

Friday
Artist's Mix & Mingle, Winter All Juried Show, 5 p.m., Cannon Beach Café, 1116 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach.
Friday Night Mixer, 5 p.m., Imogen Gallery, 240 11th St., Astoria, 21 and older.
Tom Trudell, jazz piano, 6 p.m., Shelburne Inn Restaurant, 4415 Pacific Way, Seaview, Wash., no cover.
Jon Koonce, rock country, 7 p.m., McMenamins Sand Trap, 1157 N. Marion Ave., Gearhart, no cover.
"The Lion in Winter," comedy drama, 7 p.m., Barn Community Playhouse, 1204 Ivy Ave., Tillamook, \$10 to \$40.
"Night, Mother," drama, 7:30 p.m., Coaster Theatre Playhouse, 108 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, \$15 to \$20.
Drag It Out Dance Party, 9 p.m., Astoria Arts & Movement Center, 342 10th St., Astoria, \$5, 21 and older.
Misé, rock music, 9 p.m., The Voodoo Room, 1114 Marine Drive, Astoria, no cover, 21 and older.
The Blackberry Bushes, bluegrass, 9 p.m., The Adrift Hotel, 409 Sid Snyder Drive, Long Beach, Wash., no cover.

Saturday
*** Old Time Loggers Reunion**, 10 a.m., Appelo Archives Center, 1056 State Route 4, Naselle, Wash.
*** Annual Oyster Feed**, 3 p.m., Big O Saloon, 89523 Oregon Hwy. 202, Astoria, all ages.
George Coleman, pop jazz, 6 p.m., Shelburne Inn Restaurant, 4415 Pacific Way, Seaview, Wash., no cover.

WEEKEND Best Bets

Joe Wrabek & Two Crows Joy, Americana, 7 p.m., Hoffman Center, 594 Laneda Ave., Manzanita, \$7, all ages.
*** Miss Clatsop County Crowning**, 7 p.m., Seaside Civic and Convention Center, 415 First Ave., Seaside, \$10.
"Night, Mother," drama, 7:30 p.m., Coaster Theatre Playhouse, 108 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, \$15 to \$20.
Loch Lomond, folk, 8 p.m., Sou'Wester Lodge, 3728 J Place,

Seaview, Wash.
The Blackberry Bushes, bluegrass, 9 p.m., The Adrift Hotel, 409 Sid Snyder Drive, Long Beach, Wash., no cover.
The Way Downs, 9 p.m., San Dune Pub, 127 Laneda Ave., Manzanita, 21 and older.
DJ Nacho Bizznez Dance Party, 10 p.m., Twisted Fish Steakhouse, 311 Broadway, Seaside, no cover, 21 and older.

Sunday
*** Accessorize! with Assistance League**, fundraiser, noon, Holiday Inn Express, 204 W. Marine Drive, Astoria, free.
Art for the Heart, fundraiser, 2 p.m., North County Recreation District, 36155 9th St., Nehalem.
Astoria Film Festival, "To Have and Have Not," 2 p.m., Liberty Theater, 1203 Commercial St., Astoria, \$5.
"The Lion in Winter," comedy drama, 2 p.m., Barn Community Playhouse, 1204 Ivy Ave., Tillamook, \$10 to \$40.
Super Bowl Sunday, Best 12th Man Get Up, 3:30 p.m. kickoff, McMenamins Sand Trap, 1157 N. Marion Ave., Gearhart, free, all ages.
Brad Griswold, bluegrass, 6 p.m., Sweet Basil's Café, 271 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, no cover, 21 and older.
The Blackberry Bushes, Americana, 7 p.m., The Adrift Hotel, 409 Sid Snyder Drive, Long Beach, Wash., no cover.
Brownsmead Flats, old-time bluegrass, 8 p.m., Fort George Brewery, 1483 Duane St., Astoria, no cover.

*** Recommended for children.**

DUII: Prosecutors consider both convictions, diversions good results

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While the conviction rate was significantly higher in Circuit Court, both Marquis and City Attorney Blair Henningsgaard consider both conviction and diversion positive results as prosecutors.

Under state law, drunken drivers are generally eligible for diversion for a first offense or if they have not had a DUII or diversion in the past 15 years.

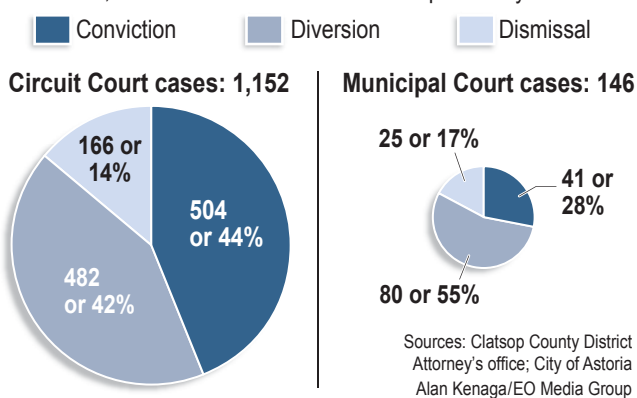
The city had a substantially higher diversion rate primarily because of the nature of the misdemeanor DUII cases that had been assigned to the city's Municipal Court.

