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NBHD's new clinic in Wheeler is on pace for an early October opening.

## NBHD clinic nears completion

**WILL CHAPPELL**  
Citizen Editor

Workers at the Nehalem Bay Health District's new clinic and pharmacy in Wheeler are closing in on an early September date for substantial completion, which will allow the new facility to open the first weekend of October.

Flooring and ceilings are being installed, and dental and X-ray equipment will both arrive by early August and Nehalem Bay Health District (NBHD) Board Chair Marc Johnson said

the opening will serve as an opportunity for the community to explore the facility and the district to thank them for their support.

"It'll be more in the nature of a community celebration with an opportunity for people to have tours of the building and familiarize themselves with what we built here," Johnson said, "but also an opportunity to thank the community for being so supportive."

Groundbreaking for the \$12.2-million facility occurred last July and work has pro-

gressed smoothly since then under the stewardship of Bremik Construction and project superintendent Kevin McMurry.

As of mid-June, work on the pharmacy on the facility's first floor was largely complete, with cabinets and the pharmacy window installed. The clinic's waiting room was still awaiting its reception desk. Upstairs, preparation work for the three dental operatories that will be installed was in its final stages, while cabinetry for a demonstration kitchen in the facility's community conference room

had been installed and was awaiting appliances.

Johnson said that the downstairs waiting room will feature displays honoring substantial donors to the project and tracking the district's history. "It will pay tribute to the people who first brought health care here and show a little bit of the transition over time," Johnson said.

On the facility's exterior, sidewalks and curbs have been

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## Hand recount confirms TLT increase fails by 12 votes

**WILL CHAPPELL**  
Citizen Editor

Four members of Tillamook County's board of elections gathered at the county clerk's office on June 11, for a hand recount of votes on Ballot Measure 29-183, seeking to raise Tillamook County's transient lodging tax from 10% to 14%.

After a process that lasted until noon on Wednesday, all 9,000 votes in the contest were recounted, confirming the results from the tabulator, allowing Tillamook County Clerk Christy Nyseth to certify the election, with the measure falling by a margin of 12 votes, with 4506 against and 4494 for.

Measure 29-183 sought to increase Tillamook County's transient lodging tax (TLT) rate from 10% to 14% and was advanced by county commissioners in response to a budget crunch in the county government.

A concerted campaign was mounted against the proposed measure by members of the lodging industry, who argued that the increase would negatively impact their already-tight bottom lines.

The vote on the measure was nip and tuck from the get-go, though the no side always led, with 21 votes separating the responses in the first round of vote results released on election night. The margin shrunk from there, falling to 20 votes two days after the election and just 11 votes once all votes had been counted on May 29. After 22 voters with unverified or absent signatures corrected their ballots by June 10, the tabulator's results stood at 4506 against and 4494 for.

This margin fell within the threshold for an automatic recount, required by Oregon statute in any election on a ballot measure where the margin between yes and no votes is less than one fifth of one percent of the total votes cast for and against the measure, in this case 18 votes.

Tillamook County Election Board Members Joni Steel, Diane Colcord,

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## Summer festivals begin with Dairy Days and rodeo

**STAFF REPORT**

Tillamook County's annual slate of summer festivals kicks off this weekend with the 38th annual Dairy Days Parade on June 28, and the 68th Tillamook County Rodeo on June 27 and 28.

Rodeo events lead the weekend off on Friday, with the Miss Tillamook County Rodeo and Junior Miss Tillamook County Rodeo competitions and Little Tillys pageant

during the day before the first night of competition at 7 p.m. at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds.

Saturday's activities start off with the YMCA Milk Run at 8 a.m., before the June Dairy Parade begins rolling through downtown at 11 a.m., with a theme of "Moovin Thru the Seasons."

Rodeo champions will be decided on Saturday night and the Miss Tillamook County Rodeo and Junior Miss Tillamook County Rodeo crowned at the halftime.

See the insert in this edition or online at our website for a map of the parade route, list of entries and more details about the rodeo and milk run.



Tillamook Rodeo 2024. Photo by Will Chappell

## TLT reform passes house

**WILL CHAPPELL**  
Citizen Editor

Oregon's house of representatives passed a bill that would restructure the statutory restriction on city and county spending of transient lodging tax dollars on June 19.

