

On May 29, NCRD held a groundbreaking ceremony on its 7th street lot in downtown Nehalem. About 30 members of the community attended to celebrate the beginning of construction of four new pickleball courts.

Manning the shovels were NCRD board chair Jack Bloom, Nehalem Bay Pickleball Club President Gordon Louie, Friends of NCRD President Constance Shimek, and Michael McEwan from Mc-Ewan Construction. The project funding includes a \$73,800 grant from Oregon Parks and Recreation, \$10,100 from the pickleball club, \$1,400 from the Friends of NCRD, and the balance from NCRD.

This project began with a series of discussions dating back to late 2017 when the Nehalem Bay Pickleball Club approached NCRD with a demonstrated need for new courts in the area. Eventually a plan was developed for fundraising and community support, and by January, 2019, a grant application was submitted to Oregon Parks and Recreation. The grant was approved in September, and work began on

designing the courts. Bids were invited in March and McEwan Construction of Gearhart was awarded the contract in April.

The new courts will be on a mostly vacant lot facing 7th street in downtown Nehalem, adjacent to the NCRD obstacle course. The club currently has 60 members but everyone involved is predicting there will be many new players once the courts are finished. Pickleball is reported to be the fastest growing sport in America. Thanks to the many donors and supporters who helped make this possible!



NCRD board chair Jack Bloom, Nehalem Bay Pickleball Club President Gordon Louie, Friends of NCRD President Constance Shimek, and Michael McEwan from McEwan Construction use the ceremonial gold shovels to break ground for new pickleball courts in Nehalem. *Courtesy photo*





Hoffman Center sets online music course

The Hoffman Center for the Arts will host a six -week online "Music Appreciation You Always Wished You'd Taken" class, beginning in mid-June and running through July.

The class will be led by Peter Kramer and conducted via Zoom. The one-hour sessions will be held weekly on Thursdays at 11a.m. beginning June 18. Tuition will be \$120.



Registration can be done online at https://hoffmanarts.org/register/ Born in Portland, Kramer

graduated from the Oberlin Conservatory, with a double major in Composition and Harpsichord performance, and is finishing his PhD in Composition at the City University of New York Graduate Center. He is returning to Portland and Manzanita this summer to spend time with his family -- Candace Kramer and Drew Prell.

Peter Kramer

"This is primarily a lecture course to inspire and educate people about music history," said Kramer. "I will send music examples ahead for participants to hear. These will be played again and discussed in class"

A 47-foot Coast Guard boat plows through the surf. (Bottom) Boatswain Mate 1st Class Jimmy Thrall at the wheel on calmer water of the Tillamook Bay. *Courtesy Photos*

SURF'S UP, HE'S GOT YOUR SIX!

Karl Anderson Guest Contributor

When your average person thinks of the word "surfman" they picture a guy hitting the beach with a board. But for Boatswain Mate 1st Class Jimmy Thrall, he plows through the surf behind the wheel of a boat to save people or vessels in distress. Specifically, a 47-foot boat owned by the U.S. Coast Guard. His title: "Surfboat Driver" or "Surfman."

Thrall, a resident of Bay City, began his career with the Coast Guard in 2005 and has been at Station Tillamook Bay for the past five years.

"I entered boot camp at Cape May, New Jersey in February of 2005," Thrall said. "That was for eight weeks, which was followed by cutter duty. "I was on the buoy tender cutter 'Anthony Petit' from 2005 through 2006 and then on the cutter 'Active' from 2006 through 2008."

Thrall sailed on the 'Active' from Port Angeles, Washington down the Pacific Coast all the way to the waters off Colom-



bia and Ecuador on a drug interdiction mission. "We crossed the equator on that trip", he said. "I think El Salvador was the sketchiest place I saw."

His cutter service completed, Thrall then aimed his sights at surfman certification. He attended Basic Coxswain School for two weeks, followed by Heavy Weather Coxswain School for three weeks, and Surfman School for four weeks, all in Ilwaco, Washington. During this time he was assigned to Station Quillayute River in La Push where he remained until 2015.

In May of 2015 he was assigned to Station Tillamook Bay.

Of the 40 Coast Guard personnel currently at the station, only five are surfmen.

Thrall said the Tillamook Bar is unquestionably the most dangerous bar on the Oregon coast. "It is so unpredictable due to so many shallow spots that are caused by the jetties. Conditions can change in a matter of minutes."

When asked if saving lives has been his biggest challenge as a surfman, he candidly said "I really don't think of saving lives as a challenge. It's just my job." But he recalled one time when things were "a bit dicey" in October of 2015.