The Astoria Police Department's policy manual, before it was changed last week to shift drunken-driving citations to Circuit Court, had instructed police officers to send more complex DUII cases to Circuit Court, including when officers reasonably believed a driver would not meet the eligibility conditions for diversion.

When convictions and diversions are counted as a single metric, the comparison between Circuit Court and Municipal Court events out. In Circuit Court, 86 percent of the DUII cases measured by the newspaper were convictions and diversions. In Municipal Court, the figure was 83 percent.

DUII prosecutions in Clatsop County, 2010-14

The Astoria City Council voted this month to transfer DUII cases from Municipal Court to Circuit Court. DUII cases that ended in conviction, dismissal and diversion over the past five years:



Marquis, who maintains that Circuit Court provides a higher standard of justice, said the statistics show the high volume of DUII cases handled by his prosecutors.

"I think that's simply a matter of having career professional prosecutors who do this and nothing but this all the time," he said of the conviction rate in Circuit Court.

Marquis stressed that about three-fourths of the dismissals at Circuit Court reflect decisions by prosecutors not to file charges.

Henningsgaard also sought to clarify the dismissal data from Municipal Court. He said the total — 25 — is skewed by an unusually

high number of dismissals — 11 — in 2010.

The city attorney continues to believe that misdemeanor DUII cases were being handled responsibly in Municipal Court. "Absolutely," he said. "I wouldn't expect to see any real difference."

The Oregon Court of Appeals ruled last year that Astoria has the discretion to send misdemeanor DUII cases to either Municipal Court or Circuit Court.

Marquis appealed to the state Supreme Court but has sought to withdraw the legal challenge given the City Council's vote and the Police Department's policy change.

Grads: Oregon now includes modified diplomas in its four-year graduation rates

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rate has more to do with Oregon changing the definition of a four-year graduate than any improvement in four-year, unmodified diplomas earned.

Oregon started including modified diplomas, issued primarily to students with special education needs, in its four-year graduation rates. The inclusion didn't affect graduation rates much in Clatsop County, where out of all five school districts, only two students graduated with modified diplomas.

It also included students who met the requirements of earning a diploma but deferred receiving it in order to stay in high school for a fifth-year program and attend a first year of community college for free. Without those subgroups of students, Oregon's graduation rate would have lowered seven-tenths of a percentage point to 68 percent.

The state said many other

states already include modified diplomas in their graduation rates, so the change gives students and schools credit for the hard work that goes into receiving a diploma, and provides a more accurate comparison across the country. Their inclusion in the graduation

rate also makes students with modified diplomas eligible for federal financial aid, said the state, decreasing a barrier for post-secondary participation.

For more information on the statewide and county graduation rates, visit <http://bit.ly/1zCW6BR>

North Coast Business Park earns state designation

By The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Clatsop County's North Coast Business Park, a 162-acre site in Warrenton, earned a special designation Wednesday from state economic development officials.

The state Economic Recovery Review Council designated the North Coast Business Park as a Regionally Significant Industrial Area, which gives the county several advantages in its efforts to promote the development of industries on the site.

The designation also prevents rezoning or other changes on the property that would reduce or interfere with industrial development, according to the county.

In addition, the designation provides state support for job creation in the area, and may also give it higher priority with the state for infrastructure and transportation improvements funding.

The RSIA program, approved by the Oregon Legislature in 2011, is designed to help preserve the state's best industrial lands.

Criteria for RSIA designation include vacant land suitable for new or expanded industrial uses that would offer significant additional employment to a region, features not found in other properties in the region, direct rail, port, air and multimodal freight access and proximity to labor markets.

In the county's RSIA application, submitted last June, it was noted that the park contains the largest contiguous site of buildable industrial-zoned land in the county, with individual sections of between 10.4 and 46 acres offering flexible development options.

The business park is also near two highways, a regional airport and deepwater port.

The land is zoned general industrial, allowing mul-

iple uses such as manufacturing, business offices and distribution services.

In the 1960s, the site was cleared and graded for a proposed aluminum plant that was never built.

The county gained ownership of the site in 1991 and crafted a master plan for about 70 acres adjacent to U.S. Highway 101 to be sold for commercial development. Proceeds were dedicated to infrastructure improvements on the rest of the land.

About 117 acres are available for industrial development.

The county contracted with real estate broker Diane Peterson to market the property to potential developers.

The Economic Recovery Review Council is made up of directors from Business Oregon, Department of Environmental Quality, Land Conservation and Development Department, Department of State Lands and Oregon Department of Transportation.

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