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## NAVIGATING HEALTH

### School District opens NKN Student Health & Wellness Center

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A ribbon cutting for the new NKN Student Health & Wellness Center came about Tuesday, Nov. 2. Members from the community attended the ceremony and tour of the new center. Rachel Lee, Neah-Kah-Nie High School student and representative of the NKN Student Health & Wellness Community Advisory Committee, cut the ribbon.

The health and wellness center is a collaborative effort between Neah-Kah-Nie School District, Rinehart Clinic & Pharmacy and Oregon Health Authority.

Gail Nelson, Rinehart Clinic & Pharmacy CEO, said the center would serve the children of the community, as well as school staff. The center had been in the planning stages for more than two years, with a planning grant from the Oregon Health Authority's School Based Health Center program. Rinehart Clinic was chosen as the medical sponsor and will staff and operate the center.

"Additional funding from the Oregon Health Authority and the Health Resources and Services Administration have continued to help us move this forward," Nelson said.

NKN Student Health & Wellness Center is open to all children pre-K through 12th grade who live within the Neah-Kah-Nie School District. The center will also provide services to any school staff members who wish to seek care. The center is open two days a week for now, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and plans to expand its hours if needed.

Two of Rinehart Clinic's primary care providers will staff the center. Family nurse practitioner Caitlin Simons will be the primary provider. Family nurse practitioner Leanna Coy, the medical director for the center, will also see patients occasionally.



A student talks with a Wellness Center Family Nurse Practitioner. Photo courtesy of Trav Williams, Broken Banjo Photography

Simons said the main goal of the health center is to create a healthy and happy school district. The center will provide a wide range of services, including mental health, vaccinations, reproductive care and more.

"We will also do care for illnesses and injuries," Simons said. "Really, we'll be able to provide any care a student might need."

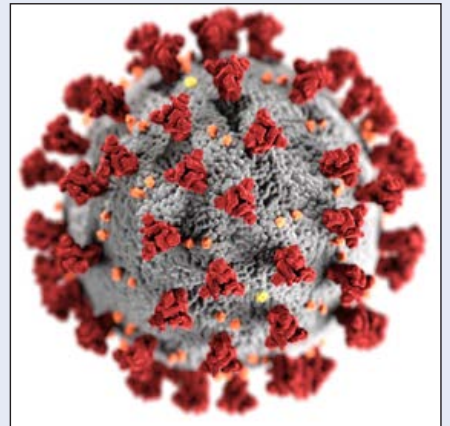
The center has five different rooms, including a waiting room, a restroom, a lab, an exam room and an office, Neah-Kah-Nie School District Superintendent Paul Erlebach said.

Erlebach said a lot of thought went into where the district wanted to place the center. They wanted it to be in a location visible to all students. The center is located on the north side of Neah-Kah-Nie High School.

"It's almost like opening a new school," Erlebach said. "We had to create a website, we created a logo."

Community sponsors include the Mudd Nick Foundation, the Oregon Health Authority's School-Based Health Center Program team, Tillamook Family Counseling Center, Tillamook County Community Health Centers, First Student, and the Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization.

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### COVID-19 update: Walk-in vaccine clinic moves to 4-H dorms

Shots also available at Rinehart Clinic, Adventist Health and local pharmacy

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Tillamook County had 29 COVID-19 cases over the weekend from Nov. 5 through Nov. 7 and 62 cases for the 7-day case count from Oct. 31 through Nov. 6, Tillamook County Health Department reported.

"Cases to date since the start of November have been 69," Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Ed Colson reported during a Tillamook County Board of Commissioners meeting Wednesday, Nov. 10. "The pandemic case total was 2,074, going all the way back to March 2020."

There have been 42 COVID-related deaths in the county, with 35 of those individuals unvaccinated, one with no vaccine record and six fully vaccinated. The three most recent deaths were from August and September.

