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## Uncharted Waters: Will Tourism Return?



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Prior to Memorial Day weekend, Governor Kate Brown, Lincoln City Mayor Dick Anderson and other Oregon mayors urged Oregonians to 'keep it local' during the unofficial start of the vacation season. However, beach towns like Lincoln City received an influx of visitors as beachgoers flocked to the coast. Beach access points were reopened and visitors and locals took advantage, especially at the drive-on access point off NW 15th St.

## Danforth, Bachart win while incumbent Hall heads to run-off

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Lincoln County voters filled out their ballots in the 2020 Oregon Primary Election conducted Tuesday, May 19, and the results are in.

Lincoln County tallied 18,816 votes, with approximately 99 percent counted. Voter turnout was just over 50 percent.

Unofficial results in the County Commissioner, Position 2, race showed Claire Hall well ahead with 6,789 votes while Joe Hitselberger was the next closest at 3,484 votes. However, Hall did not receive 50 percent of the vote, which will send her to a run-off election in November.

"I offer a very heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported my campaign with your votes, your dollars, your words of encouragement and support," Hall said. "It was heartening to finish first in a large field, but this means there's still a job to be

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## Samaritan encouraged by expanded COVID-19 testing

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How do you provide accurate, quick testing to the masses for a virus that is unfamiliar? That's the question many hospitals across the nation have been asking for the past couple of months. Samaritan Health Services is no different.

Since the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic has swept through the U.S. Samaritan has seen their testing capacities grow at a fairly consistent rate. And now, testing has become somewhat routine for some hospital patients.

"When we first started, we had no distribution network for where (testing)



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machines would come. We asked how you would even do it, how can we set up our existing machines to do this sort of testing... Those are the types of conundrums that we had in the beginning," said Lesley Ogden, MD, MBA, FACEP, Chief Executive Officer of Samaritan.

As of this week, in-house testing is up and running within Samaritan Health. Monday, Samaritan opened in house test-

ing at Samaritan Albany General Hospital. That was the first machine that they already use that can adapt to utilize for organizing testing.

This is a polymerase chain reaction based testing and Samaritan has other machines that can do that as they begin to adapt them, calibrate them, validate the results and bring their own testing along.

On Monday, Samaritan did almost 50 swabs in-house with a turnaround time that is under 24 hours.

"We are reserving that testing for inpatient, and ER patients that are admitted, so that we can get back around for our sickest patients as quick as possible," Dr. Ogden said. "But that being said, even with Legacy

Labs, now we're seeing turnaround times of 24 to 48 hours. And that's exactly what we want to be providing for all people."

At the beginning, Samaritan took their tests to the University of Washington or the Oregon State Lab. However, the turnaround times of 5-10 days were not ideal for patients searching for answers. So in April, Samaritan turned to Legacy Labs in Portland, which is now their reference laboratory, meaning anything that we don't do in house is typically shipped to them.

"When they brought their COVID-19 testing up to speed, we immediately switched to them because they are for us a

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## Lincoln City church awaits decision regarding emergency declaration lawsuit

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A group of Oregon churches and individuals are claiming Gov. Kate Brown's social distancing order due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is unconstitutional. Among the churches is Calvary Chapel Lincoln City and Pastor Phil Mag-nan.

The Lincoln City church is one of 10 churches across Oregon that filed the lawsuit, including lead plaintiff Elkhorn Baptist Church in Baker City. On May 18, a Baker County Judge tossed out Gov.

Brown's Coronavirus restrictions, as Judge Mathew Shirtcliff issued the "null and void" ruling, saying Brown did not have emergency orders approved by the Oregon Legislature following 28 days, according to the AP.

The Oregon Supreme Court has since taken action to uphold Governor Kate Brown's Stay Home, Save Lives Order. Gov. Brown issued the following statement following the Oregon Supreme Court's emergency ruling late Monday, May 18, in the Elkhorn Baptist Church vs. Katherine Brown lawsuit.

"Following swift action by the Oregon Supreme Court, my emergency orders to protect the health and safety of Oregonians will remain in effect statewide while the court hears arguments in this lawsuit," Gov. Brown said. "From the beginning of this crisis, I have worked within my authority, using science and data as my guide, heeding the advice of medical experts. This strategy has saved lives and protected Oregonians from the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"There are no shortcuts for us to return to life as it was before

this pandemic. Moving too quickly could return Oregon to the early days of this crisis, when we braced ourselves for hospitals to be overfilled and ventilators in short supply."

Brown then cited her reliance on science for decision making, which has included physical distancing, wearing face coverings and staying home as often as possible.

"We all look forward to visiting our loved ones in nursing homes, sending our children to school, and going to the grocery store without fear of spreading this dis-

ease," Brown said. "But the simple fact remains, COVID-19 is here in Oregon, and lives are at stake."

