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## Snack Attack is Back



**New Snack Attack owner Oscar Ochoa and girlfriend Mackenzie Markham run the shop in Lincoln City.**

### New owner looks to improve local shop

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At 23 years old, it's rare for anyone to own their own business. For Lincoln City resident Oscar Ochoa, he's accomplished that feat and doubled down by purchasing his second business just over a month ago.

Ochoa said his family came to Lincoln City when he was five years old, where he grew up and graduated from Taft 7-12. During those years he worked different jobs, primarily in construction, but also spending a few summers serving ice cream at Snack Attack, located at 100 SE Hwy 101. After high school, Ochoa dove into construction, building homes, decks and everything in between. Eventually, he decided to start his own business, Oscar Ochoa LLC.

"I do jobs mostly around Lincoln City," Ochoa said. "This biggest jobs are the rot repairs, I get quite a few of those." Through his primary job in construction, Ochoa learned from a local realtor that Snack Attack was for sale. "I had heard this business was selling for about \$75,000 and I just thought about the potential of it and figured it would be a fun project, especially given the location here," Ochoa

See **SNACK ATTACK**, Page **A8**

## City moves ahead with Urban Renewal

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The City of Lincoln City is inching closer to adopting the proposed Roads End/Villages at Cascade Head (Sitka Woods) Urban Renewal plan. On July 27, the City Council held a hearing for the proposed ordinance at their regularly scheduled meeting. The Roads End/Villages at Cascade Head (Sitka Woods) Urban Renewal Area, consists of approximately 500 acres of land including rights of way. According to the City, the purpose of urban renewal is to improve specific areas of a city that are poorly developed or underdeveloped. These areas can have old deteriorated buildings, public spaces which need improvements, a lack of investment, streets and utilities in poor condition or they can lack streets and utilities altogether. City staff said the proposed area has many properties that are undeveloped or under-developed and lacks sufficient infrastructure within the area. The plan contains goals, objectives and projects for the development of the area. Plans for the properties include transportation, economic development, parks, trails and open space, public works/utilities, community connections/appearance, emergency preparedness, resiliency and mitigation, as well as plan administration.

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# SARS-CoV-2 sampling shows lower prevalence

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Preliminary results of a second round of door-to-door sampling by Oregon State University in Newport suggest a significantly lower prevalence of the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 on July 11-12 than compared to a similar sampling three weeks earlier. The sampling found an estimated community prevalence of six in 1,000. The initial sampling on June 20-21 found a prevalence of 34 in 1,000. The initial sampling occurred after a virus outbreak at a seafood processing facility in Newport.



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**Oregon State University took random samples in Newport on July 11-12.**

"This is good news but the outbreak isn't over" said Ben Dalziel, assistant professor in the College of Science at OSU and co-director of

the Team-based Rapid Assessment of Community-Level Coronavirus Epidemics, known as TRACE-COVID-19, project. "To keep things headed in the right direction, we urge residents and visitors alike to keep up the hard work – wear facemasks, follow physical and social distance guidelines and abide by group size guidelines." TRACE field teams canvassed 30 Newport neighborhoods, with 338 of the households visited – or 70 percent – agreeing to participate. In all, the field workers received samples from 550 people.

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# Governor adds new restrictions to slow COVID-19 in Oregon

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"Oregon, we ventured out onto the ice together, and that ice has begun to crack. Before we fall through the ice we need to take additional steps to protect ourselves and our communities." Those are the words from Oregon Governor Kate Brown before she announced addi-

tional restrictions for Oregonians last week. Gov. Brown held a press conference July 22 to discuss the state's next steps to attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Dr. Dean Sidelinger, state epidemiologist and state health officer, offered updated statistics for COVID-19 at the state level. Oregon has now surpassed 15,000 confirmed cases, and last week the

state recorded over 2,400 cases, a 26 percent increase from the previous week. Oregon also announced 25 new COVID-19 related deaths in a week, an increase from 22 the previous week. "These are our fellow Oregonians and my heart goes out to their families and friends for the loss of their loved ones," Dr. Sidelinger said. This new data has caused

Gov. Brown to take further action. Starting Friday, July 24, the Governor added three new requirements statewide regardless of each counties phase. First, Gov. Brown announced an expansion on the face covering requirement that includes children ages five and older. They will now be required to wear them in all indoor public spaces and at outdoor venues where six feet of physical

distance cannot be maintained. Children ages 2-5 will continue to be recommended to wear face coverings, but not required. This new requirement will also be added to the State's re-opening schools plan this week. Additionally, Gov. Brown stated that they will be removing some face covering exceptions for businesses such as gyms while

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# Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County receives \$140,000 LIFT grant

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Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County (HFHLC) received \$140,000 in Local Innovation Fast Track (LIFT) grant funding from Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to support construction of two new homes in the Palisades area of Lincoln City.

HFHLC plans to break ground early next year and anticipates completion by the end of 2022. Additional funding is needed, however, with a goal of raising at least half the total construction cost prior to breaking ground.

“There are so many uncertainties right now and the impact of the pandemic on our cost to build will make this a challenge,” said Lucinda Taylor, Executive Director of HFHLC. “Regardless, we’re committed to finishing these homes by the

end of 2022. Individuals, businesses, and other organizations who would like to partner with us on this project are encouraged to reach out to me.”

The land for these homes was donated by Lincoln County. Both the donation from the County and the LIFT grant require the homes to be placed in permanent affordability, a new shared equity model recently adopted by HFHLC. With this model, the purchaser owns the home and leases the land from HFHLC.

The deed to the home includes a restriction that it can only be sold to a low-income family, and the sales price is based on a pre-determined formula that allows the current homeowner to build equity while still maintaining affordability of the home for the next purchaser.

“This is great news for the



The Lincoln City lots that will be used by Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County.

families who will be served,” said Lincoln County Commissioner Claire Hall, chair of the Oregon Housing Stability Council. “Years of work by housing advocates from around the state is finally paying off in the form of investments in rental properties and home ownership opportunities for hard-working families.”

Applications for homeownership will open September 15.

Applicants must meet income qualifications and be willing to partner with Habitat to be considered, and the opportunity is open to all residents of Lincoln County. Applicants who meet minimum qualifications will be forwarded to a Homeowner Selection Committee, staffed by community volunteers, for additional screening. Once selected, the future Habitat homeowners are required to complete financial education and homebuyer education training as well as put in sweat equity.

For those who are physically able, that means helping build their home or volunteering on critical home repair projects for local low-income homeowners.

