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Culinary, biking and sandcastle events postponed

Included in the list of Cannon Beach summer events canceled or postponed because of the pandemic are the North Coast Culinary Fest, the Fat Bike Festival and the 56th-annual

Sandcastle Contest.

The North Coast Culinary Fest has been postponed until a date to be determined. The event was scheduled for May 15-17. It's a weekend of culinary arts honoring

James Beard and friends. A portion of the proceeds goes to a culinary arts program at Seaside High School.

The summertime Fat Bike Festival has been rescheduled for Oct. 16-18. It's a

weekend of fat-bike events, including exploring the beaches and community of Cannon Beach by bike.

The Sandcastle Contest has been postponed to a date to be determined. It

usually takes place in June. Dozens of teams of professional sand sculpture artists, amateur groups and families construct creations in the sand. In 2014, the contest was recognized as

an Oregon Heritage Tradition by the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department, making it one of just 11 events statewide to achieve the designation.



B. Boutique navigates the pandemic through technology

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B. Boutique owner Jenny Becker didn't let a pandemic get in the way of connecting with her customers in Cannon Beach, thanks to some innovative marketing and the help of daughter Emily Becker.

The COVID-19 restrictions led to far fewer visitors in town, so Jenny closed the boutique's doors on March 21. But that didn't deter the mother, daughter and grandmother trio who run the business, which sells high-end fashion, beachwear and clothing for all generations.

In less than a week, Emily rebuilt their website to include a sales side, not just a place where customers could look at the latest clothing arrivals.

"Emily is our tech guru, and in four days she rebuilt our site with a sellable side to it," Jenny said.

"As soon as we launched the site, we've been busy ever since. It's like owning a second store, and has given us the opportunity to stay connected with our customers."

Emily helped launch other online offerings as well through social media platforms which, according to Jenny, are generating sales. "We use Facebook and Instagram and email to connect with our customers," she said.

"It's been exciting, because we see and hear from our customers from all over the country."

Emily said Instagram is very popular with their customers. But it takes some work to keep it fresh and make it a fun experience. "We add to our Instagram story all day long, then post things at the end of the day," she said.

"It's been really fun to work with Instagram posts, because we can post video or pictures depending on what we want to do. And it's been very popular with our followers."

Another online platform the entrepreneurs have embraced is their Facebook Live shows. According to Jenny, they host shows every other Wednesday. A show lasts one hour, with her as its host.

Emily shows clothing and accessories, and even models some items. She also answers questions that customers have during the show from posts on Facebook.

Arlene, Jenny's mother, acts as the store's stylist and support staff. So the business is truly a multi-generational effort.

"It's a lot of work prior to and after a show,



Three generations of service is what you get at B. Boutique. Arlene Mackay, Jenny Becker and Emily Becker show off some of the styles offered at the high end fashion and beachwear store in Cannon Beach.

but it's worth it," Jenny said. "We're very busy setting everything up, and very busy afterwards getting the product out the door and shipped to our customers."

So far, they've hosted two live shows and according to Jenny, they make 30 to 40 sales during the event.

On May 21, when restrictions on visitors to Cannon Beach began to lighten up, Jenny opened the brick-and-mortar store to walk-in customers. For health safety reasons, only six customers are allowed in the store at a time. The Beckers offer free face masks to any who need them.

They also suggest to customers that they try on only those clothing items they're inclined to purchase. All clothing not sold is steam-cleaned and let stand for 24 hours.

"We're not negative at all about the pandemic, we try to keep it fun," Jenny said. "We have a sanitization station right at the door we've glammed up a bit, made it look cute, so customers feel safe and welcomed."

Meantime, they plan on keeping Instagram and Facebook Live going moving forward.

The store is located at 232 N. Spruce St. in Cannon Beach. For more information, call the Beckers at 503-436-1232.

City looks for ways to help restaurants, small shops

Kathleen Stinson

For The Gazette

The City of Cannon Beach is working on ways to help ease businesses into Clatsop County's phase 1 re-opening.

City Manager Bruce St. Denis said that over the Memorial Day weekend, there was "an uptick" in local consumer traffic, but it was less than "normal."

