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Confirmed COVID-19 cases in county remain at six

Hilary Dorsey
Staff Writer

A sixth case of COVID-19 in Tillamook County was reported on social media Tuesday, April 14. The Tillamook County Community Health Centers confirmed the case, a person between the ages of 40-50. Public health department staff is working with the individual who remains under self-isolation at home. A contact investigation is ongoing. During a County Leadership Team Teleconference on Monday, April 20, Community Health Centers Administrator Marlene Putman said there have been no new

positive tests and the county is sitting at six positive cases. "The State of Oregon issued a new testing report that is available," Putman said. "It provides a summary of testing by week and indicates that positive testing results have remained consistent."

Putman said the continued goal is to increase testing that is available. The big priority will be working with community partners.

Oregon state Sen. Betsy Johnson said rural hospitals continue to struggle. A couple of people she spoke with cannot receive help right now because of the lack of personal protective equipment.

As of April 20, the Oregon

Health Authority (OHA) reports 1,910 positive cases and 74 deaths and 39,038 people tested in Oregon. There have been zero deaths in Tillamook County and 197 negative tests.

According to OHA, the two most reported symptoms are cough and fever. The two most common risk factors are having underlying conditions and contact with a known COVID-19 case prior to symptom onset.

This is the most up-to-date information on the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Tillamook County as of press time. See our website at northcoastcitizen.com for updates.



FARMERS MARKET



Last year the Manzanita Farmers Market was a weekly staple in the North County Beach community. This year with the COVID-19 pandemic, organizers are looking for innovative ways to continue.
Photo Trav Williams, Broken Banjo Photography

Council discusses options for a one-day Farmers Market permit

Manzanita City Council discussed at their April 8 meeting a special event permit for Manzanita Farmers' Market to be open Saturday, May 9, for Mother's Day weekend. The council agreed to wait until next month's city council meeting, May 6, to take a vote.

City Manager Cynthia Alamillo said the strategy of the farmers market was to have different markets throughout the year. Given the conditions of the virus, the

market could not be possible at the Pine Grove Community House, where it was originally going to be. Emily Vollmer, the director of the Manzanita Farmers' Market is asking for a special event permit to hold this farmers market for Saturday, May 9, at the city park.

This is a one-day event, Alamillo said. The organization will try their best to ensure people can attend the market in a safe environment.

"So far, the city has had a really good relationship with the farmers market," Alamillo said. "Every year, we just build a stronger relationship."

Alamillo said she believes the council should approve the permit for the market. Residents look forward to and expect the farmers market. She said it would be a good experience to test a farmers market in the

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City Council extends transient lodging tax quarterly return deadline

Manzanita City Council held a video conference Wednesday, April 8. During this meeting, the council passed Resolution No. 20-05, extending the deadline to file a transient lodging tax return due to the COVID-19 emergency.

The resolution states that

each person or business that collects payment for occupancy of transient lodging is required to register, collect the tax and file quarterly returns with the City of Manzanita. The next quarterly return for Jan. 1 through March 31 was due April 30. The city's hospitality industry businesses are being financially impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

The matter had come before the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners on April 3.

"What the county decided to do was they

provided a three-month extension to short term rental license holders," said City Manager Cynthia Alamillo.

Alamillo said the City of Manzanita is making sure they are in alignment with the county. Manzanita's resolution mimics the resolution approved by Tillamook County. Manzanita has an active short-term rental business.

"We understand their situation and we want to be comprehensive of that and want to make sure that they have the same opportunity as Tillamook County

presented," Alamillo said.

The deadline to file a transient lodging tax quarterly return has been extended to July 31. Late fees and interest shall not accrue for this return between April 30 and July 31.

"If we didn't do this together, it would be very complicated," said Mayor Mike Scott said, referring to the county. "We've put these businesses in extreme financial pressure right now and if we can support them by doing this, we got to do it."

Important dates for the May 19 Primary Election

May 19, 2020 Primary Election

- May 19, 2020 Primary Election
 - April 28, Voter registration deadline (Registration cards postmarked April 28, 2020 are valid)
 - April 29, First Day ballots will be mailed.
 - May 8, Certification Test of the Ballot Counting Machine
 - May 14 Last day to mail ballots
 - May 19 Election Day
 - June 8 Last day to certify election results
- The Elections office in the Tillamook County Courthouse will be open on Election Day 7 am-8 pm.

Ballot deposit locations

Below you will find the drop site locations and the available days and hours, the sites will be open for you to drop off voted ballots. You have the choice of mailing your ballot or returning it to any designated drop site in the state. The voted ballot must be received in any county election office or designated drop site by 8 p.m. on election night. Postmarks do not count. Ballots must be received inside gold colored envelopes with your signature on the outside.

