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Rockaway Beach hires Wheeler and Nehalem city managers as city planner and recorder

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Citizen Editor

Rockaway Beach Mayor Charles McNeilly announced last week that the city has hired a new city planner and recorder, both of whom will start on June 1. Mary Johnson will become the city planner, departing the city manager's position in Wheeler, while Melissa Thompson-Kiefer will leave the same position in Nehalem to become the city's recorder. "City of Rockaway Beach, as a desirable place to work, continues to attract high

caliber, qualified candidates for open positions this year," Mayor Charles McNeilly wrote in a statement to the Herald. McNeilly had earlier announced the hirings on the board of county commissioners' weekly countywide update call on May 16. McNeilly noted that the average age in Rockaway Beach had decreased by a decade in between the 2010 and 2020 censuses, and that more families had also taken up residence in the community. These demographic changes have led to an increase in services and support sought

from city staff. Johnson's hiring will let the city move planning tasks in house to allow for a better response to the tactical and strategic planning needs of the community, according to McNeilly. "Mary (Johnson) is well suited to lead our planning efforts with over 10 years of management and legal experience as well as first class communication, outreach and public relation skills," McNeilly wrote. Johnson's departure from Wheeler leaves the city with one staff member.

Thompson-Kiefer will fill the city recorder position that was recently reestablished. McNeilly said that this move was made to allow City Manager Luke Shepard more time for strategic planning and to enhance the city's customer service. Nehalem has already begun the recruitment process to replace Thompson-Kiefer as city manager, with the position listed on the League of Oregon Cities' website, with a salary range between \$75,000 and \$95,000.

Weber talks walk out

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State Senator Suzanne Weber has been participating in a protracted walkout from the ongoing legislative session in Salem along with Republican and Independent colleagues. The group are objecting to the illegibility of bill summaries, House Bill 2002, which aimed to protect reproductive rights and gender affirming care in the state, and what Weber characterizes as a larger muffling of Republican voices. Even as the group pledges to return to address budget bills before the end of the session in June, many, including Weber have accrued more than 10 absences, which would disqualify them from running for reelection under Measure 113. But Republicans claim that the measure is invalid and have promised to challenge it in court, going so far as to start a political action committee to fundraise around the issue.

"I put a lot of thought into it and I believe that what I'm doing is right," Weber said. "I believe that what I'm doing is constitutional and I guess I laid it all on the line, didn't I?"

According to Weber, the main catalyst for the walkout was the discovery by a Republican staffer of a 1979 law that requires summaries of proposed bills to be written at an eighth-grade reading level. Weber says that this resonated with her as she has had experiences with constituents who were unable to determine proposed bills' purposes. "A lot of bills are written in legalese," Weber said. "There's a lot of numbers referring to other laws, other bills, other situations, and if you don't have that right at your fingertips you don't really understand what all the bill is doing or not doing." These concerns over comprehensibility were exacerbated when HB 2002 came before the senate. The summary of the bill, which would expand protections for abortions and gender affirming care, was written at a college level, according to

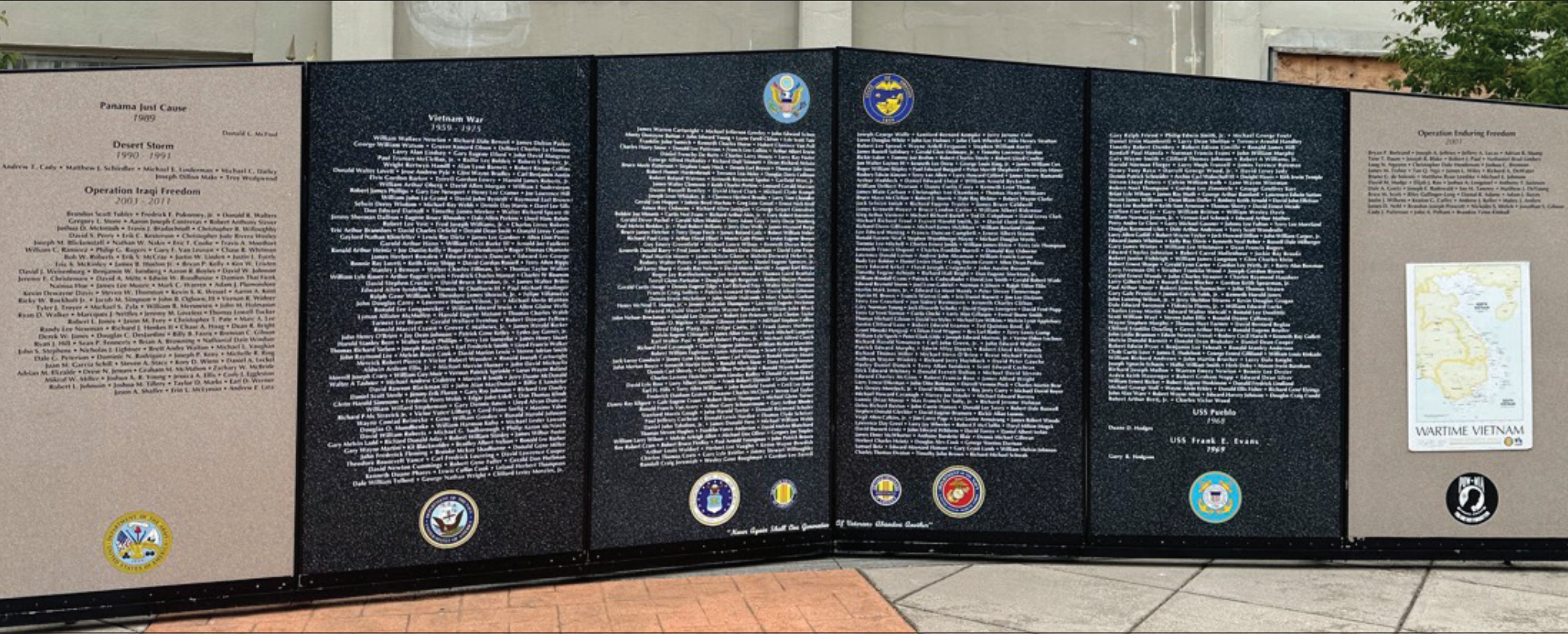
Weber. Weber and Republicans also felt that the bill covered too broad a variety of topics. It had "a lot of things that need to be taken separately analyzed, given their own ability to speak to the people and find out what they want, need or like," Weber said. The frustrations over HB 2002 and the bill summary issue combined with what Weber described the ongoing "disheartening" effect of having little voice in the legislative process. "The Republicans had an agenda that they felt was really bipartisan when we started this session," Weber said. "We had the pledge of working in a bipartisan way from both sides but we found that our agenda was completely sacked."