The bill, advanced by Tillamook Representative Cyrus Javadi, passed with 31 yes votes against 23 no votes and now moves to the senate for consideration.

Javadi's attempts to reform the spending restrictions of House Bill 2267 that passed in 2003 and established the current regime for TLT spending have been ongoing since the beginning of this session. Javadi and leaders in counties that receive high levels of tourism argue that the current restrictions requiring 70% of funds from the TLT go towards tourism promotion or facilities leave jurisdictions without sufficient revenues to meet the cost of serving visitors, especially as it relates to emergency services.

Initially, Javadi introduced two bills, one proposing a change in the percentage of funds restricted for tourism use from 70% to 50% and the other proposing a change to the definitions of tourism-related spending to add law enforcement and tourism facility maintenance in the allowed expenditures for the restricted funds.

Both of those proposals fizzled and died in the general government committee early in the session, but Javadi continued his quest and in early May, Democratic Representative Jules Walters revived the discussion, dedicating one of her five priority bills to redefining the allowable uses of restricted TLT funds.

From there, Javadi and other legislators convened a series of closed-door meetings in May and early June, bringing

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# First TBCC nursing grads pinned

WILL CHAPPELL  
CITIZEN EDITOR

Family, friends and supporters gathered at Tillamook Bay Community College on June 11, to celebrate the 14 nurses who completed their degrees with a traditional pinning ceremony to welcome them into the profession.

Those nurses were the first to graduate from Tillamook Bay Community College's (TBCC) nursing program, after starting their studies in January 2024.

"Today we gather not only to honor the hard work and dedication of these students, but a historic milestone for the college," said Dr. Tiffany Slover, the Dean of Allied Health who spoke at the ceremony.

The pinning ceremony is a time-honored tradition in the nursing profession dating back to the Knights Hospitalier in the 12th century, who received the Maltese cross as a symbol of their service. The pinning of the cross to welcome new nurses went on to become a standard practice by the early 20th century in the United States and England.

At the ceremony, Slover welcomed the crowd and graduates, congratulating them on their accomplishment and thanking the friends, family and staff members who had helped them during their studies.



Graduates from Tillamook Bay Community College's first nursing program cohort perform a lamp lighting ceremony with members of the program's faculty.

Shannon Hoff, a nurse and member of TBCC's board of education, then gave a keynote address, encouraging the graduates to work to build each other up and to help promote the importance of nursing, so those in the profession would no longer be unsung heroes.

Dr. Alex Tripp from the college's nursing faculty then led the pinning of graduates, who were pinned by fellow nurses, with several mothers and best friends participating, as well as staff from the nursing program.

The graduates then took part in a lamp lighting ceremony, holding lit candles to represent the transfer of compassion and knowledge from their forebears in the profession, in a ceremony that originated with Florence Nightingale, who was known for her nighttime rounds.

# Tillamook takes part in airlift drill

WILL CHAPPELL  
CITIZEN EDITOR

Three planes piloted by volunteers from the Oregon Disaster Airlift Response Team ferried supplies to the Tillamook Airport on June 14, as part of an airlift drill dubbed the Whale Run.

Tillamook County Emergency Management, Oregon's Department of Human Services and Office of Resilience and Emergency Management, the Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay and the Port of Tillamook Bay all helped coordinate and execute the exercise, which aimed to simulate the aftermath of a maximum Cascadia subduction zone earthquake and tsunami.

The Oregon Disaster Airlift Response Team (ODART) is comprised of pilots, who volunteer their aircraft and skills to help Oregon's far-flung communities during a disaster. June's drill was made up of a dry run on June 7, before the full drill on the 14th.

On the 14th, Tillamook County Emergency Manager Randy Thorpe coordinated with the volunteers to coordinate a food supply run from Aurora to the coast in response to a simulated late night 9.0-magnitude earth-

quake and tsunami. Three planes landed at the Tillamook Airport around noon bearing 200 pounds of food each, where it was received, inventoried and distributed by drill participants. In the case of the drill, the transported food was donated to local food banks.

