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## Tillamook County to move to 'extreme risk' status Friday

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Staff Writer

During a community update Friday, Dec. 11, Tillamook County health leaders discussed hospital capacity, COVID-19 cases and county risk levels. As of Thursday, Dec. 10, Tillamook County reports 23 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the county to 152 confirmed positive cases.

Adventist Health Tillamook President Eric Swanson said 53 adult ICU beds are available in Region 1 hospitals, which include Tillamook, Clatsop, Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah and Washington counties. As of Dec. 11, 753 ventilators are available in Oregon.

Regarding specific details on the number of COVID-19 patients the hospital has and details on the capacity of its negative pressure rooms, Marketing and Communications Manager Cherie Plaisted told the Headlight Herald answers to specific questions violate the trust of patients.

"Patient confidentiality is of the utmost important at Adventist Health," Plaisted said. "We will continue to care for our local community's COVID hospitalization needs responsibly and have plans in place to increase our capacity as the need arises."

Tillamook County Community Health Centers Administrator Marlene Putman said there are 152 confirmed

positive COVID-19 cases in Tillamook County and 26 presumptive cases, as of 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10.

"We have 23 new positive cases," Putman said.

There have been 12 COVID-19 hospitalizations to date. One person is currently hospitalized.

Fifty COVID-19 cases are being monitored. There have been no COVID-19 related deaths. Tillamook County has not had any workplace outbreaks, Putman added.

"Based on the increases in positive cases in Tillamook County, our risk level is moving from moderate to high risk under the new risk and protection framework," Putman said. "Last week,

we moved from low risk to moderate risk."

Tillamook County is expected to move into the extreme risk category Friday, Dec. 18, according to Oregon Health Authority's "Warning Week" data, updated Monday, Dec. 14. County risk levels are updated every two weeks in response to how COVID-19 is spreading in counties.

Some of the measures in extreme risk include: max of indoor gathering size to six people; outdoor max at eight; takeout dining is highly recommended; indoor recreation and fitness establishments and indoor entertainment establishments are prohibited; retail stores have a 50 percent max

capacity, encourage curbside pickup; faith institutions, funeral homes, mortuaries and cemeteries have an indoor max of 25 percent capacity or 150 people, max of 200 outdoor; offices are to require remote work if able and close offices to the public; outdoor recreation and fitness establishments and outdoor entertainment establishments have a max of 50 people; personal services are allowed; and long-term care visitation is allowed only outdoors.

On Tuesdays of the Warning Week, data for the previous two weeks is published so counties can prepare for potential risk level changes the next week. On Tuesday of the next week, updated data

is published and county risk levels are determined. Risk levels take effect on Fridays and remain in effect for the next two weeks and the process repeats.

Ed Colson, representative of Tillamook County Community Health Centers, said the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the Pfizer vaccine for emergency use. This is a two-dose vaccine taken 21 days apart. The vaccine's first shipment, which started arriving in Oregon Monday, Dec. 14, will go to hospitals first towards health care workers.

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## GRAY AREA



A gray whale rises out of the ocean along the Oregon shoreline. Photo courtesy of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

## WINTER IS A GREAT TIME TO DO SOME WHALE WATCHING AS THE GRAYS ARE HEADED SOUTH

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From mid-December to mid-January a tradition takes place along the Oregon Coast that has intrigued and fascinated thousands for years.

Nearly 20,000 gray whales make their migration south from Alaska to the warm lagoons of Baja, Mexico.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department usually sets up its annual Whale Watching Week, utilizing volunteers at several key viewing points along the Oregon Coast to help people spot and learn the whales. But this season, Whale Watching Spoken Here is cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the following conversation, The Headlight Herald gains insight about the 2020 whale migration from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department spokesman Chris Havel.

**The Headlight:** Give us the background of this popular event.

**Chris Havel:** Gray whales migrate along the Oregon coast twice a year. In winter (December-January), they head south from the Gulf of Alaska headed for the Baja peninsula to mate and take advantage of the calving grounds. We can expect 20-25,000 to pass by, peaking at about 30 an hour. Headed south, they tend to be 3-5 miles offshore.