These factors led the Republicans to begin their walkout in early May, and while talks are ongoing with Democrats, there is no end in sight. Republicans have pledged that they will return to pass a budget and "bipartisan" bills before the session ends on June 25. Republican Senators have been going to the capital to attend committee meetings and handle other business, after a promise from Governor Tina Kotek not to use the state police to compel them to attend floor sessions. "We are continuing to work, we are continuing to attend our committee meetings, we are continuing to meet with constituents and we're working every single day," Weber said. "The only thing we are not doing is we are not going to the floor to vote on bills that are going to be coming forward."

Weber is joined in the walkout by ten other Republican senators and two Independents, leaving the 30-member body three short of its two thirds quorum requirement to hold floor sessions. Walkouts have become a regular tactic for Oregon's Republican senators in recent years, with similar show-downs occurring in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

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Oregon Veterans Memorial Traveling Wall



Members of the public look at the recently assembled Oregon Veterans Memorial Traveling Wall at the Second Street Plaza in Tillamook on May 26. The wall contains the names of Oregon service members who lost their lives during the Vietnam War and subsequent conflicts. The wall was transported to Tillamook and assembled by the Vietnam Veterans of America Umpqua Valley Chapter 805 and arrived with a police escort. PHOTOS COURTESY KATHERINE MEURER.



April and May convictions in Tillamook County criminal court convictions

STAFF REPORT

On January 12, Jason Scott Miner, 35, pled no contest to one count of aggravated harassment, a class C felony, committed on or about September 3, 2022. Miner was sentenced to two years in prison and two years on probation following his release.

On March 10, Russell Ray Howard, 39, pled no contest to one count of criminal trespass in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about June 27, 2022. Howard was sentenced to time served in jail.

On March 29, Abbigale Michelle Hedley, 38, pled guilty to one count of criminal mischief in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about January 23, 2022. On May 1, Hedley was sentenced to time served in jail.

On April 17, Sean Michael Richards, 31, pled no contest to one count of harassment, a class B misdemeanor, committed on or about April 25, 2022. On May 5, Richards was sentenced to 18 months' probation.

On April 18, Clinton Eric Branum, 46, pled no contest to one count of theft in the first degree, a class C felony, committed on or about January 18, 2022. Branum was sentenced to 13 months in prison and one year probation upon his release.

On April 24, Kevin James Troutd, 61, pled guilty to one count of theft in the third degree, a class C misdemeanor, committed on or about March 23. Troutd was placed on bench probation for 12 months.

On April 24, Josse Marie Pyshny, 35, pled no contest

to one count of failure to perform the duties of a driver relating to property damage, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about November 22, 2021. Pyshny was sentenced to time served in jail and her license was suspended for 90 days.

On April 24, Curtis James Cavitt, 50, pled guilty to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about December 4, 2021. Cavitt was sentenced to 48 hours in jail, his driver's license was suspended for one year and he was placed on probation for 24 months.

On April 25, Chelsea Marie Beeler was found to be in violation of her probation on one count of theft in the first degree, after using or possessing controlled substances, failing to report for probation and failing to undergo an alcohol and controlled substance evaluation. Beeler's probation was revoked and she was remanded to the custody of the Tillamook County Sheriff for 180 days.

On April 26, Daniel Robert Essary admitted to having contact with his victim, and to consuming and possessing alcohol and a controlled substance, in violation of his probation for assault and attempted strangulation. Essary's probation was continued but he was sentenced to ten days in jail as a sanction for the probation violation.

On April 27, Jose Maria Sanchez Ponce, 32, pled guilty to one count of criminal mischief in the first degree, a class C felony, committed on or about November 7, 2022. Ponce was scheduled to 10 days in jail

and 18 months' probation.

On April 27, Jaren Dean Moore, 24, pled guilty to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about October 3, 2022. Moore was sentenced to 10 days in jail and three years on probation and his driver's license was suspended for three years.

On April 28, Todd Richard Beauchamp, 56, pled no contest to one count of attempting to commit the class B felony of sexual abuse in the first degree, a class C felony, committed on or about January 1, 2017. Beauchamp was sentenced to 60 days in jail and five years on probation.

On May 3, Kenneth Robert Wirth, Jr., 31, pled no contest to one count of criminal mischief in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about May 24, 2022. Wirth was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

On May 5, Alex Wesley Morlang Hurley, 28, pled guilty to one count of criminally negligent homicide, a class B felony, two counts of assault in the fourth degree, class A misdemeanors, two counts of recklessly endangering another person, class A misdemeanors, and one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, with all offenses committed on or about March 31, 2022. Hurley was sentenced to four years in prison and five years on supervised probation, his license was revoked for life and was ordered to pay a total of \$2,810 in attorney fees, and fines and fees to the court.

