Happy trails as Warrenton connects the dots

State funding will create a new trail and connect another

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A new walking and biking path that would run from Fort Stevens through the city's swampy midsection and out to the Columbia River was approved by the Oregon Transportation Commission late last week.

The project was approved under a new funding category, Oregon Community Paths. The state legislature has prioritized projects that make communities more walkable, accessible by bicycles, and bus friendly. The paths are funded by the state's vehicle privilege tax, bicycle excise tax and federal highway funds.

More than $15 million was approved for 21 community path projects, including Warrenton's new trail, and improvements to Astoria's Riverwalk Trail.

"These awards represent a culmi-

Steve Fulton walks with his dog, Jin Dao, along the Waterfront Trail near 13th Street in Warrenton on Tuesday. A state grant will help the city connect the section with another section that bgins at the dog park in Carruthers Park. (Cindy Yingst)

At right is a map showing a new trail that will cut through a swap between the KOA campground and Northwest Warrenton Drive.

Masked man sought in DQ robbery

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Police are reviewing video from nearby businesses after a Monday night robbery at the Dairy Queen on Marlin Avenue.

The robber, a man dressed in black and wearing a black face mask, came in through a back door that had been propped open while employees were cleaning, Warrenton Police Chief Matt Workman said.

A customer called 911 about 9:45 p.m. Sunday after an employee told them to call the police because they were being robbed, according to dispatch logs.

"The suspect went into the manager's office and entered the open safe," Workman said. "An employee confronted the man and grabbed him when they realized he was stealing money. A short struggle ensued with the employee yelling for help from other employees who joined in the struggle."

The robber told employees he had a knife and then kicked one of them before running off toward Warrenton Kia, which is next to the restaurant. More than $1,200 in cash was missing from the safe.

Several officers from Warrenton and the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office searched the area, including the woods behind Dairy Queen and Kia, but the robber wasn't found.

Anyone with information about the crime, including those who may have been in the area and possibly saw something or someone, are asked to contact an on-duty Warrenton officer by calling dispatch at 503-325-8661.

Two incumbents defeated in Clatsop College board race

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Voters chose to replace two of the three contested seats on the Clatsop Community College board.

Other than the college board race, there were few other races that drew more than one candidate in Tuesday's special districts election. Turnout also was low, with just under 23 percent of voters submitting a ballot.

Most of the uncontested races saw incumbents running for and retaining their seats.

Other races had no candidates and the positions likely will be left unfilled or appointed by board members

Meyer   Citovic   Iverson

whose seats weren't up for election.

For the college board, Sara Meyer retained her seat as director for Zone 2, Position 2. She garnered 3,675 votes, or 65.5 percent, over Patrick Preston's 1,932 votes.

In the seat representing Zone 2, Po-

sition 3, newcomer Trudy Van Dusen Citovic received 3,101 votes, or 55 percent, over incumbent Bob Duehmig, the board's chair. He'd been appointed to the board in December 2014. Christina Secord had withdrawn from the race, yet received 12 percent of the vote.

The tightest race was in the Zone 3, Position 6, contest. Suzanne Iverson received 50.4 percent of the vote over incumbent David Zunkel. Zunkel, a retired doctor, was appointed to the board in August 2019.

All of the incumbents for the Port of