

City leaders look to assist businesses during winter

Hilary Dorsey For The Gazette

The Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce held a conference call Friday, Oct. 2, to get business input on ways to help the economy and businesses through the winter with COVID-19 guidelines in effect. The chamber had sent a survey to local businesses prior to the meeting. The chamber brought ideas to the city council meeting Tuesday, Oct. 6. City Manager Bruce St. Denis said if there is something the city can do to help businesses, they want to see if

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The council's emergency declaration allowed accommodations to businesses to help them successfully get through the pandemic. This includes allowing outdoor dining and canopies in parking lots.

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said during the Oct. 2 call.

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director of the Cannon Beach

Jim Paino, executive

Chamber of Commerce,

said another shutdown of

be able to survive."

Paul Nofield, owner of Driftwood Restaurant & Lounge, said in the Oct. 2 call that parking lots are a good tool for outdoor dining but there needs to be a structure in place to protect from the wind and rain.

Paino said some concerns in the survey were about child care and housing, proper cleaning and sanitation.

St. Denis said there was one idea of marketing the city's safety and public health. This might make a difference in whether someone chooses to visit Cannon Beach or not.

Paino said so far, indications seem good in terms of continued booking for hotels and short-term rentals. St. Denis said because Clatsop County is on the governor's Watch List for COVID-19, they may be pushed back to Phase 1. Paino said that was the number one concern of businesses that took the survey.

The council discussed the results of the survey during a work session Tuesday, Oct. 13. The council is considering recommendations of the chamber, residents and staff to see if there are steps the city can take to assist businesses during the winter.

Read our related story, by Kathleen Stinson about the chamber's survey results.

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STORMY WEATHER'S A BREWIN'



Business owners react to leaders plans to help them stay open

Kathleen Stinson For The Gazette

Local businesses are facing the double challenges for the effects of COVID-19 and the off-season nature of travel to Cannon Beach in the winter.

The city of Cannon Beach Council met Tuesday, Oct. 13, in work session to discuss ways it might help local businesses get through the off-season winter months. That spilled into a need to extend the discussion to the 20th.

"The City's COVID-19 Emergency Declaration gave staff the ability to approve certain conditions that are not normally allowed under our ordinances to assist our businesses in dealing with the effects of the pandemic," City Manager Bruce St. Denis stated in a report in the council packet.

Last April, The Gazette reported that the city had \$302,000 in its Tourism and Arts Fund reserves, available for a cash grant program to individual businesses. Many businesses received grant money. Maggie and Henry is one local business whose traffic was affected by the COVID-19 situation. Margo Dueber, co-owner of Maggie and Henry, talked with The Gazette about why they decided to close the walk-in store part of the business at the end of September. Maggie and Henry, a store that sold casual weekend wear for men and women, operated in "one form or another since the mid-80s," Dueber said. They will continue their business online at maggieandhenry.com. "COVID was a big hit (to the business)," Dueber said. "My lease was up. I had to make a decision [whether to remain in business] in this environment or keep just the online store." Recently, business owners completed a survey asking for ideas on how the city could help them get through the winter. Jim Paino, executive director of the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, said at the Wednesday, Oct. 14, Morning Meeting that the council decided to continue the discussion at a special session on Oct. 20. Some ideas included bringing more people into Cannon Beach by relaxing the short term rental 14 day rule something like what was done in the summer. This would allow property owners to rent their homes more days of the month. Greg Swedenborg, president of the chamber of commerce board, was at the Wednesday Morning Meeting. Swedenborg said the 1,800 people who live in Cannon Beach are not going to be able to support all the businesses by themselves. At the Wednesday Morning Meeting, people discussed some ideas for helping businesses George Vetter said the store doors are blocked off while people are filtered to go inside. Outdoor merchandising might be a partial solution. Paino said the tents outside the stores would have to be sturdy enough to withstand the winter weather. Swedenborg said the businesses need help now not after the planning department studies the issue for months. One advantage relaxing the short term rental rule has is it would not require months of planning study to change an ordinance.

The 33rd Annual Stormy Arts Festival featured artist's Hazel Skaling Schlesinger's November Skies Over Haystack Rock. *Courtesy photo.*

STORMY WEATHER ARTS FESTIVAL BLOWS INTO TOWN NOV. 6-8

For the Gazette jwarren@countrymedia.net

For 33 years, the Stormy Weather Arts Festival on the first weekend in November has been one of Cannon Beach's most popular events. You can immerse yourself in the creative culture that has long been a part of this community recognized as one of the 100 best art towns in America. The weekend offers musical performances and gallery events with the opportunity to meet renowned artists, see their latest works or watch them demonstrate their techniques.

Enjoy a variety of COVID safe gatherings and artist demonstrations and catch free live musical performances with regional musicians at outdoor venues throughout the town.

Cannon Beach is home to over a dozen art galleries. Many of their most successful national and regional artists, as well as prominent local artists, will be showcased during the festival.

