

Lodging taxes: State expecting federal relief

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“The sheer number of part-time individuals that we have running our parks department for a city of 10,000... we rely on a lot of labor to run that department,” Estes said.

The city will have to take a hard look at when and to what degree it can reopen facilities, Estes said.

The city will cut consultants meant to help with updating various code amendments, Estes said, while inevitably dipping into its ending fund balance to make ends meet.

Seaside has chosen to deplete its lodging tax reserve fund to provide local relief. The city recently announced around \$1 million in support, including \$50 water bill credits for property owners, grants of up to \$4,000 for businesses and no lodging taxes the first quarter of the calendar year.

“We’re a town that has always welcomed people,” City Manager Mark Winstanley said during a recent City Council meeting. “And we want to come back and welcome people in the future. For that to take place, we have to have hotels, motels and vacation rental dwellings survive in this area.”

In Cannon Beach, businesses and the government are already seeing big losses. City councilors are weighing a request by hoteliers to waive lodging taxes for several fiscal quarters. If the city does that, City Manager Bruce St. Denis said, it will need a loan to continue city operations.

Oregon is facing a severe recession that state funding models show could cut state



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Astoria expects a loss of \$500,000 in lodging taxes due to the ban on short-term lodging.

revenue by as much as \$5 billion over the next two budget cycles.

“We’re not set up for an extreme hit,” Josh Lehner, an economist with the state Office of Economic Analysis, told The Oregonian. “We’re set up for an average hit.”

Federal relief

The state is expecting more than \$1 billion in federal relief and has more than \$3 billion in its rainy day fund. But how badly the state budget is hit depends on whether the coronavirus is a temporary blow to this fiscal quarter or a continuing nuisance that reemerges to slow the economy.

How the state’s challenges will affect cities is unknown, Brooks said.

“We do participate in shared revenues, and that includes cigarette taxes, and liquor licenses, and we also have a local marijuana tax,” she said. “The fuel tax, there’s going to be some impacts to that.”

The Oregon Health Authority reported 1,956 cases and 75 deaths from the coronavirus as of Monday morning.

The health authority tracked 366 test results in Clatsop County, including six positive cases.

Most of the municipal relief in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act passed by Congress is going to cities with populations greater than 500,000. Smaller cities are pinning their hopes on the Coronavirus Community Relief Act, introduced earlier this month to provide around \$250 billion to municipalities below 500,000 people.

“Small and rural communities across the nation either will face, or have already faced, enormous economic burdens and costs in an effort to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic,” U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, a New Mexico Democrat, said when introducing the bill. “It is crucial that we provide the same direct emergency assurances to smaller towns, counties and cities and grant them the same stability that we are providing our larger metropolitan areas.”

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Crossfield: Inspired to help amid pandemic

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it diligently, and it did help me, but I didn’t understand the deeper connection to just living a better life and being a better person that comes from that exercise.”

After college, Crossfield worked as a journalist. She co-founded Civil Eats, a news organization that tells stories about the American food system and sustainable agriculture. Following the 2008 financial crisis, she started a nonprofit called the Food and Environment Reporting Network, which supports and produces investigative journalism in areas of food, agriculture and environmental health.

“I kind of had a moment where my life really turned,” she said. “I got a divorce, and I really wanted to go to India for a long time, so I decided to take that opportunity to go.”

She took her first trip and stayed for a month. During this time, she visited her first Ayurvedic clinic, run by a family, where she also met her mentor, Robert Svoboda. Svoboda describes himself as the first Westerner ever to graduate and be licensed to practice Ayurveda in India.

Crossfield continued to go back, spending long lengths

of time in India learning about yoga and Ayurveda. She even bought a house in the Himalayas.

“There’s a lot of people in India who still live an Ayurvedic life even though they maybe wouldn’t know what that is. Just because they’re putting turmeric and ginger in their food and waking up with the sun and oiling their skin,” she said. “These are common things people do in India just cause it’s part of their culture.”

Before taking one of her last trips to India, Crossfield was introduced to her partner through a mutual friend. She decided to live with him on the North Coast, where he has lived for more than 15 years.

“I had been looking for exactly what I found when I came to Astoria,” Crossfield said. She said she had been longing for a place that felt like home and a sense of community.

She said she has met a community of people who are also pursuing creative or wellness-oriented paths.

