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Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School addresses threat

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Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School Principal Lori Dilbeck announced in a parent letter Thursday, Feb. 6, that a middle school student allegedly made a serious threat to the school. A threat assessment team, including law enforcement, school counselor, psychologist and school administrator, met to determine next steps. The team is following a best-practice model for accessing the possible threat and following district policy.

The parent letter said the school will continue to monitor the situation. Law enforcement and the Department of Human Services have been involved since the first report of the situation and will continue to be involved.

Neah-Kah-Nie School District Superintendent Paul Erlebach said he believes the threat was made in October, and the district recently found out about it. The threat made was that the student was going to 'shoot up the school.' The threat was not made to a specific student.

Erlebach said the student is not

currently attending school and it depends on the investigation whether the student will be able to return. The method the district is using in the investigation is called Threat Assessment Protocol. Erlebach said staff went through training offered by PACE, which works to keep Oregon students safe and reduce risks.

According to PACE, the Threat Assessment Protocol consists of ongoing information shared between law enforcement and the threat assessment team, use supervision strategies to address concerns, and complete a survey

through the investigation team.

The school's district's board policy on threat of violence states that student threats of harm to self or others, threatening behavior or acts of violence, including threats to severely damage school property shall not be tolerated. Students found in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion. The student is then required to be evaluated by a licensed mental health professional before they can return to the classroom setting.

"The school district's number

one concern is student and staff safety," Dilbeck said in the letter. "We will keep our parents and school community informed of new developments if there are any."

Parents and community members should report any information they have that is concerning the school and make sure not to disseminate rumors or false information, the letter said.

The letter was sent home with students and shared electronically to parents, as well as on the school district's website and Facebook page.



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A glance at school performance in Tillamook County

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Recently released numbers showed the statewide graduation rate for the class of 2018-2019 was 80 percent, the highest on record for Oregon. At 88 percent average, Tillamook County topped those who outperformed the state, along with Clatsop, Columbia and Washington counties.

Test scores released this past fall showed school performance on reading, writing and math in Oregon. The scores showed just 39 percent of students in grades three through eight are succeeding with math and 53 percent could read and write to expectations.

The state scores are the worst seen since the Smarter Balanced exams were adopted five years ago, with declines in every grade level and most demographic groups. Statewide scores were reportedly affected by large numbers of high school students who did not participate, leaving some question about the reliability of the test results.

Middle school test scores in the state were notably low, with low-income and white students declining the most. Third and fourth graders had the smallest yearly declines.

The Smarter Balanced exams measure college and career readiness. College professors, teachers, curriculum experts and employers were consulted in creating the tests with a focus on the skills needed to succeed in higher education and the workforce.

The tests were designed to measure whether students have the skills they need to

be on track for college and careers. The state uses them to judge school performance. They were vetted by college professors, teachers, curriculum experts and employers, who said they focus on the skills that U.S. students need to be successful in higher education and the workplace.

A review of test scores in Tillamook, Neah-Kah-Nie and Nestucca school districts shows similarities and differences with the state results.

Tillamook School District

As a district, Tillamook was five points below the state on math with 34 percent of students demonstrating proficiency. Tillamook was also below state on English by four points, with 49 percent proficiency. There are more than 2,100 students enrolled in the district with 45 percent on free or reduced-price lunch. The graduation rate is 86.6 percent.

District highlights included eighth grade math (2 percent above state), sixth grade English (4 percent above state) and sixth grade math (2 percent above state). Test scores revealed significant room for improvement in third grade English (13 percent below state), third grade math (13 percent below state) and fifth grade math (9 percent below state).

High school (11th grade) test scores were down 3 percent in English but were up nearly eight percent on math from 2018. Seventh grade scores down 10 percent in English and 14 percent in math, but eighth graders were up 8 percent on English and 11 percent on math.

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Mold prompts Manzanita city office relocation

Manzanita City Hall is temporarily relocating its office operations to the old ambulance quarters citing the existence of mold and related health concerns for staff members and the public. City council, court and committee meetings will be held at the Pine Grove Community House.

According to a report from Forensic Analytical Consulting Service, water damage and mold growth requiring corrective action were found in multiple areas throughout the City Hall building at 543 Laneda Ave, including the city manager's office, the north storage room and the building department office.

Surface and air mold spore contamination are suspected throughout the north side of the building. According to the report, Manzanita city staff have

reported respiratory issues thought to be caused by mold, citing regular water intrusions in the past in the north half of the building.

Visible mold growth was noted on wood baseboards in the city manager's office along with water stains indicating long-term exposure to moisture and apparent rust. In the building department office, mold was visible on rotted areas of wood paneled walls.

A press release issued Monday, Feb. 3, said Manzanita officials take all health and safety issues very seriously and as a result, they have commissioned a building health study by Forensic Analytical Consulting Services of Portland. The results of that testing have been received and did find a positive presence of mold growth in several parts of the building, according to the press release.

"Over the coming days and weeks, the city will be reviewing various options regarding the viability of remediation, over-all building health, and the long-term impact to city services," the press release said. "We will continue to provide regular updates as both the move and remediation decisions continue."

"Our first and foremost concern is for the health and well-being of our staff and that of members of the public who use the current City Hall in any capacity," the press release said. "We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this move may cause but can assure all citizens that every effort will be made to lessen any negative impacts on the city's day-to-day business."

Updates were expected as the move progresses.

Speed limit adjustments made in Garibaldi

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The speed limits were adjusted throughout the city of Garibaldi on U.S. Route 101 the week of Jan. 29. The project began in December 2018 and was completed in September 2019.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) conducted a speed zone investigation in September 2019 on the Oregon Coast Highway from 0.37 miles north of Cedar Avenue to 0.10 miles south of Miami River Road. The investigation was requested by

Blake Lettenmaier, city engineer for the City of Garibaldi.

The speed limit within the main downtown core of Garibaldi was 30 mph. It was expressed in an October city council meeting that this level of allowed travel speed was of concern to public safety. The speed limit is now 25 mph.

According to a Speed Zone Request, speed recommendation from local residents was 25 mph. Residents said it is not safe for people to use the crosswalks.

Speed limit adjustments were made along 14th Street, 13th to First Street, to Nelson Lane.

Speed limit adjustments From 0.31 miles north of 14th Street to 100 feet south of 13th Street, the speed was adjusted from 40 mph and 30 mph to 35 mph.



Photo: Garibaldi Portside Bistro

From 100 feet south of 13th Street to 200 feet north of First Street, the speed was adjusted from 30 mph to 25 mph.

From 200 feet north of

First Street to 0.19 miles east of Arizona Way, the speed was adjusted from 30 mph and 40 mph and is now 35 mph.

Damaged entrance road to Ecola State Park prompts closure

Ecola State Park is closed until further notice due to a damaged section of the park's sole entrance road. The affected section, an old repair made from compacted gravel, was damaged again over the weekend by the sliding hillside beneath the road.

Efforts to shore up the section failed, and the gravel surface became uneven and unsafe.

Park rangers safely escorted all visitors out of the park Sunday afternoon. The sliding hillside also disconnected the park's main water line, which shut off running water in the park.

Ben Cox, park manager, said the closure length is unknown at this time.

"We're still evaluating the extent of the road damage and forming a plan for repairs," Cox said in a press release. "The land may continue to slide too, so we're being cautious."

Learn more about Ecola State Park on the Oregon State Parks website, oregonstateparks.org.

Visitors to the north coast are encouraged to explore other nearby state parks: Oswald West State Park, Arcadia Beach State Recreation Site and Hug Point State Recreation Site.



Assistant Coach Wantland of NKN receives Oregon Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, Lifetime Merit Award

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Neah-Kah-Nie School District announced that Coach Mike Wantland recently received the Oregon Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, Lifetime Merit Award. Neah-Kah-Nie expressed congratulations to Wantland via social media Wednesday, Jan. 22, calling him an incredible volunteer, coach, mentor, motivator and after school snack provider.

Wantland is an assistant coach at Neah-Kah-Nie High School for both baseball and the girls' basketball teams. He also coaches strength and conditioning for volleyball. He will be coaching a unified basketball tournament on Saturday, Feb. 1, in Tillamook.

Wantland raised his family in Tigard. He coached baseball at Portland State University and in various high schools in the greater Portland area, including Tigard High School. He has

been coaching for 30 years. His kids grew up and Wantland decided to leave the metro area. He was headed to Arizona when he made a stop in Rockaway Beach. He hasn't left the Oregon coast since.

The Northwest Baseball Coaches Association had their Annual Coaches Convention Jan. 17-19 in Portland. Presenters share ideas, drills, approaches, styles, processes and techniques in an interactive learning environ-

ment. It is also a great place for coaches to network, hold meetings and recognize those individuals and teams that are having extraordinary success in the game.

It was at this convention that Wantland received the Oregon Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, Lifetime Merit Award. Wantland said people who know him would say that he would never go to receive the award. He does not do things to get recognized. He said receiving this award was an "extreme honor."

Neah-Kah-Nie Head Baseball Coach Rob Herder presented him with the award. Wantland said he never looked into what the award entailed but was overwhelmed by it and humbled by the experience.

Wantland has known Herder for over 30 years. They started coaching around



Neah-Kah-Nie School District. Coach Wantland pictured with Keygan Wagner, a baseball player and junior at Neah-Kah-Nie High School.

most of the time. When he moved to Rockaway Beach, he drove past Neah-Kah-Nie High School and saw Herder on the field. Wantland became an assistant coach.

"Rob is an incredible person to work with," Wantland said.

Wantland coaches fourth and fifth graders in the summer. Wantland said he has a special place in his heart for foster kids. He reunites foster kids that been split up from each other through a week-long visit at Camp Magruder.

"Kids don't get to pick their parents," Wantland said.

Wantland makes a positive impact on the children he works with, both in the camp and a Neah-Kah-Nie. Students and staff of Neah-Kah-Nie said they have such respect and gratitude for his work with them.

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Garibaldi discusses chairperson nominations, goals, by-laws

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The Garibaldi Planning Commission discussed the process of deciding a chairperson, goal setting for 2020 and considering drafting by-laws in their meeting Monday, Jan. 27.

The process of deciding a chairperson will be decided by the planning commission through a nomination process. If more than one commissioner is nominated, a vote is held and the member receiving the majority of votes will be the conditional designee for the position. This recommendation is then taken to the Garibaldi City

Council for official approval in which a vote is held.

City Manager Geoff Wullschlager said the commission needs to decide among themselves who they will nominate. Wullschlager suggested to the commission that they consider waiting to choose a new commission chair until the recent public notice of openings has completed, so as to allow the whole body to be considered. This was also at the request of one of the commissioners.

"I have a commissioner as of current who is willing to act as chair, without any of the distinct and separate powers as given by the city

charter for the time being," Wullschlager said.

Commissioner Nathan Findling is currently the interim chair.

Traditionally, the planning commission has not been a body that has been guided by goal setting, but there is nothing in their city charter that prohibits it. Wullschlager said goal setting would be about what the commission wants to do in 2020 besides responding to applications. Findling suggested a quarterly meeting or discussion and occasional dialogue with the Garibaldi

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26 Flower calyx part

27 Off — (sporadically)

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37 "We — not amused"

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69 Blowtorch the exterior of your launch vehicle?

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76 Just a — (somewhat)

77 Hissing snake sound

78 Ice-skating food fish?

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94 Farmer's motto?

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100 Seemingly endless time

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57 Conductor Zubin —

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71 "— tell ya!"

72 Problems for vain types

73 Tide targets

79 Shin's place

81 Noted coach Parseghian

82 Bygone AT&T rival

83 Slump

86 Home of Monte Carlo

88 Vehicle ownership certificate

89 Get drunk

90 Trapped

91 34th prez

92 Corporate marriages

93 Avonlea girl

94 Hide — hair

95 It's nothing

96 Comical Cheri

97 Current unit

98 Pre-race stretch, say

99 "King Ralph" actor Peter

100 Ocular cleansing receptacle

104 One way to mark debits

105 Uninspired

106 Like skim milk

107 Mozart's "Così fan —"

108 "Danke —"

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114 Egg layers

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Three Together - Acoustic trio

Comprised of Grammy winning guitarist Doug Smith, flutist and teacher Judy Koch-Smith, and guitarist-vocalist extraordinaire Don Mitchell, this trio was awarded the People's Choice Award by the Florence Folk Festival (Oregon), and has played for Vancouver's Noontime Esther Short Concerts in the Park, both the Portland Folk Music Society and Portland's Winterfolk Concerts, and at the FAR WEST Folk Music Festival.

Doug Smith was featured in the movie "August Rush", and his music was in the movies "Moll Flanders" and "Twister". One of his CD's, "Alone At Last" was co-pro-

duced by Lawrence Juber, former guitarist with Paul McCartney. His music has also been featured on CNN, NPR, TNN, ESPN, and the Discovery Channel.

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East Elementary showed significant increases for test scores in fourth, fifth and sixth grades, with tiny slips in fourth grade English and fifth grade math from 2018. Sixth grade math was up 14 percent and sixth grade English were up nearly 10 percent. South Prairie Elementary third grade test scores dropped 9 percent in English and 3 percent in math.

Curt Shelley was recently hired as superintendent of Tillamook schools. He said in some areas Tillamook outperforms the state, but there are also areas to improve on. He also noted that due to a change in testing formats, scores have been lower than under the previous format.

"We have some work to do in some areas," Shelley said. "And yet, I'm proud of us in certain areas."

Shelley said in looking at data, one should consider factors that could influence results such as testing conditions, student well-being, individual class performances, instructors and curriculum, or a combination of factors. He emphasized that the state tests were one measurement of student performance, not a fully-informed picture of a school district.

"I think we do a lot of things really well that wouldn't show up here," Shelley said. "Trauma-informed care, building relationships, teaching kids how to be prepared after high school for college careers or the workforce."