In spring (March-May, even into June), adults and their young head north to feed in the Gulf of

Alaska. They tend to travel a little closer to shore as they head north. We have ~200-400 whales that more or less stay off the Oregon coast around year-round.

**The Headlight:** What changes have been made to this popular winter activity due to the pandemic and why?

**Chris Havel:** Whale Watch in Oregon usually involves 24 stations along the coast staffed by a big crew of volunteers guided by a few state park staff. We would set up



spotting scopes and share binoculars, and manage one visitor center in Depoe Bay to help people enjoy our marine friends. To reduce the risk of transmission between visitors and from visitors to staff and volunteers, the whale watch season is DIY this year: no staff, volunteers, shared equipment, or indoor whale watch center.

**The Headlight:** Describe locations where folks should go, safely, and following social distancing requirements, to get a good view of the whale migration?

**Havel:** First, travel only with a group of people who live with you in your household. Travel the shortest distance necessary to reach a good viewing spot (more on that below). If there are other people from outside your household at the viewpoint, wear a mask if you can't keep 6' away from them. Check the weather and road condi-

tions before you leave. Bring the food/drink, weather-appropriate clothing, and personal cleaning supplies with you so you are as self-contained as possible.

If it's sunny, the best viewing is before mid-day so you're not staring into the sun. Wide binoculars or a spotting scope are useful, but you can also just go with your eyeballs. Most people who spot a whale are just looking around without magnification, they spot a plume, and then they use binoculars or a scope to zoom in. Higher is better, so look for parking areas and viewpoints that are elevated, rather than down on the beach.

**The Headlight:** What should we look for as the whales swim by?

**Havel:** The first this most people see is the cloud-like puff from a whale's blow-hole as they surface and take a deep breath. It kind of looks like an old steam-engine train, except it just happens once or twice.

This time of year, you'll see that plume, and then the whale dives again and keeps heading south, so start looking to the left for the beastie to emerge and take its next breath a couple minutes later. If you're really lucky, the whale will jump out of the water, but seeing its breath is way more common.

**The Headlight:** From your insight, why is whale watching such a popular event in Oregon?

**Havel:** Most people are drawn to the wildlife they don't get to see every day. When you see a wild animal that isn't part of your daily routine, you feel like you're traveling to a new, exciting world. It transports you out of your own, well-known routine life and into that exciting, dramatic and unknown existence.

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## State prepares for vaccine arrivals, urges patience

Monique Merrill

Staff Writer

As the first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines is expected to arrive in Oregon next week, Gov. Kate Brown urged residents across the state to continue to follow public health recommendations.

"As we wait for wide distribution of the vaccine, one of our most important challenges is to remind Oregonians to keep your guard up," Brown said in a press conference Friday, Dec. 11. "We all need to keep wearing masks, limiting get together and maintaining social distance until we achieve community immunity."

The question of when community immunity will be possible is still uncertain, and depends largely on how many additional doses of vaccines the state will receive after this month. What is known is that by the end of December, the state is slated to receive 147,000 doses of both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

The first round of vaccine recipients will be certain hospital staff and long-term care facility staff and residents. There are around 360,000 healthcare workers who will need the vaccine and, as of today, no information from the federal government on future vaccine dose allocation. The uncertainty makes it difficult to predict when all residents will have the opportunity to be vaccinated, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Director Pat Allen said.

"The challenge is we've been given no distribution schedule or any idea of how many doses to expect on any regular basis, so it's really impossible for us to put a specific timeline on that," said Allen.

About 70% of the state needs to be vaccinated to achieve community immunity, Brown said. To accomplish that, she said more than 10,000 residents will need to be vaccinated per day.

"It's a tall order, and we can't do it without federal resources to deliver the doses and support our distribution and outreach efforts," she said.