St. Denis said the city manager has the authority under Oregon Gov. Kat Brown's emergency declaration to temporarily modify the Cannon Beach Municipal Code to allow the use of some dining tables in restaurant courtyards and parking lots to facilitate social distancing requirements.

The city council was scheduled to vote earlier this week on partially closing Hemlock Street to traffic to provide space to facilitate social distancing for shoppers. "Council (would have the authority) to direct staff to move forward with this," St. Denis said.

"The City of Cannon Beach recognizes this unique and unprecedented environment which the COVID pandemic and the economic crisis brings to our coastal community," stated a city memo regarding restaurant table locations.

"The City would like to work with our local businesses to Re-Open our community as safely and as wisely as possible, while aware that the new social distancing provisions and what is being recommended by our health professionals may require provisional measures to allow for a smoother transition into a more normal operational environment.

"Please keep in mind these measures are temporary and yet, if we respect the Cannon Beach aesthetic, some of these measures could be incorporated into future provisions."

The code modification will allow "off-street parking areas, ADA accessible pedestrian courtyard areas, provided by a business, and any other area site approved by the Community Development Director, to be converted to service or seating areas in proportion to that business' approved seating capacity," the memo stated.

"(Example: if the restaurant during normal operations has 20 indoor tables, and the COVID pandemic social distancing requirements force the restaurant to eliminate 8 of those indoor tables, they will be permitted

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Real estate sales remain strong during pandemic

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Michael Henderson, the managing broker of Duane Johnson Real Estate in Cannon Beach, says real estate trends have shifted due to the pandemic - but his office has seen a high volume of interested buyers connecting with the local real estate agents.

"Our volume of business is up, which is a surprise to all of us," he said in an interview in Cannon Beach.

"Interest rates are low, banks are making loans, which pushes qualified buyers off the fence, activity has been high from the buyer's side."

This interest in small

beach towns is a trend that is coming from all age groups. Henderson said he is seeing inquiries from people in their 30s to the 70s and early 80s, all interested in the same thing.

This trend during a pandemic is due to many people wanting to get away from the big city and away from the crowds to a safer environment, he said. "People are concerned for their safety," said Jeremy Youngquist, a broker with the Duane Johnson firm who serves as its marketing manager.

"All of this is playing into the trends where they want a nice home at the beach. They know it's clean, they know it's safe."

"For Cannon Beach and

Arch Cape real estate, that bodes well... (L)et's invest in a vacation home, not (just) a vacation."

Operating a successful real estate company has changed a bit during the pandemic, said the Duane Johnson brokers. That said, some of the practices they're currently using to show homes had been in place for some time.

For example, said Henderson, someone in Seattle wants to see a few homes, so a broker in Cannon Beach can FaceTime a property or create a video, zip it up and send it to a client. That part has not changed solely as a result of the COVID-19 issues.

What has changed, accord-



Jeremy Youngquist and Duane Johnson. Photo by Joe Warren

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Cannon Beach moving to allow more business to open

Kathleen Stinson
For The Gazette

Gov. Kate Brown approved Clatsop County’s plan to reopen effective May 15, according to county press release.

Under that reopening, all cities and unincorporated areas of the county automatically reopen to phase 1, said Rick Hudson, the emergency manager for the City of Cannon Beach.

The Cannon Beach City Council subsequently met and voted to rescind the closing of motels, hotels and vacation rentals as of 6 a.m. May 26. These establishments may once again accept guests.

The council also voted to

rescind the visitor evacuation order effective immediately, Hudson said.

The city’s emergency declaration order will remain in place, however, possibly until the end of 2020, he added.

“Beginning Friday, May 15, gyms, retail stores and personal services including barber shops and salons, spas and tattoo parlors may partially re-open, and local restaurants and bars will be able to open for sit-down dining,” stated the county’s press release.

“Gatherings of up to 25 people will also be allowed.

“All reopened business will be required to follow detailed state guidelines on numbers of customers, physical distancing, clean-

ing and other measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

“Under the state’s strategy, after 21 days counties will be eligible to allow further opening of business, gatherings and public spaces.

“According to its plan, Clatsop County meets the prerequisites for contact tracing of positive cases, isolation facilities, and first-responder PPE.