Salem-based attorney Ray D. Hacke, who is representing the Oregon churches said so far the churches have respected the Governor's order banning gatherings of more than 25 people and they are discouraging Oregonians from being around more than 10 people at a time. But the churches no longer believe such an order is justified, the lawsuit states.

During the Governor's stay home order, Calvary Chapel Lin-

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# Otis search warrant yields stolen property, drugs and more

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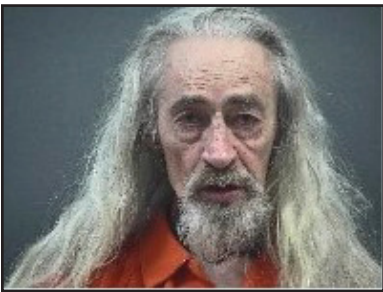
On May 20, at approximately 7 p.m., Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputies and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Tactical Response Team conducted a search warrant on a residence in the North Deerlane Drive area of Otis.

The search revealed stolen property, including firearms, that had been taken during burglaries in the north Lincoln County area over the past several months. Con-

trolled substances, drug paraphernalia, packaging materials and a large amount of US currency were found at the residence in addition to the stolen property.

The suspect, James D. Golden, 75, of Otis, was not present at the residence during the initial execution of the warrant. Golden was spotted by deputies driving past the residence a short time later.

Deputies conducted a high-risk traffic stop on Golden's vehicle and took him into custody without



**James D. Golden**  
incident. A search of Golden's

person and vehicle yielded an additional large sum of US currency, approximately 20 grams of methamphetamine, approximately 10 grams of heroin and packaging materials.

Golden was transported to the Lincoln County Jail where he was lodged on charges of Possession, Manufacture and Delivery of Heroin; Possession, Manufacture and Delivery of Methamphetamine; Felon in Possession of a Firearm; and Theft in the First Degree (by

Receiving).

His bail was set at \$1,100,000.

A second subject, Richard A. Kraus, 51, of Otis, was contacted at the residence. Kraus was issued citations in lieu of custody on two outstanding misdemeanor arrest warrants from Clackamas County. A third subject was detained and later released without charges.

The Lincoln City Police Department and Newport Police Department assisted in this event.

# Limited camping returns to state parks June 9

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The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will offer limited camping at many state park campgrounds starting June 9.

State park camping closed statewide March 23 in an effort to contain the spread of coronavirus and limit travel, especially to smaller communities and rural areas.

A list of which campgrounds will open June 9 is still being finalized. That list will be published on [oregonstateparks.org](https://oregonstateparks.org) by the end of May. Not all parks and all services will be available. Most of the campgrounds opening accept reservations, but some first-come, first-served state

park campgrounds may open as staff and funding are available.

Those campgrounds that do open will honor existing tent and RV reservations starting June 9, and will accept new reservations from one day to two weeks in advance, instead of the usual nine months in advance. Reservations will still be made through OPRD's contracted vendor, Reserve America at <https://oregonstateparks.reserveamerica.com/>. RV and tent campers without reservations will be welcome at open campgrounds as space and staffing permit.

Reservations for most yurts and cabins, and group camping and group day-use, are still subject to cancellation. Visitors holding those

reservations will be contacted if a cancellation is required.

Two main forces determine when a state park campground can open. Some communities, such as the north coast, are not yet ready for overnight visitors from outside their area.

A more widespread factor relates to funding. The Oregon State Park system is not funded by taxes, but by revenue from park visitors, a small share of the Oregon Lottery, and a portion of state recreational vehicle registrations. The revenue needed to operate state parks has fallen drastically since March, meaning one of the most popular state park systems in the country is being operated by about half the usual staff.

With a skeleton crew and limited means to hire more, there will be far fewer staff available to help visitors and address common problems such as noise and pets. Trash, landscaping,



COURTESY PHOTO

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and cleaning services will all be reduced. Interpretive activities and ranger programs will be few and far between, if at all. Restrooms are expected to be available at each open park, but some shower facilities may be closed. Service, and whether a park is open or not, is subject to change depending on health conditions around the park, available

staff, protective equipment, and cleaning supplies.

Visitors can help state parks stay open:

- Choose a park as close to home as possible. Don't travel if you're sick.
- Visit with members of your household.
- Bring everything you need with you: trash bags, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, food, water. Pack out everything you bring in.
- Be gentle with the trails, restrooms, showers, benches, and picnic tables.
- Take it easy on yourself by enjoying low-key, familiar activities.
- Be a good neighbor. Keep your pets on a leash, your site clean, and respect quiet hours from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. every day.
- Keep at least six feet

away from people from outside your household, and wear a face covering when you can't. Avoid crowds even if you have a face covering.

Cover coughs, and wash your hands regularly.

Watch our Prepare + Care Welcome video at <https://youtu.be/IN-7qsM08l9k>.

"Oregon needs what its parks can provide," says Lisa Sumption, OPRD Director. "This is less service than Oregonians are used to, and we're doing our best to stretch the budget, but it will take continued cooperation and support from visitors to make this work."