She runs her health education businesses online and also works part time at The Harbor, which helps victims of domestic violence, as a shelter advocate.

After local businesses closed because of the corona-

virus, she felt inspired to help.

“When all this started happening I just felt this real sense of not only do we have this amazing community in this town of people who really care about each other,” Crossfield said. “There’s a lot of people who live alone, too, who need support right now who are feeling isolated. But I knew there would be a lot of people who would be willing to step up and do something.”

She decided to start a Facebook group called Astoria Healer Circle to give providers on the North Coast a virtual platform to offer services ranging from a guided meditation or yoga class to a group discussion on grief and trauma. The group convenes every day at 5 p.m. via Zoom.

She said there is value in the wellness services offered locally, and wanted to use the group as an opportunity to show people how these services can help them in their everyday life while also supporting local providers.

“We do have a really wonderful wellness community in town and we all have relationships,” Crossfield said. “I was really worried about the small businesses and the people who are offering services like this, and what it’s going to look like once we’re out of this isolation period.”

OBITUARIES

Edith Lampi Hughson Scott

Oregon City
July 16, 1928 — April 14, 2020

Edith Lampi Hughson Scott, a Seaside native, died April 14, 2020, in Oregon City, Oregon.

She was born July 16, 1928, to Paul and Anna (Jalonen) Lampi. Edith graduated from Seaside High School in 1946.

She married Harvey Hughson in 1946. They later divorced.

She left Seaside in 1950, spending almost 40 years in The Dalles, Oregon. Edith worked 20 years for Safeway grocery stores.

She married Walter Scott in 1965, and they moved back to Seaside in 1993. Walter Scott died in 1995.

She belonged to the Seaside Museum & Historical Society, and volunteered there for several years. Edith also volunteered at the Seaside Spay and Neuter Thrift Shop for several years. At one time, she was very active in the Seaside American Legion Auxiliary.

Her pastimes were filled with crossword puzzles, gardening and playing pinochle.

Edith is survived by her daughter, Dorothy (Don) Winterfield, of Oregon City, Oregon; her son, Walter Hughson (Cathy), of Seattle,



Edith Scott

Washington; her grandchildren, Brian Winterfield (Connie), of Tualatin, Oregon, Aaron (Amber) Winterfield, of Gladstone, Oregon, and Hana (Peter) Kenny, of Seattle, Washington; great-grandchildren Sabrina (Jef) Siler, Lucas Winterfield, of Gladstone, Oregon, and Declan Kenny, of Seattle, Washington; and a great-great-grandchild, Lily Siler.

She preceded in death by her brother, Harold Lampi; sister, Ether Pfeil; and nephew, Paul Lampi.

Burial will be at the family plot at Evergreen Cemetery in Seaside.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Seaside Museum or to the Spay and Neuter Thrift Shop in Seaside.

Please visit hughesransom.com to sign the online guest book and leave messages of condolences.

Knappa players among top scholar athletes

The Astorian

The Oregon Chapter of the National Football Foundation has named its top scholar-athletes from the 2019 season, and the list includes a pair of Knappa Loggers.

Knappa seniors Jaxson Goodman and Eli Takalo made the exclusive team of scholar-athletes, released last Wednesday.

The chapter announced a top 10 list of backs and linemen, covering all schools from the 2A to 4A levels.

Goodman was among the top 10 linemen, while Takalo was on the list of top 10 backs.

“I could not be more proud of Jaxson and Eli,” said Aaron Barendse, who stepped down as the Knappa coach following the 2019 season. “These two young men are textbook examples of student athletes. They work hard at their craft and lead by example.

Their leadership for our program and in the classroom at Knappa High School has been exceptional. Both young men are beyond deserving of this recognition.”

The foundation has been sponsoring football scholar-athletes and College Football Hall of Fame athletes since 1947. The chapter has been in existence since 1960, and has been awarding academic scholarships to the top two to four high school football scholar athletes since 1988.



Jaxson Goodman



Eli Takalo

This week, the foundation will announce four scholarship winners of \$1,000 each for their selection as the best in their top 10.