2020 Schedule includes, but not limited to

Gallery Showings

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday A weekend full of art gallery events and guest artists throughout town. For the full list of galleries and their event details visit CBGalleryGroup.com

Music Around Town

Saturday, Nov. 7

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Locations: The Landing, Sandpiper Square, Coaster Theatre Courtyard,

Ecola Square

Check the Chamber website for the latest updates on additional weekend events.



Chamber of Commerce

Thank you to sponsors Bronze Coast Gallery, Jeffrey Hull Gallery and The Wine Shack.

Featured Festival Artist: Hazel Skaling Schlesinger

"I am a native of Cannon Beach area and had the good fortune of growing up in this magical spot... I spent many wonderful years teaching at the Cannon Beach Elementary School.

"November Skies Over Haystack Rock" was done en Plein Air from one of my favorite coastal views. I sat my easel up just a mere foothold away from Hwy 101 bracing myself against the downdraft of several log trucks and resisted the temptation to pack up and get to a safer perch. Often while Plein Air painting the perfect scene is not the most convenient for the painter, but challenge taken is most always rewarded. I have painted on location several times because of the sweeping panoramic view

offered to those who stop and take it in.

Original artwork on display at Northwest By Northwest Gallery 232 North Spruce St. in Cannon Beach."

Event URL: www.cannonbeach.org/ swaf

For the full list of galleries and their event details visit www.cbgallerygroup. com

In an effort to continue the Stormy Weather Arts Festival and respect the safety and well-being of all our attendees every measure is being made to have a COVID safe event.

Read related story on page 2 in this issue, by Hilary Dorsey about how the event will remain COVID-19 safe for locals and visitors.



Photo: Hilary Doresy

Cache sites open to public Saturday in Cannon Beach

Kathleen Stinson For The Gazette

The Cannon Beach Survival Cache Sites will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

City Emergency Manager Rick Hudson said the sites are open two times a year. The other day is always the third Saturday in April.

At these times, residents who have containers stored at the site may refresh and add to what they have in the barrels, he said.

The city has enough food and water at the sites to last the entire population of Cannon Beach for about 14 days, Hudson said. The individually – owned containers provide a place for residents who live in the inundation zone, for example, to store important documents or "maybe a tent enough supplies to keep them going for two weeks.

He said he recommends residents store a water filtration system. "I wouldn't recommend just storing water; it takes up a lot of space."

"Everyone who comes to Cannon Beach should have a go bag," he said, referring to the crowds of visitors who sometimes attend beach events. "We need people to bring their own go bags to the coast when they visit here."

The barrel or container program is gaining momentum with an increasing number of barrels stored at the site, he said. The containers are locked and stored in locked buildings.

In the event of a tsunami, if a small number of people have prepared and a large number of residents come to the high ground site unprepared, "eventually (those few supplies) will become community property," he said. "That's exactly what we want to avoid. That is a reason to encourage people to have their go bags and barrels.' Community Emergency

Response Team volunteers manage the site when opened, he said. "In case of an event, CERT managers will be at the sites."

The success of cache site programs has a history, he said. "The military has always had cache site programs around the world and in this country, where it stores oil, fuel, medical supplies, food and shelter."

"The concept of having a city survival cache site is not new, he said. "In a place like this with such a high risk of a tsunami, it is important to have these containers."

"A lot of people have these supplies in their homes, but if you can't do that, we encourage people to have a container" at a city safety cache site, he said.

'Nothing takes the place of a go bag that is always with you, and an evacuation bag," that can be ready in a few hours, he said.

The city charges a storage



fee of \$55 a year for a 55 gallon barrel, \$30 for a 30 gallon barrel and \$5 for a five gallon bucket, he said.

The city continues to hold its Wayfinding Wednesdays so residents can practice walking from their home to

an assembly area on higher ground to become familiar with the process in the event of a tsunami evacuation.

Chamber, galleries discuss upcoming Stormy Weather Arts Festival

Hilary Dorsey For The Gazette

The Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce discussed the Stormy Weather Arts Festival with local art galleries during a virtual breakfast meeting Tuesday, Oct. 13. This year's focus is health and safety during COVID-19.

The festival will be held Nov. 6-8. For 33 years, it has been one of Cannon Beach's most popular events.

Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jim Paino said given the COVID-19 world we live in, they had several meetings about what the festival would look

"This will be the first event in Cannon Beach out of the gate that's going to be a major event for our community," Paino said. "It typically draws a lot of people."

Several people from participating galleries talked about what they are planning to do for the festival. Bronze Coast Gallery Managing Director Joe Clayton said for Stormy Weather this year, the musical events

would not be held like they have in the past.

"To try to keep the energy in the festival going, there are several locations around town where we can still have music and have that be done through social distancing as well," Clayton said. "There will be some outside energy to this event.'

The chamber has made sure COVID-19 requirements are being met. Clayton said clients would contact the gallery directly to make appointments. The gallery will be open Nov. 6 by appointment. They will have two artists on Nov. 7 and another artist on Nov. 8.

