

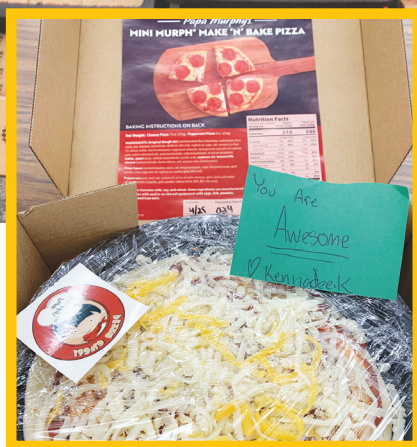
# Family donates pizza to school backpack program

Andy and Ashlee Klumper, new owners of the Seaside Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake, donated 150 pizza kits to Warrenton Grade School's Weekend Backpack program.

Their daughter, Kennadee, a fourth-grader at Gearhart Elementary School, hand wrote a personal note of love and encouragement inside each pizza box.

The backpacks are sponsored by the nonprofit group Warrenton Hammond Healthy Kids. Each backpack provides enough food for every child in a household on weekends when school meal programs aren't operating.

For more information about signing up for the backpack program or to donate food or money, contact Warrenton Grade School at 503-861-2281.



The Klumper family, above, and a personalized note from Kennadee, left.

# Celebrating school lunch workers

Friday, May 1, is School Lunch Hero Day.

Those who want to show appreciation for the people who prepare and distribute student meals are encouraged to do so.

"(It's) a great opportunity to showcase the difference that school nutrition professionals make," said Tamra Taylor, a director for Chartwells, the company Warrenton-Hammond and Seaside school districts use to handle nutrition programs. "Right now, lunch isn't just about serving food. It's about making a true impact on the lives of students and families in need."

Schools may be closed,

but cafeteria teams remain on duty, ensuring students are fed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The cafeteria employees have continued serving students every weekday after schools were closed in March.

"This year needs a bigger celebration," Taylor said. "These front-line heroes have stepped up in a big way to make sure students in our community do not go hungry."

As many as one in six children in the United States lives with hunger, according to some estimates, and six in seven hungry children don't get adequate meals when schools aren't in session.

## Letters to the editor

### New commissioner needed for county

We need John Toyooka to help our businesses recover from the damage Sarah Nebeker has done over the last eight years, implementing harmful policies for our communities.

John has been a longstanding leader and has done a lot of good. He uses common sense and real-world solutions, which will be really helpful in our current economic crisis. Right now, John is running against Sarah Nebeker and her failed, misguided policies, such as rejecting the \$200 million timber settlement that our county needed. She has exponentially increased homelessness, made Clatsop County unaffordable for many working families and now wants to put Wauna out of business! We need John to fix what Ne-

beker has done and protect our working families. Please vote John Toyooka for District 2 County Commissioner on May 19.

**Stephanie Millman**  
Seaside

### Toyooka will help county recover

Why I will vote for John Toyooka A vote for John Toyooka is a vote to help our county recover.

In our current economic crisis, John has the experience to make the kinds of decisions required to help our local businesses succeed. I cannot say that about his opponent, Sarah Nebeker.

I will vote for John not only because of his business skills, but because of his longstanding commitment in our community. He has served on the Providence Hospital Foun-

dation Board and currently serves on the Clatsop College Foundation, where he is particularly focused on job-skills training for students in order to prepare them for a career.

The students need him and business owners need him. Our county faces an uncertain future. We need stable elected officials that make good decisions for all of us, not just for special interests.

If he is elected, John will faithfully put our county first.

**Vicky McGath**  
Seaside

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