Each ballot is inspected carefully and signatures are compared to the voter registration card on record.

SOUTH

Cloverdale Drop Box - 34370 Hwy. 101 South 04/29/2020 to 8 a.m. (open 24 hours)
Pacific City Drop Box - Kiawanda Community Center, 34600 Cape Kiwanda Drive 04/29/2020 to 8 a.m. (open 24 hours)

CENTRAL

Tillamook County Clerk's Office 04/29/2020 to 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon. - Fri.
Tillamook County Courthouse 05/18/2020
Garibaldi, OR 97118 05/19/2020 Tue. 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tillamook City Drive-Up Drop Box
NW Corner of 3rd & Laurel 04/29/2020 to 8 a.m. (open 24 hours)
Tillamook, OR 97141 05/19/2020 until 8 p.m.
Tillamook City - Library Main Branch*
05/15/2020 Fri. 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
1716 3rd Street 05/16/2020 Sat. 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Tillamook, OR 97141 05/18/2020 Mon. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 05/19/2020 Tue. 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

NORTH

Bay City - City Hall Drop Box
5525 B Street 04/29/2020 to 8 a.m. (open 24 hours)
Bay City, OR 97107 05/19/2020 until 8 p.m.
Garibaldi - City Hall Drop Box
107 6th Street 04/29/2020 to 8 a.m. (open 24 hours)
Rockaway Beach - City Hall Drop Box
276 Hwy. 101 South 04/29/2020 to 8 a.m. (open 24 hours)
Rockaway Beach, OR 97136 05/19/2020 until 8p.m.
Manzanita - City Hall Drop Box
543 Laneda Avenue 04/29/2020 to 8 a.m. (open 24 hours)
Manzanita, OR 97130 05/19/2020 until 8 p.m.

On May 8, 2020 at 10 a.m. the certification test for the May 19, 2020 Primary Election will be held at the office of the Tillamook County Clerk.

Those in attendance will be required to sign a certification of their witness to the testing of the ballot counting equipment.



Golf has green light at area courses

Local courses remain open with social distancing measures

Chelsea Yarnell
Guest Contributor

Manzanita Links is open for play but there are extra rules to help keep you safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's important that golfers remain at least 6'-10' feet apart at all times to help curb the spread of illness," Manzanita Links Owner Matt J. Brown said. "The Governor's executive orders allow golf courses and some other businesses to remain open as long as social distancing measures are in place and each day someone is designated to monitor the social distancing. Our employees have been trained to make sure folks are following those guidelines."

Manzanita Links has made additional modifications to their operation. The course is walking only, players are limited to a group of two, flagsticks remain in at all times, rakes have been removed from sand bunkers, only one person is allowed in the golf shop at a

time, and only staff members are allowed to touch items within the pro shop.

"The reception has been really positive," Brown said. "The most important thing is that our customers and employees are safe. Our customers have done a great job of embracing the new guidelines and understand we have to adapt and modify our businesses in order to keep them open. All possible contact points around the shop or on the course are also regularly sanitized to decrease risk."

Manzanita Links has also created an option for contactless check in; and bonus, there's a discount if you utilize the service.

"Contactless check in is something we developed early on to make the process of paying for tee times easy and safe," Brown said. "Folks can go on our website www.manzanitalinks.com and pay right from their phones and go directly from their cars to the putting green or first tee."

Manzanita Links has hours

are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday; closed Mondays.

"On Mondays we are allowing residents of Manzanita to walk around the perimeter of the golf course which has been very popular with locals as some of the nearby parks have been closed for activities such as walking and hiking," Brown said.

During this time, Manzanita Links as created a 2020 Limited Edition 20 Round Golf Pass and Limited Edition "Manzanita Strong Hoodie." Of every pass sold, \$100, and 100 percent of proceeds from the hoodie sales, will be donated to the Eugene Schmuck Foundation which gives to several local non-profit organizations in the North Tillamook County area including the Neah-Kah-Nie School District, North County Food Bank, Rinehart Clinic, Meals for Seniors, North County Recreation District, and many others.

"We have really appreciated all of the support from the residents of Manzanita



A golfer takes a break on the ninth hole at Manzanita Links in this Citizen file photo.

and surrounding communities during this crisis," Brown said.

Further south, Alderbrook Golf Course is following the same protocol.

At Alderbrook, limiting group numbers and spacing has kept their operation in compliance with social distancing orders.

"We're only allowing groups of two to go out right now," Alderbrook Manager Amanda Moreland said.

