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Tillamook County discusses reopening, updates

Hilary Dorsey Staff Writer

In Tillamook County Leadership Team Teleconferences held Friday, May 15, and Monday, May 18, the county discussed reopening in the county and updates. Tillamook County was approved to enter Phase I of reopening on May 15.

Adventist Health Tillamook President Eric Swanson said

they will be delivering to five dentals clinics in the commu-

Tillamook County Community Health Centers Administrator Marlene Putman said the county will remain in Phase I for at least 21 days before being able to enter Phase I of reopening. While the county is opening, it is opening slowly.

"Everybody knows we're

said. "We will continue to

Monitoring includes looking at testing rates, contact tracing, hospitalization rates, personal protective equipment (PPE) and more.

"There is not a reinspection requirement for restaurants," Putman said.

The hospitals are beginning to schedule surgeries and procedures. Putman said dental providers and have been assured they are ready to take patients.

"Look for updated guidance on either the Governor's website or on the Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 Update site," Putman said.

Putman said the center is continuing to schedule some in-person visits. If you need to make an appointment, contact your health provider to see

if it would be appropriate to come in for an in-person appointment.

Jennifer Purcell, north coast region coordinator at the Governor's office, is continuing to work with businesses about questions for Phase I reopening. State Sen. Betsy Johnson said fraternal organization want to be treated like restaurants. Purcell said fraternal organizations are prohibited from operating right now.

"If a business does not open in Phase I, they are still eligible for those pandemic unemployment assistance benefits," Purcell said. "For employees, if they are called back to work, they are no longer eligible for unemployment benefits."

Purcell said employers are to provide PPE to their employees and Gov. Kate Brown continues to encourage teleworking.

FARMING FLOWERS



At River City Flower Farm, the selection of flora is extensive. You will find cosmos, sunflowers, dahlias, snapdragons, sweet peas and everything in-between. Courtesy photo

River City Flowers Farm turns to community supported model

Chelsea Yarnell

Guest Contributor

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Owned and operated by Autum and Zach Peyton, River City Flower Farms is a small family farm raising cut flowers in the lush Nehalem River Valley. "The majority of what we

grow we do so from seed," Autum said. "Our farming practices are focused on organic and sustainable methods. We operate out of our home in Nehalem where we have our greenhouse and we grow our finicky and early spring crops.' The two have been grow-

ing flowers at their home since their first summer to-

the property to grow something besides grass. "So, we

talked a lot about market needs and noticed that our little area didn't seem to have any flower

gether nearly eight years ago.

"We were visiting the

family in Nehalem for New

Year's weekend," Autum

said. "The weather wasn't

hiking so we went for a drive

much for beach going or

around the

valley. After a

signs we pulled

up to our dream

few, for-sale

home! We

didn't miss a

beat and we

moved in 8

weeks later!"

They knew

they wanted to

use a portion

sunny land on

of the open,

stands or even anywhere you could easily purchase flowers for delivery," said Autum.
"We officially broke ground just last year! We planned on growing the flowers first to

practices are focused on organic and sustainable

Our farming

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Autum Payton

prom florals were done. I would have a pop-up bouquet

bar on Saturdays out front of Wild. I'd sit around and make bouquets and let people come make their own! It was really fun and I loved getting to know my community. We would almost sell out every weekend! It was fantastic!'

see if we could be successful

the age of three, the family

began to see success with

their flower business and

started selling a few bouquets

zanita.

got a few

at Wild in Man-

"Then we

restaurants and

clients," Autum

said. "Word of

mouth spread.

We had a good

clients through-

base of retail

out the three

village area, a

cafes, a book

store. A few

few restaurants,

wedding clients

and even a few

local business

With three children under

Then COVID-19 happened. The family lost some of the side income and had to go all in on their flower farm business to survive.

"We branded ourselves and set out on completely redeveloping our concept to do CSA's [Community Supported Agriculture]," Autum said.

River City Flower Farm's CSA's can be purchased in full or half seasons.

"In our case the purchaser will receive gorgeous organically raised blooms from our farm weekly or bi-weekly,' Autum said. "Bouquets will be delivered to one of our convenient pick-up locations. Delivery direct to home or business is available for a small additional fee."

A full season CSA is 16 bouquets delivered weekly for \$360, or a half season CSA with eight bouquets delivered every other week for \$200.

CSA's and specialty bouquets can be delivered from Seaside to Tillamook.