On May 5, Grace Darling, 39, pled guilty to one count of violating animal wildlife

law with a culpable mental state by taking, angling, hunting or trapping in violation wildlife law or a rule, a class A violation, committed on or about January 20. Darling's shellfish permit was revoked for three years and she was ordered to pay a \$440 fine.

On May 5, Mu Hsit, 30, pled guilty to one count of violating animal wildlife law with a culpable mental state by taking, angling, hunting or trapping in violation wildlife law or a rule, a class A violation, committed on or about January 20. Hsit's shellfish permit was revoked for three years and she was ordered to pay a \$440 fine.

On May 5, Saw Ta Bo, 33, pled guilty to one count of violating animal wildlife law with a culpable mental state by taking, angling, hunting or trapping in violation wildlife law or a rule, a class A violation, committed on or about January 20. Bo's shellfish permit was revoked for three years and he was ordered to pay a \$440 fine and \$368 in attorney fees.

On May 5, Lah Gay Paw, 31, pled guilty to one count of violating animal wildlife law with a culpable mental state by taking, angling, hunting or trapping in violation wildlife law or a rule, a class A violation, committed on or about January 20. Paw's shellfish permit was revoked for three years and she was ordered to pay a \$440 fine.

On May 5, Naw Htee Hser Wah, 36, pled guilty to one count of violating animal wildlife law with a culpable mental state by taking, angling, hunting or trapping in violation wildlife law or a rule, a class A viola-

tion, committed on or about January 20. Wah's shellfish permit was revoked for three years and she was ordered to pay a \$440 fine.

On May 5, Nicholas Allen Stone, 34, pled guilty to one count of theft in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about January 23. Stone was sentenced to 48 hours in jail.

On May 8, Brianna Richelle Chambers, 29, pled no contest to one count of endangering the welfare of a minor, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about March 12, 2022, and one count of private indecency, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about the same date. Chambers was sentenced to three years' probation and ordered to pay \$200 in fines.

On May 9, Charles Frederick Seeling, 34, pled no contest to one count of theft in the first degree, a class C felony, committed on or between March 1, 2022, and March 15, 2022. Seeling was sentenced to 13 months in prison followed by one year of post-prison supervision.

On May 12, Christopher Leon Foss, 32, pled no contest to one count of failure to perform duties of a driver relating to property damage, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about January 29. Foss was sentenced to two days in jail and one year on probation while his driver's license was suspended for 90 days and he was ordered to pay \$246.60 in restitution.

On May 15, Ian Robert Doohar, 35, pled guilty to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about Decem-

ber 9, 2022. Doohar was placed on probation for three years during which time his driver's license will also be suspended and he was ordered to pay a \$2,000 DUII fine and \$255 intoxicant conviction fee.

On May 15, Anthony Snodderly, 27, pled guilty to one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about March 12. Snodderly was sentenced to 48 hours in jail, two years on probation and an 11-month-and-29-day driver's license suspension and ordered to pay \$2,623 in fees and fines.

On May 15, Joseph Edward Reynolds, 18, pled guilty to one count of theft in the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or between January 1 and February 6. Reynolds was sentenced to 18 months' probation and ordered to pay \$2,232.89 to O'Reilly Auto Parts.

On May 15, Brittney Nichoal Stinnett, 32, pled no contest to one count of attempting to commit assault in the fourth degree, a class A misdemeanor, committed on or about January 9. Stinnett was sentenced to 18 months' probation and ordered to pay a \$100 fine to the court and \$658 in restitution.

On May 15, Asariel Cesar Gonzalez Martinez, 23, pled guilty to two counts of recklessly endangering another person, class A misdemeanors, both committed on December 5, 2021. Gonzalez Martinez's license was suspended for 90 days and he was placed on probation for one year.

Nehalem Valley Historical Society scores big with history lessons

Beyond the door located on the ground floor of the Pine Grove Community Center in Manzanita, the Nehalem Valley Historical Society (NVHS) offers a fascinating tour through centuries of our local stories. Exhibits share the history of the lives of native people, ancient ship explorations, homesteading, and the beginnings of the timber, fishing, farming and tourism industries, as well as the development of state parks.

The exhibits are the result of years of hard work by Tom Campbell, executive director of NVHS, Mark Beach, local historian and a corps of dedicated NVHS volunteers.

"It's important to share these stories of this area, and to preserve them for future generations of researchers, students and historians," said Campbell.

One way NVHS is preserving historical records is through a digitization project, which will be available online. The first set of archives that have been scanned and uploaded can be found at nehalemvalleyhistory.org under the "Explore" tab.

"Our board member and archivist, Steven Gibson, offered a \$4000 match to donations from our members," said Campbell. "Not only did the community match that, but we also received

two, \$2000 grants, one from the Autzen Foundation and another from the Tillamook County Cultural Coalition. This will provide the funds for a major portion of the total digitization project."

Visitors from all over the United States and many countries walk through the door each year, with many donating or becoming members. Closed during the worst years of Covid, the historical society has revived and regrouped. Since then, membership has doubled to more than 200, much of that because of the programs sponsored by NVHS.