“It also meets metrics required of Hospital Preparedness Organization Region 1, of which it is a member with Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Tillamook and Washington counties. These include minimum testing capacity and hospital PPE supplies.”



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to have up to 8 socially-distanced tables in their exterior courtyard, parking area, or other approved space, as long as they abide by ADA, fire-safety requirements and allow for 42” passage for all pedestrian throughfares.”

St. Denis said the modification is meant to “help

restaurants work back to their normal capacity, allowing them to put seating outside.”

The city staff’s report on the Hemlock Street proposal states that, “The restrictions on social distancing are difficult-to-impossible to accomplish on our narrow sidewalks.

“Social distancing requirements will also hinder the experience/operations of many of our small shops.

“And because the number

of browsers in each establishment will be limited, so will the sales.

“This proposal addresses the public social distancing aspect of the problem by substantially increasing the pedestrian area in the downtown area which will allow more space in between each individual/party.”

The proposal would “close down portions of Hemlock Street to vehicles,” the staff report noted.



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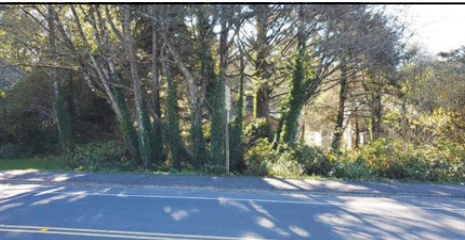


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At the library

New acquisitions - and a troubled history in Toledo, OR

Joseph Bernt
Library Volunteer

Other than online access to eBooks, the Cannon Book Library remains closed. Patrons can take some comfort, though, from knowing Marjorie MacQueen continues adding new titles to the collection through purchases and donations.

In April, she added eight works of fiction. They include “Afterlife” by Julia Alvarez, “The Treadstone Resurrection” by Joseph Hood, “Writers and Lovers” by Lily King, “Devoted” by Dean Koontz, “Hour of the Assassin” by Matthew Quirk, “My Dark Vanessa” by Kate Elizabeth Russell, “Redhead by the Side of the Road” by Anne Tyler, and “The Book of Lost Friends” by Lisa Wingate.

New mysteries include “Walk the Wire” by David Baldacci, “Three Hours to Paris” by Cara Black, “Camino Winds” by John Grisham, “A Silent Death” by Peter May, “Dead Land” by Sara Paretsky, “Masked Prey” by John Sandford, “Hid From Our Eyes” by Julia Spencer-Fleming, and “The Glass Hotel” by Emily St. John Mandel.

New nonfiction titles include “The Year 1000: When Explorers Connected the World & Globalization Began” by Valerie Hansen, “Trees in Trouble” by Daniel Matthews, “In Deep: The FBI, CIA, and the Truth About America’s Deep State” by David Rohde, “Some Assembly Required: Decoding 4 Billion Years of Life from Fossils to DNA” by Neil Shubin, and “Economic Dignity” by Gene Sperling.

When the library reopens so that vulnerable patrons and

volunteers are safe, a plentiful supply of recent acquisitions awaits readers.

Given the paucity of special events, readings and speakers at the library, this column mostly reviews books of personal interest or teases new books, waiting for the plague to pass.

Jim and Lois Azumano, my thoughtful neighbors across the street, helped recently by offering a sack of books as a library donation. One of these books appealed to my interest in local Oregon coast history, a book recommended for the library’s Northwest Collection.

“The Toledo Incident of 1925: Three Days That Made History in Toledo, Oregon” by Ted W. Cox describes conflict between Caucasian residents of Toledo and the Pacific Spruce Corporation, the largest old-growth sawmill in Oregon, which announced plans to hire Japanese residents to work two shifts sorting lumber on the “green chain.”

The green-chain jobs, which required both strength and coordination, were considered the most undesirable at the sawmill, jobs that Caucasian employees abandoned quickly and for which managers complained that Toledo residents were not well suited.

Japanese residents had a reputation for mastering this sorting process. When local residents complained about plans to give “their” jobs to outsiders, mill managers argued that local residents capable of performing this work were unavailable, and that those who tried performed so poorly the mill could not operate efficiently.