"We're spacing them out a hole ahead of each other so the two can be 6 feet apart with no issues."

To cut down on surface contact, golfers are not allowed in the building and must perform all payment transactions through a small window. Out on the course, all rakes have been removed, walking and pull carts can only be used, and the cups have been turned upside down. Golfers are also asked

to not touch the flagsticks.

"People are constantly telling us 'thank you for being open,' Moreland said "Everyone is so happy that we're still open."

Alderbrook has limited their hours from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. seven days a week. Twilight rates begin at 3 pm.

And remember if you go golfing, cheer on your playing partners by giving the Arnold Palmer thumbs up instead of high fives and handshakes!


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May's North Tillamook Library book sale canceled

The long-established Memorial Day used book sale in Manzanita, the major source of financial support for the North Tillamook Library Friends, has been cancelled by the Friends' board. Uncertainty over the ongoing impact of COVID-19 prompted the decision. The sale was

scheduled for May 23-24. The board and volunteers considered alternative dates later in the year, but complications related to book donations and concern for the significant number of volunteers who organize and conduct the sale made alternatives not feasible.

This is an unfortunate turn of events, but the North Tillamook Library Friends wants to thank everyone who supports them through memberships, volunteering, and book sale purchases.

Extra time on your hands and wondering what to do?

Play Library Bingo!

Visit the Tillamook County Library Virtual Branch at www.tillabook.org, E-RESOURCES, to begin the fun!

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Tillamook PUD is now accepting applications for the 2020 College Work Program.

The College Work Program is a cool opportunity offered to local high school seniors pursuing higher education after graduation. Each year one student is selected to participate in the program to work at Tillamook PUD during summer and school breaks.

Interested in applying or know a student that would be? Applications and information can be found at www.tpud.org or at the Tillamook PUD office. Applications are due to Tillamook PUD by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

Questions? Contact Marissa Durrer at 503.815.8621.

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Eugene Schmuck Foundation looking to reschedule Manzanita Open

The Eugene Schmuck Foundation (ESF) has cancelled the annual 'Manzanita Open Golf Tournament' scheduled for May due to COVID-19. We are hoping to reschedule the tournament in late August. That decision will be made on or about June 1st.

In the meantime, Matt Brown, owner of Manzanita Links golf course is making an incredibly generous offer to the Eugene Schmuck Foundation. From April

15th to June 15th a Limited Edition 20 round Manzanita Strong Golf Pass is being offered for the public to purchase. The card sells for \$199 and is good for 20 9-Hole rounds of golf. Manzanita Links will then donate \$100 per card to the Eugene Schmuck Foundation. Manzanita Links has also partnered with TeeSpring.com to offer a limited edition Manzanita Strong hoodie sweatshirt. This stylish and comfy

hoodie features our favorite rascally seagull King Seve and is available in all sizes. 100% of proceeds will be donated to the Eugene Schmuck Foundation! The card and hoodie can be purchased at the golf course, on the golf course website, www.manzanitalinks.com or the ESF website. For more information, call Manzanita Links at 503-368-5744.

These generous offers will help the Eugene Schmuck Foundation fulfill

several of the grant requests we are receiving. The Eugene Schmuck Foundation donates to several non-profit organizations in the North Tillamook County area including the Neah-Kah-Nie School District, North County Food Bank, Rinehart Clinic, Meals for Seniors, NCRD, and many others.

The Eugene Schmuck Foundation also depends heavily on our sponsors for funding. We hope that sponsors that have so generously

donated in the past will do so again this year. Of all the years when we could use your help, 2020 is that year. We will be updating our sponsor board at the golf course in the near future.

A note for Neah-Kah-Nie hi-school seniors, applications for the 4 year scholarships are due by May 15 and the alumni scholarship on July 1. Please get in touch with the high school or the ESF website if interested.

We encourage all of you to visit the ESF website, www.eugeneschmuckfoundation.org for information about the foundation, how to get on our mailing list, how to become a sponsor, how to request grant money, how to apply for scholarships, and so much more. Contact us at our email address, esffoundation@yahoo.com. If there are any questions, call Bob Joseph at 503-368-3187. Be sure to like us on Facebook.

The Coast Guard reminds recreational boaters to be aware of the risks involving cold water drownings

Even as the Pacific Northwest heads into warmer weather, it can still take many months for the rivers, lakes, and waterways to catch up. The water may be significantly colder than the outside ambient temperature.

Always wear a life jacket while out on

the water. There is no time to don a life jacket when an accident or emergency occurs. The best vest is the one you wear.