One group struggling in Tillamook schools is white males in poverty. But Tillamook is outperforming state graduation rates for Latinos, who make up a third of the district. Tillamook Schools have intentionally concentrated on serving Latinx, special education, economically challenged, homeless and other student groups, Shelley said. He noted that the road to meeting graduation standards is much tougher now than in the past. He encouraged those who question the proficiency rates to attempt some of the tests and see how they perform.

"When I went school, we didn't do algebra until high school," Shelley said. "We're doing algebra in third and fourth grade now ... it's more challenging."

Tillamook added Smarter Balance interim assessments, similar to practice tests, this past year. Shelley is also excited about the ninth grade on-track program in the district, which is focused on engaging students, improving attendance and reducing behavioral discipline. And he feels good about the work being done at the middle school with providing access and opportunities for students.

Shelley expressed concerns over the shortness of Oregon's school year, which is among the shortest nationwide. He hopes the recent legislation for education funding will yield more "seat time" for students. There is a significant cost attached to every day added to the calendar, however, and there is an open discussion on what the right number of school days in a year should be, both for students and for staff. There are also plans for spending on mental health, attendance, and curriculum changes.

Neah-Kah-Nie School District

Paul Erlebach, Neah-Kah-Nie School District superintendent, said he would like to see more consistency across all schools to meet or exceed state average test scores. The district have some definite highlights, but also some major deficiencies. The district is home to Neah-Kah-Nie

High School, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School, Garibaldi Elementary School, Nehalem Elementary School, and Neah-Kah-Nie Pre-School.

As a district, Neah-Kah-Nie matched the state on math with 39 percent of students demonstrating proficiency and was a point above the state on English Language Arts (reading/writing), with 54 percent of students being proficient. At testing time, there were 775 students enrolled in the district with 49.65 percent on free or reduced-price lunch. The graduation rate is 92 percent.

Erlebach noted highlights such as seventh grade math (13 percent above state), seventh grade English Language Arts (9 percent above state) and fourth grade English Language Arts (13 percent above state), but also acknowledged areas of improvement such as third grade math (14 percent below state), fifth grade math (19 percent below state) and third grade English Language Arts (7 percent below state).

High school (11th grade) test scores were just slightly down from 2018. Middle school (sixth, seventh and eighth grade) scores down except for seventh English and math, with a significant dip in sixth and eighth grade English Language Arts.

At the elementary level, Nehalem was down except in fourth grade English Language Arts and math as well as fifth grade English Language Arts, with large declines in third grade English Language Arts and math, while Garibaldi was down third grade English Language Arts and math as well as fifth grade math but showed big gains in fourth grade English Language Arts and math.

Scores can be influenced by a number of factors outside of academic performance such as curriculum changes or time invested on subject. For example, Erlebach mentioned a case of a testing impropriety – a math poster left on a wall during an exam – that led to 15 tests being eliminated from overall results. He said this was unfortunate, but mistakes happen. Erlebach said testing improprieties are uncommon, estimating three incidents in the district this past year.

Neah-Kah-Nie schools are on a path to not only improve student test scores, but to improve student health and safety and to provide an overall well-rounded education. The district is aligning individual school improvement plans with school board, administrative, and teacher goals as well as the district's Continuous Improvement Plan and Student Investment Account (SIA) goals.

District staff and community members targeted five goals: improving third grade reading, student attendance, ninth grade on-track, graduation and completion rates, and student well-being.

Strategies to achieve these goals include adopting a new elementary writing curriculum, implementing Smarter Balanced interim assessments, increasing parent engagement, adding secondary school counselors, a needs assessment for a school-based health center, meeting state physical education requirements for all students, researching and implementing best practices for early childhood education, increasing student electives and afterschool opportunities among other ideas.

Erlebach said the school district was highly appreciative of the Student Success Act (SSA), a \$1 billion investment in Oregon schools aiming to reduce academic disparities, improve mental and behavioral health services, provide access to academic courses, increase staff collaboration opportunities, and build partnerships.

The SSA has dual aims of meeting student mental health and behavioral needs while increasing academic success for those who face barriers such as students of color, those with disabilities, emerging bilingual students, and those experiencing poverty, homelessness and foster care as well as other students who face disparities in schools.

Erlebach will submit the school district's SIA application at the March school board meeting. This SIA application includes a plan on how to spend the additional \$720,000 the school district will receive next year and every year after.

"The Smarter Balanced scores reflect very important information – where students are in English Language Arts (reading/writing), math, and science at specific grade levels" Erlebach said. "However, it doesn't take into consideration or assess the district's initiatives with music, band, art, culinary arts, physical education, student well-being, career technical education, or specific capital improvement investments. This past year the school district built a welding lab and renovated the chemistry classroom."

Erlebach said Neah-Kah-Nie School District is very fortunate to have school administrators, licensed and classified staff, and a progressive school board that not only reviews testing data, but makes the necessary changes to improve areas of concern.

Nestucca School District

Nestucca High School, Nestucca Valley Middle School and Nestucca Valley Elementary School reside in the Nestucca School District. While there were pockets in which the district pulled ahead of state scores and some areas met expectations, schools in the area also had room for improvement on math and language testing results.

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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@nksnd.org, or by calling Nola Smith at (503) 368-7132.

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Guest Columns

Agreement formed between timber and environmental groups

Office of Oregon Gov. Kate Brown

Gov. Kate Brown announced what she called a historic agreement between representatives from the state's forest industry and major environmental groups to chart a collaborative course toward meaningful, science-based forest management in Oregon.

The agreement takes a significant step toward a new era of cooperation, leaving behind the conflicts of the past, a statement from the governor's office said.

"This pact proves that when we work together with a willingness to compromise, we can create a better future in Oregon," Brown said. "Oregonians want healthy

forest sector, and prosperous rural communities. These are not mutually exclusive goals. The conversations that brought forth this agreement, coupled with sound science, will bring certainty for everyone involved while protecting Oregon's environment and endangered species."

The signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) addresses three key issues. According to the governor's office, it will:

Drive a process for Oregon to update its timber practices: For the first time, Oregon will strive for the endorsement of federal wildlife agencies, signifying that the state's forest practices are protective of threatened and endangered species, including Oregon's iconic salmon. Through this process, the state will seek a Habitat Conservation Plan, allowing Oregonians to continue their long tradition of working in the woods while honoring

natural habitats.

Support passage of new legislation for the 2020 session on aerial spraying of pesticides: A state-of-the-art system will build confidence with forest neighbors, who will be eligible to receive real-time notification that aerial spraying will occur. This first of its kind system will expand protected spray buffers around drinking water, homes, and schools.

Expand forest stream buffers in the Rogue-Siskiyou region: New legislation will also expand forest stream buffers along salmon, steelhead, and bull trout streams, aligning forest practices in the area with those of the rest of western Oregon.

With this MOU, both sides have agreed that all forestry-related initiative petitions and related litigation will be dropped after the passage of the legislation this session.

"This MOU is shared recognition of the diverse

benefits Oregon's forests provide, and the need for more meaningful dialogue around forest issues across the state," said Greg Miller, long-time timber industry executive and representative of the coalition of forest companies. "Oregon is one of the best places in the world to grow and harvest trees sustainably; we lead the nation in wood products manufacturing, and we are proud of our record of environmental stewardship."

"Now as we move forward into a new era of cooperation and transparency, forest policy should continue to rely on the best available science," Miller said. "The 60,000 Oregon families who work in the forest sector — indeed all Oregonians — expect that level of rigor and thoughtfulness when it comes to forest management. With this MOU, we are hopeful that we have found a pathway forward that meets those expectations and sets Oregon

up for the most comprehensive, forward-thinking forest policy in the nation."

"Today's agreement is a critical step toward modernizing Oregon's forest rules," said Bob Van Dyk, Oregon policy director at the Wild Salmon Center. "Oregonians are rightfully proud of our forests and what they provide, including some of the best salmon runs in the Lower 48 and drinking water for most of the state. It's our collective duty to make sure that a healthy timber industry doesn't come at the expense of fish, wildlife, and public health."

"This agreement is a genuine show of good faith from both sides," Van Dyk said. "There's still much work to be done for our communities and the healthy environment on which we all depend. There is a long road ahead, but this agreement is a big first step in the right direction."



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Year in review for Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve

On New Year's Day, the Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve celebrated the fourth birthday of the marine reserve, which went into effect on Jan. 1, 2016. Located in Oregon's ocean between Manzanita and Cannon Beach, the reserve is set aside by the state for conservation and scientific research.

The Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve is a local group of residents and conservation organizations dedicated to engaging the local community and visitors in ocean conservation and appreciation of the marine reserve through walks and hikes, community science projects, winter lectures, film screenings, and stewardship events.

Hikes, Walks, and Films
During 2019, the Friends held 40 events, including the second annual Neahkahnie

Beach Walk & BioBlitz, and hikes of Cape Falcon Trail and Devil's Cauldron/Elk Flat Trail. For these outdoor activities, the Friends partnered with experts to enrich the experience for participants: intertidal experts from Oregon Coast Aquarium and Haystack Rock Awareness Program for the BioBlitz; a whale expert from the American Cetacean Society for the Cape Falcon Trail hike; and seabird researchers and volunteer community scientists from Portland Audubon for the Devil's Cauldron hike.

"These experts made the hikes and walks into learning opportunities, as well as a great way to get outdoors and experience the marine reserve," said Margaret Minnick, outreach coordinator for the Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, in a press release. "It was especially



fun to spend time with the hardy group of learners who showed up for the Devil's Cauldron hike on a foggy and rainy day in August. We were just able to see the cormorant nests on the cliffs despite the fog and enjoyed a lively and wide-ranging discussion with the Portland Audubon

researchers and volunteer nest monitors."

New this year, the Friends presented two film screenings. On World Oceans Day in June, Friends presented the film "Albatross" in partnership with Lower Nehalem

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Better Health Calendar

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January

CHIP Info Session, attend one free session, Tuesday, Jan 21 or Thursday, Jan 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church, lower level in back, 2610 First St., Tillamook.

Empowered Childbirth, Sunday, January 26, 1 - 5 pm, Adventist Health Tillamook, Conference Room A, Tillamook.

February

CHIP, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, February 3 to March 12, 5:45 to 8:15 pm, Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church, lower level in back, 2610 First St., Tillamook.

Mammogram Spa Day, Thursday, February 13. There will be light refreshments, goodies and massages free of charge for anyone having their annual

screening mammogram. Make your appointment today by calling 503-815-2292.

clubChip, Monday, February 17, 5:45 to 8:30 pm, Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church, lower level in back, 2610 First St., Tillamook.

Men's ONLY Caregiver Support Group, Wednesday, February 19, 1:30 - 3:00 PM facilitated by Howard Shapiro, Hatfield Room, Tillamook Library, 1716 Third St. Tillamook.

March

Empowered Childbirth, Sunday, March 1, 1 - 5 pm, Adventist Health Tillamook, Conference Room A, Tillamook.

clubChip, Monday, March 16, 5:45 to 8:30 pm, Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church, lower level in back, 2610 First

St., Tillamook

Men's ONLY Caregiver Support Group, Wednesday, March 18, 1:30 - 3:00 pm facilitated by Howard Shapiro, Hatfield Room, Tillamook Library, 1716 Third St. Tillamook.

Diabetes Undone, Thursdays, March 19 - May 7, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church, conference room, 2610 First St., Tillamook.

Unless otherwise noted, all classes are held at Adventist Health Tillamook, 1000 Third Street, Tillamook

We also offer FREE ongoing support groups for men's caregiving, diabetes, grief support, cancer, Alzheimer's and clubCHIP.

For more information: AdventistHealthTillamook.org or call 503-815-2270 unless otherwise noted.

Community News Briefs

DAILY

Free van service for veterans – 7:30 a.m. leaves Tillamook County Transportation District every weekday to provide local veterans with free transportation to either the Hillsboro or Portland VA medical facilities for appointments. For more information please contact veterans service office at 503-842-4358.

Thursday, Feb 13

Veterans for Peace – 10 a.m. meeting, second Thursday, at the Bread and Ocean bakery, 154 Laneda Ave. Manzanita. For more info, call Brian McMahon, 503-368-3201. This event begins Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019, and ends Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019

Parkinson's Support Group – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., second Thursday, Tillamook Adventist Church, 2710 First St. Free. Call Mike or Joanne Love, 503-355-2573.

Tillamook County Art Association – 11 a.m.-noon, second Thursdays, 1000 Main St., Suite 7, Tillamook (next to the Fern Restaurant). Call Howard Schultz at 503-842-7415.

Boy Scouts – District meeting 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m. roundtable every second Thursday. Order of the Arrow, Tillamook. New members welcome. Call Russ Dewey at 719-246-3004.

Mammogram Spa Day - There will be light refreshments, goodies and massages free of charge for anyone having their annual screening mammogram. Make your appointment by calling 503-815-2292

Friday, Feb 14

Ocean Breeze Rugcrafters – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On the 2nd and 4th Fridays at the Latimer Quilt and Textile Center. For more information contact latimerprograms@centurylink.net, or call 503-842-8622.

Sip + Shop - is a monthly, after-hours event sponsored by downtown Tillamook businesses. It is held on the 2nd Friday of the month from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Information about participating businesses and featured activities is available from the Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday, Feb 15

Live Music: Midnight Gumbo - 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Tillamook Eagles Lodge. First and third Saturday of each month.

Neskowin Farmers Market – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Highway 101 and Hawk Street in Neskowin.

LGBT Potluck – 6-7:30 p.m., every third Saturday. Women's Resource Center, 1902 Second St., Tillamook. Contact Linda Werner, wernerwhite@centurylink.net or 503-398-5223. Free.

