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## Hospitals get federal relief amid pandemic

Some employees want more support

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Columbia Memorial Hospital has received nearly \$8.4 million from the federal government to offset revenue losses related to the coronavirus pandemic.

But the Astoria hospital, which laid off around 90 people in March, is being pressed by employees for more support.

The first round of federal coronavirus aid included \$175 billion in the Provider Relief Fund meant to help health care providers struggling amid a push to save protective equipment and capacity for treating patients with the virus. The fund dedicated \$10 billion toward rural providers, such as Columbia Memorial.

Providence Seaside Hospital received about \$6.2 million.

Ocean Beach Hospital in Ilwaco, Washington, received nearly \$4.3 million. Ocean Beach's CEO, Larry Cohen, said the hospital would use the money to cover the costs of safety equipment and the creation of an isolation unit during the pandemic.

Administrators at Columbia Memorial declined a request for an interview about staffing or how the hospital is using the federal relief.

"Any stimulus funds received, including the Health and Human Services Relief Fund, will be used to offset the unprecedented losses CMH has experienced due

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## Warrenton looks to restrict vacation rentals

Latest city with concerns

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WARRENTON — The City Commission on Tuesday broached the idea of restricting vacation rentals, part of an increasing regional push to preserve supply amid a tight housing market.

Mayor Henry Balensifer said vacation rentals should be restricted to commercial zones and phased out in residential zones when property is sold. He took aim at Seaside, where a significant share of the housing stock is tied up in vacation rentals.

"I said this multiple times in Seaside," Balensifer said. "I'm not going to apologize for poking my nose in this one. I don't usually poke my nose in other cities' stuff. But when you have that many vacation rentals, you are not helping the housing crisis."

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## KNAPPA'S DECADE OF DOMINANCE



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Knappa players sing happy birthday to teammate Cody Strickland, right, following the Loggers' state championship win on June 7, 2010.

## Team of the 'teens won four state titles in nine years

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**I**t was the season that officially anointed the Knappa Loggers as a powerhouse — and launched a dynasty — in Oregon 2A baseball.

This week marks the 10-year anniversary of Knappa's first state title in school history.

The 2010 season started a decade in which Knappa baseball posted 229 overall wins with just 31 losses, an .881 winning percentage. The Loggers played in five state title games, winning in 2010, 2015, 2017 and 2018, with a loss in 2016. The Loggers were even better in league play, winning 93% of the time over 10 years.

The Loggers made the state playoffs every year from 2010 to 2019, and sported a 10-0 record in first-round games. Knappa advanced to the semifinals eight times in 10 years, finishing 5-3. And two of the semifinal losses came by a combined three runs.

Jeff Miller has coached the Loggers since 2002, racking up 370 career victories. This year's season, before it was canceled because of the coronavi-

### A DECADE OF HIGHLIGHTS

The final numbers for Knappa baseball from 2010 to 2019 may never be matched again.

In league play, the Loggers were 160-11, a .936 winning percentage. They are 117-3 in league since 2013. And the overwhelming majority of the victories did not go past five innings.

Win streaks? Sixteen straight in 2010; 19 in a row in 2011; 28 straight wins in 2014; 27 in 2015; and 24 in a row in 2018.

Two times, the Loggers had win streaks of 42 in a row, once over the 2015 and 2016 seasons, and again from 2018 to 2019, which was the longest win streak in the country at the time.

rus pandemic, would have been Miller's 19th at Knappa.

For the 10-year anniversary of the 2010 state title team, "we were hoping

to invite those people back this year and honor them, but obviously that was thrown by the wayside," Miller said. "Ten years. It sends my mind thinking about all the kids who have come through since then."

Oddly enough, the 2010 season opened with a 9-4 nonleague loss at Clatskanie. The Loggers bounced back with a 7-3 win at Seaside, followed by a 15-12 rematch victory at Clatskanie.

After the loss on opening day, Knappa won 16 straight — the first of several double-digit win streaks over the next nine years.

"Going into 2010, I don't think anybody thought we had a chance," Miller said. "Coming into the season, we had no idea what we had. (Tevan) Klauser, (Aaron) Zweber and (Bryan) Sablan — none had played in high school, and they ended up as the starting outfield. Kyle Kelly and Jeffrey Benthin were freshmen, and by the time we got to the playoffs, they were our starting second and third basemen, and Benthin had never played in the infield."

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Alejandra Lopez chants 'Black Lives Matter' during a protest in Warrenton last week.

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## 'I like doing what is right'

Warrenton teen organizes protests

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Alejandra Lopez describes herself as a born fighter.

The 16-year-old Warrenton High School student behind the

Black Lives Matter protests in Astoria and Warrenton vowed not to stop until state and national leaders take steps to address police brutality and racial injustice.

"I'm always just a fighter, a born fighter. I like doing what is right," she said at a protest Monday afternoon outside the Astoria post office. "I think also because I'm a person of color, it kind of is like the starting point of a whole change in society."

"This is not just a trend that you can follow on Instagram — this is a movement. This isn't a thing that

you can just pay attention to and then forget about the next day. This is a thing that is going to change the world."

Lopez hopes to see government money used to fund police redirected toward mental health and addiction treatment.

The teenager planned the series of protests the day before the first one was held last week in Astoria. She was motivated after a demonstration on May 31 outside the Columbia River Maritime Museum

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