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Distilling with his wife, Christina, in 2014. Buoy Beer Co. bought a majority stake in Pilot House last year in a bid to help the startup distillery and find a new area for growth amid a tightening beer scene.

Recently married, Selberg plans to move with his equipment to Colorado to be with his wife. He estimates he’ll pay one-fifteenth of the taxes there because liquor is taxed by volume instead of retail price.

“In the end, this type of business has little value in the state of Oregon, but potentially has immense value in a state like Colorado,” Selberg said. “I was confronted with a choice to sell my business for diminished value here, or retain everything and try again in a state more suited to small craft distilleries. I’m in a privileged situation where I can make that happen.”

The Cannon Beach tasting room will stay open through March. The distillery produced a large inventory as part of one of



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Mike Selberg, who started Cannon Beach Distillery in 2012, hand labels and signs every bottle he sells. He will close the business at the end of March.

his potential deals, Selberg said. Anything he doesn’t sell at the tasting room will go into state distribution.

“As I said in my letter, I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished here. Cannon Beach Distillery will stand historically as one of the premier and most decorated Oregon distilleries,” Selberg said. “Hopefully our closing will be a strong message to the (Liquor Control Commission) and the state Legislature that their policies desperately need to change.”

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“We have over 1,000 pages of data and feedback, on top of all the citizens that have come to the councilors and myself with all sorts of great ideas, the amount of time and people who have been involved in the process is a really good thing,” Brown said.

“Through our survey system, registered voters in Gearhart, 82.5% supported a station and 79.4% supported a bond. The majority of voters support the highest location, High Point station, because it would survive about 95% of major tsunami threats.”

High Point includes three separate parcels, two owned by Gearhart’s Murphy family, and one owned by the Palisades Pipeline Co., represented by the Palisades Home-

owners Association.

A right of way owned by the Palisades homeowners would also need to be negotiated and purchased by the city, in order to provide space for the new station. The right of way is undeveloped and reserved for potential access to the two parcels owned by the Murphy family.

If the estimates receive City Council approval, and agreements are in place with property owners, councilors could schedule a special session to approve the bond vote, Sweet said. If the council meets the deadline of Feb. 28, that vote could take place in May.

“If it doesn’t get on in May, it doesn’t go till November,” Sweet said. “It’s all coming together nicely, but it’s the council’s decision when it will go to the ballot.”



A protester signs his name and a message on a tarp hanging from a truck.

Sierra Dawn McClain/Capital Press

#TimberUnity: Turnout surprised organizers

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“From just Clatsop County, just our area at North Plains, there was 210 trucks, and there’s that many coming from every direction. So, by the time today is over we’ll have well over a thousand trucks here.”

They came from Coos Bay and Wheeler, Alsea and Albany, Ontario and Port Orford. They included men, women and children — singular demonstrators and families united around a common goal of making themselves and their rural plight heard.

Some took time off from day jobs to travel to Salem to protest. Others were paid by employers to hit the road instead of tackling tasks back home.

Rachel Abbott, who works in the hospitality industry and was raised on a farm near Sheridan, said she doesn’t like to see the urban-rural division. “This should not be a rural-versus-urban issue,” she said. “It would put my family farm out of business, but it hurts all Oregonians.”

Jake Tacy, a logger from Lebanon, sees an effort by the state to take more of his money.

“Every time it seems like they meet here, they just want more of my money,” he said. “I have to work pretty hard for a living. I’m tired of just giving it up. I don’t think that, when it comes to cap and trade, that that’s going to do anything that betters the environment. I mean ... lots of people don’t understand the logging industry, don’t understand how we already take care of the land.

“If I had to pay a little bit more taxes to actually go toward something like making my pickup or equipment

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get better mileage, that would be different. But just to tax you, and then it’s not going to make less pollution because we have to do what we’re doing,” he said.

The big turnout at the rally surprised even its organizers. Lines of trucks paraded around the Capitol from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#TimberUnity spokeswoman Angelita Sanchez said people from Sweet Home, her hometown, brought five semitrucks to last year’s protest but brought more than 40 on Thursday morning.

