

Memory center nears occupancy

Facility will help care for dementia patients

By EDWARD STRATTON
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WARRENTON — Nicole Williams, CEO of Clatsop Care Center Health District, said she is receiving calls every day from people wanting to know when a memory care center will be open.

The health district took possession of the new 32-resident community center Tuesday from Dolphin Partners LLC and hopes to start moving Alzheimer's and other dementia patients in by July 20.

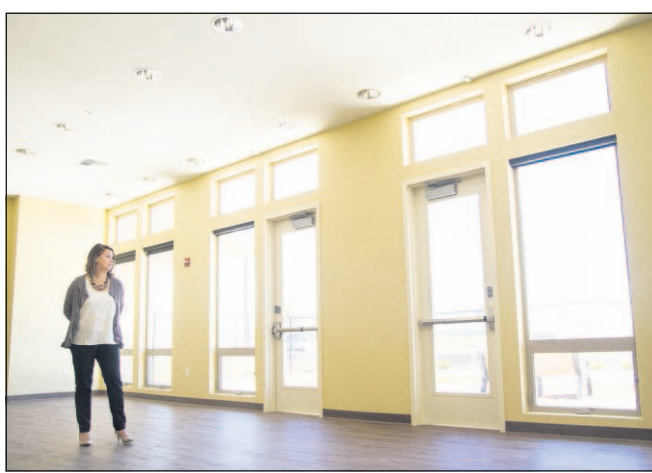
"I would describe it as four neighborhoods and two common areas," Williams said of

the 22,000-square-foot secure residential facility, which looks more like a high-end motel, with its pitched roofs and central courtyard.

The center was intentionally designed, with the help of the health district, to serve dementia patients. Each side of the building is a mirror image of the other, with common areas at either end. The entire facility is secured by keycard entries and fences around the outdoor areas.

The neighborhoods inside are each painted in different color schemes, which Williams said helps patients remember where they are. Within the neighborhood are one semi-private (20-by-15-foot) and seven private (10-by-10-foot) units.

The health district is gathering art, crafts and antique



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Nicole Williams, CEO of Clatsop Care Center Health District, shows the dining room of the memory care facility in Warrenton. Residents are expected to begin moving into the facility July 20.

furniture and other activities for the common areas to keep residents continually engaged, which Williams said

is a key to memory care. The center will start with 15 residents and 20 staff and gradually increase the population.

Coast Guard rescues boaters from Sand Island

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CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT, Wash. — The U.S. Coast Guard rescued three distressed boaters after their boat ran aground on Sand Island in the Columbia River Thursday afternoon.

One of the boaters contacted the Coast Guard's Station Cape

Disappointment at 11:30 a.m., reporting their vessel was disabled on Sand Island, near Station Cape Disappointment in Washington. The Coast Guard station dispatched a 29-foot small response boat and 47-foot motor lifeboat. Two MH-60 Jayhawk helicopters already in the air were also diverted to provide assistance.

Shallow water prevented boat crews from reaching the grounded vessel. One of the helicopters landed on Sand Island and transferred the stranded boaters to Station Capt Disappointment with no reported injuries. A marine salvage company was contacted to remove the vessel from Sand Island.



Photo courtesy of Petty Officer 1st Class Shane Abold
The U.S. Coast Guard rescued three distressed boaters.

Man gets nine years for Seaside stabbing

By KYLE SPURR
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The Astoria man found guilty last week of stabbing another man and threatening four others was sentenced to nine years in prison during a hearing Thursday in Clatsop County Circuit Court.

Dylan Douglas Snook, 33, was found guilty on 13 counts after a three-day trial last week.

The charges included first-degree assault, five counts of unlawful use of a weapon against another person, and five counts of menacing and fourth-degree assault. An attempted murder charge was reduced to attempted first-degree assault.

Prosecutor Scott McCracken recommended a nearly 14-year sentence at the hearing Thursday.



Dylan Douglas Snook

"This is a very serious incident. A lot of people were affected by it and will be affected for many years going forward," McCracken said.

Snook's defense lawyer Jerry Widawski asked for the minimum sentence of 90 months, or just over seven years.