Open Mic Night - organized by Art Accelerated, is held from 6:30 to 8:00 on the third Saturday of each Month at Yo Time (314 Main Ave in downtown Tillamook). Rick Persons and Penny Eberle are the MCs at this event. Go to the Art Accelerated website, artaccelerated.org, for details.

Three Together concert - Featuring Grammy award winning guitarist Doug Smith. Doors open at 6:30, concert begins 7 p.m. at the NCRD Performing Arts Center, 36155 9th Street in Nehalem.

Agatha Christies And Then there were None Auditions - 2-4 p.m. at Tillamook County Library. No charge.

Sunday, Feb 16

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast – 8 a.m.-noon, third Sundays. Bay City Arts Center, 5680 A Street, Bay City. Whole grain or buttermilk pancakes, sausages (meat or vegetarian), salsa, beans, fruit compote with yogurt and blackberries in season. \$5 dollars.

Community Celebration of the Heart and Artist Reception - 1-4 p.m. Everyone of all ages is welcome. For more information email AHTM.info@ah.org.

Monday, Feb 17

Tillamook City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. first and third Mondays, city hall. Open to the public.

Garibaldi City Council Meeting – 7 p.m., third Mondays, city hall. Open to the public.

Nestucca Valley School District Meeting – 6 p.m., third Monday. At Nestucca Junior/Senior High School. Open to the public. (the meeting moves to 4th Mondays if there's a no-school day on the third Monday.)

Tuesday, Feb 18

Wheeler City Council Meeting – 7 p.m., third Tuesdays, City Hall. Open to the public.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flo-tilla 63 – 7 p.m. third Tuesdays, lower Coast Guard Station in Garibaldi. Call Gordon Southwick, 5www003-322-3677, or Bob Hickman, 503-368-6717.

Grief Support Group – 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., first and third Tuesdays, Tillamook Regional Medical Center, Conference Room A (third floor).

Grief Support Group - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., first and third Tuesdays at the office building behind Calvary Bible Church Corner of 5th and 506 Laneda Ave. Manzanita.

Pine Grove Community Club Potluck – 5:45 p.m. social time, 6:30 p.m. dinner, third Tuesdays. Bring your own tableware and a dish. Manzanita. Call Jack Allen, 503-368-5687.

Wednesday, Feb 19

Migoto Yamadori Bonsai Club of Tillamook – 7-9 p.m., third Wednesdays, Tillamook PUD building, 1115 Pacific Ave. Call Ruth LaFrance, 503-842-5836.

Bunco Night - 6 p.m. at the Tillamook Eagles Lodge. First and third Wednesday of every month.

Wellspring Adult Respite Care – 10 a.m.-4 p.m., first and third Wednesdays, Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church. 503-815-2272.

International Order of Rainbow for Girls – 7 p.m., first and third Wednesdays, Tillamook Masonic Hall. 503-842-6758.

Men's Only Caregiver Support Group - 1:30 - 3 p.m. facilitated by Howard Shapiro, Hatfield Room, Tillamook Library, 1716 Third St. Tillamook.

Cloverdale Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m., third Wednesdays, The Lions Den, Cloverdale.

Thursday, Feb 20

Tillamook County Quilt Guild - 10:30 a.m., third Thursdays, Latimer Quilt and Textile Center, 2105 Wilson River Loop Rd., Tillamook. For more information contact latimerprograms@centurylink.net or call Gail or Kim at 503-842-8622.

Friday, Feb 21

Blood drive - 12:30 - 6 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Tillamook Ward Cultural Center 4200 12th Street.

Latimer Quilt & Textile Center Board Meeting – 9 a.m. every third Friday in the library at the Latimer Quilt and Textile Center. For more information contact latimerprograms@centurylink.net, or call 503-842-8622.

Nesko Women's Club – 11:45 a.m., third Fridays (September to May), at Cape Kiwanda Community Center. A speaker is scheduled for each regular meeting. Lunch is \$3. You do not have to be a member to attend, but reservations are required. For lunch reservations/info: Julie Krohn 503-863-9307.

Manzanita Municipal Court notice – 1:30 p.m. at Manzanita City Hall. 543 Laneda Avenue, once a month thereafter. The public is invited to attend.

Saturday, Feb 22

Karaoke Night - 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Tillamook Eagles Lodge. Second and fourth Saturday of each month.

Fred Meyers Military Discount – Third Thursdays of every month, enjoy 10% off. Show the cashier your Military/Veterans ID or ask them to load the Military Discount onto your rewards card.

VFW Kilchis-Tillamook Bay Post 2848 and the Ladies Auxiliary – 6 p.m. third Thursdays, Bay City Hall, 5525 B Street, Bay City.

Fisherman Advisory Committee of Tillamook – 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Tillamook PUD meeting room at Eleventh Street and Pacific Avenue. The meeting will be every third Thursday of the month.

North County Grief Support Group – 3-4:30 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Calvary Bible Church, Manzanita. Call 503-368-6544, ext. 2313.

Repair Café. -- This is a new monthly community event every 3rd Thursday of the month from 6pm – 8pm comprised of community volunteers who repair, sew and give expert advice on items in need of fixing. NO Internal combustion engines. If you have questions, contact repairmook@gmail.com. There is no admission fee, all ages welcome.

Neskowin Regional Water District – 1 p.m. at the district office at 47880 South Beach Road in Neskowin (Third Thursday). The meeting is open to the public.

Grief Support Group North County – 3-4:30 p.m. First and third Thursdays. Calvary Bible Church in Manzanita. Tillamook Hospital's relief chaplain Michael Gabel presents information to help with the grief process.

Breastfeeding Support Group – 6 p.m. Third Thursdays of each month in the Riverbend room of the North Coast Recreation District. Leaders will guide participants in the discussion topic for the one-hour meeting followed by the opportunity for mothers to connect and network. Children are welcome to attend. A \$1 donation is requested to support the use of the space. Call Carlotta Roddy at 503-812-6243 or Jennifer Childress at 503-368-5886 for further information.

The Tillamook County Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Development Disability Advisory Council meeting - 5:15 p.m. at the Tillamook Regional Medical Center at 1000 3rd St. in Tillamook Room D. The public is most welcome to attend.

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The Tillamook ArtWalk - organized by Art Accelerated, is held on the 4th Saturday every month (with the exception of June). Go to our website for information each month about participating artists and businesses.

Surf & Turf Dinner & Silent Auction - 4:30 p.m. at Kiawanda Community Center. \$50 includes dinner, 2 drink tickets, and one raffle ticket.

Tuesday, Feb 25

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) – 8:45-9 a.m. check-in; 9-11 a.m. meeting, second and fourth Tuesday. First Christian Church, Tillamook. Registration and dues required. Call 503-842-6213.

Nehalem Bay Garden Club – 1:30 p.m., fourth Tuesday, September through April. Pine Grove Community House, Manzanita. Call Constance Shimek, 503-368-4678.

Disability services help – 1-4 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays. Sheridan Square community room, 895 Third St., Tillamook. Sponsored by NorthWest Senior and Disability Services. Call Julie Woodward, 503-842-2770 or 800-584-9712.

Wellspring Adult Respite Care – 10 a.m.-4 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays. Tillamook United Methodist Church. 503-815-2272.

Tillamook Masonic Lodge AF & AM Meetings – 7 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at 1904 Second Street. Officers meet at 6 p.m.

Volunteers meeting – 1 p.m. at Kiawanda Community Center in Pacific City.

Strategic Planning Meeting – 6 p.m. at Kiawanda Community Center in Pacific City.

Wednesday, Feb 26

Pinochile - 3 p.m. at the Tillamook Eagles Lodge. Second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Alzheimer's and Caregiver Support - 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., fourth Wednesday at the Tillamook Adventist Church, 2610 1st St. Upper Level to the left of the main entrance doors. Call 503-815-2720.

Thursday, Feb 27

Neskowin Regional Water District – 1 p.m. at the district office at 47880 South Beach Road in Neskowin. The meeting is open to the public.

Association of Northwest Steel-headers North Coast Chapter – 7 p.m. Fourth Thursdays. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife meeting room, 4909 Third St., Tillamook. Call Bill Hedlund at 503-815-2737.

Alzheimer's Support Group – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nehalem Bay House 35385 Tohl Rd. in North Tillamook County. It will be the fourth Thursday of each month. Complimentary lunch included. For more information call (503) 368-6445.

Marie Mills Foundation – Fourth Thursday of January, April, July and October, 10:30 a.m., Marie Mills Center, Tillamook. Call Ron Rush at 503-842-2539, ext. 12.

Circle of Caring meeting – 10 a.m.-2 p.m. First and fourth Thursdays at St. Mary's in Rockaway Beach. Join them to knit and sew. Contact 503-355-2661 (parish office).

SUNDAY

MEDITATION - 5 p.m. Center for the Contemplative Arts. 300 Division St. Manzanita.

MONDAY

AL-ANON – 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. North County Recreation District, Nehalem. 503-368-5093.

MEDITATION - 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. at St. Catherine's church, located next to the Bunk House. Free. Contact Lola Sacks at 503-368-6227.

MEALS FOR SENIORS – 11:45 a.m. St. Mary's by the Sea in Rockaway. Call Bob Dempster, 503-355-3244.

TUESDAY

VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT HELP – 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. WorkSource Oregon, 2105 Fifth St., Tillamook. 800-643-5709, ext. 227.

ROCKAWAY LIBRARY – 3 p.m., Pre-school storytime. 503-355-2665.

WRITING LOUNGE - 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hoffman Center. \$5 suggested donation. Call 503-368-3846.

MAH JONG LESSON - 3 p.m. at the North Tillamook County Library in Manzanita. For more information, call 503-368-6665.

WOMAN'S AA MEETING, SISTER'S IN SOBRIETY – Noon to 1 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, 36335 N. Hwy 101, Nehalem.

WEDNESDAY

VOLUNTEER CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Historic American Legion Cemetery on Necarney Blvd in Nehalem. For more information, contact Val Magee at 808-264-1454.

TAI CHI YANG STYLE: Pine Grove Community House. Wednesdays at 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. at 225 Laneda Avenue n Manzanita, 97130

PICKLE BALL - 2:30 p.m. in Manzanita City Park on 3rd Street. New members or drop-ins welcome. Contact Corinne at cbbcalm@hotmail.com for more information.

MOVIE NIGHT – 6 p.m. at the Rising Star Cafe in Wheeler. Call 503-368-3990.

ALCOHOLICS ANON-

YMOUS - 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. North County Recreation District, Nehalem. 503-368-5093.

BRIDGE, PINOCHLE AND CRIBBAGE – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. North County Rec. District, Nehalem. 503-355-3381.

MEALS FOR SENIORS – 11:45 a.m. St. Mary's by the Sea in Rockaway. Call Bob Dempster, 503-355-3244.

THURSDAY

CHRISTIAN MEN'S GROUP – 7:30 a.m. Grumpy's Cafe, 202 Hwy 101, Rockaway Beach. 503-355-0567.

ALCOHOLICS ANON-YMOUS – 7-8 p.m. St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Nehalem.

GARIBALDI LIBRARY STORYTIME – 2:45 p.m. 503-322-2100.

FRIDAY

GARIBALDI JAM – 6-8 p.m. Featuring local musicians at the Garibaldi Community Hall.

MEALS FOR SENIORS – 11:45 a.m. St. Mary's by the Sea in Rockaway. Call Bob Dempster, 503-355-3244.

SPIRIT DANCE – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays. Pine Grove Community Center, Manzanita. Free-form dance celebration.

OPEN GALLERY - 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hoffman Center for the Arts in Manzanita. Check out the latest work by local artists. For more information, call 503-368-3846.

LIVE MUSIC - 9 p.m. at the San Dune Pub on in Manzanita. Cover charge. For more information, call 503-368-5080.

SATURDAY

MANZANITA PACE SETTLERS WALK/JOG/RUN GROUP – 7:30 a.m. Parking lot behind Spa Manzanita.

PICKLE BALL - 2 p.m. in Manzanita City Park on 3rd Street. New members or drop-ins welcome. Contact Corinne at cbbcalm@gmail.com for more information.

GRANDPARENTS PAR- ENTING AGAIN – Call Steve or Jackie for meetings. 503-355-2440.

Reserve

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Watershed Council at the North County Recreation District in Nehalem. In November, "Ocean Shorts," a program of short films curated by the Wandering Reel Traveling Film Festival, was shown at the Hoffman Center for the Arts in Manzanita to a capacity crowd. The Friends plan to build on that success in 2020, with plans for a film series highlighting climate change challenges and solutions.

The Friends also increased their outreach to the hospitality industry, outdoor recreation visitors and local government during 2019. They worked with local hoteliers to integrate information about the marine reserves into marketing and in-room materials, providing photos, videos, activity guides, informational handouts and a coloring book. Working with the North Coast Tourism Management Network, the Friends helped launch a Trailhead & Beach Amba-

sador volunteer program with Oregon State Parks and Oregon Coast Visitors Association, which includes an ambassador station near the Cape Falcon trailhead at Oswald West State Park. The Friends also presented information on the marine reserve to the city councils of Manzanita, Cannon Beach, Seaside and Gearhart.

The Friends look forward to continuing to learn about and enjoy Cape Falcon Marine Reserve through a full slate of events in 2020, starting with a talk on Oregon's Black Oystercatchers at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Seaside Library. The Friends will also participate in the effort to share photographs of the next King Tide series, which arrives at the coast Saturday, Feb. 8- Monday, Feb. 10. Keep your eyes on local calendars for additional upcoming events.

About Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve
The Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve are volunteer citizens and organizations working to increase understanding of and grow appreciation for Cape Falcon



Marine Reserve, located in Oregon's ocean between Manzanita and Cannon Beach. They coordinate education events, engage the community in reserve management planning and implementation, and promote scientific research through community science projects related to the reserve. In these efforts, the Friends of Cape Falcon play a critical

role in fostering and maintaining local support of the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve specifically and Oregon's marine reserves system in general.