### Vaccine details

Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses to be effective. The Pfizer vaccine doses need to be administered 21 days apart and the Moderna vaccines need to be administered 28 days apart.

The Pfizer vaccine requires ultra cold storage (-94 degrees) and is good for five days after thaw. Most of the facilities with capability to store vaccines at that temperature are located along the Interstate 5 corridor, but cold storage hubs will be set up across the state.

The Moderna vaccine will likely be used in more rural areas because it only requires standard freezing temperatures and is good for 30 days after thaw.

The initial number of doses each county will receive will depend on the number of hospital employees and long term care facility residents and staff are in the area, and more specific details will be released as the vaccines arrive to the state.

### COVID-19 status

COVID-19 case rates continue to climb across the state, said Dr. Dean Sidelinger, the

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# Tufted puffins removed from endangered list

**Hilary Dorsey**  
Staff Writer

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced Wednesday, Dec. 2, that the tufted puffin, a charismatic seabird on the North Pacific Ocean, does not warrant listing as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act.

The tufted puffin is a small black bird with a distinctive white mask, bright orange bill and golden tufts of feathers on either side of its head. According to U.S. Fish and Wildlife, it fishes the deep ocean for much of the year, but in summer months, can be seen nesting in burrows on island and cliffs along the coast.

“The most recent range-wide estimate of the species is approximately 3 million individuals, and about 82 percent of the known population appears to demonstrate stable or increasing trends,” U.S. Fish and Wildlife reported.

Climate change and oil spills pose the biggest threats to tufted puffins. The

service’s status review found tufted puffins are undergoing a range contraction on the southern end of their range, but the species continues to be widely distributed across the northern part of its range and maintains high overall abundance.

“The tufted puffin is an essential member of the coastal and marine ecosystems in which it resides,” said Stewart Cogswell, supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Anchorage Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office, in a press release. “Although the species does not warrant listing under the Endangered Species Act, we will continue to work with others to monitor and conserve this iconic seabird throughout its range.”

John Underwood, board member of Friends of Haystack Rock, said because the tufted puffin is no longer listed, there is no additional protection or government funding for research. Friends of Haystack Rock fund the research of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Scientists



have put together a strategy to identify puffins in the California Current. The research involves trying to determine if the puffins are a distinct population segment. Under the Endangered Spe-

cies Act, a distinct population segment is a vertebrate population or groups of populations that is distinct from other populations of the species and significant in relation to the entire species.

“We think they are distinct enough to qualify for this segment,” Underwood said.

According to Friends of Haystack Rock, Haystack Rock is home to the largest tufted puffin breeding colony in Oregon. These seabirds show up to the rock in early April and spend about 16 weeks at the rock.

Underwood said puffin populations are still declining. The population of tufted puffins has decreased dramatically at Haystack

Rock and is in significant decline or has disappeared entirely from colonies in California, Oregon, Washington, Japan and the Gulf of Alaska.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife lays out a grid on the rock at Haystack to observe the birds, showing every burrow used, Underwood added. There used to be thousands of puffins at the rock; now there are less than 100. U.S. Fish and Wildlife goes out to the rock 3-4 days a week and monitors when puffins are bringing food back to the burrows.

“They meet at the same location every year,” Underwood said of the puffins.

Underwood calls the puffins an icon of Cannon Beach. People come from all over to see the iconic bird. The Great Puffin Watch, held over the Fourth of July weekend brings hundreds of people. People traveling

to the area for the holiday weekend learn about the event from going to the beach and brochures in various hotels.

“We get the opportunity to educate folks about the puffins,” Underwood said of the event.

People who attend this event can view the puffins with birding scopes and binoculars. Underwood said this helps people feel like they bond with the birds.

“We can’t let these birds disappear,” Underwood said.

