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Estle Harlan and Carla Francis turning over 150 face masks to Shantel Hostler of the Siletz Tribe, with 350 more to be completed by the end of May.

Lincoln City Rotary Club sets goal of donating 500 masks to Siletz Tribe

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Thanks to the volunteer efforts of local seamstresses, 500 face masks are being contributed to the Confederated Tribe of the Siletz Indians.

Lincoln City Rotary Club is funding materials for making the masks, and Rotarian Carla Francis has been putting her sewing machine to work for the local tribe. The first 150 masks were turned over May 15 to Shantel Hostler, Board Member, Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society, by Francis and Estle Harlan, Executive Secretary of the Rotary Club and coordinator for this project with

About a month ago, Francis contacted a childhood friend of hers who is apart of the Navajo tribe and works for the Health Department for the Navajo Nation in

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County officials unable to unify on short-term rental reopen date

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The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners along with the county's City Councils convened May 14 to revisit their countywide shortterm rental order.

On April 27, the Commissioners, Mayors and Council members extended their original order through May 31, which closed short-term rentals (STR's) such as hotels, B&B's, vacation rentals, RV parks and private campgrounds to rentals less than 30 days. In light of Governor Kate Brown's announcement last week, stating Lincoln County was permitted to enter Phase I of her Reopen Oregon plan, the county officials met with the goal of coming to a unified decision on whether they would like to stick to their original date of reopening STR's on June 1, extending that date, or shortening it.

Unfortunately for the Board of Commissioners, the county's cities

had differing opinions on what to do. The Commissioners began by giving their thoughts on what date



The Lincoln County Commissioners approved "Order #5-20-136 Framework Reopening Plan Lodging" detailing the applicable requirements for lodging properties to reopen on June 1.

would be best for opening STR's.

"I feel like June 1 is an appropriate date to stick with," Commissioner Claire Hall said. "The fact that we are reopening other businesses tomorrow, this will give these businesses

some time to prepare."

Commissioner Doug Hunt was also in favor of the June 1 reopening, but said he'd like to exclude vacation rental dwellings (VRD's), and have

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Lincoln County enters Phase I of reopening

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Lincoln County was among the 28 counties that were approved to enter Phase I of the Governor's Reopening Oregon plan.

During a May 14 press conference, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown announced that the state had reviewed 33 applications for entering Phase I. Gov. Brown reiterated this week that their safety measures have been working, preventing as many as 70,000 COVID-19 infections and 1,500 hospitalizations in Oregon.

"Our success this far gives me confidence as we take the next steps towards our reopening process," Gov. Brown said.

As Lincoln County's application received approval, two counties (Marion and Polk) did not received approval on their application.

"In each of these counties, we will continue to monitor testing rates, effectiveness of contact tracing and isolating new cases, hospitalization rates and other metrics that are required to remain open during Phase I," Gov. Brown said. "Overall, I was incredibly impressed by the amount of work the counties put into their applications."

Starting Friday, May 15, the approved counties were able to reopen the following businesses with new guidelines in place.

- Restaurants and bars can open for sit down service as long as they maintain six feet distance between parties, limit parties to a maximum of 10 people, require employees to wear face coverings and end onsite consumption by 10

- Personal care businesses, such as barbers and salons, can open but must screen clients before service, limit visits to scheduled appointments, record their client list, maintain physical distance between clients and require providers to wear face coverings.

Gyms and Fitness Centers can open but must maintain six feet between users, close showers and pools and have very strong cleaning protocols in place.

- Gatherings of up to 25 will be allowed with physical distancing measures in place.

Newly Posted Guidance as of May 15:

- Guidance on Face Coverings: Under new statewide guidance for face coverings, all businesses must provide face coverings and require employees to wear them. In public, all Oregonians must wear a face covering on public transit, and it is strongly recommended that Oregonians wear a face covering in settings like grocery stores where physical distancing is difficult to maintain.

- Summer School and Summer Program Guidance: In an effort to bring students back to classrooms safely, ODE has issued new statewide guidance for in-person instruction for summer school and other summer programs. The guidance ensures that all in-person instruction minimizes health and safety risks while improving student connections and learning. The guidance requires all summer educational settings to develop communicable disease management plans, with measures for infection control, physical distancing, screening for COVID-19 symptoms, and contact tracing.

- Summer Camp Guidance: As Oregon children transition from the school year to summer, OHA has also issued new statewide guidance for the safe operation of summer camps. All camps must have a communicable disease management plan in place for staff and for youth.

- Public Transit Guidance: Transit has continued to operate throughout this crisis, but new statewide guidance for public transit will help to ensure that the growing number of Oregonians returning to work can travel safely.

- Guidance for Oregonians Experiencing Homelessness and Service Providers: The intent of Governor Brown's executive order is to ensure the health and safety of all Oregonians during the COVID-19 pandemic, whether individuals are sheltered or unsheltered. Updated statewide guidance reiterates that COVID-19 health and safety directives are

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Chinook Winds Casino Resort announces phased reopening

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On March 17, the Siletz Tribal Council made the decision to shut down Chinook Winds Casino Resort (CWCR) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The closure was for the safety of our community, students, staff and guests," CWCR staff said.

As the state begins to open, the Siletz Tribal Council has made the decision to reopen Chinook Winds Casino Resort, in phases, to ensure safety of the team members, guests and Tribal members. Chinook Winds will open to the public at 6 a.m. on May 21.

"We want to thank everyone in the community, our team members and Tribal

members for their patience in waiting to hear about our plans for reopening. We are ready to welcome all those who feel safe to visit," said Michael S. Fisher, General Manager.

CWCR continues to stay informed by local and state health authorities and are implementing necessary protocols as needed for safety throughout the resort. During the closure they have taken advantage of this time to fully disinfect all guest and team member

The casino will have modified hours in phase one to allow for daily cleaning and disinfecting of the property. The Executive Management team is regularly reviewing local coronavirus data and trends to

Elks Carre, Elks Share

On May 16, new backpacks and a hot lunch to-go were handed out at St. Peter Lu-

theran Church, 1226 SW 13th St., Lincoln City. (pictured) Gail Hogan, Secretary and Ed

filled with a face mask, socks, hygiene kits, blanket, hairbrush, tarp, and other items.