Twenty-seven Japanese (two with families), four Filipinos and one Korean arrived

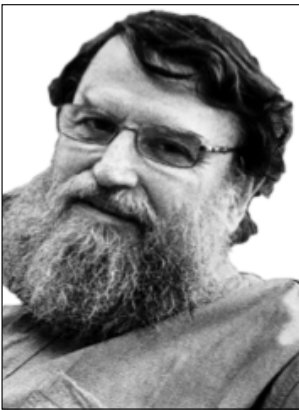
at the Toledo Depot on the daily passenger train from Corvallis at 4:20 p.m. July 10, 1925. Officials from Pacific Spruce met their new employees and drove them to 16 duplex houses on the company’s property.

On Saturday morning, July 11, Ito Kawamoto, wife of Ichiro Kawamoto, who was foreman of the new employees, walked into downtown Toledo with some companions. City Marshal George Schenck confronted Mrs. Kawamoto, telling her to return home and to leave town the next day or face being killed.

The same morning, handbills announced a rally for 6 p.m. at the city baseball field, an assembly that attracted about 70 people who engaged in increasingly heated rhetoric.

H.T. Pritchard, a board member of the Lincoln County Protective League, opposed hiring Japanese employees because they would take jobs from residents who had developed Toledo. Pritchard recommended confronting Ichiro Kawamoto the next day and telling him he and his crew were unwanted in Toledo, even though he admitted the Japanese were not at fault in seeking employment.

Clothing store owner William Colvin, argued that the presence of Japanese employees in Toledo would lower property values, saying, “Now is the time to act. (T) he Japs already are here



Joseph Bernt

and there will be more.”

Rosemary Schenck, married to Marshal Schenck, feared Pacific Spruce would request state militia to protect the unwanted employees on Monday. She recommended everyone meet at the waterfront on Sunday, July 12, at 2 p.m.

By 2 p.m., 50 men and 200 women and children had arrived at the dock in front of Colvin’s store. Colvin urged the crowd to action and was joined by Pritchard, Charles A. Buck, Frank Sturdevant and L.D. Emerson in leading the crowd toward Japanese housing on the mill property.

Pacific Spruce officers C.D. Johnson and Dean Johnson, plus other deputized employees, stood on the platform piling that separated public and sawmill property.

As the protestors moved closer, one woman assaulted C.D. Johnson with a stick and men collected rocks, as an angry mob formed. Sheriff Horsfall had deputized John F. Markham, who drew his handgun and warned the mob, “Gentlemen, I represent the law, stand back.” Fifteen-year-old Sonny Carson attacked and disarmed Markham.

Frank W. Stevens, another company deputy, was overwhelmed and told, “We don’t want anything but the Japs. We’re here to get them and we’re going to do it.”

When the mob reached the Japanese housing, Colvin and two other men broke into the Kawamoto home with a battering ram, frightened Mrs. Kawamoto and told her hus-

band to leave immediately. Mr. Kawamoto responded, “I belong with the mill and am going to stay right here.”

Two men threw him to the floor, kicked him, bloodied his face and pushed him from the house. A man came by and took the family’s three-month-old puppy that Ichiro Kawamoto had purchased for \$15.

Twenty-two Japanese workers, four Filipino employees, one Korean worker, two women and three Japanese-American children were loaded into cars and trucks and driven to the Corvallis train depot. Twenty-four of the “Issei” took a chartered train to Portland that night.

Pacific Spruce inter-viewed their employees. Any involved in the riot or who defended the rioters were terminated.

On Oct. 1, 1925, the Japanese Association of Oregon helped Ichiro and Ito Kawamoto, Tamakichi Ogura, Matsuto Tsubokawa and Youjiro Mitani file successful actions in Federal District Court in Portland against nine Toledo residents involved in the riot. Exactly one year later, an out-of-court settlement was reached for \$3,190.40. With additional court costs, the defendants paid \$6,500.

To pay those costs, Pritchard lost his clothing store, the Schencks sold properties, the Colvins paid the settlement and maintained their business, Hart took years to pay his debt and Sturdevant lost his property in a courthouse auction.

