

Olympia oyster story on tap

In a Nature Matters program presentation, Rose Rimler tells the story of the Olympia oyster Thursday at the Fort George Lovell room. There is no cost for this event, and the doors open at 6 p.m.

Rimler will discuss the overharvest of the Olympia oyster around the turn of the 20th century; the life cycle of this species; current efforts to restore the population to its former abundance; and the ecological benefits of a healthy population of native oysters.

She is a recipient of the 2014-15 Oregon Sea Grant Natural Resources fellowship, which she is carrying out at the Tillamook Estuaries Partnership (TEP) in Garibaldi. She has a master's degree in marine biology and a bachelor's degree in integrative biology, and has worked and volunteered at three different aquariums. She is a volunteer at the Haystack Rock Awareness Program in Cannon Beach.

Nature Matters is a program from the North Coast Watershed Association and Lewis and Clark National Historical Park in partnership with the Fort George Brewery and Public House.

Seaside Elks host Crab Feed

SEASIDE — The Seaside Elks Lodge, 324 Avenue A in Seaside, is holding a fundraising Crab Feed at 6 p.m. Saturday. Only 100 tickets are available at \$20 per ticket.

Dinner includes a 2.5- to 3-pound fresh crab, salad, garlic bread and dessert. All proceeds will be donated to Meadowood Springs Speech and Hearing Camp for children. A 50/50 Raffle is also being held, with 50 percent going to the winner and 50 percent going to Meadowood.

Tickets must be purchased in advance, and are available at the lodge or by calling 503-738-6651.

Providence Seaside offers pain education

SEASIDE — A pain education class, "Understanding Pain: With Knowledge Comes Power," is being offered from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday in Education Center A (lower level) at Providence Seaside Hospital, 725 S. Wahanna Road in Seaside.

When people understand how pain really works, their pain decreases. This class is designed to help understand how pain works in the body and brain. Those attending will learn about what pain really is, and how much one's own actions and thoughts can improve pain.

There is no charge for the class, but registration is required. To register, go to www.providence.org/classes or call the Resource Line at 800-562-8964.

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Sroufe Memorial Fountain to be repaired, relocated

Cannon Beach to place drinking fountain near library

By ERICK BENDEL
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CANNON BEACH — A fountain that was created to honor an active community resident 40 years ago will be moved to a more prominent location in his honor.

The Cannon Beach's public art committee aims to repair the Sroufe Memorial Fountain and relocate it from behind the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce to the Cannon Beach Library property.

The drinking fountain — a roughly 3-foot-tall granite slab crowned with a bronze oyster shell sculpture atop several smaller bronze shells — was built and dedicated to Cannon Beach citizen-at-large James Harley Sroufe shortly after his death in 1964. It was designed by prominent Portland architect and Cannon Beach resident the late John Yeon, a friend of the Sroufe family, who owned property on Chapman Point.

Harley Sroufe, who owned Sroufe's Grocery on North Hemlock Street from 1951 until his death, was a member of the city parks committee and led the charge to establish Cannon Beach City Park.

"Our father was one of the main movers to get that park created," his youngest son, Peter Sroufe, said. "He was a highly respected and loved man in the community."

Out of the way

The fountain erected in Harley Sroufe's honor originally stood in the city park he helped create, before the play equipment was built, Public Works Director Dan Grassick said.



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The city of Cannon Beach plans to relocate the Harley Sroufe memorial fountain from behind the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce to the Cannon Beach Library. It was dedicated shortly after Sroufe died in 1964.

For a time, the fountain sat near the Christian Conference Center.

Its current location, between the chamber building and the tennis courts on East Second Avenue, is not doing justice to the fountain or to Harley Sroufe's legacy, the public art committee decided.

"Hardly anybody notices it's there," Grassick said. "Especially if there's a car parked next to it, you don't even see it."

Moreover, the "fountain" part of the Sroufe memorial fountain hasn't worked for some time. The city may rehab it "with frost-proof plumbing ... so that it doesn't freeze in the wintertime," former Mayor Mike Morgan said. The city may hire a contractor to do the repairs, he added.

Once the design review board approves the site plan for the library, the Public Works crew will move the fountain to the library's southwest corner on city-owned

property adjacent to the sidewalk and hook it up to water and sewer services, Grassick said. The city will continue to maintain it, according to the agreement between the city and the library.

The project, to be funded from the public art committee budget, is likely to cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000, he said.