Friends of Haystack Rock is actively raising funds to support research for the tufted puffins, as well as supporting other work done at Haystack Rock. To donate, visit <http://friendsof-haystackrock.org/contribute/>

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## Coast Guard urges safety, preparedness for Dungeness crab season

The Coast Guard urges commercial fishermen to ensure vessel safety to pre-

vent maritime emergencies before the opening of the Dungeness crab season

scheduled to begin Dec. 16. Marine Investigators from Marine Safety Unit

Portland have responded to over 95 marine casualties involving commercial fishing vessels so far this year. The term “marine casualty” is often misunderstood by mariners and is essentially any non-standard event that disrupts normal operations; like an emergency, accident, collision or damage involving a vessel that occurs upon the navigable waters of the United States.

Certain marine casualties are required to be reported to the Coast Guard and are identified in 46 CFR 4.05-1.

Immediately after addressing the resultant safety concerns, the owner, agent, master, operator, or persons-in-charge of a vessel engaged in commercial service, shall notify the nearest Coast Guard Sector Office whenever a vessel is involved in a marine casualty, involving a loss of life, injuries requiring professional medical treatment (treatment beyond first aid), grounding, bridge collision, loss of main propulsion, reduction in the maneuverability of the vessel, an occurrence causing property damage in excess of \$75,000, or an occurrence

involving significant harm to the environment.

In addition to the immediate notice requirement, a written report is also required. The owner, agent, master, operator or person-in-charge, shall, within five days, file a written report on Form CG-2692 (Report of Marine Accident Injury, or Death). Failure to make an immediate notification or subsequently file the written report within five days could result in imposed fines not to exceed \$40,640.

The Coast Guard reminds all commercial fishermen that prior to crossing a restricted bar between sunset and sunrise, they must notify the Coast Guard on VH-F-FM channel 16 or 22A to provide their vessel name, position, number of people aboard, destination and any vessel limitations. After crossing, they are required to report back a safe transit or otherwise.

Life jackets or immersion suits must be worn by all persons on deck, or located in any open areas of the vessel while crossing a restricted bar. Life jackets or immersion suits are required

to be readily accessible for all persons located in any enclosed spaces of vessels when crossing a bar with restrictions in place. Life jackets are also required whenever a vessel is underway or while being escorted across the bar by the Coast Guard.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in a maximum civil penalty of \$25,000.

“Without a doubt, Dungeness crab fishermen are anxious to start the 2020-21 commercial crab fishing season,” said Lt. Carl Eschler, the assistant chief of the investigations division at Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Portland. “Be it their first time or 101st time navigating over a bar, fishermen are encouraged to contact their local Coast Guard station to familiarize themselves with bar conditions and reporting methods. Contacting the Coast Guard prior to crossing a restricted bar between sunset and sunrise is more than just a good idea for commercial fishermen, it is a requirement.”

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OPINION

Thank you Bob Joseph for your service to the community

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Eugene Schmuck Foundation I would like to thank Bob Joseph, who has retired as Board President. Bob has provided the Foundation and our community with many years of service. His valuable guidance and direction helped in organizing the ESF's Manzanita Open Golf Tournament and subsequent donations to local school programs, scholarships, and non-profits.

We also want to thank the many supporters, donors and sponsors who have made our foundation a success. Additionally, grateful thanks goes to our returning board members Dave Stephens, Erick White, Beth Gienger, Camy VonSeggern, Karen Stephens, Connie Vander Waal, Sally Vanebo, John Durkin, Tom Moore, and Corey Douma.

The 2021 Open is being planned for May 14, 15 & 16. We hope to see you there!

David Matthews,  
Manzanita  
President, ESF

Pay attention to your county government

Jan.1st,2021 Tillamook County Parks day-use fees go up. For full understanding watch the board meeting. Google Tillamook Board of Commissioners. Click on minutes. Scroll down to Sept. 23rd board meeting video. Move to 42min.

This is a 10 min. presentation. To understand how Cape Kiwanda fits into this google pacific city mater plan. Scroll to Tillamook County Oregon. You are there. Scroll past the picture. Click on Cape Kiwanda master plan (Sept. 2016) Reading this shows why the BOC wants to restrict driving on the beach in South County. It reinforces why user fees should only be implemented in South county at this time. It generates the question of why shouldn't South County be pressured to incorporate into Tillamook County so more tax revenue can be generated for the general fund.

