

# Port supports Buckmaster

During the regularly scheduled Port of Astoria Commission meeting and work session Tuesday, the Port Commission unanimously endorsed Bruce Buckmaster's nomination to fill a vacancy on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission.

"The Port of Astoria is actively engaged with both the sport and commercial fishing industry and recognizes Buckmaster's leadership as Director of Salmon for All," a Port release said. "Salmon for All has always strived to support a balanced approach for all fisheries, and the commission feels that Buckmaster has an unrivaled knowledge of the

issues relevant to the fisheries of the Columbia River and is best suited for the job."

The Port Commission authorized staff to forward a letter to Gov. Kate Brown encouraging her to select Buckmaster, who was nominated last month. Buckmaster's Oregon Senate confirmation hearing is scheduled for May 14 in Salem.

Buckmaster is one of four nominations to the ODFW Commission, along with Holly Akenson of Enterprise and Michael Finley of Medford, both reappointments. Finley is the commission chairman. The fourth nomination is Jason Atkinson of Medford, a former Republican legislator



Photo courtesy of Bruce Buckmaster  
**Bruce Buckmaster holds a salmon before its release in Alaskan waters in 2011.**

and gubernatorial candidate. Astoria Mayor Arline LaMear has sent a letter to state Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, and state

Senate Majority Leader Diane Rosenbaum, D-Portland, the chairwoman of the Senate Rules Committee, in support of Buckmaster's appointment.

The letter describes Buckmaster as an avid sports fisherman who is also sensitive to the needs of commercial fishermen who earn their living from the Columbia River. The mayor also stressed the importance of having a representative from the North Coast on the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

"Mr. Buckmaster is widely regarded as a bridge-builder in our community, and we believe he will do the same on the Fish and Wildlife Commission," LaMear wrote.

## City Council calls special meeting on Senior Center project

Bids came in higher than expected

The Daily Astorian

The Astoria City Council has called a special meeting at 6:45 tonight to consider the increased costs for renovating the Astoria Senior Center.

Construction bids for the project came in higher

than expected, prompting the city to adjust the scope of the project and seek additional financial support.

The Oregon Business Development Department's Infrastructure Finance Authority had provided a \$1.5 million grant for the project. The IFA has agreed to offer an additional \$240,000, bringing the total to \$1.74 million.

The City Council's special meeting is at City Hall.

# Job Corps success stories go to Washington, D.C.

By EDWARD STRATTON  
The Daily Astorian

Bryndan Bailey, 22, and Maggie Moss, 25, are on the front lines of Job Corps' mission. Both started their journeys to Job Corps at or near minimum wage in the retail sector. Now, after coming to Tongue Point Job Corps Center for training, both find themselves on the cusp of new careers.

Between April 20 and 24, they found themselves in Washington, D.C., representing their center at Job Corps' 50th anniversary celebration.

"Something that really impressed me and amazed me is how much support we have," Moss said.

While in Washington, she and Bailey attended a leadership conference by Management and Training Corporation, which operates Job Corps centers nationwide, and toured the nation's capital. They met with Rep. Suzanne Bonamici; staffers of Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden; and with National Director Lenita Jacobs-Simmons from Job Corps, who used the 50th anniversary to talk about the future of the program.

Katrina Gasser, Tongue Point's recently promoted community liaison and chap-

erone on the trip, said it was a future focused on creating more connections between what Job Corps provides, the U.S. Department of Labor and what employers want.

"There's a term called a 'badge'; it represents a certain number of skills a student is trained for," Gasser said, adding that the focus is on reaching out to employers, seeing exactly what skills and training they want in employees.

Bailey said Simmons focused on the need to modernize Job Corps' technology to keep the education relevant with the job market.

"She made a really strong point about partnerships," Moss said. "Job Corps students aren't necessarily her customers. Employers are."

### Reaching past retail

Bailey was working as a grocery store clerk in Norfolk, Va., making \$7.50 an hour out of high school.

"I wanted to do something else, and I didn't really want to go into the military," said Bailey.

