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2015: Tillamook County handled the change well

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*"For last year's words belong
to last year's language
And next year's words await
another voice."*

- T.S. Eliot

Change presents opportunity: the opportunity to miss what was lost or the chance to rebuild again.

Businesses vacated, events were canceled and leaders resigned, leaving the people of Tillamook County with the decision of how to handle the change.

So, how did we do?

The Headlight Herald's articles from the past year illustrate the answer: new businesses sprouted up, groups came together to carry on traditions and new people filled leadership

roles.

This past year we saw man-hunts, fatal crashes on our highways, sinkholes and mudslides, we saw record rainfall in Dec. and all that comes with floods in our county and we witnessed neighbors helping neighbors throughout this travesty. We saw new beginnings for NAPA and the Dutchmill Cafe and Taco Del Mar finally opened.

As we say goodbye to 2015 and raise our glass to 2016, it's foolish to think this year will pass without adversity. However, it is wise to consider how we will handle the change when it inevitably comes.

That being said, what news did our readers find most interesting during this ever-changing year? Here's a recap of the Headlight Herald's most-read stories in 2015.

Top ten most-read stories in 2015 on tillamookheadlightherald.com

1 State of emergency for 13 counties including Tillamook

On Dec. 10, Oregon Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency to exist in 13 counties, including Tillamook, because of high winds, flooding and landslides.

"Heavy rains and wind have required the evacuation of residences, and mudslides and high water have severely damaged or blocked major roadways in these areas of the state," Governor Brown said. "The emergency declaration ensures state resources, emergency response personnel, and equipment can be activated to respond to communities in need if their local resources are exhausted."

This declaration is based on the recommendations of the Oregon Office of Emergency Management and comes at the request of local officials, of which the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners

was among those requesting the declaration.

2 Fatal crash on Hwy 6 at MP 2 involving 3 vehicles near Tillamook

On June 27, 2015 at about 12:54 p.m., OSP Troopers and emergency personnel responded to a report of a multiple vehicle crash on HWY 6 at milepost 2 near Tillamook.

3 Fishing guide jailed for invalid license

The Oregon State Police (OSP) concluded a second investigation into the unlawful guiding activities of a Boring, Oregon man. Jerome Jones, 33, was originally investigated and criminally cited by OSP in 2012 for Guiding without a License.

In 2014, OSP learned that Jones was again guiding fishing trips on the Columbia River. After checking with the Oregon State Marine