Hogan, the Exalted Ruler of Lincoln City Elks Lodge distributed backpacks that were

Hot lunch donated and provided by Autobahn 101 restaurant in Lincoln City.

provide recommendations to the Tribal Council as the situation changes.

As part of a 13-page phased process, below are protocols being implemented in phase one of the reopening:

- Non-smoking across the property.
- Modified hours: 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. May 21-25. Starting May 26, 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily until further notice.
- Limited 1,000 guests occupancy, with procedures for excess guest popula-
- Facemasks or face shields are required of team members and guests.
- Non-invasive temperature checks utilizing nocontact infrared thermometers for team members and guests.



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Chinook Winds will open to the public at 6 a.m. on May 21 after being closed for over two

• Guests and team members who are demonstrating signs of illness will be immediately removed from the building to seek health care.

- Markers will be visible to guests to ensure physical distancing.
- Implementing mobile queuing to avoid lines.
- Increased health and hygiene reminders throughout the property including the proper way to wear, handle and dispose of masks.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers are located at key guest and team member contact

Phase One will reopen with limited capacity throughout the property:

- Slots (50 percent of machines available)
- Bingo (200 seat ses-
- Keno (kiosks only)
- Sports Wagering (based on available sporting
- Deli, Rogue River Steakhouse and Chinooks Seafood Grill (modified
 - Lodging will be open

with no in-room daily stayover service and limited hotel lobby occupancy

"Chinook Winds is fully committed to following recommended health and safety protocols to protect their team members and guests," CWCR staff said. "We will continue to reevaluate and make adjustments in the coming weeks and months to slowly open the remaining venues and amenities when it is safe to do so."

Other Casinos Set To Open

After exactly two months of being closed because of COVID-19, the Mill Casino in Coos Bay opened back up on Monday May 18, becoming the first in the state.

According to a press release from the Mill Casino, 300 people will be allowed on the floor at one time.

"We looked at the guidelines similar to what Walmart or Safeway will do for capacity to ensure that the social distancing measures are in place," said chairman of the Coquille Indian Tribe Brenda Meade

on how capacity was deter-

In a press release from The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians of Oregon Tribal Council, officials announced Friday its plans to reopen the Three Rivers Casino Resorts in both Coos Bay and Florence.

The casinos are set to reopen on Friday, May 22. According to the press release, the executive management team at the casino has written "reopening safety guidelines" for staff and guest to follow which are in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and the Oregon Health Authority.

"The guidelines include temperature checks and required wearing of masks for both guests and team members," said the press release. "Guests are asked to bring their own masks. Points of entry will be limited to the main doors all other doors are for exit only."

Other casinos including Spirit Mountain in Grand Ronde have yet to announce a date for reopening.



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The City of Lincoln City Police Department is currently accepting applications for four (4) Lateral or Entry Level Police Officer positions. Lateral Police Officer Lateral transfers must meet all entry-level requirements and must have at least completed the Oregon DPSST Academy, or another state's equivalent of the Oregon Academy, and have successfully completed a probationary period of full-time paid service as a sworn police officer in a civilian governmental jurisdiction immediately prior to application.

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- Online application Résumé required
- Evidence of typing proficiency--A free typing test and certificate are available at www. typing.com. Typing test must be dated within one month of application. Qualified applicants must have a typing score of 35 words per minute with 85-90% accuracy.

All items must be included for consideration and advancement to the next step. Applications will be screened for qualifications before moving on to testing.

Testing

Qualified applicants will take a written test via an online proctoring site. Specific instructions and information regarding testing will be given to these applicants via email. Applicants must obtain a score of at least 75% in each category tested in order to be considered for the next step.

Interviews

• Oral Board Interview--Qualifications and

- test scores will determine who is invited to an Oral Board interview.
- Chief's Interview—Oral Board Interview Scores will determine who is invited to the Chief's interview.

Final Candidate

A conditional job offer will be extended to the final candidate. This is subject to the successful completion of a background investigation, psychological examination, and a pre-employment medical examination. Once complete, a starting date will be determined. Hired individuals are required to attend the Dispatcher Academy class at the DPSST headquarters located in Salem, Oregon. This includes a three-week basic telecommunications course and a three-day emergency medical dispatcher class. Class attendance dates are dependent on DPSST Academy availability. The hiring process can take anywhere from 6 to 8 weeks upon a conditional job offer.

Lincoln City Goodwill among the five in Oregon to reopen

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Friday, May 15, Goodwill Industries of the Columbia Willamette (GICW) reopened four retail stores, a Goodwill Outlet and the adjacent donation-drop areas.

Stores reopened in Lincoln City, Salem, West Salem, Redmond and Bend with retail store hours from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., all days and outlet store hours from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., all days.

"The maximum capacity of the Lincoln City store is 65 people and right now we're only allowing 35 people at a time," Dale Emanuel, Public Relations Manager said. "We're also implemented a notouch rule for donations, which means donors will put their items in our labeled bins that we've placed outside."

GICW has rehired more than 100 of its 3,000 employees. Additional stores will reopen incrementally and in accordance with Oregon and Washington State and local directives.

Virtually all GICW free job services programs are funded





Lincoln City Goodwill has added a touch-free item sorting area at their donation center.

through the sale of donations; re-opening is crucial to continuing with the mission of providing those services. For more information about the Job Connection program go to https://www.goodwilljobconnection.org.

Given the nature of its donation-based business, extra precautions on top of safety guidelines from the state are being taken.

Significant changes include:

• All stores have been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. to allow for enhanced cleaning prior to opening each day. Salem Outlet hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Outside each store sanitation wipe stations are available.
- Goodwill is requiring all customers to wear a face covering.
- High touch areas will be cleaned every hour, including shopping carts and baskets.
- Register areas will be cleaned following each customer transac-
- Donated merchandise will be sanitized and quarantined before it's made available to shoppers.
- To facilitate social distancing, the number of customers allowed

into the store at any given time may be limited.

- The dressing rooms (and drinking fountains) will be temporarily unavailable. We will be
- flexible with our return policy. Customers are urged to keep 6 feet from one another and em-
- Floor decals have been added to the retail floor and aisles have been expanded to make distancing easier with the additional
- All employees will wear masks or face guard and gloves. Plexiglas shields have been installed at each register.
- · Each location will have a designated Health & Safety monitor to ensure all proper protocols are being consistently followed and maintained.
- Donation attendants will also wear face coverings and gloves.
- Donors are asked to drop off items into the marked donation bins. We ask that donors plan accordingly as donation attendants will not be able to remove items from any vehicles.

