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### County to move to Low Risk; vaccine planning continues

#### Hilary Dorsey Staff Writer

Tillamook County will move from Extreme Risk to Low Risk, according to the governor's office Monday, Jan. 25. Tillamook County Community Health Centers said as calculated by Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Tillamook County had 28 new confirmed positive and presumptive COVID-19 cases from Sunday, Jan. 10, to Saturday, Jan. 23.

OHA's final count that determines the risk status was announced Tuesday, Jan. 26, and the change will take effect Friday, Jan. 29.

Ed Colson, a representative from Tillamook County Community Health Centers, provided a vaccine update during a Tillamook County Board of Commissioners meeting Wednesday, Jan. 20. Colson said vaccinations are at 681 and up to 733 by the end of the day Jan. 20. Vaccinations are only occurring in Phase 1A currently, which includes groups such as first responders, hospitals, long-term care facilities, staff in correctional setting, daytime/outpatient care, non-emergency medical transport, and other health

care providers and public health settings. Vaccinations for those in Phase 1B – educators, people 65 and older, essential workers, adults with underlying conditions and prison and detention centers personnel – is expected to start soon but there is no confirmed date at this time.

"The governor has said these vaccinations are to begin within the state Jan. 25," Colson said. "As soon as we receive our vaccinations, we will be able to let everybody know through our website, through our communications and radio."

Right now, planning is in

the process for vaccination clinics, Colson added. They are currently trying to identify those areas and continue to request the public to remain patient.

"We are working hard with our vaccine planning committee, which is comprised of Adventist Health, Rinehart Clinic, Nehalem Bay Fire, and the health department, to get these groups vaccinated as efficiently and as quickly as possible," Colson said.

Commission Vice-Chair David Yamamoto said the commissioners understand there is concern in the community about not getting a fair share of vaccinations. The county has discussed a mass vaccination event, when there is a sizable number of vaccines, but that timeline is unknown.

"One of the concerns I have, the 700-some people who have already received that first vaccination, I'm concerned that four weeks after their first one, they need that second vaccination," Yamamoto said. "I don't think we have any guarantees that we're going to have the amount of vaccine we need to make sure that the ones that already have been vaccinated

get their second shot."

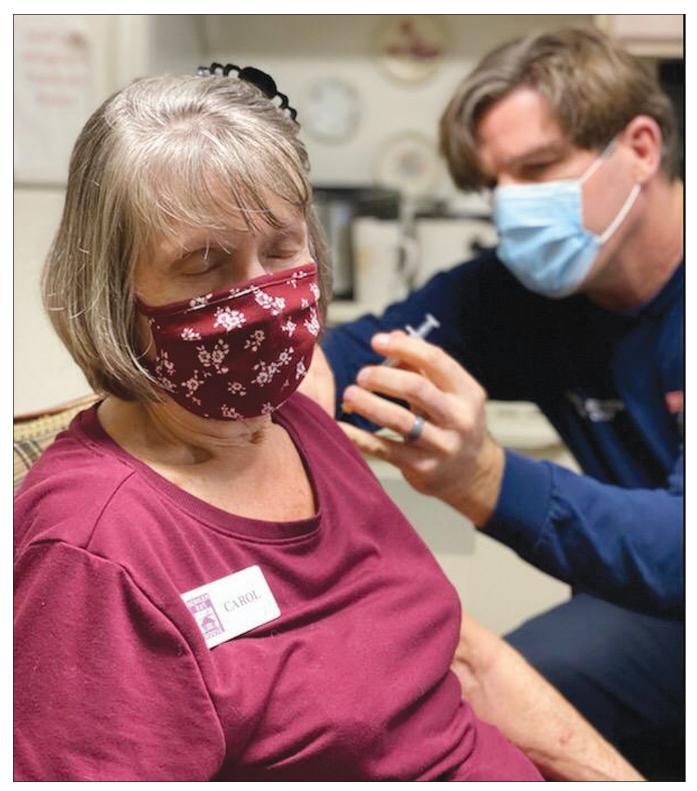
Commissioner Erin Skaar said vaccines will take some time to administer. As soon as there are vaccines available, the county will let the public know when each group qualifies to get one. People should continue to tune in to the weekly board meetings, as well as the county leadership update calls on Friday. Meeting information can be found on the county's website.

