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Camp 18 honors the logger life



Vince Bogard, the president of the Northwest Old Iron Club chapter from Tillamook, hammers away in a blacksmithing demonstration during the Camp 18 Logger's Memorial Dedication and Logging Exhibition on May 9. The blacksmith demonstration was a new addition this year to the annual event.

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Area schools compete in annual event

By KATHERINE LACAZE
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SEASIDE — The Camp 18 Logging Museum grounds were alive with sawing, cutting, climbing, ax-throwing and other glimpses into the logging industry and lifestyle during the annual Camp 18 Logger's Memorial Dedication and Logging Exhibition.

During this month's public event, 33 new plaques recognizing those who dedicated their lives to the logging industry were committed into the memorial, which sits on the museum property near milepost 18 on U.S. Highway 26. Since opening in 2009 as a part of the Camp 18 Museum, the memorial has amassed 386 plaques.

The exhibition, a more lively event, was held after the dedication ceremony May 9. Local high school forestry teams participated in competitive events such as spur climbing, choker setting, splicing, double bucking, hook-tender racing and other activities. Knappa, Vernonia and Sweet Home high schools, Sabin School and Clatskanie Middle and High School participated. Each school brought about two teams, and an all-girls team combined students from Clatskanie and Sweet Home. Clatskanie High School won first place; the combined Sweet Home and Clatskanie team won second; and Sweet Home won third.



A new addition at this year's Camp 18 Logger's Memorial Dedication and Logging Exhibition was an announcer's stand, recently built by Jonas McKinley, a business owner and craftsman from Seaside.

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When the annual dedication started in 2009, museum president Mark Standley decided to incorporate the exhibition to round out the event and show the public "a little bit about the industry." Each year since its creation, the event has grown, and hundreds were in attendance.

Food and beverages were served

throughout the day, and the event also featured an auction with items such as steering tires, a gun safe, a log truck loaded with firewood and a custom throwing ax. A raffle drawing was held.

A new feature added for this year's exhibition was a blacksmith demonstration at a small shop recently constructed on the museum

property. Eventually, Standley said, he would like to hold a "hammer-in," or a blacksmithing exhibition, where individuals could show off their skills in the trade. He also wants to add a cedar-carving competition at some point.

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No extra bucks for cop stops

Police training fee shot down by City Council

By DERRICK DePLEDGE
The Daily Astorian

The Astoria Police Department's creative approach to raise money for police training through new fees on traffic violations and misdemeanor crimes was rebuffed Monday night by the Astoria City Council.

The police wanted Municipal Court to impose a \$15 fee on traffic offenses and code violations and a \$50 fee on misdemeanor crimes to raise about \$20,000 a year for police training and education expenses.

City councilors cautioned the fees could have a disproportionate impact on low-income residents and could tempt police to use bounties or quotas to ensure there are enough citations to meet the financial goal.

City Councilor Cindy Price told police "if it should turn out that this isn't coming in at quite the rate that you thought, but you need \$20,000 for training for your officers, I would like that to come out of the general fund and into your budget so that you can do that without needing to go bounty hunting for it."

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Oregon looks at dying poor

Funeral homes not always adequately compensated

By DERRICK DePLEDGE
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For the poor, it can be the final indignity: Dead at a funeral home, with no death benefit, insurance policy or family to pay for cremation.

Oregon has decided that funeral homes should not have to absorb the full cost of indigent cremations, but as the number of claims has increased, reimbursement payments have not kept up.

The Oregon Health Authority reports there were 441 claims for indigent cremations last year, up from 378 in 2011. Cremation costs between \$500 and \$1,800, according to the Oregon Funeral Directors Association, but funeral homes can

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Extension services have a new role to grow

At universities across the US, leaner programs are reshaping themselves for the 21st century

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI
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When the first crop of university extension agents took to the fields a century ago, U.S. agriculture was relatively primitive.

Farm power was still mostly generated by horses and mules in 1914, and fertilizer came in the form of manure and crushed livestock bones.

The human landscape was also much different — rough-

ly 1 in 3 Americans were employed in agriculture back then, compared to fewer than one in 60 today.

The population shift away from farming is one of the reasons university research and extension is struggling to remain relevant to modern Americans, said Ben West, regional extension director at the University of Tennessee, who has studied the issue.

"They don't see directly the benefits of extension like



Courtesy of Oregon State University Extension Services
Clare Sullivan, Oregon State University Extension Services, examines the field health of perennial ryegrass, checking for the presence of aphids and weeds.

their grandfathers did," he said.

As university researchers and extension agents look to

the future, they are contemplating how to deploy limited resources to stay useful to farmers as well as the trade-offs such decisions involve.

Within agriculture, the role of extension has changed in the past hundred years.

Not only do extension agents have fewer farmers to educate, but also those growers are now more likely to have college degrees themselves, West said.

At the same time, suppliers of seed, fertilizer and other inputs have hired cadres of agronomists who are sometimes seen as supplanting the role of extension, he said.

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