Tillamook County has one confirmed outbreak and nine pending investigation. As of press time, Oregon Health Authority had not updated the workplace outbreaks for the week of Nov. 10. The previous week, as of Nov. 3, Oregon Health Authority confirmed an outbreak at Tillamook County Creamery Association with 21 cases.

"The walk-in clinic has moved to the 4-H dorms [at the fairgrounds] for vaccines starting on the 9th through the 18th," Colson said. "The flu vaccine, the pneumonia vaccine and all three COVID vaccines for your first, second and third dose or your booster dose and pediatric doses."

The walk-in clinic is open from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 1-5 p.m. Wednesdays. Vaccines are also available at Adventist Health Tillamook, Rinehart Clinic and local pharmacies.

"We always strongly encourage people to continue following COVID-19 precautions, following the mask requirements, six feet of distance from those not in your immediate household and wash your hands frequently and take an opportunity, if you haven't, to get the COVID-19 vaccine," Colson said.

Booster doses are available for those eligible. Those who were vaccinated with the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine and are eligible for a booster shot six months after their second shot include people 65 years and older, people living in a long-term care facility, people 50-64 with underlying medical conditions, and people ages 18-64 with underlying medical conditions or who are at a higher risk of exposure due to where they live or work. Booster shots for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine are available for those who received a shot two months ago and are 18 years and older. Those eligible for a booster may receive either the same or a different COVID-19 vaccine as a booster dose, depending on advice from a health care provider, individual preference and availability.

Pediatric doses for those ages 5-11 of the Pfizer vaccine are available at the walk-in clinic, as well as through health care providers.

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## Police services continue at Oswald West, Nehalem Bay State Park

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Manzanita City Council on Wednesday, Nov. 3, approved an intergovernmental agreement with Oregon Parks and Recreation District (OPRD) for police services. The agreement provides police services to Oswald West and Nehalem Bay State Park.

"This will provide services to Oswald West and Nehalem Bay State Park for fiscal years 22 and 23," City Manager Leila Aman said. "We've been providing these services to OPRD since 1998."

According to the staff report, the last contract expired in June. OPRD informed the city that they needed additional time to revise the contracting method to comply with state contracting law. The result is the intergovernmental agreement.

Aman said the agreement is \$27,500 per year for fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023 for a total of \$55,000. The city also receives revenue from citations issued. Last year, an estimated \$23,000 was generated from citations for the city.

The contract calls for seven hours of patrolling per week during the high season from June through August and four hours per week from September through May.

"We have agreements with Wheeler and Nehalem," Aman said. "Those were approved

I think back in May, executed in June." The city will update the agreement in two years, Aman added.

Manzanita Police Chief Erik Harth said the department keeps a time sheet for how many hours they spend in the state park, which is billed at the end of the year.

"We look at the final hours per year and make sure we're at that amount," Harth said.

Harth added that Oregon State Police is the primary agency for emergency calls in those parks and the police department is a supplemental service.

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## County offices open to the public

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Commission Chair Mary Faith

Bell said masks are required indoors at all times, as well as social distancing.

"The libraries are open," Bell said. "People are very excited about that."

People can now browse for longer than the previous 15-minute allotments.

Vice-Chair David Yamamoto said community development will

be open but due to limited staff, people should make appointments if they can. If going without an appointment, employees will try to take care of you as they have people available.

The commissioners' board meeting room is limited in capacity. There is room for 19 people

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# 2021 Celebrate the Holidays

## Tillamook and Clatsop Counties

**A comprehensive outline of special events planned Thanksgiving Weekend through the New Year Day weekend**

### Tillamook County

**Nov. 26** – Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Sale at 5:45 p.m. at the Rockaway Beach Wayside. Santa will be arriving on the “Rockaway Beach Christmas Tree Lighting Excursion” train at 6 p.m. Tree Lighting is at 6:30 p.m. Local shops will be open late, offering discounts after the Tree Lighting.