Since November 2022, NVHS has sponsored several popular speaker series:

"Shiver Me Timbers," about the discovery of remnants of an ancient Spanish galleon shipwreck; six Nehalem Valley history sessions led by Mark Beach; "No Treaties for the North Coast," presented by Dr. David Lewis of Oregon State University; and "Carrying Mail for the North Coast," a documentary film about Mary Gerritse, developed by Liz Cole, Mark Beach and Carl Vandervoort. And on Memorial Day, May 29, NVHS hosted a ceremony honoring veterans, families and community leaders at the Nehalem American Legion Cemetery.

The speaker season isn't over yet. On June 21, NVHS, along with the Elakha Alliance, Tillamook County Pioneer Museum and Pelican Brewing, will sponsor a program about saving Oregon's sea otters. And on July 8, NVHS welcomes Dr. Brian Atwater, geologist and author of "The Orphan Tsunami of 1700," who will present the research on earthquakes and tsunamis in the Cascadia zone.

NVHS is located at 225 Laneda Avenue in Manzanita and is open to the public on Saturdays from 1-4pm. There is always a docent to greet you. Private tours can also be arranged; email info@nehalemvalleyhistory.org

Bikes for Books program promotes elementary reading

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Tillamook's Masonic Lodge 57 has expanded its Bikes for Books program to five elementary schools across the county, helping to encourage students to read by offering bikes and scooters as raffle prizes.

This year, the program will see 14 bikes and six scooters awarded to students and the masons plan to keep expanding the program in years to come.

"All of the teachers and principals were so grateful and I can't wait to do this again next year," said Ron Benson, the mason who coordinated the program for the lodge.

The program is part of a wider drive by the Masonic Grand Lodge of Oregon that aims to promote youth literacy by incentivizing reading. The Tillamook Lodge started their own version of the program several years ago at South Prairie Elementary School, before deciding to expand it this year to serve East, Nehalem, Cloverdale and Garibaldi Elementary Schools as well.

"Masons are really really huge on the whole education thing so we just want to promote that in Tillamook County," Benson said.

South Prairie Elementary

Principal Eric Gronseth said that the Bikes for Books program serves as a good finale to their yearlong series of events promoting reading. For example, in April, students who read at least an hour a week were treated to ice cream on Fridays.

This month, students have read around 100 books and filled out book reports in exchange for raffle tickets to win one of the two bikes donated by the masons. The drawing for the bikes will be held on May 31.

"They've just been great to work with and so generous with us so we're very grateful for that," Gronseth said of the masons.

The masons put around \$2,000 into the program this year and hope to continue expanding it next year, with an eye on finding a way to include private and home school students as well, according to Benson.

Benson said that the program has been popular with teachers and principals he has talked to, who appreciate that it encourages students to interact with physical copies of books and get active outside.

"All the teachers and principals I talked to were interested in having their kids' faces out of the screens," Benson said.



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ODOT completes public testimony period for Highway 6 study

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The public comment period for the Oregon Department of Transportation’s safety study of Highway 6 concluded on May 26, after offering citizens the opportunity to comment on a bevy of possible upgrades for the highway.

Now, department staff will work to compile a final report for the legislature that combines that feedback with safety data and input from a stakeholder advisory committee by September.

The study was commissioned by the state legislature, in an effort led by then-State Representative Suzanne Weber, to offer recommendations for safety upgrades to the road link between

Tillamook and Washington Counties.

Following an initial public comment period to gather feedback on problem areas on the roadway, officials from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) generated a list of potential projects to address those issues for additional feedback.

Projects on the long list fall into one of two general categories: those that could be completed using ODOT’s Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund and those that would require funding directed by legislative action.

Improvements falling under the former category include adjusting speed limits downward, adding signage to better alert drivers to persistent roadway conditions, congestion areas and problem

spots, upgrading reflective signs and road markings through the corridor and adding rumble strips.

Lying a step beyond these improvements, but still potentially within the budget of the statewide fund, were the addition of weather monitoring and alert systems to the highway. This group of proposed upgrades would range in cost from \$1,500 per analog road sign to \$55,000 for each TripCheck weather monitoring station to \$600,000 per digital advance warning sign.

But the more digitally advanced solutions are currently impossible to deploy due to the lack of internet or cellular service across the vast majority of the highway. That lack of connectivity was also listed as a primary concern

by those offering feedback, although those concerns lay outside of ODOT’s purview.

Another challenge facing improvements on Highway 6 is its low usage relative to other highways maintained by ODOT. According to Ken Shonkwiler, a senior transportation project manager for ODOT in Northwest Oregon, the agency uses a formula that factors in usage and risk to assign funding for improvement projects across the state. Highway 6’s relatively low traffic means that most of those solutions would fall lower on that list, although they would eventually come up for funding.

The second group of proposed improvements focused on potential major upgrades to the roadway as it passes over the summit of the coast

range and would cost significantly more.

The stretch of highway between mileposts 28 and 37 experiences landslide activity and offers an opportunity for the addition of passing lanes, which the public identified as being of interest.

Unfortunately, any work to expand or reduce passing lanes would require \$40 million in preliminary work to stabilize slopes. Adding to the existing lanes over the summit would cost an additional \$32.2 to \$61.9 million, while reducing them to turnouts would cost around \$5 million. In addition to these rough estimates for improvement work, ODOT included estimates of \$38 million to repair the 18 highest-priority slopes, or \$115 million to repair all unstable slopes in

the corridor.

It will be up to legislators to decide which action, if any, to take on those more expensive upgrades when they receive the final report in the fall.

Another possibility raised by ODOT for public comment was that of designating some portion of the highway as a safety corridor. That move would provide access to additional state funding for increased law enforcement and double speeding fines over a two-to-ten-mile stretch of the highway. To achieve this designation, the road would have to be shown to meet certain criteria before being considered for approval by the state government.