For others, it might mean volunteering at one of the ReStores in Newport or Lincoln City. HFHLC will advertise widely and provide additional details once they are ready to begin accepting applications.

With a mission of bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope, the Habitat model relies heavily on volunteers to help with construction activities.

The pandemic has significantly reduced the organizations’ ability to recruit and utilize volunteers in a safe and effective manner.

“We still have a long road ahead of us before we welcome new Lincoln City homeowners to the Habitat family,” says Taylor, “but the LIFT grant is a huge step forward. We’re grateful for the support of the community, our volunteers, donors, and board of directors, and especially thankful to County Commissioner Claire Hall who voted to approve this funding in her role as Chair of the Oregon Housing Stability Council.”

For more information or to help support this project, please contact Lucinda Taylor at [director@habitatlincoln.org](mailto:director@habitatlincoln.org) or 541.351.8078.

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# ODOT continues work on bridge projects

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The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) began an \$8.5 million project last year that includes improvements to three coastal bridges.

The three bridges include D River Bridge (Devils Lake Outlet), Schooner Creek Bridge and Siltcoos River Bridge – south of Florence.

Recently, ODOT provided a brief update on the projects, which has included repairs and installation of corrosion protection.

At Devil's Lake Outlet, the western bridge rail is being replaced and the sidewalk is closed for the next several months. Work continues underneath the bridge and steel plates are being used to protect the work crew.

Short-term lane closures will be needed to move the steel plates as work progresses.

At the Schooner Creek Bridge, a platform is being installed under the bridge and damaged concrete sections are currently being repaired. The western sidewalk is closed for approximately two months while the contractor replaces the bridge rail.

Intermittent night-time lane closures will be needed during that time. Expect minor delays, ODOT says.

More information is available at [oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/](http://oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/).

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# Oregon Department of Education responds to new face covering requirement

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As part of its planned guidance review process, the Oregon Department of Education released updates to Ready Schools, Safe Learners, the 2020-21 school year guidance. Ready Schools, Safe Learners, developed under the direction of Governor Brown and in collaboration with Oregon Health Authority, provides a framework for schools for the 2020-21 school year that prioritizes the health and safety of all students and staff and the families they return to each day.

New Face Covering Requirement

The updated guidance includes a new requirement that face coverings are now required for all students in grades kindergarten and up and all staff in K-12. Earlier versions of the guidance recommended, but did not require, face coverings for students in 6th-12th grade. Earlier guidance versions did not require staff to wear face coverings in all circumstances. The new requirement is in response to mounting evidence that face coverings are effective in mitigating the spread of COVID-19. To help school districts meet this new requirement, ODE is distributing five million face coverings to school districts, for use by students and staff. The five million face coverings, donated by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and officially called KN95 Face Masks, will be distributed to Education Service Districts and then to school districts over the next few weeks. ODE defines



STOCK PHOTO

Face coverings will now be required for all students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade during the upcoming 2020-21 school year.

these products as face coverings and not masks, as they are not considered medical-grade masks.

Beginning School

Based on local conditions and readiness, each school (including private schools) will select one of the following ways to begin school in the fall: Return to a school campus (On-Site learning), Return to school with a blend of on-site and comprehensive distance learning (Hybrid learning), or Return to school through Comprehensive Distance Learning (Off-Site learning). Having face coverings alone

do not fully prepare a school to return to in-person instruction. The supply of face coverings complements schools' ongoing efforts to keep students and staff safe and healthy and is one of many factors in any school's individual plan to return to in-person instruction as all schools have to meet a host of safety criteria before returning students to in-person instruction. "This is a team effort. We're thankful to FEMA, the Oregon Emergency Coordination Center (ECC), the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), the Salem-Keizer School District, and each of our 19 education service districts (ESDs) for their substantial support in

acquiring, storing and distributing these face coverings. This effort will boost school districts' efforts to keep their students and staff healthy and safe. This will help ensure that access to face coverings will not become a barrier to meeting the new requirement," said ODE Director Colt Gill. Oregon is continuing to align face covering guidance across all sectors and to regularly update the guidance to match current conditions. Additional face covering updates may be made prior to the start of the 2020-21 school year. Other updates to the Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance include: Clarified the roles of lo-

cal public health authorities, school districts and state leaders in determining when school facilities need to close due to an outbreak of COVID-19. (Page 10) Increased clarity on how cohorting can limit the risk of spread of COVID-19. (Page 21)

How School Districts Decide On In-Person Instruction

The next regular update to the guidance is expected on August 11. However, ODE and OHA are currently collaborating on a set of guideposts, protocols and public health indicators that will help local schools and districts determine when to open to in-person instruction. Data about readiness of local healthcare systems and the state of local COVID-19 rates will help inform school decisions about when to move to On-Site or Hybrid models of instruction. ODE expects to release this information and expanded information on how to respond to outbreaks in schools prior to the August 11 release. The Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance places tremendous responsibility in the hands of local school and health officials with state oversight to protect the health of all Oregonians. Each version of guidance has been written specifically for those who are actively planning and implementing how learning will be supported in the coming school year—school leaders, superintendents, principals, business managers, with specific attention to teacher leaders and support staff.

# Several earthquakes felt along the west coast

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Following a 3.2 magnitude earthquake in Rose Lodge that was reported July 21 by the United States Geological Survey (USGS), a string of quakes were felt further north in Alaska and Canada. In the afternoon of July 21, USGS reported an on shore earthquake in Rose Lodge, just outside of Lincoln City, that had a depth of 44.0 kilometers and posed no threat of a tsunami. Then at 10:12 p.m. that evening, USGS reported a 7.8 magnitude quake 65 miles off the coast of Perryville, Alaska. The relatively large earthquake had a depth of 28 kilometers and triggered a tsunami warning. However, the warning was eventually canceled as the quake produced waves of less than a foot and no

immediate damage was reported on shore. At 4:33 a.m. on July 22, USGS reported another earthquake off the coast of Vancouver, Canada. This earthquake was a 5.4 magnitude and had a depth of 10 kilometers. USGS said it did not pose a threat of a tsunami, as it occurred over 150 miles off shore. "Our Dispatch Center

and County Emergency Management closely monitored updates for the Alaska earthquake for a possible distant tsunami for the Oregon Coast, but we were fortunate the event did not create a distant event for us," the Lincoln County Emergency Management Team stated following the quakes.

