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Umpqua Community College first-year student Hope Adamson studies at the school's library on Wednesday.

## County rallies against storm

Public Works director provides preliminary cleanup report

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Two weeks ago Sunday, the Douglas County Public Works Department knew some snow was coming and thought crews were prepared with snow plows and other equipment. But there was no way they could have predicted the “snowmageddon” that was about to occur.

“What we didn’t know was with that snow was going to come down so many trees that it was going to be unfathomable. It crippled our system by 10 p.m.,” Douglas County Public Works Director Scott Adams said.

Adams gave a preliminary report Wednesday to the Douglas County Board of Commissioners on the efforts that followed the storm as at least 137 crew members, including 49 public works employees and additional contractors, worked to clear the roads so county residents could get in and out and power company crews could reach downed lines.

Adams said they cut trees, helped people get home, and even removed power lines from semi-trucks after the storm hit.

“Our crews were out the first three days pretty much nonstop with hardly any sleep,” he said.

By Wednesday, they still weren’t able to get to Elkton, with state highways remaining blocked. The Oregon Department of Transportation had Highway 38 open Thursday. By Friday most roads had at least one lane open and by Saturday, 95 percent of the roads were open across the county, Adams said.

There’s still a lot of debris all over the county, and Adams said public works crews will be

**STORM, A10**

## Umpqua raising tuition

UCC board also increases fees, with a particular eye on facility rates, in effort to offset expected shortage of state funds

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**W**INCHESTER — Umpqua Community College’s Board of Education unanimously approved tuition and fee increases during Wednesday’s meeting that will take effect Summer 2019.

UCC Chief Financial Officer Natalya Brown recommended an in-state tuition increase of \$4 per credit hour. Currently, the tuition at UCC is \$97 per credit, below the statewide average of \$102.

Tuition at the community college in Winchester has increased every year since 2014. Tuition in 2008 was \$63 per credit for in-state students.

Tuition for out-of-state and international students will also increase by 4 percent.

Board member Betty Tamm made a motion to increase the facility rental fees by up to 2 percent, more than the proposed 1 percent.

“That’s the one that doesn’t impact our students, so that’s the one to increase,” said board member Doris Lathrop during the discussion.

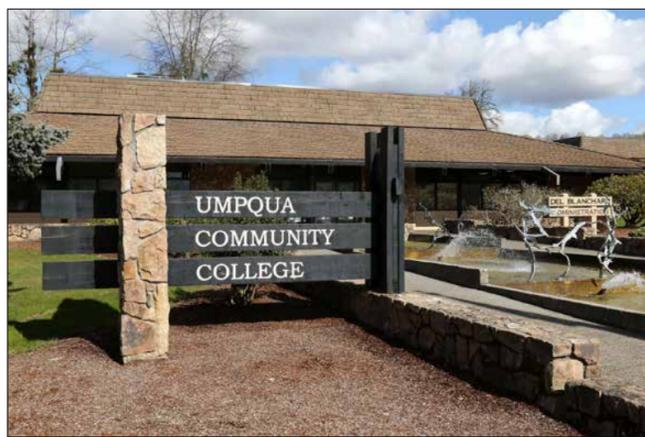
Making the motion to increase it “up to 2 percent” leaves it up to the discretion of college administrators, to find out how much the facility fee can increase and still remain competitive with other facilities in the area.

Other fees that will be increased will impact students. The student fee will increase by \$1 per credit hour to help with tutoring, the online course fee will go up \$5 per credit, and the instructional fee will increase by \$3 per credit hour.

Brown said the online course fee has not increased since 2008.

The two-year college gets funds through property taxes, state allocated funds, tuition and fees, and miscellaneous revenue.

More than half of the school’s funding comes from the state, and just two



Umpqua Community College will raise its per-credit hour tuition rate by \$4 an hour beginning this summer, the sixth straight year with a hike.

percent from miscellaneous revenue. Tuition and fees make up 29 percent of the general fund and property taxes account for 17 percent of the general fund.

A delegation of 17 colleges asked the state for a \$787 million budget. However, the proposed budget by the ways and means co-chairs was \$590.6 million on March 7, a figure which could change before a final decision is made in the end of June.

This created a challenge for UCC as financial decisions need to be made

**TUITION, A10**

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION IN 2018-19

College	In-state tuition per credit hour
Lane	\$113.50
Portland	\$111
Linn-Benton	\$109.10
Blue Mountain	\$108
Mt. Hood	\$107
Rogue	\$107
Oregon Coast	\$105
Klamath	\$103
Clatsop	\$102
Columbia Gorge	\$102
Clackamas	\$100
Central Oregon	\$99
Treasure Valley	\$99
Tillamook Bay	\$97
Umpqua	\$97
Southwestern Oregon	\$94
Chemeketa	\$87

Source: College websites

## Snow, lack of power can't slow philanthropist

Al Jenkins keeps his focus on helping the fire-ravaged Paradise community

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On Monday afternoon, Al Jenkins was beginning his third week without power since the snowstorm that hit the county in February. He’s been living in his camper since then, and he estimates the damage to his property will likely cost \$30,000 to repair.

But Jenkins’s mind wasn’t on his own troubles.

He’s much more focused on the plight of about 3,000 Paradise residents still without homes following the deadly Camp Fire that began in November 2018. Jenkins has taken several trips down to dispense cash, camping supplies and food to the victims of that fire, some of whom escaped with no more than a car or even the clothes on their backs.

Jenkins had been staying in a camper outside his home on Callahan Ridge all that time. A power line fell on his porch, and he had just moved one car

when he and a friend observed a tree leaning toward his other car.

“I said that tree’s leaning, and the guy that was there with me looked up and said yeah it is, that tree’s leaning. And then I heard a pop, pop, pop. We watched it fall. Like a minute later, it fell right on top of the car,” he said.

His vineyards escaped the storm unscathed, but his apple orchard was so damaged only a single tree remains. His barn was also damaged.

Notwithstanding his own challenges, Jenkins remains undeterred in his plan to return



Al Jenkins sorts through donated items to deliver to Camp Fire victims this February in Roseburg.

MICHAEL SULLIVAN/  
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to the Paradise area at the end of the month, and he’s once again collecting donations.

He’s tried to see his own situation as an adventure.

“In some ways it’s been kind of fun. I don’t mean fun like going to a carnival fun, but it’s

**PARADISE, A10**



**INSIDE, A2**  
Crews show up at former Safeway site

HIGH: 61  
LOW: 37



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