

## Quarterly Ascertainment Q1 for KBGE 94.9 The Bridge

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Local News features Monday through Friday beginning at 6am through 9am. Top and bottom of the hour with a duration of 3-4 minutes. Includes Public service announcements for community events in Cannon Beach, Seaside, Warrenton and Astoria. Local news with vital information on weather events and road closures.

### **Seaside Downtown Development Association.**

The executive director of SDDA records a community affairs program for the downtown area and we air the program free of charge 9 times a week Monday through Wednesday. Monday 6:15am, 9:15am and 5:15pm. Tuesday 10:15am, 1:15pm and 6:15pm. Wednesday 7:15am, 12:15pm and 7:15pm

Duration 2:30

Topics included

Convention Center Expansion – Merchant needs during the non tourist season – Homelessness and vandalism – Hood to Coast effects on local merchants.

Devoted air time to this event on January 4th from 7am to 7:15am

The fourth annual Tillamook Head Gathering will take place on Saturday, January 13, at the Seaside Convention Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Jim Stewart and John Mersereau will sing and play from 6:30-7, Max Strozzi from 7-7:30. This year's headliner will be Brian Bovenizer and the New Old Stock. They will sing and play from 7:30-8:30. Local artists and businesses will donate items for a silent auction. The good people at The Stand will provide light fare. Libations and other drinks available thanks to Oregon Fine Foods. All proceeds support enrichment in the arts for Seaside High School students.

Here's how some of the funds from last year's Gathering were spent: helped fund Art Day at the High School, in which local artists gave workshops for the entire student body; helped bring in professional musicians to perform in various classes; provided a stipend for a professional dance instructor to share his expertise through a dance club; paid for professional writers to give various workshops, helped finance a trip to the Cowboy Poetry Festival in Elko, Nevada, for a group of High School students, and much more.

Tickets for the Tillamook Head Gathering are available for \$10.00 in advance at Seaside Coffee House, Beach Books, or the Seaside High School business office, or for \$15.00 at the Convention Center the day of the event. Please put this on your calendar. Good music. Good food. Good cause.

Local newspaper The Daily Astorian provides a minute broadcast on arts and entertainment on the north coast. It airs Thursday through Saturday at 6:15am 10:15am Noon and 5:15pm

Sunday 7am, duration 30 minutes Betsy Johnson Show

January 5th

Senator Johnson talks about the recent announcement from State Representative Deborah Boone will be retiring from the Legislature. She says she will miss Representative Boone as a friend, cooperator and collaborator. She says Boone has had some very tough family issues to deal with and she is not surprised she is taking some time for herself. She says her greatest accomplishment was likely the by-catch bill, which allowed by-catch to be distributed to Oregon food banks. Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis is also stepping down next year, and Senator Johnson says she has enjoyed working with him very much. She has sought his advice on a variety of subjects and he has been a valued partner and someone who has his finger on the pulse of Clatsop County in a way that many are not. She says the Legislature's composition is also changing, with at least 8 other legislators also leaving. Lobbyists are also retiring, and Senator Johnson says there will be lots of new faces before long. She says retiring legislators won't be done until January of 2019, with their replacements being selected in the November 2018 election. She says two State Senators, Devlin and Ferriolo, are both done, as they were appointed to the Northwest Power Planning Council. She believes Cliff Bentz, a current House member, will replace Ferrioli, and she says there as many as 7 people vying for Senator Devlin's seat.

Oregon voters will decide later this month on a series of health care taxes passed by the 2017 Legislature. Senator Johnson says there has been an enormous amount of money spent on the measure, more on the 'Yes' side than the 'No'. She says voters are being asked whether or not to support temporary assessments created by House Bill 2391 that in essence pay for providing health care to low-income Oregonians. She says there is a 1.5 percent tax on insurance, and .07 percent tax on hospitals. She says the mechanism is not new, and has been going on for 6 years. She says Oregon's health plan was expanded to include 350 thousand people who did not have insurance, and a 'No' vote would mean the legislature either has to cut people from the Oregon Health Plan, or find money from other programs and services. She says the 1.5 percent tax is in addition to whatever rate increases an insurance company might impose. Senator Johnson hopes the measure passes, noting the hospitals support it. Senator Johnson has been a negotiator on the hospital provider tax right straight along, and she says the discussions were often robust. She says if voters say 'No', Oregon could leave as much as \$5 billion federal dollars on the table. She says there is bipartisan support for the measure.