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The public hearing will be held for the purpose of taking comments on the District's draft findings supporting the exemption of certain classes of special procurements and pubic improvement contracts from competitive bidding requirements. Copies of the draft findings will be available to the public at the address above and at www.nlfr.org after 7/27/2020. FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE HEARING.

### Lincoln City

NG20-119

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE ROADS END/VILLAGES AT CASCADE HEAD URBAN RENEWAL (TAX INCREMENT FINANCE) PLAN**

The City Council of the City of Lincoln City has adopted Ordinance No. 2020-20 on July 27, 2020 approving the Roads End/Villages at Cascade Head Urban Renewal (Tax Increment Finance) Plan. The Plan has been adopted in conformance with the applicable legal requirements and shall be conclusively presumed valid for all purposes 90 days after the adoption of the ordinance. No direct or collateral attack on the action may thereafter be commenced.

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FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

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### Answers for Last Week's Puzzle

#### Super Crossword

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### Answers for Last Week's Puzzle

#### Weekly SUDOKU

**Answer**

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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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### Super Crossword

GOOD-LOOKING BEGINNERS

ACROSS

1 Farm output

5 Mosey along

10 Father

14 Verbal tests

19 Despise

20 Slow — (Asian primate)

21 Spoil

22 Bo of “Bolero”

23 Magnetic pull

26 Certain Arab

27 Place for online small talk

28 Author Dinesen

29 One of Nixon’s daughters

30 Hack down

31 Crow cry

32 Clear skies and 70 degrees, say

35 Smell — (suspect something)

37 Novelist Zora — Hurston

39 Stopover site

40 Santa Fe-to-Denver dir.

41 Horned viper

44 Annex

45 Sanctify with oil

48 SFO posting

49 What a happy couple makes together

54 Suffix with journal

56 Liberal arts subj.

57 With 90-Down, totally mistaken

58 Creepy quality

60 Rented living spaces: Abbr.

64 Screening airport org.

65 Appear to be

67 Fit snugly

68 Target rival

69 Notions that an imp might get

72 Habanero, for one

74 Pays mind to

75 Infant bed

79 Brand of nonstick cookware

80 Org. for drs.

81 Admin. aide

82 Like rhythmic verse

84 Mag bigwigs

85 Thither

86 Victory sign

88 Big sum given for finding a lost pet, perhaps

91 Conan’s TV home

94 Understood by very few

96 Roth —

97 Uvea’s organ

98 Granola tidbit

99 “Law & Order” spinoff, informally

100 Italian port

102 Low pair in poker

106 It’s painted to make something seem better than it is

111 A Stooze

114 Inclined (to)

115 Oscar winner Helen

116 Emu relative

117 Food symbolizing America

119 Ed with Emmys

120 Equitable market practices

123 Thief

124 News bit

125 Brother, in Paris

126 Slaving away

127 Not on time

128 Shot callers

129 Mended

130 Pot tops

DOWN

1 Ballroom dance

2 Quite

3 Ontario city

4 Saucy

5 Big maker of food cans

6 Label for the Jackson 5

7 Hat’s edge

8 Actress Tyler

9 Suffix with journal

10 Non-poetry

11 Of hearing

12 Finicky

13 Ending for meth-

14 Scenting substances

15 Send, as payment

16 Weaver of mythology

17 Lax

18 Place for downhillers

24 Oval part

25 Bill depicting Lincoln

29 Lendl’s sport

32 Soup scoop

33 Fathers, informally

34 Nintendo console

36 Greek “T”

38 Water, to Yves

42 Condition of equilibrium

43 Heaped up

45 Sale proviso

46 Fraction of about 11%

47 Forest cat

49 “You —!” (“Oh yeah!”)

50 Comes after as a result

51 Swirly marbles

52 Shorn wool

53 Suffix with script

55 Pack tightly

59 Fixed price

61 Tropical fruit

62 Aftershock

63 Hair bit

66 Actress Plimpton

68 Actor Grammer

70 1999 Ron Howard satire

71 Clear kitchen wrap

73 Father, in Madrid

76 Have supper

77 PC readout of a sort

78 Not as tough

82 “Quo Vadis” director — LeRoy

83 TV producer Michaels

87 Like trade winds

89 China’s — Zedong

90 See

97-Across

91 Certain rigging support

92 Coffee shop employee

93 Less lax

95 Quart fourth

100 Avocado dip, for short

101 Measure of current flow

103 American elk

104 Sedating substance

105 Blood vessel openers

107 Walk (on)

108 Furious

109 Part of CEO

110 Tenures

112 Decided

113 Part of REO

117 Highest point

118 Plus others: Abbr.

120 Pine relative

121 A bit askew

122 Hosp. body scan



# Job Opening

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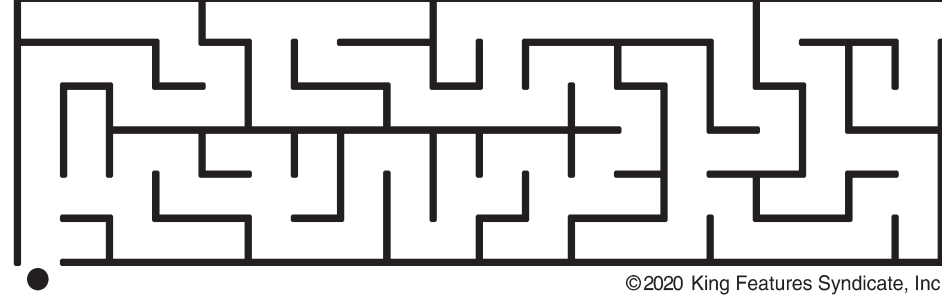
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# VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY

## Neighborhoods, not vacation rentals

A newly proposed Petition Initiative will prohibit new STR licenses, require a phase-out of STRs over five years, and reduce licensed occupancy in the Residential Zones of Unincorporated County.

Short-term vacation rentals (STRs or VRDs) should never have been licensed in single-family Residential Zones in unincorporated Lincoln County.

In Unincorporated Lincoln

County, STRs are licensed for up to 20 occupants. STRs are mini-motels but without on-site management. STRs are businesses, not homes. STRs belong in the tourist-commercial zones. Current Lincoln County zoning prohibits B&Bs in some residential zones. Think about it. Why are STRs operating in residential zones when B&Bs cannot?

Lincoln County licensed away the zoning protections and property rights of people living in Residential Zones. Residential neighborhoods are no longer "residential" in Unincorporated

Lincoln County.