County clerk releases second round of election results

The Tillamook County Clerk released an updated vote count for May 16 special district elections on Thursday, showing that several races had been swayed by the 1,002 votes counted since election day.

In the Tillamook School District, Matthew Petty overcame what looked to be a narrow defeat to pull ahead of challenger Danell Boggs. In the Nestucca Valley School District, the update showed that Diane Boisa had weathered a challenge from Greg Woods after she had appeared on track to lose on election night and that Zachary Best’s margin of victory over Russ Sanders had been shaved to a single vote.

Not in doubt is the fate of the proposed bond for the Nehalem Bay Health District’s new health clinic and pharmacy, which remained on track to pass by a wide margin, having received 70% of votes tallied.

closer with Thursday’s update as Best’s lead in the race for position 4 had been cut to a single vote over Sanders.

Meanwhile Wally Nelson’s advantage over Sherry Hartford in the race for position 2 had grown from 20 votes to 65. In the final race for Nestucca School Board, Joseph Boyd was on pace to retain his position, having received 44% of the vote in a three-way race.

Three incumbent members of the board of Tillamook Bay Community College looked set to hold off challenges, with Mary Jones having received 60% of the vote against Jonathan Whittles and Dwaine McClintock, Betsy McMahon having received 70% against Teah Laviolette and Mary Faith

Bell receiving 59% in a race against Loten Hooley.

Tillamook County Transportation District’s board will return to full strength in July, following an extended period with two empty board seats. Marni Johnston and Jonathan Bean ran unopposed for two positions, while Jim Hefferman had received 68% of the vote in a race against Laviolette, and Thomas Fiorelli had received 56% in his bid against Mary Leverette.

In two races for seats on the board of the North County Recreation District, Erin Laskey-Wilson looked poised to beat Constance Shimek, having received 58% of the vote, while Mary Gallagher was on track to defeat Laviolette with 84% of votes cast.

Marc Johnson was still on track to defeat Laviolette in a race for a seat on the board of the Nehalem Bay Health District having received 8% of the vote. Shelley Dickson had received 57% of votes cast in the race for a Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District board position against Dwaine McClintock.

As of 5 p.m. on May 18, 7,604 ballots had been counted, accounting for 35.95% of registered voters in the county. Mailed ballots are allowed seven days after election day to arrive at the county clerk’s office for tallying and results must be certified and submitted to the secretary of state’s office by June 12.



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OPINION

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Resilient, Efficient Buildings Bills Stalled in Salem

The good news: There’s a great package of bills going through the Oregon legislature that would help us, right here on the Oregon coast, save money and improve air quality in our homes and businesses. It’s called the Resilient Efficient Buildings Package (SB 868 - 871 and HB 3166). If it gets passed this year, it will help

unlock a bunch of federal money from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and Inflation Reduction Act and set up a one stop shop to help people renovating or building their homes and businesses access those rebates and incentives.

The bad news is our Senator Suzanne Weber is not showing up to vote. By participating in a walk-out that intentionally prevents the legislature from holding floor sessions, she and her walk-out colleagues are derailing

common sense policies like the Resilient Efficient Buildings Package.

It’s a Senator’s job to be present and vote on the floor of the Senate: Our Senators need to show up to work, vote “No” on bills they oppose, and stop stalling important, common sense bills like the Resilient Efficient Buildings Package.

*Sincerely,
Helena Birecki Neskowin, OR*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Republican Senators need to return to work

Oregonians do not want legislators to play hooky. That’s why we set basic rules for attendance along with consequences for those who don’t abide. Yet despite that mandate, some still pretend the office they’re elected and paid to fill doesn’t come with a work requirement.

When leadership fails, we the people must lead. So, my wife and I recently took time out of our schedules to stand on a street corner holding signs, asking a state senator to do her job. We shouldn’t

have to do that, but Suzanne Weber began her first legislative session after her oath of office by staging a walkout because of bills she doesn’t like.

The maneuver plays to extremists who’ll risk anything to get their way. It’s also lazy because it avoids the hard work of building relationships. Even when legislators disagree on bills, there’s a lot of important work that must be done.

The task of budgeting springs to mind. Like many folks, I want to see public revenues used wisely for priority needs. More scrutiny and communication from fiscal conservatives could help

cut waste and stretch the utility of hard-earned tax dollars. At a minimum, that requires showing up for work.

According to reports, Oregon’s budget is in better shape than expected. Revenue forecasters project our state will have two billion dollars more to spend or save over the next couple of years. Will that money be stewarded to shore up resilience during challenging times, help us address concerns like public safety, wildfires, and affordable housing?

Not if public leaders are AWOL.

Watt Childress Nehalem

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Frustrated with Weber

I am frustrated, (and so is everyone that I talk to) with our Oregon State republican senators in their dereliction of duty and responsibilities as elected representatives. Now there are

ten senators, including our Suzanne Weber, who are now not eligible for re-election due to 10 or more unexcused absences from participating in senate business. The talk is that the republican senators will challenge the state voter mandate on the legality of this ruling. If any one in the private sector didn’t

show up for work for ten days would their job be still there? I think not. Would I vote for retaining an elected official after walking away from their elected position of high responsibility to their constituents? I think not.

Joe Balden Nehalem, OR 97131

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

HCP can help North Coast Fishing

I felt pretty slighted after I reading Representative Javadi’s letter to the editor dated May 12th. Of course, it’s good to have a champion for the timber industry, as the representative points out, timber is an essential component to our rural community and should be for generations to come.