A more complete statement from Director Sumption is online at [oregonstateparks.org](https://oregonstateparks.org).

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# Suspect in historic Coast Guard drug bust near Newport sentenced to prison

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The suspect apprehended in a historic Coast Guard drug seizure off the Oregon Coast in 2019 was sentenced to prison last week.

John Philip Stirling, 66, a Canadian citizen, was sentenced May 21 to 40 months in federal prison and five years supervised release for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine under the Maritime Drug Law Enforcement Act (MDLEA).

According to court documents, on April 9, 2019, while on a routine patrol, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Alert detected a sailing vessel traveling north, from Mexico to Canada, 225 nautical miles from Newport, Oregon in international waters. The vessel, named Mandalay, had a home port of Seattle, Washington. When Coast Guard personnel attempted to communicate with Stirling, he would only respond via VHF radio. Once Coast Guard personnel determined the Mandalay was a vessel within the jurisdiction of the U.S., they boarded and found Stirling to be the vessel's sole occupant.

Stirling stated he did not have vessel documentation and refused to produce identification. Upon further questioning, Stirling's speech began to deteriorate and he displayed signs of a possible drug overdose. Shortly before Coast Guard personnel boarded the vessel, Stirling consumed a large amount of what he believed to be pure fentanyl, but was later determined to be pentobarbital. Coast Guard personnel admin-



COURTESY PHOTO

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istered medical aid to Stirling and evacuated him by helicopter to Astoria, Oregon. He was later transported by ambulance to Adventist Health Portland for additional treatment.

The Mandalay was towed to port and later searched pursuant to a federal warrant. Investigators searched the vessel and discovered 28 jugs containing more than seven gallons of liquid methamphetamine each and a duffel bag containing several plastic-wrapped bricks of pentobarbital. Investigators later learned the drugs had been loaded onto the Mandalay from another vessel in the Sea of Cortez for delivery to Canada.

"The volume and value makes this the largest known maritime seizure by the Coast Guard off the Oregon coast, and we applaud the men and women of the Coast Guard Cutter Alert for their diligence in making the apprehension," said Lt. Cmdr. Scott McGrew, of the Coast Guard 13th District in Seattle.

The cutter's Health Services Technician, Petty Officer Scott Engler, received the Coast Guard Commendation Medal for his valiant efforts in helping keep Stirling alive for a total of six hours until a Coast Guard Air Station Astoria helicopter arrived on scene and medically evacuate Stirling to a hospital.

On January 13, 2020, Stirling pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine under the MDLEA.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS) and Homeland

Security Investigations (HSI) with assistance from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

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## Chinook Winds reopens for play



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**Chinook Winds Casino reopened to the public on May 21 and was greeted by several eager patrons. After remaining closed for over two months, the Casino opened with added safety procedures in place, which included required face coverings, temperture checks at the door, cleaning machines after use, no smoking and more. Check out some of the sights from the opening and read more about the new guidelines at [thenewsguard.com](http://thenewsguard.com).**



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# Two fatal accidents occur in county during week

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On Monday, May 18, at approximately 10:49 a.m., Oregon State Police Troopers and emergency personnel responded to the report of a two-vehicle crash on Highway 20 near milepost 11 in Lincoln County.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a Honda Accord, operated by Max Metcalf, 86, of Waldport, was traveling eastbound when it lost control and slid into the westbound lane. The Accord was struck by a westbound Peterbilt log truck, operated by Rodney Smith, 67, of Philomath.

Metcalf sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased. Smith was not injured.

Hwy 20 was closed intermittently for five hours following the crash. OSP was



COURTESY PHOTO/OREGON STATE POLICE

**Monday's crash on Hwy 20 resulted in the fatality of an 86 year old Waldport man.**

assisted by Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, ODOT, and Toledo Fire and Rescue.

**Crash into Yaquina River claims two lives**  
On Thursday May 21, at approximately 8:07 a.m.,



COURTESY PHOTO/OREGON STATE POLICE

**Thursday's crash on Hwy 180 killed a 63 year old man and 11 year old juvenile, both from Eddyville.**

Oregon State Police Troopers and emergency personnel responded to the report of a single vehicle crash on

Highway 180 (Nashville Rd.) at milepost 1. Preliminary investigation revealed a Ford F350,

operated by William Coolbaugh, 63, of Eddyville, was traveling eastbound on Hwy 180 (Nashville Rd.) when for unknown reasons the F350 drove over the embankment on the south side of the roadway and crashed upside down in the Yaquina River.

Coolbaugh sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased.

An 11-year-old male passenger also sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased.

Other passengers Jacob Roberts, 37, of Eddyville and a 15-year-old male were transported for injuries.

Hwy 180 (Nashville Rd.) was closed for approximately six hours following the crash.

OSP was assisted by ODOT, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and Toledo Fire and Rescue.

