

## Lodge awards scholarships

Warrenton's Gateway Masonic Lodge 175 will give away up to \$156,000 in scholarships to Warrenton High School's class of 2020.

Ordinarily, the Masons hold an honor student banquet at their lodge on Fourth Street in late April or early May.

But the 60th annual event was scrapped this year because of Gov. Kate Brown's executive order prohibiting public gatherings.

This year's honorees received their certificates and scholarships by mail.

There are 13 freshmen, 11 sophomores, 18 juniors and 22 seniors who received honors.

Monetary awards were given to the following seniors, with each renewable for up to four years.

Awarded \$3,000: Thomas Atwood, Darren Gar-

nett, Kaisa Liljenwall, and Isabella Morrill. Awarded \$2,500: Serena Moha, Mara Dowaliby, Kale Moss, and Isabella Carr.

Awarded \$2,000: Robert Leitch, Austin Little, Aurora Mackey, and Jacob Morrow.

Awarded \$1,500: McKenzie Ramsey, Natalie Duncan, Melia Kapua, Elizabeth Whitsett, Mark Warren, and Anna Schenbeck.

Several one-time awards also were given.

Students receiving them are Kaisa Liljenwall and Isabella Morrill, who split the \$500 Murl G. Peterson Outstanding Student Award; and Kale Moss, who received the \$250 Edwin L. Mowick Outstanding Student Award.

The lodge has awarded more than \$1.5 million during the 17 years scholarships have been awarded.

## Masks mandatory on all public transit

All bus riders must wear face masks, Sunset Empire Transportation District announced.

"The face covering requirement is in compliance with the Oregon Health Authority's transit requirements released on May 15," said Jeff Hazen, executive director of the agency.

The OHA defines a face covering as a cloth, paper, or disposable face covering that goes over the nose and mouth.

Any of the face coverings defined by OHA are acceptable, Hazen said. The requirement excludes riders younger than 2, those with medical conditions that makes it hard to breathe and those with a disability that prevents wearing a face covering.

All SETD bus routes are

running on normal schedules but have limited capacity due to rider spacing requirements.

The agency will continue its enhanced disinfecting protocols on buses throughout the day with a total disinfection completed every evening.

For questions or more information, contact Mary Parker 503-861-5370 or mary@ride-thebus.org

## Volunteers sought for planning posts

Three seats are open on the Clatsop County Planning Commission.

The panel is the county's committee for citizen involvement on development and land-use issues, such as zoning, natural resources and transportation.

The group meets at 10 a.m.

## Drug runner sentenced to federal prison

*The Columbia Press and news services*

A Canadian national arrested by the U.S. Coast Guard's Cutter Alert crew in Astoria was sentenced late last week to 40 months in federal prison for trafficking methamphetamine.

The crew was on routine patrol on April 9, 2019, when they detected the vessel Mandalay headed north from Mexico to Canada about 225 nautical miles from Newport.

When Coast Guard personnel attempted to communicate with the captain, he responded only via VHF radio. They boarded the vessel and found John Philip Stirling, 66, its only occupant.

Stirling claimed to have no vessel documentation and refused to produce identification. His speech was slurred and he displayed signs of a drug overdose.

Court records revealed Stirling consumed what he thought was a large amount of pure fentanyl, but was later determined to be pentobarbital, shortly before the Cutter Alert crew boarded the vessel.

Coast Guard personnel administered medical aid and evacuated him by helicopter to Astoria. He was later transferred to Adventist Health in Portland.

The Mandalay was towed to port and searched after a

federal warrant was issued. Investigators found 28 jugs containing more than seven gallons of liquid methamphetamine each and a duffel bag containing several plastic-wrapped bricks of pentobarbital.

The drugs had been loaded onto the Mandalay from another vessel in the Sea of Cortez for delivery to Canada.

On Jan. 13, Stirling pleaded



Stirling

guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Stirling has a long history of drug smuggling, with several previous convictions.

The case was investigated by the Coast Guard Investigative Service and Homeland Security Investigations with assistance from U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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