**Nov. 27** – Bear Creek Artichokes Holiday Party from noon to 3 p.m.

**Nov. 27** – Small Business Saturday in Tillamook from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit the chamber for free hot cocoa from Dutch Bros. Do your holiday shopping at local retailers. Many shops will have great deals or extra goodies available to celebrate shopping small. Tillamook Air Museum will also be offering a 10 percent discount on all gift shop purchases and museum admissions to local residents from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Nov. 27** – Tree lighting ceremony in Garibaldi at 5:30 p.m. in front of the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad train depot at 3rd St. and Hwy 101. Swing by for free hot cocoa and hot dog.

**Nov. 27-28** – Holiday market from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 27 and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 28, located at the Garibaldi Community Hall, located at 107 6th St., two blocks away from the ice skating rink.

**Nov. 27-28** – Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad will begin running their Candy Cane Express on Nov. 27 with departing trains at noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. On Nov. 28, trains will be at noon,

2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Held Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 19. Book train tickets at <https://oregoncoastscenic.org/candy-cane-express/>

**Nov. 27-28** – Ice skating in Garibaldi from 1-5 p.m. Nov. 27 and from noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 28. Admission is free but the city will be collecting donations for future events. Skate rentals are provided for both adult and children sizes.

**Nov. 29-Dec. 3** – Tillamook County Library Foundation Treasure Sale from 9 a.m. 5 p.m. at Tillamook County Library, located at 1716 3rd St.

**Dec. 1** – Drive-thru Customer Holiday Party from 3-6 p.m. at the Tillamook PUD office. Enter the event through the TPUD truck yard gate on 11th St. There will be holiday treats and giveaway items for adults and kids.

**Dec. 3-4** – Christmas Bazaar from 2-7 p.m. Dec. 3 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 4 at Tillamook Nazarene, 2611 3rd St. Enjoy a meal from the Kitchen Café before or after browsing the local vendors.

**Dec. 4** – 62nd annual Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, the little white church with the steeple, one block off Hwy 101 in downtown Cloverdale. Santa visits will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be gift baskets, gifts and raffles, handcrafted quilt raffle, homemade fresh cinnamon rolls, famous polish dogs, home-baked goods. All

food is to go only. Credit cards accepted. Proceeds are donated to South Tillamook County non-profits.

**Dec. 4** – Pacific City Holiday Bazaar at 10 a.m. at Kiawanda Community Center. Join local artists and creatives and get your holiday shopping done with supporting locals.

**Dec. 4** – Holiday in Tillamook and annual Tree Lighting Ceremony from 5-7 p.m. at City Hall, located at 210 Laurel Ave. There will be a coloring contest, toy drive, performances from local, hot cocoa and popcorn stand, photos with Santa, a performance by the Tillamook High School Choir and catered food. People can also watch live at <https://bit.ly/3EJ-s3vn>

**Dec. 4** – Tillamook Holiday Light Parade at 7 or 7:30 p.m., after the tree lighting. The parade will run in front of city hall.

**Dec. 6** – Hope for the Holidays from 6-7:30 p.m. at Tillamook Seventh Day Adventist Church, located at 2610 First Street in Tillamook. The community event is to honor loved ones who have died and to receive support through the holidays. There will be live music, an inspiring speaker and helpful coping resources. There will be a special acknowledgment honoring those who have died from COVID-19 along with a special gift for the families. Registration and masks are required. A livestream will also be available on Facebook Live @AHTillamook for those not able to attend in person. Register at <https://bit.ly/3Em26Sf>

**Dec. 11** – Santa & The Grinch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tillamook Air Museum. Come for a day of fun and photos with Santa and The Grinch. Bring your letters to Santa.

### Clatsop County

**Nov. 19 – Dec. 18** – Coaster Theatre Playhouse presents the holiday classic “A Christmas Carol.” This production is a radio-style play written, workshopped and performed by the theatre community. Get tickets for one of the performances slated for Fridays, Saturdays, and one Sunday matinee. Buy tickets online at <https://bit.ly/3aG843D> or by calling 503-436-1242.