"While hypothermia is a real concern, the true cause of most drownings this time of year is the rapid loss of one's ability to swim or tread water due to cold water immersion,"

said Capt. Nathan Coulter, chief of incident management for the 13th Coast Guard District. "Water temperatures in lakes and rivers are still near 50 degrees. If you enter water at those temperatures without a wet-suit or personal flotation device you may have less than 10 minutes to survive. Stay safe by

dressings for the water temperature, not the air temperature."

According to Frank Golden and Michael Tipton, internationally recognized experts in cold-water survival, water below 60-degrees

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Market

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COVID-19 environment.

"Manzanita Farmers Market has been very involved in following mandates, best practices, statewide, nationally, whatever we can do to keep up with requirements, but also best practices going beyond the requirements," Vollmer said. "The special event permit is about a farmers market that won't look like the farmers market that we know."

Oregon Farmers Market Association have been keeping up with best practices and mandates as well, Vollmer said. This Mother's Day event weekend was to increase the availability of fresh food to residents of Manzanita. The top priority is to do this in the safest way possible.

If they cannot keep people safe, the event would be cancelled. One of the most constrained type of event

would be online ordering and drive thru pickup only. The market is setting up an online preordering platform. Across Oregon, a lot of farmers markets will use the same platform.

"There are various levels of how much precaution we can take," Vollmer said.

Councilor Hans Tonjes said he is excited about something that feels like normal life but we do not know what May will look like in terms of COVID-19.

Vollmer said the market's perspective is being cautious to announce the market. If it does not seem like a good idea, the market would be cancelled, or it could be online ordering and drive thru pickup only.

Mayor Mike Scott said he hopes to see relief at the end of April, but it could be possible that the city will still be in a state of emergency during this farmers market.

The larger markets are operating, such as in Portland. Vollmer said these markets are making improvements

and a farmers market is a wonderful first step to getting back to normalcy.

Councilor Steve Nuttall said to have vendors selling nonfood items would be unfair to the retailers closed. Vollmer said they probably do not have space for anything nonfood. She is more inclined to restrict the market to just food and farm, also including flowers.

Councilor Thomas Aschenbrenner said Manzanita is fortunate to have a supply of fresh food as food security is a significant issue. He liked the idea of online ordering. He asked if there is a relationship with the Oregon Food Bank to issue vouchers for the farmers market.

Vollmer said the market is authorized to accept SNAP food EBT cards and operates a SNAP match program, which has tokens called double up food bucks.

"I'd be very open to working with the food bank," Vollmer said.

Nuttall said they have a council meeting scheduled for

May 6 and can respond then to any issues going forward. He thinks they should remain in close contact with the market and give the earliest notification if the market will not be able to be held.

Assistant City Manager Kristin Grasseth read a comment from citizen that read, "This virus originated in and was spread from open public market. It is irresponsible to conduct a market at the same time the city is trying to disway visitors and keep people's distance."

Another citizen asked Vollmer to explain how the market would line people up. Vollmer said there would be a sign in block for half an hour. There would be staff and volunteers there to manage this.

A citizen asked if it is a given that the market would be online only. Vollmer said they are leaning towards having purchases available onsite but are discouraging it. They are happy to work with online ordering only.

Karen Matthews, community garden manager at Alder

Creek Farm, said it is important that people are provided the opportunity to grow their own food.

"I want to make sure there is an understanding that edible plants would be included," Matthews said.

Vollmer said she supports having edible plants available.

A concern of the council was having the market where the restrooms are currently closed. Nuttall said it seems like there would be a requirement for access to public restrooms. Alamillo said there was a reason why the city decided to close public restrooms and those restrooms will not be able to be opened for this event.

Nuttall asked why the May date, versus a June date.

"This is something we've been planning since October, almost a little before that," Vollmer said. "The Manzanita Farmers Market is participating in a grant, along with 500 farmers markets in Oregon, and that grant is focused on supporting beginning

vendors."

Vollmer said the market spent last summer gathering data and saw customer interest in additional sales events and felt the best angle of this was to align it to some sort of holiday. They planned out four additional events. Mother's Day made sense for flowers.

"Our farmers have greens and turnips and our meat vendors have their frozen products," Vollmer said. "We have eggs and cheese."

There are vegetables and meat protein sources available, Vollmer said.

"Its really, really important to realize this is not an event," Vollmer said. "There won't be chairs for people to sit in; there won't be music."

The market would be a place to receive food from local farms. Manzanita Farmers Market is happy to work with the city to establish best practice.

Nuttall asked if they could approve the permit at the May 6 meeting. The council agreed to wait until May 6 to vote.