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Logging did not harm Rockaway's water quality

Several opinions recently published in the Herald, incorrectly asserted forest harvests around Jetty Creek should be postponed or prevented in order to protect Rockaway Beach's watershed.

As a professional engineer with more than 45 years of water treatment experience, I've done extensive research on this topic. The truth is forestry is not to blame for past Rockaway Beach's water quality issues. Rockaway Beach has a long history with water supply and quality issues, going back well over 50 years, pre-dating recent timber harvests around the city's water supply. The City's water issues primarily stem from reliance on Jetty Creek, whose flow alone isn't sufficient to meet summer demand.

Like most coastal peren-

nial streams, Jetty Creek is rain-fed from a watershed with clay soils, as opposed to steams in other areas which are snow-fed or have more permeable soils, resulting in higher summer flows for comparable settings. Unfortunately, Jetty Creek's low summer flow occurs when tourism-driven water demand peaks. A few years ago, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife imposed a fish-enhancement program, which reserves a minimum flow for fish passage, and while this helps fish, it further limits the amount of Jetty Creek water available for City use in summer. When the City's summer demand exceeds what's available from Jetty Creek, the City has to rely on its groundwater wells that have a long history of contamination from nearby leaky sewers.

A 2010 City study found that wells supply nearly all of the City's water demand during peak summer periods, with occasional spikes of coliform bacteria, sodium, and organic compounds. When exposed to chlorine for disinfection, these organic contaminants form trihalomethane, a known health risk. This report predates recent timber harvest around Jetty Creek and concluded that the City's water treatment system was inadequate to remove these exceptionally difficult to treat contaminants, advising the City to upgrade its water treatment facility, "seriously examine its available water sources", or consider interconnection with the City of Manzanita or City of Garibaldi in order to reduce reliance on contaminated wells during the summer months. The City elected to upgrade to a state-of-the-art treatment system in 2013, which has since reliably

produced excellent water quality throughout the year.

Between 2005 and 2013, the City had 23 drinking water alerts for trihalomethane, coliform bacteria and sodium. All of these water alerts were during summer months, when the City relied almost exclusively on its groundwater wells, and little on Jetty Creek. If timber harvest impacts on Jetty Creek were the root problem, the City's past water quality problems would have been primarily during winter, when Jetty Creek is the primary water source. Clearly, the facts are being misconstrued to advance an anti-forestry agenda. Current forestry practices adequately protect water quality. A 2018 DEQ report concluded that of different land uses, forestry has the highest percentage of good and excellent surface water quality relative to other land uses, like urban and even agriculture. Moreover, as a medium fish stream, Jetty Creek will have a 40 to 80-foot buffer of trees left next to the stream to protect fish habitat, water quality and stream temperature.

While there is an ongoing need for coastal cities to address aging sewers and water treatment infrastructure, there is no urgent need to change forest management to address water quality.

Greg Peterson, PE  
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Oregon's Forest Practices Act is Inadequate

By Trygve Steen, Ph.D.

The proposed Olympic Line Harvest unit activity in the Jetty Creek watershed represents a significant additional threat to the water supply for the city of Rockaway Beach.

During the last week local residents and the author measured stream buffers and

photographically documented the Olympic line Harvest Unit in the Jetty Creek Drainage, the main source of drinking water for the city of Rockaway Beach.

