

**CORONAVIRUS**



Miss Emerald Valley Abigail Hayes was crowned Miss Oregon by Shivali Kadam, Miss Oregon 2019, as Miss Oregon Outstanding Teen Moira O'Bryan, right, looks on.

## HAYES CROWNED MISS OREGON

One of the North Coast's largest events since the pandemic

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**S**EASIDE — Miss Emerald Valley Abigail Hayes is the new Miss Oregon.

Hayes, of Damascus, was crowned Saturday night, the final evening of the Miss Oregon competition held at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

"I'm feeling like this is a dream," Hayes said moments after receiving the crown from Shivali Kadam, who was crowned Miss Oregon in 2019. "I'm absolutely ecstatic and this is unreal. Unreal."

Hayes, 20, is a student at Liberty University with a major in strategic communications. Her goal is to work in a law firm focusing on family and pro bono work.

"I believe that every single girl on the stage was absolutely beautiful and deserved it just as much as I did," Hayes said.

The Miss Oregon Scholarship Program began in 1947. The annual event was canceled in 2020 because of the pandemic but returned this year in a hybrid format with both a live and virtual audience.

The event was one of the North Coast's largest since the pandemic began.

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LEFT: Miss Clatsop County Haylie Moon was named nonfinalist interview winner and received a \$250 scholarship. RIGHT: Miss North Coast Caitlin Hillman competed in the event.



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## Emergency housing vouchers provide some relief

Housing authority to administer the vouchers

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development issued Oregon counties and cities more than \$19 million in emergency housing vouchers through public housing authorities.

The vouchers, provided by the American Rescue Plan Act, are designed to assist people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and people who are fleeing domestic violence.

The Northwest Oregon Housing Authority, which provides critical housing assistance to low-income residents in Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties, was awarded \$752,652, or 57 vouchers. The vouchers will start in July.

"Every single Oregonian deserves an affordable and accessible place to call home," U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, an Oregon Democrat, said in a statement. "The economic fallout from the global pandemic has worsened a statewide housing shortage and affordability crisis. These vouchers give local housing authorities critical tools to provide Oregonians with the stability they need to build a life where they can thrive."

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## Ninth county resident dies from virus

Two dozen cases reported over the past week

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A ninth Clatsop County resident has died from the coronavirus.

The Oregon Health Authority described the person as an 89-year-old woman who tested positive on April 11 and died at home on June 1. No other information was immediately available.

The health authority has recorded 1,058 virus cases in the county. Twenty-five were hospitalized and nine have died.

There has been a spike of more than two dozen virus cases reported over the past week.

A spokesman for the county said Monday that the cases are tied to households, gatherings, workplaces and schools.

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## Chef lets faith guide him

Krizo runs Christian cooking school in Cannon Beach

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**C**ANNON BEACH — What does the Christian culinary experience mean?

Those in the food service industry often aren't very patient, said Ira Krizo, director of the Christian Culinary Academy in Cannon Beach.

"They're not always very kind, not always very loving to each other," he said. "Many times they are in it for themselves."

God calls Christians to be loving, patient and kind, he said.

His counter to a tense industry? "Our school is for Christians because it is built on discipleship, how to become confident in your



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LEFT: Chef Ira Krizo runs the Christian Culinary Academy in Cannon Beach. RIGHT: Student chefs stand with Krizo at the academy.

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