Pricing, delivery fees, and more information can be found at rivercityflowerfarm.com.

Commissioners open additional boat launches

Hilary Dorsey

Staff Writer

The Tillamook Board of County Commissioners voted on Wednesday, May 13, to open Steiner and Three Rivers boat launches in addition to the four county boat launches that were opened last week: Nehalem Bay, Memaloose, Netarts Bay and Pacific City at Sunset Drive. The boat launches will be open Monday through Friday, and close at 6 p.m. Friday.

A maximum of three persons per boat will be allowed at this time in order to observe social distancing; boaters are requested to observe the guidelines set out by the Oregon Marine Board.

Commissioner David Yamamoto said the commissioners understand that people need to recreate and it is time to start loosening up restrictions.

"Do be aware, if things go wrong that the only solution the commissioners may have is to shut things back down again and we do not want to go there," Yamamoto

Additionally, the Hungry Harbor Drive boat launch at Cape Kiwanda will be open exclusively to the Pacific City dory fleet Monday through Friday. The dory fleet will park their trucks and trailers in the Cape Kiwanda parking lot, as the beach remains closed to parking. The parking lot at Cape Kiwanda remains closed to the public; dory fleet vehicles only will be allowed.

Commissioner Mary Faith Bell said the resolution is a

good way to move forward.

"It makes me happy that people are getting out on the water because I understand how important that is to Tillamook County citizens, fishermen in particular," Bell Bell said Lake Lytle County Boat Launch may be

on the list for the next round of boat launches to open. Commissioners will consider the opening of additional boat launches in the coming weeks.

"We all need to get out and enjoy nature as much as we can," Chair Bill Baertlein said. "The reason we don't have it open on the weekends is we're trying to limit the out-of-towners that are coming in."

Yamamoto said if you are in a smaller fishing boat, be aware that you need to be able to maintain that six feet of distance. Sheriff's deputies will be cruising the lots.

Rockaway Beach cancels July 4th events, fireworks

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The Rockaway Beach City Council met via L teleconference on Wednesday, May 13, to continue discussion of the Fourth of July parade and fireworks show. The council voted and agreed to cancel the Fourth of July events.

A citizen, Zandra Umholtz, pitched an idea of a driveway barbecue that could promote singing the national anthem at a certain time.

Councilor Nathan Beeman said it is his opinion that they should follow suit with other counties and cancel the fireworks show and parade.

"Nobody else is doing it," Beeman said of Fourth of July event. "We could get inundated."

Luke Shepard, public works director and city manager, said Gov. Kate Brown did ban all mass gatherings through September. Councilor Tom Martine said he would like to see the events canceled and that there is no reason for vendors to sell items during the Fourth of July. Mayor Sue Wilson agreed it was a good idea to keep vendors out. A fireworks wagon usually sells fireworks at the wayside, which could present a problem this year.

The council also extended its state of emergency

"It's a shorter time period but its in conjunction with what the county has said," Wilson said. "I don't want the City of Rockaway to miss out on transient lodging.

Central Coast all-depth halibut opens May 21

The spring all-depth Pacific halibut sportfishing season in Oregon's Central Coast Subarea (which includes ports from Port Orford to Garibaldi) will open Thursday, May 21.

Once the season begins, it will be open on dates scheduled based on public input earlier this year: May 21-23, May 28-31, June 11-13, June 18-20, and July 9-11. Additional all-depth fishing days may be opened later in the spring or summer if quota Oregon Department of

Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is delaying the opener by

one week (from May 14 to May 21) to allow more time for ports, charters and other facilities to prepare for reopening, and to ensure fair and equitable access to halibut across the entire Central Coast Subarea. ODFW has been working with local governments and ports to address COVID-19 concerns related to the all-depth halibut opener. Many coastal communities

remain concerned about a large influx of visitors while COVID-19 restrictions are still in effect. Anglers are asked to be mindful of the Governor's Executive Order as well as coastal community concerns and:

 Stay home if you are sick. Check for access before

you go. Even if fishing is open, the boat ramp or park where you want to go might be closed. ODFW does not control access to land or facilities it doesn't manage, so check with the land manager or facility owner where you want to go about what's open before you leave home.

 Stick close to home. Don't travel far to hunt or fish. Most places remain closed to overnight camping/ lodging.

• Be prepared. Restrooms

and other facilities may be more limited. Bring your own soap, water, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, food, etc. Buy your license online before • Avoid crowds. Go some-

place else if your destination looks crowded. Practice social distancing.

