

BACK IN TUNE

Like a high performance car, a Steinway concert grand piano needs a tuneup. Clark Foerster a Steinway & Sons certified piano technician, visited the Liberty Theater Tuesday to tune up its Model D Steinway. With funds from numerous donors, the Liberty purchased the piano seven years ago.

"All who have heard performers on our Steinway Concert D piano know firsthand how beautiful the music created on it is," Liberty Theater Executive Director Rosemary Baker Monaghan said. "We are completing an upgrade to it to produce a richer, more lush sound which, in particular, will enhance classical pieces"

Funds from the Edith Whiteman Charitable Trust assisted in this maintenance. Jinx Whiteman Patterson of Arcadia Beach and Chandler, Ariz., presented the contribution.



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Clark Foerster, a Steinway & Sons certified piano technician, straightens and aligns hammers in the Steinway D grand piano on stage in the Liberty Theater Tuesday.

4-H clubhouse changes owners

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

A clubhouse at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds is changing ownership to help the previous owner, the 4-H Leaders Association, save on insurance costs and have more funds for scholarship programs.

On Wednesday night, the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the termination of a lease agreement and ownership change of the clubhouse.

The 4-H Leaders Association had owned the 1,440 square-foot clubhouse since 1997, when it was constructed through community fundraising and local business donations, including work by the Tongue Point Job Corps students, according to the county.

In 1997, the 4-H Leaders Association entered a lease agreement with the county for the land where the clubhouse is located.

The lease was renewed in 2012 with new statutory insurance requirements costing the 4-H Leaders Association about \$2,500 annually to insure the property, according to the county.

Since then, the 4-H Leaders Association have reached out to the Clatsop County Fair Board for help in funding the insurance payments.

"It seems the best way to do this would be for the Fair Board to take over the building and assume the insurance liability with an additional premium of about \$300 annually," Sirpa Duoos, a property management specialist, wrote to the county. "This would allow more revenue for student scholarships, which is an integral part of their mission."

The 4-H Leaders Association is donating the clubhouse, valued at \$47,870, to the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, who will be responsible for the insurance.

The Fair Board and the 4-H Leaders Association are working on an agreement for continued use of the clubhouse, allowing it to be available for the fairgrounds when it is not used for 4-H activities.

In other business: The Board of Commissioners reappointed Russ Farmer to the County Budget Committee for District 1, appointed Paul F. Johnson to the Road District 1 Budget and appointed Cravelynn Weber to the Human Services Advisory Council.

The Board of Commissioners accepted the high bids from the Sheriff's Office public auction Feb. 9. Five parcels of land were sold for a total of \$34,500 at the auction.

Boone brings eight bills to state

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

State Rep. Deborah Boone from Cannon Beach is a chief sponsor of eight bills in the Oregon legislature. One revolves around one of her highest priorities: implementing the Oregon Resilience Plan.

House Resolution 5, sponsored by Boone at the request of the Oregon Resilience Task Force, recognizes the risks and susceptibility of Oregon to catastrophic damage and loss of

life resulting from megathrust earthquakes and tsunamis associated with Cascadia fault. It urges creation and legislative consideration of the Oregon Resilience Plan and recommendations on responses to Cascadia megathrust earthquakes and tsunamis.

The resilience plan, requested by the 76th Oregon Legislative Assembly in 2011, is meant



State Rep. Deborah Boone

to prepare Oregon and its infrastructure for large earthquakes emanating from the Cascadia subduction zone, a convergent plate boundary off the coast of the Pacific Northwest that separates the Juan de Fuca and North America plates.

"Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon: That concern for the protection of life and

the resumption of commerce should guide the State of Oregon in the development and implementation of resilience policies that address the risks posed by a Cascadia megathrust earthquake and tsunami," reads the resolution.

HR 5 was first read Feb. 20 and referred to the speaker of the House's desk, where it remains.

Boone is also a sponsor on 48 other bills. For a full list of bills and their statuses, visit the Oregon Legislative Information System at <https://olis.leg.state.or.us>

Haystack Gardens to build apartments for workers

By ERICK BENGEL
EO Media Group

CANNON BEACH — Haystack Gardens may break ground on a new workforce housing project on East Gower Street this month, pending approval of a

building permit application. The proposal calls for a three-unit residential apartment building with attached garages. Two four-bedroom units will occupy the second floor above the garages, and a smaller studio will sit on the ground floor.

The project was approved by the Planning Commission in December and the design review board in January, City Planner Mark Barnes said.

He estimates that anywhere from 10 to 14 people could occupy

the building, which will comprise 2,405 square feet on the first level and 1,999 on the second level, totaling 4,404 square feet.

The project team includes Mike Skidmore, a Seattle architect; Cannon Beach Landscape

Service; and civil engineers from HLB Otak, a Gearhart company.

Additional work will need to be done to reconfigure and relandscape Haystack Gardens'

manicured lawn area, just west of where the apartments will sit. This will involve relocating the wedding trellis, according to site plans.

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