

Welcome to the World...

Everly Jo Stevens



Caleb and Rebekah Stevens of Beaverton are pleased to announce the arrival of Everly Jo Stevens, born on October 30, 2017 at

5:11 pm at Providence St. Vincents Hospital. Everly weighed 9 lbs, 12 oz, measured 21 1/2 inches long and joins big brother Tucker, age 2.

Grandparents are Jeanne and Rocky Hill of Vernonia, Paula Love of Vernonia, Russell Young of Beaverton, and Justin Stevens of Tualatin. Great grandparents are Allen and Beverly Preslar of North Plains, Donna Stevens of Estacada, and Donald Young of Florence. Godparents are Tyler Somers of Monmouth and Molly Hackney of Forest Grove.

In Memory of...

Laura M. Nichols



Laura M. Nichols, 88, of Rockaway Beach, OR, died on Saturday, November 4, in McMinnville, OR. Laura passed away peacefully from natural causes, with her loving grandchildren at her side. She was born on March 1, 1929, to parents George and May Jamieson in Pres-

ton, Lancashire, England.

Laura emigrated to the United States in 1946, where she started her family in Rexburg, ID. She later moved with her two children to Salt Lake City, UT, where she attended Medical Assistant Courses. Laura obtained her certification in Medical Assisting, and moved to Overton, NV in 1983, to continue her career as a Physician's Assistant, where she lived and practiced for over 10 years. In 1994, Laura relocated to Oregon, where she continued to practice medicine at a clinic in Vernonia for seven years. She retired at the age of 73, and moved to Rockaway Beach, OR, to be closer to her daughter.

In the communities where she worked and lived, Laura was best

known as a healer. Laura was well known for her energetic passion and extraordinary ability to help others. She will be remembered for her intuitive demeanor, intelligence, resourcefulness, cheery disposition, and aptitude for instilling a sense of both mental and physical comfort in the people around her. Among many other wonderful traits, her family and friends will always remember her as an independent and resilient woman, a dog lover, an avid reader with an insatiable hunger for knowledge, and a person with intense appreciation for music, art, and nature (especially the Oregon Coast), who referred to almost everyone she came in contact with as "Sweetheart."

Laura is survived

by her grandson Cody Nichols of Ellis, KS; her granddaughter Chelsea Nichols (Jennifer Bacon) and great-granddaughter Emery-River Bacon of Keaau, HI; her sister Jean Horrocks of Gold Canyon, AZ; and many loving nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents George and May Jamieson; her brother Jim Jamieson; her daughter Ruth Nichols; and son Dallas Nichols.

No public services are being held. The family invites all who are interested to offer a message of condolence or favorite memory of Laura via the online memorial: <http://www.anewtradition.com/obituaries/listallobituaries.php>

County Commissioners Approve Port Westward Rezone *continued from front page*

land use laws is not to be an obstacle to planned growth, but to be a guide and to provide a process. The conditions that are being proposed take into consideration the need for agricultural production and the compatibility of any new industry that may come. I think we have to look to the future," she said.

Commissioner Henry Heimuller echoed that sentiment before the vote. "The Resource Industrial Planning Development (RIPD) designation still requires the land to be used for farm and forest unless it is developed. Any new development will need to be compatible with adjoining uses, both agricultural and industrial. The conditions that new development will have to comply with are set."

Heimuller also said it is clear to him that the property is unique. "The site has a dock that can take Panamax ships, and the transportation infrastructure needed to ship goods that would help the economy of not only Columbia County and the region but the state of Oregon are in place."

Heimuller said that though

there is no doubt the area has high value farmland, he, "feels it has a higher value, and that is the value of being used by the Port of St. Helens to create high paying jobs. What we have to do is always look for new opportunities," he said.

"Local elected officials ignored input from hundreds of people who care about farms and quality of life in Columbia County," stated Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky, Senior Organizer with Columbia Riverkeeper. "The county's decision ignores local land use laws designed to protect farms, clean water, and public health."

Port Westward is a hub for energy export ventures. Port Westward is home to Global Partners, an oil-by-rail trans-shipment facility that operated from 2013 to 2015 before switching to ethanol. The company maintains regulatory approval to resume oil shipments. The site is also the former home to two coal export proposals and the company Northwest Innovation Works holds a lease option to construct a methanol refinery.

PCC Columbia County Update

OMIC scheduled to open in Fall 2019

If you and your family have been busy since the start of the school year, imagine how exciting it has been for the eight students who started fall term as Columbia County's first ever Future Connect scholarship recipients. The \$40,000 required to support all eight students for their first year at PCC is a collaboration that includes the County, Oregon Aero and the PCC Foundation. We welcome these new students, six from St. Helens and two from Scappoose, and hope they have settled in and are doing well.

Future Connect scholarship assistance isn't the only way to beat the cost of higher education. The PCC Dual Credit Program, which provides the opportunity for high school students to earn college credit for free while still in high school, continues to be a successful venture for students in Columbia County.

For the 2016-17 academic year, 122 students from Scappoose, St. Helens, and Vernonia took advantage of the program and saved more than \$42,000 in tuition and fees. Within PCC's service district, 59 high schools participate in the College's Dual Credit Program. For the last school year, 6,782 high school students saved more than \$4 million in tuition and fees.

As Portland Community College seeks a permanent presence in Columbia County, it has tapped Chris Holden and Mohammed Maraee to lead its Training Center as part of the regional Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center (OMIC). OMIC is

a collaboration of industry, higher education, and government focused on creating a world-class innovation center. It seeks to combine applied research and development and workforce training to serve the region's advanced manufacturers and create living wage careers in a key industry.

Holden serves as director of the PCC OMIC Training Center, whose emphasis will be on craftsmanship, professionalism, and placing graduates into high-wage, high-demand advanced manufacturing jobs. He has more than 30 years of experience in the manufacturing industry as a patternmaker apprentice, technician, engineer, and manager, and since 2007 has owned KCR Manufacturing which designs and manufactures wildland firefighting equipment for firefighting and forestry professionals around the world.

As the industry training coordinator for the PCC OMIC Training Center, Maraee is responsible for connecting regional manufacturers with OMIC Training and ensuring the innovative training model meets their priority workforce needs. He is also an adjunct business instructor at PCC.

PCC's OMIC Training Center, scheduled to open in fall 2019, will offer apprenticeship programs that combine job-related technical instruction with structured on-the-job learning experiences, resulting in an industry-issued, recognized credential that certifies occupational proficiency, and an opportunity to obtain a post-secondary degree at PCC. Until construction is completed for the center, PCC will have a temporary site to launch training programs at Scappoose High School beginning in 2018.

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