



# Tillamook County

# SWCD NEWSLETTER

Tillamook County Soil and Water Conservation District Newsletter

July 2018

## 2018 Scholarship Recipient Krystal McCarty

Tillamook County SWCD is pleased to announce that **Krystal McCarty**, a 2017 graduate of Tillamook High School is the 2018 recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship award .



Krystal McCarty

Krystal is dual-enrolled at Tillamook Bay Community College and Oregon State University. At TBCC she is in the Agriculture and Natural Resources program and on track to complete her Associates degree and at OSU she will complete her Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Sciences and her Master of Science degree in Agricultural Education.

In her application materials Krystal explains that has chosen this course of study because she hopes one day to become an agriculture teacher and FFA advisor.

Tillamook County SWCD is committed to supporting local students who care about our natural resources and wish to promote conservation, impacting future natural resource decisions. Our goal is to assist college students majoring in the field of agriculture, natural resource science, or a related discipline. Each year the district is pleased to offer two \$1,000 scholarships.

More information and application materials can be found on our website <http://tillamookcountyswcd.org/index.php/>



Find us on the web at:  
[tillamookcountyswcd.org](http://tillamookcountyswcd.org)

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# Hagerty receives OSU Diamond Pioneer Award

The Oregon State University College of Agriculture Sciences honors people whose lifetime contributions to agriculture, natural resources, and the people of Oregon and/or Oregon State University have been significant. Nominees should be 74 years of age or older. Recipients receive an award at a luncheon held on campus in their honor and their name is added to the Agriculture Career Achievement Registry.

The following text is the biographical sketch read aloud during the award luncheon.

*“William Hagerty was born in Tillamook, and the community there has always been at his heart. His commitment toward conservation and land stewardship, and his leadership in the dairy industry, have all made a positive impact in Tillamook and beyond.*

*In 1969, after a stint as a high climber in the timber industry, Bill and his brother went into farming with their father, Jack Hagerty. They eventually bought out their Dad when he retired and the brothers continued to milk cows for another 33 years.*

*The Hagerty brothers introduced a number of innovative practices to Tillamook County, including effective technologies for manure management and the region’s first wheel-line irrigation system.*

*Bill has long been a champion for conservation efforts and the dairy industry in Tillamook County, encouraging the agriculture industry to focus on good stewardship. He has worked closely with staff from the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Oregon departments of agriculture and forestry, and many other agencies to improve communications and performance of Oregon farms and forests. Over the years he has helped with many successful programs and worked tirelessly as a volunteer public servant for the people in Tillamook County.*

*Bill has been serving on the Tillamook County Soil and Water District board for 39 years, serving as Vice-Chairman of the board for the last 15 years. Bill followed his father into farming, and followed his father onto the board of the Soil and Water District. In fact, Bill is following his father into the Diamond Pioneer registry. Bill’s father, Jack Hagerty, was honored as a Diamond Pioneer several years ago.”*

Congratulations Bill, and thank you for your service! 🇺🇸

## Board of Directors

Zone 1  
**Walter Porter**  
Term Ends 2018  
Zone 2

**Daren Filosi**  
Term Ends 2018

Zone 3  
**Clarence (Bub) Boquist**  
Term Ends 2020

Zone 4  
**Bryan Measor**  
Term Ends 2020

Zone 5  
**Bill Hagerty**  
Term Ends 2020

At Large 1  
**Larry Zweifel**  
Term Ends 2020

At Large 2  
**Rudy Fenk**  
Term Ends 2018



Chair Rudy Fenk

Visit us at the  
Tillamook County Fair  
August 8-11, 2018.  
Find us at our booth in  
the NE corner of the  
main Exhibit Hall.

# Tillamook County SWCD Staff News

## Stream Enhancement Crew Member Gary Mickelson Retires After 20 Years

Gary's first day working at Tillamook County SWCD in April 1996 started out at 7:00 a.m. with a short meeting, after which the crew headed out for 9 grueling hours of planting cedar trees and willows along the Kilchis River and an hour of unloading seed. Lucky for us he came back to work the next day! And many more days after.