OHA seeks to grow registry of health care volunteers

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The Oregon Health Authority is amplifying efforts to recruit health care professionals to join the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon (SERV-OR) as Governor Kate Brown advances plans for safely reopening Oregon.

Since March, SERV-OR has added more than 800 new volunteers, strengthening OHA's ability to contain COVID-19 cases and building the capacity of the volunteer program to respond to future emergencies.

"When our health care system was preparing for the worst of this, volunteer health care workers answered the call," said Governor Brown. "I want to commend all our health care professionals and volunteers for their incredible work protecting the lives, safety, and wellness of Oregonians during this crisis."

Health care professions can register to volunteer. with SERV-OR at SERV-OR.

As volunteers, medical professionals who are registered with SERV-OR gain access to valuable training programs and learning opportunities, including continuing education credits, workforce training, and emergency response training.

"Oregon's health care workers are our most valuable asset in the fight against COVID-19," said OHA Director Patrick Allen. "Their skills and energy are saving lives every day, in every part of the state. SERV-OR provides another opportunity to give back and support response efforts while connecting volunteers to high-quality training." **Duties of SERV-OR** volunteers are as varied as they are vital, from supporting medical casualty triage and behavioral health services to staffing medical shelters and information hotlines. OHA is planning for volunteers to be a critical part of the state's COVID-19 recovery effort by supporting contact tracing, testing, community wellness campaigns, as well as studies of long-term community effects and mass vaccination programs. Those signing up in the coming days will have the opportunity to train and deploy quickly.

In addition to disease outbreaks, SERV-OR volunteers are ready to respond in case of other emergencies and national disasters such as flooding, wildfire, and earthquakes.

As volunteers, medical professionals who are registered with SERV-OR gain access to valuable training programs and learning opportunities, including continuing education credits, workforce training, and emergency response training. SERV-OR volunteers are also invited to participate in functional and full-scale training exercises throughout the year. Exercises may range from the public health response to flu season, new and existing disease outbreaks, and emergency preparedness initiatives to natural and man-made disaster response to hazards such as the Cascadia subduction zone earthquake and tsunami, wildfires, flooding, terrorism, and other types of emergencies.

"It's great to know I'm part of a team that is ready to make a huge difference in a disaster. But it takes all of us doing our part." said Perri Wells, Safety & Security Supervisor at Harney District Hospital and a SERV-OR volunteer. "The training I have received through SERV-OR helps me at my day job and has changed how I look at emergency preparedness."

"In rural counties like ours, it's easy for people to get isolated and hard to get access to resources," said Samantha Buckley, Assistant Emergency Manager for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. "We also have small health departments, so during public health emergencies, having extra folks who understand the medical system to lean on is really beneficial."

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Settlement reached for case involving death of a Lincoln County inmate

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On October 25, 2018, at about 10:27 p.m., during a routine adult in custody welfare check in the E-pod housing unit of the Lincoln County Jail, Corrections Deputies discovered Joshua Parker Gilleo, of Depoe Bay, was unconscious and hanging from a bedsheet that he attached to a light fixture in his single occupant cell.

Corrections Deputies immediately began Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), administered an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and called medics, but were unable to revive him. Gilleo was pronounced deceased by arriving paramedics at 10:54.

The Newport Police Department along with the District Attorney's Office completed a death investigation and determined that



Lincoln County's insurance carrier has agreed to pay \$850,000 to the family of Joshua Gilleo and their attorney, related to the October 2018 suicide death.

Gilleo committed suicide. An internal After Action Review was completed and determined that deputies responded within policy, procedures and best prac-

Gilleo's estate filed a tort claim against the County as a result of the suicide death while he was in the County's custody. Lincoln County's insurance carrier (City County Insurance

Services-CIS) has agreed to pay \$850,000 (pending court approval for settlement) to the family of Gilleo and their attorney, related to the October 2018 suicide death.

Gilleo was lodged at the jail on criminal charges. He was arrested on October 22, 2018 for Violation of Restraining Order (three counts), Unlawful Use of Weapon, Endangering a Person Protected by a Family Prevention Act, Carrying a Concealed Firearm, Domestic Menacing and his previous release agreement was revoked.

Between October 16, 2018 and Gilleo's arrest on October 22, 2018, he was arrested four times on related domestic violence charges. He was released on Security Release (bail) for the two previous arrests a short time after he was taken into custody, but bail was not

the October 22, 2018 arrest and he remained in custody.

As part of the intake process for all individuals booked into the Lincoln County Jail, a series of demographic, medical and mental health/wellness questions are asked. The information is forwarded to the Jail's Mental Health Counselors who review and follow-up with the individual as needed.

"This was a very tragic and unfortunate event for the family as well as the Corrections Deputies and Corrections Medical Staff involved and will have a lasting impact on everyone," Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Officials said. "Even when policies and procedures are followed, knowing that someone made the personal decision to end their life can be mentally

and physically challenging to those tasked with ensuring the safety and security of our facility and adults in custody. Our sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of Mr. Gilleo."

Although the Sheriff's office maintains the staff's actions involving Gilleo while he was at the jail were appropriate and met the applicable standards of care, because of the costs and uncertainty of litigation, and on the advice of the County's insurance carrier, the decision was made to resolve the matter if it could be done for an agreeable amount of money.

This settlement allows the family and Sheriff's office personnel to avoid the emotional and timeconsuming process of litigation. In settling the case the County admits no wrongdoing.

Public urged to refrain from approaching seal pups on Oregon beaches

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Seal pups venturing onto Oregon's beaches this spring need some social distance,

Young seal pups are at risk from well-meaning people who mistakenly try to rescue them, said Oregon State University marine mammal biologist Jim Rice.

"We're in the peak of pupping season right now and this past weekend there were several incidents reported of people approaching too closely to seal pups on Oregon beaches," said Rice, who coordinates the statewide Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network headquartered at OSU's Marine Mammal Institute at the Hatfield Marine Science Center.

Rice urges the public to refrain from touching or approaching the seal pups, which in most cases are not orphaned or abandoned.