Keep six feet between you and anyone who doesn't live in your immediate household, including while on a boat or at a fish cleaning station. Wash your hands often.

Keep up on personal hygiene and bring your own water, soap, and hand sanitizer with

 Pack out what you pack in. Take any garbage with you, including disposable gloves and masks.

Other halibut fishing opportunities: Columbia River all-depth

and nearshore: The opening of these seasons is postponed pending further consultation between ODFW and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). ODFW and WDFW manage this shared subarea in close coordination. ODFW will announce new opening dates after a decision is made.

Central Coast nearshore: Opened May 1 as planned. Unlike the Central Coast alldepth season, the nearshore season normally does not attract a large number of halibut anglers in a short period of time, particularly in the early part of the season.

Southern Oregon Subarea: Opened May 1 as planned. Most boat ramps and access points are open in this area which stretches from Humbug Mountain to the Oregon-California border, and the halibut fishery here typically sees lower participation spread out

Varying reports illustrate economic damage from COVID-19 shutdowns

Tillamook Coast Visitors Association

Museums, galleries, performance spaces and other arts/culture institutions in Tillamook County have seen a range of impacts from COVID-19 shutdowns that went into effect in mid-March. While some have been able to cushion initial declines in revenues, others are seeing financial setbacks that could threaten the heart of their operations. Still unknown is the future damage to revenues after reopening if social distancing, fear of disease exposure and job losses reduce visitor numbers.

Dean Runyan Associates, a Portland-based economic and research firm specializing in travel and tourism, recent released its report examining numbers through 2019 for the Oregon Tourism Commission. Its review of preliminary estimates for 2019 shows that visitor spending

in Tillamook County totaled \$36.9 million in the arts / entertainment/ recreation category, generating \$10.5 million in industry earnings and \$1.7 million in local tax receipts while supporting 410 jobs.

Twelve interviewees with facilities that fall into the arts / entertainment/recreation category shared details to illustrate economic damage from the COVID-19 shut-

Museums

• One museum with an all-volunteer staff is hoping for the ability to reopen during July and August. Closure during spring break meant that the normal surge in visitors didn't happen. Lack of visitors equates to less admission donations. Upon reopening, they are considering the need to hire a paid staff member to in order to adhere to proper sanitation under COVID-19 guidelines.

One of the three annual fundraisers have already been canceled due to the shutdown and they are uncertain if the other fundraisers will experience the same.

 A high-profile museum was forced to lay off four employees beginning mid-March. Being closed April through June will result in lost revenues of an estimated \$110,000.

• A small museum with paid staff ceased admission and gift shop revenue

but has been able to remain stable, mostly due to vacant posi-

have not been filled.

· A museum with paid staff and some volunteers is concerned for their ability to juggle finances as one of their two main fundraisers were cancelled. The second fundraiser is usually held late spring and continued closures could force cancellation of that event as well.

Along with a sharp decline in fundraising, they have also lost an estimated \$5,600 in admission fees and gift-shop revenues. Two of their part-time staff have been furloughed and the other two staff members are worked half of their regular hours.

Performing Arts & Galleries

 Activity and performing arts venues rely on rental fees as a main source of income. For every month the rooms are unable to rent, they estimate \$7,500 is lost rental fees. Several of the instructors are self-employed and are unable to

• A all-volunteer performing arts venue is relying on their savings account to pay their mortgage and utilities. Once ticket sales resume, they are concerned that social distancing guidelines could cause a financial squeeze for continued

operations.

• At another arts center and gallery, five contractors have been drastically reduced. In the prior year, the organization recirculated nearly \$163,000 back in to the community through pay to contractors, art commissions, and fees paid to instructors.

Historic Property

An all-volunteer group that raises funds to maintain a historic property says that the closure of the property has ended the normal flow of revenue from donations, cutting the group's ability to fund needed repairs of the deteriorating site. Projections of missing revenue are not firm due to the unpredictability of donations, but the continuing deterioration of the site means the need is increasing and revenue is

Emergency Volunteer Corps streamlines website for easier access

The Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay has updated its Internet website to make it easier to find important disaster preparedness information tailored to north Tillamook County. Other coastal communities can also use the site as a model to develop resilience strategies for their own

The website – www. evcnb.org – provides detailed practical advice for individuals, households and neighborhoods to prepare for, survive, and recover from all manner of disasters and emergency incidents that can and frequently do

The site advises on stockpiling supplies, organizing neighborhoods, sheltering at home or outdoors, and, when necessary, evacuating to safety –where to go and how to get there. Training classes in emergency radio communication, shelter operations, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), plus water, sanitation and hygiene are also The website redesign was

led by Manzanita resident Jenna Edginton who donated her time and expertise to the project. In addition to web development, Jenna owns

Edginton Property + Design, where she sells and manages real estate at the coast, Portland, and Hood River.