**Nov. 26** – Black Friday at Seaside Outlets. All stores open at 7 a.m. First 10 people in each store get cash rewards. Enter to win \$300 gift certificate. Free snacks and coffee while supplies last.

**Nov. 26** – Seaside Parade of Lights. Also includes lighting of the community tree. Parade begins at 7 p.m. and tree lighting begins at 8 p.m.

**Nov. 26-27** – Plaid Friday and Small Business Saturday in Cannon Beach. Take this opportunity to shop small and get something for everyone on your holiday shopping list with specials. Wear plaid to show your love and support for local businesses.

**Nov. 26-27** – Seaside Boutique Artisan Fair from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 26 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 27 at Seaside Civic & Convention Center. Annual holiday gift fair dedicated to local



artists from around Seaside and Clatsop County.

**Nov. 27 and Dec. 4** – Wreath making classes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce.

This wreath making event comes with an instructor, along with refreshments and holiday music. Recycle last year's ring and receive a discount. Don't miss the Holiday Cookie Contest during the classes, where local bakers compete for Best Cannon Beach Cookie.

**Nov. 29 – Dec. 20** – Cannon Beach in Lights. View the beautiful lights and Christmas displays decorating the town and vote for your favorite at the chamber or on the website. Voting opens through Dec. 20. Awarded will be announced on Facebook Dec. 21.

**Nov. 29 – Dec. 20** – ‘Name That Tune’ Window Contest in Cannon Beach. Visit participating locations and submit completed playing cards for a chance to win a holiday gift basket. Voting opens through Dec. 20. Awards will be announced on Dec. 21 on Facebook.

**Dec. 1-23** – Holiday Crafting at Child's Play

in Cannon Beach. Decorate Christmas glass ornaments, pom pom Christmas trees and Christmas wood signs adorned with twinkle lights. For details, visit [achildsplay.com](http://achildsplay.com)

**Dec. 4** – Lamp Lighting Ceremony at 4 p.m. at Sandpiper Square in Cannon Beach. Enjoy music, singing and special guests. Free to the public.

**Dec. 11** – Pictures with Santa from 1-4 p.m. at Sandpiper Square (or the chamber community hall) in case of rain in Cannon Beach. Come support the Cannon Beach Academy and get your picture with Santa.

**Dec. 11 & 12** – Holiday Pictures with Santa from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Seaside Outlets.

**Dec. 12** – Soups for Santa from noon to 3 p.m. Bring your soup donation to either Tolovana Wayside from noon to 12:55 p.m., Cannon Beach Fire Department from 1-1:55 p.m., or the old Cannon Beach Elementary School from 2-2:55 p.m. and meet Santa. All donations benefit the Cannon Beach Community Food Pantry.

**Dec. 15** – Holiday Pictures with Santa from 4-7 p.m. at Seaside Outlets.

**Dec. 19** – Fireside Storytime with Santa at 4 p.m. at the Surfsand Resort Ballroom in Cannon Beach. Enjoy cookies and hot cocoa in the lobby before hearing Santa read “Night Before Christmas.”

**Dec. 20** – Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Flavel House Museum in Astoria from 6-8 p.m.

**Dec. 23** – Caroling Downtown from 5-6 p.m. in Cannon Beach. Will begin at the chamber and go through downtown, ending for hot cocoa at the Cannon Beach Chocolate Café.

**Dec. 27-30** – Holiday Foods Around the World in Cannon Beach. Visit participating restaurants who will feature unique food and beverage special, highlighting many different countries and cuisines. Locations list on chamber website.



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# CHILD program accepting applications for Christmas gifts

**Hilary Dorsey**

Staff Writer

Nehalem Bay United Methodist Church is accepting applications from families in need as part of their CHILD program. CHILD, Christ's Hands in Loving Devotion, was founded in the fall of 2017 to help children of families living in Tillamook County at Christmas and during back to school.