Seal pups are frequently left on the beach by their mothers, who are out looking for food. The harbor seal pupping season on the Oregon coast is generally March through June, with a peak in mid-May.

"Newborn pups typically spend several hours each day waiting for their mothers to reunite with them," Rice said. "Adult female seals spend most of their time in the water, hunting for food, and only come ashore periodically to nurse their pups. But the mothers are wary of people and unlikely to rejoin a pup if there is activity nearby." Rice said concerned but

uninformed beach-goers will sometimes interfere, picking up seal pups and taking them away from the beaches - and their mothers. A more common threat is hovering by curious onlookers, which can cause stress to the pups and prevents their mothers from



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returning to them.

"It's tempting for some people to attempt to 'rescue' these seemingly hapless pups," Rice said. "A pup's best chance for survival is to be left alone. A dependent pup that's taken away from its mother will certainly

Bystanders should stay at least 50 yards away and keep their dogs leashed, Rice said

"After suckling for about four weeks, weaned pups are abandoned by their mothers, left to fend for themselves," Rice added. "They will continue to come onto beaches periodically to rest as they grow and learn how to catch their own

Even with the best of intentions, Rice said, people can do a great deal of harm. Additionally, people who disturb seal pups, even

help, risk being fined under laws intended to protect marine mammals. The Marine Mammal Protection Act prohibits human interaction with seal pups and other marine mammals on the

Anyone who observes incidents of seal pup harassment or animals in distress should call the Oregon State Police at 1-800-452-7888, Rice said.

The Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network is an organization comprised of state agencies, universities, and volunteers, working together to investigate the causes of marine mammal strandings, provide for the welfare of live stranded animals and advance public education about marine mammal strandings.

Learn more about the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network online at http://mmi.oregonstate.edu/ ommsn.

Multiple successful water rescues occur in Pacific City

THE NEWS GUARD

It was a busy week for authorities at nearby Cape Kiwanda Beach in Pacific City that included multiple water rescues.

Dory Boat Rescue

Tillamook County Communications District 911 received a call at 12:22 p.m. Thursday, May 14, regarding a capsized dory boat off Cape Kiwanda Beach in Pacific City, throwing two men into the surf.

The Tillamook County Sheriff's Office responded to the assist. Prior to emergency services arriving, two surfers, Gary Link and Taka Nakagawa, who had witnessed the event, paddled out and assisted the fishermen, bringing them to shore.

According to the sheriff's office, the captain of the dory boat said he was trying to come back into the beach

to land his vessel. The vessel got stuck on a sand bar and could not get to beach with enough force to clear the surf. The captain waited just off the beach so that one of the other dorymen could help. He could not keep the vessel steady enough to allow one of them to go re-

trieve the trailer and truck. Eventually the captain turned back toward the ocean so they could try another landing. They got stuck on the first sand bar, which stopped the boat. The next wave pushed the transom of the boat into the sand bar and the following wave hit the bow of the boat, breaking the windshield and rolling the vessel over backwards.

The sheriff's office said both fishermen had been wearing personal flotation devices and were transported to North Lincoln Hospital by Adventist Ambulance for minor exposure injuries

where they were treated and released. The boat was retrieved from the surf by several other dorymen. No hazardous material was

deposited into the water. The sheriff's office assisted Nestucca Rural Fire District, Adventist Ambulance, Oregon State Police, and Tillamook County Communications District 911. The Coast Guard had been summoned but cancelled after they were informed all persons and vessels had been removed from the water.

Coast Guard Rescue

A Coast Guard aircrew rescued two kayakers in distress in the vicinity of Haystack Rock Saturday afternoon near Pacific City.

An MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew from Coast **Guard Sector Columbia** River hoisted the kayakers and transported them to the helicopter pad at Pacific

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Last week a dory boat capsized after it got stuck on a sand bar and could not get to the beach with enough force to clear the surf.

City Airport, where they were met by awaiting emergency medical services. Their medical condition is unknown at this time.

Watchstanders at Sector Columbia River received a call from Tillamook County Dispatch at 1:47 p.m., requesting assistance in rescuing two kayakers in distress. One of the kayakers had fallen into the water near Haystack Rock. The Jayhawk helicopter crew was diverted from training, and a Coast Guard Station

Tillamook Bay 47-foot Motor Lifeboat crew launched.

The Pacific City Fire Chief arrived on scene at 1:53 p.m. and reported spotting the kayakers approximately 50-60 yards offshore.

The helicopter crew arrived on scene at 2:15 p.m. and located the two men. Within 15 minutes, the rescue swimmer had recovered both men.

"It was good that they were wearing life jackets," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Billy Sizemore, the flight

mechanic on the Jayhawk crew. "But, they were also wearing waist-high rubber waders, which filled with water and counteracted the buoyancy of the life jackets. Between the cold water and the heavy waders, the man simply couldn't pull himself back into his kayak before succumbing to exhaustion and the preliminary stages of hypothermia."

The men were dropped off to EMS at 2:35 p.m. Seas were at 2-feet and the water temperature was 56-degrees Fahrenheit.

The Coast Guard reminds boaters that with a changing season comes warmer weather; however, the waters of the Pacific Northwest are still dangerously cold. It's best to wear wet suits or dry suits along with a Coast Guardapproved life jacket whenever venturing out onto the ocean or waterways.

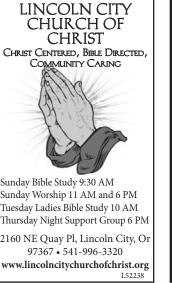


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Have have your Spring/Summer travel plans changed due to COVID-19?

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Gomberg: Getting our district back to work

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

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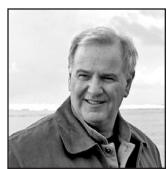
I'm going to talk about details in a moment. But first I have a few thoughts to

Two months ago we faced this pandemic with a sense that we were all in it together. But as I said last week, now we appear to be divided. We're angry that our businesses or jobs are at risk. We're angry that we haven't yet received money we deserve. We're angry that other people may be putting our vulnerable family members at risk. And increasingly we seem angry at each other.