Realtors are forthcoming about STRs demand. One told us that her agency receives more calls from people looking for STRs than any other property type. Another said her brokerage calls Unincorporated Lincoln County the "wild west" for STRs because there are neither zoning restrictions nor meaningful, enforceable regulations. This is a selling point for outside investors.

The 601 currently licensed STRs have removed 601 homes from our long-term housing

stock. This impacts students, essential workers, retirees, doctors/nurses, teachers, and scientists who can't find affordable homes to rent or buy.

Lincoln County issues more STR licenses than permits for new construction. Did you know that only 6% of the STR investors live in Lincoln County?

Email [15neighborhoods@gmail.com](mailto:15neighborhoods@gmail.com) for Petition information.

*Monica Kirk,  
Depoe Bay*

## Garbage tax with no benefit

The Lincoln City Council has scheduled a \$520,000 tax set to take effect in January 2021. It will be a tax increase of 15 to 40 percent on every household that has garbage service.

The money will be paid directly to North Lincoln Sanitary and will not benefit the city.

I like and respect North Lincoln and how they have supported the larger community. I like and respect the family that owns NLSS and admire how they support the citizens. I supported

NLSS when I was on the City Council and we made garbage service mandatory for all residents with water service because that made sense. I cannot support this large increase on every household for no actual benefit.

I do not like the required mandatory composting bin we all will be required to have for \$6.81 additionally each month. This is a yearly total increase of \$81.72 per household.

This tax is for an additional large 96 gallon garbage can for things like grass clippings, yard debris and kitchen scraps.

It would be picked up twice a month. It doesn't matter if you already compost or haul your yard stuff to the dump - you will be charged \$6.81 a month. It doesn't matter if you already put your yard debris in your household trash, you will be charged for that large 96 gallon can to sit around your house somewhere even if you do not use it. That represents a 20 percent monthly increase to me on my garbage bill.

Your percentage increase could be larger or smaller depending on what your current

garbage bill is. If you have a smaller bill and do not even have a yard or any clippings, you will still pay the \$6.81 and face a 40 percent increase without any benefit.

At this time, I see no gain for our greater community by this large increase. However, I do see a benefit to a valley composting company who will turn our raw materials that we pay to transport into profit for them.

*John Baird,  
Lincoln City*

# Guest Column: School opening in the Fall? Forget it!

**MICHAEL LENHART**

With an uptick of cases less than six weeks from the first bell, there is no way to safely open up Oregon schools in the Fall.

Even a well-designed plan that includes an arms-length of protocols that would have to be in place and strictly enforced cannot, with certainty, protect students, teachers, and support staff. Those guidelines would also have to factor in the potential impact on family members in the home who may be inadvertent recipients of a potentially deadly disease – or who send their child to school with a backpack, lunch and a fresh case of the COVID-19, courtesy of an irresponsible or unwitting adult. A simple temperature check at the door simply won't cut when dealing with children who are often times asymptomatic. It's a logistical nightmare for

districts to consider all of the safeguards that have to be in place to make a return to school a sensible choice.

A single reported new case within the walls of a classroom puts everyone at risk. Let's assume a seasoned, veteran teacher in his/her 50's or even 60's is diagnosed positive. How is that going to be handled administratively? Who gets tested? Are students and other teachers quarantined for two weeks? What about family members and their possible exposure as a result of their child being in contact with the teacher? While contact tracing might actually be relatively easy in a self-contained classroom, you can see the dilemma in attempting to protect everyone within close and long distant range of that infected teacher.

Bulletin boards normally dressed with displays of Fall leaves, welcome signs, classroom rules and name tags will be replaced with caution signs, symbols and a list of mostly "DON'T'S" strategically placed in the

front of the room and in plain view by the drinking fountain – hardly aesthetically pleasing in the eyes of what would typically be an exciting and anticipated return to school for our kids.

Imagine being a kindergarten teacher in a room filled with mostly nonreaders who've been moved from one lockdown environment to a new one that's more restrictive and doesn't allow them to freely move, explore and engage in typical socialization activities among peers. Is that how we start the educational career of a five year old, most of which walk in an elementary school for the first time with uncertainty and social/separation anxiety already built in? Good luck getting five year olds to understand, let alone follow overbearingly stringent classroom rules. That teacher will be spending too much time wiping tears away from scared students screaming for one or both parents... or family member they rely on for support.

Even in a remote

learning environment in the home, children are free to roam the house unmasked without ball 'n chains. Yes, many parents are not prepared for another few months of noncompliance, bribing, and screaming just get a child to sit down for a 20 minute lesson on ordering fractions, smallest to largest. However, imagine the stress of parents and children leaving the safety of home into spaces that aren't ready to deal with health consequences in the midst of a pandemic.

Consider the safety of the building in which your child attends. Newer schools tend to have better HVAC systems with an option of recycling fresh air into classrooms. Older schools might recycle the same air or have inadequate air flow. And then you have rooms with no AC. Put even a minimal amount of students in an overheated classroom and watch the masks come off just for a breath of fresh air. Petri dish anyone?

By now, I'm sure you've labeled me an alarmist? Perhaps. However, the understood oath and commitment among educators intuitively puts us in the role of guardian angel and protector of children and each other. It's a calling of which we've been given the upmost responsibility. 40+ years as an educator working with students in grades K-6, as a teacher, librarian, and counselor give me reasonable credibility to bring these concerns to the forefront. I'm retired now, but

I've occasionally done some substitute teaching in the past. I completed a long term substitute job a year ago in a dual immersion program for a teacher on stay home orders because of a complicated pregnancy. There is no situation that would entice me to teach, full time or as a substitute teacher at this moment.

It's an untenable situation in which the 'primary educator' of children, the parents or adult in charge of raising the child, needs to continue take on the responsibility and role of classroom teacher for a bit longer. Getting back to school is solely conditional upon us fully containing this pandemic. Period!

Alexander Navarro authored a study on the societal impact of the Spanish flu back in 1918. He suggests that the epidemic showed up in the middle of the Great War, a time when Americans were, as he put it, "felt a sense of hyper-patriotism", and that people were willing to do their part for the war effort. Consider this a war on a pandemic that is destroying lives and changing how we live. We are ALL in it together as we battle it... otherwise, it lingers for years. Let's hope that Governor Brown continues to make the tough, common sense decisions that get us on that path to full recovery. Let's hope that collectively, we can set aside selfish, ideological and an 'all about me' mentality for the sake of the war effort.



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## JULY - 50 years ago

### 24-hour restaurant opens

Captain John's, Lincoln City's first 24-hour restaurant, opened its doors to the public Saturday.

