

Athlete signs at home base



Courtesy Lucy Kapua

During a ceremony at her home, Warrenton High School senior Melia Kapua signed her letter of intent to continue her education and volleyball career at Clackamas Community College. Melia earned honorable mention for All-League in girls basketball for the 3A division.

Coronavirus: What happened this week

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authorized COVID-19 cures, vaccines, or testing kits, with some fraudsters going door-to-door performing fake tests for money;

- Charity — The solicitation of donations for individuals, areas or charities purportedly working on behalf of coronavirus victims;

- Price gouging — Businesses marking up the price of essential consumer goods and selling them at higher prices than that for which the goods would normally sell;

- Identity — Imposters pretending to be government officials asking for personal identifying information, ac-

cess to bank or unemployment insurance accounts, or offering to help access government benefits faster.

The task force will hold a tele-town hall at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, focusing on scam and fraud identification and prevention. To participate, call 855-756-7520, Ext. 60478#. A recording will be made available online for those who can't attend live at oregonconsumer.gov/COVID-19.

SANITIZING PPE

A machine installed this week at University of Oregon will decontaminate N-95 respirators, allowing critical personal protective equipment

to be used up to 20 times by frontline health care workers.

The decontamination unit is coming to Oregon courtesy of the U.S. government.

The respirators have been in short supply during the pandemic and are typically used just once and then thrown away. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently approved the use of decontamination units, which sterilize the masks so they can be reused.

While state and private procurement of PPE has improved in recent weeks, the new decontamination system will significantly increase the lifespan of Oregon's supply. It is one of 60 being placed across the country.

DHS SUSPENDS LICENSE

The Oregon Department of Human Services on Tuesday suspended the operator's license of Healthcare at Foster Creek in Portland.

The nursing facility has been the site of 117 COVID-19 cases and 28 deaths, according to Oregon Health Authority.

FOOD RESERVES

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, asked the Department of Agriculture to support creating food reserves in Oregon as a model for the nation.

The reserves would address year-round food insecurity while preparing the state for increases in demands during times of emergency, Wyden wrote in a letter to Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue.

"The ... pandemic has exacerbated an already fragile food-supply chain in Oregon and the nation," Wyden wrote. "The farmers and agriculture producers who help feed my state have been hit hard by this pandemic and the need for a program that provides long term stability in times of crisis, has never been more apparent."

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