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Visit the county health department's website at https://tillamookchc.org/coronavirus/vaccines/ and follow Tillamook County Community Health Centers on Facebook for updated information.

### **INOCULATION STATION**



# Fatal crash on Hwy 101 takes the lives of two

On Saturday, January 23, 2021 at approximately 1:01 P.M., Oregon State Police Troopers and emergency personnel responded to a vehicle collision on Hwy 101 near mile post 53.

Preliminary investigation revealed a Ford Clubwagon van, operated by Robert Muzzy (69) of Nehalem, was southbound and went into the northbound lane colliding with a Nissan Rogue operated by Leeanna Sutton (63) of Rockaway Beach.

Muzzy and Sutton both sustained fatal injuries and were pronounced deceased.

OSP was assisted by the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office, Rockaway Beach Fire Department, Rockaway Beach Police Department and ODOT.

State of the State: Brown talks fires, equity, COVID-19

#### Monique Merrill

Carol Demeter, housekeeper at Nehalem Bay House receives her first COVID-19 vaccine. All who received the doses were monitored for adverse reaction and all are well. Nehalem Bay House residents and staff received their first dose of the vaccine by Nehalem Fire and Rescue. "We are just so thankful for Tilla-mook County Community Health and Robin Watts, RN for reaching out and making this happen. Both communities were on 'the list' with no scheduled date in sight. Tillamook County Community to the rescue," said Tracy DeLano, regional program director of CARE, Inc., with a sigh of relief, "I hope that after the second dose is administered the State will allow for family visitation. This definitely seems like a good first step." Photo courtesy of Nehalem Bay House

# Manzanita Beach Getaway encourages guests to shop local with discounts

Manzanita Beach Getaway has started a new program to encourage guests to shop local. Eighteen businesses in the Manzanita area are participating. Manzanita Beach Getaway hopes to gain repeat



guests from this program and to help other small businesses in the process.

Manzanita Beach Getaway leaves guests a card and list of the group's deals for every reservation. When the guests enter their rental home, they are surprised with the loyalty cards. The discount program was launched in December. Guests must present their loyalty card to receive a discount at participating businesses.

Kasey Schuermyer, of Manzanita Beach Getaway, said owner Danielle Johnson has had the idea of this loyalty program for years.

"At my interview nearly three years ago, she expressed interest that she wanted an employee to spearhead the project," Schuermyer said.

"As my position with the company changed from taking reservations to marketing, I was able to step out of the office, approach each business in Manzanita and offer them a way to expand their clientele," Schuermyer added. "With the idea mainly being to help bring revenue to those shops during the winter off-season, when things are slow, the gratitude we received from the businesses was significant."

With COVID-19, Schuermyer said the program has kicked off at the right time. She reconnected with businesses, making sure they were able to offer discounts.

"Shopping local is the way to go," Schuermyer said. "Local business owners know you and you know them. They will remember your family each year and you are supporting the charming com-

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#### Country Media

One year ago, Gov. Kate Brown established an incident management team to prepare the state against COVID-19, and today she delivered her 2021 State of the State address reflecting on the past year defined by the pandemic and looking ahead to the future.

She likened the pandemic to a marathon and said it was uncertain at this time one year ago what kind of race the fight against the virus would be.

"We didn't know what lay ahead," she said. "Whether the race would be short and steep or long and arduous."

Brown went through the state's response to the pandemic and justified her decisions to close and reopen businesses and schools based on metrics created by the state.

"Some said it was too cautious, others thought it was too risky," she said about allowing some businesses to reopen in May.