"We are thrilled with the work Jenna did for us, working closely with our program experts," said EVCNB project manager Debbie Moberly in a press release. "The website is better organized for finding information, and much easier to use."

The updated website has been optimized for viewing on smart phones, tablets and

The Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay (EVCNB) is an all-volunteer, non-profit, non-governmen-



tal organization. Formed in 2008, it is dedicated to building community and regional resilience, developing programs to promote readiness, and creating a culture of

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emergency preparedness in the Nehalem Bay Region.

GoFundMe page created in memory of Michelle Casey

A GoFundMe campaign has been created in memory of Michelle Casey by her parents. It has already raised more than \$8,000 in one day.

Casey tragically fell to her death while on a hike with her boyfriend at Neahkahnie Mountain on the Oregon Coast in 2019. Any money raised will be used to support the Nehalem Fire & Rescue team and the Cannon Beach Fire & Rescue, which assisted with the recovery of Casey.

The GoFundMe page reads on May 19, 2019, 21-year-old Casey slipped and fell over 100 feet off the face of Neahkahnie Mountain. Nehalem

and Rescue responded and their high ropes team performed a difficult rescue of both Casey and her friend who had climbed down to her. Despite their best efforts, Casey's

injuries were too severe and she died that night. "As her family, we don't want anyone else to ever

go through this same tragic

we could do to help both the Nehalem Fire & Rescue team and their neighbors to the north, Cannon Beach Fire & Rescue," the parents wrote on the page. "The fire chief at Nehalem came up with a

list of three vital resources that could help them get to a patient faster, more securely

and more efficiently." These resources are: a rescue system that can be hauled in a backpack, allowing the

of the team -Cannon Beach is still building their rope rescue response and training is

both vital and expensive; and a tactical drone – a specific request from Nehalem Bay. A drone would give the ability to find patients as well as map out a safe route. The type of

has thermal imaging sensors and enough power to carry a life jacket or a line to someone that is stranded or in the water.

To fulfill the three resources, Casey's parents are trying to raise \$9,500. These funds will be distributed to both fire districts as they work closely together to keep

everyone safe. The campaign is only

\$1,000 away from its goal. To view the GoFundMe, please visit: https://gf.me/v/c/ kg6/or-coast-rescuefund-in-memory-of-michelle-



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Officials say, don't approach baby seal pups on beach

Seal pups venturing onto Oregon's beaches this spring need some social distance too.

Young seal pups are at risk from well-meaning people who mistakenly try to rescue them, said Oregon State University marine mammal biologist Jim Rice.

"We're in the peak of pupping season right now and this past weekend there were several incidents reported of people approaching too closely to seal pups on Oregon beaches," said Rice, who coordinates the statewide Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network headquartered at OSU's Marine Mammal Institute at the Hatfield Marine Science Center.

Rice urges the public to refrain from touching or approaching the seal pups, which in most cases are not orphaned or abandoned. Seal pups are frequently left on the beach by their mothers, who are out looking for food. The harbor seal pupping season on the Oregon coast is generally March through June, with a peak in mid-May.

"Newborn pups typically spend several hours each day waiting for their mothers to reunite with them," Rice said. "Adult female seals spend most of their time in the water, hunting for food, and only come ashore periodically to nurse their pups. But the mothers are wary of people and unlikely to rejoin a pup if there is activity nearby."

Rice said concerned but uninformed beach-goers will sometimes interfere, picking up seal pups and taking them away from the beaches - and their mothers. A more common threat is hovering by curious onlookers, which can cause stress to the pups and prevents their mothers from returning to them.

"It's tempting for some people to attempt to 'rescue' these seemingly hapless pups," Rice said. "A pup's best chance for survival is to be left alone. A dependent

pup that's taken away from its mother will certainly die.'

Bystanders should stay at least 50 yards away and keep their dogs leashed, Rice said.

