

# Shaffer named chef at Newmans at 988

Dru Shaffer has been promoted to chef de cuisine at Newmans at 988 following the death of owner John Newman.

Shaffer has been running the line and doing most of the cooking at the Cannon Beach restaurant since 2020.

“John wanted to explore what ‘retirement’ might look like moving forward owning the restaurant. He was happy to see that not only could it survive without him cooking, but under Dru both the food and the staff were thriving,” the restaurant said in a statement.

Shaffer is an aspiring executive chef. He met Newman in 2017 at United Way of

Clatsop County’s Iron Chef Goes Coastal event. He started as a dishwasher at Newmans the next year, and worked his way up to cooking.

Newman died in a car crash in Tillamook County in June. His wife, Sandy, said she could see Shaffer was up to the task of carrying on Newman’s legacy.

“Sandy, Dru and the entire Newmans staff are committed to honoring John by providing our guests with the very best in food and service. We are thankful for your continued support, and we look forward to serving you,” the restaurant said the statement. Shaffer named chef at Newmans at 988.

Dru Shaffer has been promoted to chef de cuisine at Newmans at 988 following the death of owner John Newman.

Shaffer has been running the line and doing most of the cooking at the Cannon Beach restaurant since 2020.

“John wanted to explore what ‘retirement’ might look like moving forward owning the restaurant. He was happy to see that not only could it survive without him cooking, but under Dru both the food and the staff were thriving,” the restaurant said in a statement.

Shaffer is an aspiring executive chef. He met Newman in 2017 at United Way of

Clatsop County’s Iron Chef Goes Coastal event. He started as a dishwasher at Newmans the next year, and worked his way up to cooking.

Newman died in a car crash in Tillamook County in June. His wife, Sandy, said she could see Shaffer was up to the task of carrying on Newman’s legacy.

“Sandy, Dru and the entire Newmans staff are committed to honoring John by providing our guests with the very best in food and service. We are thankful for your continued support, and we look forward to serving you,” the restaurant said the statement.



Dru Shaffer

## Program provides rural training at Ocean Beach Hospital

The first of at least a dozen residents has arrived at Ocean Beach Hospital and Medical Clinics in Ilwaco.

The residents come from the Providence Everett Internal Medicine Residency Program in conjunction with Washington State University’s Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine.

The hospital will be hosting one resident per month on rotation. The program aims to provide rural training to licensed physicians in their second or third year of residency.

“Ideally, one or even two of these resident-program physicians will someday return to south Pacific County, perhaps to staff the Ilwaco Clinic expansion that is currently being planned for 2023-2024,” said Larry Cohen, the hospital’s retiring chief executive officer, in a statement.

Talks between the hospital and college for developing the program began in 2016. Dr. Laurie A. Belknap oversees the program locally.

“I am so grateful to Dr. Belknap for jumping in and for the skill set she brings to this partnership program,” Cohen said. “She is an excellent physician, and OBHMC is fortunate to have her on our team.”

## Soule to lead expansion at Oregon Coast Bank

Heather Soule has accepted a position with Oregon Coast Bank, where she will operate its remote loan production office and lead the bank’s expansion efforts on the coasts of Oregon and Washington state.



Heather Soule

Soule, a graduate of Ilwaco

High School, worked at Key Bank for 24 years. Starting as a teller during her senior year, she eventually became a branch manager at Long Beach. As a commercial and consumer lender in the area, she specialized in fishing industry lending.

Oregon Coast Bank operates six branches in the counties of Lincoln and Tillamook.

“What I’ve always valued most about being a banker is the opportunity to make a genuine difference in the community by providing loans for local families and businesses,” Soule said in a statement.

“I also consider myself a problem solver for my customers. Oregon Coast Bank is well known in the industry for having a roll-up-your sleeves, can-do attitude. They believe in community banking, fast loan approval and understanding the true needs of customers. They are also by far the most active lender for the fishing industry in the Pacific Northwest. To have an opportunity to bring that kind (of) banking to our local area was something too good to pass up.”

## Cooper named creative director at the Oregon Coast Visitors Association

Kim Cooper is the new creative director at the Oregon Coast Visitors Association.

Cooper’s writing career includes work in magazines and several published books. Her work includes “Day Trips to the Oregon Coast: Getaway Ideas for the Local Traveler,” and a mystery novel she wrote with her daughter called “The Sixth Storm.”

Cooper and her husband co-own an independent book publishing company named Dancing Moon Press.

Cooper grew up in Coos County and has a mas-



Kim Cooper

ter’s degree in environmental education from Oregon State University. She lives in Lincoln City with her husband and two daughters.

## Job corps students get experience at painting company

Students from Tongue Point Job Corps Center have temporarily joined Precision Coast Painting Inc. in Ocean Park, Washington, to get real-world work experience.

Tongue Point’s painting program teaches students basic safety and skills before placing them with a local company to gain experience. Students who complete their classroom and work-based training will receive a certificate of completion.

“For us, it’s a win-win situation,” said Peter Charlton, of Precision Coast Painting, in a job corps statement.

“Especially now, after one of the wettest spring seasons in recordable history, years of COVID uncertainty and restrictions, and the labor shortage that ensued. The infusion of energetic, enthusiastic students improves (morale) for the entire crew and gives us much needed traction,” he said.

## Darr joins Ocean Beach Hospital as family nurse practitioner

Emily Darr has joined Ocean Beach Hospital and Medical Clinics as a family nurse practitioner.

She has 11 years of clinical and teaching experience, working in women’s health and primary care.

Darr previously worked at the



Emily Darr

Family Care Clinic on the Mariana Islands, and was the only provider on the northern island of Tinian in 2018 and 2019.

She began her career in Ohio, where she worked at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital and at Ashland University. She received a master’s degree from Chamberlain University’s College of Nursing.

“I love making connections with patients to help them feel empowered to advocate for their best health outcomes. I truly understand the demands of rural health care. My rural experience has made me resourceful and innovative; it has helped me provide better comprehensive, high-quality care,” Darr said in a statement.

Darr, who works out of the Ilwaco and Ocean Park medical clinics, is looking forward to working with young families.

## Kayak rental service comes to Port of Peninsula

NAHCOTTA — A new kayak rental service is now available at the Port of Peninsula.

Offered through kayakshare.com, two double kayaks (\$14.99 per 30 minutes) and two single kayaks (\$9.99 per 30 minutes) can be rented from a station located next to the port’s boat ramp.

The service was started to allow people to experience the joy of kayaking without the upfront expense or transport hassles.

“We make kayaking easy,” according to the website.

“(Kayakshare.com) eliminates all that and instead lets you easily rent a kayak from where you’re planning to be already. Easy. Simple.”

The kayak rental service is also offered at waterways in Everett, Bellingham and Steilacoom.

For more information or to secure a rental, visit [kayakshare.com/long-beach-wa-kayak-rental](http://kayakshare.com/long-beach-wa-kayak-rental).