After making their drop-off, pilots participated in a further drill to practice triage decision making in a crisis, with Thorpe providing a list of survivors with various medical conditions, who the pilots were responsible for prioritizing for air transport to the Willamette Valley.

Beyond their supply and evacuation functions, in a disaster ODART will survey roadways to help local emergency responders coordinate transportation and help coordinate communications between isolated communities.

The exercise was the first that brought together ODART volunteers, Tillamook County emergency management and state agencies, and Jeff Gilbert, Regional Emergency Coordinator with the Office of Resilience and Emergency Management, said his team had been impressed by the results.

"We were not certain how smooth the coordination would go, but we could not



Supplies are unloaded from one of the Oregon Disaster Airlift Response Team planes at the Tillamook Airport during the June 14 Whale Run drill. Photo by Jeff Gilbert

have been more pleased," Gilbert said. "Everyone came together and made it a truly wonderful success."

Gilbert said that given the favorable results, his team has already begun discussing a follow-up exercise larger in scale and involving more people across the county.

In addition to Tillamook, the drill unfolded up and down the coast, with communities participating from Astoria to Coos Bay.

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## NBHD Nears completion

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installed, while paving is scheduled to occur by the end of the month. The

facility is equipped with a generator capable of powering its normal operations for more than a week and solar panels tied into the power grid to defray electricity costs.

Johnson said that the district plans to maintain its current service hours

after the move and noted that a secure medication dispensing box is being installed for after-hours prescription pickups.

Move-in will begin in early September once substantial completion occurs and Johnson said that 90% of the furniture in



The clinic's interior awaits flooring and ceiling installation.

the building will be new, facilitating a quick transition and allowing for an opening in early October.

As work at the building nears completion, two other projects that are part of a \$15.5-million overhaul of the district's facilities along with the new clinic

and pharmacy are also taking place.

Renovations at the district's skilled nursing facility in Wheeler have already begun, with foundation work complete and new water heaters installed, and cosmetic upgrades like new flooring and paint sched-

uled soon.

Plans for repurposing the district's existing clinic, the old Rinehart Hospital, are also progressing, though Johnson said that he expects that project to pick up pace after the facility is vacated and it can be more easily evaluated.

# Garibaldi council raises water and sewer rates

WILL CHAPPELL  
CITIZEN EDITOR

In a lengthy and sometimes contentious meeting on June 16, Garibaldi's city council approved drastic raises to the city's water and sewer utility rates, voted to establish a street maintenance fee and adopted a budget for fiscal year 2026.

The water rate increase will see the city's base water rate for customers with three-quarter-inch pipes jump from \$37.62 to \$48.91 for 4,000 gallons and is the third increase in as many years. The sewer rate increase will see the base rate rise from \$62.71 to \$81.52, while the street maintenance fee will be set at next month's meeting but is expected to come in at \$10.

Members of the public, including two former mayors, extensively questioned the budgeting process and rate hikes at the meeting, and Councilor Norman Shattuck voted against the street maintenance fee and budget, while Councilor Cheryl Gierga voted against both utility rate increases.

City Manager Jake Boone first brought proposals for the rate increases and new fee before the city council in April as part of the city's budgeting process, though council opted to delay decisions on both to allow the city's budget committee a chance to weigh in.

The street maintenance fee will go into the city's street maintenance fund, which currently relies on a franchise fee on the Tillamook Peoples' Utility District electric bills, which are insufficient to

meet the city's street maintenance needs. Originally proposed at \$19 per month per property, Boone told the council that he was now proposing the fee be \$10 monthly, which will be formalized at the council's July meeting, thanks to the budget committee allocating previously unallocated, unrestricted transient lodging tax dollars to the fund.

Utility fee increases were calculated based on the needs of the water and sewer systems, and Boone explained in April that failures to raise rates in the past had led to insufficient collections and deferred maintenance, making the large increases necessary. The city's base water rate, for example, remained steady at \$24.50 from 2010 until 2023, when it was increased to \$36.14, before being increased again last year to \$37.62.

Echoing the meeting in April, former mayors Judy Riggs and Tim Hall gave public comment questioning the city's budgeting process and the fee increases, taking aim at staffing costs.

Hall questioned why Boone and the city's finance manager were receiving cost-of-living based pay increases when they were not union employees and the city's finances were so dire as to require the drastic increase in costs to citizens.