What I found disconcerting was the utter disregard for the fishing industry, both sport and commercial, that has been absolutely crippled by overwhelming closures in recent years and will authentically have to call on the federal government for a welfare check just to make boat payments and feed our families when there is no “product” for us to harvest.

The continued disregard of the value wild salmon brings to the district he represents is deeply disappointing and disturbing.

Set aside the fact that outdoor recreation generates over \$550 million annually on the north coast, residents of our communities choose to live and recreate here due to the once abundant returns of wild salmon and the natural resources produced in the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests.

Like the monocultured forests that have been compromised by Swiss Needle Cast on the Tillamook, our coastal economies can’t survive on timber dollars alone. The Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) that Representative Javadi continues to rail against will provide solutions to this complex problem. The HCP is designed to provide a pathway to recovery for wild

salmon, now at 3% of their historical abundance, while continuing to allow the flow of timber revenue to county taxing districts. The HCP is a federally approved plan that addresses the needs of fish, wildlife and clean, cold water, while enabling logging operations to continue to harvest robust amounts of timber from these public lands. It’s really a win-win for Tillamook County and its residents that want to continue to live the quality of life we’ve come to expect on the Oregon Coast.

Please contact Representative Javadi at rep.cyrusjavadi@oregonlegislature.gov and urge him to fight for all residents of the north coast and help diversify our coastal economy to set up future generations of our rural residents for success.

Bob Rees Bay City, OR

■ WEBER CONTINUED FROM PAGE A1

In last year’s November election, Oregon voters passed Measure 113, which disqualified legislators from running for office if they accrued ten unexcused absences. Weber passed that mark on May 18.

Senate Republicans have vowed to challenge Measure 113 in the courts on constitutional grounds, a promise that Weber repeated. She said that she was not personally involved in the legal challenges or the fundraising

that has sprung up around them, but that she understood the challenges would be to the constitutionality of the measure as well as the way it was written.

Weber acknowledged that if the measure is upheld in



courts, she will be unable to run again but said that she would continue to serve her constituents for the rest of the term either way.

“I do have three more years left in my term,” Weber said, “and I’m looking forward to being able to serve my community in that capacity.”

When asked about the implications of the walkout when it came to stymieing legislators that represent a majority of Oregonians,

Weber again pointed to the importance of the minority’s voice being heard.




“It is a democracy that you have the majority wins but the minority has good, viable concepts that also need to be addressed,” Weber said.



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LEGAL NOTICES

FORM LB-1		NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING	
<p>A public meeting of the Nehalem City Council will be held on June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at 35900 8th Street, Nehalem, Oregon, and by video conference. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 as approved by the City of Nehalem Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 35900 8th Street, Nehalem, Oregon, by appointment, or online at www.nehalem.gov/budget. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.</p>			
Contact: Melissa Thompson-Kiefer		Telephone: (503) 368-5627	Email: mthompson@nehalem.gov
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2021-2022	Adopted Budget This Year 2022-2023	Approved Budget Next Year 2023-2024
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	1,290,273	1,739,200	2,630,075
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	878,951	979,000	798,725
Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	471,902	58,206	278,580
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	390,000	410,000	315,000
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	4,118	38,920	31,680
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	54,954	53,000	53,000
Total Resources	3,090,198	3,278,326	4,107,060
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	369,447	397,872	456,107
Materials and Services	340,415	491,280	553,530
Capital Outlay	43,475	1,163,070	2,016,500
Debt Service	125,931	125,932	125,932
Interfund Transfers	390,000	410,000	315,000
Contingencies	0	77,000	116,500
Special Payments	2,150	2,150	2,150
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	1,818,780	611,022	521,341
Total Requirements	3,090,198	3,278,326	4,107,060
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program			
Administration	126,707	138,699	148,067
FTE	0.2	0.2	0.2
Transient Lodging	850	850	850
FTE	0	0	0
Community Development	3,962	18,800	19,000
FTE	0	0	0
Parks & Recreation	10,836	11,900	14,600
FTE	0	0	0
Streets	41,298	65,448	320,918
FTE	0.4	0.4	0.4
Water	459,781	542,955	632,202
FTE	3.6	3.6	3.6
Timber	456,054	444,500	361,500
FTE	0	0	0
Building Reserve	7,545	625,000	1,058,500
FTE	0	0	0
Cemetery	6,666	8,500	8,500
FTE	0	0	0
Water Capital Projects	29,533	535,570	707,000
FTE	0	0	0
VFW Flag Reserve	102	0	0
FTE	0	0	0
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	1,946,864	886,104	835,923
FTE	0	0	0
Total Requirements	3,090,198	3,278,326	4,107,060
Total FTE	4	4	4

Super Crossword

Answers

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SPORTS

Pirates season ends in heartbreaker at Sisters in playoffs

MIKE WEBER

For the North Coast Citizen

In their first season in Class 3A after moving up from the 2A level, the No. 7-ranked Neah-Kah-Nie High Pirates tremendous success, including a berth in the OSAA OnPoint Community Credit Union baseball state championship tournament.

The Pirates faced the No. 10-ranked Sisters High Outlaws May 24 in a second-round state playoff road game. The Pirates were confident and they had the momentum of a three-game win streak, which they were seeking to extend to four straight with a possible victory to propel them to the quarterfinals.

The Pirates, guided by eighth-year Coach Rob Herder, had their chances and they came ever so close to the getting a win. Unfortunately, the Outlaws came out on top by scoring the game-winning run on a Pirate miscue in the bottom of the seventh inning to secure a 4-3 win at Sisters High School. The heartbreaking defeat ended the Pirates season much sooner than what they had expected.

