

## IN BRIEF

## Crabbers struggling after Jessie's failure

ILWACO, Wash. — Tim Teall isn't making a list of what he will buy with the money he earned selling a last load of crab to Jessie's Ilwaco Fish Co.

More than a week after Jessie's filed paperwork to enter receivership, fishermen such as Teall are feeling the fallout.

Teall is a crew member of the F/V Beachcomer, owned by Jim Kary, and has worked for Kary for about 15 to 18 years. Receivership documents filed by Jessie's show the boat was owed more than \$30,000 before the company closed its doors. Teall would have made about \$4,500 from that last load of crab, he said.

"Other than not getting paid, it's the best season I've had since working for Jim," Teall said.

The bad weather at the start of the season meant smaller boats such as the Beachcomer were still pulling up crab after the bigger boats had left. The Beachcomer is still making trips out to search for a few more loads before the season ends.

Teall wanted to use the money to pay for more labels for his kelp extract organic plant food. He said the results of the plant food are incredible on a garden.

"I spent a lot of time daydreaming about this company of mine," Teall said.

## New cab service comes to the peninsula

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Need a lift on the Long Beach Peninsula? A new 24-hour taxi service has you covered.

In February, American Classic Checker Taxi officially opened their car doors to customers seeking a ride.

"We're here to give the community the transportation they deserve," said owner Chris Hagan.

One car is operating on the peninsula offering 24-hour service with drivers Kevin Cline and Amanda Vallette. More drivers and cars could be added in the coming weeks depending on demand. The introductory fair rate is "\$2.50 to get in the car then \$2.50 per mile afterward," Hagan said.

— *Chinook Observer*

## DEATHS

March 9, 2020

KEITH, Harold, 85, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Celebration of life is at 11 a.m. Oct. 3 at Hughes-Ransom Mortuary Chapel, 220 N. Holladay Drive in Seaside. To leave messages of

condolence, go to [www.hughesransom.com](http://www.hughesransom.com)

March 8, 2020

MURPHY, Michael D., 64, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

## MEMORIALS

Saturday, March 21

GUSTAFSON, Donna Maureen — Celebration of life is canceled due to coronavirus.

Saturday, March 28

TODD, Mary Bridget Haunani (Dugan) — Celebration of life luau at Clatsop County Fairgrounds is canceled until further notice.

## ON THE RECORD

## Disorderly conduct

• Robert Douglas Klink, 52, of Astoria, was arrested Thursday on W. Marine Drive and U.S. Highway 101 for disorderly conduct.

## Criminal trespass

• Roy Douglas Hall, 44, of Astoria, was

arrested Thursday on the Astoria Riverwalk for criminal trespass in the second degree. Hall was trespassed from the Astoria Riverwalk earlier that day for a year for repeated issues related to alcohol consumption and possession in a city park.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

## MONDAY

**Clatsop County Board of Commissioners**, 1 p.m., special session, 800 Exchange St., Suite 430, Astoria.

**Knappa School District Board**, 5:30 p.m., Knappa High School Library, 41535 Old U.S. Highway 30.

**Astoria City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

## TUESDAY

**Union Health District of Clatsop County**, 8 a.m., Providence Seaside Hospital Education Center, Room B, 725 S Wahanna Road.

**Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Board of Directors**, 5:15 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.

**Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission**, 5:15 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

**Seaside School District Board of Directors**, 7 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin.

**Shoreline Sanitary District Board**, 7 p.m., Gearhart Hertig Station, 33496 West Lake Lane, Warrenton.

**Seaside Planning Commission**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

## Tillamook County pays hackers \$300,000 for cyberattack ransom

By CODY MANN  
*Tillamook Headlight Herald*

Tillamook County officials revealed that a \$300,000 ransom was paid to regain data access after a January cyberattack.

The ransom amount was disclosed during the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners meeting Wednesday.

Commissioner Bill Baertlein, reading from a prepared statement, said it could have taken one to two years and cost \$1 million to unlock the county's computer system if a ransom went unpaid.

"The county's rapid and aggressive response to the incident mitigated the compromise and contained the encryption to 17 of 55 servers and five of 280 county workstations," Baertlein said.