# Temporary emergency access to relocate at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital

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As the final phase of construction wraps up at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital, the temporary driveway to the hospital's Emergency Department will be relocated. Beginning Tuesday, May 26, the only vehicular access to emergency services will be off of West Devils Lake Road.

The temporary single-lane emergency access road is located on West Devils Lake Road, just north of 28th Street and south of Samaritan Lincoln City Medi-

cal Center. This temporary driveway is to be used only by patients needing to go to the Emergency Department, women who are in active labor, ambulances and other emergency vehicles. For everyone's safety, foot traffic is not allowed on this single-lane driveway.

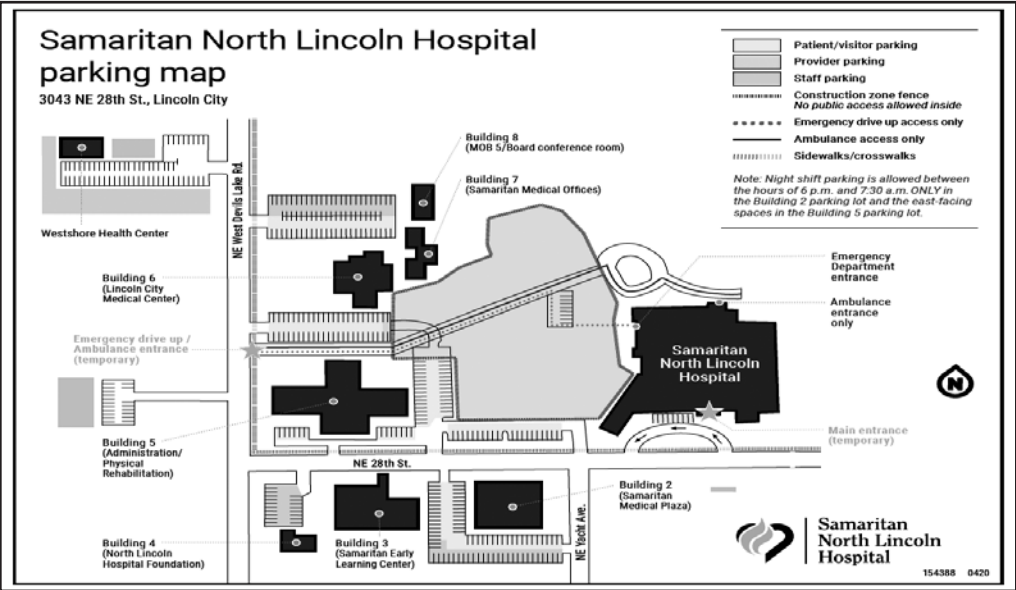
The temporary emergency services driveway located off of 28th Street is being closed so construction can continue on the new main parking lot.

Patients, visitors, volunteers, vendors and staff needing to enter the hospi-

tal for any other reason are asked to park and walk in through the temporary hospital entrance located at the south end of the hospital on 28th Street, near the loading dock.

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by Linda Thistle

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1 Shrimp —

7 Dismay

13 Like pre-1917 Russia

20 Stomach ailments

21 Republic of China capital

22 Old roof sight

23 Inductee in the inaugural year of the ... NASCAR Hall of Fame [2010]

25 Skin bubble

26 Jan of South Africa

27 Canon camera

28 Fiscal exec.

30 — throat

31 "As — Dying"

33 ... International Tennis Hall of Fame [1955]

37 One pelting

40 Bubbling on the stove

42 "— Gang"

43 ... World Figure Skating Hall of Fame [1976]

45 With 99-Down, Texas

50 Hearing pair

51 Moistureless

52 Bust — (laugh hard)

53 "Found it!"

54 Ending of enzymes

55 Groove of carpentry

57 ... National Baseball Hall of Fame [1936]

61 Reprieve

63 Stuck-up

65 Conundrum

66 ... Basketball Hall of Fame [1959] and

69 "Flashdance" director

72 One of Nod's two partners

73 Not legal

77 ... Pro Football Hall of Fame [1963]

79 Writer — Stanley Gardner

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81 Western treaty gp.

82 Hunky- —

83 Maui, e.g.

85 Blue-ribbon

86 Pasture-raised

89 ... World Golf Hall of Fame [1974]

93 "What was — think?"

94 Compel obedience to

96 Shady alcoves

97 ... International Swimming Hall of Fame [1965]

101 "— girl!"

102 Full of activity

103 Med. republic

104 Darlin'

106 Relative by marriage

110 Digital data display

112 ... International Boxing Hall of Fame [1990]

117 Almonds, say

118 Lake in New York

119 Director May

120 Racing driver

121 With 122-Across, barriers of pickets

122 See 121-Across

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2 Quahog, e.g.

