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Elaine Trucke, executive director of the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum, looks at what could be copies of the original blueprints for the Tillamook Rock Lighthouse.

'Terrible Tilly' blueprints brought to light

Plans dated in 1880

By **BRENNA VISSER**
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CANNON BEACH — Despite the fame and numerous books written about her, much is still not known about "Terrible Tilly," the lighthouse perched precariously on a rock offshore of Tillamook Head.

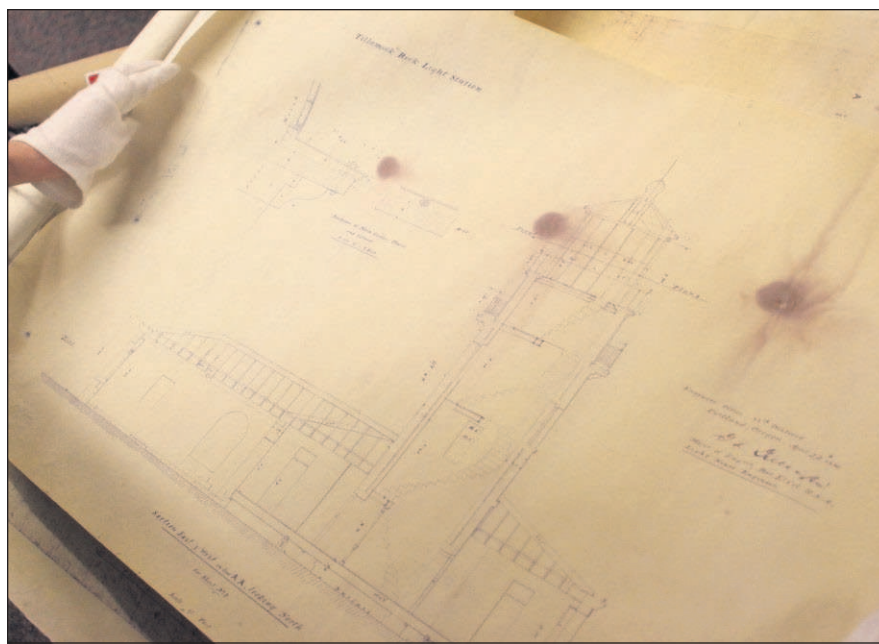
For years, Tilly enthusiasts have debated the ambiguity of certain details, such as the design specifics of the staircases, windows and other features. Even confirmation about who designed the lighthouse remained fuzzy.

Some of these debates can finally be put to rest by what appears to be recently discovered copies of the original blueprints for the famous Tillamook Rock Lighthouse.

The diagrams, printed on parchment paper, are dated April 22, 1880 — a little less than a month before construction of the lighthouse began — and signed by George Lewis Gillespie Jr., the man believed to be the head lighthouse engineer.

The lighthouse, decommissioned in 1957, was called Terrible Tilly for the stormy conditions of its location and has stood vacant for decades.

"This is very exciting for those of us who like to nerd out about the lighthouse," said Elaine Trucke, executive director of the Cannon Beach History Center and Museum.



Recently found blueprints of the Tillamook Rock Lighthouse could have been the prints used during construction in 1880.

The blueprints were brought to the museum's attention by Richard Proctor, who found the schematics tucked away in the rafters of his Warrenton home in 1998 — then held onto them for 20 years.

"With my career in water work, I thought they were cool," he said.

Proctor worked in marine construction with Bergerson Construction for more than 30 years. "There was a certain sentiment," he said.

Proctor assumed they were working prints given their tattered condition, but had no sense of their age. Because

he knew the previous owner of his home worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Proctor thought it was possible they were very old and possibly original, but ultimately decided to keep them in storage.

He didn't think about them again until about a month ago, after hearing there was a lecture about the lighthouse coming up by Brian Ratty, a local author who recently published "Tillamook Rock Lighthouse: History & Tales of Terrible Tilly."

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Boat owners angered by Port's troubles

Fallout from closure of East Mooring Basin

By **EDWARD STRATTON**
The Daily Astorian

The commute of Dave Densmore and his partner, Renee Ruscoe, two of the dwindling number of tenants at the East Mooring Basin, has become a bit more challenging.

The Port of Astoria last week closed a causeway running through the heart of its marina because of a rotting substructure. Instead of walking, the couple has to board a skiff at a boat ramp next to the causeway. Their live-aboard boat, the Aquarian, is on the opposite side of the causeway from the ramp. At high tide, the couple have to duck into the skiff as they pass under the causeway before pulling up to the boat.

Tenants of the marina have met the Port's abrupt decision last week to close the causeway with confusion and anger over the agency's handling of maintenance. The marina has slowly crumbled over the years, its docks taken over by sea lions following salmon runs and removed as boats continue to move away.

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Governor's budget boosts school funding

Proposal marks a record expansion

By **AUBREY WIEBER** and **CLAIRE WITCOMBE**
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown stood at her lectern in the walnut-paneled ceremonial office Wednesday morning to deliver a symbolic message as she released a budget she characterized as "ambitious."

"Oregon's motto is not 'She rests on her laurels.' It is 'She flies with her own wings.' And I think it's time for Oregon to soar," Brown told reporters.



Kate Brown

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New county jail earned broad voter support

Outcome was a surprise to some

By **JACK HEFFERNAN**
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As Clatsop County pushed its third jail bond in 16 years, officials privately offered doubts. Bond measures in 2002 and 2012 earned less than 45 percent support from voters. What would be different this November?

"I, quite frankly, thought it was going to fail," said Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis, who supported the bond.

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In a surprise, 55 percent of voters backed the jail's relocation from Duane Street in Astoria to the shuttered North Coast Youth Correctional Facility in Warrenton. The \$20 million bond will help expand jail capacity with 60 inmates to 148 with room for future growth.

Voters in only five out of the county's 33 precincts approved of the 2012 bond.

This year, only five precincts disapproved.

"I pride myself in my ability to be a political prognosticator, and I did not predict this," Marquis said. "I was pessimistic."

Due to overcrowding at the downtown jail, inmates are routinely released from custody early. Ideally, the jail would typically be only 80 to 85 percent occupied, Marquis said.

Sheriff Tom Bergin has been around for all three bonds, the last two as the county's top cop. He has said

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Voters in Clatsop County supported a jail bond this year after rejecting bond measures in 2012 and 2002.