"After suckling for about four weeks, weaned pups are abandoned by their mothers, left to fend for themselves," Rice added. "They will continue to come onto beaches periodically to rest as they grow and learn how to catch their own food."

Even with the best of

intentions, Rice said, people can do a great deal of harm. Additionally, people who disturb seal pups, even those who are just trying to help, risk being fined under laws intended to protect marine mammals. The Marine Mammal Protection Act prohibits human interaction with seal pups and other marine mammals on the beach.

Anyone who observes incidents of seal pup harassment or animals in distress should call the Oregon State Police at 1-800-452-7888,

OSU Marine Mammal Institute photo.

Rice said.

The Oregon Marine
Mammal Stranding Network
is an organization comprised
of state agencies, universities,
and volunteers, working

together to investigate the causes of marine mammal strandings, provide for the welfare of live stranded animals and advance public education about marine mam-

mal strandings.

Learn more about the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network online at http://mmi.oregonstate.edu/ ommsn.

2020 Tillamook County Fair focuses on kids, livestock

The Tillamook County Fair has been a shining star on the Northern Coast since its inception in 1891. For years, people have gathered in Tillamook in August to share agricultural knowledge, connect with neighbors and create lasting memories that span generations.

The 2020 Fair scheduled for August 5-8 will be quite different than what fairs have become in the last decade. The coronavirus has impacted every one of us in some way and now has made its mark on the way Tillamook County residents will participate and enjoy the fair.

The Tillamook County Fair Board, staff, 4-H, FFA and Junior Livestock Auction Committee have been working on plans to ensure that the youth program participants will be recognized and showcased this year.

On Thursday, May 7, Governor

Brown announced plans for the gradual reopening of Oregon. Large gatherings, including fairs, will not be allowed through at least September. While we cannot control the reopening process, we can, as a team with our community partners construct a solid plan to make the 2020 Tillamook County Fair a spectacular event for the entire community.

Keeping the spirit of the fair alive in Tillamook County is first and

foremost on our minds. The fair's vision is to turn back the hands of time and have an old-fashioned farming community fair that focuses on kids and livestock. The current proposal is to host 4-H, FFA youth program participants and open class exhibits. As the restrictions lessen, we may be able to add additional features. Behind the scenes planning will continue throughout this process.

These decisions are not entered into lightly and are conducted in adherence to the Governor's orders.

We know that Tillamook County has a lot to be proud of and we would like to show it off to the best of our ability. The fair board and I ask for your patience and support in the months to come, as we move forward to "Let the Good Times Grow."

Tillamook County begins reopening transient, short-term lodging

The Tillamook Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously on Wednesday, May 13, to begin reopening privately owned transient and short-term lodging on Friday, May 29, in cooperation with several of the cities in the county. The reopening provides a framework for opening lodging gradually and responsibly with public health and safety as the priority.

Among other things, the plan

requires owners and managers of lodging establishments to provide adequate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), training and cleaning supplies for cleaning personnel, a minimum 24-hour turn around between occupancies to provide a safer environment for cleaning personnel and maintenance of a detailed guest log in order to facilitate contact tracing should an outbreak of COVID-19 occur. This resolution applies to privately owned RV parks and campgrounds. All publicly owned campgrounds remain closed at this time

Garibaldi Days Festival 2020 cancelled in light of pandemic

As the situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic is still currently unfolding and the future of limitations is unknown at this time, Garibaldi's Tourism Commission was faced with the difficult decision of can-

celling the Garibaldi Days festival scheduled for July 24-26. They have released the following statement:

"After thoughtful consideration, the Garibaldi Tourism Commission recommended to the city

council that Garibaldi Days 2020 be cancelled for the safety of our citizens and visitors amid the COVID-19 pandemic. While this was a difficult decision, we remain hopeful that we will be able to hold an alternative event

once the social distancing restrictions have eased. Our commission will continue to work toward building tourism in Garibaldi. Our work is far from finished and we have the opportunity to come out of this better than

we were before. Stay safe and healthy!" – Garibaldi Tourism Commission

The decision to cancel the festival was confirmed unanimously by the city council during their virtual meeting on Monday, April 20.

Garibaldi hopes to celebrate the historic Garibaldi Days Festival with the community next year in July of 2021!

Wheeler announces reopening steps

In response to the Phase I reopening of Tillamook County, the City of Wheeler announced Monday, May 18, the following reopening steps: Wheeler's boat ramp and Waterfront Park are now open Monday through Friday, every week. A porta potty will be provided at the park to protect the health of users.