The result of the actions taken by the state to tamp down the pandemic has placed Oregon in a position to look toward recovery, Brown said. Nearly 2,000 people in the state have died from the pandemic, and over 135,000 people have been infected since the onset of the pandemic.

Brown addressed the summer protests in Portland calling for racial justice following the police-caused killing of George Floyd on May 25.

"Many of us were awakening to what has always been true: Our Black, Latinx, Pacific Islander, and other communities of color are disproportionately impacted by the crises that befall our nation," she said.

She also addressed the wildfires that swept through the state in September, displacing thousands and killing nine.

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### Neah-Kah-Nie Graduate Scholarhisps Inc. now taking applications

The Neah-Kah-Nie District #56 Graduate Schol-arships Inc. Committee announces that we are now accepting applications for this year's scholarship awards. The scholarship awards will be available to anyone who graduated from Neah-Kah-Nie High School from 1954 to date who are pursuing academic, vocational or technical education. To date, \$311,109.00 has been awarded to two hundred and thirty-one graduates. Up to \$20,000.00 will be awarded this year. Application instructions may be obtained at the Neah-Kah-Nie High School office, by contacting guidance counselor Esther Troyer at esthert@nknsd.org or by visiting our website sites.google.com/view/nkngraduatescholarships/home. Completed applications must be received by our website or our mailing address, PO Box 373, Rockaway Beach, Oregon 97136, no later than April 1st.

# \$400,000 grant puts Rainforest Reserve within reach

With announcement of a \$400,000 grant award from M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, North Coast Land Conservancy (NCLC) is now appealing to the community to complete fundraising for the Rainforest Reserve, a landmark conservation project under way on Oregon's North Coast.

'Once again the Rainforest

Land Conservancy. "The Murdock Trust is the last big funder we have reached out to, and after a rigorous screening process, they chose to support us generously. This grant is a win for all who love the Oregon Coast.'

Reserve rises to the top be-

cause of the incredible place

it is," said Katie Voelke, exec-

utive director of North Coast

### Nehalem Senior Lunches set for Tuesday and Thursday

Nehalem Senior Lunches is available at Nehalem Bay United Methodist Church each Tuesday and Thursday 11:30 to 12:30. Currently we offer only pick up or delivery to home bound individuals. Meals are prepared on site by Douglas Dickey and a donation of \$4 is suggested.

### ATTENTION ALL NEAH-KAH-NIE GRADUATES

The Neah-Kah-Nie District #56 Graduate Scholarship Committee will be awarding up to \$20,000 in scholarships this coming May.

Any graduate of Neah-Kah-Nie High School from 1954 forward who wishes



to pursue advanced academic vocational or technical education can apply.

Applications may be obtained at the Neah-Kah-Nie High School Office, by contacting Guidance Counselor Esther Troyer at esthert@nknsd.org, or go to sites.google.com/view/nkngraduatescholarships/home.

Application deadline is April 1st, 2021

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The proposed Rainforest Reserve is a 3,500-acre tract of forested coastline south of Arch Cape, adjacent to Oswald West State Park and above Cape Falcon Marine Reserve. When completed, the Rainforest Reserve will create an uninterrupted 32-square-mile conservation corridor stretching from the summits of 3,000-foot peaks-the horizon you see looking south from Cannon Beach or north from Rockaway Beach-to Short Sand Beach and the sandy seabed and rocky reefs of the nearshore ocean.

Creeks high in the proposed Rainforest Reserve provide drinking water to local communities. Allowing this stretch of temperate rainforest to grow to maturity will help mitigate the effects of climate change locally and globally by drawing down carbon dioxide from the air and storing it in the trees for centuries to come.

"We believe the strongest and most sustainable solutions come from a spirit of collaboration," said Steve Moore, executive director of the Murdock Trust. "Or-



Onion Peak in the proposed Rainforest Reserve. Photo by Tom Horning

ganizations like the North Coast Land Conservancy help our communities thrive by working to build solutions that serve the common



Black petaltail dragonfly, one of the rare species found high in the proposed Rainforest Reserve. Photo by John Dudley

good through an inclusive approach. We are grateful for their efforts to help preserve and protect the natural beauty of our region while also modeling a collaborative method to find solutions."