Owned and operated by John Leovich, a well known Oregon sports figure, the restaurant is the former Coo-Coo Clock in the Oceanlake area of the city.

A coffee shop and dining room featuring a “menu in reach of everyone’s pocket book,” was opened in the first phase of an extensive remodeling project that began in May. To be opened in a second phase at an unannounced date will be a lounge and banquet facilities.

Leovich is a former Oregon State University football player and a professional catcher with the Portland Beavers. He has been in the restaurant business for the past 20 years, including current ownership of Tony's Restaurant and Bar in northwest Portland. Contractor for the remodeling was Bill McInnis, Portland, who was a college teammate of Leovich's during the late 1940's at OSU.

“When I learned of the availability of this site, it looked like a good opportunity to let me fulfill a long-time hope of relocating in Lincoln City,” Leovich said.

## JULY - 20 years ago

### FCC approves measures to extend life of 541 area code

The Oregon Public Utility Commission has received approval from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to move ahead with measures to extend the life of the 541 area code currently serving parts of Oregon.

The North American Number Planning Administration (NANPA) has warned Oregon's 541 area code may be out of numbers as soon as mid 2002.

## JULY - 10 years ago

### City paves way for expansion, Roads End tops list for annexation

A new law that could boost Lincoln City's ability to annex adjacent areas, starting with Roads End, received a warm welcome from the Lincoln City Council at its Monday Meeting. The proposed ordinance would allow the Council to designate any area outside its limits but within the urban growth boundary or UGB, as an annexation target.

# Man arrested for stealing surf boards, various items

## THE NEWS GUARD

On Wednesday, July 22, at about 11:25 p.m., Lincoln City Police Officers responded to a reported suspicious person call in the southwest 3800 block of Hwy 101.

It was reported that a man was walking along Hwy 101 while carrying several surf boards. Officers located the man and identified him as Christian M. Berry, 29, of California and Hawaii, carrying several surf boards. When asked, Berry said he found the surf boards.

During the subsequent investigation, officers saw that the surfboards still had price stickers on them and that he was wearing two hats on his head.

In addition Berry had a wetsuit tied around his waist that still had tags on it. Berry was also found to be in possession of an acoustic guitar, wax, board fins and other items, many price tag marked and surf related.

Other officers began checking the area and found the Zuhg surf shop located at 3219 SW Hwy 101, sold hats similar to the hats Berry was wearing. Examining the exterior of the business, officers located signs of illegal entry.

The business owner was contacted and he responded to the scene. It was determined that the business had been burglarized and the owner verified the surf boards and other items Berry was in possession of had been stolen from the shop. The

recovered stolen items were valued over \$2,000 and they were returned to Zuhg. Some of the items, and a houseplant, were slightly damaged by Berry during the incident.

Berry was subsequently arrested and transported to the Lincoln City Police Department on charges of Burglary II, Theft I, Criminal Mischief III and Trespass II. The Lincoln County Jail was contacted, but due to their current Covid-19 prevention policies, they refused to intake Berry on the listed charges. Berry was issued citations for the listed charges and released from the police department.

The Lincoln City Police Department encourages citizens to report any suspicious activity they witness. This is a great example of our citizens and



Christian M. Berry

community working in partnership with the Lincoln City Police Department to help prevent and solve crime.

Information submitted by Sergeant Jeffrey Winn.

# 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, JULY 20

- 10:08 a.m. Suspicious Activity, 2735 NW Inlet Ave., Starfish Manor. Caller reports that they believe ex fiancé and brother have been using their credit card numbers fraudulently.
- 11:55 a.m. Fraud, 2644 NE Hwy 101. Caller reported online fraud that she sent money to.
- 12:19 p.m. Traffic Crash, 3517 NW Hwy 101, Motel 6. Report of a two-vehicle crash at location.
- 12:42 p.m. Assist, 1501 NW 40th Pl., Chinook Winds Resort. Missing person out of Newberg located at location. Contacted and she advised that she is fine. Newberg case officer notified.
- 4:40 p.m. Extra Patrol, 1400 NE 11th St., Music Store. Extra patrol requested due to shed behind location broken into. Caller doesn't want to report damage or any

theft.

11:18 p.m. Theft, 4101 NW Logan Rd., Safeway. Caller reported male attempting to steal \$400 worth of groceries. Pushed past employee and broke automatic door. Suspect then fled on foot into the wooded area behind the Lincoln City Animal Clinic. Officers were UTL male suspect.

### TUESDAY, JULY 21

- 6:07 a.m. Extra Patrol, 660 SE Hwy 101, Posh Wash. Extra patrol is requested for location between the house of 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. If listed male is sleeping inside location, management would like him trespassed.
- 10:13 a.m. Graffiti, 3203 SW Hwy 101, Rock Your World. Graffiti on side of building.
- 10:53 a.m. Suspicious Activity, 3315 SE Harbor Dr. Report of transaction done online to purchase a puppy. Sent money and now asking for more.
- 1:13 p.m. Crash, 1777 NW 44th St. Skateboarder crashed at location. Transported by life flight for trauma injuries.
- 2:09 p.m. Interfering, 1930 SE Lee Ave. Case number taken for interfering.
- 8:36 p.m. Violation, 1585 SE 19th St. Jennifer Lynn Bradley, born

5/28/81, transported to Lincoln County Jail on two counts of violating a no contact agreement.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

- 11:52 a.m. Stolen Vehicle, 1900 NE Hwy 101, Power Ford. Fake credit card used to pay for part of vehicle cost. Subject not returning vehicle.
- 11:46 a.m. Domestic, 1540 NW 39th St. Caller reported by physically assaulted by boyfriend last night. No injuries, doesn't want to press charges, but requests extra patrol in case he returns.
- 3:25 p.m. Shoplift, 1500 SE East Devils Lake Rd., Famous Footwear. Caller reported theft of two pairs of Nikes.
- 9:58 p.m. Theft, 3950 N Hwy 101, Thriftway. Justin D. Farley, born 6/28/94, cited and released for theft.

### THURSDAY, JULY 23

- 12:08 p.m. Found Property, 1503 SE East Devils Lake Rd. Subject turned in phone found on beach in Florence.
- 12:55 p.m. Extra Patrol, SE East Devils Lake Rd./SE Oar. Extra Patrol for driving issues. Reports of vehicles coming west-bound up the hill too fast and not seeing pedestrians crossing.
- 6:47 p.m. Theft, 2020

NE 22nd St., The Beach Club. Wallet stolen from the back room.