The attack was reportedly carried out by an international cybercriminal organization known to law enforcement. The county's statement said the computer system was disabled for around two weeks, adding that new security measures were being implemented.

"The county made every effort to avoid the payment of a ransom to the cyberattacker, including recovery through two independent backup solutions and hundreds of hours of retained



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## Cybersecurity concerns continue to mount globally.

and county resources; however, data critical to county operations could not be restored without paying the cyberattacker for decryption keys," Baertlein said.

"While the county maintained redundant backup solutions that would have protected our data in the event of a natural disaster, the cyberattack resulted in encrypted backups," Baertlein said.

Commissioner Mary Faith Bell emphasized that the county was the victim of a crime, noting a new frontier of security hazards in the digital age. Commissioner David Yamamoto said while other municipalities have not disclosed cyberattacks, Tillamook felt transparency was important. He said the attack could have been much worse.

"It was a learning experience," Yamamoto said.

Baertlein said the \$300,000 loss would have a significant impact on the rural county's coffers. He compared the cyberattack to being shaken down by a bully and called on the federal government to act against cybercrime.

It was not immediately clear what the additional costs of the cyberattack would come to after figuring legal fees, contractor costs and county staff overtime. The county treasurer is working to compile those costs by the end of April. Discussion with the county's insurer are ongoing regarding what costs might be covered.

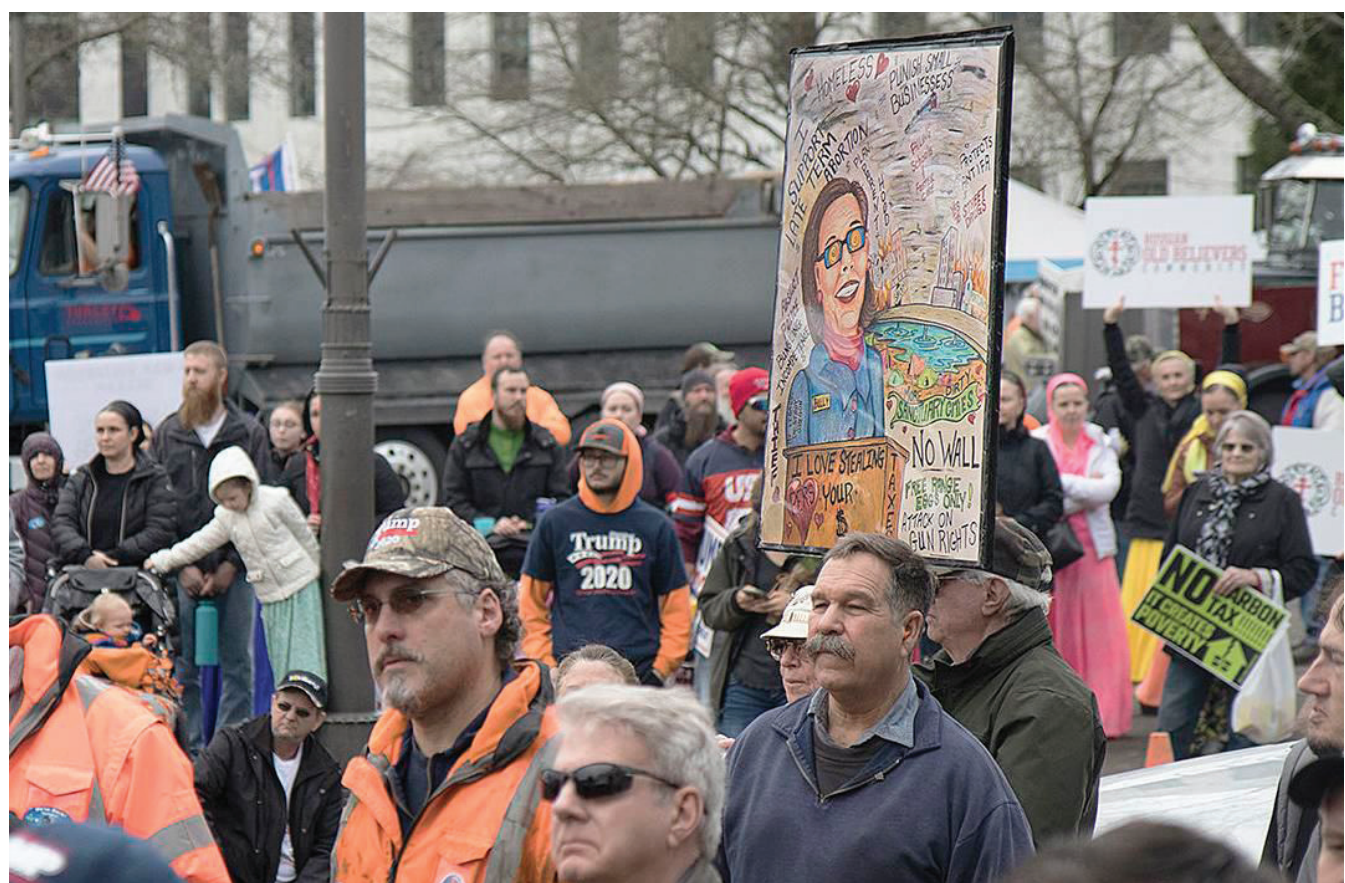
County systems are now operational and a forensic investigation was concluded.