With support from the community, NCLC hopes to complete fundraising and take ownership of the Rainforest Reserve by the end of 2021. Gifts from individual donors, public agencies, and private foundations such as Murdock have now contributed \$9.3 million toward the campaign goal of \$10 million, leaving \$700,000 yet to be raised.

"This grant award launches us into the last stretch of this marathon campaign," Voelke added. "It's all hands in now. Every donation counts."

More information about the Rainforest Reserve and a donation link can be found at NCLCtrust.org/creating-a-rainforest-reserve

NCLC launched its campaign to conserve the Rainforest Reserve in November 2016 with signing of a purchase and sales agreement with Ecotrust Forest Management (EFM), a forestland investment management company that had just purchased the property. NCLC had been negotiating with EFM and previous landowners for nearly a decade, attempting to find a way to conserve this biologically diverse landscape harboring rare plant and animal species. The effort to put this land into conservation actually began in the first half of the last century with Samuel Boardman, Oregon's first state parks superintendent, who envisioned creating "one of the great natural parks in the nation" but who was not able to achieve that vision before his retirement.

# BLM proposed fee changes, annual pass for Northwest Oregon recreation sites

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking public input on its draft business plan to modify fees at day-use sites, campgrounds, and group facilities across the Northwest Oregon District. The District is proposing to increase fees at existing recrenot charge fees or that are proposed for future development. The District is also proposing an annual pass that could be used to cover fees at day-use sites

These fee changes are being proposed because maintenance needs at these sites are not being fully met due to increased operating costs. It has been more than ten years since fees at these recreation sites were changed and most fees have not been updated in over two decades. The new proposed fees will enable the BLM to improve services, add amenities desired by visitors, and help ensure the sites remain places the public can be proud of for years to come. The proposal would modify fees at two existing day-use sites, and 13 campgrounds and group facilities. It would establish new fees at 16 day-use sites, campgrounds, and group facilities that currently do not charge fees. Fee approval is also requested for two campground facilities that are proposed for future development. Finally, the plan proposes an annual pass that would cost \$30 per year and is designed to make it easier for frequent visitors to enjoy public lands while providing cost savings. It could be used at all day-use sites within the District except Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area. This pass. In lieu of payment, the pass could also be obtained by contributing 12 hours or more of volunteer service on the Northwest Oregon District each year. Through criteria established by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FL-REA), an assessment was con-

ducted on the number and kind of amenities provided at each site. A comparative market study of fees charged for other similar recreation facilities in each local area was also used to determine the proposed fee adjustments. The proposed fee changes will be reviewed by the western Oregon Resource Advisory Council in March. FLREA allows the BLM to keep 100% of the recreation fees collected and use the funds locally to operate, maintain, and improve fee sites. Fees are one part of a comprehensive funding strategy to support recreation sites and services. This funding strategy also includes appropriated funding, volunteer assistance, interagency cooperation, grants, partnerships with the private sector, and commercial operations.

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### Representative Suzanne Weber appointed vice-chair of house education committee

State Representative Suzanne Weber (R-Tillamook) has been appointed Vice Chair of the House Education Committee. Representative Weber served 30 years as an elementary school teacher, all in public education.

"I'm honored to be able to combine my work in public service with my passion for and experience in public education," remarked Weber. "Education touches every sector, every aspect of life in Oregon. That has never been more apparent now, as so many families are struggling with virtual learning. Too often in the legislature, education funding becomes a

political football used to cut deals. We must stop playing politics with our children's futures.'

In addition to her appointment to the House Education Committee, Representative Weber was appointed as a member of the House Early Childhood Committee as well as the House Housing Committee. "I'm thrilled at my committee assignments," she said. "All of these committees address major issues in rural Northwest Oregon. I'm excited to bring the voice of rural Northwest Oregon to the table."