If reopening Waterfront Park goes smoothly, the city will reopen Upper Park.

City hall will reopen Monday, June 1. The public is encouraged to schedule an appointment with staff or call ahead, to assure appropriate distancing. Staff can provide non-latex gloves, masks and hand sanitizer.

Per the Governor's orders, shops and services reopened on May 15. They are expected to accommodate six-foot distancing between patrons and use personal protective equipment, per state standards.

Businesses can also obtain pavement clings, window clings and posters to support safe distancing, from the Manzanita Visitors Center.

Staff and council will continually evaluate Wheeler's reopening, take public input and respond to state health indicators.

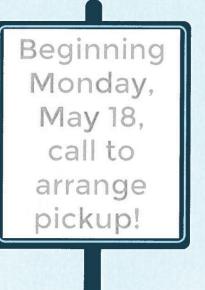


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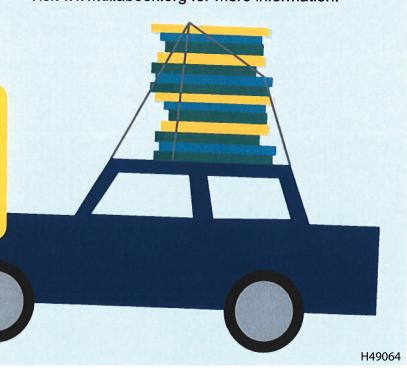
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Letters & Columns

Home gardeners are vital in sustaining the Monarch Butterfly population

As people in Oregon communities prepare their spring gardens, it is important to include plants to sustain and support the beautiful Western Monarch butterflies that are now winging their way north. These delicate insects are among the vital pollinators in our gardens. However, their numbers are declining.

The Monarchs are on their way to breeding grounds in California and Oregon from the warmth of their overwintering sites on

California's central coast. East of the Rocky Mountains, Monarchs are streaming up from the mountains of central Mexico in a larger and longer migration.

Alarmed by the declining butterfly population, an avid gardener in Portland, Ida Galash, has established a "Monarch Waystation" in her yard with plants to nurture the butterflies. She also is reaching out to people in other communities, especially home gardeners, for their support.

appealing to gardeners to help create a "Monarch Corridor" where people plant native Milkweed to sustain the butterflies throughout their long migration," Ida said. "It is also important to



plants like asters, zinnias, golden rod, sunflowers, as well as shrubs, yarrow and Echinacea, to support the butterflies from now into next fall, when the Monarchs will begin their migration south.' "Gardeners

should start planting soon, even in pots or flowerboxes, if space is limited," Ida urged, "and be sure to include native Milkweed, where butterflies lay their eggs for the next generation. Without Milkweed there will be no Monarchs. The caterpillars hatch from the eggs, and for two weeks, ravenously eat the Milkweed, taking up the plants' toxins, which provides the future adults a level of protection from predators."

Monarchs are important

pollinators and they need our help. Home gardeners can help to create a Monarch Corridor, by including plants that are essential to

sustaining and increasing the Monarch population. Gardeners can connect with Ida Galash by joining her Facebook group, Portland Monarchs, or by email

Also, this site is an excellent resource: https://monarchjointventure.org/

monarchcorridor@gmail.

Paddling fatalities trending up: preparation, practice are key

There have been five boating fatalities on Oregon's waterways during COVID-19 this spring, all having two things in common: not wearing life jackets and cold water. The Oregon Marine Board is urging boaters headed to the water during the first warm weekend of the year - especially people in canoes, kayaks and on standup paddleboards, to dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature. The water is

"We are concerned," said Randy Henry, boating safety program manager for the Marine Board. "People are anxious to get out and have fun, but water is serious business. If you go boating, wear your life jacket, buckle it up, and make sure it's a snug fit. Always dress appropriately, and if you're paddling, dress for the water. A dunking this time of year can be deadly.' The breakdown of the

five boating fatalities: four of the five were not wearing life jackets. The other is unknown. Four of the victims were male and one female. Three were recreating in paddlecraft (kayaks and a canoe) and two were in motorboats. All of the victims fell overboard unexpectedly into cold water, which is trending unlike what the Marine Board has seen in past years. This season, many people

new to paddling or people who haven't paddled in a while are strongly encouraged to take a free, online paddling course to learn about self-rescue, how to re-board your paddlecraft, important equipment/requirements and other safety skills to develop. Start out on calm, flat water, and slowly progress to other waterbodies as skills develop. There are also paddling clubs in many communities as well as online forums with local safety information.