Riggs questioned Boone's salary, noting that in 2022 the then city manager had earned \$86,000 versus \$120,000 for Boone now, and said that a drastic change was needed. Riggs also bemoaned the impact of the fee increases on seniors, saying that she had already seen an uptick

in retired people coming to the food bank where she volunteers.

When discussion among the council began, it was quickly clear that councilors shared many of the public's concerns.

Councilor Linda Bade said that approving the street maintenance fee and rate increases was "heart breaking" for her, but that there was no other choice. Bade said that the recently completed audit for fiscal year 2021 showed that the city's street maintenance fund had been operating in the negative, and that the auditors only expected the deficit to grow in future audits. Bade said that given this, if the city wanted to have even the most basic maintenance, such as mowing rights of way, completed, the new fee was necessary.

Bade said that she appreciated the impact the new fee and increases

would have on residents living on a fixed income but that she felt it was necessary nonetheless, a sentiment with which Gierga agreed.

Bade, Gierga, Councilor Sandy Tyrer and Mayor Katie Findling voted in favor of the ordinance allowing the city council to impose a street maintenance fee, while Shattuck voted no. The council will consider a resolution to set the fee at \$10 next month.

On the utility rate increase resolutions, Bade, Tyrer, Shattuck and Findling voted yes, with Gierga voting no.

On the budget itself, Bade, Gierga, Tyrer and Findling voted yes, and Shattuck voted no.

At the meeting the council also deferred action on assigning responsibility for the maintenance of sewer lateral lines to property owners.

The proposed ordinance would shift responsibility for sewer lateral maintenance lines between property lines and the city's main line from the city to property owners. This proposal also drew criticism from commenters, who questioned why residents should be responsible for

the costly maintenance when the city had done a shoddy job of installing them in the first place.

When council discussions began, Tyrer said that she was uncomfortable with the legality of the ordinance though Boone said he had cleared the ordinance with the city's legal counsel. Other councilors said that they also had questions about the ordinance and unanimously voted against the ordinance and approved a request for a written opinion from counsel before reconsidering the ordinance in July.

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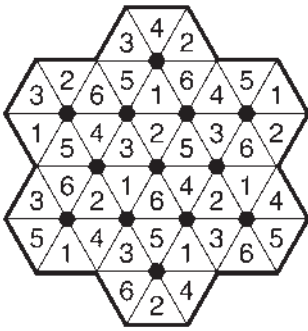
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solution



GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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Go Figure!

answers

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CryptoQuip

answer

Hoping it would be lucky enough to be planted by a Dakota tribe member, the seed exclaimed "Sioux sow me!"

CryptoQuote

answer

The body is an instrument, the mind its function, the witness and reward of its operation.

— George Santayana

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answer

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Even Exchange

answers

1. Alone, Alone

2. Squint, Squit

3. Baker, Biker

4. Locket, Rocket

5. Ashen, Aspen

6. Meddle, Middle

7. Saute, Sauce

8. Refax, Relay

9. Cover, Cover

10. Attach, Attack

Super Crossword

DISCRETE CHARACTERS

ACROSS

1 Broken stone for paving

8 Big petroleum company of the past

15 Actress Talia

20 Erstwhile empress of Russia

21 Very narrow, as a road

22 Got the lead out?

23 Decision to award Eris' apple to Aphrodite

25 Blah feeling

31 Stein drinks

34 Original lion-logo film studio

38 Arriver's declaration

40 — buco

41 A Nixon daughter

44 City northeast of Toronto

48 To wit

54 Cascara and red ash are members of it

58 Deem worthy

59 Poet Rich or actress Barbeau

60 "Yang Yang" singer Yoko

61 Painting in the Louvre

63 San Luis —

64 Doc bloc

66 Shoveled

68 Boots out

69 Hardware pieces for attaching shelves to walls

74 Wrinkly-faced dog

77 Wallach or Manning

78 Outlaw

79 Similar to

82 Diner offering

84 Ancient

86 Sits to appear on the cover of, say

90 Pest control company

91 Hovel

94 Shredded, as Parmesan

96 Takes care of

97 1980s game consoles

98 Honolulu site

100 Snazzily dressed

103 2011 Steve Carell rom-com

111 Sphere

115 Port near Buenos Aires

116 "Louisville Lip" of boxing

117 Jeff Lynne's rock gp.

119 "Is that true about me?"