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### Vaccine distribution needs to be equitable, but fast, OSU experts say

#### **Zack Demars** Country Media

A panel of researchers from Oregon State University met to share their expertise on Oregon's COVID-19 vaccination rollout.

Many in the state have felt that rollout has been slower than it should be, given that less than half of the vaccine doses delivered to sites across the state have actually been administered to patients.

Overall, the researchers ranging from a medical ethicist to a communications expert agreed the state's vaccine rollout needs to be equitable and transparent — and fast.

Gaurav Sahay, an associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences at the university, discussed the science behind the vaccines. His research has focused on the microscopic delivery system the vaccines use to introduce defense mechanisms to the body.

That delivery system is fairly new technology, Sahay said. That means - while clinical trials showed the effectiveness and safety of the vaccines - there are still some unanswered questions about the vaccine, including how long its protection lasts once in the body.

"It is not possible to say how long it will last, because

it's a new vaccine for a new virus. What Moderna is saying is for a year, but we'll have to wait and see what happens," Sahay said. "The good news is they're very effective."

Those vaccines are about 95% effective at preventing vaccinated individuals from catching COVID-19, Sahay said.

But new technology also means getting vaccines produced takes time.

"Right now, with the current vaccines that are approved, ramping up has been a sort of challenge," Sahay said.

Oregon has received only around 270.00 doses of the vaccine, a fraction of what it'll need to achieve community immunity from the virus. Sahay predicts that level will require 70% or 80% of the community to get vaccinated.

That development and production time is the first reason COVID-19 vaccines are taking some time to hit the community. But there are also other challenges when hospitals and clinics have doses of the vaccine ready for distributing, as they do now.

"The main challenge is encountered with personnel available to administer the vaccine," said Joe Agor, an assistant professor of indus-

trial engineering focusing his research on how hospitals have prepared for virus surges.

Each step of administering the vaccine takes time and expertise, Agor said. It requires trained staff to receive and properly store doses of the vaccine, pharmacists to properly mix the vaccine and prepare it for use, nurses to administer the vaccine and staff members to track who's receiving doses.

That's an entire process that hospitals and health care professionals are still working to understand and comes on top of those staff members needing to take care of their normal duties at the hospital, Agor said.

"Another challenge that has been observed to us is that the supply chain can be somewhat unpredictable," Agor added.

Since manufacturers are still ramping up production, and information is limited, it can be difficult to predict when states and hospitals will receive doses and have the staff ready to administer them - not to mention having the patients ready to receive them.

"In the absence of a national strategy, you have 50 different strategies, or 50 states trying to figure out

how to go about this," said Daniel López-Cevallos, an associate professor of ethnic studies who researches disparities in public health and access to care

Without that consistent national strategy, López-Cevallos said states have been left to spend time and resources determining the prioritization

"It is clear — again, it is not unique to Oregon – but it is clear that the prioritization process has slowed down quite a bit the distribution," López-Cevallos said.

In Oregon, the basics of the prioritization process come from the federal government's recommendations. But the specific plan is ironed out by the Oregon Health Authority with the guidance of its vaccine advisory committee.

According to Courtney Campbell, a professor of religion and culture who studies medical ethics, the decisions made by OHA and the recommendations of that committee are reflections of the ethical principles at play.

"Clearly one principle is health equity, that is a fairly significant one," Campbell said, noting that the committee largely focuses on ensuring the vaccine distribution doesn't skip communities

that have received unequal health care in the past.

But equity alone doesn't explain all of Oregon's vaccine decisions, Campbell said.

He pointed to school staff as an example, since the state's been one of the few to break with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by moving educational staff up the priority list to phase 1B of the vaccination schedule.

Campbell said the ethical principles behind that decision — like a commitment to saving the most lives, or the idea of treating people equally regardless their position — aren't quite clear yet.