"I tried to get a construction job, but they told me I needed on-the-job experience," he added. "How do I get on-the-job training when I can't get a job for training?"

His mother had worked



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**Tongue Point Job Corps Center sent students Bryndan Bailey, left, and Maggie Moss, right, to Washington, D.C., April 20 to 24 along with Business and Community Liaison Katrina Morrell Gasser as part of the job-training program's 50th anniversary.**

at Job Corps and told her son about the opportunity. Nearly two years ago, Bailey found himself at Tongue Point.

While at the center,

Bailey studied carpentry, earned several professional certifications and helped oversee construction projects at the center and in Astoria. After completing

carpentry, Bailey enrolled in Clatsop Community College and started studying maritime sciences at the Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station. He hopes to graduate Dec. 18 with a Vessel Operations Associate of Applied Sciences degree and is already contacting employers.

"I've heard I can make \$60,000 a year," Bailey said. "You'll do a six-month run, you'll get five months off."

Bailey said he hopes to give a maritime company at least eight solid years of work before going for his captain's license, and years later his ultimate goal: to be a Columbia River Bar Pilot. Working in the maritime industry, he added, will also allow time for him to practice carpentry and become a motivational speaker.

Moss lived from paycheck to paycheck in Seattle, selling cosmetics at a mall and making \$10 an hour in a city that recently approved working its way up to a \$15 minimum.

"At the end of the month, I didn't really have enough money to pay my bills," Moss said. "I was making

the decision of whether I was going to pay my bills or get dinner that night.

"I went online and Googled 'free education,' and Job Corps was the first thing that popped up."

Moss started at Job Corps about eight months ago, studying medical assisting. She's since become certified in CPR, first aid and in electronic health records; recently started a two-month internship at Providence Seaside Hospital; and said she can expect to make at least \$14 an hour once she graduates as a certified clinical medical assistant.

"One of the cool things about Job Corps looking to partner with employers is they're looking at jobs that need to be filled," Moss said. "Medical assisting is definitely a booming field. I hear it's going to grow by at least another 30 percent in the next 10 years."

A lot of medical assistants are cross-trained, she added, lending them well to higher positions. Moss hopes to eventually move into hospital administration, and like Bailey, she hopes to stay on the North Coast.

## Maritime Museum awarded competitive NPS grant

By KYLE SPURR  
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The Columbia River Maritime Museum recently learned it was awarded a competitive, federal grant from the National Park Service and Maritime Association to purchase shelving for storage of the museum's boat collection.

The \$33,549 grant requires matching funds from the Maritime Museum.

It will help the museum in its process of purchasing shelving and pallet racks to store additional collections of historic boats, equipment, tools and other donated items.

Extra collections are kept in two former Astoria Builders Supply buildings across the street from the museum's main building.

"This is a nuts and bolts

grant to allow us to purchase more shelving for the (former) Astoria Building Supply Building," Museum Executive Director Sam Johnson said. "Acquiring more shelving for storage (will allow us) to add more boats to the collection."

The NPS and Maritime Administration awarded \$2.6 million to 35 projects in 21 states through the Maritime Heritage Program, a part of the NPS's Park History Program.

The only other recipient in Oregon was the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, who received \$36,876 for education and preservation programs in canoe culture, waterways, travel and trade.

According to the award letter, Johnson said, the total amount of submitted re-

quests was more than \$10 million for a pot of \$2.6 million. A total of 127 programs applied for the funding.

On the heels of receiving the 2015 Museum Store Association Visual Merchandising award last month, which recognizes excellence in visual merchandising by a museum, Johnson said, the museum is becoming nationally prominent.

"In terms of showing the museum has a presence nationally, it's very impressive," he said.

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## Respiratory Health Fair offered in Seaside

SEASIDE — Providence Seaside Hospital offers an Asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Respiratory Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Providence Seaside Hospital Education Center A&B (lower level), 725 S. Wahanna Road.

Community education and support are available from qualified therapists and staff providing action plans, spirometry, tobacco cessation education, nutrition, speech, physical and occupational therapy, medication education and upcoming news. Snacks will be served.

There is no cost for this event, and no registration is required.

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