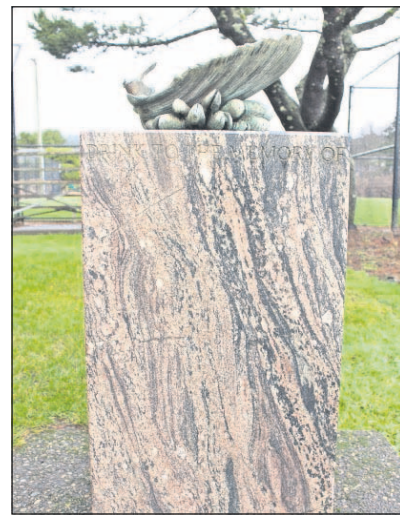
Morgan hopes the project will be finished by April before the tourist season begins.

"It's going to be great because there really is no water fountain along Hemlock anywhere," Morgan said.

Functional art

Harley Sroufe saw the need for a city park back when few people felt Cannon Beach even needed one, his middle son, Gerald Sroufe, said. After all, "we had a whole beach, right?"

In those days, the area was swamp-land that was eventually filled in with



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The full inscription that wraps around the Harley Sroufe memorial fountain reads: "Drink to the memory of Harley Sroufe. A toast from his friends. 1964." After repairs, it will serve as a drinking fountain once again.

sand, Peter Sroufe said, adding that, nowadays, the city wouldn't be allowed to do that to a natural resource.

It is poignant that the fountain will end up at the Cannon Beach Library of all places: Harley Sroufe's wife, Margaret Sroufe, volunteered there for many years, Gerald Sroufe said.

Paying respects

Wrapped around the fountain's granite trunk are the words: "Drink to the memory of Harley Sroufe. A toast from his friends. 1964."

"There's not that many people left around here that knew my dad," Gerald Sroufe said.

In its new location, more people will be able to see his father's memorial and pay their respects to his life and work, he said.

"It belongs in the public," Peter Sroufe said. "It belongs in an area that can be seen."

Jewell School District to be part of leadership initiative

PORTLAND — Aiming for a cohort of 50 district administrators, the Chalkboard Project launches its school leadership initiative with 71, including the Jewell School District.

Leading for Learning, a two-pronged initiative focused on instructional leadership and a shared commitment to equity, will begin by working with superintendents and other district administrators who supervise principals. For the second prong, currently in the design phase, Chalkboard will partner with one or two nationally accredited institutions to pilot new approaches in administrator licensure preparation pro-

grams for teachers aspiring to enter school administration.

The 71 participants represent 31 districts across the state, including 48 focus and priority schools, as defined by the Oregon Department of Education. These leaders are responsible for 41 percent of Oregon's K-12 students, 40 percent of who are students of color.

"Ranging from large, urban districts such as Portland Public Schools, to small, rural districts such as Jewell School District, our reach is truly statewide," said Frank Caropelo, vice president of education policy at Chalkboard Project.

Starting this month,

participants embark on an 18-month training that combines seminar- and school-based training with an intentional focus on closing achievement gaps. The training—provided by the nationally acclaimed Center for Educational Leadership from the College of Education at the University of Washington—will emphasize the skills needed by principal supervisors to develop in the principals with whom they work.

Foundations for a Better Oregon/Chalkboard Project is investing nearly \$500,000 to jump-start Leading for Learning by covering the cost of design and training

for the first cohort of participants and by designing the program for aspiring leaders.

"We are investing significant funds to accelerate improvement in school leadership, but we expect the state to take the lead in funding something that is so critical to raising student achievement," said President Sue Hildick of Chalkboard Project and Foundations for a Better Oregon.

Full implementation of both programs will require additional state funding.

"Strong leadership is imperative as we improve our

education system to increase student outcomes," said Rob Saxton, deputy superintendent of the Oregon Department of Education. "School and district leaders must be equipped with the necessary skills and training in order to accomplish our state's goal of 40-40-20 by 2025."

The 40-40-20 goal references Oregon Senate Bill 253, which seeks by 2025 to have 40 percent of Oregonians holding a bachelor's degree or higher, 40 percent with an associate degree or certificate and all Oregonians with a high school diploma.

US Bank supports United Way

US Bank employees Kevin LaCoste and Cindy Johnson presented \$5,500 to Stacey Brown, executive director for United Way of Clatsop County.

Among this donation, US Bank also continues to sponsor the Iron Chef Goes Coastal event in November each year, which helps financially support United Way of Clatsop County's 13 local nonprofit agencies, in addition to their employee giving campaign.

United Way has reached about 50 percent of its campaign goal for

2014-15 of \$275,000.

"Corporate sponsorship will be the key to reaching our goal," said Brown.

LaCoste added that US Bank welcomes a friendly competition amongst other financial institutions.

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