"There was a commercial fishing boat called the 'Willapa' that had become disabled about two miles or so out at sea



off Manzanita. We were towing her back toward Tillamook Bay. It was close to midnight. We knew the bar was going to be picking up and we wanted to hurry and get them in. The bar was going to be deteriorating quickly. When we started getting close to the bar, the other lifeboat came out to see what would be the best area to come in. We decided the north side of the bar was the best because the south side had already started to break.

When we started coming in through the jaws a big wave came through and picked up the boat, causing it to surf up the towline. There was only one guy on the boat."

Thrall instinctively applied more power to keep the towline taught.

"We got her in just seconds before the north side started to break," he said. "Had it started to break before we got there, we would have been forced to wait out there until the tide changed, or all night."

While he said three boats have capsized on the bar during his five years at the station, there has only been one casualty: a man who died from a heart attack. "But I know there have been many deaths on the bar before I came here."

But the biggest emotional challenge for the surfman occurred on July 7, 2010.

"We had a Coast Guard helicopter crash in La Push," he said. "They had hit a power pole and sheared off the tail rotor. I was called up as part of the search and recovery team and later as part of the salvage operation."

The only survivor was the co-pilot, Thrall said. "Two of the crew members were killed but we couldn't locate the pilot. We had to assume at that point that he might have still been alive.

Debris from the wreckage was everywhere. They finally found the pilot's body in the front part of the fuselage underwater. He was still strapped in his seat."

Station Tillamook Bay confirmed that "As one of the Senior Duty Officers at the station, he (Thrall) has coordinated or responded to 105 search and rescue missions, preserved 6.9 million dollars of property and has saved 11 people."

In addition to his job as a surfman for the Coast Guard, Thrall has also been a volunteer firefighter for the Bay City Fire Department for the past two and a half years, as have five other members of Station Tillamook Bay.

Thrall lives with his wife, Rachele, three sons, and one daughter in Bay City. Links to other music will be forwarded to participants to help them understand how music from earlier eras were incorporated into later works.

Kramer said he hopes for interactive sessions wherein people ask questions, and he looks forward to learning participants' interests and the connections they make.

The weekly sessions will cover: The Classical Era and the Birth of the Piano, The Sonata Form, Romantic Era Songs, Piano Music of the Romantic Era, The Modern (prewar) Era, and the Recent Past (postwar) Music.

"We appreciate Peter bringing this course to the Hoffman Center. It fits right in with our mission of helping people explore arts and culture," said Hoffman board president Mary Roberts. "Plus, in light of current social distancing concerns, it can be done very effectively online."

County fully reopens 13 area boat launches

Hilary Dorsey

Staff Writer

The Tillamook Board of County Commissioners voted Wednesday, May 27, to reopen 13 county boat launches seven days per week. Effective at 6 p.m. Friday, May 29, these 13 boat launches will be open for access by users with a Tillamook County Annual Parking Pass or Day Pass. Fully reopened boat launches include: Burton Fraser, Fishers Point, Little Nestucca, Lake Lytle, Memaloose Point, Nehalem Bay, Netarts Landing, Pacific City, Parks Landing, Roy Creek, Sollie Smith, Steiner and Three Rivers.

The Tillamook Tidewater ADA access boat dock on Highway 131 is also open seven days per week.

Commissioner Mary Faith Bell said the county encourages people to continue safe distancing practices. Just because the weather is nice, it does not mean the danger has passed.

The Cape Kiwanda boat launch at Hungry Harbor Drive shall be open seven days a week to commercial dory boat operators, who are also permitted to the park on the beach. The boat launch is open to recreational dory boat operators Monday through Friday. Recreational operators are prohibited from parking on the beach but are permitted to park trailers in the Cape Kiwanda parking lot. The Hungry Harbor Drive boat launch will be closed at 6 p.m. on Fridays to the recreational fleet.

Commission Chair David Yamamoto said, things are going very well with opening the boat launches.

Kilchis River Campground boat launch and Whalen Island boat launch will remain closed until June 15. Mills Bridge and Mapes Creek boat launches will remain closed until further notice.

"The big test to me is going to be this weekend when

County discusses Phase II reopening, updates

Hilary Dorsey

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In Tillamook County Leadership Teleconferences held Friday, May 29, and Monday, June 1, the team provided updates on how Phase I reopening is going in different areas of the county and discussed Phase II reopening.

Adventist Health Tillamook President Eric

Swanson said the hospital is working on getting serology testing locally by the end of the month. A serology test is an antibody test, can detect if a person has had COVID-19 before and has since recovered.

"We have the ability to apply to Phase II of the reopening and we'll be discussing that at the incident command meeting this morning," Tillamook

County Community Health Centers Administrator Marlene Putman said during the June 1 call. "There are some minimum requirements that we need to meet."

One of these requirements is to provide the number of contact tracers in the county. The county must be able to do successful tracing.