The investigation found no evidence indicating personal information of employees or residents was accessed or taken by the attacker, according to county officials.

County officials said the cyberattack originated from a group called REvil. The group is reportedly also known as Sodinokibi or Sodin. Information Security Media Group reported that the malicious "ransomware-as-a-service" operation appears to be extremely lucrative.

"We all knew that ransomware was big business for cybercriminals and in our past several research blogs speculated about projected criminal profits, but seeing it firsthand by following the money trail gives a different level of realization that we are dealing with adversaries with very deep pockets, literally having millions of dollars as a budget," John Fokker, the head of cyber investigations for security firm McAfee's told Information Security Media Group.

The county's server, internal computer systems and website went down in the Jan. 22 attack, and phone systems and email networks were affected. County computer network connections were disabled to contain the spread of malware.



Sierra Dawn McClain/Capital Press

## Protesters during a #TimberUnity demonstration at the state Capitol in February.

## #TimberUnity plans to fight Brown on climate change

By SIERRA DAWN  
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*Capital Press*

SALEM — Opponents say they'll try to block Gov. Kate Brown's sweeping executive order on climate change in court, but not before trying to get an alternative carbon emissions measure on the ballot.

While her supporters say the order will slow climate change, opponents say it will hurt jobs and industries by raising costs while overextending the reach of government.

The governor, a Democrat, issued the order after the Legislature adjourned for the second session in a row without passing a cap-and-trade bill to similarly reduce emissions. Republicans walked out to deny

majority Democrats a quorum and obstruct a vote on the legislation.

Angelita Sanchez, a #TimberUnity spokeswoman, said the rural advocacy group has spoken to attorneys.

"We're doing everything we can to push back," she said, "and if need be, we'll go to court."

Sanchez said #TimberUnity intends to pay litigation costs with political action committee donations.

"I'm not sure if our pockets are deep enough," she said, "but hopefully we have friends who have deep pockets."

Before going to court, #TimberUnity hopes to take the fight to the ballot.

During the legislative session, the advocacy group proposed an alternative plan

it claimed would reduce carbon emissions without hurting businesses. That proposal — advocating for vegetation along highways, localized markets, reformed recycling infrastructure and support for environmentally-friendly business upgrades — was largely swept aside by the Legislature. But the group hopes to turn their ideas into a ballot measure.

Julie Parrish, a #TimberUnity board member and former Republican legislator, said she believes the proposal will create jobs. Brown's strategy for protecting jobs, said Parrish, "is all fluff and smoke and mirrors."

According to the Oregon Secretary of State's Office website, a first round of 1,000 qualifying sig-

natures is needed to initiate ballot tiling. The tiling process could take three to six months. Then, #TimberUnity would have until July 2022, the next state election cycle, to gather 112,020 final signatures.

"If the Legislature is not going to give voters a choice, then we're going to give voters a choice," she said.

But supporters of Brown's order have been working on greenhouse gas reduction initiatives of their own for the 2020 ballot since cap and trade failed to pass last summer. Those measures are generally considered more severe than Senate Bill 1530, the failed cap-and-trade bill.

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