Additionally, the agency has received many reports of debris and obstructions this spring, so all paddlers and motorboaters should be especially cautious, keeping a sharp lookout on all waterways and starting out slow. Visit the agency's waterway obstruction page to learn where obstructions have been reported and recommendations on how to avoid them. Many obstructions cannot be immediately cleared.

The open/closed status of boating access changes frequently. The agency's interactive Boat Oregon Map is a resource for finding facility contact information to help boaters with their planning and preparation. Remember to respect any closures, stay local, be self-contained, boat with members of your immediate household, and maintain physical distance for your own safety and for those around you.



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

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North County Women's Association announced scholarships

Karissa Hadermann and Alyssa Alhers have been selected to receive the North Tillamook County Women's Association Scholarship awards for 2020. Both are outstanding seniors at Neah-Kah-Nie High School.

Karissa is an honor student, member of the National Honor

Society and recognized by the American Association of University Women for STEM achievements in the area of mathematics. She competed at the state level on the cross country and track and field teams, serving as captain of both teams. Karissa is also active in the Forest to the Sea

Camp program, the Garibaldi Fire Department, and the fishing charter community of the Port of Garibaldi. Karissa is enrolled in the Natural Resources program at Oregon State University and Honors

Alyssa excels in choral music. Along with leadership

roles in the NKN choir, she served as peer-mentor for the Middle and HIgh School Adaptive Choir. Allysa performed with the Oregon Music Educators Association Honor Choir for 3 years. Last summer, she traveled across Europe and sang with the Oregon Ambassadors of Music Choir. Alyssa is also a member of the speech and debate team and NKN band. Allysa is accepted at both the University

of Oregon and Oregon State

University to study music.

The North Tillamook County Women's Association Scholarship was originated by Jan Markle in 2007 to recog nize graduating female students of Neah-Kah-Nie High School. In addition, grants are provided to several community groups, as directed by the organization's motto 'Women helping women of all ages and circumstances help make lives, families and community stronger.' To donate to the North Tillamook County Women's Association scholarship fund, contact the organization at PO Box 73, Manzanita, OR 97130.



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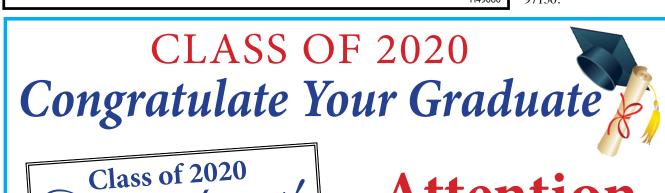
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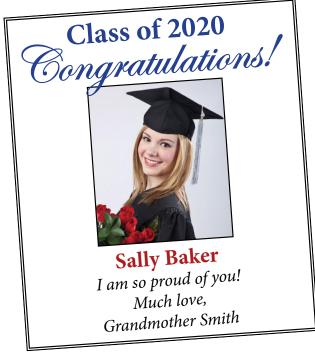
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Adventist Health resumes non-urgent, elective surgeries and procedures

Adventist Health Tillamook is pleased to resume non-urgent and elective surgeries and procedures with additional safety measures to protect patients, staff and visitors. This comes in response

to Gov. Kate Brown's Executive Order No. 20-22, which allows hospitals and other care settings to resume elective and non-urgent procedures that require personal protective equipment, starting May 1, if the criteria given by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) guidance are met. Following the governor's instructions, the local situation and the decision of Adventist Health Tillamook's clinical leaders, the staff has begun scheduling non-urgent and elective

surgeries and procedures.

"The Oregon Health Authority provided criteria to guide the process, and I am pleased to report that we have met all of the requirehighest priority, he said. Adventist Health Tillamook has instituted policies and procedures aligned with state and national guidelines to protect patients and their loved



ments and are ready to resume non-urgent and elective cases," says Eric Swanson, Adventist Health Tillamook president. "I am grateful for our team's hard work to pull together all of the elements necessary to resume our services.' As services gradually

resume, patient safety is the

pandemic. These include enhancing disinfection procedures, screening everyone entering the hospital or clinics, requiring masks for both patients and associates and restricting all visitors except for one in pediatric, OB and hospice areas or when medically necessary.

ones during the COVID-19

Adventist Health Tillamook has also launched on-demand virtual visits for routine, urgent care and specialist visits. Patients can visit with their healthcare providers from the comfort of their homes. In addition, the hospital's primary care and urgent clinics are accepting walk-in patients. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 503-815-2292. Anyone experiencing an

emergency, such as difficulty breathing, chest pain, strokelike symptoms, head injuries, a broken bone or burns is urged to call 9-1-1 immediately or go to the emergency department. Getting proper care as soon as possible contributes to the best outcome.