CHILD helps to provide a new outfit, shoes, jacket and needed school supplies for students who might otherwise do without at the beginning of each school year. The program also provides gifts for children from their wish list at Christmas time.

Coordinator Bobbie Mosher said applications can be picked up at Nehalem Bay Methodist Church. They are available in the Pantry, which is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays. People can also call the church office at 503-368-5612 and leave a message requesting an application or email nbumcchild@gmail.com. Applications are also available at Rinehart Clinic.

Parents must register with CHILD and keep information up to date to participate in the program. New applications are mailed out to registered families for each child two times a year, for Christmas and back to

school.

"We need a separate application on each child and require parents/guardians to fill new applications for both Christmas and back to school each year," Mosher said. "One reason we need updated applications is that the child's size and needs change."

Mosher said applications are usually due back to the church on Nov. 1 but they will continue to take applications, although parents should realize the closer it gets to Christmas, the less time CHILD has to fill the requests.

"In the past, we have had parents come to us just a couple days before Christmas," Mosher said. "We then must try to fill their child's request from things we have on hand as there is no time to post tags."

For Christmas, parents are asked to list items on the child's wish list. The program does not provide electronic items, such as computers, video games or gift cards. Individuals and organizations from the community donate items.

When CHILD receives an application, a tag is created, showing the child's wishes. These tags are hung in local businesses, which allows people in the community to pick a tag and purchase those items for the child.

Mosher said the tags for

Christmas will be available in local businesses the middle of November. The donation, with the tag attached, is returned to the business or Nehalem Bay United Methodist Church by the deadline date on the tag.

"The businesses who post the CHILD tag seem to change but several has posted tags for both back to school and Christmas each time we approach them," Mosher said. "Rinehart Clinic, Columbia Bank in Manzanita, Ticor Title, Grumpy's in Rockaway and Little Apple to name a few."

CHILD will also have tags available at Nehalem Bay United Methodist Church.

The item on the child's wish list is given to the parent, along with a small Christmas stocking made and donated to CHILD by a community member. There are also small items the parent may select from to put in the stocking.

"CHILD could not continue without the support of our community," Mosher said.

Nehalem Bay Methodist Church is located at 36050 10th St. in Nehalem. CHILD can be reached at 503-368-5612 or email nbumcchild@gmail.com.

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All ready for parents to pick up CHILD Christmas donations for their children. Bobbie Mosher, Pastor Steve Wolff and Mary Ruef. Courtesy photo

## Recycling Awareness Week brings attention to important of recycling efforts

**Hilary Dorsey**

Staff Writer

Tillamook County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, Nov. 10, proclaimed Monday, Nov. 15, America Recycles Day and This week as Recycling Awareness Week in Tillamook County.

David McCall, program manager of the solid waste department, said this is a proclamation that has been made in the past multiple times. The proclamation was not made last year due to COVID-19.

"COVID is still hindering us but I felt it was important to bring this back and try to reach out to the community and encourage everyone to do their best in recycling," McCall said.

The resolution states the

United States generated more than 292 million tons of municipal solid waste in 2018 and recycled and composted nearly 94 million tons. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the national recycling rate dropped to 32 percent in 2018. Also, the amount of waste generated has increased.

In 2020, EPA announced the overall national recycling goal of increasing the U.S. recycling rate to 50 percent by 2030, the resolution states. This could result in an additional 58,500 jobs nationwide.

During 2019, the most recent year for which data is available, Oregonians recovered 42 percent of the 5.7 million tons of municipal solid waste generated. The average per-capita municipal solid waste generated in Oregon

equates to 2,703 pounds per person, while in Tillamook County it was 2,991 pounds, the data states.

"When we look at how many pounds per person per capita we recycle in Tillamook County, that has increased by, I believe, 9 percent over the past 10 years," McCall said. "The problem is the quantity of trash that we generate has increased by 33 percent over the past 10 years, almost 26 percent over the past five years."