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5 Singer Elvis

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8 Oom- — (tuba sounds)

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12 Chinese fruit

13 Fifer's drum

14 NBC TV inits.

15 Under debate

16 People taking breathers

17 The "I" of IV

18 Smile evilly

19 Infield covers

24 San Luis —

29 Scapegoats

32 Fido's noise

33 Sneak attack

34 "Son of," in Arab names

35 Wheel tooth

36 "Everyone experiences that, right?"

37 Trident

38 Pick on

39 Monsters

40 Flight prefix

41 "More than I needed to know" abbr.

44 Stows cargo

46 Suffix with venom

47 Zingy flavor

48 "Pardon me"

49 — avis

52 Singer Susan

55 "Joltin' Joe"

56 Expiated

57 Horn sounds

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59 Viewpoint

60 1958 Leslie Caron film

62 Match (up)

63 With cunning

64 Tri- plus six

67 Those giving out prizes

68 Spent

69 Very eager

70 Beloved one

71 Parks of civil rights

74 Mario of New York

75 — workings

76 Cake levels

78 Soil stirrer

79 Fashion magazine

83 Memo intro

84 Pl. of USSR

85 Tirana native

87 Do nothing

88 Estrogen or testosterone

89 Locale of mil. jets

90 Reiner of film

91 Overly glib

92 Paper story

95 Not wide

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99 See 45-Across

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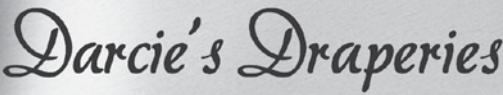
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# Senators announce \$5 million for rural health clinics, increasing testing

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Oregon's U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden recently announced that \$5 million in federal funding will be distributed to 102 rural health clinics throughout Oregon to help boost their coronavirus testing capacity.

The funding was part of a \$25 billion fund for increased testing that Congressional Democrats insisted on in the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, which Congress passed last month.

"The high-quality treatment and care that Oregon's rural clinics and dedicated health care professionals provide to families across our state are more invaluable than ever as we continue to grapple with this public health emergency," said Merkley. "It's our responsibility to make sure these heroes have the resources and support they need to stay safe and do their jobs. I'm pleased that this funding will help provide that support, and I will continue to fight for every available resource they need to continue treating our rural communities."

Health experts have continued to



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emphasize that increasing testing is an essential cornerstone to understanding and responding to the full scope of the coronavirus crisis, and to reopening communities.

"Testing is crucial to combat coronavirus, and rural clinics throughout our state are essential to perform those tests for Oregonians counting on them for care dur-

ing this public health crisis," Wyden said. "These health care superstars in every nook and cranny of Oregon must have full federal support to continue their heroic work, and I am glad these needed funds are heading their way. There's lots more that must be done for rural Oregon during COVID-19, and I'll keep battling to provide our state every possible federal resource."

Merkley recently led his colleagues in pushing the Trump administration to immediately craft, release, and implement a plan that includes robust testing for the coronavirus and expanded contact tracing, and has been outspoken in laying out a vision for adequate testing and contact tracing efforts in Oregon and across the country. Throughout the crisis, Merkley has stayed in regular contact with rural and frontier health care providers, and was part of a bipartisan effort to push HHS to consider the needs of rural hospitals and hospitals with high percentages of Medicaid and Medicare patients as the agency distributed the \$100 billion healthcare fund included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

## Five tips for a happy and healthy summer

Summer is a favorite time of year for many people and with it fast approaching, here are a few helpful suggestions for you and your family.

**Exercise in the morning or evening**

Aim to exercise during the cooler portions of the day. This may mean earlier mornings or evening workouts. This helps remain cool while exercising to avoid heat exhaustion but also decreases the risk of sun exposures like sunburn. If exercising in brighter and hotter temperatures of the day, try to find shady portions, use sun protection, stay hydrated, and/or consider indoor exercise with air conditioning.

**Choose appropriate clothing**

Lightweight clothing is best, in lighter colors and looser fitting. This helps with sweat evaporation and keeping you cooler and can be a part of sun protection if wearing long-sleeves or pants, requiring less sunscreen.

**Stay protected from the sun**

As we've shared, keep your-



self covered with long sleeves, pants, and a hat. Seek the shade when possible and use sunscreen. Look for broad-spectrum coverage of UVA and UVB, aiming for at least 30 SPF, apply about every two hours or so. Don't forget the heightened importance of sunscreen at higher altitudes. It's easy to remember the sunscreen at the pool or beach, but don't forget about it on mountain tops, or when hiking and biking.

**Involve the whole family**

Feel free to do your favorite exercises and get your workouts in, but from time to time, consider ways in which the whole family can be active. Utilize parks, taking both the kids and the grandparents. This might mean hikes, parks, canoeing, fishing, dancing, and more. Another way to keep



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**Utilize parks, taking both the kids and the grandparents, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office says.**

the family active is to plan active vacations. Consider camping or vacations near water activities. It's a great way to spend time in nature that can promote family bonding, and exercise.