9:14 p.m. Warrant Service, 1030 SE Oar Ave., Bi Mart. Anne Marie Davidson, born 4/12/84, cited and released on Lincoln County Jail warrant charging probation violation.

10:53 p.m. Fire, 4792 SE Hwy 101, Lincoln City Surf Shop. Multiple callers reported a fire in the area of listed location. Male had awoken to his sleeping bag and blankets on fire. Minor burns to his hand. Minor damage to surf shop building. Witnesses assisted in putting out fire. Another subject was sleeping in a mini van nearby and denied setting the male on fire. No evidence of arson. LCPD and NLFR responded.

### FRIDAY, JULY 24

- 10:13 a.m. Fraud, 1147 SW 16th St. Report of theft/fraud from listed location.
- 11:22 a.m. Theft, 1014 NE Hwy 101. Report of theft of approximately \$200 from vending machine.
- 12:59 p.m. Suspicious Activity, 2100 SE 21st St., Oceanlake Christian Church. Suspicious vehicle reported at church. Occupants walking into wooded area. Contact made with vehicle at Community Center. Amber Nicole McColl-

gan, born 10/28/86, cited and released for failure to register as a sex offender. Both females warned for trespass.

1:20 p.m. Suspicious Activity, 710 SE Quay. Caller reported that people who don't live at the address are going in and out of the house. Male and female were doing laundry, female had warrant out of Lincoln County. Janelle Klaar, born 6/13/83, cited and released.

4:02 p.m. Hit and Run, NE 12th/Hwy 101. Caller reported his vehicle was struck by another vehicle that left. Good samaritan stopped and gave him a plate number for other vehicle involved. Female witness positively ID'd DMV photo of suspect.

5:38 p.m. Theft, 1777 NW 44th St., Chinook Winds Casino. Casino reported that last night a female picked up a large amount of cash that had been dropped on the escalator. Victim called to report the theft.

6:54 p.m. Disorderly Conduct, 3350 NE Hwy 101. Enrique Omar Mejia, born 7/8/91, taken into custody after a report of a man with a beer pushing the crosswalk button over and over. Mejia cited and released from LCPD.

### SATURDAY, JULY 25

- 12:12 a.m. Intoxication, 2945 SW Coast

Ave., Surftides. Security reported three intoxicated males in a vehicle. Officer responded. Trenton J. Hall-Sanders, born 11/19/01, cited for minor in possession of alcohol and transported to hospital.

7:16 a.m. Theft, 3327 NW Hwy 101, US Market. Report of theft at location.

10:47 a.m. Criminal Mischief, 3234 NW Inlet Ave. Report of graffiti on the north side of garage at residence.

3:15 p.m. Crash, 3327 NW Hwy 101. Caller reports his vehicle was struck and other driver reported that she was uninsured. Female cited for driving without insurance.

### SUNDAY, JULY 26

- 6:10 a.m. Hit and Run, 7659 NW Logan Rd. Report of vehicle abandoned on property and damage caused. Derek S. Bumgardner, born 1/25/80, determined to be the driver and taken into custody for Hit and Run, Criminal Mischief and Trespass. Transported to LCPD.
- 5:20 p.m. Found Property, D River Wayside. Caller found a teal iPhone 11 with clear case.
- 6:51 p.m. Theft, 950 SE 32nd St. Caller reported theft of gold bracelet and house keys.



# Snack Attack

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said. “Then about two months ago, the price dropped down to \$40,000 and I continued talks with them and I became really interested.”

Eventually Ochoa took a chance and bought it.

There’s always a risk that comes along with purchasing a business. And given the COVID-19 pandemic that has swept through the United States, that risk is magnified tenfold.

“It was scary, but it was more faith for the future,” Ochoa said. “I knew this year we were still going to have good business because people are still coming to the coast. We’ve been trying our best to keep it safe, making sure people wear masks, continuously cleaning.

“But really I made the decision to buy because I saw there was a lot of potential to revamp this business.”

Ochoa took over on June 16 and for two weeks, he and family and friends were

hard at work remodeling the interior by ripping up carpet, repainting the whole place and adding a chalkboard style menu. He opened for business on June 23 and has been offering up fish and chips, hot case foods (BBQ burritos, chicken strips, mozzarella sticks), salt water taffy, caramel corn, fudge and of course, Tillamook ice cream.

“The ice cream is a favorite,” Ochoa said. “The most popular flavor is the cotton candy, I think it’s the color of it because the kids love it. But we run through like six gallons of it a week.”

Open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. during week and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the weekend, Ochoa said he’s been working 24/7 between his two businesses. Luckily he has had some help from his girlfriend Mackenzie Markham, who has been handling the day-to-day operations at Snack Attack.

“She’s been a huge help to me through all of this,” Ochoa

said. “It’s whole different experience. Construction is way different because we aren’t day-to-day interacting with customers. Here we’re talking to hundreds of people a day.

“I don’t like staying in one position. I like to get out of my comfort zone and push myself to be more successful.”

In the future, Ochoa said he’s working on improving the quality of the food by possibility bringing in a food stand outside to do tacos or burgers during events like the Kite Festival. He said he’d also like to include a 10 percent discount for locals.

“We want more locals to come in, especially during the winter months,” Ochoa said. “It can get super slow but we’ll still be here for the community.”

In the uncertain times of the pandemic, Ochoa said business has been a lot better than expected, with hundreds of customers coming in almost daily. Being just over a month



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**Snack Attack is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday.**

into business, he said he’s still finding ways to make improvements.

“I never thought I’d do this. Nobody taught me how to do this and I didn’t go to college,

so I’m still learning as I go,” Ochoa said. “But I’ve done a lot of research and I’ve had a lot of help and support from family and friends.”

# City

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The overall purpose of the plan is to use tax increment financing to overcome obstacles to the proper development of the area, City staff says.

Urban renewal serves as its own financing source, called tax increment financing. Tax increment revenues, the amount of property taxes generated by the increase in total assessed values in the urban renewal area from the time the urban renewal area is first established, are used to repay borrowed funds. The funds borrowed are used to pay for urban renewal projects.

The proposed plan is

projected to take a total of 27 years of tax increment revenue collection and includes a voluntary 15 percent annual revenue sharing.

On July 7, the Lincoln City Planning Commission reviewed the draft plan and report for compliance and recommended adoption of the plan. The City Council heard public comments from several citizens both in favor of the proposed plan and some opposed.