If the measure does pass, there will be a number of interesting proposals before the 2018 Legislature, which could all fall by the wayside if the measure fails. She says there is a controversial Cap and Trade bill, and the effect of federal tax law changes on Oregon. She says there are also a number of projects looking for lots of money, and she says one of her frustrations is the simple names that are given to very complicated and controversial subjects-- like Cap and Trade, or DEQ's Cleaner Air Oregon initiative. She says next week, legislators will be in Salem for Legislative Days. She says the Senate can come into session to act on the governor's appointments. She says there are a number of acting heads of state agencies that need to be dealt with, some with Senate approval. She says there will be no bills acted on during Legislative Days, but there will be committee hearings, and in many committees, committee bills will be introduced. She says State Senators are limited to one bill each, and State Representatives get two bills. She says another retirement from the House is State Representative Phil Barnhart, who has chaired the House Revenue Committee for a long time. She says Barnhart was a fan of taxes, and she jokes that he would tax sunlight and air if he could.

January 12th

Senator Johnson is in Salem this week for Legislative Days, scheduled dates where the entire Legislature is in Salem for committee meetings and some mandatory training. She says because of that, her schedule is packed with appointments, happening every 15 minutes on a wide array of topics. She says the training could be streamlined, though, and a DVD provided that legislators could watch and attest that they read the state's policy on sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct. She says there is a good reason for the training, but there could be a delivery system used that would preclude having to spend an entire day locked in a room. She says after the training, the committee hearings and appointments begin.

Senator Johnson met with 25-30 people about the status of the Oregon Department of Energy, the president of Tillamook Bay Community College, and an interesting and lively conversation with the head of Oregon Housing

and Community Services, Margaret Salazar. Senator Johnson says Salazar is working hard on the issue of homelessness. She says Salazar has been on a listening tour, and heard from rural areas about the lack of developable land. She says small municipalities don't have the resources to determine what kinds of housing is needed, and Salazar wants to come up with some kind of rural housing accelerator. Salazar also heard about the need for supportive housing for people suffering from chronic mental illness. Senator Johnson says there are some of those kinds of projects in her Senate district, and she is not sure they were aware of some of the issues that might accompany that kind of housing. She says Salazar also talked about the problem of youth homelessness. Senator Johnson says Tillamook is working hard to turn an old command building into 27 units of housing. Senator Johnson says both Salazar and the head of the Oregon Health Authority met with a group called Helping Hands to discuss that project. She says the Ways and Means subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development that she chairs will hear a telephone presentation on the Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center, and will get an update on Portland Community College's location in Columbia County. Senator Johnson also met with people about technical fixes to a bill passed in the 2017 session regarding janitorial workers, and she also went to an SEIU training.

Senator Johnson says she tries to get some sense of the subject matter before any of her appointments, and if research needs to be done, she does it ahead of time. She says legislators are mostly generalists, with expertise in some issue areas, like nurses or doctors, or lawyers. She says that means legislators need to be informed on a large variety of subject areas. She says was approached by a Clatsop County constituent about a very complicated land use issue, and sometimes she doesn't have the time to hear the entire issue-- she would rather the person give her the problem that needs to be solved so she can figure out the best way to craft a solution. She says in another case, someone wanted \$32 million dollars for a project, but was not able to articulate where that money would go. She says she is a notetaker, and she has notebooks filled with notes on issues. She says on constituent issues, she is well aware of what is going on, including a constituent in Columbia County who is having a dispute with Verizon. She says she has tangled with Verizon before. She says she cannot solve every problem, but she will use the power of her office to get to a solution, if possible.

Aired the week of January 5<sup>th</sup> 4 times

Hello Mark!

I hope you're doing well and your holidays were enjoyable and relaxing.

We are trying to boost our numbers for winter term in Seaside. Unfortunately, I have been negligent in advertising and I'm making an 11<sup>th</sup> hour attempt to draw students. If possible, could you please mention our Seaside class on the air? Wednesday will be the last opportunity to register for winter term.

Thanks for your assistance!

Best wishes,

Shelly Alford  
TRIO SSS Guidance Coordinator  
Clatsop Community College

A member of Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce has sent you a message

Thank you to all that helped me find a couple of strong people to help move our warehouse. We had 2 people in 10 minutes of sending the email out.

Mike Adelman  
LiftingLarge.com

Public Affairs

January

RJ Marx editor of The Cannon Beach Gazette/Seaside Signal

1. Hood to Coast and business grievances over the event
2. Seaside school's new location and land boundary issues.
3. Renovating the Sunset Empire Public Pool and Dogs were allowed to swim before they drained the water.
4. Tsunami preparedness and what happens in the aftermath. Grants for studies.

Public Affairs

Feb/March

RJ Marx editor of The Cannon Beach Gazette/Seaside Signal

1. Clatsop County firefighters come home after battling southern California Fires. "It was pure shock. Wow — I've never seen something like that before. I grew up in Seaside," Rich said. "Taking in all the burnt houses, seeing people coming back to find their houses was a very somber moment."
2. Short term rental properties are creating a stink in Gearhart where some resident want to keep the neighborhood community feel and are concerned about loud parties and congestion.