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MONEY GROWS ON TREES IN JEWELL



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Rylan Murray, left, and Victor Berg, right, both Jewell School students bag plant saplings at the recently harvested 40-acre Moore Mullenbach unit above the Nehalem River Wednesday.

Students make deposits with school's new forestry program

By EDWARD STRATTON
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JEWELL — Jewell School District doesn't have to worry much about money. The timber revenues from Clatsop State Forest allow it to spend more than \$25,000 per pupil, and free it from the Common School Fund, which other districts are lobbying the Oregon Legislature to increase.

Students in Jewell School's new forestry program made a deposit for future generations Wednesday, fanning out with shovels and tree starts to help the Oregon Department of Forestry replant the recently harvested, 40-acre Moore Mullenbach stand above the Nehalem River.

The trees they planted Wednesday have been growing since they were purchased from Willamette Valley nurseries in 2012, Restoration Unit Forester Charley Moyer said. Mullenbach was mainly harvested last year, after which contract crews came in and did most of the replanting. The forestry department leaves some



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Rylan Murray, a student at Jewell School, plants a tree.

planting for students, who fan out in teams of two, digging and dropping trees about 11 feet apart. Inmates from South Fork Forest Camp in the Tillamook State Forest will finish the process.

The ODF shoots for 10 to 11 feet in four directions between trees, Moyer said, translating to 360 to 436 per acre. The Moore Mullenbach stand was last harvested in 2014, likely the third harvest, the first dating back as far as the 1910s, he said.

It won't be harvested for another 60 to 70 years.

"I think this is important, because it pays for their schools," said Jeff Brown, a forest management technician helping students Wednesday.

Money grows on trees

Jewell is set to receive more than \$4 million in timber revenue, according to ODF projections for fiscal year 2015, which started July 1 and run to June 30. Projections for fiscal year 2016 are up to more than \$6 million. On top of that, Assistant District Forester Ron Zilli said, Jewell will get more than 25 percent of the nearly \$3.5 million going to the Clatsop County School Fund.

"Jewell School District's taxing district is over half of the Clatsop State Forest," he said.

More than 98 percent of the Clatsop State Forest is Board of Forestry Land, deeded by counties to the state to manage in perpetuity, Zilli said.

The 1931 Acquisition Act authorized the Oregon Board of Forestry to manage state forest lands for continuous forest production; watershed conservation and protection; and recreation.

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Sheriff of the Year

Bergin gets top honor from Western State Sheriffs' Association

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Clatsop County Sheriff Tom Bergin was named Sheriff of the Year by the Western States Sheriffs' Association at its annual conference last week in Nevada.



Sheriff Tom Bergin

The association includes sheriffs from 15 western states, including Oregon, Washington to North and South Dakota and down to California and Texas.

Sheriffs in the association receive training related to issues such as use of force, officer video cameras and numerous other court decisions.

In addition, the sheriffs work on immigration issues, conducting meetings with federal officials related to travel management plans on national and state lands and managing forests and federal law enforcement expansion authority, according to the association.

Bergin is on several committees and is the state representative for Oregon. He is also involved with legislative issues both in Oregon and at the federal level.

Western State President Sheriff Dave Brown presented the award to Sheriff Bergin.

"I am truly honored to receive this award. There are many deserving sheriffs but to be singled out as Sheriff of the Year for WSSA is a humbling experience that I will never forget and (will) treasure forever," Bergin said at the ceremony.

Bergin is in his third term as Clatsop County sheriff and has been in law enforcement for almost 30 years, all of which he has served in Clatsop County.

Condos may go to state for dune relief

Homeowners association still hopes to shore up condo on Ecola Creek with sand

By ERICK BENGEL
EO Media Group

CANNON BEACH — The Breakers Point Homeowners Association has notified the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals that it intends to appeal the City Council's March 3 decision denying the association's request to grade nearly 74,000 cubic yards of sand from the dunes west and south of the condominium complex.

Dean Alterman, the association's Portland lawyer, filed the notice with the state agency March 10, he said. By now, the 43 people who participated in the council's decision by providing oral or written testimony should have received notice.

He anticipates that, barring any

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Fishermen score win in CMH Field debut

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

The Astoria Fishermen hosted North Marion in the first official varsity baseball game at Columbia Memorial Hospital Field Wednesday, with a sizable crowd on hand, nice weather, and more than 1,000 coaching victories in the dugouts.

Fittingly, the historic contest featured two of the all-time winningest coaches in Oregon high school baseball history, with Randy Brack's North Marion team taking on Dave Gasser and the Fishermen.

In the end, it was Gasser who collected career win No. 695, with a 7-5 win over the Huskies. Brack currently has 484 coaching victories, as the coaches took the field with a combined 1,178 career wins.

"He's a superb coach," Gasser said of Brack, ninth on the all-time win list. "I was coaching against him before my players were born. He goes back to my Lakeridge days, when we would coach against each other in summer Legion ball.



After rounding third base and briefly hesitating, Astoria's Ole Englund is directed toward home by Coach Dave Gasser in a baseball game last season. Gasser is closing in on 700 career coaching wins.

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