Artists to address need for masks

North Tillamook County artists are being asked to create poster art encouraging residents and out-of-towners to wear masks during the current Covid-19 crisis.

Built around the theme "Share the Love – Please Wear a Mask" the call, issued by the Hoffman Center for the Arts, asks local creatives to help Manzanita "open safely on May 29 by protecting our citizens, workers, and visitors. The call elaborated, "Create your own art or alter an artistic

image to show how wearing a mask on a face is normal, fun, perhaps kooky, but generally a positive move.' The deadline for submitting final works is Monday, May 25.

High-quality digital images of works are to be sent to the Manzanita Visitors Center at info@exploremanzanita.com.

Images selected for posters will be printed and hung in window displays along Laneda and commercial Manzanita

Additional \$30M for food assistance in June

Oregonians receiving food benefits will get additional assistance in June to help with continued impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Oregon Department of Human Services began issuing additional Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in April and May. Individuals and families have received the maximum allotment based on the

number of eligible members in the household during this time. Due to the continued state of emergency, the U.S. Food and Nutrition Services has provided an additional \$30 million to help children and adults in Oregon buy food.

'There are many Oregon families who continue to be caught between reduced hours or unemployment and waiting for other temporary assistance to help them make ends meet until it is safe to return to or find new work,' said Dan Haun, director of Self-Sufficiency Programs, in a press release. "Having an additional month of federal funds available for eligible recipients, we can help ensure people have access to the basic necessity of food during this ongoing crisis.

The additional funding will allow Oregonians on SNAP to receive the maximum benefit amount for June. For example, a family of four who currently receives a \$346 monthly allotment, would receive a supplement of \$300. For reference, the maximum SNAP allotment chart is available

Supplemental payments for the month of June will be issued on June 11 for all current recipients and June 30 for new recipients

between June 11 and June 30. Recipients who already receive the maximum allotment will not receive additional SNAP benefits.

The remaining May supplemental payment will be issued on May

Learn more about the food assistance program at needfood. oregon.gov, and apply online at https://govstatus.egov.com/ or-dhs-benefits.

Events, services and businesses open in North County

Upcoming Events Wear Your Mask Poster Project

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May is

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4th of July Parade

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Cancelled Events

North Tillamook Library

Women's Club Tour of

Manzanita Open Golf

Tournament

Annual Book Sale

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- presso (503).368.7450
- El Trio Loco (503).368.8746
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- Yolk (503).368.9665

In Nehalem: Buttercup –

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• The Winery at Manzanita

In Nehalem:

• Bayway Tavern –

(503).368.5625

• Riverside Fish & Chips – (503).368.3344

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In Manzanita:

• Manzanita Fresh Foods -(503).368.5250 **

Manzanita Grocery &

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• Wild Grocery -(503).368.5316

In Nehalem:

• Nehalem Food Mart – (503).368.5639

• Mohler Co-op -(503).368.5791

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th Street Gallery - Open-

ing May 22 - (503).440.5643• Four Paws on the

Beach - 10-5 daily -(503).368.3436 **

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(503).368.2665 **

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(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).704-4828

• T-Spot – Re-opening

May 22 – (503).368.7768 ** • Unfurl – Re-opening

May 22 – (503).368.8316 ** • Wisteria Chic – 11-4,

Thur.-Mon. - (503).368.3870 * Dixie Vino, Opening

May 22 In Nehalem:

• Hal's - 10-5:30 daily -

(503).368.5885 ** • Nehalem Lumber

- 7:30-5, Mon.-Sat. -(503).368.5619

• Riverside Trading – 10-4, Wed.-Mon. (503).368.3344

• Pete's Antiques -

(503).368.6018 ** • Angelina's Boutique &

Jewelry (re-opens June 4) **

 Kendra's Inn Farm Stand – Open daily –

(503).368.7488

In Wheeler: • Wheeler Treasures

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- 12-5, Thur.-Sat. -(503).354.4454 Wheeler Marina – 6-6:30

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