"We need some principled articulation from the vaccine advisory committee for OHA," Campbell said. "Right now, it's really focused on health equity, and that doesn't get you all the way to the rationale for prioritizing teachers and others."

That was a central theme of the researchers' comments Tuesday: The importance of transparency in the vaccine distribution process.

"Addressing (access to care) issues might not be enough," said Beth Marino, an anthropologist researching effective public health

messaging. "We know that there are high levels of distrust in government and scientific institutions in some of these groups."

Without recognizing the distrust that communities have in government and health experts, Marino said they may choose not to get the vaccine, which could slow the fight against the virus, or could continue spreading misinformation.

"It's very important because the social context is so divided," Marino said. "So there needs to be messaging about when to get vaccine, and there needs to be consistent messaging about who's getting vaccine and there needs to be justification for all of those decisions."

Her research has focused on what kind of messages work for educating various groups - on political, cultural or ethnic lines - about the virus and the vaccine.

"Generally, (messaging about) taking care of one's elders is effective across a very wide swath of those we surveyed," Marino said.

But the bottom line from Tuesday's research panel?

"The ones that are being given are safe, and we should vaccinate as much as we can," Sahay said.

## Gambling: Help is there when you need it

#### Defining gambling: Is it what you think it is?

Gambling is the wagering of money, or something of value, on an event with an uncertain outcome with the primary intent of winning additional money and/or material goods. For some people, gambling may become a serious problem that affects all aspects of their lives.

There are many types of gambling besides at casinos and racetracks or lottery tickets. Gambling can be done online with apps, video games,

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### **February Happenings**

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- Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting 9
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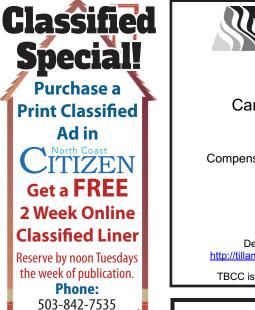
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NOTICE IS HEREBY that proposals will be accepted for a feasibility study for an interpretive center in accordance with a solicitation issued by Tillamook Estuaries Partnership (TEP). Information regarding specifications is to be made to Claudine Rehn, Deputy Director, claudine@tbnep.org. The complete RFP is available on the TEP website at **www.tbnep.org**.

TEP is requesting proposals for an architect or related firm to prepare a feasibility study to site, design and build a new interpretive center at the Port of Garibaldi (Tillamook County, Oregon).

TEP will award a contract to the individual or firm which best meets the needs of the TEP Board of Directors. TEP reserves the right to cancel this procurement or reject any and all proposals received in accordance with ORS 279B.100, or to negotiate separately with any source whatsoever in any manner necessary to serve the best interest of the TEP. Interested individuals or firms must meet the submittal requirements identified in the RFP. For full RFP visit: <u>http://bit.ly/TEP\_RFP\_ArchictectServices</u>.





### Officers aided by flagger and construction worker in foot chase

Joe Warren jwarren@countrymedia.net

Sometimes standing all day holding a flag directing traffic around a construction site can get a little mundane. This was not the case last Thursday in Tierra Del Mar, near the site Facebook's subcontractors are currently working.

Joe Rogers owner of Aangels Traffic Control was out working the site where Facebook has set up and some flagging and security was needed, so they hired the local traffic control company. Rogers says he was out working the area for SubCom.

"I got a call from my son that law enforcement was

in the area involved in a foot chase in pursuit of a car thief," Rogers said. "He heard it on the scanner."

According to a release from the Tillamook County Sheriff's office, In the early morning hours of Thursday, January 21, the Tillamook County Sheriff's office received a report of a vehicle stolen in the Idaville area. A 2015 Ford F150 pick-up truck was running unattended and being warmed up when it was stolen. Later in the day, a deputy responded to a report of a suspicious white male adult lurking around a house in Tierra Del Mar.

