

Literacy tutors honored

Mary Lou Harlan

Harlan, retired from the marines, has had several students during the last 10 years. Two students, a mother and daughter from Mexico, became citizens because of her tutelage. They have called upon her for various reasons over the past decade, when other questions and problems have arisen, even though formal tutoring activities had ended.

Harlan helped empower the husband to understand his rights as a worker, and the family has sent other students to her for tutoring. One of these referrals is a student who just opened a successful business that employs four people. She worked with him for three years to improve his English.

Her most current student is poised to enter CCC in the fall because of Harlan's teaching. She also spent hours helping this student obtain her US passport, which was complicated because this student, an American citizen, was raised and schooled in Mexico.

Rolly Lindstrom

Lindstrom is retired from a career in social work.

One of Lindstrom's first students worked in a local market and deli. The employer requested help from the literacy program and paid for her to study English with Lindstrom at the work site. Lindstrom and his student centered their lessons on cooking, and they used exotic cookbooks as their English-language texts.

The student ended up working in a cannery — not on the production line, but in human resources, hiring and scheduling Spanish-speaking workers.

Lindstrom, a Russian speaker, worked with a Russian speaker across the river, a worker from a Mexican restaurant and, for the last 2 1/2 years, with a Spanish speaker who is working on English and the citizenship process. At the same time, Lindstrom has re-



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From left, Rolly Lindstrom, Marshall Tate, Donna Hill, Rosemary Baker-Monaghan and Eileen Purcell. All but Monaghan, the chairwoman of the Clatsop Community College Board of Directors, were honored Tuesday for their efforts as adult literacy tutors.

sumed working with the woman he first met in the deli. They meet at the cannery where she works, because this employer also supports her education. She would like to eventually enter college.

Donna Hill

Hill, retired, came to the CCC literacy program with experience as a reading tutor in Portland. In Astoria, she worked with the Start Making a Reader Today (SMART) program and with Foster Grandparents, primarily reading with first- and second-graders. She had not worked before, however, with English as a Second Language (ESL) students.

Her first local student was a Spanish-speaking woman with a number of children living in Emerald Heights who had no driver's license. Hill agreed to meet with her in her home. Hill said she soon learned not to assume anything about her students, particularly about what a student

did or didn't know.

Hill said her reward for working with immigrant students comes from hearing their stories, which they were asked to relate in English. Some of Hill's notable student success stories include a Portuguese-speaker who owns and operates an oyster and shellfish retail shipping company and who earned her citizenship, and another woman who runs a restaurant in Astoria. Donna's newest student is an Arabic speaker whose family owns two businesses in town.

Marshall Tate

Tate is a retired pharmacist with experience teaching future pharmacists at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). He has tutored many students over the past decade, producing new U.S. citizens, empowering women to gain independence and assisting immigrant business owners. He's a long-term sojourner in Mexico and he has

worked diligently to gain fluency in Spanish.

Tate worked with a woman for five years who went from being able to say "hello," "goodbye" and "where's the milk" (she has kids to feed) to earning her U.S. citizenship. While learning English, she earned a GED certificate in Spanish. Tate tutored her on the algebra portion of the test in Spanish.

This winter, on an annual extended trip to Mexico, Tate met with a former student and continued to tutor her. His student's goal is to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language and then become eligible to work as a border/customs agent in the U.S.

Tate has also tutored students remotely, both from across the river where he lives and from Mexico when he goes for months-long visits. He also uses Skype to further his own language learning, conducting intercambios (exchanges), with friends and teachers in Mexico.

Adopt-A-Garden program offered

Clatsop Community College, with sponsorship from its Wellness Committee, announces a new program to actively engage students, staff and community members in healthy outdoor activity that promotes community and helps beautify the college campuses.

The Adopt-A-Garden program invites volunteers to select a landscape area on one of the CCC campuses and maintain and beautify that space during spring, summer and fall terms. Volunteers can also participate in the campuswide Spring Clean-Up Day, to be announced soon.

Those adopting an area are asked to maintain the space by weeding and pruning existing plants. Beds should be tended

approximately every two to three weeks as needed. Annual flowers may be planted if approved by the CCC Facilities Department and removed at the end of the growing season. Only nontoxic substances may be applied, and access to water is very limited. Volunteers should plan accordingly.

