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ORCCA director Mike Lehman to retire

'The community has probably given me more than I've given back.'

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COOS BAY — The executive director of Oregon Coast Community Action is getting ready to say goodbye to a position he has held since 2013.

"My retirement is about a bunch of things, but mainly it is just time," Mike Lehman said.

The former state representative stepped into the role of director for the Coos, Curry and Douglas County nonprofit almost seven years ago to the day. Lehman will be stepping back out of the role on March 4, leaving behind a happier organization of 240 employees and a budget of \$11 million, pleased to

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have seen it accomplish many of its long term projects.

But when he became director, it was in the midst of controversy surrounding financial struggle.

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Executive Director Michael Lehman, outgoing executive director with Oregon Coast Community Action, speaks Jan. 24 during a grand opening of the Deer Springs Terrace housing project in North Bend.

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Gardener Blair Holman trims blueberry bushes in front of the Coos Bay Community Garden during a work party Saturday morning.

Season begins for Coos Bay Community Garden

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COOS BAY — The South Coast Community Garden Association held a work party and orientation for its 15th gardening season at the Coos Bay Community Garden over the weekend.

Seventeen eager gardeners showed up on Saturday to listen to the rules of the all-organic garden. There are 60 4-foot by 12-foot plots in the garden, and the cost to become a member and get

a plot is \$10.

The gardening season is from Feb. 1 through Dec. 1. The garden still has plots available, but is filling up fast. Of the 60 plots available there are still 20 left.

"We opened up in January, and we're already two-thirds full," said Renee Blom with the South Coast Community Garden Association.

Since the South Coast Community Garden is a nonprofit organization, it supplies its members with fertilizer, tools, water and

even some seeds.

"We have knowledgeable people here to help with people that haven't gardened before," Blom said.

Over the gardening season, some of the garden's harvest is used to give back to the community. According to gardener Dan Morin, more than 1,000 pounds of food was produced and given to local organizations like the Gospel Mission, which prepare meals for the homeless.

Since everyone has to go through the orientation to begin gardening, there will be additional orientation events coming up soon. To become a member and claim one of the remaining plots, look for an application at the South Coast Community Garden Association website.

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No results in Iowa

'Inconsistencies' cited for errors, delays in reporting results

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DES MOINES, Iowa — For a third consecutive cycle, Iowa's first-in-the-nation presidential precinct caucuses featured an error or delay in reporting results.

Official results from Monday's Democratic caucuses, the kickoff of the process that ultimately selects the nation's next president, were delayed as the state party dealt with "inconsistencies in the reporting."

As of 11:45 p.m. Central, the Iowa Democratic Party had released no official results even though all precinct caucuses were finished.

Precinct leaders across the state said they had problems using the app designed to report results to the state party, and they also had problems reaching the state party in order to use backup systems.

Elesha Gayman, chairwoman of the Scott County Democrats, said late Monday she was at a local union hall in Davenport collecting the vote tallies from precincts around the county. She was aware of only one precinct chair who had been able to successfully use the app to report results.

At about 10:15 p.m., Gayman said she had collected the results from 17 precincts and was waiting to report them. She said she'd been on hold for about 30 minutes.

"It's definitely put a strain on the system," she said.

The delay came on a night when the state party planned to alter the way it reported caucus results.

For the first time, the party planned to release the final number of state delegate equivalents earned by each candidate, plus the number of participants who lined up for each candidate in the first and final rounds of caucusing.

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Closing arguments in trial aim at voters, history

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WASHINGTON — Closing arguments Monday in President Donald Trump's impeachment trial were directed more toward

history than to sway the outcome, one final chance to influence public opinion and set the record ahead of his expected acquittal in the Republican-led Senate.

The House Democratic prosecutors drew on the Founding Fathers and common sense to urge senators — and Americans — to see that Trump's actions are not isolated but a pattern of behavior that, left unchecked, will allow him to "cheat" in the 2020 election.

Democrat Rep. Adam Schiff

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