“Issei” considered the trial a test of whether they could live and work in America. The trial confirmed that and further established a first in a federal civil suit: legal aliens in the U.S. have civil rights that could not be violated

without consequence.

Ted W. Cox, author of this local history, is himself worthy of biographical treatment. Born in Eugene in 1947, Cox participated in track and field in high school and college in Southern California. After college, he accepted two Peace Corps assignments - two years of teaching science and physical education in Sierra Leone and two years in Belize as the national track and field coach.

Returning to the U.S. in 1973, he enrolled in a physical education graduate program at Oregon State, where he also directed the university’s first women’s volleyball team formed after Title IX passage.

Following his work at Oregon State, in 1975 he taught first aid and physical education at Linn-Benton Junior College and worked in a restaurant. In 1977, Cox started the Old World Deli in a historic downtown Corvallis building, which has since developed into a funky mall and entertainment venue.

Cox, one of Oregon’s first microbrewers and teachers of beer and wine making and tasting, founded the Heart of the Valley Home Brewers, which initiated the Oregon Homebrew Festival. He also helped start the Oregon Trail Brewery, providing startup space in his building where it has operated since 1987.

He defines a biographer’s dream. He documents every aspect of his life, at least since entering the Peace Corps, and is a noteworthy Oregon personality, storyteller and entrepreneur.

Ted Cox’s account of “The Toledo Incident of 1925” belongs in the library’s Northwest Collection as nearly lost history and a model of quality historical sourcing.

Letter to the Editor

Dune lawsuit was inevitable

Dear Editor,

What kind of magical thinking led Diana Turner and Lisa Kerr to the conclusion that 100 oceanfront property owners would not challenge the City of Cannon Beach’s recent ordinance banning a practice that has been carried out for the last 20 years?

Kerr is “shocked, shocked!” that the owners would do such a thing, after leading the charge at the planning commission, and as a member of ORCA and Friends of the Dunes.

After the city spent \$100,000 on Dr. Allan’s report and two years of staff time to develop an ordinance that would continue grading as before, Kerr, Turner and others convinced the city council that “there was no consensus.” If that was true, why did the planning commission spend 13 meetings and public hearings crafting the wording line by line, then present it to the council with a suggestion that it could go either way?

The Friends of the Dunes make several erroneous statements in the recent letter:

• THE DUNES BELONG TO THE STATE OF OREGON. Actually, most of the dune area from Jackson to Washington streets was purchased by a family on Ocean Avenue who wanted to prevent it from being developed. A large part of the dunes in front of Breakers Point Condominiums is owned by the homeowners’ association. The Chapman Point lots, each two acres, run down to the vegetation line and are privately owned.

• THE DUNES ARE A VALUABLE PUBLIC ASSET. This is correct, and the dunes along Ocean Avenue are open to all and are heavily used. Ocean Avenue has become the city’s promenade since the 12’ dune that existed up until 2003 was taken down. All of the walkers, photographers and people driving would still be looking at a huge wall of sand for the six-block

length.

• THE DUNES ARE A CRUCIAL PART OF CANNON BEACH’S ECONOMY AND BEAUTY. True enough, but the “Friends” played a zero-sum game by insisting that 100 owners lose their views and substantial value for an aesthetic argument.

• THE DUNES PROVIDE A CRITICAL BULWARK. The next tsunami will ignore the dunes and come rushing around them, inundating much of the town. Insisting that dunes grow to 60 or 70 feet at Breakers Point will not keep the north side from being destroyed.

• THE DUNES PROTECT THE HABITAT. The argument that a human-induced dune covered by invasive beach grass, comparable to an old-growth forest or pristine wetland, is completely specious. It is an artificial construct, which can be managed responsibly for the benefit of all. The dune grading projects over the last 20 years have all grown back after replanting. Neither Dr. Allan nor Dr. Hacker wrote about “critical habitat” or the downside of dune grading on the environment. Dr. Allan specifically outlined how dune grading for views could be done responsibly in his report. Kerr, of course,

insisted that he remove the recommendation from the report, but Dr. Allan refused.

I have worked on dune grading projects since 1999, and have spent many hours replanting beach grass on Ocean Avenue and Breakers Point. I challenge any objective observer to look at the dunes in their current condition and say that they are “like a clearcut” or “ugly.”