City Councilor Rick Mark shared his appreciation for the letters, especially from citizens involved in Urban Renewal in Lincoln City and

directly involved with the proposed plan.

“This really does work, and the City has benefited from this greatly,” Mark said of Urban Renewal in Lincoln City.

Mark briefly touched on a few of the concerns raised by citizens such as using Urban Renewal tax funds during a time of crisis. Although the concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic are valid, Mark felt it was not directly related to this plan.

“The revenue that is brought in as we do this... is not a whole lot of money to begin with,” Mark noted. “The first few years the fund has to

grow and that money will not have a significant impact in addressing concerns raised by the virus crisis.”

Other concerns included increased traffic, lack of side walks, street lighting and more in the Roads End area, to which Mark stated that this plan would be directly addressing those exact concerns.

Councilor Diana Hinton said she had been seeing many misconceptions floating around social media regarding the proposal. Claims included creating new taxes for the 27 year, \$86 million project. However, as Mayor Dick Anderson later stated, these claims are

simply not true.

“I hope the public will reach out to us individually, so we can explain in more detail, if they are still thinking this is wrong,” Anderson said. “It’s not a tax increase, these are the same taxes you are getting anyways, it’s just being spread differently.”

The City Council voted unanimously to approved first reading of the ordinance and moved second reading to Aug. 10. Late in the meeting, the City Council also voted to change the name The Villages at Cascade Head to The Villages at Sitka Woods.

# TRACE

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In keeping with the Oregon Health Authority’s practice, and to protect the privacy of individuals, OSU does not report the specific number of positive tests if it is between one and nine.

OSU researchers also collected wastewater samples from 22 locations in Newport and from the wastewater treatment plant in late June and early July to analyze them for genetic evidence of the virus that causes COVID-19. Samples from Newport’s wastewater treatment plant provide an integrated picture for the whole city. They showed a steady increase in virus concentration from June 10 to June 19, then a steady decrease in virus concentrations from June 19 until the last sampling date of July 10.

“Both the door-to-door and wastewater results are what we would expect as a result of the stricter containment measures put in place

by health authorities after our first sampling,” said Jeff Bethel, an associate professor in OSU’s College of Public Health and Human Sciences and a member of the TRACE leadership team.

Despite the decreasing prevalence of the virus, Javier Nieto, dean of OSU’s College of Public Health and Human Sciences and one of TRACE’s leaders, urged Lincoln County residents to abide by public health measures and state restrictions.

“While the prevalence of the virus is lower across much of Newport, there are still pockets of infection,” Nieto said. “These pockets can easily flare up and trigger a resurgence of the disease.”

Wastewater samples also were collected at other Lincoln County communities from June 30 through July 11. The virus was detected at moderate levels in Depoe Bay on July 4 and in Toledo

on June 30, July 1 and July 8. Samples from those same communities on other dates before and after the dates noted did not detect the presence of the virus. Neither community had levels of the virus as high as were detected in Newport’s wastewater.

Virus concentrations in all samples from Lincoln City, Siletz and Yachats were at “below detection” levels.

Newport’s population is 10,600, comprising roughly 20 percent of the nearly 50,000 people who live in Lincoln County. In announcing prevalence results, the TRACE team follows reporting policies used by the Oregon Health Authority and local health departments, by not releasing the precise number of participants that tested positive if the number is between one and nine.

The TRACE study is a collaboration of the OSU colleges of Science, Agricultural

Sciences, Engineering, Public Health and Human Sciences, and the Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine, plus the OSU Center for Genome Research and Biocomputing – in partnership with county health officials.

TRACE-COVID-19 began in Corvallis the weekend of April 25-26 as a partnership between five OSU colleges and the Benton County Health Department and continued on three other weekends. The study expanded to Bend for two days of sampling May 30-31 in a joint effort of OSU-Cascades, Oregon State faculty researchers in Corvallis and Deschutes County health officials.

On July 25 and 26 it will expand to Hermiston at the request of the Oregon Health Authority and Umatilla County Public Health in response to an outbreak of cases in county workplaces.

The diagnostic testing

component of TRACE operates through a partnership between the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, which is located at OSU, and Willamette Valley Toxicology (WVT), a Corvallis-based, independent testing facility.

For more information on TRACE, visit the TRACE-COVID-19 website. The site is in both English and Spanish and includes a list of frequently asked questions.

COVID-19 was first reported to the World Health Organization on Dec. 31, 2019, and has been confirmed in more than 15.2 million people worldwide and killed more than 628,000 people. In the United States, there have been more than 4 million reported cases – including more than 14,000 in Oregon – and more than 143,000 deaths nationwide. Lincoln County has had 378 confirmed cases and eight deaths.

# COVID-19

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and individual is exercising.

“Our new face covering requirements are going to protect Oregonians,” Dr. Sidelinger said. “We learn more and more about this important tool everyday. They slow the spread of COVID-19, they protect the people around you and there’s more evidence that they offer protection to you as well. They filter out virus particles that can cause infection.”

The second requirement will be a limited capacity at large indoor

venues such as churches, community centers, large restaurants and others. Previously, the cap was at 250 people. It will be limited to 100 starting Friday.

The outdoor cap will remain at 250 people and the 10 person limit on social gatherings remains in effect.

“We know that indoor gatherings pose a much higher risk than outdoors,” Gov. Brown said. “Large groups can easily become super spreader events if safety precautions are not followed. We need to avoid this in order

to safe lives.”

Finally, for counties in Phase 2 of reopening, bars and restaurants have been permitted to operate until 12 a.m. each day. Starting Friday, those businesses will be on a 10 p.m. curfew statewide.

“I don’t make these decisions lightly, and there are no easy choices,” Gov. Brown said. “It’s up to all of us to do our part, to look out for one another. Oregon, we are going to get through this together.”

Gov. Brown said the state will provide an updated list of counties on the watchlist this week. More counties will likely be added based on infection rates and some may be removed. Currently, Lincoln County is on the watchlist.

Additionally, Gov. Brown said they have seen an increase in cases due to tourism and will be working to address that issue soon. The Governor did not go into detail but said the state is working

on possibly restricting tourist travel from hotspot states or requiring mandatory quarantine for people coming into Oregon.

On a positive note, Gov. Brown acknowledged that the state is now permitting residents in long-term care facilities to have outdoor visits from family and friends. This is only for facilities where there is no evidence of COVID-19.

Gov. Brown also remind Oregonians to remember the three W’s: Wear a face covering, Watch your distance and Wash your hands.