Widawski noted Snook's minor criminal history, which was completely clean the past four years prior to the stabbing incident in Seaside last summer. The defense lawyer described the incident as a perfect storm of bad events that occurred

"90 months is going to ruin his life anyway, so we ask the court for the minimum amount as possible," Widawski said.

Snook was arrested and booked Aug. 18, a day after the stabbing incident that occurred near the 300 block of Broadway Street in Seaside. Snook stabbed one man and threatened four others with the knife. All five victims testified at trial.

The stabbing victim, who had two punctures near his back, reported the stabbing to officers.

"Although I maintain my position that, at the time, I was defending myself from what I believed to be serious

bodily harm, possible death, if I could make that night not happen, I would," Snook said at the sentencing hearing.

Snook's mother, Susan Wheeler, also spoke at the hearing Thursday.

As part of his sentence, Snook was directed to have no contact with the victims and pay \$2,297 in restitution.

Judge Philip Nelson reminded Snook that had the stabbing victim died, Snook could have been facing murder charges.

"A lot of things could have been a lot worse, it's bad enough as it was," Nelson said.

College to open search for new leader in fall

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Clatsop Community College wants to advertise for a new long-term president by October.

At the college's board retreat Thursday, members talked about the search to replace President Lawrence Galizio, whose last day is Wednesday.

Galizio will move to California to be president and CEO of the Community College League of California, a non-profit public benefit corporation. After interviews June 25, the board unanimously voted to appoint Gerald Hamilton interim president for at least the next year. Galizio starts in Sacramento July 24, and Hamilton starts at the college Aug. 1.

JoAnn Zahn, vice president of finance and operations at the college, will serve as interim president between when Galizio leaves and Hamilton starts.

The college is reviewing companies to help search for a permanent president.

Rosemary Baker-Monaghan, the college's board chairwoman, said companies will make presentations at the college's next meeting July 14. The college is spending less than \$50,000 on the search, she added, and does not need to go out publicly for bids.

The college also has a search committee, including board members Karen Burke, Bob Duehmig and Tessa James Scheller. Monaghan said the search committee would help create a job description, adding the latest the college wants to advertise for a president to get desired candidates is October.

Multiple board members shared their concerns that, with how localized the college is, it should use an outside firm

to conduct the presidential search.

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Williams previously estimated the room and board at \$5,500 to \$7,000 a month, depending on the level of care. The health district plans to fill a percentage of the memory community with Medicaid recipients, she added, based on the percentage of people in the region accessing the health program for the poor and disabled.

Former health district CEO Anita Schacher previously estimated about 40 people in Clatsop County with dementia who are not being served. The health district serves a small population of dementia patients at Clatsop Care Center in Astoria. Williams has said some locals are forced to place family members in Portland facilities and are already looking to move them back to the coast.

"I think it will be full," she said, adding that the state's transition to more home-based care might negate the need for further memory care space.

The health district operates its 71-bed, long-term care facility on 16th Street in Astoria, inside the nearly 100-year-old former Columbia Memorial Hospital. It also runs Clatsop Retirement Village and Clatsop In-Home Care Services.

A previous attempt at memory care came with an On the Move grant from the state in 2009 to build a community-based care center at Mill Pond. But a state employee misrepresented the project, and the 50-50 grant was pulled days before groundbreaking, costing the health district about \$500,000.

Eugene stadium fire blamed on boys

The Associated Press

PORTLAND — Eugene investigators say four boys were playing with fire in the press box of the town's historic Civic Stadium, but the flames got out of control and burned down the ballpark.

Investigators say that as flames spread Monday night, the panicked boys jumped a chain-link fence, hopped on their bicycles and fled.

But parents of a fifth boy who left before the

fire tipped off police on Wednesday.

The four are to be charged with arson. One is 10, the others 12.

Investigators said Thursday they don't believe the boys intended to destroy the park, but haven't given coherent reasons for using a lighter to ignite material such as wood, dry-wall and leaves.

The stadium was a jobs project in the Great Depression but hasn't been used since 2009

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