When the deputy arrived he saw the earlier reported stolen vehicle. The suspi-

cious male, later identified as Edward D Merrill, 19, of Idaville, fled on foot with the deputy in pursuit. Other officers soon arrived in the area and the male was located again, now attempting to flee the area by hitchhiking. When approached by deputies, Merrill fled and when caught, Merrill resisted arrest and assaulted a deputy before being taken into custody.

Rogers work day would soon turn into something from a scene from the madefor-TV show, Cops.

"All of a sudden we saw this male in his 20s run out of the brush and we saw law enforcement in pursuit," Rogers said. "The person tried to wave down a car but the

car went past, a second car stopped and he jumped in."

Law enforcement, according to Rogers then stopped the car, blocking in the driver who was just a lady passing by on her way to town. The suspect got out of the car, a deputy drew his gun on the suspect but he got up and started running toward us (Rogers and the construction worker).

"He was literally running right at us coming from the north to the south, I heard someone yell, 'tackle him,'" Rogers said. "I told the Subcom worker, 'I'll throw a cone at him and you tackle him."

Rogers said he hit the suspect in mid-stride with the

cone and the Subcom worker body slammed the suspect.

"It's a good thing we caught the guy, because they were about 50-feet behind him," Rogers said. "The first to get to us was a deputy, he's a pretty buff guy so we were glad to see him.'

Everybody, the state police and sheriff deputies were very thankful, Joe added.

"We were told the guy (allegedly) stole a car in Idaville earlier in the day and the state police and sheriff deputies tracked him to Tierra Del Mar by the afternoon and were in the process of apprehending the suspect.

"I throw cones all the time, who knew that I would have to ever use that skill set to

help take down a criminal," Rogers added.

Deputies want to acknowledge the members of the community that assisted in the location of Merrill as he ran through the Tierra Del Mar neighborhood.

In addition to the stolen vehicle, Deputies also located a bicycle which had been stolen from the Tierra Del Mar area. The pick-up truck and the bicycle were returned to their rightful owners. Merrill was arrested on an outstanding warrant for Escape III and Resisting Arrest, and charges of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Escape III, Resisting Arrest, Theft 1, and Assault of a Public Safety Officer. All charges are alleged.

## Elected local officials sworn-in during livestream ceremony

Sheriff-elect Josh Brown ioined other winning candidates of Tillamook County's May 2020 primary and November 2020 general elections in being sworn-in to their respective positions Monday, Jan. 4, by Circuit Court Judge, Mari Trevino. Trevino, who won her own reelection bid to the bench in the May 2020 primary election. The proceedings took place in Courtroom 102 following recommended

COVID-19 precautions.

For some of the participants, it was not a new experience. First to be sworn in was County Assessor Denise Vandecoevering. Vandecoevering has been a county employee for nearly 21 years, and this represents her fourth time being sworn-in as county assessor. Vandecoevering was appointed assessor in 2011 and was then elected three times.

Next up, was County

Clerk Tassi O'Neil. This represents O'Neil's sixth term as Tillamook County Clerk, However, O'Neil has worked for the county for more than 30 years.

County Commissioner-elect Erin Skaar raised her right hand to be sworn in for her first term as County Commissioner, Position No. 1. Skaar achieved a resounding election victory in the county's primary election in May 2020. County

Commissioner David Yamamoto was sworn-in by Trevino for his second term as County Commission Position No. 2 after winning his reelection in the November 2020 general election.

Sheriff-elect Josh Brown was sworn-in as the new duly elected sheriff of Tillamook County. Sheriff Brown swore his oath of office as the 37th sheriff of Tillamook County in the presence of a small contin-

gent of his immediate family and supporters. Brown has served Tillamook County for more than 15 years as a Deputy Sheriff before being elected as sheriff in the November 2020 Tillamook County general election.