## New Employee Spotlight –Troy Abercrombie

Tillamook County SWCD is pleased to announce that Troy Abercrombie is our new Weed Program Coordinator/Technician. Troy started out with the District as a seasonal employee in June of 2017, and quickly worked his way up to permanent employment.

The purpose of Troy's job is to identify weed infested areas and develop and implement an integrated weed management program on public and private lands in Tillamook County. He surveys for and provides GIS mapping of weed populations, does some grant writing and prepares budget proposals for all our weed-related funds.

Troy also has to provide a certain amount of education, and possess great organizational skills that help him to prepare contracts, negotiate with contractors, and work with public and private agencies for the treatment of noxious weeds in Tillamook County. Troy comes to us from the LeGrande, Oregon area and we warmly welcome him to Tillamook County.

## Seasonal Employee Spotlight –Michael Blankenship

Michael is a local graduate of Nestucca High School and Oregon State University.

## Bob Pedersen

We are saddened to hear that Bob passed away in June.



# Invasive Weed Survey and Knotweed Program Extended to Tillamook River Basin in 2018

Four years ago, in 2014, Tillamook County SWCD started a knotweed control project in South County. Thanks to so many cooperating landowners, the district has been allowed to survey many of the major streams in the Nestucca and Neskowin watersheds for 24 invasive weeds, and was able to obtain funding to start control measures on those properties infested with knotweed. All at no cost to the landowners. Now in 2018, we have secured Oregon State Weed Board funding to continue the survey and treatment activities into northward into the Tillamook River basin.

Knotweed is an invasive plant, also sometimes known as fleece flower or bamboo. There are three varieties we have discovered in our local surveys, they are Japanese Knotweed, Giant Knotweed, and Himalayan Knotweed.

Knotweed is a tenacious weed, often taking three to four years of treatment before it finally dies. We usually average about 60% control after the first year. Sometimes up to 90% if it is a newer, less established infestation. So call us early if you see it on your property, we can advise you the best way to control it, and if you are in an area that we have funding for, we can even do the work for you.

Tillamook County SWCD, as a member of the Tillamook County Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (TC-PRISM), is taking the survey lead with BLM funding that has been provided every year since 2014 to help us map and inventory all the weeds.

The knotweed control funding has been provided by the US Forest Service Stewardship Program and Title II Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (also known as Payments to Counties), and now in 2018 the Oregon State Weed Board is funding both survey and treatment efforts as we move northward.

At year three or four, after the knotweed is under control, the district then coordinates with the landowners and the Nestucca-Neskowin and Sandlake Watersheds Council or the Tillamook Estuary Program's Back Yard Planting Program to replant native vegetation. This replanting helps to stop a return of knotweed or other invasive weed and restores the riparian area to a more natural condition. 🌱



Lower Tillamook River

# SAVE THE DATE

## Join Us as We Celebrate 78 Years

of Continuous Service  
to the People of Tillamook County

The Board of Directors & Staff of the Tillamook County Soil & Water Conservation District Invite you to Join them at their Annual Meeting, Dinner & Silent Auction

**Saturday,**  
**September 22, 2018**  
**3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Please RSVP to: Soil & Water Office**  
**at (503) 842-2848 ext. 110**

***Good food, good fun, award presentations,  
& great auction items to bid on!***



## 2018 District Activities

This year is shaping up to be another busy one for the Tillamook County SWCD.

- Participate in the Children's Clean Water Festival & 4th Grade Foresters.
- Create and update Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans as required.
- Continue Inventory of invasive weeds in the Nestucca & Tillamook Basins.
- Attack invasive Knotweed infestations on the Nestucca, Tillamook & Trask.
- Install livestock exclusion fences & off-stream water along riparian areas.
- Respond to noxious weed complaints in a confidential manner.
- Prepare and staff a display for County Fair booth.
- Plant trees and shrubs along the riparian areas fenced above.
- Provide conservation technical assistance as requested.

## Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services.

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