monday and Tuesday) and features live music every night, with "Thistle and Rose" on Wednesday, Richard Thomasin, Chelsea LaFey and Dave Quinton Thursday and Sunday, and Wes Wahrmond on acoustic guitar Friday and Saturday.

January through June, from 5 to 6 p.m., the Bistro offers several affordable options in

their bar menu. Drop by to try some special Chicken Meatballs, an Omelette Espanol, or Korean Beef Ribs while listening to live music.

Jack's motto is "Food Without Confusion." Jack is always experimenting with blending flavors and textures, using local and seasonal ingredients, to create a sublime dining experience. Speaking of sublime, try their fresh handmade linguini. It's the best ever.



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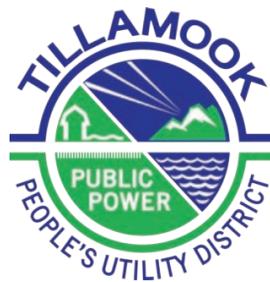
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PUD offers community support grants in 2023

Tillamook PUD is accepting applications now for the 2023 Community Support Grant Program.

Local not-for-profit organizations seeking funding for their community projects in 2023 are eligible to apply. Entities interested in applying must submit their 2023 Community Support Grant application by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2023. Grant applications and procedures are available at the Tillamook PUD main office, or online at www.tpubd.org/news-community/community-support-grants/.

Applications are evaluated and selected by the



Tillamook PUD Board of Directors in mid-March. In their evaluation, the Board considers each project's potential for economic development and community outreach, as well as financial need.

Projects must be completed by the end of the 2023 calendar year. Additionally, individual grant awards are limited to \$10,000 each year and entities are eligible to receive no more than \$20,000 within a five-year period.

Some examples of past projects that have received Community Support Grant funding include lighting and electrical upgrades at various civic organizations, support for community programs, purchasing updated energy-efficient appliances for community facilities, and improvement projects at local organizations utilized by the community.



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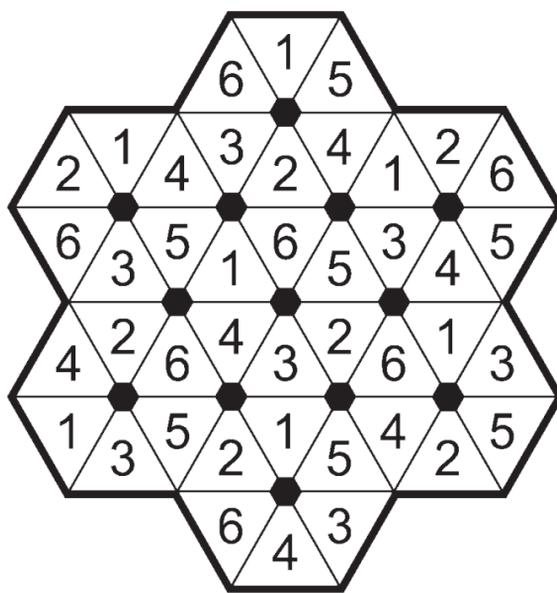
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3. Trove;
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Today's Word
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Puzzles on page 6.

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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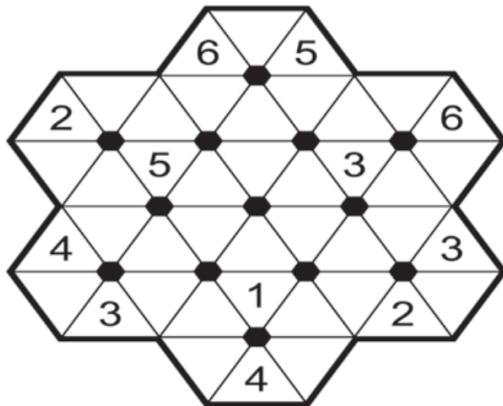
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by Japheth Light

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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Wyden visits Tillamook in Town Hall meeting

Will Chappell
Reporter

Senator Ron Wyden visited Tillamook on January 8, for his second in-person town-hall meeting since the Covid pandemic and addressed a wide range of concerns raised by residents.

Wyden touted infrastructure and inflation mitigation measures passed by the last congress and said that he shared the audience's concerns about challenges facing seniors and will be redoubling his focus on those issues in this legislative session.

"In a way we're sort of starting over in the post-pandemic period and if anything, it's even more important to listen and get your input," Wyden said at the beginning of the town hall.