Clayton said he feels the gallery staff will be able to politely shut the door if they meet occupancy and would ask people to come back.

Icefire Glassworks owner Jim Kingwell said the gallery has one guest artist coming for the festival. They will be weather-dependent on whether they can set up appointments to meet with artist Mark Gordon.

Carol Hull, of Jeffrey Hull Gallery, said the gallery will not being



In this Gazette file photo, music is a big part of the overall experience at the Stormy Weather Arts Festival. The Chamber has scheduled music as part of the celebration again this year.

doing appointments with artists. They have an entrance and exit for the gallery. Hours will be extended 9

a.m. to 7 p.m. Check the Chamber website for the latest updates on additional

weekend events. Send comments to: headlightreporter@countrymedia.net







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At the library

Adjusting to global warming and Bob Woodward's debriefings of President Trump

Joseph Bernt Library Volunteer

Members of Cannon Beach Reads, meeting via Zoom, will discuss "Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming," edited by Paul Hawken, Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m.

Mary Lloyd will lead this discussion of the short, hopeful descriptions in "Drawdown" of innovations in construction, heating and cooling, transportation, energy production, agriculture, forestry, aquaculture, waste management and flight that promise to reduce carbon footprints.

Anyone interested in joining monthly Cannon Beach Reads discussions should email Joseph Bernt at berntj@ohio.edu to receive an invitation that includes information for accessing these Zoom meetings.

In September, the Cannon Beach Library added seven novels, nine mysteries and four nonfiction books to its 'green-dot" collection.

Fictional titles added include "Anxious People" by Frederik Backman, 'The Lying Life of Adults'' by Elena Ferrante, "Total Power" by Vince Flynn, "The Evening and the Morning" by Ken Follett, "The Exiles" by Christina Baker Kline, 'Monogamy" by Sue Miller and "The Book of Two Ways' by Jodi Picoult.

Among new mysteries added are Ann Cleeves' "The Darkest Evening," Rachel Howzell Hall's "And Now She's Gone," Iris Johansen's "Chaos," Craig Johnson's

"Next to Last Stand," Peter Lovesey's "The Finisher," Mike Lupica's "Robert B. Parker's Fool's Paradise," Louise Penny's "All the Devils Are Here," Anne Perry's "A Question of Betrayal" and Mark Pryor's "The French Widow.'

New nonfiction titles include "Evil Geniuses: The Unmaking of America" by Kurt Andersen, "Iron Empires: Robber Barons, Railroads, and the Making of Modern America" by Michael Hiltzik, "Hoax: Donald Trump's Fox News and the Dangerous Distortion of Truth" by Brian Stelter and "Rage" by Bob Woodward.

I spent time last weekend reading "Rage," Woodward's 19th investigative book and 2nd describing the turbulence of Donald Trump's first presidential term.

An associate editor at the Washington Post, Woodward has built a reputation for meticulously accurate and news-making coverage of America's leaders since first coauthoring "All the President's Men" with Carl Bernstein in 1974-investigative reporting that flooded colleges and universities with journalism majors during the 1970s and 1980s.

Woodward is at his best when dogging sources, witnesses and documents that promise to reveal or explain actions of American politicians. When Woodward catches a scent, gets on a point, he doesn't abandon the hunt until he brings the story to light.

Woodward disappointed me by how few journalistic birds he retrieved for me in "Rage." He did capture inconvenient facts, though,

about when and what President Trump knew about the coronavirus pandemic, a matter of great interest as citizens-preparing to cast their votes-dwell on the worst economy since the Great Depression and the most threatening health crisis

> Americans have experienced in a century.

Voters may not need Woodward's revelations about President Trump's knowledge of the pandemic, but having an investigative reporter of Woodward's stature document the president's mishandling of coronavirus, the economy, racial divisions and restrictions on America's lifestyle won't help the president in November.

Trump tells Woodward that of 20 people meeting at the White House on January 31, 2020, he was the only person who supported closing the country to Chinese visitors. Actually, Woodward reports Anthony Fauci said, "I think this is the only way we've got to go right now." Alex Azar, Robert Redfield, Robert O'Brien and Matt Pottinger also advocated for travel restrictions; but Trump told Woodward in March that he deserved exclusive credit for having restricted travel from China.

On February 9, Fauci and Redfield advised governors attending a Governors Association meeting to focus onprotecting their cities because there was every reason



Joseph Bernt

to think the disease would affect the U.S. as harshly as China. After the meeting, Fauci saw the alarm on the governors' faces. "I think we scared the s--- out of them," Fauci said. The Depart-

ment of Health and Human Services issued

a press release describing the virus as a serious public health issue, adding the risk to the American public remains low at this time. The next day Trump publicly said three times that the virus would go away on its own. "When it gets a little warmer it miraculously goes away," he told a packed rally. "I think it's going to work out good. We only have 11 cases and they're all getting better."

Brad Parscale, Trump's campaign manager, was asked by a visitor where the hole in reelection might be. "The Coronavirus," he responded emphatically.