"We're continuing to monitor," Putman said. Gordon McCraw, incident

command, gave the update for Tillamook County **Community Health Centers** on May 29. They tested several assisted living homes and the results came back negative.

Testing supplies are adequate for current demand and could respond to a surge for a short period of time, up to a week, depending on the type of surge," McCraw said.

McCraw said a request has to now be submitted for personal protective equipment (PPE).

McCraw said they will be looking at the conditions for opening up for Phase II.

The center met with the Tillamook Creamery and looked at their plan and provided advice for reopening. The county has been in Phase I for two weeks and can apply for Phase II, if it

meets all the requirements, on Friday, June 5. The county does not know what Phase II will look like yet.

State Sen. Betsy Johnson said claims continue to pour in for unemployment. Rep. David Gomberg said relying on existing mechanisms is not working. Half of the claims processed have not resulted in unemployment checks.

Lewis Rice attorneys win victory for five Oregon landowners

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Attorneys from Lewis Rice's Federal Takings & Rails to Trails Practice won a significant victory on May 8 for five Oregon landowners who brought takings claims against the federal government. The claim resulted from the conversion of the abandoned Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad into the Salmonberry Trail, a public recreation hiking and biking trail, which crossed the landowners? property.

The landowners sued the federal government when it authorized the conversion of the Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad into the Salmonberry

Trail in 2016. They alleged the land underlying the railroad easement belonged to them, and the conversion of the railroad into a public recreational trail was not authorized under Oregon law.

Meghan Largent, attorney from Lewis Rice's Federal Takings & Rails to Trails Practice, said she reached out to the landowners affected and represented several of them in the lawsuit. The case was filed in 2016.

In May 2020, Judge Nancy B. Firestone of the United States Court of Federal Claims ruled in the landowners' favor, holding that the easements over their property that were originally granted to the Pacific Navigation & Railway Company were limited to railroad purposes only and could not be used for public recreation.

Largent pointed out the case was not against the trail. Many of the landowners in the case are excited about the trail.

In Firestone's opinion, it states "the cases involve a nearly 80-mile railroad right of way established in 1907 by the railroad and later obtained by Port of Tillamook Bay (POTB). On July 26, 2016, the Surface Transportation Board (STB). an agency of the United States, authorized railbanking and allowing a trail operator, the Salmonberry Trail Intergovernmental Agency, to establish the Salmonberry Trail along the railway. A railbanking and trail use agreement between POTB and the Salmonberry Trail Intergovernmental Agency regarding the railway corridor was entered Oct. 27, 2017.'

As a result of Firestone's decision, the federal government is liable for taking the Oregon landowners' property for public use. The landowners will now proceed before Firestone to determine the amount of compensation they are owed for the taking of their land. Largent said she is glad that they are at a point where the landowners can be compensated.

An evaluation of the land will also take place in the next month or so, Largent said. The court's order

said Firestone would reach out by the end of the month about the landowners coming before her about the compensation but in light of the pandemic, Largent has not received a message about this yet. When a date is made, they will put in the schedule time to allow appraisers to evaluate the land.

Largent said sometimes these cases end up as a trial. The trial would take place at the federal courthouse in Portland.

Largent said no matter the outcome, nothing would affect the trail itself.

'The Salmonberry Trail will go forward," Largent said.

Request an in-person appointment with DMV

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has developed a web-based request form for limited in-person services at DMV field offices. The form will temporarily replace a phone scheduling process that was overwhelmed by more than 18,000 calls in one hour on Monday, June 1. DMV normally gets about 8,000 in a day.

The new form will be in place at 8 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, or sometime Tuesday afternoon, June 2.

When it is available at www.OregonDMV.com, a simple tool will ask you a short series of questions to determine whether you can do your business online or need an in-person visit. If you qualify, you can fill out a form with your name and contact information. A DMV agent will contact you to schedule the in-person appointment. Please remember, once you submit the online form it will take some time for DMV to respond to the historically high demand.

We apologize for the wait Oregonians have already endured due to the COVID-19 crisis, and the wait ahead as

we begin working the pent up demand," DMV Administrator Tom McClellan said in a press release. "We don't know how long it will take to catch up with a backlog this huge, but we think it will take months, especially with health and safety protocols in place. Please continue to see if you can get what you need online or by mail, and please be patient."

The new web-based form to request an appointment, plus an online index of services that can be done by mail, not just online, will make it easier for you to do

business from home. They are also expanding call center capacity.

As of Wednesday, only these services will be available at about two-thirds of DMV's offices by appointment:

• Driver licensing and ID cards - originals, renewals and replacements, including passenger car and commercial licenses, and instruction permits

• Driver knowledge tests · Driving privilege reinstatements with a license issuance

· Disabled parking plac-

ards

· VIN inspections for newto-Oregon vehicles previously titled elsewhere

 Farm endorsements The law enforcement

grace period for expired licenses, permits, and registration is still in effect.