It was the 1,029th town hall of Wyden's career as senator, following a pledge he made to host at least one in each of Oregon's 36 counties every year he was in office.

For over two years, the Covid-19 pandemic pushed Wyden's town halls online, but the event in Tillamook marked Wyden's second in-person town hall following an event in Seaside the previous day.

Around 30 members of the public came to the Port of Tillamook Bay Officers' Mess Hall, and more than a dozen asked questions of the senator.

Wyden highlighted infrastructure investments that he and Senator Jeff Merkley and other members of the Oregon congressional delegation had secured for Tillamook County during the last congress.

These included grants to cities across the county through the American Recovery Plan Act to help with water system upgrades, \$62 million to fund upgrades to the South Jetty at the entrance to Tillamook Bay

and, most recently, \$3 million in funding to the county to continue broadband development in underserved areas and \$2 million to upgrade emergency radio services.

"You cannot have big-league quality of life with little-league infrastructure," Wyden said, "you just can't do it."

He also said that he would have members of his staff hold a session to educate Tillamook

residents on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and the funding it makes available to the county.

When asked if he thought the infrastructure improvements passed by the last congress could be matched by the next, Wyden expressed optimism.

"There is nothing Republican or Democratic about bridges and roads and water systems and the like," he said.

Senator-Elect Suzanne Weber announces committee assignments ahead of the 82nd Legislative Session

Last week, Senator-Elect Suzanne Weber announced her committee assignments for the upcoming session.

Senator-Elect Weber (R-Tillamook) released the following statement:

"I'm excited to serve as Vice-chair of the Senate Education Committee, as well as a member of the Senate Human Services Committee and the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education. The way that rural Northwest Oregon views and addresses the issues that face these committees is unique and deserve a voice. I'm honored to be that voice."

The 82nd Legislative Assembly will be sworn in on Monday, January 9th, 2023. The 82nd Legislative Session will begin on January 17th, 2023.



Weekly SUDOKU

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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Puzzle answers on page 5.



"See what I mean? Mine cried first—he's a born _____!"