The New York Times reported that day "Coronavirus Fears Drive Stocks Down for 6th Day." Sixty-four cases had been confirmed in the United States. The day before, Trump said "It's going to disappear. One day—it's like a miracle-it will disappear."

On March 9, Trump tweeted, "Last year 37,000 Americans died from the common Flu. It averages between 27,000 and 70,000 per year. Nothing is shut down, life & the economy go on. At this moment there are 546 confirmed cases of Coronavi-

rus, with 22 deaths, Think about that!" Coronavirus was going

from bad to worse as President Trump minimized the danger.

On March 15, Mike Pence, Steve Mnuchin, Fauci, Deborah Birx and Trump circled the Resolute Desk. Fauci and Birx suggested closing down for 15 days. Ask all Americans to work and attend school from home; avoid gatherings of more than 10 people and restaurants and bars; end traveling, shopping and visiting relatives at nursing homes. Wash hands, avoid touching faces, sneeze into a tissue and disinfect surfaces.

Trump finally agreed to try this for 15 days, suggesting "Maybe we'll be able to open up for Easter."

That day Trump said, "This is a very contagious virus. It's incredible. But it's something that we have tremendous control over."

That same day, Jared Kushner got a grim wake-up call as he was working on ramping up test sites. "We've got bad news," he was told. 'There are only 1.2 million swabs available for administering tests in the country."

For Redfield this was the most difficult time of his long professional life. "15 Days to Slow the Spread" was important, but not enough. "We're in a two-year, three-year race. Not a one-year, not a sixmonth race," he explained "The race is to slow and contain this virus as much as humanly possible with all our efforts, till we can get a highly efficacious vaccine deployed for all the American people and then beyond that to the rest of the world."

All talk about the virus going away or disappearing was medically false.

On March 16, with the U.S. economy shutting down, Trump referred publicly to coronavirus as the "Chinese Virus" for the first time, demonstrating his need for an enemy to blame.

In a 40-minute telephone call with Woodward on March 19, 2020, Trump on three occasions referred to "his" January 31 decision to ban Chinese travel to the U.S as having avoided "tremendous death." He blamed China and President Obama and denied any responsibility for spread of the virus.

Woodward writes that Trump knew his handling of the virus was being criticized. "After surviving the 22-month-long Mueller investigation and the third impeachment trial in United States history," Woodward wrote, "the real dynamite behind the door was the virus," Woodward wrote. "The lives and livelihoods of tens of millions of Americans hung in the balance with every decision he made in dealing with the coronavirus."

According to Woodward, Trump knew the virus was deadly to young and old, and described his early upbeat:rhetoric regarding the virus as deliberate.

"I wanted to always play it down," Trump said. "I still like playing it down, because I don't want to create a panic."

Woodward's final sentence is nicely understated: "When his performance as president is taken in its entirety, I can only reach one conclusion: Trump is the wrong man for the job."

Letters to the Editor

My vote is with Weber

This November, I am finally looking forward to voting for a candidate instead of just voting against one. That candidate is Suzanne Weber.

I have gotten to know Suzanne and we have talked about many issues we face on the North Coast. I firmly believe she is someone who can and will stand up against the puppets of the Portland

Now is the right time for Weber please join me in voting FOR Suzanne Weber and FOR the North Coast.

> Bill Kerr President United Steelworkers Local 1097

Boothe-Schmidt has my support

I am writing to voice my support for Debbie

Boothe-Schmidt, we can help make sure we'll have a voice that represents us in Salem, not someone who'll side with big corporations that will use our tax dollars as their piggy bank while working families and small businesses struggle.

Please join me in voting for Debbie Boothe-Schmidt. She'll work for all of us to make sure we have good, reliable jobs and thriving, livable communities now

who were born and raised in Clatsop and Tillamook counties.

Boothe-Schmidt is managed by Portland handlers that run a manufactured campaign. It appears that FuturePac posted an Indeed ad, recruiting her campaign manager, from Texas, who has been in Oregon only since April 2020.

DBS is backed by INCO, a radical organization that is highly organized and funded

cation and what motivates Mayor Weber. Could it be that she is a recent transplant that has never taught in Oregon and is instead a manufactured political operative?

Other examples abound. In the end, this level of dishonesty is shameful. Shame on Debbie Boothe-Schmidt. Shame on her campaign.

> Cynthia Malkowski Seaside

false information about Boothe-Schmidt

This letter is in response to an "informational" mailer I received from Suzanne Weber. The information in the mailer was inaccurate and misleading. Suzanne's opponent, Debbie Boothe-Schmidt, is endorsed by Oregon Nurses Association,



Politicians and vote for what is right.

Weber is currently the three term Mayor of Tillamook and has broad support across House District 32. She understands what it means to be from the North Coast and for the North Coast. She does not hide behind "secret groups" and she will fight for our jobs and our community. Weber understands labor issues, will not defund the police, and will make sure that all of our voices are heard in Salem

Debbie Boothe-Schmidt does support the labor movement but being a union official doesn't automatically qualify you to represent the district. Now is just not the right time for Boothe-Schmidt.