"It was an honor to watch those before me take their oath of office and I am proud to begin my term as the Sheriff for Tillamook County. The Tillamook County Sheriff's Office has

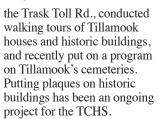


proudly served the citizens of this county for one hundred and sixty-seven years, and it will be my mission to continue and expand that commitment to all of the residents of Tillamook County. I am also excited for our strong positive forward momentum that will benefit the incredible employees we have at the Sheriff's Office, and also the public," Brown added.

**Tillamook County** elected officials were sworn in recently; Josh Brown, Erin Skaar, Denise Vandecoevering, David Yamamoto, and Tassi O'Neil. Photos courtesy of the Tillamook Sheriff's Office

# History alliance promotes Tillamook County history

The goals of the Tillamook County Historical Society are to promote Tillamook County history. The organization has taken on a variety of activities since it's founding in 1984. One of the most ambitious was a musical production celebrating the bi-centennial of Gray's discovery of Tillamook Bay. Through the years, the members have organized trips on



A new ambitious project that the society has undertaken this year was to promote and highlight downtown Cloverd-

ale's history. Main street towns have suffered a downturn with changing communities and shopping habits. Cloverdale was once an important hub of South Tillamook County. It had a hotel, cheese-factory, movie theater, pharmacy, hardware store, barbershop, and much more small business. In the last few years, there have been empty storefronts and a few

small businesses holding on. With the help of a Tillamook PUD grant, the TCHS took on promoting and celebrating Cloverdale's long history. Four huge historical photo murals have been placed on buildings depicting early Cloverdale. The 100-year-old Charles Ray house has a new infor-

mation sign in front. Different

businesses have historical

pictures on their inside walls for people to enjoy. Planters and new signage have spruced up the town. A series of Burma Shave-like signs have been placed at the north end of town to help slow traffic and promote the town. The new energy of the project has attracted several new businesses. The TCHS has struggled

with enrollment in the past

couple of years. We meet at noon on the second Tuesday of the month at the Bay City Art Center. We plan on moving into the Hoquorton House when the remodel is completed for a more permanent meeting spot. We encourage anyone interested in Tillamook history to join us and bring your stories and creative ideas for more projects.

### Brown

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speakers to speak toward the topics raised by Brown: a pediatrician at Doernbecher Children's Hospital; a rural fire chief; and two member

her firsthand experience fighting the wildfires while her own home burned. Brown used the conversation to speak on the wildfire bill she has reintroduce, stating the importance of preventing fires and safely and efficiently responding to fires. Next, Brown introduced Reyna Lopez, executive director of the state's farmworkers union, and Paul Solomon, executive director of an organization that helps people with criminal convictions transition from prison. Both are members

of Brown's racial justice advisory council and spoke about ways to advocate for racial equity.

"Our friends and neighbors lost their homes, entire towns were wiped off the map and smoke filled the sky for weeks," Brown said. The fires burned over 1.2 million acres of land, and 1,000 survivors remain displaced.

The 45-minute address was delivered online this year and featured four guest of an advisory racial justice council.

Antwon Chavis, the pediatrician who joined Brown during the address, spoke to the trends he's seen over the last year and said there has been a disproportionate effect on families of color, and heightened financial stress across the board.

Christiana Rainbow Plews joined Brown to speak about

Brown also proposed expanding access to broadband across the state and increasing health care fundingtwo needs that have been exacerbated by the effects of the pandemic.

"Even when you're close to the finish line, the final stretch can be the most challenging of all," Brown said. "We can see the finish line, but the race is far from over."



Gov. Kate Brown addressed 2020 in her State of the State address and looked ahead to the future. Photo courtesy of Governor Kate Brown's Office

### Discounts

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munity of Manzanita." Discounts include: a 25 percent off photo session with Dan Rice Photography, \$4 off one bottle of Oregon wine from Dixies Vino, 10 percent off \$10 or more entrée at El Trio Loco Dos, 15 percent off a single item at Finnesterre, 20 percent off a single item at Four Paws on the Beach, \$5 off a whiskey flight at

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