As a former mayor, I am saddened by the legal costs and acrimony brought by this dispute. The HOAs were willing partners throughout this process beginning in 2015, when the study was initiated, and many owners sat through the meetings hoping for a middle ground that all could agree to.

Bob Lundy, former chair of the planning commission, and Mayor Steidel have both argued for an approach that would allow for restoration of the dunes with strict design guidelines.

If the LUBA appeal provides for the city council to rethink the draconian ordinance they have adopted, perhaps a middle ground can be found.

Mike Morgan
Cannon Beach

Fire district eyes levy funds

Kathleen Stinson
For The Gazette

A Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District levy increase of 35 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value passed with 60% voter approval, according to district officials.

Fire Chief Marc Reckmann said the “estimated revenue for each year of the levy (is) \$403,875 in 2020-2021, \$415,991 in 2021-2022, \$428,470 in 2022-2023, \$441,325 in 2023-2024, and \$454,564 in 2024-2025.”

Reckmann talked with The Gazette Tuesday about where the money will be spent.

He said the district plans to hire a full-time training chief in January 2021.

And he said the district also has budgeted about \$350,000 to pay for a “nice mobile home” for four volunteer firefighters at the Arch Cape station. “We are struggling to get volunteers at Arch Cape,” he said, “it is so expensive to live here. This is a way to keep volunteers.”

The district will replace one of its 1995 fire engines, which is worn, at a budgeted cost of

\$350,000, he said. The plan is to replace it with a 2008 newer-model engine.

Also, the Arch Cape engine is a 2004 mini-pumper. “It does not serve the community that well.” The vehicle is two-wheel drive and its tank is small, Reckmann said.

The district plans to replace it with an urban interface engine at a cost of about \$320,000.

Among other expenses, the two fire stations themselves need repairs, he said. “There is no money for upkeep of the stations. Last year, we (had to put) \$90,000 into a roof for the Cannon Beach station. Part of this levy is continual upkeep.”

He said the Cannon Beach station’s siding was installed in 1995. “The siding has to be replaced in the next three to five years,” he said, at a cost about \$25,000.

“We have a pretty big crack in the floor where the trucks sit,” Reckmann added. “We don’t know how much that will cost.”

In addition, “The district maintains the tsunami warning system, which was put in the late 1990s. (That) is an ongoing cost.”



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Fultano's pizza eases pandemic's bite

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David Johnson, owner of Fultano's, the popular pizza place in Cannon Beach, wanted to do something to help the community, while keeping his staff busy during the pandemic and the closing of Cannon Beach to visitors. "We hosted a three-day special to create a buzz with our local customers," Johnson said. "We gave large pizzas away for five bucks."

Johnson and crew offered cheese, pepperoni and Hawaiian-style pizzas, and said they sold 135 pizzas during the three-day local special. It was a great deal - they normally charge \$26 to \$28 for a large pie.

"This pandemic has been such a bummer. We're used to being so busy this time of year and we missed out on spring break," Johnson said. "We did it to lift people up a bit. People are struggling."

"And we were used to being busy, so this helped us

keep our staff busy and helped people get an affordable meal."

Johnson said his staff welcomed the more normal workflow for the three days the promotion was in place.

Now, with Clatsop County easing under Oregon Gov. Kate Brown's phase 1 restrictions, restaurants and retail are opening back up in the beach community. Fultano's Pizza is open for dining while following the restrictions in place.

Johnson said he has moved tables around to accommodate the social distancing guidelines. People are starting to come back in to dine, but you can still order food to go.

Fultano's also offers sub sandwiches, salads and specialty pasta dishes. They offer build-your-own pizzas or the traditional pies you have come to love.

During the beginning of the pandemic, Duane Johnson, principal broker with Duane Johnson Real Estate in Cannon Beach - and David's father - was buying certificates for school-age children

to use at Fultano's.

Each certificate would get them a slice of pizza and a drink for lunch. All the students had to do was show up at the real estate office and claim a certificate.

David Johnson also provided certificates to the Cannon Beach Food Pantry for people to redeem at the restaurant.