“It was a really tough loss,” said Herder. “All four of Sisters runs were produced by small infractions by our defense. That was the hard part because it felt like we helped them score their four runs. We were down the whole game and we came back to rally and tie the score.”

Sisters (20-7) scored one run in the first three innings to take a 3-0 third inning advantage. The Pirates fought back and scored two in the fourth, trimming the margin to 3-2. After two scoreless

frames, the Pirates knotted it 3-3 in the top of the seventh and they seemed to be within reach of getting a win, while hoping to extend the contest into the eighth inning.

“It really just looked like we were going to come back and get the win,” said Herder. “We were staring defeat right in the face. Then we fought back to tie the game and then to have it slip away was just crushing after we worked so hard to get back. Sisters is a really good team and I’ll give them credit for capitalizing on our mistakes. They just took advantage of some of our miscues and that was enough and that’s playoff baseball. You don’t have to be perfect, but you have to play well for the entire game.”

The Pirates were one strike away from sending the game into extra innings too. There were two outs when Pirates senior pitcher Humberto Gerardo-Keith worked the count to two strikes on an Outlaw batter. At that point, it seemed highly likely that the contest would be going into the eighth.

The Outlaw batter then hammered the next pitch to center field for a double. In a bizarre sequence that followed, the Outlaw baserunner scored from second base on a passed ball as the contest concluded with a Sisters win. Gerardo-Keith and Pirate catcher Jacobee Wilkinson combined to try and make a clutch play at home to get the runner out, but they were just unable to execute their defense effectively for the putout as the Sisters runner was able to score the winning run.

It was a close contest between the two evenly

matched teams with Sisters outhitting the Pirates by only one hit at 7-6. Pirates senior starting pitcher Eddie Loza had a strong performance on the mound as he struck out eight, with just two earned runs and four walks in six innings pitched.

The Pirates were led offensively by Gerardo-Keith (1-for-3), Loza (1-for-3), Cole Brown (2-for-3, RBI), Hunter Lane (1-for-3, RBI) and Ethan Hanson (1-for-3, RBI).

The contest marked the final game of their Neah-Kah-Nie High School career for seniors Brown, Gerardo-Keith, Keagan Lane, Hunter Lane, Parker Hopkins, Jacob Steinbach, Ethan Scovel, Caleb Harth and Wilkinson.

“It was a heartbreaking loss for the team, but particularly for all of our seniors,” said Herder. “We had such a great season and it was especially very painful the way it ended.”

The Pirates had a total of eight players who capped the season by earning Special District 1 All League Awards. Gerardo-Keith, Loza and junior Anthony Allen each earned First Team All-League Awards. Brown and Wikinson earned Second Team Awards. Hopkins, Harth and junior Calvin Gernert earned Honorable Mention Awards

The Pirates concluded the season tied for second place at 13-3 with the Warrenton High Warriors in the nine-team Special District 1 standings. The Pirates reached the state playoffs for a second straight year and the fourth time in the last six years. The rewere not any playoffs in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19.



(Left to Right) Anna Roddy, Lilly Marteeny, and Krista Bozley preparing for the 3000-meter race.

PICTURE PROVIDED BY CLAUDIA HERNANDO-SANZ, NEAH-KAH-NIE YEARBOOK.

Pirates host district track and field meet and send athletes to state tournament

SAMANTHA SWAN

For the North Coast Citizen

The Neah-Kah-Nie Track and Field Team recently celebrated multiple victories at their district track tournament. Their state qualifiers include Neah-Kah-Nie Male athlete of the year, Espen White, who will be participating in the 110-meter hurdles. Sara Vega will also be participating at the state level, setting a personal record in the 400-meter race.

Mariana Cota, one of

Neah-Kah-Nie’s most prolific sprinters, and a future collegiate athlete won the 100-meter dash, and the 200-meter dash, and is part of the winning Neah-Kah-Nie 4x100 relay team. When asked how she has succeeded in the sport, Cota states, “you have to have the mindset” and “put in the time.” Indeed, Cota’s efforts have been worthwhile, as she will be running for Pacific University next fall.

In field events, Neah-Kah-Nie will be sending two athletes to the state meet, Zane

Krumenacker in shotput and Dario Ayala in discus and javelin. Despite his impressive showing, Ayala was “not feeling good” leading up to the meet, still afflicted by a previous injury. However, he set a new personal record in both the discus and javelin throws. Like Ayala, Liam Sullivan will be representing Neah-Kah-Nie in two events: the high jump and the triple jump. All qualifying athletes will be participating in the State Competition at the University of Oregon from May 25-26.

Commissioners decide on charges for East Beaver Creek Road cleanup

WILL CHAPPELL

Citizen Editor

The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners approved solid waste rate raises for four of the five unincorporated franchise areas in the county at their May 24 meeting.

The board also made a final decision on the cost that will be assessed for the removal of excess tires and an illegal road approach at a property on East Beaver Creek Road.

Customers in each of the county’s solid waste disposal franchise areas, except for those served by Nestucca Valley Sanitary Service, will see their rates increased by varying amounts.

Tillamook County Solid Waste Program Manager David McCall said that the increases were made to allow the franchisees to maintain the 8-12% profit margin allowed by state statute. McCall said that the rate increases varied by the service type as well as the districts, depending on a variety of factors.

An increase was also approved to the rate that the county pays to Dairy Compost Inc. for the disposal of yard waste, which is then combined with manure from local farms to make compost.

Commissioners also approved a request from Health and Human Services Department Administrator Marlene Putman to reallocate \$189,000 in Covid relief funds before their expiration at the end of June. According

to Putman, those funds had originally been earmarked to hire new staff, but due to recruitment challenges the positions had remained unfilled. This left the funds available for other disaster response efforts, but they needed to be designated before the end of fiscal year 2023.