Learn more about the Friends by visiting http://www.nehalemtrust.org/capefalcnmr or by contacting Margaret Minnick at capefalcnmr@gmail.com or (503) 298-5190.

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Gallery Show "Fantastical February"
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Saturday, Feb. 15,

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Setting as Character" Writing Workshop
Led by Kim Taylor Blakemore
Tuition: \$50.
Register at hoffmanarts.org

Saturday, Feb. 15, at 4 p.m. (NEW TIME)

Manzanita Writers Series

Author: Kim Taylor Blakemore
"The Companion"
Admission: \$7

Tuesday, Feb. 18,

from 10:30 to 1 p.m.

Writing Lounge Winter WordPlay: "Visual Spark: A Right Brain Boost for Character or Plot"
Led by Laura Bailey
Open to all. Drop-in Fee: \$5

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All obituary announcements are placed on the North Coast Citizen website at no cost.

Closing the gaps: Grad rates up to all-time high in Oregon

Following an 8-point leap from last year, graduation rate gains continued to grow for Tillamook School District, where the four-year graduation rate grew to 86.6 percent from 84.1 percent. At 82, 84, 88 and 87 percent, respectively, Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and Washington counties outperformed the state average.

The statewide graduation rate for the class of 2018-19 is 80 percent, up 1.3 percentage points over the previous year and the highest graduation rate ever recorded in Oregon, according to data released by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). The four-year graduation rate has increased eight percentage points over five years.

The gap in high school graduation rates between historically underserved student groups and the state average is smaller than in previous years. The year-to-year increase in graduation rates was greater for every underserved student group than the increase in the state average, bringing underserved student groups closer to the statewide

average than ever before.

"This year's graduation rate increase means nearly 600 additional students earned a diploma," ODE Director Colt Gill said. "We are seeing even faster growth for students of color, students with disabilities and students navigating poverty than the state as a whole. Student Success Act funding will build on this promising foundation to foster equity and excellence for all Oregon students."

The table below shows how some student groups fared since the 2010-2011 cohort graduated in 2014:

Student group	Class of 2014	Class of 2019	Difference
All	72.0	80.0	8.0
Asian	85.9	92.3	6.4
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	68.8	77.6	8.8
American Indian/Alaska Native	53.5	67.7	14.2
Black/African American	60.2	70.4	10.2
Hispanic/Latino	64.9	76.2	11.3
English Learners in High School	51.7	60.2	8.5
Special Education	51.1	63.4	12.3

"Every student in Oregon deserves to graduate prepared for lifelong success and with

a plan for their future," Gov. Kate Brown said. "Working together over the last five years, through a commitment to closing opportunity gaps for students in all our communities, we have made steady progress increasing the number of Oregon students completing high school."

"With the historic reinvestment in education made possible by the Student Success Act, our schools will be further empowered to engage and support Oregon's students in reaching new levels of learning and achievement," Brown said.

graduation rates over last year to 79.4 percent, less than a percentage point below the statewide average.

At 80 percent, Oregon's four-year graduation rate has never been higher. Even so, the school districts in the four counties making up the Northwest Regional Education Service District (ESD) collectively outperformed the state graduation rate in 2018-19 by 6 points.

"The educators in our region work so hard to support each student's success," said Dan Goldman, superintendent of Northwest Regional

ESD. "It really is an exciting opportunity to celebrate their dedication and conviction."

Goldman said by digging into these results a little deeper, it can be seen that the most significant growth is in schools that protect time for teachers to collaborate, those that regularly monitor student progress and adjust instruction accordingly, and in those that build culturally sustaining and welcoming school climates where children and families from all backgrounds feel they belong.

High school success highlights from the four-county region include:

- The four-year graduation rate for Astoria School District jumped to 85.8 percent from 77.7 percent.
- Rainier School District helped an additional 8 percent of its students from the class of 2018 cross the finish line by the end of their fifth

Other highlights from the data:

- Students who have successfully completed English Learner programs in Oregon graduate at a rate of 84.3 percent, higher than the statewide average. Speaking multiple languages improves education outcomes no matter which language a student learns first.

Students taking a Career and Technical Education (CTE) course graduated at a rate of 88.9 percent in four years and those enrolled in a CTE program of study had a 93.5 percent graduation rate in four years.

The graduation rate for students experiencing homelessness is up from 50.7 percent from the class of 2017, to 55.4 percent for the class of 2019. The class of 2017 was the first class for which this data was collected.

Students in the Migrant Education Program saw a 4.4 percentage point increase in

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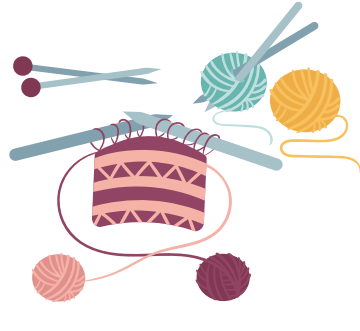
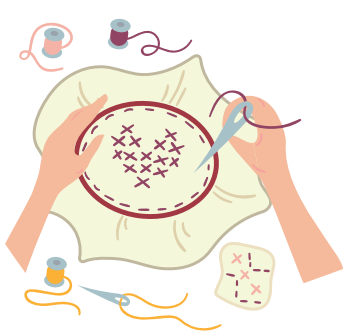
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Oregon kindergarten assessment results for 2019-20

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the Early Learning Division (ELD) jointly released results from the 2019-20 Oregon Kindergarten Assessment, which were largely unchanged from the previous year.

The assessment is given each fall to entering kindergartners and provides a snapshot of students' foundational skills in three core areas of learning and development: early literacy, early math and interpersonal/self-regulation

skills. "Opportunity gaps for children begin at birth. Our Kindergarten Assessment results continue to underscore that our youngest children do not have access to the quality early learning they need," said Miriam Calderon, Oregon's Early Learning System director. "We've started to move this needle through the Student Success Act and need continued focus on providing supports that are proven to have a long-term impact for young children and families."

The Student Success Act, which was passed by the 2019 Oregon Legislature, expands access to high-quality preschool through Preschool Promise and high-quality preschool and infant/toddler

care and education through Oregon Pre-kindergarten. The Act also includes funding for the newly established Early Childhood Equity Fund, which creates culturally specific early learning and parent support programs.

Though the investments will help support many more children and families in Oregon, there will still be too few preschoolers unserved in publicly-funded, high-quality preschool.

2019-20 Oregon Kindergarten Assessment results:

Early Math scores: students correctly answered 11 out of 16 simple math questions. In the previous year, correct scores came in at 11.1.

Scores for Approaches to Learning remained the

same at 3.6 out of 5. This key assessment includes examining a student's social-emotional well-being via teachers observing and leading the student through daily activities such as following directions or cooperatively playing in groups.

Early Literacy scores: Oregon kindergartners recognized 7.7 letter sounds, 14.3 uppercase letters, and 11.6 lowercase letters. The only difference from the previous year was a lower-case letter score of 11.7.

"The Kindergarten Assessment is one tool that can help us learn about some of the strengths, assets, and needs of Oregon's children. State and, more so, local data is a critical tool in helping children learn and reach their dreams.

The more we learn about our children, the more we can help them succeed," said Colt Gill, director of Oregon Department of Education. "Continued investment in early education is a key component to student success throughout their time in school."

Oregon's 16 regional Early Learning Hubs, which work across education, health, human services, and businesses to support families with young children, use the assessment data to prioritize investments, such as Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation Funds.

Kindergarten Assessment results, including a breakdown by school district, are available online. Private schools are not reflected in the results.

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At the time results were released, records showed 471 students were enrolled

in the district with 65 percent of students on free or reduced-price lunch, and an 89-percent graduation rate.

Standout grade performances could be seen from 11th grade math (15 percent above state), fourth grade English (4 points above state) and fifth grade math (4 percent above state). The lowest scores were seen for sixth grade English (17 percent below state), third grade English (13 percent below state), and eighth grade math (12 percent below state).

Despite this year's

success, math test scores for 11th graders fell more than 18 percent from 2018 while English fell more than 3 percent. Middle school scores were down except for a nearly five-percent jump in seventh grade English. There were mixed results at the elementary level, with big gains in 2019 for fifth grade English (up 16 percent) and math (up 28 percent), but losses of 25 percent for tests on sixth grade English, 20 percent for math.

Nestucca Superintendent Misty Wharton said

the district performs better than schools that are similar in student subgroups or economic challenges. She highlighted the 92 percent on-track statistic for ninth graders, where the state average is 85 percent for freshmen tracking graduation requirements. This past year, every senior who started at Nestucca High School graduated successfully.

Wharton believes relationships are at the foundation of education. Her

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Grad

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year.

Through the Northwest Regional ESD's "9th Grade Success Professional Learning Network," teams from 31 area high schools convene regularly to dig into research, share successful practices, and collaboratively solve challenges, ultimately multiplying positive student outcomes. Over the four years of the network's existence, participating high schools have shown growth across nearly all student groups in the number of ninth graders on track to graduate.

"We're particularly grateful for the many school district leaders and role models in our region who are unwavering in their commitment to disrupting racial inequities in our school systems and communities," said Sarah Pope, deputy superintendent at Northwest Regional ESD.

Several districts across the region saw significant gains for specific student populations over the last 6 years:

- Beaverton School District saw an increase of 16 points in Latinx students graduating on time. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander students in Beaverton increased to 79.4 percent from

52.4 percent in 2013-14.

- Astoria, Knappa and Warrenton-Hammond school districts all saw increases in excess of 27 points for economically disadvantaged students.

"Incoming investments made possible by the Oregon Legislature's Student Success Act will provide unprecedented opportunities to achieve educational equity," Goldman said.

"Districts in the region are well-positioned to capitalize on the progress they're making in accelerating important outcomes, especially for students of color and those from historically marginalized backgrounds."

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Ground personnel had been unable to reach the woman's location by vehicle due to the steepness of the cliff. A Coast Guard aircrew aboard an MH-60 Jayhawk was launched and diverted to the area.



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At 12 p.m., the aircrew arrived on scene. The rescue swimmer deployed and hoisted the woman into the helicopter. At 12:06 p.m., the aircrew brought the

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Rainy Day Village celebrates pre-launch events

Rainy Day Village Network will be celebrating pre-launch events on Saturday, Feb. 15, and Tuesday, Feb. 25, in Nehalem.

On Feb. 15, Rainy Day Village will be hosting a social gathering with a free soup and salad lunch, conversation and games from 1-3 p.m. at the Nehalem Bay United Methodist Church on 10th Street. They have some fun activities planned, so please join us.

On Feb 25, from 4-6 p.m. at the North Coast Recreation District on 9th Street, there will be food and fun and the opportunity to sign up to become a village member, volunteer or both. The Steering

Committee will be on hand to give you information about Rainy Day Village Network and to help you fill out member or volunteer applications if you are ready to come aboard.

At both events, Rainy Day Village will give away one trail three-month membership as a door prize.

Rainy Day Village's vision is to create and support ways to age in community, where people join together to help each other maintain vibrant and connected lives in the places they love. They are reinventing the image of retirement such that they have meaningful relationships with others, are useful and creative, can

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Rainy Day Village invites you to become part of the Village, an all-volunteer group with plans to launch by May 1, serving Arch Cape to Twin Rocks and the Lower Nehalem Valley.

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district, like others, takes care to make connections between students and staff. She finds it valuable for students to know there is an adult to turn to for any number of concerns. While it's not a formal system, Wharton said the school size makes it easier to know and follow every student, every family.

Small class size is also part of what throws test results around dramatically, Wharton said, noting that one or two students having

an off day could affect the numbers when classes are small. Because of that, the district uses other methods and tests to monitor the progress of students and the overall performance of the schools. Wharton also noted that opt-out numbers in other districts should be evidence to legislators that not everyone values the state tests as performance gauges.

Student Success Act funding is also coming to Nestucca. A strategic plan adopted in 2017 will guide that spending. Wharton pointed to a great need for social and emotional well-

ness programs, particularly at the elementary level. She said if students don't feel safe, aren't well fed, aren't having their needs met, they will struggle in an academic setting and may exhibit unproductive behavior.

Wharton said you won't find all of Nestucca's success within the state test scores. She said it's found in other teaching and testing methods applied throughout the year, and in the feedback from teachers and students.

"That's what we're really good at in this district," Wharton said. "We care about our kids whether they

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The 30th Annual Pool-a-thon fundraiser at Nehalem Pool

The 30th Annual Pool-a-thon fundraiser is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Nehalem Pool and North County Recreation District (NCRD). This is a kid-powered event, which raises a substantial amount of funds necessary to keep the NCRD/Nehalem Elementary Swim Program afloat.

The Pool-A-Thon has become a major fundraiser for the NCRD/Nehalem Elementary Swim Instruction/Water Safety Awareness Program which impacts the lives of all students, kindergarten through fifth grade, including the Neah-Kah-Nie District No. 56 Adaptive Swim Program. The mission of this program is to provide a safe environment in which the students can learn

to swim, and be educated in water safety, while instilling the value of swimming as a lifetime skill and healthy recreational activity. In 1930, the school district was planning an addition to the school in Nehalem. The drowning of two local teenage boys prompted the community to ask the school district to add a natatorium.

89 years later, the NCRD continues to accomplish their mission of providing swim instruction and water safety to all Nehalem Elementary students. Historically, the community has financially supported students who are swimming laps for dollars during pool-a-thon. The Saturday following the Pool-A-Thon, the swimmers are rewarded with a celebratory party for their dedication to the cause.



Participating kids will be canvassing throughout the community Thursday, Jan. 23, through Saturday, Feb. 29, looking for sponsors who will pledge dollars for their swimming efforts. By pledging money to a

student swimmer, you can help guarantee the continuance of this vital program that has existed for over 88 years. Sponsors are asked to pledge a certain amount for each length of the pool the child swims or pledge a flat donation. All donations are tax deductible. Donations can also be mailed to Pool-A-Thon 2020 P.O. Box 207, Nehalem, OR 97131.