“Your choices determine our future,” Gov. Brown said. “If we don’t slow the spread of the virus, I will have no choice but to force widespread and difficult closures again. We are truly all in this together.”

**COVID-19 trends**

Dr. Sidelinger said their early models showed

that more cases, hospitalizations and deaths were imminent with reopening Oregon, which is what the state is seeing currently. He said as of right now, Oregon has improved hospital treatments for the virus and Oregon has adequate capacity to treat patients, which is not true for other cities in the United States such as New York, Miami and Houston.

“Oregon has avoided that. But we can’t ignore the looming danger,” Dr. Sidelinger said. “If left unchecked, Oregon is on a trajectory to overwhelm our health care system with Coronavirus patients in the future.”

In Oregon, Dr. Sidelinger noted that large outbreaks in workplaces and long-term care facilities are decreasing. However, sporadic cases or community spread cases, are growing. Almost half of Oregon’s current cases cannot be traced to known source, he said.

Oregon is also seeing

more cases in younger people. Gov. Brown noted that she is working with public health officials for school reopening and more information will be coming on that this week.

Dr. Sidelinger echoed Gov. Brown’s word of advice, advising Oregonians to: Wear a face covering, don’t gather in groups of more than 10 people, avoid large crowds, stay six feet physical distance, wash your hands, don’t touch face, if you feel sick, stay home and call your health care provider and finally, answer the call from contact tracers.

“Without a vaccine or an effective treatment, these social mitigation strategies are the best tools we have to slow the spread of coronavirus in Oregon,” Dr. Sidelinger said. “Stopping COVID-19 in Oregon isn’t just about my job or Gov. Brown’s job, it’s the job of every single person in Oregon and we all have to keep at it.”

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SPORTS

Fall sports delayed till late September, OSAA says

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As professional sports such as basketball and baseball return to play this month amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the question still remains what the 2020-21 sports season will look like for prep sports.

And according to the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA), the answers are not so simple.

The OSAA Executive Board met in a closed work session July 20-22 to discuss the latest updates on the Coronavirus pandemic as it relates to OSAA member schools and the upcoming school year. The Board had lengthy discussions about several topics related to school reopening and school sports and activities.

OSAA Executive Director Peter Weber released an official statement follow the meetings and stated the Board remains committed to providing school sports and activities opportunities for students this Fall, provided it's safe to do so and within parameters set by the Oregon Governor's Office, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE).

"During the past few weeks and months we've received countless emails advocating for the safe return of school sports and activities," Weber said. "Just as schools will not look the same in the Fall of 2020, it's clear that school sports and activities will not either. It's important to remember that any participation that can be done safely is a positive step forward for the physical health and mental



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**Currently, football is prohibited by the Governor's office and the Oregon Health Authority. A decision must be made by Sept. 28 in order to have a condensed season.**

well-being of students and their communities."

At the work sessions, Weber said the OSAA Executive Board decided to delay the first contest date for cross country, volleyball and soccer until Wednesday, September 23 (previously August 27). The original first Fall practice date of August 17 remains in place at this time. New guidance from the state requiring face coverings even when exercising indoors will require further consideration regarding guidance for indoor activities, Weber said.

"These dates allow for local school control regarding Fall practice schedules while enabling them to focus on their primary objective of reopening to students," Weber said. "Decisions schools are making regarding their instructional models – on-site, hybrid or distance learning – are still being discussed locally. The dates

referenced above, and an individual school's ability to participate, may be impacted by their instructional model, along with any new health metrics set forth by the Governor's Office and OHA."

Additional guidance for Fall contest protocols, including multi-team events, spectator policies, and regional scheduling considerations, will be forthcoming, according to OSAA. Additionally, the Board stated that there is potential that contest limitations, playoff structures and championship events will need to be altered.

Currently, football is considered a full contact activity per the Governor's and OHA guidelines and is prohibited. No definitive date has been established by the state for a review of this prohibition. Based on strategies provided by the OSAA Football Contingency Group, Weber said it is necessary that

any football restrictions be lifted by September 28 in order to have a modified regular season this Fall that would include some type of restructured postseason.

"If Fall activities aren't able to be held in the Fall, the OSAA Executive Board is committed to working with its contingency groups to exhaust all options for these activities including shifting, condensing or stacking seasons, like our neighbors in Washington and California, with the fundamental objective of providing participation opportunities for students," Weber said. "These changes may ultimately force schools into choosing which programs they will offer and students into choosing between activities, but the Board believes that a potentially difficult choice is better than no choice."

Additionally, cheerleading and dance/drill are considered full contact activities per the Governor's and OHA guidelines and are currently prohibited. No definitive date has been established by the state for a review of this prohibition.

The OSAA staff is seeking clarification from the state as to how possible modifications to these activities could allow them to take place and are also working to develop best practices for rehearsals and considerations for competitive seasons that would include modifications to choreography, stunting/lifting, etc.

Music and Speech & Debate Contingency Groups will begin meeting in late July/early August focusing on competition elements and consid-

erations for the coming year. Band, Orchestra and Choir resources, including guidance for ways to return to in-person instruction safely, can be found on the OSAA COVID-19 page.

The Board adopted two new recommendations from the OSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC). Both recommendations surround student safety and the deconditioning of students during the pandemic.

The first change prohibits multiple practice sessions on the same day for the 2020-21 school year. No single practice session shall be longer than three hours, including warm-up and cool down. On days with a single practice session, students are limited to a maximum of one hour of weight training either before or after practice but not both.

The second change mandates a minimum of nine practice days for any student participating in a Fall sport or activity.

"This unifies Fall sports

and activities and provides students time to acclimate before participation versus another school," Weber said. "As Winter and Spring seasons approach, the Board will consult with the SMAC to determine if this same mandate is necessary."

In alignment with Oregon Department of Education's Safeguarding Student Opportunity Clause, the OSAA is amending the academic waiver process for the 2020-21 school year. Schools will be able to use transcripted grades from the grading period prior to the COVID-19 showdown to determine eligibility for students that are academically ineligible based on incompletes from the final grading period of 2019-20.

The OSAA Executive Board will meet again the week of August 3 as they and the staff anticipate additional information regarding reopening plans by schools and further school sports and activity guidance from the state.

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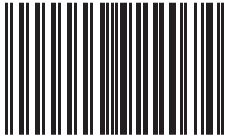
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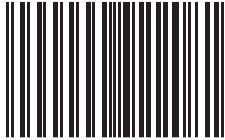
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