This led Putman to identify a list of projects that the funds could be directed towards. Those projects include the purchase and installation of a generator for the under-construction facility on Eighth Street in Tillamook, the purchase of a van to expand the department’s mobile medicine program and upgrades to an already-purchased van.

Finally, the commissioners took up the matter of assessing costs to the owner of a property on East Beaver Creek Road for extensive work performed by the public works department removing an illegal road approach.

Scott Hunter, the son of property owner Judith Debrey, had erected a fence made of tires and an unpermitted road approach on a portion of the property in 2019 and 2020. Neighboring property owners complained about the excess tires, leading to multiple attempts to make Hunter remediate the problem, which he declined to do.

Eventually, the matter came before county commissioners in December 2022, at which point they issued a violation against the property and ordered Hunter to remove all tires not associ-

ated with vehicles, as well as the road approach, within 30 days.

Hunter initially made progress, filling one dumpster with tires, but by February, improvements had stalled. The board of commissioners gave Hunter a final opportunity to fix the violation within 30 days, while requiring he meet weekly progress goals set by McCall, authorizing the public works department to do the work should Hunter fail to.

After no further progress was made, a county work crew was dispatched on February 21, beginning work that lasted until March 2, after being delayed by the historic snowstorm that hit the county.

McCall presented a report of the work to county commissioners at a meeting in late April, showing that the total cost of the work had totaled just over \$20,000.

Hunter contended that the public works crew had removed tires in excess of the commissioners’ order as well as various other personal effects that he had stored under a tarp adjacent to the approach. He claimed that the goods that had been disposed of had been worth \$18,000.

At that point, commissioners asked for additional evidence of the removed items, which McCall provided at the May 24 meeting. Photos provided by McCall showed a small blue tarp where Hunter had described it prior to the work commencing, which had been removed in

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Publisher Adolph

5 Pile up

10 Hit with an open hand

14 Mafia heads

19 Defrost

20 Fireside drink

21 Lead-in to byte

22 O. Henry literary device

23 Yore

25 Finks

26 City in France

27 Trickled out

28 Graduation cap dangle

30 Ticked Muppet

31 Entrees with pastry crusts

33 Wood-cleaning product

36 Forest array

37 Rich wall tapestry

38 Cholesterol-lowering drugs

39 Predecessor of Andrew Johnson

44 Naval vessel initis.

45 — Sea (Asian lake)

46 Gravy-train job

48 Take on moguls

51 Week's seven

55 Grouchy type

57 Zingy flavor

58 Hockey great Mikita

59 Japanese city

61 Australian territory in the Indian Ocean

66 Greek deity of wisdom

68 "Kate & —" (old sitcom)

69 Uncultured

70 Ivy League school in Providence

75 Backless sofa

76 Lavs, to Brits

77 Prefix with drama

78 Scots' refusals

80 Bird-built home

81 Kin of -ette

82 Left-leaning

86 "Tomb raider" Croft

88 Sister, say of 2016 Best Director winner for "La La Land"

95 Zoo collection

99 Letters after alphas

100 Localities

101 Certain letter-shaped pattern, to Brits

104 Set free

106 Touch down

107 "Yes —" ("You bet!")

108 Shortcoming

109 Compadre

111 Arctic bird

112 Ancestor ... or what the first word of seven answers in this puzzle can have?

116 Cab ticker

117 — Z ('80s Camaro)

118 Fountain of Rome

119 Architect Saarinen

120 People staring

121 Parched, old-style

122 Pfeiffer of "Cybill"

123 Drearly dull

DOWN

1 Baseball great Mel

2 — Town (the Windy City)

3 Pet in an exercise wheel

4 "Popeye" tot

5 Compass variations

7 Did superbly on

8 Corn core

9 Ell preceder

10 Attaches, as a seat belt

11 God tethers

12 Chichi

13 Sporty 1990s Toyotas

14 U.S. snoop gp.

15 Nabs

16 Hol — (the masses)

17 Like single-person bands

18 B-board overseers

24 Kimono-clad hostess

28 "Baywatch" actress

29 Of formal public worship

31 School org.

32 Space sphere

33 Med. scan

34 Big tea holders

35 Use a surgical beam on

37 God of Islam

40 Circle section

41 "I Need to Know" singer — Anthony

42 "Open this door!"

43 March Madness gp.

47 Little — (tykes)

48 Diet drastically

49 Oklahoma neighbor

50 Use the tab key, perhaps

51 Not too hard to carry out

52 Houston baseballers

53 Loutish types

54 Distorts

56 Display of great daring

58 Killed, as a dragon

60 Shaker Lee

62 Ending for project

63 35mm camera type

64 Seventh scale notes

65 Lawn turf

67 Quarterbacks' called changes

71 — Hill, San Francisco

72 Like cold tea

73 Powder room powders

74 "Awright!"

79 Mexican Mrs.

82 Fact falsifier

83 Aura

84 Manorial lord

85 Meyers of late night

87 Funnel-shaped flower

88 One leaving a sneer

90 — "King" Cole

91 Built

92 Suede, e.g.

93 — Vegas

94 Ending for Slam

95 On fire

96 Capital of Niger

97 Set on fire

98 "You are right about that"

102 "— Jacques" (kids' song)

103 Misstep

104 Christopher who played Superman

105 Chaperone in "The Hunger Games"

108 Historical plaintiff

109 Scott

110 Surgery ctrs.

112 Bouquet-bringing gp.

113 Tram cargo

114 Period

115 Rip off

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