RE-ELECT

David Yamamoto

Tillamook County Commissioner

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- *Ocean Windmills
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- *Carbon Cap & Trade
- *Economic Development
- *Emergency Preparedness
- *Tourism, Transient Lodging Tax
- *High Speed Fiber Internet to the Home

Visit David Yamamoto's webpage and Facebook to find his responses to these problems

www.dave4bocc.com



Commissioner David Yamamoto

"Long before David was a Commissioner, we admired his efforts to balance the environment, community, tourism and business. We know, first hand, he is very committed to the environment, healthy watersheds and clean water. We have worked alongside David on important issues in Tillamook County and support his leadership.

Phil and Julie Chick, Nehalem

"Commissioner Yamamoto has demonstrated his commitment to this County and those of us that live here. I support him in his candidacy to continue his important work as a Tillamook County Commissioner."

Susan Amort, Neskowin; President Pacific City Nestucca Valley Chamber of Commerce

"David Yamamoto is my choice for County Commissioner. His sound business experience and his knowledge of the Tillamook County environment has served our citizens well."

Leila Salmon, Manzanita

"David is an extremely hard worker and supports a balanced approach in managing our natural resources. He sees both the details and the big picture. He has made an excellent Commissioner."

Doug Olson, Pacific City; Chair, Tillamook County Budget Committee

Paid for by the Committee to Elect David Yamamoto

"I am thrilled to endorse David Yamamoto for County Commissioner. David and I have worked together on emergency preparedness for several years. He is a very thoughtful listener who is committed to the people and issues of Tillamook County."

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Former CEO Rinehart Clinic in Wheeler;
President, Board of Directors, South Tillamook County Emergency Volunteer Corps



Letters & Columns

Preparation is paying off

Linda Kozlowski

After hurricane-force winds isolated our region for over a week 12 years ago, we had no organized community mechanism to respond. From that incident, the Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay was formed. Fast forward to today — EVCNB has grown to become a critical component of preparedness in our community.

Our mission to “Promote A Culture of Preparedness” has never been more important than it is right now. The biggest surprise is that the worst case we initially

imagined was a Cascadia Subduction Zone major earthquake and tsunami. Little did we realize that we would first be faced with two tornados and a pandemic. When we talk about all hazards, we really mean all hazards!

Not surprisingly, our EVCNB volunteers have stepped up in the COVID-19 emergency. The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) has been activated to do contact tracing for Tillamook County Health Department, and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members are on standby for Tillamook County Emergency Man-

agement.

As part of the Neighborhood Gathering Site strategy, Prepare Your Neighborhood (PYN) clusters have been accumulating supplies, including N95 masks, hand sanitizer, and Clorox wipes for some time. With the shortage of personal protection equipment at key places in the county, a portion of these supplies have now been distributed



to those in urgent need, including first responders, local grocery store employees, food bank volunteers, and post office personnel. These dedicated individuals are continuing to work in conditions in which they are often unable to be six feet apart from the public. A big thank you goes out to them, and to the PYN clusters for putting others first and giving back!

Residents in many of our neighborhoods are also supporting each other by making combined grocery runs, keeping in contact through social media and checking on their neighbors — virtually of course. Thanks to all our volunteers, we show we have a strong community and we will get through this crisis together.

At the same time, we are learning a lot. The current pandemic situation should be considered a great wake-up call. Imagine if we did have an earthquake and tsunami. Would you be ready for 30 days (or more) of isolation with no local grocery stores available?

What if there was no water, no sewers, no electricity, no roads?

While we are all abiding by the Governor Brown’s “Stay Home, Save Lives,” you might want to take time to plan for the additional supplies and actions that would help you prepare for that worst-case possibility.

Stay safe, stay home, and remember — small acts of kindness go a long way when we are all under significant stress.

Kozlowski serves as President of the Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay

I support Erin Skaar for County Commissioner

I am honored to have the opportunity to vote for Erin Skaar in the Tillamook County Commissioner race and I hope you will join me.

I have known Erin for more than 15 years and have worked with her on several projects, programs, and initiatives throughout those years. I have repeatedly been impressed by Erin’s keen intelligence, her leadership skills, her ability to consider both the big picture and the finer details of issues and her ability to build effective collaborations and partnerships with diverse populations.

Erin and I worked first as co-workers as she led several projects for the Tillamook County Women’s Resource Center (now Tides of Change) and later as community partners each representing non-profits whose missions

overlapped.

There are a multitude of skills and characteristics that I admire about Erin and the tremendous contribution she had made to improve the lives of Tillamook County residents as she manages the broad range of programs operated by Community Action Resources and her many additional community involvements.

