

# Clatsop County sees upward trend in recreation

It's no secret that COVID-19 completely changed our community. The pandemic disrupted our entire way of life and created completely unforeseen challenges to the work that we do! I'm thankful for the hard work of our staff and board of directors, as well as the patience of our patrons, as we worked to provide programming that was on par or closely resembling what we've always sought to provide.



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I've found some important lessons, as I'm sure you have, in analyzing our experience in dealing with this pandemic.

I've learned resiliency as I've watched my colleagues and our community at large rebound from difficult initial circumstances and forced adaptability to evolving restrictions. That resiliency continues to show out as businesses to face the challenges of staffing and the increased costs of business.

I've learned compassion. There's been times where we've all disagreed with each other, with local, state or national political leaders. There's been times where we've all thought that we were the experts and there has been times where we all felt without any of the answers.

I've also learned the benefits



**Park spaces have many uses. Jase and Owen Litehiser open Easter eggs with Kelly and Justin Smith at the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District's annual Community Egg Hunt at Broadway Field.**

Katherine Lacaze

of managing ourselves and taking time to play, recreate and experience nature and physical activity.

Since this all began, recreation providers have been amazed at the increased usage and demand for services, facilities and spaces. These locations have proven to be in high demand as folks needed places close to home, with greater need for recreating and staying well during this trying time.

Google began utilizing data, of the which they are incredibly privy to an abundance of, using location services and maps to track how the pandemic has affected human behavior. They tracked the many locations that people traveled to during the 26 months since we began this journey and compared that data to the human behavior patterns of pre-pandemic. The data is even isolated to our state and county, which does prove to be helpful.

Now this isn't a referendum or an opinion on the merit of Google and the tracking of human beings. That is a conversation that is way above my intellect. I will say that it can be alarming the amount of information that they have on each of us. I'm somewhat lifted or at least partially gratified to have access to the information they gleaned from us. The point, however, is that the data exists and it's staggering.

The results showed that during the time of the pandemic, mobility decreased to retail centers (restaurants, malls, and movie theaters), grocery stores, transit stations and workplaces. All of that makes sense. People were and still are getting out less, traveling less and are figuring out ways to get by.

Or at least for specific reasons. While most places saw decreased usage during this time, parks have seen a dramatic increase in their activity. Park spaces, including locations such as national or regional parks, beaches, fields and gardens, saw their mobility trend increase by 23% throughout Oregon and 85% in Clatsop County. That's a staggering number, especially when you compare the data with other industries and other regions in the state.

While just about every county in the state saw an increase in their park space trends, Clatsop County saw the highest jump. This data confirms what many of us already saw and suspected: park space is extremely vital to a community and our community is extremely popular for our amazing outdoor spaces and recreation opportunities.

If you'd like to learn more about their data, you can see it available here: <https://www.google.com/covid19/mobility/>.

While we're all hoping that the pandemic is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience, I'm thankful for the lessons learned and that during these times we've been able to recreate and appreciate our community and region!

**BRIEFS**

## Columbia Memorial welcomes new primary care physician

Dr. Erik Nevatt has joined the CMH-OHSU Health Primary Care Clinic in Seaside.



**Erik Nevatt**  
Nevatt's specialty is family medicine. He is also interested in dermatology, chronic medical conditions, mental health, preventative medicine and palliative care.

Nevatt most recently worked at Clark Fork Valley Hospital & Family Medicine Network. While there, he provided primary care services. He also held supervising physician and chief of staff-elect roles.

He earned his medical degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine. He completed a residency at Montana Family Medicine.

Nevatt is board-certified in family medicine. He is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He also is an author of several research publications.

Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his dog, participating in outdoor sports, playing guitar, camping, grilling and watching movies.

## Celtic harp at Seaside Library

On Saturday, May 21, at 1:30 p.m., the Friends of Seaside Public Library will welcome musical duo Lisa Lynne and Aryeh Frankfurter who perform together as Lionharp. They will be presenting their concert experience, "Celtic Harps, Rare Instruments, and Wonderful Stories."

This event will be held in the community room of the library.

Lisa Lynne and Aryeh Frankfurter are a multi-instrumentalist duo specializing in Celtic Harps, Swedish Nyckelharpa, Ukrainian Bandura, Bouzouki, Cittern and more.

They hail originally from San Francisco and tour extensively, both having successful recording and performing careers built from years of street performing and a background as rock musicians.

Lynne has gained worldwide recognition for her original music featuring her Celtic Harp. She is widely acclaimed for composing memorable and heartwarming melodies on the Windham Hill/Sony music labels that have repeatedly placed in the Top 10 and Top 20 on the Billboard New Age music charts.

Frankfurter is a renowned multi-instrumentalist whose career has journeyed from virtuosic progressive rock violin to intricate Swedish folk and Celtic music. He began with classical violin at the age of three and has studied music throughout his life.

The Seaside Public Library is located at 1131 Broadway. For more information call 503-738-6742 or visit [www.seasidelibrary.org](http://www.seasidelibrary.org) or [www.facebook.com/seasidepubliclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/seasidepubliclibrary).

## Golf tournament to benefit scholarship fund

The Sunset Park and Recreation Foundation is hosting a charity golf tournament on Friday, June 3, at 1 p.m. at the Highlands Golf Course. The golf tournament is \$50 per person, and is a two-person scramble with contests for the longest drive and other fundraising games along the course. There will also be a silent auction.

Call 503-738-3311 to register.

This tournament will benefit the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Scholarship Fund, which provides access to recreational programming for community members who might not otherwise have the opportunity to engage in these activities.

## Eastern Oregon University announces winter term dean's list

Kyle Harrington, of Gearhart, and Hillary Dochow and Victoria Dochow, of Seaside, were among Eastern Oregon University named 590 students to the dean's list for the 2022 winter term.

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