As DMV begins offering in-person services, they will closely monitor how quickly they are able to work through the backlog and will work with law enforcement to determine when the grace period will end. For now, schedule an appointment only if absolutely necessary

to leave appointment slots for priority transactions. They will provide ample notice and communication before the grace period is set to end.

There are now many services you can do online. Find out more at DMV2U. Oregon.gov or get forms and a mailing address at OregonDMV.com.

When you do visit a DMV office, expect to follow safe social distancing and other measures in place for customers and employees.



2020 beach monitoring season now postponed

the commissioners voted to

lift the limit of three persons

comply with all Oregon State

and the Governor's order on

physical distancing in parking

lots, boat launches, and boats,

which requires maintaining a

followed the county and has

The City of Tillamook has

distance of six feet.

per boat. Boaters should

Marine Board regulations

Beach monitoring for the 2020 season is post-Health Authority will not monitor ocean water for harmful bacteria.

Congratulations!



Montana Ruona

It is hard to express how proud we are of you and how excited we are to see what adventures lie ahead!

Love, Mom & Dad

poned. Due to Gov. Brown's "Stay Home, Save Lives" executive order, state parks, park-managed parking lots and beach access points are temporarily closed. Local authorities may also decide to close other beach access points along the coastline.

For areas where public access is open, you are still allowed to use the beach and access the water if you can keep physical distancing requirements.

Please be aware that until the executive order is lifted, and beach access points reopen, the Oregon

County

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we open up transient lodging again," Yamamoto said. "This is going to be very interesting to see how things operate; what the county looks like." At their May 20 meeting,

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When monitoring resumes, OBMP will follow a three-week sampling schedule, as listed below. Once sampling is completed for weeks 1 through 3, the schedule will repeat until the sampling season ends. The list of monitored beaches includes some of the most frequently visited beaches in Oregon, as well as beaches where OBMP has found bacteria present, or beaches for which local partners and the public have requested monitoring due to potential pollution concerns.

> opened all of the boat ramps seven days a week. Sue H. Elmore and Carnahan boat launches are both open.

All county, state and federal parks within Tillamook County remain closed. All other county parking lots, beach accesses and certain parking areas along road rights-of-way remain closed.





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Bottle bill redemption requirements modified

As Oregon grocers prepare to restart accepting empty beverage container returns, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) is announcing additional adjustments in retailer redemption requirements. The move will modify the required hours for Bottle Bill returns in order to provide retailers greater flexibility for managing store operations and customer flow. During Reopening Oregon Phase 1, the OLCC will refrain from enforcing the requirement that stores accept empty beverage container returns before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. for stores that are not open 24 hours a day. Stores operating 24 hours a day will be required to accept containers from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and the OLCC will not enforce the Bottle Bill redemption requirement during the graveyard shift.

Previously, on March 15, in an effort to allow stores to appropriately manage the COVID-19 crisis, OLCC suspended enforcing the requirement for retailers to accept empty beverage container returns for refunds as required by the Oregon Bottle Bill. Starting June 1, OLCC will link the enforcement of Bottle Bill compliance to the phase a county is in (Baseline, Phase 1).

OLCC will restart its compliance enforcement in these areas no later than two weeks after a county enters Phase 1. (For example: counties that entered Phase 1 on May 15 will have to become compliant by May 29.) Retailers in Phase 1 counties will be required to resume accepting empty beverage containers from

ine, customers, both through their reverse vending machines and m- by hand count.

For counties that remain in the baseline phase, the OLCC will continue to suspend enforcement requiring retailers to accept empty container returns, until the county progresses to Phase 1. If a county reverses direction from Phase 1 to the baseline phase, the OLCC then will re-suspend enforcement for retailers declining to accept beverage container returns until the county re-enters Phase 1.

For retailers required to resume accepting redeemable beverage containers, the number of empty containers retailers are required to accept remains the same as prior to the COVID-19 non-enforcement period, either 24, 50, or 144.

Limited state park camping returns to coast and more

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) released Friday, May 29, a list of state park campgrounds that are scheduled to open with limited services within the coming days.

OPRD Director Lisa Sumption said, "I am cautiously delighted. We are working hard to welcome campers wherever we can safely do so, as soon as we can."

Sumption said that campgrounds will open only when the following conditions are met:

• Public health guidelines (OHA established) for the county are fulfilled.

• The local community agrees.

• The park has enough staff, sup-

plies and equipment to safely open and operate at a basic level.

Sumption also noted that revenue loss, COVID-19 precautions and staff reductions will curtail services at most if not all campgrounds. Cabin and yurt camping, except in rare cases, will not be offered. Group camping remains closed across the state, due to distancing concerns.