"The main thing was to do something for the community," David Johnson. "We've never done any discounting before, so this was a goodwill effort."

Johnson said he and his staff have learned a lot during the pandemic. They plan to incorporate more take-out, delivery and grab-and-go offers to the normal schedule moving forward.

The restaurant is at 200 N. Hemlock, on the corner of 2nd Street and Hemlock in downtown Cannon Beach. They're open 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.



David Johnson, owner of Fultano's Pizza in Cannon Beach, in front of his store last week as it prepares to reopen to dine-in customers. Photo by Joe Warren

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ing to Duane Johnson, is the live showing itself. "We have to go in prior to a showing and disinfect everything. We travel in separate cars and follow social distancing guidelines.

"After we are done showing the home, we have to go back in and disinfect things a second time," he said. "We have to keep our hands in our pockets."

"It's a whole different ballgame. And I'm surprised by the volume of business during the pandemic."

As for the transaction, with DocuSign everything can be done over the computer, except when the time comes to have the signatures notarized.

"Title companies have cut back staffing to take precautions," Johnson said. "The

real estate) closing may take a little longer, but I believe that will eventually get back to normal."

Meantime, Henderson said he's a numbers guy. He said sale prices are up by 2.6% in Clatsop County, while in Cannon Beach sale prices are up 3.9% from the same time last year.

"A lot of buyers in late March and early April used the (Covid) situation as an opportunity to come in and make lower offers," Henderson said. "We currently have 22 residential listings on the market in Cannon Beach and with the steady interest in our area, it's a great time to list your property."

According to figures provided by the Regional Multiple Listing Service (RMLS), a listing would be on the market an average of 156 days before being sold in Clatsop County.

According to Henderson, 125 real estate deals were

closed in April 2019. This year, 93 deals were closed in Clatsop County and 15 of those were in Cannon Beach.

"We have a very resilient market in Cannon Beach,

even in a downturn like those of '06 and '08," Henderson added. "It's not normal or status quo, but neither is a pandemic."

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MEETINGS JUNE 2020

(subject to change depending on COVID-19 concerns)

2	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.	18	Design Review Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
9	City Council Special Meeting	5:30 p.m.	25	Planning Commission Meeting	6:00 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
April 20, 2020**

- Discussed a Business Assistance Grant utilizing the reserve funds from the Tourism & Arts Fund;
- Discussed a deferral of Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) Payments - revisit this with an ordinance;
- Discussed the option of a utility credit - took no action at this time.

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING WITH
BUSINESS RELIEF COMMITTEE, April 24, 2020**

- Reviewed and accepted the BRC's methodology of administering the grant; discussed criteria
- Adopted Resolution 20-16, for the Purpose of Extending the City's Emergency Declaration and Protective Measures until rescinded; (hotel restrictions);
- Discussed working with the county and neighboring cities to have a uniform approach on the COVID-19 precautions and follow the governor's orders.

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING WITH
BUSINESS RELIEF COMMITTEE, April 29, 2020**

- Adopted Resolution 20-18 for the Purpose of Delegating Authority to the Business Relief Committee to Establish the Business Assistance Program;
- Met with the ad hoc Business Relief Committee to discuss the grant application and criteria for the COVID-19 Business Assistance Grant.

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING,
April 30, 2020**

- Adopted Ordinance 20-12 for the Purpose of Creating a COVID-19 Business Assistance Program;
- Adopted Ordinance 20-13 for the Purpose of Creating a Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) Remittance Deferral Program.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING,
May 5, 2020**

- Adopted Ordinance 20-11, for the Purpose of Amending the Recently Revised And Established Fees Related to Building Permits, Land Use Planning And Conversion To Oregon Building Codes E-Permitting Program For Cannon Beach
- Adopted Resolution 20-17 for the Purpose of Extending the Visitor Evacuation;
- Adopted Proclamation 20-05, Emergency Medical Services Week, May 17-23, 2020;
- Appointed Alicia Blalock to serve a 3-year term on the Budget Committee;
- Discussed the 4th of July Parade; will revisit this at the June 2, 2020 regular Council meeting;
- Extended the FY 2020-21 Tourism and Arts Fund Grant application deadline to July 1, 2020.