I greatly admire Erin’s ongoing commitment to listen to all voices and to stand for what is best for the community at large. Erin is a visionary and a creative problem solver and I believe she will be a strong County Commissioner as she brings her many strengths to that position.

I remember calling professional references when hoping to hire Erin for a position at TCWRC. All references were effusive in their appreciation for Erin and her work. One reference said to me that “hiring Erin will be a decision you will never

regret” and truer words have rarely been spoken. I believe the same holds true as we consider who we will vote for to become our next County Commissioner, a vote for Erin Skaar will be one we will never regret.

*Kathleen Marvin
Manzanita, Oregon*

A Conservative for McCall

Ninety-five percent of my votes in the last 50+ years have been cast for the most qualified conservative candidate. This election, for County Commissioner, I am casting my vote for Dave McCall, because I feel he is the most qualified candidate, regardless of political affiliation.

As a member of the County’s Solid Waste Advisory Committee, I became acquainted with Dave when he took over the management of the Solid Waste department 7 years ago. We have been friends and community associates since. We have debated many political issues over the years. Much of the time we end up agreeing to disagree, but he has been respectful of my views. He listens attentively and is open to be influenced by logical, common-sense arguments.

As leader of the Solid Waste dept., Dave has demonstrated his skills at managing an organization with a multi-million dollar budget. In previous jobs he has experience

managing divisions or companies with larger budgets and more than 100 employees. No other candidate has this kind of experience?

Two to three times a month over the last 7 years, Dave has had to make presentations to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at their workshops and weekly meetings. This makes him familiar with the inner workings of the BOCC.

Dave has knowledge of the County’s budget process. He has had to present his case to the BOCC for the adoption of Solid Waste’s multi-million dollar budget request that he puts together each year. He’ll truly hit the ground running.

David’s environmental accomplishments speak for themselves. His knowledge and understanding of environmental issues are gleaned from years of experience in environmentally related managerial positions — both here in Tillamook, and previously in the private sector. I have never known Dave to blindly support or enact environmental policies that don’t consider potential unintended consequences, or the likelihood of diminishing returns for efforts put forth. He has received numerous awards for his efforts.

Common sense and a great sense of humor are also reasons I support Dave.

*Tom Jayred
Tillamook*

Why I support Erin Skaar

As a retired Tillamook County Commissioner and life-long resident, I have always cared deeply about our county. It was very comforting for me to have Mary Faith Bell take my place on the County Commission. Now we have another wonderful opportunity.

I knew some time ago that my friend and fellow Commissioner Bill Baertlein was also considering retirement. Knowing this, I approached Erin Skaar several times to encourage her to run for Bill’s position when he retired. I wasn’t alone. There were people all across our wonderful county who also wanted her to run because they recognized her talents.

However, we had to wait. Erin is the Executive Director of Community Action Resource Enterprises (CARE). She created a collaboration to bring funding into Tillamook County for an affordable housing complex, to be built this year. She couldn’t commit to running for Bill’s seat until this task was completed. It’s this dedication to her work and our county that exemplifies her values.

Anybody who has worked with her will tell you that she is a true leader; is personable and very intelligent. I can’t tell you how pleased I am to have her on the ballot. Please join me in voting for Erin Skaar.

*Tim Joshi
Retired Tillamook County
Commissioner.*

We need your help

Fulcrum Community Resources, Manzanita Visitor’s Center and others have been working to put a campaign together for the benefit of our local small businesses and self-employed residents who are in dire need at this time. We are asking for your help. Can you make a donation, small or large to help them weather this unprecedented storm?

Without the economic shot in the arm from the Spring Break that didn’t happen and the possibility of a non-existent Summer Season, we are very concerned about the viability of our local businesses in Manzanita, Nehalem and Wheeler. Many of us rely on them directly or indirectly for our income. We locals are loyal customers but there just aren’t enough of us.

We are a community known for helping each other out in times of trouble. We are very grateful to live here, we care and we want to help. Many elders have been very generous with their time volunteering for a number of local worthy organizations. Now they don’t want to be out there in the world, so perhaps they can use their dollars instead.

Of course you don’t need to be in the elder group to donate! Please pitch in any amount that you can afford to help make sure our businesses stay in business. We understand that your personal economics are also probably impacted by this pandemic and we hope you will still consider giving what you can. Every drop helps. United, we can make our own positive impact.

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Questions? Please email Barbara McLaughlin at barbaraandchuck@nehalemtnet.net.

Thank you. And thanks to the North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection for bringing this apropos poem to light.

Barbara McLaughlin
President, Fulcrum
Community Resources

Elect Erin Skaar -- County Commissioner

We fully support Erin Skaar in her bid for County Commissioner Position 1. We have known Erin for nearly 20 years and have always been impressed by her interest in making our community a better place for all of us to call home.