I've seen contentious public meetings and confrontations in parking lots. I've seen new neighbors' cars vandalized because they don't yet have Oregon license plates. I've seen businesses purposely violate public orders to gain advantage over others following the rules. I've seen the glares between the masked and the unmasked in grocery

If I have learned anything in my time in the Legislature, it is that good people don't always agree. The Coast is known for our hospitality. We need to remember to show that hospitality to each other.

If you are opening a business, please do so as safely and responsibly as possible. To do less is to risk closures again. And if you feel unsafe, please stay home and minimize contact



Representative David Gomberg

with others. I look for the best in people and usually find it. Let's get through this - together – by respecting each other and responding as a community.

And now the news...

Oregon Reopens:

Early Thursday, Governor Brown announced the phase one re-opening of 28 counties including Lincoln, Tillamook, and Yamhill Counties. Restaurants, bars, and taverns can open. Retail stores can reopen. Barbers, salons, and tattoo parlors can reopen.

Each must apply safety measures and social distancing.

Large gatherings and events are still not permitted. Hotels, campgrounds, and vacation rentals may remained closed by local cities and counties. Schools are not reopening, and Governor Brown said current planning is aimed at ensuring kids can reenter school next fall.

For the most up to date information, please bookmark the official reopening website and check it often.

All of us have a stake in the success of required safety measures. First they are designed to keep us and people we come in contact

with healthy. And second, if not successful and if infections increase, our counties can again be closed.

The responsibility for checking that businesses are following guidelines rests with local law enforcement and Oregon Occupational Safety and Health, as well as other state agencies depending on the type of business.

Statewide Reopenings: On May 7, Governor Brown announced Reopening Oregon, her plan for restarting public life and business. This included the statewide lifting of certain restrictions, some new statewide guidance, and a phased process for county-by-county reopening of other businesses and facilities.

As of May 1, medical and dental clinics were permitted to offer non-emergency procedures.

As of May 5, outdoor recreation areas where physical distancing could be maintained were allowed to open.

Statewide restrictions on stand-alone furniture stores, art galleries, jewelry shops and boutiques were lifted.

Statewide restrictions on childcare facilities, summer school, camps and youth programs were lifted.

A new statewide requirement that employees in businesses where physical distancing cannot be maintained must wear a facecovering. These include grocery stores, pharmacies, public transit, salons/personal services, and ridesharing services.

A strong recommendation that face-coverings be worn by everyone in any indoor public space, especially where six feet of distance cannot be maintained.

Vulnerable populations should still stay at home as much as possible. There has been no change in the guidance to limit visits to nursing homes and hospitals. Stay home if you're sick. Limit nonessential travel, including travel from 'closed' counties to 'open' counties for services. Keep up hygiene and sanitation. And telework if possible. The state has seen a rising number of COVID-19 cases and an increase in the percentage of tests coming back positive. That could give Oregon pause.

Only time will tell whether Oregon's reopening was timely or too hasty. But a look at how Oregon compares with other states helps explain why Governor Brown is comfortable pushing forward. Compared with many other states venturing back out, Oregon is in relatively good shape.

Potential Budget Impacts: The state revenue forecast will be released on May 20 and the outlook is grim. With people not working, income tax revenue will decline. With people not driving, gas taxes will decline. Lottery dollars and lodging taxes are obviously down as well.

With early projections of a possible shortfall as deep as \$3 billion for the current period, balancing the state budget will require difficult choices. Governor Brown has requested that state agencies provide proposals to reduce their respec-

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tive budgets by 17% for the upcoming fiscal year that starts July 1. These budget reduction lists provide a window into a worst-case scenario for our state. But no cuts have been made at this point and these lists are not final.

Thanks to prudent fiscal management, Oregon is the most prepared it has ever been for a recession. Our state has saved about \$1.5 billion in reserve funds to help stabilize our schools and other critical services during an economic downturn. By using a portion of these reserve funds to protect key programs, we can reduce the level of cuts needed to schools, health care, transportation, and public safety.

In times of crisis, Oregonians rely on state services more than ever. Cutting state services will be a last resort. I will do all I can in the coming weeks and months to find creative solutions to minimize impacts on the critical services that Oregonians are counting on, including health care and education.

Last week, I joined a meeting of the Emergency Board to vote on proposals to allocate \$1.39 billion in federal funds to offset state COVID expenses, reimburse cities, counties, and tribes, fund new programs, and enhance our reserves.

Stay safe, stay well, get a good mask, and let's safely get back to work!

> Warm Regards, Representative **David Gomberg House District 10**



Jay Whitney Papke

Jay was born on September 20, 1940 in Winner, South Dakota. He passed away on March 18, 2020, at Legacy Emmanuel Hospital Burn Center in Portland, Oregon, following an accident at home in Lincoln

Jay was retired from Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital where he had been manager of Environmental Services and Safety Officer. Jay made many friends through working at SNLH.

He played guitar with some fellow employees in a local band, DNR. Any vacation time he took was always to someplace sunny and warm.

Jay was pleasant and kind to everyone he met and will be missed by many. He is survived by his Domestic Partner of 17+ years, Judy McMurphy. Per his wishes, Jay was cremated by Portland Neptune

A "Rememberance gathering will be held after the Coronavirus situation is resolved and he wanted a party. In the meantime, raise a glass of cheer to his memory.

COMMUNITY

Thank You

When I was trying cases I would always send out a thank you to victims and witnesses while the jury was deliberating because I never wanted my gratitude to be measured by the outcome in the case.

This is no different.

Thank you to all who wrote letters, put up a sign, sent an encouraging message or who had the confidence in me to darken the oval on the ballot. I appreciate you and I hope in the coming days to extend more personal thanks to many of you.

My opponent described the campaign as "invigorating." I cannot share that expression. Since COVID-19 struck my priority has been doing the work of the court and making sure my staff, and

those needing to access the services of the court, were safe. That was, and remains, my focus.

I am pretty sure I have the distinction of being the only person in the courthouse who has not worked remotely a single day, nor taken a day off. As our courts open to more types of in-person hearings, my focus remains the same. I cannot do this work alone and I am humbled to work with dedicated staff and community partners who have worked through the most challenging of times to continue to provide essential services.

So, while the campaign has not been "invigorating," seeing our community come together has been. With heartfelt gratitude, thank you for your support during these extraordinary times.