Boothe-Schmidt for my state representative. Debbie has roots in our community as a dedicated public servant and small business owner and was a strong advocate as our union representative.

No matter our race or place, every Oregonian should be able to have a good, reliable job. We should all be able to live in communities that enjoy clean air, clean water, and natural resources now and for generations to come.

Republican candidate Suzanne Weber is endorsed by Timber Unity PAC. This PAC tries to divide so we won't notice that big corporations are using our forests for their short-term profits, jeopardizing ecosystems and water sources.

By coming together to elect leaders like Debbie

and in our future

Julia Hesse Astoria

Boothe-Schmidt not truthful in campaign ads against opponent

HD-32 Candidate Debbie Boothe-Schmidt engages in untrue attack ads against Mayor Suzanne Weber. Recent letters to the editor lament the fact that this local season, rife with manipulation and attack ads, is run by out-of-town consultants. I couldn't agree more.

Let's set the record straight using facts instead of emotions.

Mayor Suzanne Weber runs a true grass-roots campaign, led by people

by outside Dark Money groups.

Of DBS's last week's total contributions, 90% were from outside the district.

DBS runs campaign ads that grossly distort truths about Suzanne Weber. Scratch "distort". Substitute "falsify"

One ad, declaring that Weber wants to take 'billions' from schools is a shocking statement.

Never mind the fact that Weber taught public school for 30 years and was her union's representative and negotiator.

This ad features a woman, not a teacher, yet implies that she possesses incisive insight into Oregon Edu-

Weber mailer has







Letters to the Editor

Oregon Education Association, NW Carpenters, Oregon AFL-CIO, SEIU 503, and many more. The support from these organizations is made up of voluntary small individual donations from members. For example, at my union, SEIU, our average political donation is These organizations and Debbie all share the same goals, values, and priorities, such as: protecting the environment and jobs, supporting education and teachers, improving the opportunities for small business owners, and creating affordable housing here along the coast. Debbie is about improving the quality of life and opportunities for all people.

What Weber is distracting you from by making these outlandish claims is her donors and her lack of real solutions for our community. I worry that just like her radical Republican backers, Suzanne Weber will put the needs of her big, out-of-state corporate interests before ours, letting our working families and small businesses continue to struggle. Looking through her social media and website, she spends more time attacking Debbie than talking about the issues in our community and how we can solve them.

We are living in a world of misinformation. Please do your research and join me in voting for Debbie Boothe-Schmidt who is running a

campaign on facts and the real issues of District 32.

> Guillermo Romero Warrenton

More of the same if we don't vote for Weber

Days after the Astorian endorsed Suzanne Weber as someone with "an independent streak who can partner with Sen. Betsy Johnson", a mailer came from the mysterious Facts and Fairness PAC spreading unfactual information about her. Who runs this PAC?

Some digging into the state campaign finance system reveals that it's the same Portland politicians who sent us Tiffany Mitchell and the same Portland campaign consultants who are pulling Debbie Boothe-Schmidt's strings. These political elites have shown they don't care about us at the coast or the industries that support our families and way of life. A way of life that's vastly different from theirs!

Why are her supporters so vocal that Suzanne's campaign literature isn't labeled, yet stay silent on the fact that Debbie's political handlers have gone so far as to even create a shadow-money political action committee trying to hide where her support is coming

from? Because Suzanne is a proven nonpartisan leader with a lifetime of experience here at the coast and Debbie Boothe-Schmidt is a terribly inarticulate, ill-prepared and inexperienced candidate. They realize they're on the verge of losing, that it's out of their control and they're scared. That's why.

Politicians from Portland bought this seat two years ago and installed an equally inexperienced "yes-woman" named Tiffany Mitchell. Suzanne Weber isn't going to let that happen this time. She's going to make sure that the people of rural Northwest Oregon choose their representative in Salem. Vote to give our communities a voice. Vote for Suzanne Weber.

> Mary Nauha Astoria

Jobs and a healthy environment are not mutually exclusive

We all want our families to be able to have reliable, good-paying jobs now and in the future. But the corporate interests behind Timber Unity PAC, along with Koch Industries and other large corporate interests, have created a false choice in rural Oregon: either economic prosperity or clean drinking

water and air, healthy forests and thriving wildlife.

These corporations want short-term profits that leave our communities with fewer jobs. Mechanization of logging and mills has greatly reduced the employment that the timber industry historically provided.

That's why we need to elect new leaders like Debbie Boothe-Schmidt to be our voice in Salem. Her opponent, Suzanne Weber, is endorsed by Timber Unity PAC

Debbie will work to ensure that rural Oregon has the reliable, good-paying jobs we need. And she'll help ensure that we have the clean drinking water and air, healthy forests and thriving wildlife that we cherish, now and in the future.

> Nadia Gardner, Arch Cape

Suzanne Weber is the right choice for House District 32

Suzanne Weber has experience as an educator, small business owner and she currently serves as the Mayor of Tillamook.