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Garibaldi

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Tourism Commission. Wullschlager announced that the tourism commission is having their first meeting Thursday, Jan. 30. The planning commission discussed considering drafting by-laws for internal operation. From the Garibaldi Charter Chapter 2.20, section 2.20.060, C, "The commission shall adopt rules and regulations for its government and procedure consistent with the laws of Oregon and with the city charter and ordinances." Another name for this is by-laws, Wullschlager said. "Eventually, if the commission produces by-laws, they would be submitted in ordinance for consideration by the city council," Wullschlager said. This does not preclude the planning commission from drafting by-laws in the meantime.



Americas Pierson, a Neah-Kah-Nie freshman, went to her first Speech and Debate practice in November. This past week, Americas won the Novice Prose Final at Linfield College in just her third tournament, an amazing accomplishment in a crowded event.

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Assistant Coach Wantland of NKN receives Oregon Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, Lifetime Merit Award

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Neah-Kah-Nie School District announced that Coach Mike Wantland recently received the Oregon Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, Lifetime Merit Award. Neah-Kah-Nie expressed congratulations to Wantland via social media Wednesday, Jan. 22, calling him an incredible volunteer, coach, mentor, motivator and after school snack provider.

Wantland is an assistant coach at Neah-Kah-Nie High School for both baseball and the girls' basketball teams. He also coaches strength and conditioning for volleyball. He will be coaching a unified basketball tournament on Saturday, Feb. 1, in Tillamook.

Wantland raised his family in Tigard. He coached baseball at Portland State University and in various high schools in the greater Portland area, including Tigard High School. He has

been coaching for 30 years. His kids grew up and Wantland decided to leave the metro area. He was headed to Arizona when he made a stop in Rockaway Beach. He hasn't left the Oregon coast since.

The Northwest Baseball Coaches Association had their Annual Coaches Convention Jan. 17-19 in Portland. Presenters share ideas, drills, approaches, styles, processes and techniques in an interactive learning environ-

ment. It is also a great place for coaches to network, hold meetings and recognize those individuals and teams that are having extraordinary success in the game.

It was at this convention that Wantland received the Oregon Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, Lifetime Merit Award. Wantland said people who know him would say that he would never go to receive the award. He does not do things to get recognized. He said receiving this award was an "extreme honor."

Neah-Kah-Nie Head Baseball Coach Rob Herder presented him with the award. Wantland said he never looked into what the award entailed but was overwhelmed by it and humbled by the experience.

Wantland has known Herder for over 30 years. They started coaching around



Neah-Kah-Nie School District. Coach Wantland pictured with Keygan Wagner, a baseball player and junior at Neah-Kah-Nie High School.

most of the time. When he moved to Rockaway Beach, he drove past Neah-Kah-Nie High School and saw Herder on the field. Wantland became an assistant coach.

"Rob is an incredible person to work with," Wantland said.

Wantland coaches fourth and fifth graders in the summer. Wantland said he has a special place in his heart for foster kids. He reunites foster kids that been split up from each other through a week-long visit at Camp Magruder.

"Kids don't get to pick their parents," Wantland said.

Wantland makes a positive impact on the children he works with, both in the camp and a Neah-Kah-Nie. Students and staff of Neah-Kah-Nie said they have such respect and gratitude for his work with them.

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Garibaldi discusses chairperson nominations, goals, by-laws

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The Garibaldi Planning Commission discussed the process of deciding a chairperson, goal setting for 2020 and considering drafting by-laws in their meeting Monday, Jan. 27.

The process of deciding a chairperson will be decided by the planning commission through a nomination process. If more than one commissioner is nominated, a vote is held and the member receiving the majority of votes will be the conditional designee for the position. This recommendation is then taken to the Garibaldi City

Council for official approval in which a vote is held.

City Manager Geoff Wullschlager said the commission needs to decide among themselves who they will nominate. Wullschlager suggested to the commission that they consider waiting to choose a new commission chair until the recent public notice of openings has completed, so as to allow the whole body to be considered. This was also at the request of one of the commissioners.

"I have a commissioner as of current who is willing to act as chair, without any of the distinct and separate powers as given by the city

charter for the time being," Wullschlager said.

Commissioner Nathan Findling is currently the interim chair.

Traditionally, the planning commission has not been a body that has been guided by goal setting, but there is nothing in their city charter that prohibits it. Wullschlager said goal setting would be about what the commission wants to do in 2020 besides responding to applications. Findling suggested a quarterly meeting or discussion and occasional dialogue with the Garibaldi

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1 Maize

5 1980s TV's "Kate & —"

10 Bank acct. underwriter

14 Resort isle near Naples

19 Cock- — (mixed dog breed)

20 Pencil end

21 Prehistoric beast, briefly

22 ALF or ET

23 Pool hall champion?

26 Flower calyx part

27 Off — (sporadically)

28 Small flycatcher

29 Christmas songs

31 Omega preceder

32 Passover crackers

34 Place where pizza dough is flattened?

37 "We — not amused"

38 Ripken of the diamond

40 Angriness

41 Actress De Carlo

42 Get the shoe mender on the phone?

DOWN

1 Squid dish

2 Expanse

3 Sports squad that rarely has home games

4 Vivarin rival

5 Fourth mo.

6 Belt holder

7 Longtime con

8 Split evenly

9 Lucy's TV pal

10 32nd pres.

11 Actress West

12 Disguised, for short

13 Alternatives to Pepsis

14 Tapioca-yielding tree

15 Hoppy drink

16 1972-77 Broadway musical

17 Explanation

18 Queued up

24 Tennyson's "— Arden"

25 More elusive

30 Astron. distance

33 Little pouch

35 Like the vbs. "eat" and "lie"

36 Tiny dog

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47 Marine eel

49 Poetic foot

50 Pertaining to the sun

51 Still wrapped

52 In spite of the fact that, for short

55 King Arthur's home

58 Commercial in which all of one's fury is unleashed?

62 Fido's sound

65 Faced

66 Phileas Fogg creator Jules

68 Like a slob's bed

69 Blowtorch the exterior of your launch vehicle?

74 Wind section player

75 Quaint oath

76 Just a — (somewhat)

77 Hissing snake sound

78 Ice-skating food fish?

80 Mexican menu items

84 Blast maker

85 "Mammal" has three

86 "Thank you, Henri"

DOWN

87 Opéra part

91 PR concern

94 Farmer's motto?

97 Risen from sleep

100 Seemingly endless time

101 Park oneself

102 Dwelling: Abbr.

103 Tirades about the trials of being a mother?

109 Not switched off

111 Ace

112 Art style

113 Sofa

115 Spanish for "queen"

116 Wax theatrical

118 Actor Moranis playing a garbage sweeper?

121 12-inch stick

122 Small toiletry case

123 Pay the penalty

124 First-aid plant

125 Fencing blades

126 Part of NYPD: Abbr.

127 Tightly wound

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128 Give away temporarily

39 Get bested by

43 TV network north of the USA

44 Ty-D- — (bathroom brand)

45 Slo- — (fuse type)

46 Riga native

47 Brawl

48 Athena's bird

51 Sam once in the Senate

52 Trees yielding wood for ships

53 Mythical hell

54 Dramatist Clifford

56 Collect

57 Conductor Zubin —

58 Cake icer

59 Countryish

60 Cell terminal

61 Yukon maker

62 Cut short

63 Harp on gloatingly

64 Anterior

67 Cut short

70 Suffix with neat or peace

71 "— tell ya!"

72 Problems for vain types

73 Tide targets

79 Shin's place

DOWN

81 Noted coach Parseghian

82 Bygone AT&T rival

83 Slump

86 Home of Monte Carlo

88 Vehicle ownership certificate

89 Get drunk

90 Trapped

91 34th prez

92 Corporate marriages

93 Avonlea girl

94 Hide — hair

95 It's nothing

96 Comical Cheri

97 Current unit

98 Pre-race stretch, say

99 "King Ralph" actor Peter

100 Ocular cleansing receptacle

104 One way to mark debits

105 Uninspired

106 Like skim milk

107 Mozart's "Così fan —"

108 "Danke —"

110 Prenatal

114 Egg layers

117 Golf gadget

119 Model-making set

120 "Annabel —"

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Doug Smith was featured in the movie "August Rush", and his music was in the movies "Moll Flanders" and "Twister". One of his CD's, "Alone At Last" was co-pro-

duced by Lawrence Juber, former guitarist with Paul McCartney. His music has also been featured on CNN, NPR, TNN, ESPN, and the Discovery Channel.

Performing throughout the Pacific Northwest for the past dozen years, Three Together is loved by audiences for their intricate 3-part harmonies on many songs from 60's and 70's era folk, pop, and rock artists such as Crosby, Stills, and Nash, Peter, Paul, and Mary, the Beatles, and the Everly Brothers.

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School

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East Elementary showed significant increases for test scores in fourth, fifth and sixth grades, with tiny slips in fourth grade English and fifth grade math from 2018. Sixth grade math was up 14 percent and sixth grade English were up nearly 10 percent. South Prairie Elementary third grade test scores dropped 9 percent in English and 3 percent in math.

Curt Shelley was recently hired as superintendent of Tillamook schools. He said in some areas Tillamook outperforms the state, but there are also areas to improve on. He also noted that due to a change in testing formats, scores have been lower than under the previous format.

"We have some work to do in some areas," Shelley said. "And yet, I'm proud of us in certain areas."

Shelley said in looking at data, one should consider factors that could influence results such as testing conditions, student well-being, individual class performances, instructors and curriculum, or a combination of factors. He emphasized that the state tests were one measurement of student performance, not a fully-informed picture of a school district.

"I think we do a lot of things really well that wouldn't show up here," Shelley said. "Trauma-informed care, building relationships, teaching kids how to be prepared after high school for college careers or the workforce."

One group struggling in Tillamook schools is white males in poverty. But Tillamook is outperforming state graduation rates for Latinos, who make up a third of the district. Tillamook Schools have intentionally concentrated on serving Latinx, special education, economically challenged, homeless and other student groups, Shelley said. He noted that the road to meeting graduation standards is much tougher now than in the past. He encouraged those who question the proficiency rates to attempt some of the tests and see how they perform.

"When I went school, we didn't do algebra until high school," Shelley said. "We're doing algebra in third and fourth grade now ... it's more challenging."

Tillamook added Smarter Balance interim assessments, similar to practice tests, this past year. Shelley is also excited about the ninth grade on-track program in the district, which is focused on engaging students, improving attendance and reducing behavioral discipline. And he feels good about the work being done at the middle school with providing access and opportunities for students.

Shelley expressed concerns over the shortness of Oregon's school year, which is among the shortest nationwide. He hopes the recent legislation for education funding will yield more "seat time" for students. There is a significant cost attached to every day added to the calendar, however, and there is an open discussion on what the right number of school days in a year should be, both for students and for staff. There are also plans for spending on mental health, attendance, and curriculum changes.

Neah-Kah-Nie School District

Paul Erlebach, Neah-Kah-Nie School District superintendent, said he would like to see more consistency across all schools to meet or exceed state average test scores. The district have some definite highlights, but also some major deficiencies. The district is home to Neah-Kah-Nie

High School, Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School, Garibaldi Elementary School, Nehalem Elementary School, and Neah-Kah-Nie Pre-School.

As a district, Neah-Kah-Nie matched the state on math with 39 percent of students demonstrating proficiency and was a point above the state on English Language Arts (reading/writing), with 54 percent of students being proficient. At testing time, there were 775 students enrolled in the district with 49.65 percent on free or reduced-price lunch. The graduation rate is 92 percent.

Erlebach noted highlights such as seventh grade math (13 percent above state), seventh grade English Language Arts (9 percent above state) and fourth grade English Language Arts (13 percent above state), but also acknowledged areas of improvement such as third grade math (14 percent below state), fifth grade math (19 percent below state) and third grade English Language Arts (7 percent below state).

High school (11th grade) test scores were just slightly down from 2018. Middle school (sixth, seventh and eighth grade) scores down except for seventh English and math, with a significant dip in sixth and eighth grade English Language Arts.

At the elementary level, Nehalem was down except in fourth grade English Language Arts and math as well as fifth grade English Language Arts, with large declines in third grade English Language Arts and math, while Garibaldi was down third grade English Language Arts and math as well as fifth grade math but showed big gains in fourth grade English Language Arts and math.

Scores can be influenced by a number of factors outside of academic performance such as curriculum changes or time invested on subject. For example, Erlebach mentioned a case of a testing impropriety – a math poster left on a wall during an exam – that led to 15 tests being eliminated from overall results. He said this was unfortunate, but mistakes happen. Erlebach said testing improprieties are uncommon, estimating three incidents in the district this past year.

Neah-Kah-Nie schools are on a path to not only improve student test scores, but to improve student health and safety and to provide an overall well-rounded education. The district is aligning individual school improvement plans with school board, administrative, and teacher goals as well as the district's Continuous Improvement Plan and Student Investment Account (SIA) goals.

District staff and community members targeted five goals: improving third grade reading, student attendance, ninth grade on-track, graduation and completion rates, and student well-being.

Strategies to achieve these goals include adopting a new elementary writing curriculum, implementing Smarter Balanced interim assessments, increasing parent engagement, adding secondary school counselors, a needs assessment for a school-based health center, meeting state physical education requirements for all students, researching and implementing best practices for early childhood education, increasing student electives and afterschool opportunities among other ideas.

Erlebach said the school district was highly appreciative of the Student Success Act (SSA), a \$1 billion investment in Oregon schools aiming to reduce academic disparities, improve mental and behavioral health services, provide access to academic courses, increase staff collaboration opportunities, and build partnerships.