> Sheryl Bachart, **Circuit Court Judge**

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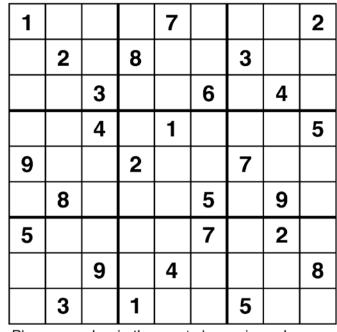
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by Linda Thistle



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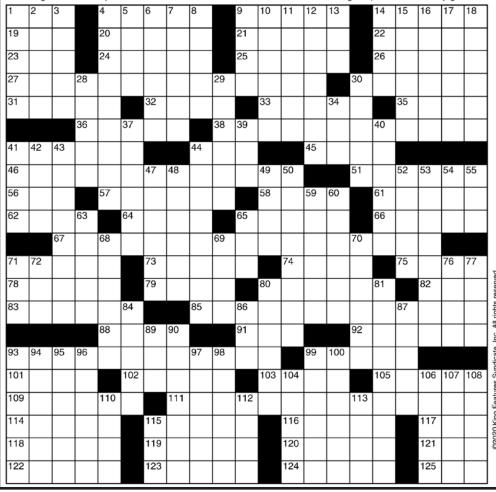
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Sheriff's Office increasing traffic safety education and enforcement

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With Lincoln County's recent application approval for the COVID-19 Phase I reopening process, the Sheriff's Office will be increasing proactive education and enforcement efforts relating to traffic safety.

Also a phased approach, these efforts are designed to increase safety for the citizens as travel increases in our county. Deputies will be primarily focusing on dangerous driving and what is known as "The Fatal Five" traffic violations - impaired drivers, speed, safety restraints, following too closely and improper lane

Deputies will be employing safety measures during their contacts to create social distancing when possible and continue the use of PPE when appropriate.

It is anticipated with restrictions easing, businesses reopening and nicer weather ahead, Lincoln County will see a substantial increase in motorists on our roadways. The Sheriff's Office is reminding all citizens and those passing through to please respect social distancing guidelines, obey traffic laws and travel safely so we can all stay healthy and enjoy the summer



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The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office will be focused on "The Fatal Five" traffic violations - impaired drivers, speed, safety restraints, following too closely and improper lane changes.

Police Blotter

The police blotter relates the public record of incidents as reported by the Lincoln City Police. All individuals arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty. *Information printed is* preliminary and subject to change.

LINCOLN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONDAY, MAY 11

3:17 p.m. Crash, SE 3rd St./SE Jetty Ave. Non injury motor vehicle accident reported at location. Driver cited for improper left turn.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

1:18 p.m. Impound, 2900 SE Hwy 101. Red 2001 Ford towed by Lincoln City Towing and entered as impound. Driver cited for driving while suspended violation and no insurance.

8:05 p.m. Follow Up, 800 NE Hwy 101. Suspects in theft contacted at location and agreed to come to LCPD to speak to case officer.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

10:22 a.m. Criminal Mischief, 1512 SE Hwy 101. RV parked in back parking lot at location. Tires slashed and RV broken into. Caller



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reported mattress damaged.

12:35 p.m. Theft, 1646 NE Hwy 101. Business owner reported theft of business funds via fraudulent checks.

9:21 p.m. Suspicious Activity, 2130 NE 21st St. Caller reported subject knocked on her door and possibly kicked her car.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

2:54 p.m. Extra Patrol, 5000 Block of NE Vovage. Lots of speeding and increased traffic on NE Voyage both directions; caller would love it if they deployed the radar trailer to remind people of the speed

4:30 p.m. Drugs, NE 29th St./Hwy 101. Originated as traffic stop, search of vehicle per parole officer. Jason Guffey, born 3/30/74, and Anthony Demicell, born 7/17/75, arrested for possession of meth. Demicell also charged with felon in possession of restricted weapon.

11:05 p.m. Assault II/Domestic, 1585 SE 19th St. Jennifer Bradley, born 5/8/83, taken into custody after a report of subjects yelling in an apartment.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

1:08 p.m. EDP, 4157 N Hwy 101, Caller reports he feels like he is dying and is going to cut his throat. Subject taken to hospital.

Extra Patrol, 3429 NW Jetty Ave. Caller reported garage door was open at rental home she manages. Trash was also located inside the residence.

11:43 p.m. Restraining Order Violation, 4675 NE Johns Ave. Caller reported her husband had been served a restraining order earlier in the evening and that he had continued to text her. Officer checked location where suspect was staying but he was not

SATURDAY, MAY 16

3:37 p.m. Criminal Mischief, 7659 NW Logan Rd. Caller reported his no trespassing signs were destroyed and removed.

6:53 p.m. Traffic, Blue Agave Restaurant. Traffic stop initiated, driver two code 10's, neither that Lincoln County Jail would lodge on. Cited for Driving While Suspended and Speeding.

8:56 p.m. Found Property, Dr. Bobs. Found remote control car at location.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

4:41 a.m. Theft, no location given. Caller reported theft of three Buddha statues. Caller has video of a male in a blue hoodie stealing one statue at 12:45 a.m. and then coming back and

stealing two more at 4:25 a.m. Suspect was in a dark colored sedan.

6:43 a.m. Crash, 95 SW Hwy 101, D River Construction site. Caller reported a vehicle crashed into construction barriers, parked at location and left the scene. Caller reported group associated with original call returned in red SUV. Female driver cited for reckless driving, driving without insurance. North Lincoln Fire responded for fluid spill.

9:48 a.m. Theft, 4802 NE Voyage Ave. Caller advised their driver's license and social security information had been compromised and posted online.

2:05 p.m. Theft, 1553 SE 3rd St. Report of theft of package from porch containing a GoPro 8 with a tripod and accessories.

3:37 p.m. Theft, 1521 SW Fleet Ave. Report of theft of solar lights.

4:15 p.m. Theft, 1609 NW 30th St. Reported as unlawful entry into a motor vehicle. Upon investigation it was determined there was no malicious intent.

7:14 p.m. Crash, 2048 NE 21st St. Male witness reports seeing a vehicle jump the curb and strike a fence. Driver was cited for careless driving with accident.