What I admire about Suzanne is she is practical and non-partisan. She focuses on understanding the issues important to our community and developing solutions and results based on a common-

sense approach; not rooted in a specific agenda or political philosophy.

She wants our rural North Coast communities to have a voice in Salem and she vows not to align herself with the priorities of Portland politicians.

We need a representative who represents the North Oregon Coast first and foremost. Please support Suzanne Weber for state representative for House District 32.

> Patrick Nofield Cannon Beach

Response to Robert Potter's letter

In Robert Potter's letter on October 6, he bemoaned that Suzanne Weber doesn't constantly scream her party affiliation from the rooftops, while Debbie Boothe-Schmidt announces her partisanship at every opportunity.

Which affiliation would Mr. Potter like to know? The fact that she was

nominated by the Independent Party, a reflection of her belief that party doesn't matter when it comes to getting work done for the people, as well as an acknowledgment of her 18 years as a non-partisan mayor and city councilor?

Or her nomination by the

Republican Party, the party she's been affiliated with for decades, but no one ever knew because she's always cared about results, not party affiliation?

Or her nomination by the Libertarian Party because of her dedication to the civil rights of all Oregonians?

The reality is that Mayor Weber doesn't wear her party affiliation or nomination on her sleeve because she believes partisanship is the problem.

Debbie Boothe-Schmidt is a partisan activist. She has been for years. That's why partisan extremists in Portland who don't care about us have dumped hundreds of thousands of dollars into her campaign.

Debbie is dedicated to total partisan politics now and she would do nothing but follow her partisan bosses in Salem. We've seen enough partisanship in Salem.

Let's send a message to political party bosses that the North Coast is sick of partisan politicians like Debbie Boothe-Schmidt.

Let's send a non-partisan, pragmatic, experienced leader to Salem.

Let's vote for Suzanne Weber for State Representative.

> Lisa Lamping Warrenton

Oregon State Parks to install



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Forest Lawn Lot, Cannon Beach

\$325,000

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The Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission accepted during a meeting Wednesday, Sept. 16, a donation of \$39,875 from Oregon Parks Forever for hiker-piker pods. Oregon Parks Forever had partnered with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) to install hiker-biker pods in six state parks along the Oregon coast: Fort Stevens, Nehalem Bay, Cape Lookout, Devil's Lake, Cape Blanco and Harris Beach.

Robin Wilcox, planning manager for OPRD, said the pods have lockers that have

folks that are hiking and biking along the coast," Wilcox said during the meeting. "I think some folks who have been car camping have asked for some similar things in the tent camping sites."

According to the staff report, Oregon Parks Forever secured \$39,875 for three additional hiker-biker pods to be installed at three of the following five locations along the Oregon coast: Beverly Beach in Newport, Beachside in Waldport, Honeyman in Florence, Sunset Bay in Coos Bay or Humbug Mountain in Port Orford. OPRD is able to decide which of the three sites are currently the highest priority and most feasible. Associate Director Chris Havel said OPRD currently has bike pods at Fort Stevens, Devil's Lake, Cape Blanco, Harris Beach, Cape Lookout, Bullards Beach and Nehalem Bay. The lockers and other pod features are all first-come,

additional hiker-biker pods first-served. The lockers provide a space for bicyclists to store their gear, secured with their own lock.

The features of a standard pod - lockers, a place to charge devices, a tool station – fill in the gaps that many bikers experience since they travel so light," Havel said. "Our standard hiker-biker sites are just a space to pitch a tent."

These upgrades provide convenience and added safety Havel added, as keeping cell phones and GPS devices fully charged for a long trip is important. Having a locker to store some possessions gives hikers and bikers the opportunity to explore the park or shower without worry of lost or stolen items.

Kate Merrell & Lynn Brigham 503-739-2324 Jackie Weber 503-440-2331 Raven Hill Road, Arch Cape \$107.546



High Up Corner Lot Kate Merrell & Lynn Brigham 503-739-2324 Michele Johnson 503-440-0921 Ravel HIII Road, Arch Cape \$91,310



Pearl Street Lot, Netarts

\$75,000

1/12 Ownership Townhouse 132 Surfcrest, Cannon Beach \$80,000



Michele Johnson 503-440-0921

446/448 Elk Land Court, Cannon Beach

\$429.000

1/12 Ownership Townhouse Karen Meili 503-440-5806 132 Surfcrest, Cannon Beach \$80,000





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Katherine Mace Sales

North Coast Rocky Habitat Coalition hopes to protect beach wildlife

Kathleen Stinson For The Gazette

At low tide, people walk near the tide pools, where black oystercatchers nest above the high tide line in rocky coastal areas.

People walking near theses birds' nests can frighten the mother bird away, causing the eggs to become cold and exposing the babies to predators.

Margaret Treadwell, coordinator of the North Coast Rocky Habitat Coalition, is part of a very small group of people trying to put together a proposal to ask the state to raise the baseline level of protection for sensitive wildlife in a few areas on the Oregon Coast.

