

Pandemic: What happened this week

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Street to the Turnaround on Saturday morning until the rally disperses.

Ironically, the Seaside City Council voted this week to reopen beaches to the public on Monday, May 18. An item on the agenda to reopen lodging in the city was rejected, but will be reconsidered at the council's May 20 meeting.

As of Wednesday, there were 3,416 cases of the virus in Oregon and 134 deaths.

The first case of pediatric inflammatory syndrome was found in a child in Portland.

SEAFOOD WORKERS

Twenty-eight workers at two Bornstein Seafood plants in Astoria tested positive for COVID-19 last week. And this week, Pacific Seafood in Warrenton got bad news.

Ten active cases of coronavirus were reported at the

Warrenton processing plant, Clatsop County Public Health reported. Another case involves a contact of a Pacific Seafood worker.

Pacific Seafood carried out testing of its Warrenton staff through a private health-care provider last weekend.

It brought the total cases in Clatsop County to 34 (workers who live in Washington state are not included in the county total).

None of the positive cases among the Bornstein and Pacific Seafood employees have been hospitalized and all are reported to be convalescing at home.

Six other cases reported in Clatsop County between March 23 and April 9 have recovered.

COUNTY'S REOPENING PLAN

Clatsop County submitted its reopening plan to the Govern-

nor's Office this week.

The plan follows the state's framework - released by Gov. Brown late last week - for a phased reopening of businesses and other public spaces. It includes careful monitoring to ensure each stage of the process doesn't lead to a resurgence in COVID-19 illness.

Brown's stay-at-home and essential travel orders remain in effect through July 6. But counties that meet certain guidelines can begin reopening businesses such as hair salons and restaurants with reduced capacities.

The ability to reopen is based on COVID-19 cases, testing, and other criteria. The county asked the governor to allow reopening steps to begin today, May 15.



Brown

All but four of the state's 36 counties have submitted plans.

CHURCHES GET CREATIVE

The governor's orders regarding large gatherings and social distancing have meant churches must get creative to meet the needs of their flocks.

But a parking-lot service at Warrenton's First Baptist caught some attention.

While responding last weekend to reports of churches holding in-house services, an officer found all but one church in compliance, according to his report. The Baptist church's parking lot was full, side doors were open to the building and people were gathered inside in close contact, he wrote.

His observations were passed along to Public Health authorities.

Church member Terry Stevens disputed the report.

"We weren't enclosed; we were in cars doing a radio thing," Stevens said. "We had a few people running in and out only to run the electricity and get the signal right. ... We quickly set up an amplifier outside."

DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING

Clatsop County Public Health Department began drive-through testing for COVID-19 this week.

On the first day, 59 county residents were tested.

Testing will take place Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednes-

days at the county's Household Hazardous Waste disposal facility, 1780 Williamsport Road, next to the Recology waste transfer station in Astoria.

Testing is open to Clatsop County residents who are 15 or older.

To receive a test, make an appointment by calling 503-325-8500. Have insurance information available.

Those getting tests also will get a health screening. To avoid crowds and lengthy waits, callers will be assigned a specific day and time to appear at the testing site.

The program involves the nasal swab test; no antibody tests are available. Public Health expects to conduct 100 tests a day. Results should be available within five days.

There is no charge for the test, but a lab processing fee may be charged to participants. The First Presbyterian Church in Astoria donated \$2,000 to cover testing costs for people in need.

NO COUNTY FAIR

County commissioners cancelled the 2020 Clatsop County Fair, usually held in June, due to the governor's orders banning fairs, festivals, and large events until at least September.

Organizers of the 4-H/Future Farmers of America animal auction are making plans for a virtual auction.

FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the WARRENTON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT will be held on May 19, 2020 at 4:30 pm at the covered area behind Warrenton Community Center, Warrenton, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 as approved by the RFPD Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 225 S. Main, Warrenton, Oregon between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2018-2019	Adopted Budget 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	9,500	9,500	1,630
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	0	0	0
Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	500	500	500
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	0	0	0
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	4,510	4,510	4,510
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	90,507	95,834	104,081
Total Resources	104,517	109,844	110,221

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
	Actual Amount 2018-2019	Adopted Budget 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021
Personnel Services	0	0	0
Materials and Services	99,517	104,844	105,221
Capital Outlay	0	0	0
Debt Service	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
Contingencies	5,000	5,000	5,000
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	0	0	0
Total Requirements	104,517	109,844	110,221

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program	Actual Amount 2018-2019	Adopted Budget 2019-2020	Approved Budget 2020-2021
Operations	99,517	104,844	105,221
FTE	0	0	0
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	5,000	5,000	5,000
FTE	0	0	0
Total Requirements	104,517	109,844	110,221
Total FTE	0	0	0

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit <u> .6318 per \$1000</u>)	\$30,477	\$36,800	\$38,000

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