RV and tent campers with existing reservations for a campground that opens will be honored beginning June 9. Not all sites or loops may be available at open campgrounds. For parks in the coastal region, there will be no walk-in or first come, first-served camping until further notice.

The online reservation system has been suspended since April 28. It will reopen for new reservations sometime next week, and will accept new reservations one day to two weeks in advance. OPRD will announce the reservation reopening date early next week through its website, stateparks.oregon.gov.

First come, first-served campgrounds in eastern Oregon lead the way. The following campgrounds open Friday, May 29. Others may be added to this list without a formal announcement. For updates, please check the website:

1. Goose Lake, south of Lakeview 2. Jackson Kimball, northwest of Chiloquin

3. Minam, north of La Grande 4. Hilgard Junction, near La

Grande 5. Catherine Creek, near Union

6. Clyde Holliday, near John Day

7. Cottonwood Canyon, southeast

of The Dalles

Campgrounds scheduled to open June 9, 2020:

Coast Note: All group camping, cabins and yurts closed. No walk-in or first come, first-served camping until further potice. Additional services

and yurts closed. No walk-in or firs come, first-served camping until further notice. Additional services or changes will be on park page. Please visit the link. Fort Stevens, near Astoria
Cape Lookout, near Tillamook (Loops A & B closed)

• Nehalem Bay, south of Cannon Beach

• Beverly Beach, north of Newport

• South Beach, south of Newport • Jessie M. Honeyman, south of Florence

• William M. Tugman, south of Reedsport

• Sunset Bay, near Coos Bay (B Loop closed)

- Bullards Beach, north of Bandon: (Horse camp closed)
 Humbug Mountain, south of
- Port Orford

Harris Beach, in Brookings

Oregon Emergency Board approves \$8.5 million for rental assistance: \$75,000 coming to CARE in Tillamook County

In April the Oregon Legislative Assembly's joint Emergency Board approved \$8.5 million for rental assistance for households impacted by COVID 19. These funds are now being distributed throughout the state through Oregon's 18 regional community action agencies. CARE is a part of the three-county partnership, that includes Columbia and Clatsop counties, which received a total of \$299,610 of that \$8.5 million. CARE will be administering these funds locally.

According to Oregon Housing and Community Services, state funds were allocated using a needs-based formula that factors in rent burden, poverty, homelessness and unemployment claims. The result is that an additional \$75,000 in rental assistance funds are coming to Tillamook County.

The application requirements for this program restrict their use to only those households - individuals or families - earning up to 50 percent of the area median income. According to the US Census Bureau, the median household income for Tillamook County in 2018 was \$47,500. That means that anyone earning up to \$23,750 may be eligible for assistance. This can be a complicated process, so if you think you may be eligible or have questions about the eligibility requirements and if you might qualify, call the CARE offices at 503-842-5261. Applicants should be advised that proof of income loss and other documents will be required to access these funds.

Approved applications for rental assistance will see the funds dispersed directly from the agency to the landlord. The program is designed to both assist with back payments from April and May as well as future payments. For renters who are struggling to pay the rent, communication with your landlord is still key. Renters need to be advised that Executive Order 20-11 which placed a moratorium on evictions does not absolve the renter of their responsibility to pay rent. Once the moratorium expires on June

20, failure to pay back rent may result in eviction. CARE is here to help Tillamook County residents struggling to pay their rent during the COVID-19 crisis, but it is highly encouraged that all renters communicate effectively with their landlords during this time.

If you or someone you know have been laid off or lost wages during to the COVID-19 crisis, CARE is here to help. Thanks to the generosity of our community and statewide foundations, CARE has additional



resources to help those in need, both now in this time of crisis and during our recovery thereafter. Even if you are not eligible for the funds released by the Emergency Board, CARE's case managers are available to help low- to middle-income Tillamook County residents know their options, access resources and guide them through these challenging times. To apply for this program or to learn more about CARE's other resources, please contact the CARE offices at 503-842-5261.

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Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers had an encounter with Orca whales while on boat patrol on Tuesday, May 26, on the Tillamook Bay.

OSP's Fish & Wildlife Division enforces and protects Oregon's sport and commercial fishery regulations, as well as marine resources, along with enforcing laws governing the commercial fishing industry.

See the video here: https://www.facebook.com/OSPsocial/videos/1647489638751877/



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Letters & Columns

Google and Facebook need to pay up



Dean Ridings CEO, America's Newspapers If you are a newspaper subscriber or you pick up a copy at a local retailer, you pay for the news and information you receive in your paper's print edition or digital outlets.

