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How safe are your children?

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Few things stab the soul as sharply as the random killing of children.

As the country and the world mourn the deaths of 19 elementary students and two teachers in a small town in Southern Texas, we can't help but wonder how safe our own children are.

Despite intense training at campuses nationwide, mistakes were made in Uvalde. A side access door was left open or didn't lock as expected; local police treated the shooter as a hostage taker instead of acknowledging he was actively shooting children.

"My officers and I talk about these scenarios often, especially when there is an incident like the recent shootings," Warrenton Police Chief Matt Workman said. "Clatsop County lacks many of the resources and manpower of other areas, but we have great partnerships and cooperation with all the agencies in the area."

And priority has been placed on acknowledging the rural divide while forming a unified game plan.

Cohort is a word that has come up plenty during the pandemic. It's an apt description for the essential need to work together.

"We have a pretty fortunate situation in our community both with our relationship with the police department and Clatsop County Sheriff's Office," Warrenton-Hammond School Superintendent Tom Rogozinski said.

What was unthinkable in the Mayberry life of grandparents and many

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Workman



Rogozinski

History and markers to get attention at Ocean View



Students in Clatsop Community College's Historic Preservation Program repair and clean some of the oldest gravestones at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton.

Clatsop Community College

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Local college students get live history lessons from the dead as well as experience toward a future career thanks to an injection of state funding.

Clatsop Community College's Historic Preservation and Restoration program won a competitive grant to assess and restore grave markers at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton. Students also will research the cemetery's poorly documented history and learn the fundamentals of historic cemetery preservation.

Historical records for the cemetery, which is owned by the city of Astoria, are incomplete and scattered in several locations.

The discovery of a wooden sign with the inscription "All is lost but hope" has raised many questions about the cemetery's history.

The sign was found earlier this year by Warrenton City Commissioner Rick Newton while walking through an abandoned portion of the cemetery with historian Bob Ellsberg. Newton lives across from what's been called the Pauper's Cemetery that had belonged to the county.

While the sign is likely not historic, it has increased public awareness and focused the need to better understand and document the cemetery's history, said John Goodenberger, historic preserva-

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Local businesses honored for regional contributions

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Businesses throughout Clatsop County were honored late last week for their contributions to the health and well-being of the region.

Three Warrenton-based businesses – Encore Dance Studio, J.M. Browning Logging, and Kiosco Mexicano -- were among the winners.

Clatsop Economic Development Resources, better known as CEDR,

sponsored the awards ceremony before a full house on May 26 in Patriot Hall at Clatsop Community College.

Kevin Leahy, executive director of CEDR, said he was happy to see this year's event bring together a variety of businesses.

"I would say that's kind of our secret sauce," Leahy said. "We're not just relying on one thing, like tourism. We have so much going on here with nat-

ural resources and hospitality and retail and health care, that's what really makes things special here."

State Rep. Suzanne Weber, R-Tillamook, was keynote speaker. She praised the resiliency and growth of the Clatsop County business community, and how the award winners reflected the diverse economy that sets the county apart from other regions.

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