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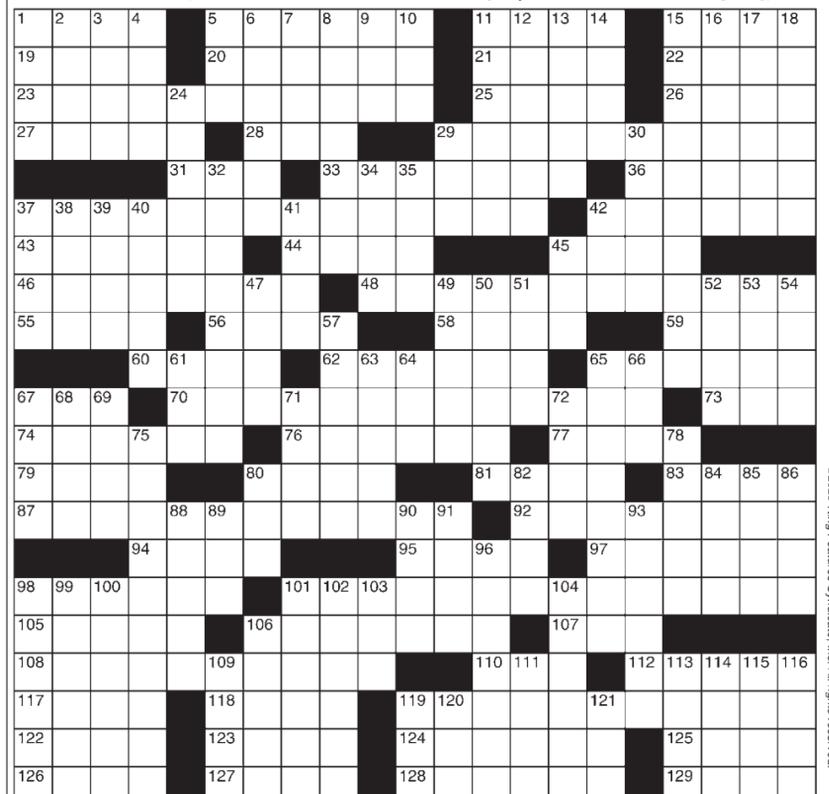
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Suddenly blazing star
 - 5 Put stress on Sicily
 - 11 Volcano in Sicily
 - 15 Meadow songbird
 - 19 Supreme Norse deity
 - 20 Net-tending player
 - 21 Donahue of TV
 - 22 Genesis garden
 - 23 Very ornate designs of the 1700s
 - 25 Be mindful of Lincoln
 - 27 Sports site
 - 28 Apr. and Dec. metal alloy manufacturer
 - 31 M.Sgt., e.g.
 - 33 Friz Freleng's real first name
 - 36 Mean-spirited sort
 - 37 Fill-up sites with star logos
 - 42 Crows
 - 43 Oscar winner Brody
 - 44 Like a straight line, in brief
 - 45 Work to get angry dog
 - 48 1993 event at Mount Carmel Center
 - 55 Comic actor Danny
 - 56 Spill the info, with "up"
 - 58 Region
 - 59 Raines of old Hollywood
 - 60 Active person
 - 62 Spring forth
 - 65 Thingamajig
 - 67 "Please help!"
 - 70 Venue of the 2002 Humanitarian Bowl
 - 73 Log chopper
 - 74 Brief summary
 - 76 Sprung forth
 - 77 Trail
 - 79 Prefix with dynamic
 - 80 Henna applicator
 - 81 Read hastily
 - 83 Gibbons, e.g.
 - 87 Something Plus White toothpaste claims to remove
 - 92 Water, humorously
 - 94 Sports side
 - 95 Potting stuff
 - 97 TV journalist Chung
 - 98 Mimicked
 - 101 A cut from the short loin
 - 105 Playwright Fugard
 - 106 Vocalists
 - 107 Simile middle
 - 108 University in northern California
 - 110 McKellen of "X-Men"
 - 112 Mosul native
 - 117 Aquarium
 - 118 One of 18 on a golf course
 - 119 They're in eight answers in this puzzle
 - 122 Slushy drink
 - 123 Superior to
 - 124 Works the rudder
 - 125 Dimple site
 - 126 Play roster
 - 127 Joins in matrimony
 - 128 Cherished "Mother"
 - 129 Held on to
 - DOWN**
 - 1 With 11-Down, "Sleepless in Seattle" director
 - 2 Aroma
 - 3 Destructive habit
 - 4 After a while
 - 5 In days past
 - 6 Carl Sagan book
 - 7 Roman censor
 - 8 Blissful
 - 9 Nothing at all
 - 10 One of 18 on a golf course
 - 11 See 1-Down
 - 12 One's wife
 - 13 Nephew's sister
 - 14 Gucci of fashion
 - 15 Unlike rightsies
 - 16 Farewells
 - 17 Go back to the way it was
 - 18 Belfry sounds
 - 24 Call off
 - 29 Foofaraw
 - 30 Jeer at
 - 32 Christmas trees, usually
 - 34 Single-pot meal
 - 35 Verdi heroine
 - 37 Job to do
 - 38 Pulitzer winner Ferber
 - 39 Diagnostic pic
 - 40 Ran on TV
 - 41 Clothes, colloquially
 - 42 Ewe's call
 - 45 LGA guess
 - 47 Emperor before Galba
 - 49 A la — (menu words)
 - 50 Hammond instruments
 - 51 Potential plant
 - 52 "Three Sisters" sister
 - 53 Tighten up a muscle
 - 54 Destiny
 - 57 Under wraps
 - 61 Kyoto sash
 - 63 Actress Kelly or Shearer
 - 64 Suffix with prophet
 - 65 Andean llamas
 - 66 Quantity: Abbr.
 - 67 Little quarrel
 - 68 Classic cookie
 - 69 Kosovo native
 - 71 "No" votes
 - 72 Apple device
 - 75 Opening in a parka, say
 - 78 Lacks
 - 80 DeLuise of "Hot Stuff"
 - 82 Large city in Colombia
 - 84 Window unit
 - 85 Kazan of film
 - 86 Search for
 - 88 Green with Grammys
 - 89 Ill-bred man
 - 90 "Oh, woe —!"
 - 91 Jordanian queen dowager
 - 93 Tile artwork
 - 96 Like some trading
 - 98 Milk-related
 - 99 Cornell University city
 - 100 Gives off light
 - 101 Used a rotary telephone
 - 102 Puts in
 - 103 Big T-shirt size: Abbr.
 - 104 Some chair craftspeople
 - 106 Hot pot spot
 - 109 Movie or play
 - 111 "Zip — -Doo-Dah" native
 - 113 Pebble, e.g.
 - 114 Tennis' Arthur
 - 115 Ear swab
 - 116 "— that special!"
 - 119 1940s pres.
 - 120 Suffix with Israel
 - 121 Hush-hush govt. gp.



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