McCall said the data for the proclamation is from 2019, pre-COVID-19. During COVID-19, the amount of trash received has increased.

"We generated a lot more trash during COVID but those numbers are not yet reflected in the proclamation's data," McCall said. "It takes a while

to put the data together and generate it."

McCall said the majority of people working in recycling are also doing the trash. If the county could increase its recycling numbers, that could create more jobs.

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and a total of 12 people in the audience. If people would like to attend the weekly board meetings in person, they should arrive early. The board meetings are held at 9 a.m. Wednesdays and are also streamed live or available by conference call. More details on attending virtually are available on the board meeting agendas each week.

Commissioner Erin Skaar said the city of Tillamook has been coordinating the opening of city hall with the county's opening of the courthouse, and have opened their city offices as well, as of Nov. 10.

Bell said several departments are short-staffed, including community development and public works. If

you go to public works and the door is locked, call or make an appointment over the phone.

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# Garibaldi Portside Bistro owners buy Barview Jetty Store

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Dennis and Amanda Cavitt love to combine history and business.

After starting a successful restaurant in 2016, for example, the couple took a leap of faith to move the Garibaldi Portside Bistro into the historic building that once housed The Troller restaurant. Many of the decorations in the restaurant today give nod to its former inhabitants.

So it just makes sense that the Cavitts begin their next big business venture with a store deeply rooted in history. Last month the couple purchased the Barview Jetty Store and Deli, a long running business with historic significance for not only the coastal community but also the Cavitts personally.

“Our decision to buy the store had a lot to do with history. Everyone has memories of this place from when they were a kid,” said

Dennis, who remembers stopping into the store as a child, when his family would go camping at the nearby Barview Jetty County Campground. “I proposed to Amanda on the jetty, and we’ve been coming to the store as a family for a long time. We wanted to save it, so an out-of-town corporation didn’t buy it and totally change it.”

“An incredibly loved store” The Barview Jetty Store has stood for more than a century at its location just north of Garibaldi off Highway 101, where it has long served the community as a convenience store, deli and bait shop. It is one of few locations where local fishermen can find Puget Sound herring and fresh pizza all in one place.

For the last 19 years, the store has been owned and run by Marilyn Naase and Rick Hurliman. The couple purchased the business in 2003 and completed an ex-

tensive expansion to the store that added more than 1,300 square feet, including a sitting area in the back. They also worked hard to build up the reputation and service at the store.

“Rick and Marilyn created an incredibly loved store right here on the Oregon coast,” Amanda said. “They embody what makes dreams come true: hard work, kindness and perseverance. We are so glad they chose us to carry that forward. We recognize that we have some big shoes to fill.”

Amanda and Dennis got to know the Rick and Marilyn over time, as they visited the



local store on family outings to the jetty. Once the Cavitts opened the Bistro, they often found Marilyn and Rick in their booths ready for a good dinner and friendly chat.

“I think we shared a camaraderie of running our own business as a couple,” Amanda said.

That prior connection and shared business understanding made working with the Marilyn and Rick easy when it came time for them to retire and sell the store. Dennis said negotiating the sale of the business was easy and fair.

“Working with Marilyn and Rick has been great. They’ve stepped into the store a few times since we took over to help us or give us advice,” Dennis said.

“You do need a historic perspective to take over and run a place like this, and they’ve let us know that they are here for us when we need them,” Amanda added. “We want to continue the same business but

take it to the next level with our ideas, just like they did when they first moved in and renovated.”

To the next level

The Cavitts are using their first weeks as store owners to complete some slight repairs and renovations, including adding more cases for to-go food. Dennis wants to expand food offerings to include more fresh and local option, such as produce and meat.

“There’s been lots of requests from campers and local people for more produce and gluten free items, so we want to be able to add that to our offerings,” he said. “We also plan to add more to-go family packs, and maybe a barbeque pack for campers in the summer.”