Some convoys formed across the state as early as 1 a.m., said Jenny Dressler, of the Oregon Farm Bureau.

#TimberUnity emerged during last year’s legislative session in protest of House Bill 2020, the previous cap-and-trade bill. The bill passed the House but failed in the Senate, where Democrats lacked the votes and Republicans walked out to deny the chamber a quorum.

This year’s bill has a similar concept — capping emissions and requiring industrial polluters to acquire allowances, which they can buy and sell, as an incen-

tive to move toward cleaner energy. By 2050, the Carbon Policy Office estimates the cap-and-trade plan would eliminate 43.4 million metric tons of carbon annually from the atmosphere. Critics, however, point out that amount represents just 0.12% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Estimates provided by the nonpartisan Legislative Revenue Office predict cap and trade would raise fuel prices by 22 cents per gallon in the first year of the program, according to state Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athena.

Inside the Capitol, protesters did not go unnoticed.

Swarms of protesters visited legislators’ offices. Truck horns echoed even inside hearing rooms.

At 9 a.m., Gov. Brown met with 10 #TimberUnity leaders as part of her continued effort to speak with rural stakeholders.

The meeting was closed to the press, but Julie Parrish, a former Republican legislator who is now a #TimberUnity board member, said the discussion with Brown and her policy advisers was “genial.” The governor, she said,

listened to protesters’ concerns but made no commitments on bill alterations.

In front of the Capitol, Jeff Leavy, one of #TimberUnity’s founders, told the crowd that the movement has grown into something larger than just about fighting one bill. He said it’s now about challenging overregulation, getting citizens engaged with government and trying to have a voice in the legislative process.

Senate Minority Leader Herman Baertschiger Jr., R-Grants Pass, urged the crowd to continue its mission.

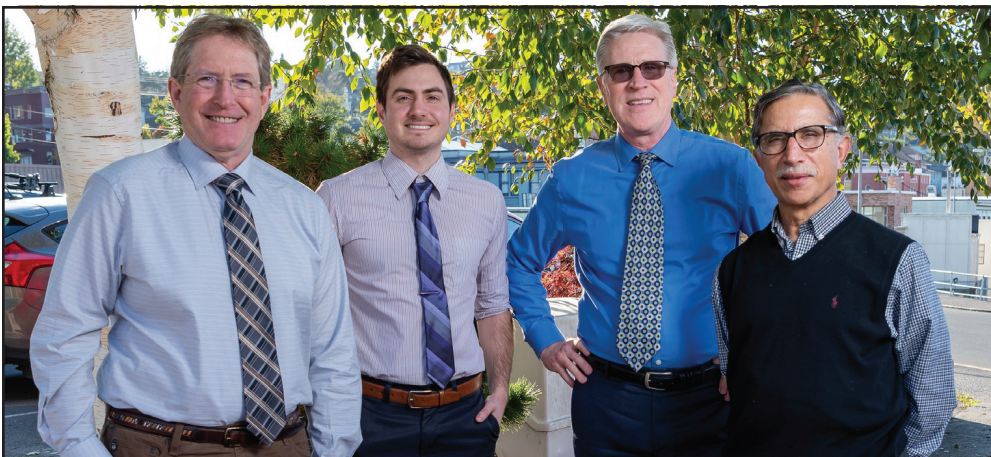
“Now you must build an army to defeat those in this building who want to take away your way of life. It’s a fight for freedom. It’s so much bigger than one bill,” he said, adding that “it’s now about all kinds of freedom: religious freedom, gun rights, the freedom not to be overtaxed.”

But not everyone was happy with the rally.

Kirsten Sarle, a graduate student from Portland State University, had set up an air quality monitor. The data Sarle collected revealed massive spikes in black carbon, or soot, pollution Thursday morning.

It was so bad that the Little Friends Montessori school — across the street from the Capitol — wouldn’t let their young charges go outside.

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We’re proud to welcome Gary Greenberg, M.D. to Providence’s cardiology team. From left to right: Gary Greenberg, M.D.; Zach Caverley, PA-C; Robert Morse, D.O.; and Masud Ahmad, M.D.

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