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING,
May 8, 2020**

- Adopted Resolution 20-19, for the Purpose of Reaffirming the City's Emergency Declaration and Protective Measures - defencing enforcement actions that can be taken.
- Discussed the City Manager's Administrative Order 20-01 closing the beach adjacent to the city from Saturday May 9th at 7am through Tuesday, May 12th at 7pm. Council changed the end date to Sunday night, May 10th.

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING WITH
BUSINESS RELIEF COMMITTEE, May 12, 2020**

- Members of the Garden Club requested City Council approval to establish a community garden at the former Cannon Beach Elementary School site. Council requested the club research the many unresolved aspects of the request and present a more complete proposal to them at a later meeting;
- Discussed issues related to reopening the City; hotels and short term rentals, lifting the visitor ban etc;
- The Business Relief Committee presented their recommendations and requested Council direction on two requests. Council approved the recommendations and denied the two questionable requests.

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING,
May 15, 2020**

- Discussed reopening the City;
- Adopted Resolution 20-20 for the Purpose of Rescinding the City's Protective Measures: Visitor ban rescinded immediately, and hotels and short term rentals can open as of 6:00am May 26, 2020.

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, May 18, 2020

- Discussed methods of assisting restaurants and retail stores maintain maximum occupancy, yet stay within the governors social distancing and safety guidelines;
- Adopted Ordinance 20-14; for the Purpose of Amending Municipal Code 2.42 Emergency Management striking out the portion stating it must be revisited at 2 week intervals.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD - The Design Review Board met May 21st to discuss:

DRB 20-11, City of Cannon Beach application to construct a pocket park at the intersection of Highway 101 and East Sunset Blvd, in the Right-of-Way. **Approved**

DRB 20-14, Richard Basch on behalf of the Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes, Oregon Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and the City of Cannon Beach to construct commemorative historical monuments at NeCus' Park. **Approved**

FS 20-01, Cannon Beach Academy Free Standing Sign. **Approved**

PLANNING COMMISSION - The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet May 28th to discuss:

CU 20-02, request by Bruce Francis for a Conditional Use permit to allow for shoreline stabilization near the Breaker's Point Condominium development.

P 20-01 and V 20-01, request by the City of Cannon Beach for preliminary and final plat approval in association with a variance request of a standard-sized parcel off Reservoir Rd.

CD 20-01, request by Vito Cerelli for a Cluster Development located at 180 Coos St.

CU 20-03, request by Mike Morgan for a Conditional Use permit for a shoreline protection structure at 3188 Pacific Street.

CU 20-04, Request by Beth Holland on behalf of the City of Cannon Beach for a Conditional Use Permit for the development of a community garden on the grounds of the former Cannon Beach Elementary School.

Of Interest...

The City of Cannon Beach awarded grants to 82 local businesses as part the COVID-19 Business Assistance Program. The \$302,000 awarded came from the reserves in the City's Tourism & Arts Fund.

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Applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to City Hall by 5:00 pm, July 1, 2020

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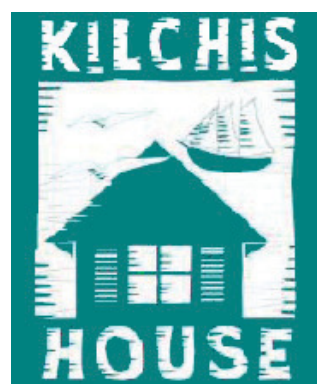
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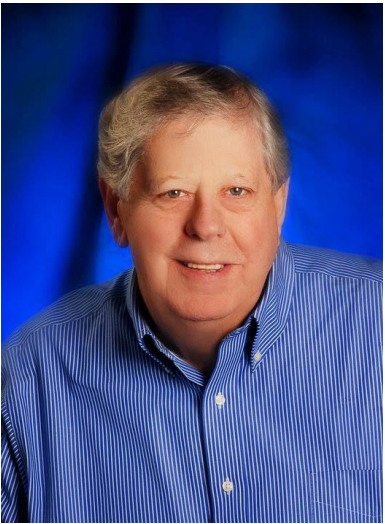
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