The Olympic Line Harvest unit involves clearcutting nearly all of the remaining large trees in this image,

except for stream buffers. (see ODF FERNS Olympic Line NOAP ID: 2020-511-12574. )

Fundamental to any consideration of logging "Olympic Line" are the significant tributaries of Jetty Creek within the area planned to be clearcut. This logging will further exacerbate water quality and quantity issues for the town of Rockaway Beach. Natural forest ecosystems absorb Oregon's heavy winter rains like a sponge and release that water during the dry summer. This means that a heavily logged watershed like Jetty Creek creates a pattern of stream flows that are elevated in the winter (thus increasing erosion and siltation which water treatment has to remove) and also very significantly, there is decreased water availability during Oregon's dry summer months (creating difficulties for having adequate water availability for a town whose economy is heavily based on summer tourism).

When we measured protective stream buffer distances flagged within Olympic Line Harvest Unit, their widths were deficient. Even if the Forest Practices act requirement of a 50 foot or in some places a 70 foot buffer for logging close to a stream were met, the slopes are too steep to have such relatively narrow buffers adequately protect the waters of Jetty Creek. This jeopardizes the Rockaway Beach city water supply.

While doing the stream buffer measurements, significant deposits of fine silt material were observed in areas of stream that are

sheltered at low flows.

This material will be easily mobilized at higher winter flows - - thus degrading water quality.

There are significant beginnings of slides in the recent clear-cut just uphill of the proposed logging.

In closing, this proposed logging with "Olympic Line" is fundamentally inappropriate in the watershed providing the town of Rockaway Beach with drinking water. Nearly all of the last remaining older forest in the following image will be removed by this proposed clear-cut logging, so there will be essentially no older forest left in the Jetty Creek watershed. Given the severe impacts that logged watersheds have for stream flows and thus the Rockaway Beach water supply, this additional logging needs to be substantially delayed until the rest of the watershed has recovered.

Unfortunately there may not be much that can be done immediately or directly about these highly significant issues because of the very substantial weakness of Oregon's forest practices regulations. Logging Olympic Line may be "legal" but it clearly is not ethical, environmentally appropriate, or sustainable. Change is badly needed. Clearly, this situation needs to motivate resolute action to make appropriate improvements to Oregon's forestry regulations, which are very much weaker than Washington's.

Author note: Trygve Steen, Ph.D. is a Retired Professor of Environmental Science and Management, at Portland State University. Where he spent forty-five years teaching courses on forest ecology and the principle of sustainability.

Photos to accompany this piece can be found online at northcoastcitizen.com

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

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# Tillamook County Sheriff Deputy Ben Berger receives Award of Valor

## Staff Report

An Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA) Award of Valor was presented to Tillamook County Sheriff Deputy Ben Berger Wednesday, Dec. 9. Family and command staff gathered to present the award, which was based on Berger's involvement in a warrant operation in April where he prevented the injury, or likely death, of Deputy Dennis Greiner.

According to the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office, Berger had been nominated for the award a few months ago. Tillamook County Sheriff Jim Horton said, during a Tillamook County Board of Commissioners meeting, Berger went above and beyond the call of duty.

Commissioner David Yamamoto read during the meeting the report provided to the OSSA. The report reads:

"On April 28, 2020, Tillamook County Deputies assisted the US Marshal's Service with attempting to locate an armed career criminal suspect that had fled from them. The Marshals had attempted to conduct a traffic stop and take a subject into custody. As they initiated the stop the vehicle fled and the Marshals lost the vehicle.

Deputy Ben Berger and Deputy Dennis Greiner responded to the area where the suspect vehicle had last been



seen. Deputy Berger developed information leading them northbound on Kilchis River Road to locate the vehicle.

Deputy Berger searched the area and was able to locate fresh tire marks on a newly graded road. Both Deputies got out of their vehicle to investigate and located the vehicle. The vehicle began to accelerate driving towards Deputy Greiner, who was standing outside of the patrol

vehicle.

Deputy Berger realized that Deputy Greiner was in immediate danger and would likely be struck by the suspect vehicle. Deputy Berger accelerated his patrol vehicle and struck the suspect vehicle on the passenger side which prevented Deputy Greiner from being hit. The suspect vehicle was damaged in the collision but was able to again flee the area.

The suspect was eventually

apprehended by responding law enforcement units and members from the US Marshal Service.

