

## New TLC branch will feature NW coffee house

WARRENTON — When TLC, a division of Fibre Federal Credit Union, opens its new branch at 1771 Ensign Lane, beside Walmart in Warrenton later this year, it will feature something never before offered in one of their branches: Red Leaf Organic Coffee.

Kelso-based Red Leaf's in-branch location will have the same business hours as the credit union, and serve a variety of espresso drinks, smoothies, energy drinks, local teas, assorted gluten-free, keto, and house-made bakery treats, and breakfast sandwiches.

The new TLC will also feature free Wi-Fi, a customized staff-created Spotify station, comfortable Northwest-inspired staff attire, and an Oregon surfing aesthetic. This new "coffee branch" concept is a prototype the credit union plans to emulate at future locations based on market demand and retrofit into some of their existing branches in the months and years to come.

## Sales, lodging up in Long Beach

LONG BEACH — As the epicenter of tourism on Washington's south coast, the city of Long Beach provides a useful barometer for activity in the hospitality sector

throughout Pacific County and the wider region. Based on sales and lodging tax collections, 2019 is one for the record books.

Through Oct. 31 Long Beach collected \$656,034 in lodging taxes, more than 4% higher than at the same point in 2018 and 29.5% better than the 2012-18 average.

The sales tax total through the end of October was \$605,674, or 24.3% more than during the first 10 months of 2018, and 55% above the 2012-18 average. In addition to active tourism, sales taxes capture a substantial increase in home building and the overall economy.

## Clatsop houses sell for 1% more; Pacific up 7%

ASTORIA — Clatsop County houses sold for an average of \$421,331 in September, about 1% more than in September 2018, according to Multiple Listing Service data. For the year to date through Sept. 30 the average was \$392,759 — 6% less than in the first nine months of 2018.

Pacific County houses sold for an average of \$220,000 in October, 6.8% more than a year earlier.

## Clatsop rates financially healthy

ASTORIA — Clatsop County residents rank among Oregon's most finan-

cially healthy, according to an analysis by the financial advising firm SmartAsset — <https://smartasset.com>.

Clatsop was rated ninth out of 36 counties based on criteria that include personal debt/income ratios, bankruptcies, and the poverty and unemployment rates. Clatsop's debt/income ratio is 1.67% compared to the national average of 1.19%, according to the firm. It has fewer than the national rate of bankruptcies — 1.71 per 1,000 people, compared to 2.35 nationwide.

Pacific County was rated about in the middle of Washington 39 counties, with a debt/income ration of 1.48% and a bankruptcy rate of 1.62.

## Hallmark Resort among best for couples

CANNON BEACH — A Cannon Beach resort is one of the nation's "10 Best Couples Resorts in the United States," according to an October article on the Trips to Discover (<https://www.tripstodiscover.com>) website.

"Hallmark Resort is located on one of the most breathtaking stretches of coastline along Northern Oregon's shores overlooking iconic Haystack Rock," the article says. "It offers the chance to enjoy quiet strolls just steps from your door on an expansive stretch of sand ... Rooms include balconies where

you can gaze out at the Pacific, as well as gas fireplaces and two-person spa tubs."

See <https://www.hallmarkinn.com/cannon-beach> for more information.

## Martin elected Raymond Federal director

RAYMOND — The 2019 annual meeting of Raymond Federal Bank was held Oct. 29 and chaired by E.F. Dracobly. At the meeting John P. Martin was elected to a three-year term as director.

A report on the fiscal year ended June 30 was presented by bank President John P. Martin. Members of the board of directors are Dracobly, Mary Wildhaber, Brent Dennis, Guy Glenn Jr., John P. Martin and Guy Glenn, Sr., director emeritus.

Raymond Federal Bank has three locations located in Raymond, South Bend and Long Beach.

## Auto tech program at GHC wins top ranking

ABERDEEN — Grays Harbor College's Automotive Technology program last month officially earned Master Automobile Service Technology Accreditation, the highest level of program accreditation recognized by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

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