**Picnics and cookouts**

If you're going to exercise outside, why not eat outside? Summer is a great time for picnics and cookouts. Be sure to properly wash foods, and in these temperature extremes, pay attention to avoid food spoiling. Eat seasonally with refreshing fruits and vegetables, and while sometimes it is helpful to prepare ahead of time, it may be best to make food items the same day as the event for food safety.

*Information received at <https://chhs.source.colostate.edu/five-tips-for-a-happy-and-healthy-summertime/>*

## 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 18**

3:18 p.m. Abandoned Vehicle, 2200 Blk. NE Holmes Rd. Red 1997 BMW towed by Lincoln City Towing.

3:23 p.m. Follow Up, 2166 NE Hwy 101. Patrick Alexander Henry Martin, born 8/4/84, was cited and released for possession of heroin. During contact, credit card found not be-

longing to Martin.

3:58 p.m. Domestic, 660 SE Hwy 101. Caller reported physical domestic between male and female. Rohini Devi-Dasi Schwab, born 8/4/73, was taken into custody for Assault IV – Domestic and transported to Lincoln County Jail.

4:02 p.m. Theft, 3350 NE Hwy 101. Caller reported patron refusing to pay cab fare.

11:08 p.m. Domestic, 2145 NE Reef Ave. Caller reported that she got into an argument with her partner. He then became physical and struck her in the face 10 times.

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**

12:30 p.m. Criminal Mis-

chief, 2530 NE 31st St. Caller reported his vehicle was broken into and damage to exhaust.

4:07 p.m. Ordinance Violation, 420 SE Oar Ave. Green Blazer damage in front end, comes back around 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. every night and they are sleeping in vehicle.

**FRIDAY, MAY 22**

1:57 a.m. Follow Up, Lincoln County Jail. Glenn L. Thompson, born 5/22/89, and Bobby J. Monk, born 11/11/70, were both charged with Robbery I, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Use of a Weapon and Menacing. Thompson also charged with Attempted Assault I.

2:24 a.m. DUII Crash, 5515 NW Logan Rd. Caller reported a vehicle flipped over in his driveway. Adaline E. Salvey, born 10/2/89, was taken into custody and transported to LCPD for

DUII and Reckless Driving. Vehicle impounded by Car Care Tow.

5:09 a.m. Assist on Arrest, 4101 NW Logan Rd., Safeway. Caller reported subjects sleeping near the Verizon store. Michael A. Stroud, born 11/15/89, was cited and released on a statewide municipal warrant out of Salem charging FTA Trespass.

10:25 a.m. Crash, SW 4th/Hwy 101. Report of a multi-vehicle crash. Driver cited for Careless Driving. Vehicle towed by Lincoln City Towing.

2:18 p.m. Found Property, 1503 SE East Devils Lake Rd. Wallet was handed over to evidence tech when she checked the mail at the post office.

6:59 p.m. Trespass, 1777 NW 44th St., Chinook Winds Casino. Report of an intoxicated person refusing to leave after being cut

off. Kati L. Laplante, born 9/29/90, taken into custody for Trespass, transported to LCPD.

7:51 p.m. DUII/Vehicle Impound, SE East Devils Lake Rd./SE Jetty Ave. Subject related to earlier call advised not to drive due to intoxication level at casino. Traffic stop initiated near LCPD. Alvina M. Lugo, born 4/4/57, taken into custody for DUII, vehicle impounded by Car Care Pro.

7:46 p.m. Drugs, 1777 NW 44th St., Chinook Winds Casino. Meth found and subjects associated detained. Tristin S. Brannon, born 2/27/95, cited and released for possession of meth.

11:42 p.m. Stolen Vehicle, 1501 NW 40th Pl., Chinook Winds Resort. Caller reported they were mugged on the beach, wallet and car keys taken. Discovered vehicle was missing.

born 3/29/84, contacted behind location. Felony warrant out of Lincoln County confirmed, jail will not lodge on. Advised to have Brown report to parole officer on Tuesday morning. Warrant remained active. During search, needles, pipe and digital scale seized.

9:59 p.m. Theft, 3327 NW Hwy 101, US Market. Report theft of tools.

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**

8:28 a.m. Assist on Arrest/Warrant Arrest, 2126 NE Surf Ave. Subjects contacted after complaint of transients sleeping in front of school. Misdemeanor warrant confirmed out of Clackamas County for Assault IV/Harassment. Dylan Bryce Kirkman, born 4/5/93, cited and released from location with date to appear.

12:44 p.m. EDP/POH, 2304 NW Lee Ave. Caller reported son out of control at location, intoxicated and pulled a knife on family, acting suspiciously. Subject transported to hospital.

3:48 p.m. Theft, 409 NE Hwy 101. Caller reported theft of service at location.

6:32 p.m. Suspicious Activity, 4800 NE Logan Rd., Logan Road RV Park. Caller reported subjects assaulted him.