The SSA has dual aims of meeting student mental health and behavioral needs while increasing academic success for those who face barriers such as students of color, those with disabilities, emerging bilingual students, and those experiencing poverty, homelessness and foster care as well as other students who face disparities in schools.

Erlebach will submit the school district's SIA application at the March school board meeting. This SIA application includes a plan on how to spend the additional \$720,000 the school district will receive next year and every year after.

"The Smarter Balanced scores reflect very important information – where students are in English Language Arts (reading/writing), math, and science at specific grade levels" Erlebach said. "However, it doesn't take into consideration or assess the district's initiatives with music, band, art, culinary arts, physical education, student well-being, career technical education, or specific capital improvement investments. This past year the school district built a welding lab and renovated the chemistry classroom."

Erlebach said Neah-Kah-Nie School District is very fortunate to have school administrators, licensed and classified staff, and a progressive school board that not only reviews testing data, but makes the necessary changes to improve areas of concern.

Nestucca School District

Nestucca High School, Nestucca Valley Middle School and Nestucca Valley Elementary School reside in the Nestucca School District. While there were pockets in which the district pulled ahead of state scores and some areas met expectations, schools in the area also had room for improvement on math and language testing results.

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Agreement formed between timber and environmental groups

Office of Oregon Gov. Kate Brown

Gov. Kate Brown announced what she called a historic agreement between representatives from the state's forest industry and major environmental groups to chart a collaborative course toward meaningful, science-based forest management in Oregon.

The agreement takes a significant step toward a new era of cooperation, leaving behind the conflicts of the past, a statement from the governor's office said.

"This pact proves that when we work together with a willingness to compromise, we can create a better future in Oregon," Brown said. "Oregonians want healthy

forest sector, and prosperous rural communities. These are not mutually exclusive goals. The conversations that brought forth this agreement, coupled with sound science, will bring certainty for everyone involved while protecting Oregon's environment and endangered species."

The signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) addresses three key issues. According to the governor's office, it will:

Drive a process for Oregon to update its timber practices: For the first time, Oregon will strive for the endorsement of federal wildlife agencies, signifying that the state's forest practices are protective of threatened and endangered species, including Oregon's iconic salmon. Through this process, the state will seek a Habitat Conservation Plan, allowing Oregonians to continue their long tradition of working in the woods while honoring

natural habitats.

Support passage of new legislation for the 2020 session on aerial spraying of pesticides: A state-of-the-art system will build confidence with forest neighbors, who will be eligible to receive real-time notification that aerial spraying will occur. This first of its kind system will expand protected spray buffers around drinking water, homes, and schools.

Expand forest stream buffers in the Rogue-Siskiyou region: New legislation will also expand forest stream buffers along salmon, steelhead, and bull trout streams, aligning forest practices in the area with those of the rest of western Oregon.

With this MOU, both sides have agreed that all forestry-related initiative petitions and related litigation will be dropped after the passage of the legislation this session.

"This MOU is shared recognition of the diverse

benefits Oregon's forests provide, and the need for more meaningful dialogue around forest issues across the state," said Greg Miller, long-time timber industry executive and representative of the coalition of forest companies. "Oregon is one of the best places in the world to grow and harvest trees sustainably; we lead the nation in wood products manufacturing, and we are proud of our record of environmental stewardship."

"Now as we move forward into a new era of cooperation and transparency, forest policy should continue to rely on the best available science," Miller said. "The 60,000 Oregon families who work in the forest sector — indeed all Oregonians — expect that level of rigor and thoughtfulness when it comes to forest management. With this MOU, we are hopeful that we have found a pathway forward that meets those expectations and sets Oregon

up for the most comprehensive, forward-thinking forest policy in the nation."

"Today's agreement is a critical step toward modernizing Oregon's forest rules," said Bob Van Dyk, Oregon policy director at the Wild Salmon Center. "Oregonians are rightfully proud of our forests and what they provide, including some of the best salmon runs in the Lower 48 and drinking water for most of the state. It's our collective duty to make sure that a healthy timber industry doesn't come at the expense of fish, wildlife, and public health."

"This agreement is a genuine show of good faith from both sides," Van Dyk said. "There's still much work to be done for our communities and the healthy environment on which we all depend. There is a long road ahead, but this agreement is a big first step in the right direction."

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Year in review for Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve

On New Year's Day, the Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve celebrated the fourth birthday of the marine reserve, which went into effect on Jan. 1, 2016. Located in Oregon's ocean between Manzanita and Cannon Beach, the reserve is set aside by the state for conservation and scientific research.

The Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve is a local group of residents and conservation organizations dedicated to engaging the local community and visitors in ocean conservation and appreciation of the marine reserve through walks and hikes, community science projects, winter lectures, film screenings, and stewardship events.

Hikes, Walks, and Films
During 2019, the Friends held 40 events, including the second annual Neahkahnie

Beach Walk & BioBlitz, and hikes of Cape Falcon Trail and Devil's Cauldron/Elk Flat Trail. For these outdoor activities, the Friends partnered with experts to enrich the experience for participants: intertidal experts from Oregon Coast Aquarium and Haystack Rock Awareness Program for the BioBlitz; a whale expert from the American Cetacean Society for the Cape Falcon Trail hike; and seabird researchers and volunteer community scientists from Portland Audubon for the Devil's Cauldron hike.

"These experts made the hikes and walks into learning opportunities, as well as a great way to get outdoors and experience the marine reserve," said Margaret Minnick, outreach coordinator for the Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, in a press release. "It was especially



fun to spend time with the hardy group of learners who showed up for the Devil's Cauldron hike on a foggy and rainy day in August. We were just able to see the cormorant nests on the cliffs despite the fog and enjoyed a lively and wide-ranging discussion with the Portland Audubon

researchers and volunteer nest monitors."

New this year, the Friends presented two film screenings. On World Oceans Day in June, Friends presented the film "Albatross" in partnership with Lower Nehalem

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Better Health Calendar

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January

CHIP Info Session, attend one free session, Tuesday, Jan 21 or Thursday, Jan 23 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church, lower level in back, 2610 First St., Tillamook.

Empowered Childbirth, Sunday, January 26, 1 - 5 pm, Adventist Health Tillamook, Conference Room A, Tillamook.

February

CHIP, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, February 3 to March 12, 5:45 to 8:15 pm, Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church, lower level in back, 2610 First St., Tillamook.

Mammogram Spa Day, Thursday, February 13. There will be light refreshments, goodies and massages free of charge for anyone having their annual

screening mammogram. Make your appointment today by calling 503-815-2292.

clubChip, Monday, February 17, 5:45 to 8:30 pm, Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church, lower level in back, 2610 First St., Tillamook.

Men's ONLY Caregiver Support Group, Wednesday, February 19, 1:30 - 3:00 PM facilitated by Howard Shapiro, Hatfield Room, Tillamook Library, 1716 Third St. Tillamook.

March

Empowered Childbirth, Sunday, March 1, 1 - 5 pm, Adventist Health Tillamook, Conference Room A, Tillamook.

clubChip, Monday, March 16, 5:45 to 8:30 pm, Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church, lower level in back, 2610 First

St., Tillamook

Men's ONLY Caregiver Support Group, Wednesday, March 18, 1:30 - 3:00 pm facilitated by Howard Shapiro, Hatfield Room, Tillamook Library, 1716 Third St. Tillamook.

Diabetes Undone, Thursdays, March 19 - May 7, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church, conference room, 2610 First St., Tillamook.

Unless otherwise noted, all classes are held at Adventist Health Tillamook, 1000 Third Street, Tillamook

We also offer FREE ongoing support groups for men's caregiving, diabetes, grief support, cancer, Alzheimer's and clubCHIP.

For more information: AdventistHealthTillamook.org or call 503-815-2270 unless otherwise noted.

Community News Briefs

DAILY

Free van service for veterans – 7:30 a.m. leaves Tillamook County Transportation District every weekday to provide local veterans with free transportation to either the Hillsboro or Portland VA medical facilities for appointments. For more information please contact veterans service office at 503-842-4358.

Thursday, Feb 13

Veterans for Peace – 10 a.m. meeting, second Thursday, at the Bread and Ocean bakery, 154 Laneda Ave. Manzanita. For more info, call Brian McMahon, 503-368-3201. This event begins Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019, and ends Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019

Parkinson's Support Group – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., second Thursday, Tillamook Adventist Church, 2710 First St. Free. Call Mike or Joanne Love, 503-355-2573.

Tillamook County Art Association – 11 a.m.-noon, second Thursdays, 1000 Main St., Suite 7, Tillamook (next to the Fern Restaurant). Call Howard Schultz at 503-842-7415.

Boy Scouts – District meeting 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m. roundtable every second Thursday. Order of the Arrow, Tillamook. New members welcome. Call Russ Dewey at 719-246-3004.

Mammogram Spa Day - There will be light refreshments, goodies and massages free of charge for anyone having their annual screening mammogram. Make your appointment by calling 503-815-2292

Friday, Feb 14

Ocean Breeze Rugcrafters – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On the 2nd and 4th Fridays at the Latimer Quilt and Textile Center. For more information contact latimerprograms@centurylink.net, or call 503-842-8622.

Sip + Shop - is a monthly, after-hours event sponsored by downtown Tillamook businesses. It is held on the 2nd Friday of the month from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Information about participating businesses and featured activities is available from the Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday, Feb 15

Live Music: Midnight Gumbo - 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Tillamook Eagles Lodge. First and third Saturday of each month.

Neskowin Farmers Market – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Highway 101 and Hawk Street in Neskowin.

LGBT Potluck – 6-7:30 p.m., every third Saturday. Women's Resource Center, 1902 Second St., Tillamook. Contact Linda Werner, wernerwhite@centurylink.net or 503-398-5223. Free.

Open Mic Night - organized by Art Accelerated, is held from 6:30 to 8:00 on the third Saturday of each Month at Yo Time (314 Main Ave in downtown Tillamook). Rick Persons and Penny Eberle are the MCs at this event. Go to the Art Accelerated website, artaccelerated.org, for details.

Three Together concert - Featuring Grammy award winning guitarist Doug Smith. Doors open at 6:30, concert begins 7 p.m. at the NCRD Performing Arts Center, 36155 9th Street in Nehalem.

Agatha Christies And Then there were None Auditions - 2-4 p.m. at Tillamook County Library. No charge.

Sunday, Feb 16

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast – 8 a.m.-noon, third Sundays. Bay City Arts Center, 5680 A Street, Bay City. Whole grain or buttermilk pancakes, sausages (meat or vegetarian), salsa, beans, fruit compote with yogurt and blackberries in season. \$5 dollars.

Community Celebration of the Heart and Artist Reception- 1-4 p.m. Everyone of all ages is welcome. For more information email AHTM.info@ah.org.

Monday, Feb 17

Tillamook City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. first and third Mondays, city hall. Open to the public.

Garibaldi City Council Meeting – 7 p.m., third Mondays, city hall. Open to the public.

Nestucca Valley School District Meeting – 6 p.m., third Monday. At Nestucca Junior/Senior High School. Open to the public. (the meeting moves to 4th Mondays if there's a no-school day on the third Monday.)

Tuesday, Feb 18

Wheeler City Council Meeting – 7 p.m., third Tuesdays, City Hall. Open to the public.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flo-tilla 63 – 7 p.m. third Tuesdays, lower Coast Guard Station in Garibaldi. Call Gordon Southwick, 5www003-322-3677, or Bob Hickman, 503-368-6717.

Grief Support Group – 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., first and third Tuesdays, Tillamook Regional Medical Center, Conference Room A (third floor).

Grief Support Group - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., first and third Tuesdays at the office building behind Calvary Bible Church Corner of 5th and 506 Laneda Ave. Manzanita.

Pine Grove Community Club Potluck – 5:45 p.m. social time, 6:30 p.m. dinner, third Tuesdays. Bring your own tableware and a dish. Manzanita. Call Jack Allen, 503-368-5687.

Wednesday, Feb 19

Migoto Yamadori Bonsai Club of Tillamook – 7-9 p.m., third Wednesdays, Tillamook PUD building, 1115 Pacific Ave. Call Ruth LaFrance, 503-842-5836.

Bunco Night - 6 p.m. at the Tillamook Eagles Lodge. First and third Wednesday of every month.

Wellspring Adult Respite Care – 10 a.m.-4 p.m., first and third Wednesdays, Tillamook Seventh-day Adventist Church. 503-815-2272.

International Order of Rainbow for Girls – 7 p.m., first and third Wednesdays, Tillamook Masonic Hall. 503-842-6758.

Men's Only Caregiver Support Group - 1:30 - 3 p.m. facilitated by Howard Shapiro, Hatfield Room, Tillamook Library, 1716 Third St. Tillamook.

Cloverdale Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m., third Wednesdays, The Lions Den, Cloverdale.

Thursday, Feb 20

Tillamook County Quilt Guild – 10:30 a.m., third Thursdays, Latimer Quilt and Textile Center, 2105 Wilson River Loop Rd., Tillamook. For more information contact latimerprograms@centurylink.net or call Gail or Kim at 503-842-8622.

Fred Meyers Military Discount – Third Thursdays of every month, enjoy 10% off. Show the cashier your Military/Veterans ID or ask them to load the Military Discount onto your rewards card.

VFW Kilchis-Tillamook Bay Post 2848 and the Ladies Auxiliary – 6 p.m. third Thursdays, Bay City Hall, 5525 B Street, Bay City.

Fisherman Advisory Committee of Tillamook – 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Tillamook PUD meeting room at Eleventh Street and Pacific Avenue. The meeting will be every third Thursday of the month.

North County Grief Support Group – 3-4:30 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Calvary Bible Church, Manzanita. Call 503-368-6544, ext. 2313.