Deputy Berger's quick action and courageous efforts on that day prevented the serious injury or death of his fellow deputy and hampered the suspect's ability to flee. Deputy Berger was then able to provide information to additional law enforcement units so the suspect could be taken into custody."

## Area holiday happenings

**Every Saturday from Nov. 21 – Dec. 19** – Shop Small Saturday in Manzanita. Text the Manzanita Visitor's Center photos of three receipts from a business in Manzanita on any of those Saturdays and your name will be entered to win one of five prizes. Look for updates on the Visitor's Center Facebook page and [www.exploremanzanita.com](http://www.exploremanzanita.com).

**Dec. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20** – Candy Cane Express. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies on this festive steam-powered excursion. Running Nov. 28-29, Dec. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20. Departs from Garibaldi at noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Reserve tickets at <https://oregoncoastscenic.org/candy-cane-express/>

**Friday, Dec. 18** – 7 p.m. Bay City Porch Parade pre-

sented by Bay City Oyster Club.

**Saturday, Dec. 19 – 1-3 p.m.** Open house at Bear Creek Artichokes. Free coffee and treats.

### Clatsop County Holiday Events

**Dec. 3 – Dec. 20** – Cannon Beach in Lights and 'Name That Tune' window

display contest in Cannon Beach. Winners will be announced Dec. 21. Visit participating retailers and submit correct 'Name That Tune' playing cards for a chance to win a holiday gift basket.

**Nov. 30- Dec. 18** – Seaside Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lights Tour in Seaside and Gearhart.

**Dec. 18- 19** - Cannon Beach History Center Holiday Tour of Lights

**Saturday, Dec. 19** – Fireside Story Time with Santa. Settle in virtually for a holiday story time with Santa Claus. Tune in on Facebook to watch Mr. and Mrs. Claus read tales at the Surfsanft Resort and type any questions that the kids have for Santa. Follow Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce on Facebook for updates.

**Dec. 20, 22, 24** – Coaster Theatre Radio Hour – a rendition of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Written, workshopped, and performed by our community. Visit [www.coastertheatre.com](http://www.coastertheatre.com) for details or call 503-436-1242.

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- Each week receipts turned in that week will be entered to win a weekly prize sponsored by a local business and entered into the grand prize of \$1,000 sponsored by US Bank.
- Weekly drawings will take place each Tuesday, and the grand prize drawing will take place early in January.

**WIN.** • Check the Tillamook Chamber of Commerce Facebook page to see if you're a winner!

For more information about the Shop Small Sweepstakes contact the Tillamook Chamber of Commerce.

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# Multi-vehicle crash occurs on U.S. 101 in Tillamook County

A four-vehicle, serious injury collision occurred at 11:41 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, on U.S. 101 near milepost 40. Three vehicles were headed southbound: a silver 2010 Infiniti G37X, followed by a silver 2019 GMC Sierra, followed by a silver 2009 Nissan Xterra. A tan, Ford motor-

home was northbound. According to Oregon State Police, witnesses stated the Infiniti had been swerving out of its lane for miles prior to the collision and almost caused other collisions. The Infiniti turned left into the northbound lane. The front of the Infiniti struck the rock

embankment on the shoulder. The motorhome struck the passenger side of the Infiniti, witnesses said. The Infiniti spun several times and came to an uncontrolled rest in the northbound lane. The motorhome continued forward and struck the GMC.

The GMC spun around and came to an uncontrolled rest in the northbound lane. The motorhome continued forward and swerving right to avoid going over a cliff. The motorhome then struck the front of the Nissan. Witnesses said the Nissan spun around and then the motorhome struck the driver side of the Nissan pushing it up against the rock embankment on the northbound shoulder. The Nissan came to an uncontrolled rest. The motorhome came to an uncontrolled rest blocking both lanes.