But it may surprise you to learn that the multi-billion-dollar digital behemoths Facebook and Google don't pay for the enormous amounts of news content they scoop up from newspapers every second. Facebook doles out a little bit of money through grants and funds to a few publishers - and Google provides some small grants through its News Initiative. While these are positive steps, they in no way make up for the use of the news content they are using for free.

Newspapers' original

reporting, especially on the community news and information that only local papers can provide, drive traffic to Facebook and Google, keeping people on their sites longer and attracting advertisers

And news is a rich source of revenue for the Big Tech platforms. A 2019 study conducted by the News Media Alliance concluded that news publishers' content makes up 16-39% of Google's search results, which goes largely uncompensated. That figure doesn't include the more intangible benefits that news content, and the data that comes with it, provide the search giant, such as using it for new product development.

The irony is that the news and content that newspapers pay journalists to provide is used by Google and Facebook to steadily drive advertising revenue away from newspapers, and into their coffers. The two digital giants now gobble up 60% of all online advertising in the United States - an amount certain to increase with the cratering of newspaper ad revenue caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Facebook and Google don't have reporters or the associated expense. They rely on small and large newspapers to feed their search results. Here's why this patently

unfair situation should concern you and your community: It now threatens the existence of some local newspapers, the source of news and information that underpins democracy and civic life itself.

It's long past time for Google and Facebook to do what newspapers and their subscribers do: Pay for the local news that benefits them so richly.

There are ways for that to happen. Ideally, Google and Facebook would take the responsibility and voluntarily propose a method to share revenue with newspapers and other news organizations. They already pay licensing fees to music publishers, for instance.

Realistically, though, the two behemoths will have to be forced to a solution. America's Newspapers, an association of some 1,500 newspapers including many operated by families for multiple generations, along with the News Media Alliance and other media associations have urged Congress to pass the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act, allowing newspaper publishers as a group to negotiate rates with Big Tech.

Other nations around the world have taken notice of the ill effect the market



dominance of Google and Facebook has on the viability of independent journalism. Australia is now developing a code that would require Google and Facebook to compensate news organizations when their content is used in the digital giants' news products. Similarly, France just ordered Google to negotiate with news publishers over pay for news content.

This public health crisis has demonstrated the importance of the reporting of local newspapers, even as it has wreaked economic havoc

on them, forcing layoffs and even silencing printing presses on some days. Requiring Google and Facebook to pay their fair share for news would go a long way to restoring the long-term health of your local newspaper.

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The appalling death of George Floyd in Minneapolis recently is yet another horrible reminder of the extent of racial and societal inequity in America. It follows the horrific slayings of Breonna Taylor (fatally shot by police in Louisville on March 23) and of Ahmaud Arbery (fatally shot by a former Glynn County, Georgia police officer on Feb. 23).

Members of the Nehalem Bay Health District (NBHD), The Rinehart Clinic, Nehalem Valley Care Center and the North County Food Bank (NCFB) have been working together for the last few months to understand and learn to respond to the deeply embedded racism - and the tolerance of that racism - that exists in the America of 2020. We are committed to policies and actions that respect and encourage diversity, create equity and ensure inclusion for all citizens. One of the lessons of our work is that it truly matters how we as individuals respond to the reality of racism and inequity. To privately or

quietly condemn the events in Minneapolis - or similar tragic events - while not publicly denouncing these outrages and joining the many voices calling for change is not acceptable. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "To ignore evil is to become an accomplice to it.'

We condemn in the strongest possible terms what happened in Minneapolis and any racially motivated violence. We mourn with George Floyd's friends and family and with all who have suffered. What has happened was wrong and tragic and must not be tolerated, accepted or ignored. Those responsible must be held to account.

The evidence is overwhelming that people of color, or those not part of the dominant white culture in America, suffer disproportionally the historic, original sin of America – racism. From our perspective, the current world and national public health crisis lays bare the depth of wrong that exists in a country of great wealth where many, many people continue to live on the margins, lacking economic security, health care and too often basic human dignity. The victims of COVID-19 have been overwhelmingly poor, African American or Latinx. We recognize that our sys-

tems, including healthcare, have been infected by racism, and that racial health disparities exist because of that.

Our commitment to the people we serve and represent is to never become complacent or accepting of evil against anyone. We have a responsibility - every one of us – to identify and denounce racism and hatred, intolerance and violence wherever it appears. Evil triumphs when good people do nothing. We must not let evil triumph.