Repair Café. -- This is a new monthly community event every 3rd Thursday of the month from 6pm – 8pm comprised of community volunteers who repair, sew and give expert advice on items in need of fixing. NO Internal combustion engines. If you have questions, contact repairmook@gmail.com. There is no admission fee, all ages welcome.

Neskowin Regional Water District – 1 p.m. at the district office at 47880 South Beach Road in Neskowin (Third Thursday). The meeting is open to the public.

Grief Support Group North County – 3-4:30 p.m. First and third Thursdays. Calvary Bible Church in Manzanita. Tillamook Hospital's relief chaplain Michael Gabel presents information to help with the grief process.

Breastfeeding Support Group – 6 p.m. Third Thursdays of each month in the Riverbend room of the North Coast Recreation District. Leaders will guide participants in the discussion topic for the one-hour meeting followed by the opportunity for mothers to connect and network. Children are welcome to attend. A \$1 donation is requested to support the use of the space. Call Carlotta Roddy at 503-812-6243 or Jennifer Childress at 503-368-5886 for further information.

The Tillamook County Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Development Disability Advisory Council meeting - 5:15 p.m. at the Tillamook Regional Medical Center at 1000 3rd St. in Tillamook Room D. The public is most welcome to attend.

Pinochile - 3 p.m. at the Tillamook Eagles Lodge. Second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Alzheimer's and Caregiver Support - 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., fourth Wednesday at the Tillamook Adventist Church, 2610 1st St. Upper Level to the left of the main entrance doors. Call 503-815-2770.

Friday, Feb 21

Blood drive - 12:30 - 6 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Tillamook Ward Cultural Center 4200 12th Street.

Latimer Quilt & Textile Center Board Meeting – 9 a.m. every third Friday in the library at the Latimer Quilt and Textile Center. For more information contact latimerprograms@centurylink.net, or call 503-842-8622.

Nesko Women's Club – 11:45 a.m., third Fridays (September to May.) at Cape Kiwanda Community Center. A speaker is scheduled for each regular meeting. Lunch is \$3. You do not have to be a member to attend, but reservations are required. For lunch reservations/info: Julie Krohn 503-863-9307.

Manzanita Municipal Court notice – 1:30 p.m. at Manzanita City Hall. 543 Laneda Avenue, once a month thereafter. The public is invited to attend.

Saturday, Feb 22

Karaoke Night - 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Tillamook Eagles Lodge. Second and fourth Saturday of each month.

The Tillamook ArtWalk - organized by Art Accelerated, is held on the 4th Saturday every month (with the exception of June). Go to our website for information each month about participating artists and businesses.

Surf & Turf Dinner & Silent Auction - 4:30 p.m. at Kiawanda Community Center. \$50 includes dinner, 2 drink tickets, and one raffle ticket.

Tuesday, Feb 25

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) – 8:45-9 a.m. check-in; 9-11 a.m. meeting, second and fourth Tuesday. First Christian Church, Tillamook. Registration and dues required. Call 503-842-6213.

Nehalem Bay Garden Club – 1:30 p.m., fourth Tuesday, September through April. Pine Grove Community House, Manzanita. Call Constance Shimek, 503-368-4678.

Disability services help – 1-4 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays. Sheridan Square community room, 895 Third St., Tillamook. Sponsored by NorthWest Senior and Disability Services. Call Julie Woodward, 503-842-2770 or 800-584-9712.

Wellspring Adult Respite Care – 10 a.m.-4 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays. Tillamook United Methodist Church. 503-815-2272.

Tillamook Masonic Lodge AF & AM Meetings – 7 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at 1904 Second Street. Officers meet at 6 p.m.

Volunteers meeting – 1 p.m. at Kiawanda Community Center in Pacific City.

Strategic Planning Meeting – 6 p.m. at Kiawanda Community Center in Pacific City.

Wednesday, Feb 26

Pinochile - 3 p.m. at the Tillamook Eagles Lodge. Second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Alzheimer's and Caregiver Support - 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., fourth Wednesday at the Tillamook Adventist Church, 2610 1st St. Upper Level to the left of the main entrance doors. Call 503-815-2770.

Thursday, Feb 27

Neskowin Regional Water District – 1 p.m. at the district office at 47880 South Beach Road in Neskowin. The meeting is open to the public.

Association of Northwest Steel-headers North Coast Chapter – 7 p.m. Fourth Thursdays. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife meeting room, 4909 Third St., Tillamook. Call Bill Hedlund at 503-815-2737.

Alzheimer's Support Group – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nehalem Bay House 35385 Tohl Rd. in North Tillamook County. It will be the fourth Thursday of each month. Complimentary lunch included. For more information call (503) 368-6445.

Marie Mills Foundation – Fourth Thursday of January, April, July and October, 10:30 a.m., Marie Mills Center, Tillamook. Call Ron Rush at 503-842-2539, ext. 12.

Circle of Caring meeting – 10 a.m.-2 p.m. First and fourth Thursdays at St. Mary's in Rockaway Beach. Join them to knit and sew. Contact 503-355-2661 (parish office).

SUNDAY

MEDITATION - 5 p.m. Center for the Contemplative Arts. 300 Division St. Manzanita.

MONDAY

AL-ANON – 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. North County Recreation District, Nehalem. 503-368-5093.

MEDITATION - 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. at St. Catherine's church, located next to the Bunk House. Free. Contact Lola Sacks at 503-368-6227.

MEALS FOR SENIORS – 11:45 a.m. St. Mary's by the Sea in Rockaway. Call Bob Dempster, 503-355-3244.

TUESDAY

VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT HELP – 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. WorkSource Oregon, 2105 Fifth St., Tillamook. 800-643-5709, ext. 227.

ROCKAWAY LIBRARY – 3 p.m., Pre-school storytime. 503-355-2665.

WRITING LOUNGE - 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hoffman Center. \$5 suggested donation. Call 503-368-3846.

MAH JONG LESSON - 3 p.m. at the North Tillamook County Library in Manzanita. For more information, call 503-368-6665.

WOMAN'S AA MEETING, SISTER'S IN SOBRIETY – Noon to 1 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, 36335 N. Hwy 101, Nehalem.

WEDNESDAY

VOLUNTEER CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Historic American Legion Cemetery on Necarney Blvd in Nehalem. For more information, contact Val Magee at 808-264-1454.

TAI CHI YANG STYLE: Pine Grove Community House. Wednesdays at 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. at 225 Laneda Avenue n Manzanita, 97130

PICKLE BALL - 2:30 p.m. in Manzanita City Park on 3rd Street. New members or drop-ins welcome. Contact Corinne at cbbcalm@hotmail.com for more information.

MOVIE NIGHT – 6 p.m. at the Rising Star Cafe in Wheeler. Call 503-368-3990.

ALCOHOLICS ANON-

YMOUS - 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. North County Recreation District, Nehalem. 503-368-5093.

BRIDGE, PINOCHLE AND CRIBBAGE – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. North County Rec. District, Nehalem. 503-355-3381.

MEALS FOR SENIORS – 11:45 a.m. St. Mary's by the Sea in Rockaway. Call Bob Dempster, 503-355-3244.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S GROUP – 7:30 a.m. Grumpy's Cafe, 202 Hwy 101, Rockaway Beach. 503-355-0567.

ALCOHOLICS ANON-YMOUS – 7-8 p.m. St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Nehalem.

GARIBALDI LIBRARY STORYTIME – 2:45 p.m. 503-322-2100.

GARIBALDI JAM – 6-8 p.m. Featuring local musicians at the Garibaldi Community Hall.

MEALS FOR SENIORS – 11:45 a.m. St. Mary's by the Sea in Rockaway. Call Bob Dempster, 503-355-3244.

SPIRIT DANCE – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays. Pine Grove Community Center, Manzanita. Free-form dance celebration.

OPEN GALLERY - 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hoffman Center for the Arts in Manzanita. Check out the latest work by local artists. For more information, call 503-368-3846.

LIVE MUSIC - 9 p.m. at the San Dune Pub on in Manzanita. Cover charge. For more information, call 503-368-5080.

MANZANITA PACE SETTLERS WALK/JOG/RUN GROUP – 7:30 a.m. Parking lot behind Spa Manzanita.

PICKLE BALL - 2 p.m. in Manzanita City Park on 3rd Street. New members or drop-ins welcome. Contact Corinne at cbbcalm@gmail.com for more information.

GRANDPARENTS PAR- ENTING AGAIN – Call Steve or Jackie for meetings. 503-355-2440.

Reserve

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Watershed Council at the North County Recreation District in Nehalem. In November, "Ocean Shorts," a program of short films curated by the Wandering Reel Traveling Film Festival, was shown at the Hoffman Center for the Arts in Manzanita to a capacity crowd. The Friends plan to build on that success in 2020, with plans for a film series highlighting climate change challenges and solutions.

The Friends also increased their outreach to the hospitality industry, outdoor recreation visitors and local government during 2019. They worked with local hoteliers to integrate information about the marine reserves into marketing and in-room materials, providing photos, videos, activity guides, informational handouts and a coloring book. Working with the North Coast Tourism Management Network, the Friends helped launch a Trailhead & Beach Amba-

sador volunteer program with Oregon State Parks and Oregon Coast Visitors Association, which includes an ambassador station near the Cape Falcon trailhead at Oswald West State Park. The Friends also presented information on the marine reserve to the city councils of Manzanita, Cannon Beach, Seaside and Gearhart.

The Friends look forward to continuing to learn about and enjoy Cape Falcon Marine Reserve through a full slate of events in 2020, starting with a talk on Oregon's Black Oystercatchers at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Seaside Library. The Friends will also participate in the effort to share photographs of the next King Tide series, which arrives at the coast Saturday, Feb. 8- Monday, Feb. 10. Keep your eyes on local calendars for additional upcoming events.

About Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve
The Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve are volunteer citizens and organizations working to increase understanding of and grow appreciation for Cape Falcon



Marine Reserve, located in Oregon's ocean between Manzanita and Cannon Beach. They coordinate education events, engage the community in reserve management planning and implementation, and promote scientific research through community science projects related to the reserve. In these efforts, the Friends of Cape Falcon play a critical role in fostering and maintaining local support of the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve specifically and Oregon's marine reserves system in general.

Learn more about the Friends by visiting <http://www.nehalemtrust.org/capefalcnmr> or by contacting Margaret Minnick at capefalcnmr@gmail.com or (503) 298-5190.

Food Vendors Wanted

Tillamook Home & Garden Show
Saturday, April 4, 9 - 4 p.m.
Sunday, April 5, 11 - 4 p.m.
(Can open one hour early to serve on-site vendors)

Inside Main Kitchen
\$375 Fee for use of facilities includes all kitchen appliances stove, oven, cashier & serving counter. We provide dining area. Includes 1/2 page display ad in the event program.

We are looking for a vendor who can serve coffee and other breakfast beverages plus a few light breakfast items each day, followed by moderately priced lunches and refreshments throughout the afternoon.

Garden Market
Outside Vendor Package
\$135 includes electricity and a 1/16 page event program display ad.

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For more information:
Call 503-842-7535 or email [Katherine Mace](mailto:Katherine.Mace@headlightads.com) at headlightads@countrymedia.net or stop by the office at 1906 Second St., Tillamook, OR 97141

HOFFMAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS MANZANITA

Please visit hoffmanarts.org for more information on these events.
503-368-3846 • e-mail info@hoffmanarts.org.
594 Laneda Ave., Manzanita

The Hoffman Center for the Arts is a non-profit public benefit charity, qualified under IRS Section 501(c)3.

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 14-16, from 1 to 4 p.m.
Gallery Show "Fantastical February"
Beaded and Painted Medieval Images by Zemula Fleming, Mosaics by Denise Sirchie, and Collage by Melissa Young

Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
"Setting as Character" Writing Workshop
Led by Kim Taylor Blakemore
Tuition: \$50.
Register at hoffmanarts.org

Saturday, Feb. 15, at 4 p.m. (NEW TIME)
Manzanita Writers Series
Author: Kim Taylor Blakemore
"The Companion"
Admission: \$7

Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 10:30 to 1 p.m.
Writing Lounge Winter WordPlay: "Visual Spark: A Right Brain Boost for Character or Plot"
Led by Laura Bailey
Open to all. Drop-in Fee: \$5

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 21-23, from 1 to 4 p.m.
Gallery Show "Fantastical February"
Beaded and Painted Medieval Images by Zemula Fleming, Mosaics by Denise Sirchie, and Collage by Melissa Young

Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 10:30 to 1 p.m.
Writing Lounge
Quiet Writing, Open to all. Drop-in Fee: \$5

Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 3 to 5 p.m.
The Art of Dying Discussion Group
"A Year to Live ~ Learning the Art of Surrender", Admission \$5

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 28 – Mar. 1, from 1 to 4 p.m.
Gallery Show "Fantastical February"
Beaded and Painted Medieval Images by Zemula Fleming, Mosaics by Denise Sirchie, and Collage by Melissa Young

Friday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m.
Manzanita Film Night
"Best of the Pacific University Gateway Film Festival"
Short works by young filmmakers
Admission: \$7

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Obituaries

The North Coast Citizen has several options for submitting obituaries.

- **Basic Obituary:** Includes the person's name, age, town of residency, and information about any funeral services. No cost.
- **Custom Obituary:** You choose the length and wording of the announcement. The cost is \$75 for the first 200 words, \$50 for each additional 200 words. Includes a small photo at no additional cost.
- **Premium Obituary:** Often used by families who wish to include multiple photos with a longer announcement, or who wish to run a thank-you. Cost varies based on the length of the announcement.

All obituary announcements are placed on the North Coast Citizen website at no cost.

Closing the gaps: Grad rates up to all-time high in Oregon

Following an 8-point leap from last year, graduation rate gains continued to grow for Tillamook School District, where the four-year graduation rate grew to 86.6 percent from 84.1 percent. At 82, 84, 88 and 87 percent, respectively, Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and Washington counties outperformed the state average.