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# Election

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done. I'll be back on the campaign trial in the fall, and I hope my record of accomplishments and vision for the future will lead you to choose me to continue as one of your county commissioners. In the meantime, the work of building a stronger Lincoln County continues!"

The results in the Lincoln County District Attorney race revealed Lanee Danforth with 9,484 votes, ahead of current DA Jonathan Cable at 6,061 votes. Danforth did in fact receive 50 percent of the vote, so no run-off will be needed.

"Thank you for trusting me to serve as your next District Attorney," Danforth said to her supporters. "We are all striving for the same goal, a safe and healthy community for our families, friends and visitors. We will make progress toward achieving that goal, together."

In another Lincoln County race, Judge of the Circuit Court, 17th District, Position 1, Sheryl Bachart (12,008 votes) was well ahead of challenger Russell Bald-



Sheryl Bachart

win (4,887 votes).  
"I am extremely grateful to be given the opportunity to continue to serve as your circuit court judge," Bachart said. "I have cherished the last 12 years and look forward to my next term. I am humbled by the support I have received over the past couple months and during the election. I remain focused on the work of the court and navigating the unprecedented challenges our community is facing. Thank you to all who placed their trust and confidence in me in my re-election."  
County commissioners will



Lanee Danforth

certify the results within 20 days.  
**State primary results**  
In the race for President, Joseph Biden won the Oregon democratic vote with 354,108 votes or 67.43 percent. Donald Trump won the republican vote with 303,504 votes or 93.61 percent. Trump ran unopposed in the primary election.  
For US Senator on the republican side, Jo Rae Perkins edged out Paul Romero Jr. with 148,040 votes or 48.98 percent. The democrats will send incumbent Jeff Merkley to the general election with



Claire Hall

482,124 votes. Merkley ran in the primary unopposed.  
Democrats are sending Suzanne Bonamici, who garnered 77,906 votes to the general election in the US Representative 1st District. She will face Christopher C. Christensen, republican who received 18,766 votes.  
In the 2nd District democrat race, Alex Spenser received 22,705 votes while republican Cliff Bentz leads unofficially with 34,389 votes.  
Earl Blumenauer got the nod in the US Representative 3rd District race with 121,758 votes. He will



Joe Hitselberger

face republican challenger Joanna Harbour who got 17,482 votes.  
In the US Representative 4th district Peter Defazio will face Alex Skarlatos in the general election in November.  
Incumbent democrat Kurt Schrader running in the US Representative 5th District, received 70.54 percent of the vote and will face republican Amy Ryan Courser who got 52.55 percent of the vote.  
*See the full Lincoln County results online at thenewsguard.com.*

# Testing

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quicker turnaround time," Dr. Ogden said. "They also now are assuring us test kits and they also are helping us figure out the other media that we can use, namely sailing is what we really want to be using not specialized viral media that is in short supply."

Types of testing is another topic of discussion for Samaritan. Currently, Dr. Ogden said nasal pharyngeal swabs, which is administered through the nose and

to the back of the throat, has proven to be the most accurate and effective form of testing. Over time, Samaritan has looked at testing saliva, nasal secretions, samples from the lungs; and it's yielding interesting results.  
"We can use nasal swabs being one of those and those also being accurate, but we've also figured out we can send sputum samples and now there's even folks who are in the process of doing saliva samples for home test kids," Dr. Ogden said. "There's a growing variety of

ways that we can test this." And not only are the types of tests on the rise, so to is the qualifying patient list.  
"As we started getting more tests, more capability, shorter turnaround time, you saw that open gradually, little by little different criteria was established. And now anyone who is symptomatic with just about anything, you can get a test," Dr. Ogden said.  
Samaritan has also expanded testing to anyone who is going in for any type

of procedure in the hospital.  
"We've found that a lot of people are asymptomatic and they're carrying this and they're spreading this," Dr. Ogden said. "So we are now testing every person who has a scheduled procedure before they come into our hospitals."  
The idea of widespread testing is ideal for doctors and researchers to provide a better understanding of the Coronavirus in how it's spread and where it is spreading quickest. At this time, the U.S. is not set up

for widespread testing and likely won't get to the point of testing anyone and everyone.  
"It's really just a snapshot in time, right?" Dr. Ogden said. "Because you can have a negative test right now, today, and if you walk out the door and come in contact with somebody who is a carrier and that virus is given to you, that negative test is useless."  
As for testing in Lincoln County, the hospitals have met the criteria for testing, which is exemplified by the

County moving into Phase I of the Governor's Reopening Oregon plan. The county must provide 15 tests per thousand people per day, which is about 150 tests per day capacity in this area.  
"We just surpassed 1,000 tests administered in Lincoln County this past week, which is not necessarily impressive," Dr. Ogden said. "But we are excited about it because our numbers are moving in the hundreds of tests given per day."

# Lawsuit

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coln City has been conducting drive-in church services and Magnan said the church will await the Oregon Supreme court's ruling before resuming normal worship services.