The driver of the Infiniti was transported by ground ambulance and then air ambulance to Legacy Emanuel Hospital. The passenger of the Infiniti was transported by



ground ambulance to Tillamook Hospital. The passenger of the motorhome was transported by ground ambulance to a hospital in Clatsop County. The motorhome was towed by Burden's towing and all others were towed by South County Towing.

The highway was closed for approximately 4.3 hours. OSP was assisted by Tillamook County Sheriff's Office, Manzanita Police Department and Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue. A collision reconstructionist was called to the scene. Multiple empty

alcohol containers were found in Infiniti and the driver of that car admitted to drinking and using cocaine that day. Exigent blood was taken from the driver of the Infiniti on scene. The investigation is ongoing.

State

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state health officer and epidemiologist. "Our situation remains precarious and concerning," he said. Today 1,611 new cases were reported across the state, bringing the state total to 91,449. Over 10,000 new cases were reported in the last week, Sidelinger said, and COVID-19 hospitalizations are on the rise as well. As of today, there are 576 pandemic-related hospitalizations and as of yesterday there were 127 people in intensive

care units with COVID-19, he said. The number of people in the hospital with the virus is up 70% since mid-November. Deaths have also risen, he said. The current statewide death toll is 1,138. "Each death marks the anguish end of a lost battle against the virus; each death leaves a hole in someone's family," he said. "Each death cuts short the love, laughter and memories of families and friends." The efforts made by residents to limit transmission of the virus, and statewide restrictions, seem to be starting to make a small difference, Sidelinger said. "There is good news: We haven't observed a marked increase in cases

following the Thanksgiving holiday," Sidelinger said. "Our cases are still rising on average, but there's evidence they're not rising as steeply."

Long lasting effects

In her plea to residents, particularly those under 40, to continue to follow safety measures, Brown said there is no way to know what effect COVID-19 may have on someone until it is contracted, and that youth doesn't guarantee health. Darrah Isaacson, a 40-year-old Portland resident, contracted the virus on her birthday in early March. In the nine and a half months that have followed, she said her symptoms have only worsened. "I'm a COVID long hauler,"

Isaacson said. "There's thousands of us across the country. Many of those long haulers, like myself, were very active and healthy with no underlying health conditions." Instead of hiking, biking, canoeing or participating in the active outdoor events like she usually likes to do, Isaacson said she can barely walk around the block now. "Some people think that this is just like the flu. I can tell you from personal and horrible experience that that way of thinking is extremely dangerous," Isaacson said. "This is an unpredictable and terrifying disease. It's been almost 10 months since I contracted it. I'm still alive, but my life has been turned upside down."

On her worst days, Isaacson said her muscle tremors and weakness prevent her from holding a computer mouse and she cannot stand up long enough to shower. She said the hardest part has been the effect it has had on her family and her 5-year-old daughter, who doesn't understand why her mother can no longer play with her. "I know it's exhausting to be vigilant about mask wearing and keeping your distance, but I can tell you the alternative is way more exhausting," she said. "This is not the time for blame or arguments, this is the time for sacrifice so we can come together and keep this virus from harming any more families like mine."

Whale

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Your imagination can kick into high gear. It's wild and unpredictable and novel and you feel connected somehow

to the greater whole. There's a second, deeper level when we talk about whales. When we're talking about 30 tons full-grown, you can't help but lose yourself in awe. The other way to answer that question is, why do people like to see whales IN OREGON? Our public

ocean shore makes it one of the best places on the planet to pick your front-row seat. You don't need to get the key to a gate, or buy a ticket on a cruise (those can be fun if you have the means). You need yourself and some patience. The same whales pass by Washington and Califor-

nia. They have some mighty nice stretches of coast there. Nothing rivals the ease-of-access to 363 miles of the Oregon coast. In our humble opinion, of course.

What's next?

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

also lists information on its website about Spring whale watching, which begins in late March as the gray whales travel north on their way towards Alaska. The first surge swims by around the end of March and the migration continues until June. Summer and Fall brings

whales that feed along the Oregon Coast from June to mid-November.

For more information, visit the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department website.

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