A portion of the catering services now offered through the Bistro will move to the store, in part because there is a larger space to prep and organize, Amanda said. While some of the food served at the store will be similar to

the Bistro, the menus at both businesses won’t completely mirror each other.

“We’ll specialize the store for to-go food. That will take some of the pressure off the restaurant, and it will also meet the needs of customers who are already coming into the store for that reason,” Dennis said.

Beyond those minor changes, the Barview Jetty Store and its operations at large will not change much from what customers were used to with the Rick and Marilyn. That includes that sale of pizza and bait — two items the Cavitts have already received several requests to keep.

“The two main concerns are whether we will keep pizza and bait. Let me put those concerns to rest now: We will be keeping pizza, and we will be keeping bait,” Amanda said. “Those two items are a huge part of the history of this store. Plus, this is one of the only places you can buy Puget Sound

herring. We don’t want to change that.”

They aim to reopen the store to customers later in the winter, Amanda said. Operations at the store will not interfere with the Bistro, nor will they change the level of service or quality at the restaurant.

“Most of our staff at the Bistro has weathered the pandemic with us, and you can tell they have pride and a personal investment in the success of the restaurant,” Amanda said. “We’re very fortunate to have such an amazing team, and we look forward to expanding our staff with new employees at the store.”

“There’s a lot of work to do with upgrading and expanding the kitchen and making some repairs to the store, but we’re used to that,” Dennis added. “We did that at the Troller building. I’m just excited to preserve the past of this new place and to meet new customers here at the store.”

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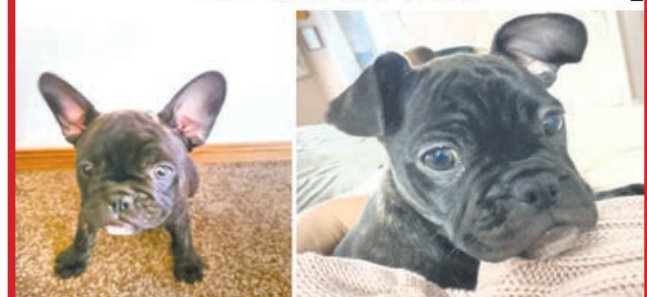
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# Oregon preparing to spend infrastructure windfall

David Rupkalvis  
Country Media

With the bipartisan infrastructure package now signed into law, Oregon is preparing to spend the extra funding coming its way.

Last week, the Oregon Department of Transportation discussed the new funding and what it is expected to be spent on.

Travis Brouwer, assistant director for revenue, finance and compliance, said the money will make a big difference in the state, especially in the more crowded metro areas.

"It's truly historic in size and scope," Brouwer

said. "That's for all types of infrastructure, everything from wastewater and water to broadband and transportation and other areas of infrastructure as well."

Brouwer said not all the money in the package is new money, but he said there will be a lot of new funding as well as \$100 billion set aside in a discretionary fund that will be doled out via grants.

"We are all going to be getting our grant writing pens out and spending a lot of time trying to bring additional money back to Oregon," Brouwer said. "This is one of known unknowns. With that much money on the table, we know there are going to be

opportunities, but we don't know how much money Oregon will bring home."

Brouwer said traditionally Oregon receives 1% of federal funding, which would bring an additional \$1 billion to the state.

Some of the projects being eyed with the discretionary money is interstate work around Portland as well as major bridge repairs in the state.

Brouwer said the package funds the traditional highway funding the state receives for five year and adds \$1.2 billion for transportation repairs and \$200 million for public transportation.

Exactly where the money

is going to be spent has not been decided yet, but Brouwer said those decisions will be made quickly.

"The Oregon Transportation Commission is going to be working fairly quickly in order to get this money out the door to projects," he said. "Normally, whenever we do our statewide transportation improvement program, from the time the commission allocates funding among programs to the time we actually get the project out the door, we have about four years. This go around, we have about four months. This federal funding is use-it-or-lose-it. If you don't use it in the fiscal year, you lost it. We

don't want to do that."