Erin grew up in a small Oregon Community in North Central Oregon and her parents were small business owners until they recently retired. She knows the issues facing citizens of small communities and the concerns of small businesses.

We have worked on many projects with Erin. She is

incredibly skilled, organized and efficient in everything she does. She is familiar with a wide range of important issues facing Tillamook County including recreation, tourism, natural resources and housing.

Erin will work hard for all of us and will be an incredible County Commissioner. We urge you to vote for Erin Skaar for County Commissioner Position One. If you want to learn more about Erin look at her web page at voteinskaar.org

Chris and Patsy Weber
Rockaway Beach

I support David McCall

While there is a lot riding

on the national elections in November, we also have pressing issues here at home and an important election in May. I'm working to ensure that a majority of the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners takes North County concerns into account for a change.

Commissioner Yamamoto did not listen to the citizens of North County about CARTM, throwing 14 people out of work and depriving us of a community gathering place and a resource for retaining used goods locally. He voted to defund the library. He prioritizes the concerns of timber companies over the worries of citizens whose watershed is being sprayed with pesticides and herbicides. Yamamoto refuses

to allow Tillamook County to lead on climate change mitigation. And he didn't listen to the citizens of Tierra Del Mar who did not want Facebook drilling for an undersea cable in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

We need a commissioner who listens. Dave McCall understands and supports the value of community service organizations. We need real attention to environmental concerns and more than lip service on sustainable tourism and affordable housing. Dave McCall has the experience and temperament to move Tillamook County forward. He is unafraid of innovation and makes data-driven decisions after taking all perspectives into account. He does not blindly follow

the interests of the Chamber of Commerce.

I worked with Dave McCall very closely as the county's solid waste program director when I was executive director of CARTM. Dave really understands the need to innovate sustainable programs to mitigate the downside of inevitable growth. He has the rare head for business plus a heart for community building. As a county employee now, he has already established working relationships with county department managers. Dave McCall has my vote, and I encourage you to consider pledging yours as well.

Karen Reddick Yurka
Rockaway Beach

Cold

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Wear personal protective clothing, including dry or wet suits, clothing appropriate for a swim in the water temperature where you are venturing.

Boaters don't just need to wear the proper gear but also need to equip their boats with required and recommended safety gear, such as a hand-held VHF-FM marine-band radio, a

personal locator beacon and flares.

File a float plan. Take the time to write your contact information, with a waterproof permanent marker, on your kayak, paddle board or other personal water craft. A name, address and phone number can assist first responders in locating you, should your vessel be found.

New and inexperienced boaters should seek education before heading out on the water. Safety courses are offered through the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and other state and local agencies, which are often offered at little or no cost.



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Wyden hosts first online Oregon Town Hall

Hilary Dorsey
Staff Writer

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden held an online Oregon Town Hall on Friday, April 17, hosted by Town Hall Project. Wyden has held 970 town halls statewide in fulfillment of his pledge to hold at least one town hall each year in each of Oregon's 36 counties. This was his first virtual town hall.

Wyden said this was Oregon's first statewide virtual meeting and wanted to know how people are doing amid COVID-19 and wanted input from the people for the next COVID-19 package, which is currently being worked on.

Becky, from Springfield, had a

question about the hold up on getting COVID-19 tests out. She works in health care and is aware of this issue. She feels we should not be concerned about revealing the source of the potential contamination. She thinks people need to know who they are in contact with that could possibly contaminate them.

Wyden said people have been stressing the question of testing and that President Donald Trump at one time said we have all the tests we need.

"What I'm working for is quality testing, because we've battled a lot of false negatives and also quick responses," Wyden said. "That to me is the bottom line."

Wyden said the Trump admin-

istration has been zigzagging in a counter-productive way when it comes to testing. Testing needs to start with health care workers, retail workers and people who are on the frontlines. Contact tracing is important. Without quality testing, it is hard to have a national agenda to get back to normal lives.

Allison, from Portland, a small business owner, brought up the \$50 billion childcare investment and asked Wyden how he will make sure direct relief can be accessed by all. She added that there is a huge blockade or who has technological access. Wyden said the Paycheck Protection Plan is frustrating and delay in the Economic Injury program is unacceptable.

Wyden said small businesses are having a fair amount of luck with the Employee Retention Credit. He is working with others to get an agreement to add money to the Paycheck Protection Plan.

Erica, from Happy Valley, takes care of her medically-fragile mother. Two-thirds of their income goes to rent. She asked if there was talk of a rent freeze.