The statewide graduation rate for the class of 2018-19 is 80 percent, up 1.3 percentage points over the previous year and the highest graduation rate ever recorded in Oregon, according to data released by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). The four-year graduation rate has increased eight percentage points over five years.

The gap in high school graduation rates between historically underserved student groups and the state average is smaller than in previous years. The year-to-year increase in graduation rates was greater for every underserved student group than the increase in the state average, bringing underserved student groups closer to the statewide

average than ever before.

"This year's graduation rate increase means nearly 600 additional students earned a diploma," ODE Director Colt Gill said. "We are seeing even faster growth for students of color, students with disabilities and students navigating poverty than the state as a whole. Student Success Act funding will build on this promising foundation to foster equity and excellence for all Oregon students."

The table below shows how some student groups fared since the 2010-2011 cohort graduated in 2014:

Student group	Class of 2014	Class of 2019	Difference
All	72.0	80.0	8.0
Asian	85.9	92.3	6.4
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	68.8	77.6	8.8
American Indian/Alaska Native	53.5	67.7	14.2
Black/African American	60.2	70.4	10.2
Hispanic/Latino	64.9	76.2	11.3
English Learners in High School	51.7	60.2	8.5
Special Education	51.1	63.4	12.3

"Every student in Oregon deserves to graduate prepared for lifelong success and with

a plan for their future," Gov. Kate Brown said. "Working together over the last five years, through a commitment to closing opportunity gaps for students in all our communities, we have made steady progress increasing the number of Oregon students completing high school."

"With the historic reinvestment in education made possible by the Student Success Act, our schools will be further empowered to engage and support Oregon's students in reaching new levels of learning and achievement," Brown said.

graduation rates over last year to 79.4 percent, less than a percentage point below the statewide average.

At 80 percent, Oregon's four-year graduation rate has never been higher. Even so, the school districts in the four counties making up the Northwest Regional Education Service District (ESD) collectively outperformed the state graduation rate in 2018-19 by 6 points.

"The educators in our region work so hard to support each student's success," said Dan Goldman, superintendent of Northwest Regional

ESD. "It really is an exciting opportunity to celebrate their dedication and conviction."

Goldman said by digging into these results a little deeper, it can be seen that the most significant growth is in schools that protect time for teachers to collaborate, those that regularly monitor student progress and adjust instruction accordingly, and in those that build culturally sustaining and welcoming school climates where children and families from all backgrounds feel they belong.

High school success highlights from the four-county region include:

- The four-year graduation rate for Astoria School District jumped to 85.8 percent from 77.7 percent.
- Rainier School District helped an additional 8 percent of its students from the class of 2018 cross the finish line by the end of their fifth

Other highlights from the data:

- Students who have successfully completed English Learner programs in Oregon graduate at a rate of 84.3 percent, higher than the statewide average. Speaking multiple languages improves education outcomes no matter which language a student learns first.

• Students taking a Career and Technical Education (CTE) course graduated at a rate of 88.9 percent in four years and those enrolled in a CTE program of study had a 93.5 percent graduation rate in four years.

• The graduation rate for students experiencing homelessness is up from 50.7 percent from the class of 2017, to 55.4 percent for the class of 2019. The class of 2017 was the first class for which this data was collected.

• Students in the Migrant Education Program saw a 4.4 percentage point increase in

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Super Crossword

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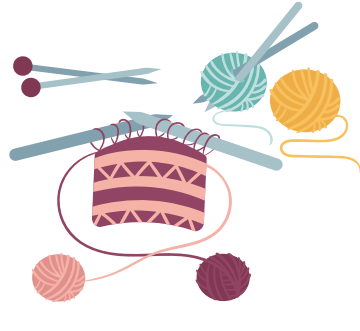
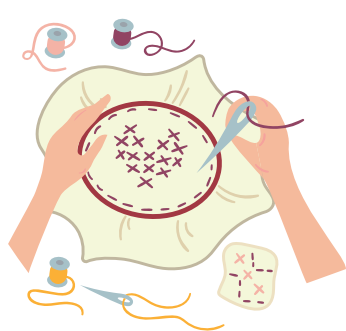
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Applicants should reside in the District which is the same boundaries as Nehalem Bay Fire & Rescue except for the Riverside Estates Annexation. Statements of interest with contact information should be received prior to March 03, 2020.

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Oregon kindergarten assessment results for 2019-20

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the Early Learning Division (ELD) jointly released results from the 2019-20 Oregon Kindergarten Assessment, which were largely unchanged from the previous year.

The assessment is given each fall to entering kindergartners and provides a snapshot of students' foundational skills in three core areas of learning and development: early literacy, early math and interpersonal/self-regulation

skills. "Opportunity gaps for children begin at birth. Our Kindergarten Assessment results continue to underscore that our youngest children do not have access to the quality early learning they need," said Miriam Calderon, Oregon's Early Learning System director. "We've started to move this needle through the Student Success Act and need continued focus on providing supports that are proven to have a long-term impact for young children and families."

The Student Success Act, which was passed by the 2019 Oregon Legislature, expands access to high-quality preschool through Preschool Promise and high-quality preschool and infant/toddler

care and education through Oregon Pre-kindergarten. The Act also includes funding for the newly established Early Childhood Equity Fund, which creates culturally specific early learning and parent support programs.

Though the investments will help support many more children and families in Oregon, there will still be too few preschoolers unserved in publicly-funded, high-quality preschool.

2019-20 Oregon Kindergarten Assessment results:

Early Math scores: students correctly answered 11 out of 16 simple math questions. In the previous year, correct scores came in at 11.1.

Scores for Approaches to Learning remained the

same at 3.6 out of 5. This key assessment includes examining a student's social-emotional well-being via teachers observing and leading the student through daily activities such as following directions or cooperatively playing in groups.

Early Literacy scores: Oregon kindergartners recognized 7.7 letter sounds, 14.3 uppercase letters, and 11.6 lowercase letters. The only difference from the previous year was a lower-case letter score of 11.7.

"The Kindergarten Assessment is one tool that can help us learn about some of the strengths, assets, and needs of Oregon's children. State and, more so, local data is a critical tool in helping children learn and reach their dreams.

The more we learn about our children, the more we can help them succeed," said Colt Gill, director of Oregon Department of Education. "Continued investment in early education is a key component to student success throughout their time in school."

Oregon's 16 regional Early Learning Hubs, which work across education, health, human services, and businesses to support families with young children, use the assessment data to prioritize investments, such as Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation Funds.

Kindergarten Assessment results, including a breakdown by school district, are available online. Private schools are not reflected in the results.

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At the time results were released, records showed 471 students were enrolled in the

district with 65 percent of students on free or reduced-price lunch, and an 89-percent graduation rate.

Standout grade performances could be seen from 11th grade math (15 percent above state), fourth grade English (4 points above state) and fifth grade math (4 percent above state). The lowest scores were seen for sixth grade English (17 percent below state), third grade English (13 percent below state), and eighth grade math (12 percent below state).

Despite this year's success, math test scores

for 11th graders fell more than 18 percent from 2018 while English fell more than 3 percent. Middle school scores were down except for a nearly five-percent jump in seventh grade English. There were mixed results at the elementary level, with big gains in 2019 for fifth grade English (up 16 percent) and math (up 28 percent), but losses of 25 percent for tests on sixth grade English, 20 percent for math.

Nestucca Superintendent Misty Wharton said the district performs better than schools that are similar

in student subgroups or economic challenges. She highlighted the 92 percent on-track statistic for ninth graders, where the state average is 85 percent for freshmen tracking graduation requirements. This past year, every senior who started at Nestucca High School graduated successfully.

Wharton believes relationships are at the foundation of education. Her district, like others, takes care to make connections

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year.

Through the Northwest Regional ESD's "9th Grade Success Professional Learning Network," teams from 31 area high schools convene regularly to dig into research, share successful practices, and collaboratively solve challenges, ultimately multiplying positive student outcomes. Over the four years of the network's existence, participating high schools have shown growth across nearly all student groups in the number of ninth graders on track to graduate.

"We're particularly grateful for the many school district leaders and role models in our region who are unwavering in their commitment to disrupting racial inequities in our school systems and communities," said Sarah Pope, deputy superintendent at Northwest Regional ESD.

Several districts across the region saw significant gains for specific student populations over the last 6 years:

- Beaverton School District saw an increase of 16 points in Latinx students graduating on time. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander students in Beaverton increased to 79.4 percent from

52.4 percent in 2013-14.

- Astoria, Knappa and Warrenton-Hammond school districts all saw increases in excess of 27 points for economically disadvantaged students.

"Incoming investments made possible by the Oregon Legislature's Student Success Act will provide unprecedented opportunities to achieve educational equity," Goldman said.

"Districts in the region are well-positioned to capitalize on the progress they're making in accelerating important outcomes, especially for students of color and those from historically marginalized backgrounds."

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Ground personnel had been unable to reach the woman's location by vehicle due to the steepness of the cliff. A Coast Guard aircrew aboard an MH-60 Jayhawk was launched and diverted to the area.



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At 12 p.m., the aircrew arrived on scene. The rescue swimmer deployed and hoisted the woman into the helicopter. At 12:06 p.m., the aircrew brought the

woman safely to Nehalem Bay State Park to awaiting emergency medical services.

The woman's current condition is unknown.

Rainy Day Village celebrates pre-launch events

Rainy Day Village Network will be celebrating pre-launch events on Saturday, Feb. 15, and Tuesday, Feb. 25, in Nehalem.

On Feb. 15, Rainy Day Village will be hosting a social gathering with a free soup and salad lunch, conversation and games from 1-3 p.m. at the Nehalem Bay United Methodist Church on 10th Street. They have some fun activities planned, so please join us.

On Feb 25, from 4-6 p.m. at the North Coast Recreation District on 9th Street, there will be food and fun and the opportunity to sign up to become a village member, volunteer or both. The Steering

Committee will be on hand to give you information about Rainy Day Village Network and to help you fill out member or volunteer applications if you are ready to come aboard.

At both events, Rainy Day Village will give away one trail three-month membership as a door prize.

Rainy Day Village's vision is to create and support ways to age in community, where people join together to help each other maintain vibrant and connected lives in the places they love. They are reinventing the image of retirement such that they have meaningful relationships with others, are useful and creative, can

safely stay in our homes as we age, we continue to grow and learn, as we use our money wisely.

Rainy Day Village invites you to become part of the Village, an all-volunteer group with plans to launch by May 1, serving Arch Cape to Twin Rocks and the Lower Nehalem Valley.

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between students and staff. She finds it valuable for students to know there is an adult to turn to for any number of concerns. While it's not a formal system, Wharton said the school size makes it easier to know and follow every student, every family.

Small class size is also part of what throws test results around dramatically, Wharton said, noting that one or two students having an off day could affect the

numbers when classes are small. Because of that, the district uses other methods and tests to monitor the progress of students and the overall performance of the schools. Wharton also noted that opt-out numbers in other districts should be evidence to legislators that not everyone values the state tests as performance gauges.

Student Success Act funding is also coming to Nestucca. A strategic plan adopted in 2017 will guide that spending. Wharton pointed to a great need for social and emotional wellness programs, particularly

at the elementary level. She said if students don't feel safe, aren't well fed, aren't having their needs met, they will struggle in an academic setting and may exhibit unproductive behavior.

Wharton said you won't find all of Nestucca's success within the state test scores. She said it's found in other teaching and testing methods applied throughout the year, and in the feedback from teachers and students.

"That's what we're really good at in this district," Wharton said. "We care about our kids whether they have an A or an F."

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The 30th Annual Pool-a-thon fundraiser at Nehalem Pool

The 30th Annual Pool-a-thon fundraiser is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Nehalem Pool and North County Recreation District (NCRD). This is a kid-powered event, which raises a substantial amount of funds necessary to keep the NCRD/Nehalem Elementary Swim Program afloat. The Pool-A-Thon has

become a major fundraiser for the NCRD/Nehalem Elementary Swim Instruction/Water Safety Awareness Program which impacts the lives of all students, kindergarten through fifth grade, including the Neah-Kah-Nie District No. 56 Adaptive Swim Program. The mission of this program is to provide a safe environment in which


the students can learn to swim, and be educated in water safety, while instilling the value of swimming as a lifetime skill and healthy recreational activity. In 1930, the school district was planning an addition to the school in Nehalem. The drowning of two local teenage boys prompted the community

to ask the school district to add a natatorium. 89 years later, the NCRD continues to accomplish their mission of providing swim instruction and water safety to all Nehalem Elementary students. Historically, the community has financially supported students who are swimming laps for dollars during pool-a-thon. The Saturday following the Pool-A-Thon, the swimmers are rewarded with a celebratory party for their dedication to the cause.




Participating kids will be canvassing throughout the community Thursday, Jan. 23, through Saturday, Feb. 29, looking for sponsors who will pledge dollars for their swimming efforts. By pledging money to a student swimmer, you can help guarantee the continuance of this vital program that has existed for over 88 years. Sponsors are asked to

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Tourism Commission. Wullschlager announced that the tourism commission is having their first meeting Thursday, Jan. 30.

The planning commission discussed considering drafting by-laws for internal operation. From the Garibaldi Charter Chapter 2.20, section 2.20.060, C, "The commission shall adopt rules and regulations for its government and procedure consistent with the laws of Oregon and with the city charter and ordinances." Another name for this is by-laws, Wullschlager said.

"Eventually, if the commission produces by-laws, they would be submitted in ordinance for consideration by the city council," Wullschlager said.

This does not preclude the planning commission from drafting by-laws in the meantime.



Americas Pierson, a Neah-Kah-Nie freshman, went to her first Speech and Debate practice in November. This past week, Americas won the Novice Prose Final at Linfield College in just her third tournament, an amazing accomplishment in a crowded event.

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