Phase I

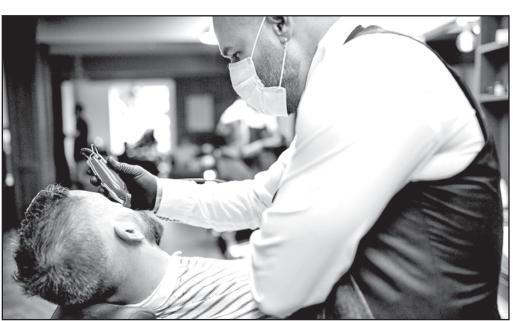
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not to be used to criminalize homelessness.

- Gyms and Fitness Guidance (Phase I Counties Only): Gyms and other fitness facilities in counties that have reopened for Phase I will be required to follow new health and safety guidance. Under the guidance, physical distancing measures are required, and contact sports remain prohibited.

Gov. Brown acknowledge that this news of approval will be met with both agreement and disagreement, but the state is confident in their decision to begin the reopening process.

"I've been in this job long enough to know that I am not here to make everyone happy. If I tried



Services such as sit down service in restaurants and bars, hair salons, barbers, gyms and others were permitted on May 15 when Lincoln County entered Phase I.

to please everyone, well, then nothing would get

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done," Gov. Brown said. "I'm focused on protecting the health and safety of Oregonians while understanding that job losses have a negative impact on public health, both physical and emotional health."

All approved counties

will stay in that Phase for at least three weeks. If there is a significant spike, the stay at home rules may be put back in place, said Gov.

"We know and expect that there may be an uptick in cases," Brown said. "Re-



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opening comes with risks, until there is a vaccine life will not go back to as we knew it. "We are venturing out

onto thin ice and we need to step carefully and cautiously." Brown also advised that

everyone should continue to practice physical distancing and wear face coverings.

Lincoln City Mayor Dick Anderson issued a statement on the approval and advised caution as Lincoln County enters the reopening process.

'Our restaurants and businesses will be moving to open tomorrow with guidelines in place. However, please be thoughtful and considerate of others as we start interacting with others," Anderson said. "We have had our 7th case in this County and if the numbers increase too rapidly, we could be moved back to lockdown.

"We are thankful our businesses are moving to a new normal with this reopening. There will be more news about short term rentals after our countywide meeting this afternoon."

Keep Lincoln County Open

After the Governors announcement, Lincoln County Public Health and the Joint Information Center launched a new campaign called "Keep Lincoln County Open."

"All of us play an important part as Lincoln County begins to slowly reopen," County officials said. "Here is what all members of the community can do to keep things open as we move forward."

• Physical Distance: Be at least 6 feet from people you don't live with. Stay home if you are sick. Stay close to home and avoid trips outside your community

• Protect Others: Cover you cough and sneeze with elbow or tissue. Avoid touching your face. Use face coverings in public

• Keep Clean: Frequently wash your hands for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Frequently clean your work and living space, especially high touch places like doors and handles.

"The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 until there is a cure or a preventative treatment is to follow these guidelines," Lincoln County Health Officials said. "Together, we can keep Lincoln County open."

For updates on reopening, go to:

 County website at https://www.co.lincoln. or.us/hhs/page/reopeninglincoln-county

• Governor's website at https://govstatus.egov.com/ or-covid-19

• Oregon Health Authority at https://govstatus.egov. com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

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Rentals

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them open at a later date.

"It's complicated," Hunt said. "One of the worst outcomes would be a surge and a forced shutdown of the county. Until we have better scientific data I propose a gradual reopening.

"My guiding principle is and has been that the loss of a loved one is far more devastating than an economic loss."

Commissioner Hall disagreed with Hunt's notion to exclude VRD's from reopening.

"I don't see any good justification from a scientific standpoint to treat vacation rentals differently than other lodging facilities," Hall said. "My vote is to begin a phased opening of all lodging on June 1."

Commissioner Chair Kaety Jacobson was also in favor of having all lodging reopen on June 1.

The city councils were then given the opportunity to speak and give their two cents on the proposed reopening date. Newport Mayor Dean Sawyer, who is a homeshare owner, said whatever date is decided upon, he would be waiting an additional two weeks to resume renting it out.

"I agree with the June 1 date. We need a buffer between May 15 and June 1 for the local restaurants and shops in town," Sawyer said. "I also think the vacation rental should be the same as hotels and RV parks. If there's any further breakout, I would encourage us to all

reconvene again to make a decision."

For the Lincoln City City Council, although they were all in agreement on opening all STR's at the same time, they all seemed to have differing opinions on when that date might be.

"People will be coming here the next few weeks," Councilor Rick Mark said. "I am concerned with people not wearing masks. We might be putting an unfair burden on local law enforcement. People from the valley are going to be coming down here whether the hotels are open or not, that means the virus will be coming down here and people will be getting sick."

Mark, along with Councilors Mitch Parsons, Diana Hinton and Mayor

Dick Anderson, were all in favor of the June 1 reopen date. However, Councilors Judy Casper and Diane Kusz were in favor of a May 29 date, and Councilor Riley Hoagland wanted a June 4 date to coincide with the Governor's Phased Reopening plan.

After the discussion regarding the reopening date, the meeting shifted to restrictions for STR's once they are reopened. The Commissioners detailed the following restrictions that they plan to set in place:

- Employees and owners must wear face coverings and guests will be encouraged to wear face coverings.
- Remote check in will be a requirement.
- Room service will not be permitted.

- Pools and spas will be closed.

The county officials discussed two restrictions in greater detail, which appeared in the original draft. The first was a limit on how many people would be permitted per room or per VRD unit. They originally discussed a two person per bed limit and no more than four people per room in hotels and motels. Additionally, they had a limit of six people per VRD unit. That restriction was changed to what the STR license permits.

The second restriction discussed was regarding turnaround time for a room or unit. After discussion, the county officials decided to implement a 24-hour minimum turnaround time

for each unit.

Following talks regarding restrictions, the officials took a vote on the new drafted proposal, which included the June 1 reopening date.

The proposal passed unanimously among the County Commissioners and Lincoln City City Council. Yachats also passed the June 1 proposal. Waldport did not attend the meeting and already voted for a May 22 opening date. Toledo, Depoe Bay and Siletz also did not participate in the vote. Finally, Newport approved the proposal, but with a May 23 reopening date instead of a June 1 date.

