

New branch Credit union submits design plans to city

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Fibre Federal Credit Union has asked the city to review its plans for a 3,250-square-foot branch next to Walmart.

In December, Fibre Federal purchased a 1.12-acre parcel on the corner of Highway 101 and Ensign Lane from Peaks View LLC for \$878,169. Peaks View owns one other small parcel adjacent to Walmart and the Fibre Federal property, which was not part of the deal.

The financial institution has branches in Astoria and Seaside. Those branches are TLC offices, a division of Fibre Federal.

The new branch is directly across Ensign from Wauna Federal Credit Union.

Warrenton's planning director will review the company's site plans to ensure they comply with the city's design standards and provide adequate vehicle access, parking, storm drainage, grading and erosion control.

The public can review the plans in the Community & Economic Development office at City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave., and can comment in writing.

On Wednesday, county commissioners will consider an unrelated sale of land in North Coast Business Park to Columbia Memorial Hospital.

Transit open house

An open house on transportation issues in Warrenton is set for 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, in Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St.

The public is invited to learn about the city's transportation system plan and provide feedback about issues in the city. The plan is expected to serve as a blueprint for road and other transit issues over the next two decades.

Principal goes the distance, many miles at a time

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Tom Rogozinski checks in at an aid station in last month's Tahoe 200 endurance run.

Tom Rogozinski likes to go the extra mile. Sometimes even 200 extra miles.

The Warrenton Grade School principal competes three times a year or more in 200-mile endurance runs, a feat he says gives him drive, focus and gratitude.

"I've probably got over 100,000 miles of running on my legs," he said.

Rogozinski, 50, was hired at a difficult time in the district. The school board had chosen not to

renew then-Superintendent Craig Brewington's contract and the state ethics committee got involved when residents complained public meeting laws had been violated.

Rogozinski and other new administrators were determined to turn the district around, focusing on the positive and leading by example.

"That's the parallel with running," he said. "I don't know if I feel particularly drawn to situations as an educator that are easy."

A native of Pittsburgh, Rogozinski

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Getting ready for the next disaster

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Dozens of people attended last weekend's disaster preparedness event at Warrenton Community Center.

They learned what to do to protect their homes, businesses and pets and how to gather a "go-bag," supplies to take when a disaster is imminent.

The event was sponsored by the city and Warrenton CERT.

Speakers included police Chief Matt Workman, building inspector Bob Johnston, and representatives from the Red Cross, Clatsop County Emergency Services, NW Natural and Auxiliary Communications Group.



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Above: Ken Olney gives some attention to his dog, Fred, while staffing the CERT table.

Right: Brian Dennon and Craig Yamasaki pass out emergency bags for CERT.

Left: Vince Aarts, emergency management coordinator, answers questions at the county's table.