120 Scope of influence

121 The "AA" and "BB" of an AABB scheme

127 Din

128 "Hamilton" composer Lin-Manuel

129 City grid parts

130 Lace snails

131 Ends of sonnets

132 Phrase with no repeated letters (like each of this puzzle's seven longest answers)

DOWN

1 Dead-end work position

2 Sky-blue hue

3 Corps core

4 Uru, neighbor

5 Not well lit

6 Over again

7 Take care of

8 Cozy gunk

9 Lacking in nourishment

10 Skunk Papé of cartoons

11 Like crumbly piecrusts

12 Rowing blade

13 Reggae's — Kamoze

14 Best Musical before "Phantom"

15 Silvery fish

16 Dharma follower

17 Private

18 Recycle

19 Fixes up text

24 Son of Odin

30 Holy relic

32 Lake of TV talk

33 Hit hard, biblical-style

35 Novelist Urs

36 "— get it!" ("Oh, makes sense!")

37 Sacred song

39 Violinist Hilary

41 Kind of ski lift

42 Very impolite

43 2012 hit for Flo Rida

45 Calif. air hub

46 Advertising leaflets

47 Stevie Wonder's "My Cherie —"

49 "Siopli," aseas

50 Slags, e.g.

51 Film director Kazan

52 Intense desire

53 "For" votes

55 Doing Atkins, say

56 Do-fa linkup

57 "Get what I'm saying?"

62 Atlanta-to-Akron dir.

65 Suffix with pent-

67 Chitchat

69 Apple or pear

70 Offer a view

71 Permit

72 Sphere

73 Mafia bigwig

74 Hazy air stuff

75 Mister, in Münster

76 "Lonely Boy" singer Paul

79 At a distance

80 Sets of points, in math

81 Torah holders

83 — pork (Chinese entree)

85 Sleuth: Abbr.

87 Purse part

88 Nitrate, e.g.

89 Ration

92 Pick— (refresher)

93 Bygone bird

95 Verb before "thou," perhaps

99 Words after man or sergeant

101 With, to Luc

102 House speaker after Ryan

103 Metallic sound

104 Navarro of silent films

105 H.S. science class for college credit

106 Roster of least-sought-after celebs

107 "Eleni" director Peter

108 "— your disposal"

109 Group trying to sack a QB

110 Swiss chocolatier

112 Like — in headlights

113 Ton of, informally

114 Bette Midler's "Divine" stage persona

118 Alibis, e.g.

122 Go quickly

123 Divs. of eras

124 Propane, e.g.

125 In favor of

126 Knee's place

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Clue: T equals X

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BSNGVO ZN LB AFXSZBC LD X

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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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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Super Crossword

Answers

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RECOUNT  
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Heidi Heidenreich and Barb Aufdermauer gathered at Nyseth’s office on the morning of June 11, for the recount, while former County Commissioner Doug Olson, who campaigned in support of the measure, and a representative from the Oregon Restaurant and Lodging association, which campaigned against the measure, observed.

Nyseth said that the purpose of the recount was to validate the results from the tabulator, explaining that incorrectly marked ballots had already been reviewed by the board during the initial tabulation and corrected in line with Oregon’s state laws that allow corrections to match voter intent in instances where, for example, a ballot box had been checked or incompletely filled.

“The recount is just that we’re going back and we’re doublechecking that the tabulator is correct,” Nyseth said. “And that’s the whole point of it, we’re verifying that the tabulated results are right,

which usually happens.”

To recount the votes, the board members went precinct by precinct, dividing the ballots between two two-person teams, before first counting the ballots to confirm they had the correct number, and double-checking their team members’ count.

Following this verification, the board members separated the ballots into yes and no piles, also verified by their teammate, while setting aside ballots with no vote in the race, before counting the piles, checking their teammates’ count, and reporting the results to Nyseth and staffer Caitlin Munoz, who tallied the results and confirmed against the tabulator’s count.