"We hold no animosity toward the Governor. We in fact pray for her," Magnan said. "Even if we prevail we would still include social distancing measures in our services. We won't receive any damages if we prevail — this is about holding the governor accountable to following Oregon law."

The Oregon Supreme Court's decision to uphold will remain in effect until the high court considers the state's full petition to dismiss the Baker County Circuit judge's preliminary injunction.

For Calvary Chapel Lincoln City, their initial decision to become a plaintiff in the lawsuit was not only driven by their right to freely exercise their religions, but also by the affects they've seen within the Lincoln City community, according to Magnan.

"We joined other churches in this suit, not only because the Governor violated the U.S. Constitution and our State Constitution, but we were deeply concerned about those policies that would deeply harm and make poor, working families and businesses,"

Magnan said. "We were not surprised that the Oregon Supreme Court stayed the injunction against the Gov-

ernor's orders. We only hope that they will see that the Governor's executive orders did not follow Oregon law."

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SPORTS

College Bound: Tiger baseball player commits to Corban

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The cancelation of the spring sports season has had many high school seniors fearing whether or not they'd missed out on their opportunity to make one final impression on college recruiters.

But for Taft 7-12 senior Eli DeMello, he's been catching the attention of schools all throughout his high school career and he's found his landing spot.

As a multi-sport athlete at Taft, DeMello's athletic ability has helped the Tigers become competitive in cross county, on the basketball court and on the baseball diamond. He says he enjoys all sports, but one sport has always been near and dear to him.

"Baseball has always been my top sport, but I enjoy basketball and cross country because well they keep me in shape but mostly because I like being active and I like to push myself to the limits," DeMello said. "Baseball is also my favorite because it was my first sport and it helped me get my mind off things when I needed too."

That love for the game has paid dividends for the Taft 7-12 baseball program,



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Taft 7-12 senior Eli DeMello signed with Corban University in Salem to play baseball next year.

as they have become a fixture in the State Playoffs during DeMello's tenure and made it to the quarterfinals last season. DeMello was also a member of the local Legion Baseball team based out of Newport, which competed against some of the top baseball prospects in Oregon each summer.

"Eli has been dedicated to baseball since he was very young and the hard work is paying off for him," said Matt Hilgers, Taft Athletic Director and DeMello's baseball coach. "He has a very high baseball IQ and was extremely versatile. His junior year he played all

nine positions for us, something that is not often done at the high school level and up. This speaks to his ability on the baseball field. He was the type of player that could make the in-game adjustments that successfully baseball players have to have."

Even though his senior year was cut short, DeMello's baseball resume spoke for itself, and he received an offer to play ball at Corban University in Salem. After looking at a few colleges both out of Oregon and in state, DeMello said Corban just seemed like the perfect fit for him.

"Corban stood out to me because everything I've ever heard about them is fantastic stuff," DeMello said. "Just from talking to the coaching staff I can tell that they are a supportive program and a program that likes the win. The location was perfect and they had what I needed to be successful in life."

Although undecided on an area of study right now, DeMello said he has interest in something related to sports management. But one thing that won't be in question is his ability to contribute to a Corban baseball squad that will look

to maximize his potential.

"Eli offers a blend of speed and athleticism that is always appealing to our program," Corban Head Coach Derek Legg said. "His flexibility defensively and consist approach at the plate will set him up for success at the collegiate level."

With the ability to play any position on the baseball field, DeMello said he's not sure where coach Legg will have him play at Corban. However, he does have a position in mind if it were up to him.

"I hope to play middle infield but I am more than willing to play any position the coaching staff puts me at because they know what they need to win games as bad as I do, so when it comes to what position it doesn't matter to me. I know the coaching staff has the answer," DeMello said.

The rigors of being a collegiate student athlete can take some time to adjust to for any incoming freshman. But thanks to his mentors at Taft, DeMello said he feels pretty well prepared for the incoming workload he will have this coming fall.

"I feel like the coach's and teachers at Taft have given me the tools I need to successfully take on col-


lege," DeMello said. "Mr. Hilgers played a big role in that, he always was there to answer my questions and he always had my best interest in mind."

With a bright future ahead of him, DeMello is no doubt excited for what the future holds. But while at Taft, he's made some lasting memories that he'll take with him wherever he goes.

"Being a Tiger has given me so many memories it's hard to pick one that stands out, but if I had too I'd have to say my sophomore year baseball team; we had too many memories to think of but that team was unbelievable," DeMello said of his fondest memories. "We were brothers playing a game we loved at a high level, it doesn't get much better."


And over the years, DeMello has learned a thing or two in both sports and in the classroom that he's happy to share with his younger Tiger classmates.

"The best advice I could give is, just believe in yourself," DeMello said. "You are in that spot for a reason, either your coach believes in you or God does, always attack the moment and overcome it no matter how hard it is. God will help you get through anything."



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