The program is open to individuals and groups and volunteers will be recognized on the CCC website and in its Annual Report to the Community.

For additional information, a map of available spaces and volunteer forms, visit www.clatsopcc.edu/community/volunteer-opportunities or contact Patricia Warren at 503-338-2306 or pwarren@clatsopcc.edu

Seaside recreation district invites public to meet executive director candidates

SEASIDE — The public can meet the three Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District executive director candidates Thursday.

The district will hold a meet and greet event at the Bob Chisholm Community Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

All finalist candidates for the position have been invited. Their interviews with a technical panel and community panel are scheduled for earlier in the day, along with a facility tour. They are scheduled to meet with the district's board Friday.

From a pool of about 40

applicants, the board narrowed the selection down to six finalists and three alternates. Some candidates have withdrawn, but three will be interviewed Thursday.

On April 1, the board also unanimously approved the Special Districts Association of Oregon to hire former district General Manager Mary Blake to serve as interim executive director until the position is permanently filled. The board expects to make a hire by July 1.

For more information, call the recreation district at 503-738-3311 or visit www.sunsetempire.com/

CCC fire engine makes debut

Clatsop Community College's donated fire engine from the Pacific County (Wash.) Fire District 1 recently made its debut.

The Fire Science program at CCC uses the fire engine for training.

CCC unveiled the engine with its new number, lettering, colors and logo at the Wednesday high school job fair conducted at the Clatsop County Fair & Expo Center. The engine's new graphics were designed and applied by Jeff Miller of Red Dwarf Graphics in Astoria.

The CCC Fire Science program includes a less-than-one-year Career Pathway Certificate in Fire Science and a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree in Fire Science. The program offers hands-on training for local structural and industrial fire departments and specialized



Photo Courtesy of Clatsop Community College

Clatsop Community College's Fire Engine 2421 was a donation from Pacific County (Wash.) Fire District 1.

training in U.S. Coast Guard-approved Basic and Advanced Maritime Firefighting. Opportunities exist for high school students developing an interest

in Fire Science and for veteran firefighters.

Additional training enhancements to the fire engine will result from a special ap-

peal conducted at the CCC Foundation's Arts & Experience Dinner and Auction Saturday. For information, contact 503-338-2306.

ODOT plans tree planting along U.S. 101

CANNON BEACH — An Oregon Department of Transportation crew is planting trees and other plantings in an area along U.S. Highway 101 near Cannon Beach that was thinned in early March to remove hazard trees. The work is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 28 and 29.

Travelers should be aware of increased activity along the highway right of way and the public is encouraged to drive

with caution through the area. The activity is scheduled to take place along U.S. Highway 101 from Ecola Creek Bridge at milepost 28.70 to Sunset Boulevard at milepost 29.48.

The project is part of ODOT's vegetation management of the U.S. Highway 101 corridor through Cannon Beach. Trees, shrubs and ground covers identified in the Cannon Beach Forest Cor-

ridor management plan that are better suited along ODOT highways will be planted.

In early March, ODOT crews removed a number of alder trees that were identified as hazardous to travelers and to the safe operation of

the roadway. The tree thinning effort is part of a multi-year commitment to improve safety along this section of highway while addressing the guidelines of the Cannon Beach Forest Corridor vegetation management plan.

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Registration deadline for May election is April 28

The Clatsop County Clerk and Elections Office reminds local residents that April 28 is the deadline to register to vote in the May 19 special district election.

Ballots for the election will be mailed out beginning April 29.

The deadline to hand in or mail a registration form if you are registering to vote for the first time is 5 p.m. April 28. To be eligible to vote, you must be an Oregon resident, a U.S. citizen, and be at least 18 years old by May 19.

You must update your registration if you move or change your mailing address, change your name, or wish to change your party affiliation. Those who are updating their registration have until 8 p.m. on the day of the election

to do so.

People can register online with the Oregon Secretary of State's Office at www.sos.state.or.us/elections. Voter registration forms can also be downloaded from the "Clerk & Elections" page at www.co.clatsop.or.us or obtained at the Clerk's Office at 820 Exchange St., Astoria.

The May 19 election features contests for seats on the Port of Astoria, Clatsop Community College and Sunset Empire Transportation District, as well as school districts, fire districts and water and sewer service districts.

For more information go to the "May 19 Special District Election" page on the Clatsop County website or call 503-325-8511.

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