Nyseth said this was her first automatic recount in 11 years at the office but that in past voluntary recounts the work typically started slow and then sped up as the counters settled into a groove.

The process proceeded for all 29 precincts in the county and was completed by noon on June 12, with the tabulator’s results confirmed, allowing Nyseth to certify the election, and measure 29-183’s failure.



Members of the Tillamook County Board of Elections counting ballots in the race for Measure 29-183 on June 12, with Tillamook County Clerk Christy Nyseth overseeing.

Garibaldi street work nears early completion

**STAFF REPORT**

A \$10.6-million upgrade to Highway 101 through downtown Garibaldi is two months ahead of schedule and set for completion by July 25, according to an Oregon Department of Transportation representative.

Speaking at Garibaldi’s monthly council meeting on June 16, the representative said that crews were working to complete a second paving push on the road’s north side by the Fourth of July holiday. Work on the highway will be complete before the holiday and crews are trying to complete work on side streets as well, but if they

are unable, they will return following the holiday weekend and complete the work by July 14.

Striping will occur during the week of July 22, with work taking place overnight and scheduled for completion by the morning of July 25, allowing traffic to flow normally for the Garibaldi Days festival starting that afternoon.

Work on the project, which is upgrading the highway corridor from 1st to 12th Streets in Garibaldi, began last fall and included the addition of new sidewalks with ADA accessible crossings, as well as a complete repaving of the highway.

OBITUARY

Robert Henry Tarr, Jr.  
Bob Tarr  
April 10, 1946 - May 23, 2025

Bob Tarr (Robert Henry Tarr, Jr.) died at the age of 79 on May 23, 2025, surrounded by family and friends in his home in Arch Cape.

Bob was predeceased by his wife Jan and his brother Richard, and is survived by four siblings and their spouses: Susan Tarr Lange (Arthur), Paul Tarr (Julie), Tom Tarr (Kristy), and Leila Tarr (Steve Estes).

He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews; stepchildren, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; math students and colleagues; and countless friends in the



coastal area and beyond.

Bob was a revered math teacher on the north coast for many years. The loves

of his life were his beloved wife Jan, his magnificent Bernese Mountain Dogs, and teaching math to young people.

“I had a wonderful life -- I got to live in Arch Cape over half my life, be married to Jan for 35 years, and teach kids math!”

Bob was a longtime core member of St. Catherine’s Episcopal Church in Manzanita, where well-behaved dogs are always welcome.

Memorial services will be held at St. Catherine’s on July 19 at 4 PM, followed by a reception and a beach fire.

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TLT Reform  
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representatives from the Oregon Restaurant and Loding Association (ORLA), which opposes changes to the law, local destination management organizations that oversee tourism promotion and development for their areas, county commissioners, mayors and heads of local chambers of commerce together to discuss the proposal.

Javadi said that during those meetings, ORLA’s representatives made it clear that while they did not support a change to the spending restrictions, they would prefer a change in the percentage of funds restricted as opposed to a change in how the funds could be spent. Javadi said that this was driven by a desire to give the destination management organizations, which are funded by restricted TLT funds, certainty in their backing.

That request led Javadi and Walters to amend the bill, pivoting from a definitional change to allowing 60% of TLT funds to be spent freely by the counties with the remaining 40% dedicated to tourism promotion or tourism-related facilities.

The bill cleared a hurdle when it was passed by the house’s revenue committee 4-0 on a straight party line vote on June 12 (Javadi is not a member of the revenue committee) and took another step forward when it passed the house on June 19.

The bill now heads to the Oregon senate as industry interest groups ramp up their

opposition, with ORLA releasing a press release taking issue with the bill’s legislative history on June 16, and the Oregon Coast Visitors Association soliciting citizens to send a form letter to their elected representatives in opposition to the bill on June 19.

Javadi said that there was work left to do and that the bill would likely need bipartisan support in both chambers, as he did not expect unanimous support from either party, but said that he was cautiously optimistic as this was the furthest the

conversation around the split has progressed in the 22 years since the law’s passage. Javadi attributed the newfound forward momentum to the involvement of local leaders from impacted counties who had helped convince his colleagues of the need for change.

“I think that the story that we’ve told resonates with everybody that hears it,” Javadi said. “They understand, even the industry represented by ORLA understands that there are some challenges that cities and counties are facing.”