Jeff Slamal, NBHD CEO Marc Johnson, NBHD President Lynda Chick, RN NBHD Vice President Debbie Moberly, NBHD Treasurer Barbara Edwardson, NBHD Board Member Tom Mock, NBHD Board Member Gail Nelson, Rinehart Clinic CEO Dianne Bloom, Rinehart Clinic Board Member Terra Marzano, LCSW **Rinehart Clinic Director** of Behavioral Health Liz Vitale, LAc, Rinehart Clinic Licensed Acupuncturist Leigh Ann Hoffhines, Rinehart Clinic Communications Manager Debra Padgett, Nehalem Valley Care Čenter Administrator Tom Ayres, NCFB **Board President** Jackie McCrady, NCFB Board Vice President Blaine Bocarde, NCFB

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We need to make everyone feel welcome

The City of Manzanita recently sent out a packet of information about reopening short term rentals and exhorting residents to make visitors feel welcome. In this packet were pages and pages of explanations about meetings and efforts to reopen and to welcome mainly entitled white people who visit. Clearly, hours of focus, time and money went into these meetings. Wouldn't it be amazing if this same amount of focus, time and money was dedicated to finding ways to make people of color and working families who live among us feel welcome?

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• 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.

• Obituaries need to be submitted by Friday at 5 p.m. the week prior to publication.

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Applications available at www.careinc.org employment page, CARE office: 2310 1st Street, Suite 2, **Tillamook**, or call (503) 842-5261. H49103

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Events, services and businesses open in North County

Upcoming Events

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Nehalem Animal Healing North County Food Bank Rinehart Clinic (curbside prescription pick-up available) Adventist Clinic

Graceful Waves Chiropractic Take-out (Call ahead, ** denotes local delivery)

In Manzanita: • A Mighty Thai -(503).368.8424 • Sister's & Pete's Coffee & Treats - (503).368.7437 • Manzanita News & Espresso - (503).368.7450 • El Trio Loco -(503).368.8746 Left Coast Siesta – (503).368.7997 • Marzano's Pizza – (503).368.3663 • Manzanita Coffee Co. -(503).368.6623 • ML Pub & Grub – (503).368.4990 Sandune Pub – (503).368.5080 • Yolk – (503).368.9665 In Nehalem: • Buttercup -(503).368.2469 ** •The Bunk House -(503).368.5424 ** • Hugo's - (503).368.4444 Pizza Garden – (503).368.7675 ** • Wanda's Cafe -

(503).368.8100 • Wolf Moon Bakery -(503).457.7925 In Wheeler: • Handy Creek Bakery -(503).368.2253 • Bayview Liquor -(503).368.4906 • The Roost -(503).368.2625 • Rising Star Cafe (weekends) - (503).368.3990

Open For Sit-Down Dining (call ahead)

In Manzanita: • A Mighty Thai -(503).368.8424 • Neah-Kah-Nie Bistro -(503).368.2722 MacGregor's Whiskey Bar - (503).368.2447 • The Winery at Manzanita

In Nehalem: • ML Pub & Grub -(503).368.4990 (outside only) • Bayway Tavern -(503).368.5625 • Pizza Garden -(503).368.7675 • Riverside Fish & Chips -(503).368.3344

Grocery Stores (** denotes local delivery)

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In Nehalem:

 Nehalem Food Mart – (503).368.5639 • Mohler Co-op -(503).368.5791

Open Retailers (** denotes face mask required)

In Manzanita:

• Manzanita Lumber Co. -7:30-5, Mon.-Fri.; 8-5 Sat. -(503).368.5337 ** • Manzanita Links – 9-5 daily - (503).368.5744 • 4th Street Gallery -(503).440.5643 ** • Dixie's Vino – 12-6 daily - (503).781.7271 ** · Four Paws on the Beach - 10-5 daily -(503).368.3436 ** Cloud & Leaf Bookstore - 10-3 daily -(503).368.2665 ** • Moxie Fair Trade - Call ahead - (503).368.3638 ** • Salt & Paper – 11-4 daily

- (503).368.7887 ** • Syzygy – 11-5 daily –

(503).368.7573 ** • Bahama Mama's - 10-5 daily - (503).368.2453

• Finnesterre – 11-5 Wed.-Mon. - (503).368.8377 ** • Polaris Gallery – By appointment - (503).703.4828

• T-Spot - 10-5 daily -(503).368.7768 ** • Unfurl – 11-5, Fri.-Tues. (503).368.8316 ** • Wisteria Chic – 11-4, Thur.-Mon. - (503).368.3870

• Yoga Roots Studio -Online classes yogarootsstudiomanzanita@gmail.com

In Nehalem:

• Hal's - 10-5:30 daily -(503).368.5885 ** Nehalem Lumber -7:30-5, Mon.-Sat. -(503).368.5619 • Nehalem Bay Winery -Curbside pick-up only -(503).368.WINE • Riverside Trading - 10-4, Wed.-Mon. (503).368.3344 • Pete's Antiques -(503).368.6018** • Angelina Boutique (June 4)-(503).368.7440 ** • Kendra's Inn Farm Stand - Open daily -(503).368.7488 In Wheeler:

• Wheeler Treasures - 12-5, Thur.-Sat. -

(503).354.4454

• Wheeler Marina - 6-6:30 pm daily - (503).368.5780

• Pelican & Piper - Online orders, curbside pick-up -

www.pelicanandpiper.com Salmonberry Commons

Online orders www.salmonberrycom-

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 Oregon Coast Railriders (June 3) info.ocrailriders@gmail.