On Friday, the overall top football scholar-athlete for Oregon in 2019 will be selected. That player will have their name submitted by the chapter for recognition at the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

They will be come part of the foundation’s “Team of Distinction,” and their name and picture will be on permanent video display as Oregon’s selection for 2019.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION (Oregon Chapter) Top 10 scholar-athletes, 2A-4A

Linemen

- Cobey Aldrich, St. Mary’s
- Kolby Benthin, Colton
- Kenneth Comford, North Valley
- Jaxson Goodman, Knappa**
- Kellen Grant, Heppner
- Jacob Graviet, Vale
- Miles Henderson, Santiam Christian
- Sam McCauley, Baker
- Jason Rea, Heppner
- Jack Stinger, Corbett

Backs

- Bruce Beyer, Kennedy
- Treyvon Easterling, Madras
- Blake Mazurowski, Portland Christian
- Luke Mehlschau, Santiam Christian
- Elijah Nolan, Cascade
- Nathan Reed, LaGrande
- Eli Takalo, Knappa**
- Gabriel Tambellini, Rogue River
- Logan Weinke, Pilot Rock
- Zach Young, Monroe

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
58 47	59 47	57 43	61 47	59 45	60 45	60 46
An afternoon shower	Rain	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Showers possible	Showers possible	Cloudy, rain possible

ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low 55/41

Normal high/low 57/41

Record high 74 in 1956

Record low 30 in 1967

Precipitation

Sunday 0.00"

Month to date 0.51"

Normal month to date 3.55"

Year to date 30.60"

Normal year to date 28.64"

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight’s Sky: Bright star Vega of Lyra, the Harp, emerging from the northeast.

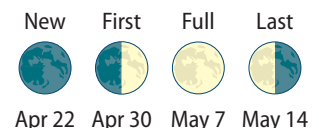
SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:18 a.m.

Sunset tonight 8:11 p.m.

Moonrise today 6:13 a.m.

Moonset today 6:55 p.m.



TODAY’S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	1:07 a.m.	7.8	7:31 a.m.	0.7
	1:26 p.m.	7.1	7:31 p.m.	0.2
Cape Disappointment	12:45 a.m.	7.6	6:46 a.m.	0.9
	1:04 p.m.	7.0	6:49 p.m.	1.4
Hammond	12:53 a.m.	8.0	7:05 a.m.	0.7
	1:14 p.m.	7.3	7:04 p.m.	1.3
Warrenton	1:02 a.m.	8.2	7:15 a.m.	0.8
	1:21 p.m.	7.5	7:15 p.m.	1.3
Knappa	1:44 a.m.	8.1	8:32 a.m.	0.6
	2:03 p.m.	7.3	8:32 p.m.	1.0
Depoe Bay	12:20 p.m.	7.1	6:15 a.m.	0.9
	12:20 p.m.	7.1	6:15 a.m.	0.9
	none		6:15 p.m.	1.4

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	75/48/s	72/56/s
Boston	56/34/t	48/32/s
Chicago	51/38/pc	67/46/pc
Dallas	79/62/pc	79/54/t
Denver	62/39/c	67/43/pc
Honolulu	82/71/pc	83/72/pc
Houston	85/68/pc	82/66/t
Los Angeles	74/56/s	82/65/s
Miami	91/73/pc	89/78/s
New York City	60/35/t	52/40/s
Phoenix	84/63/s	94/67/s
San Francisco	63/52/pc	68/56/pc
Wash., DC	66/39/t	61/47/s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	60/50	60/45	Wenatchee	70/50	66/44
Tacoma	60/45	60/45	Moses Lake	75/46	64/43
Aberdeen	55/48	61/45	Yakima	74/45	68/48
Olympia	61/45	61/49	Kennewick	78/48	71/48
Longview	61/49	61/49	Walla Walla	68/48	64/35
Astoria	58/47	69/49	Hermiston	74/50	70/46
Portland	66/50	66/48	Pendleton	70/46	67/39
Salem	66/48	66/48	La Grande	67/39	67/39
Corvallis	66/47	66/48	John Day	67/39	77/48
Eugene	68/49	67/41	Burns	69/34	75/44
Bend	67/41	67/39	Ontario	77/48	75/44
Medford	73/49	66/37			
Klamath Falls	66/37				
Baker City	71/36/pc	60/41/r	North Bend	58/50/c	57/47/r
Brookings	57/46/c	55/51/r	Roseburg	72/50/c	66/53/r
Ilwaco	56/49/c	56/49/r	Seaside	57/48/c	57/47/r
Newberg	63/48/c	59/44/r	Springfield	67/49/c	61/49/r
Newport	56/47/c	55/47/r	Vancouver	62/50/c	60/47/r