"You are the face of thousands of Oregonians who are now walking an economic tightrope," Wyden said.

Wyden said there is a moratorium on evictions and closures for mortgages. Unemployment insurance is available for someone caring for an individual. It covers a lot of professions it never covered before.

Wyden asked if Erica was able to pay rent on April 1. Erica said she was and has \$93 for the rest of the month. Wyden said he is trying to get additional funding for a child taking care of an older parent. He said his office would connect with her to find her help.

Geri, from Grants Pass, said she appreciated Wyden's proposal of nationwide mailed ballots. Wyden said he introduced the first vote by mail in 2002. It was an academic issue. Most poll workers are over the age of 60. He said if you have friends who have Republican senators, ask them to reach out to those senators telling them this is a public safety issue.

Governor announces framework for loosening restrictions

Jeremy C. Ruark
Country Media

"We have to be careful," Oregon Gov. Kate Brown cautioned as she outlines the state's framework for reopening Oregon following the initial impact of the coronavirus. "We have to be cautious or it will backfire."

During a Tuesday, April 14, news conference in Portland, Brown said there was no set time for the reopening of the state's society and economy and that it will be based on several factors.

"If we move too quickly, we will see a spike in cases and that could lead to an

overwhelmed hospital system and unnecessary deaths," Brown said. "We all want to get back to work and to life as normal as quickly as possible, but the truth is the best path forward is a cautious one. A path that procedures gradually and incrementally and carefully. This is not like turning on a light."

Brown said the decision to reopen would be based on a path based on a scientific process that accounts for the need of Oregon's economy and communities. Brown laid out five main prerequisites for when they will begin to loosen up on the

statewide order.

- Slowing the growth of COVID-19 in Oregon.
- Increasing the supply of personal protection equipment (PPE), such as masks, gloves and gowns.
- Establishing a public health framework that will provide more readily available testing statewide. The increased testing will help the state identify specially where the virus is and to stop it from spreading, she said.

Currently, Oregon is conducting between 7,000 - 8,000 tests per week, according to Gov. Brown. The goal is to provide up to 15,000 tests per week statewide.

- Developing a contact tracing system for those who test positive for COVID-19 to stop further transmission
- Develop a quarantine/isolation process for those who test positive for COVID-19, which includes strategies for nursing home residents.

Brown said she will continue to meet with state and local health officials and reach out to businesses to help determine the reopening process. Brown did not give any details on dates or a timetable for when they might begin to loosen the restrictions.

"We cannot stand still,"

Brown said. "We can, and we will, get through this together."

Anthony Smith, Oregon state director for National Federation of Independent Business, the nation's leading small-business advocacy association, issued a statement regarding the framework for reopening Oregon's economy.

"Small businesses welcome the start of a conversation surrounding the reopening of Oregon's economy," Smith said. "In order to make informed decisions, small businesses need reliable information from their elected leaders, and

they need to be included in the conversation. Every day that passes without certainty is a missed opportunity to save our hometown Oregon businesses - and all the jobs that go along with them."

"We need to know what the measurables are, so that businesses can be a part of the recovery solution. Without a clear light at the end of the tunnel, more and more small businesses are going to have to shut down permanently," Smith said. "Nobody wants to see that happen."

Max Kirkendall contributed to this article.

SBA runs out of COVID-19 relief funds

Kathleen Stinson
For The Citizen

The Small Business Administration programs designed to provide financial help to businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

have run out of money, according to Mark Gregory, state director of the Small Business Development Center in Oregon.

In a press release issued last week, Gregory said: "Last night we were in-

formed that the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program had experienced a lapse in appropriations. This morning, we learned that the Payroll Protection Program has experienced a similar lapse in appropriations as well, and

that new applications are not being processed by the SBA."

These two programs are part of the stimulus bill recently passed by Congress.

Kevin Leahy, executive director of Clatsop Economic Development Resources (CEDR) and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Clatsop County, said earlier Wednesday before news of the "appropriations lapse" that many small business owners had tried to file an online application with the SBA to get help from these

programs. However, the overloaded system crashed and many were forced to reapply two and some three times, as stated in a previous story by THE GAZETTE.

In the earlier story, Leahy described the mood of business owners as "despair" changing to "frustration" and then "anger."

"There's a lot of frustration with these federal loans," he said. Applicants were supposed to receive a check within three days of filing for a loan. "That's not happened."

"These two programs have been the primary Federal government assistance programs for businesses suffering economic losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gregory said in the release.

"We understand that many businesses have been relying on these funds to keep employees and get through these difficult times. This lapse in funding may create difficulties and greater uncertainty for many businesses. The SBDCs are still here to help" provide advice.

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