It was later announced that Depoe Bay, Toledo and Siletz would decided to keep the June 1 reopen date.

Masks

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Window Rock, Arizona. Francis was in the process of making face masks for the Samaritan Foundation in Lincoln City and had posted a picture of them on Facebook.

Her friend messaged

her and spoke of the losses they were experiencing with their elders due to the virus, so Francis decided to go big and make 500 masks for them. But to make that many quickly she reached out to her community for assistance.

From Chapel by the Sea

Presbyterian Church she received a large donation of fabric and two volunteers to help sew the masks as well as a funds to help pay for supplies and postage to ship masks to the Navajo Nation. She also contacted her Rotary Club, Lincoln City Rotary, and asked if the

Club would be interested in helping with the project.

They enthusiastically agreed but wanted to keep the Club's support local and asked if face masks could be made for the Siletz Tribe.

Estle Harlan was instrumental in connecting with the Siletz Tribe and learning of their Tribal Elders' need for masks. It was agreed that 500 face masks would be made for the Siletz Tribe, and that Lincoln City Rotary would pay for the materials. Additional volunteers to sew the masks came from friends with the American Sewing Guild and Daughters

of the American Revolution (DAR).

"We are on target for making and distributing 1000 face masks by the end of May," Francis said. "500 will go to the Confederated Tribe of the Siletz and 500 will go to the Navajo Nation."



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Oregon Coast Community College Commencement to be live-streamed

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The faculty and staff of Oregon Coast Community College have been awed by the resilience and spirit shown by OCCC students during this most-unusual Spring

"For those graduating in June, as you might imagine, commencement will be different than any in the history of our College," said Birgitte Ryslinge, President of OCCC. "We'd like to thank those students who participated in the student survey that sought ideas and opinions about how OCCC should celebrate this year's event."

Students have been asked to watch their student email accounts and the College website for additional information in the days and weeks to come. Planning is ongoing, but there are some firm details already about the Oregon Coast Community College 2020 commencement ceremony.

The event will be held at its previously scheduled date and time, 6 p.m. Friday, June 12.

Instead of taking place at the Newport Performing Arts Center, the event will be live-streamed to students, their families, and friends. College faculty and administrators, along with members of OCCC's elected Board of Education, will participate live from home or from the commons at the Central County Campus in Newport, a space large enough to allow for rigorous social distancing measures and safeguards. The event will be recorded and shared



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with the public afterwards, via the College's YouTube channel or website.

The College has reached out to all its graduating students via email to request photographs, as the presentation will feature a slideshow featuring images of every graduate. More details are available on the OCCC website, www.oregoncoastcc.org. Just search "commencement."

For additional information, call Oregon Coast Community College at 541-867-8501.

College plans distribution of **CARES Act funds**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law on March 27, created a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. The fund provides resources to institu-

tions to make possible emergency financial aid grants to students whose lives have been disrupted, many of whom are facing financial challenges and struggling to make

Students cannot apply for assistance directly from the U.S. Department of Education instead work with their institutions for further information and guidance.

Oregon Coast Community College and other institutions have the responsibility of determining how grants will be distributed to students, how the amount of each student grant is calculated, and the development of any instructions or directions that are provided to students about the grant.

OCCC received an allocation of \$92,000 through the CARES Act.

The College will distribute those funds to eligible students during the current Spring term (40%), the Summer 2020 term (20%), and the Fall 2020 term

The College created a committee to craft a distribution methodology to deliver the funds in a way that met the greatest need. The committee was headed up by Chris Ousley, Interim Dean of Students.

In lieu of an institutional aid application or additional documentation as allowed by the U.S. Dept. of Education, OCCC uses a student's completed FAFSA as evidence of eligibility. To be eligible, students must be eligible to receive Federal Financial Aid funds, must be admitted to the College, must have completed a

high school diploma or GED, must be making satisfactory academic progress, and must be enrolled in credit courses at the beginning of week two of the academic term. Unless they are new students, they must also have been enrolled in on-campus courses in the previous academic term.

Per-student awards will differ by term. This distribution formula's per-student allocations are proportional to the number of eligible students in each term and available funds.

The committee elected to base allocations on both the number of classes and the level of enrollment (credits).

"This is a new program and we anticipate some students will have questions about the program," Ousley said. "Our team will be working with eligible students individually and answering questions as they arise."

Students with questions are invited to call 541-867-8501 or email chris.ousley@oregoncoastcc.org.

Oregon Coast Community College serves students and the broader Lincoln County community through its facilities in Newport, Lincoln City, and Waldport. Explore the College's website, at oregoncoastcc.org, to learn more. The College, founded in 1987, is independently accredited through the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Follow OCCC on Instagram, Facebook, or Twitter @occcsharks, online at oregoncoastcc.org, or call the College at 541-867-8501.





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Holly Cauthers, FNP, has joined Samaritan Coastal Clinic. She earned bachelor's degrees at Brigham Young University and Washington State University, and completed a nursing degree at University of South Alabama. She can be reached at 541-996-7480.



Erin Guiliano Lichy, DO, has joined Samaritan Health Center -Newport. She earned a bachelor's degree at Oregon State University and a medical degree at Western University of Health Sciences. She completed residency training at Samaritan Family Medicine Residency Program. She can be reached at 541-265-8816.



Alana Rushton, PA-C, has joined Samaritan Coastal Clinic. She earned a master's in physician assistant studies at A.T. Still University of Arizona School of Health Sciences. She can be reached at 541-996-7480.

Occupational Medicine



Michelle Cowles, FNP, has joined Samaritan Occupational Medicine – Newport. She earned a bachelor's degree at Pratt Community College and a master's degree from Walden University. She can be reached at 541-574-4675.

Mental Health services



Cathleen LaLonde, PhD, has joined Samaritan Waldport Clinic. She earned a bachelor's degree at Michigan State University, a graduate degree from Madonna University and a doctoral degree at University of Detroit Mercy. She completed an internship at Eastern Virginia Medical School and a fellowship at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (Memphis). She can be reached at 541-563-3197.

Surgery



Melissa deWolfe, DO, has joined Samaritan Surgical Specialists -Newport. She earned a bachelor's degree at Haveford College, a master's degree at East Carolina University and a medical degree at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed residency training at Vidant Medical Center. She can be reached at 541-574-7235.



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