The group has three volunteers, a board member

from the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition and some help from the Portland Audubon Society, Treadwell said.

In Oregon, the burden for producing the complicated proposal falls entirely on the community, she said. "So there is one person at the state in charge of the entire process. As far as writing the proposal and researching to write the proposal, the state provides very little resources."

Help from the state on this is insufficient, she added.

Treadwell made a presentation at the recent Cannon Beach City Council meeting, explaining the proposal process and asking for help from volunteers to work on the proposals. They also want letters of support from individual residents as well as one from the city.

She told The Gazette the public may not encounter these birds' nests when walking the tide pool areas on the coast of California. That is probably because the birds have left the area for a safer place.

She said she was amazed at the number of wildlife and seabirds on the coast of Oregon, when she first came to the state.

One of the sites where the group wants the state to raise the level of protection is Chapman Point/Bird Rocks where there is high human impact on nesting birds, as stated in the presentation.

Recently, the coalition conducted a site visit of the area as well as the other two currently under consider-



Black Oystercatchers. File photo

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Margaret Treadwell, center (pointing), of North Coast Rocky Habitat Coalition, discusses a potential new site designation for Ecola Point with coalition volunteers, community members, and representatives from Haystack Rock Awareness Program on September 19. Representatives from Oregon State Parks and Wildlife Center of the North Coast also participated in the site visit. Photo courtesy of Frances Buchanan

ation for proposals: Ecola Point/Sea Lion Rocks and Tillamook Head, she said. An ocean beach ranger, two people from the Haystack Awareness Program and a coordinator from the Wildlife Center of the North Coast joined the group on the site visit.

"The most acute example of human impact the visitors saw was six or seven black oystercatchers nesting from Chapman Point to Ecola Point," she said. "During low tides, people can walk up to and past their nests –sometimes unknowingly. The birds are skittish around people and may leave their nest."

If people repeatedly walk past the nests, "the eggs don't hatch or the chicks don't survive," she said. Also, some off-leash dogs have been known to attack the birds.

"There is a very limited ability of the state park to enforce the rules in the area," she said. "There is one beach ranger (who patrols) from Manzanita to Ecola State Park. He can't be everywhere all the time."

The group plans to submit "one or two proposals –it depends on how much human power we get from volunteers," she said.

The proposals are due to the Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council by Dec. 31, as stated in the council packet.

Although the last time the state asked for proposals was in 1994, Treadwell said she thinks there will be opportunities to submit proposals more frequently than that in the future.

For information about volunteering or sending letters of support, contact the northcoastrockyhabitat@ gmail.com.

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State Senate Dist. 32 candidates face off in forum

Suzanne Weber, age 73

Occupation: Mayor of Tillamook

Education: Bachelor's degree, Elementary Education, Bemidji State College

Family: Husband Tom (deceased), five children

Why are you running for state representative? As a nonpartisan mayor for the last 10 years, I've reached out to our legislators of both parties to advocate for my community. Over the last two years, I watched as our legislator completely ignored us. Despite numerous times inviting her to learn about us, our businesses and our needs, I was always rebuffed. Then I watched as that legislator voted for legislation that would destroy the jobs and families in the community I've loved and fought for during my 50 years here. I knew we deserved better representation, and with my nearly 20 years experience as a nonpartisan local leader, I believe that I'm the right person to bring our common sense to Salem. I want to ensure our farmers, loggers, truckers and fishermen have their jobs protected. I want to ensure our law enforcement officers are fully funded. I want to fully fund schools FIRST. That's common sense.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate? I spent 30 years as a public school teacher, as well as a salary negotiator for our teachers. I don't just understand the needs of our teachers and



students because of some partisan talking points. I watched it for three decades. I bought school supplies for students who couldn't afford them. I bought food for students because I knew they weren't being fed at home. Those experiences are burned in my memory and I will remember them when I get to Salem. I also spent nearly 15 years as a small business owner, so I know the daily challenges that they face. For the last two decades, I've served as a nonpartisan city councilor and mayor. I understand the challenges of our communities and have worked for solutions without regard to party. I've also served at the state level on committees on housing and transportation.

Suzanne Weber

What challenges do you see facing District 32 and how will you overcome those challenges? We need to ensure that broadband

internet service is available to everyone. While it's not an issue in Portland or Eugene, it's a big issue in rural Oregon. That's why I've used my relationships in the legislature to already propose a bill for the 2021 Legislative Session to provide funding for broadband internet expansion in counties with populations under 100,000. With so much of school and work now being done virtually, this is an immediate need. Housing is another pressing need. We cannot grow our businesses unless we have a place for employees to live. This is an issue that will require state, local and federal partnerships to reduce bureaucracy and costs while also ensuring our small districts, cities and counties have the funds they need to provide system maintenance and health. These are nonpartisan issues that need an experienced, nonpartisan leader to make happen.

Debbie Boothe-Schmidt

Debbie Boothe-Schmidt, age 65

Education: Associate's Degree

Family: Married with two daughters and one granddaughter

Why are you running for State Representative District 32?