One are that will be a focus is repairing the state's aging bridge infrastructure. Brouwer said the additional funding for bridges is desperately needed.

"Badges have been the single largest area of investment in the bill," he said. "That's a good thing. We know that we have significant needs on the state's bridges. The majority of ODOT's bridges are over 50 years old, and that's about the age you would expect them to be headed toward retirement."

Brouwer said there are 2,800 bridges in the state highway system, and Oregon traditionally replaces three a

year. An additional \$200 million will come to Oregon for public transportation, but Brouwer said almost all of it will be for Portland, Salem and Eugene since they have the largest public transportation systems. Other communities will have an opportunity to gets grants to make improvements.

Before final decisions are made, the transportation commission will host public meetings during which time the public will be permitted to comment on how the money should be spent. He said a meeting in January will give time for public comment.

## Friends of NCRD distribute the bounty

Friends of North County Recreation District is proud to announce the distribution of proceeds from Summer Flower Sales and generous donations from NCRD supporters. So far this year, Friends has funded \$4,260 for 2021 quarterly scholarship requests, \$2,000 toward durable outdoor garden seating for staff and community use, and nearly \$4,000 for acoustic panels in the Youth Center and gymnasium. From the bounty of Summer fundraising and donations, Friends is now distributing an additional \$10,000, which will cover Quarter 4 scholarships, as well as specific end-of-summer requests from six NCRD departments.

Friends' Fall distribution includes funding for comfortable reading area furniture and educational materials for the Youth Center; dumbbells and weights for the Fitness Weight Room; and an audio system to assist instruction in the Aquatics Department. In

addition, Friends is providing funding to purchase a TV/ DVD player/ cart requested by Adult Activities; outdoor equipment badly needed by the Maintenance Department; and hand railings which, in addition to enhancing access to the Performing Arts Center, will promote inclusion of the community's diverse population. Thank you to everyone who has helped Friends fulfill both scholarship and "Wish List" requests from NCRD departments.

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## Oregon's unemployment rate drops to 4.4% in October

Oregon's unemployment rate dropped to 4.4% in October, down from 4.7% in September. This is an unusually low unemployment rate for Oregon.

Since 1976, when comparable records began, through October 2016, Oregon's unemployment rate was never as low as 4.4%. However, during the economic expansion just prior to the pandemic recession, Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.4% or lower for the 41 consecutive months from November 2016 through March 2020. Oregon's unemployment rate reached a record low of 3.3% in November and December 2019.

In Oregon, nonfarm payroll employment rose by 4,700 in October, following a revised gain of 700 jobs in September. In October, the private sector grew rapidly by adding 10,300 jobs, but that gain was diminished by a loss of 5,600 jobs in government. October's total nonfarm employment gain was less than the average of 6,800 jobs added per month during the prior six months.

Among the major indus-

tries, leisure and hospitality and professional and business services each added close to 3,000 jobs in October. Three other industries added more than 1,000 jobs: construction (+1,500 jobs), manufacturing (+1,400), and wholesale trade (+1,100). Government dropped by 5,600 jobs as schools still had low employment levels in October compared with two years prior.

During the past two months, hiring in local government fell well below seasonal norms, with losses totaling 8,000 jobs during September and October. This left job numbers below pre-pandemic figures. Local government education employed 129,800 in October, which was 8,900 jobs below the October 2019 number. Similarly, local government excluding education employed

93,800 in October, which was 2,000 jobs fewer than two years prior.

Leisure and hospitality added 3,100 jobs in October, following a gain of 2,200 in September. Despite these gains, leisure and hospitality still accounts for the bulk of Oregon's jobs not recovered since early 2020, with 30,000 jobs left to recover to reach the prior peak month of

February 2020. The industry has regained 73% of jobs lost early in the pandemic.

Professional and technical services has grown rapidly throughout 2021, and the industry is now well above its pre-recession peak. This industry added 4,200 jobs during the past three months and 13,100 jobs since the low point in April 2020.



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