Local Lodging and Camping

com

If you would like the contact info of hotels, camping, and short term rentals in and near Manzanita, Nehalem, and Wheeler please contact the Visitors Center at info@ exploremanzanita.com

• Lodging and short term rental companies in Tillamook

County began opening on Friday, May 29th at fifty percent capacity.

 Nehalem Bay State Park will re-open campground on June 9. Yurts and cabins will remain closed.

Provided by the Manzanita Visitors Center, all information is as of press time.

City of Wheeler to receive grant from **Oregon Small Business Relief Fund**

Business Oregon announced Tuesday, June 2, the recipients of \$2.5 million in matching grant funding through the Emergency Business Assistance Grant Fund, which was created by Gov. Kate Brown and the Oregon Legislature to assist small businesses suffering in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wheeler was the only city listed in Tillamook County that will receive Small Business Relief funds through this specific program.

A total of \$10 million of funding is being allocated through three Requests for Proposals

(RFP) for different types of applicants. This is the first round of funding, consisting of \$2.5 million and closed for proposals

May 18. "We stood this program up very quickly, and communities throughout Oregon in turn put together excellent proposals on a short time-frame for how they will get the funding into the hands of their local small businesses," said Business Oregon Director Chris Cummings in a press release.

This round solicited proposals from cities, counties, and Economic Development Districts

that have existing small business COVID-relief programs or will stand up new programs to issue grants to local small businesses with fewer than 25 employees. The program also encourages efforts to provide access to sole proprietors and historically disadvantaged businesses.

Business Oregon received 46 applications requesting \$7.5 million, but only \$2.5 million is available in this round. Final amounts to each will be announced shortly as contracts are finalized with each recipient, but the median award will be approximately \$45,000.



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Tillamook County Solid Waste

For more information about recycling or hazardous waste disposal:

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503 Marolf Loop, Tillamook, OR 97141

As things return to the "new normal," it is important to remember all those folks who kept things going throughout the Stay-At-Home period so that life could go on. One week in June used to be called National Garbageman Week, and it seems appropriate that this year it was officially renamed "Waste & Recycling Workers Week."

I'd like to take a moment and give a call out to the 17 full-time employees who have helped maintain the trash and recycling services offered at our three transfer stations. Even as anxiety levels rose, they bravely faced unknown threats, and kept us open. While other cities and counties shut down recycling fully or in part, we were able to keep everything operating, with few changes.

The health and safety of our employees and customers is important, and we continue to follow certain safety precautions so that we are not forced to limit the availability of our services. We have sufficient space available at all transfer stations for people to maintain adequate social/personal distances. Over the past several years we have increased convenience and efficiencies in operations, which means you can get in and out much quicker than in the past, and avoid contact more easily.

Those coming to our Household Hazardous Waste collection events will notice a change in operations, as we implement changes to maintain distancing while offering this quality service.

Please don't feel that our employees are avoiding you. We are trying to maintain physical distances, but if you have a question, feel free to ask.

Feel free to contact my office if you have any questions. David McCall, Solid Waste Program Manager

Solid Waste Events in June

- 5 World Environment Day
- 6 Household Hazardous Waste & Styrofoam Collection at the Tillamook Transfer Station (9am -1pm)

8 World Oceans Day 14-20 Waste & Recycling Workers Week (Send us your pictures of how you thank the workers you interact with!)

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Manzanita Transfer Station: Manzanita, OR 97130 (between Manzanita and Nehalem) On site phone 34995 Necarney Rd * Manzanita, OR 97130 (between Ma Number: 503-368-7764 Hours: Thurs-Mon, 10am—4pm

Pacific City Transfer Station: Pacific City, OR 97135 (2 miles SE of Pacific City) On site phone num ber: 503.354.4383 Hours: 9:00 am-4:00 pm Friday, Saturday & Monday; 1:00 pm - 4:00pm Sundays

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The 3 R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle What do they mean?

The answer is shown left to right in 3 sentences below. Reduce: First sentence is 7 words. Reuse: Second sentence is 10 words.

Recycle: Third sentence is 10 words.

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If you can successfully solve the puzzle, send your name, age, and the city you live in to: recycle@co.tillamook.or.us by Tuesday, June 9, 2020, for a chance to win a prize from the Master Recyclers! (Write WORDS in the subject line.)



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Saturday, July 11, 2020

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34995 River Ave

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