I am running because I will be a voice for our rural communities, working families and small businesses. I know many people in our district are struggling. I will fight for everyone to be able to put food on the table, a roof over their heads, fully funded schools, good healthcare and opportunity to own a small business no matter who you are or the challenges you have faced. I moved here 30 years ago as a single mom and worked two jobs, making hard decisions between putting food on the table and taking my girls to the doctor. A few years later I was hired for a union job, got healthcare and eventually became a small business owner. The union didn't just offer me security but an opportunity to become an advocate for people in our community. This experience motivated me to continue my advocacy on the transportation board.

What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

A supporter recently said he is voting for me because I am "an everyday folk just like him". I have lived in rural Oregon for most of my life. I have tended bars, worked on fishing boats, and volunteered as an EMT. I have worked in the Clatsop County criminal justice system for 23 years while owning a small business for 20 of those years. While chair of the Sunset Empire Transportation board, I advocated for better transportation in our community. I



have weathered this pandemic as a small business owner. As a 13 year union leader, I bargained for better pay and benefits for families in HD 32 and I know how to bring everyone to the table, compromise and move forward on the difficult issues. Our district is divided right now and I want to unite to bring all of our voices to Salem.

What challenges do you see facing District 32 and how will you overcome those challenges?

District 32 is suffering from a lack of affordable housing, making Clatsop County number one per capita of people experiencing home-

lessness. We also have a lack of affordable and accessible health care, which includes mental health care and care for our veterans. We need to incentivize doctors coming to the district regularly so we don't have to travel for care. Our schools need to be fully funded, and with learning online, we need to push for increased broadband access. When I get to Salem, there are going to be tough budget decisions being made. I will advocate to make sure our rural community is getting funding to address the lack of affordable housing and healthcare and I will ensure our schools and small businesses get the

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Majority of Oregonians now taking steps to limit spread of COVID-19

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The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has a glimpse into Oregonians' actions and attitudes relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

events that are high risk and can further community spread which brings the virus into workplaces, nursing homes and make people sick," OHA Director of Communications Rob Cowie said.

Overall, the survey found that people who gather together dents to the Lara Media survey said they would definitely get the vaccine.

The important thing to focus on is continuing to take personal protective measures, Cowie said.

"Even when vaccine comes, it will not be a silver bullet,"

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In two statewide surveys commissioned by the OHA, the results show a majority of Oregonians' are taking steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, but some are still wary of the efficacy of personal protective measures as case counts across the state continue to trend upward.

"Over the past few weeks we've seen a steady rise of COVID-19 cases in Oregon," OHA Deputy State Health Officer Thomas Jeanne said. "When a virus is in a community, we know it will spread if people don't take precautions. This increase in cases has reversed the progress we made in late summer.'

The study illuminated the patterns and behaviors of individuals around the state and gives the OHA a baseline to move forward with public health messaging to encourage residents to stay safe.

"We did find that Oregonians are avoiding large group gatherings, somewhat," said Michelle Neiss, president of DHM Research, the company that conducted one of the surveys. The results of the DHM survey, which sampled 1,009 residents, indicated that 20% of Oregonians attended a gathering of 10 people or more in the two weeks prior to responding.

"Those are the kinds of

trequently are the ones who are more skeptical that protective measures help, Neiss said.

For example, 52% of respondents who answered that they are unlikely to quarantine if they contract the virus also answered that they do not believe it is necessary.

A separate survey focused on Latinx Oregonians by Lara Media found that 69.4% of the 468 respondents said they were very likely to stay home if they experienced any COVID-19 symptoms or were exposed to someone with the virus.

Of those who answered they would not stay home, 42.9% said they would not stay home because they are the only one in their household who works and they need to support their family.

"Keep in mind most of the people we interview are essential workers, which puts them in a higher risk of getting the virus," said Victoria Lara, owner of Lara Media.

Of Latinx residents between the ages of 18-24, about seven out of 10 stated they were very worried about friends and family getting the virus more so than themselves.

About four in 10 respondents to the DHM survey said they would definitely get the vaccine if it becomes available, and about three in 10 of respon-

Cowie said, "We will all need to engage in these behaviors for a while."

Measures like wearing masks when around others, keeping six feet of physical distance between others, washing hands and avoiding large gatherings are all important steps in reducing COVID-19 transmission, he said.

On whether these results as a whole should be interpreted optimistically, Jeanne said it was a mixed bag.

"There's good news that most Oregonians are taking it seriously, and taking measures to protect themselves and others," Jeanne said. "However, with the increase we're seeing, we know not everyone is."

As schools around the state have started to reopen, the OHA has started to track and report which schools have had any cases of COVID-19. Fourteen schools in the state have had cases of COVID-19, six of those schools had only one case reported.

'It's really a balancing act between preventing COVID but also making sure we're getting kids in schools to the extent possible, Jeanne said. "We don't want to open schools and have them close right away. It's a big issue."

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