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Clatsop Community Bank's Ducks at the Beach fundraiser raised \$1,250 to support local sports programs.

## Bank sponsors sports fundraiser

The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — In conjunction with the annual Ducks at the Beach golf tournament and auction on June 19, Clatsop Community Bank sponsored a game to raise funds for local sports programs.

Participants contributed \$750 toward the effort, and the bank contributed another \$500, for a total of \$1,250.

The funds will help local sports programs to compensate for funding shortfalls.

"We've participated in Ducks at the Beach for the past few years and it always draws a great group of University of Oregon alumni who value sports programs as part of a well-rounded education," said Joe Schulte, president and CEO of Clatsop Community Bank.

"Many of the golfers are locals or have ties to the community, so we thought this would be a great opportunity to do something for our programs here at home, too."

Now in its sixth year, Ducks at the Beach brought in 120 golfers to the Astoria Golf and Country Club. Proceeds benefit University of Oregon athletic programs and scholarships.

## Woman charged in deadly crash

By KYLE SPURR  
The Daily Astorian

Michelle Lynn Fletcher, the driver in a fatal crash last summer that killed a Warrenton man and injured two others, was indicted this week by the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office.

Fletcher, 39, of Longview, is being charged with first-degree manslaughter, second-degree assault, third-degree assault, driving under the influence of intoxicants and driving while her license was suspended.

The fatal crash occurred just before 7 a.m. July 25 about three miles east of As-

toria on Highway 30 near Liberty Lane, according to the Oregon State Police.

Fletcher, driving a 1999 Toyota Tacoma pickup, was traveling westbound when she crossed the double solid centerline and sideswiped an eastbound 1993 Ford pickup.

Fletcher was traveling with two passengers — Warrenton residents Arthur Romine Jr. and Bryce William Saranpaa.

Saranpaa, 43, died at the scene. He was riding in the back seat and was not using safety restraints, according to the state police.

Romine Jr. was not injured. Fletcher was seriously injured and extricated by

firefighters. Both were using safety restraints and the pickup's airbags deployed, state police said.

The Ford pickup had two occupants. The driver was Daniel Becerra Campos, of Seaside, and the passenger was Samuel Becerra Velasquez, of Seaside. Campos had non-life threatening injuries and Velasquez was not injured. Both were using safety restraints.

According to the indictment filed Monday, Fletcher is accused of being under the influence of a controlled substance at the time of the crash.

A warrant has been issued for her arrest.

## Police investigate fire at Eugene stadium

The Associated Press

EUGEGE — Eugene fire and police officials are hoping to speak with three young people that were seen in the press box of the historic Civic Stadium shortly before it burned down.

Eugene Police Chief Pete Kerns says it's unknown whether the fire was a crime and that no suspects have been identified, the Register-Guard reported.

"Typically, in cases like this that have so much community interest, we learn who the people are who were seen

leaving a scene like this, so we don't want anyone to be afraid to come to the police," he said. "There's nothing to be afraid of. If there were three or four young people who were here, they might be able to help us understand how the fire started."

Kerns and Eugene Springfield Fire Deputy Chief Joe Zaludek say the young people spotted in the press box may also have bicycled across a nearby pedestrian bridge.

Eugene police officers are asking anyone with informa-

tion to contact them.

The Eugene Civic Alliance recently bought the property and co-founder Derek Johnson says the group has a \$3 million insurance policy on the grandstand.

Johnson said the stadium never had a sprinkler system, but that the alliance planned to install it in the future.

## Mitchell asking to postpone trial

By KYLE SPURR  
The Daily Astorian

Michel Thomas Mitchell, the Astoria man accused of multiple sex abuse charges against a girl under 14, asked the court Tuesday to postpone a trial set for August.

Mitchell's lawyer Jay Frank of Eugene filed a motion Tuesday claiming he will not have enough time to prepare for trial due to the prosecution's ongoing investigation and nonexistent pretrial negotiations.

Search warrants for Mitchell's phones, computers, and Google searches have not been completed and therefore, the evidence is not available to the defense, Frank wrote in his motion.

"The defense is not able to determine whether or not there is a basis in law for motions to suppress things seized pursuant to the search warrants, and the defense will not have sufficient time to prepare properly for trial by the trial date," Frank wrote.

In May, Frank requested a settlement conference in hopes of reaching an agreement with the prosecution before trial this summer. The conference would allow a separate judge to consider the case and provide an opportunity for both sides to reach a resolution. It was set for June 5, but later canceled due to scheduling conflicts. Another conference has not yet been set.

"A judicial settlement conference was aborted through no fault of the defense and a new one has not been rescheduled yet," Frank wrote.

Mitchell, 45, is charged with 30 counts of first-degree sexual abuse (a class B felony), two counts of tampering with a witness and one count of bribing a witness.

The alleged sexual abuse occurred between Jan. 1, 2007 and Jan. 1, 2012, according to court documents, and the charges of tampering and bribing a witness occurred between Aug. 1 and Aug. 31, 2014.

Judge Cindee Matyas set a three- to five-day trial to begin Aug. 11.

In addition to the motion to postpone the trial, Frank submitted two other motions Tuesday.

One motion is for the prosecution to specify exactly what criminal acts described in the 30-count indictment it will seek to prove at trial.

Mitchell was indicted in October on the 30 counts. Ten of the counts involve him allegedly touching the girl's breasts. Another 10 counts involve him allegedly touching the girl's but-

tocks. The final 10 counts involve him allegedly touching the girl's vagina.

"Discovery materials received by the defense from the state include a videotaped statement by (the girl) claiming that (Mitchell) touched her in each of the three aforementioned body parts on somewhere between five and 15 occasions on unknown dates during the five-year period," Frank wrote. "And statements by others which show inconsistencies by (the girl) concerning the more precise specific range of the unknown dates."

The other motion asks to exclude privileged information related to email correspondence Mitchell had with his then attorney, James von Boeckmann. The prosecution plans to call von Boeckmann to testify about the conversations with and advice to Mitchell during his representation. The defense wants privileged information from those conversations to be excluded.

The filed motions will be discussed at a hearing July 23 in Clatsop County Circuit Court.

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Judith Griffis (left) with Charlotte Bruhn (right)  
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