

## This weekend and beyond



### Relay to honor survivors virtually

A virtual Luminaria Ceremony to honor loved ones lost to cancer will be held from 9 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 11. The ceremony also honors those still fighting to survive.

"We need you to help us light up the night with hope and share our love, our hearts and our spirits in honoring cancer survivors and let them know that we are here for them," writes

Laura Parvi, an organizer with Clatsop County Relay for Life.

Participants are asked to make a \$5 donation for a luminary bag, which can be lit on the porch during ceremony hours, sending the community a virtual hug and letting them know they're not alone.

To participate, send an email to Parvi at [lauraann-parvi@hotmail.com](mailto:lauraann-parvi@hotmail.com).

### Church plans old-time revival

Anchor Baptist Church plans an eight-day Old-Fashioned Gospel Tent Meeting.

Service times are at 1 and 7 p.m. on Sundays, July 12 and 19, and at 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday of the week in-between.

The event is free and hosted by Anchor's pastor, Kevin Byers, and includes preachers and speakers from eight churches in Oregon and Washington.

The tent will be at 809 W. Marine Drive with parking available at the church, and at Dairy Queen, Astoria Cleaners and Re/Max.

Participants must bring a



mask; hand sanitizer and touch thermometers will be used to ensure attendees will be safe.

More information is available by calling Pastor Byers at 503-440-5558.

### New book club geared to leaders

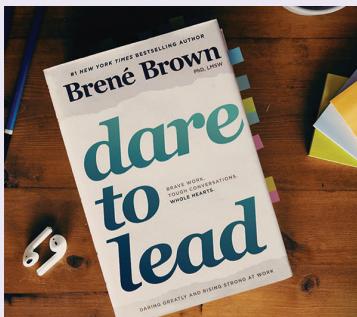
A biweekly virtual book club hosted by David Reid kicks off July 15.

The Books & Brews: Leadership Book Club is reading "Dare to Lead" by Brene Brown.

Club host Reid is executive director of the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce. The group will meet on Zoom from 4 to 5 p.m. every other Wednesday.

Each week, Reid will host the discussion from a local business that serves fine brews, organizers said.

To sign up, call the Clatsop Small Business Development Center at 503-338-2402.



### Cooking class for those with cancer

A free cooking class for cancer patients who are newly diagnosed, in treatment or who have recently completed treatment will be held 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, at the North Coast Food Webb, 577 18th St., Astoria.

The class is co-sponsored by the CMH-Knight Cancer Collaborative and open to support persons.

Registration is required by calling 503-338-4520.

Classes can accommodate those with restricted mobility or dietary issues, with notice.



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### State improves health benefits application process

Oregon Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority recently

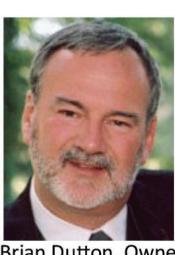
upgraded the system residents use to apply for health coverage.

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The upgrade is the first milestone in a larger project to make it easier to apply.

The application can be found on the Oregon Health Plan's website. Residents also can call 800-699-9075.

The Oregon ONE system will continue to be upgraded, in phases, through February.

Once the system is fully updated, Oregonians will be able to use a single online application to apply for cash, child care, food and medical benefits.

"This upgrade is just the first step in improving the way the state delivers health and human services benefits to Oregonians and their families," DHS Director Fariborz Pakseresht said.