**HOCUS-FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

6. Number on shirt is smaller.

3. Nose is smaller.

4. Towel is longer.

5. Hair is different.

1. Stripe on sock is missing.

2. Foot is moved.

**FEAR KNIGHT**

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

TEO  
HOSEND  
♥ELHAS  
LTGU  
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♥DYTUS  
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♥TESHLU  
GLOAN  
♥EUDS

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

**Even Exchange**

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Make amends	___ T ___	Solitary	___ L ___
2. Narrow one’s eyes	___ ___ N	Use a water pistol	___ ___ R
3. Cake maker	___ A ___	Chopper dude	___ I ___
4. Necklace ornament	L ___	Spaceship	R ___
5. Very pale	___ H ___	Colorado tree	___ P ___
6. Interfere	___ E ___	Center	___ I ___
7. Cook lightly	___ ___ T	Gravy	___ ___ C
8. Take it easy	___ ___ X	Certain running race	___ ___ Y
9. Shrink	___ W ___	Blanket	___ V ___
10. Fasten	___ ___ H	Invade	___ ___ K

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Rally organizers with Indivisible Tillamook signed protesters in at Sue H. Elmore Park.



Protesters lined Highway 101 on the bridge over the Hoquarton Slough and up to its intersection with First Street on June 14, demonstrating against President Donald Trump.

# Hundreds protest Trump in Tillamook

**WILL CHAPPELL**  
CITIZEN EDITOR

More than five hundred people gathered in downtown Tillamook on June 14, to join in a nationwide day of protest against Donald Trump and his administration at a No Kings rally.

A handful of citizens organized by We the People Tillamook County participated in a simultaneous demonstration nearby, with organizer Tiffany Jacob saying that it was not a counterprotest but a celebration of Flag Day and Trump's birthday.

The No Kings rally was organized by Indivisible Tillamook County, a non-partisan, grassroots organization that relies on citizen engagement to organize protests against Trump's policy agenda, according to Don Backman, who helped organize the June 14 rally.

On the day of the protest, citizens began arriving before the scheduled noon start time, checking in at Sue H. Elmore Park, where signs were available, and taking up positions on both sides of Highway 101 on the bridge over Hoquarton Slough up to First Street. Volunteers in safety vests escorted participants through crosswalks and Backman and other organizers circulated among the crowd, working to maintain a peaceful environment.

Backman said that the message of the protest was very simple: no kings.

"What we are having is a peaceful protest that just says no kings in the United States," Backman said. "If you take a look at what's happening in the United States right now, Donald Trump is basically making himself a king and he's ignoring the courts, making arbitrary decisions, arresting people without probable cause and without due process and trying to kick them out."

Protesters' signs addressed a variety of concerns, including threatened cuts to public broadcasting and food banks, though most stuck closely to the no kings theme.

Backman estimated that almost 400 people had arrived by 12:15 p.m., with more still waiting to sign in at the park, and organizers announced by megaphone that by the end of the protest more than 500 people had participated. A sister protest in Manzanita drew a crowd estimated at several hundred by one attendee.

On the other side of Highway 101, a smaller group gathered at Hoquarton Park and lined the west side of the highway's



A smaller group of citizens gathered nearby in support of Trump and to celebrate Flag Day.

southbound lanes with several American and Trump campaign flags.

Jacob, a local organizer with We the People Tillamook County, stressed that the event was not a counter-protest, but a celebration of Flag Day and Trump's 79th birthday.

"Our perspective is we love America and we're out here for Flag Day," Jacob said. "We want to wave our flag proud. It's also our president's birthday, going to give a little bit of love there too."

When asked about the adjacent protest's no kings messaging, Jacob pointed to the fact that Trump had been duly elected, saying that he wasn't a king. Jacob said that while she would like to see more cuts to the federal budget, she understood the pressures preventing them, and was happy overall with Trump's actions since resuming office in January.

"I am happy with how things are going," Jacob said. "I would like to see our budget cut, but I understand that things have to go the way they are, and I think DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency) did a good job and I would like to have seen some follow through with the work they've done."

## CryptoQuote

**AXYDLBAAXR**  
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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