

Oasis: Project still needs skilled volunteers to help keep costs low

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Soderberg said the store is taking a different focus, providing more space for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence to sell their own products, along with a gallery to display their work. They have also seen an influx of higher-end donations from sources like estates.

Next to Deja Vu, on the corner of 10th and Duane streets, will be the Sexual Assault Peer Center, a long-term support system. Part of the building's design will allow people to go shopping in Deja Vu and anonymously transition into the center.

Upstairs, the former offices in the Van Dusen Building have been knocked out and replaced with a reconfigured maze of frames still waiting to be walled in. Boggs said one of the hardest parts of the remodel is packing stuff downstairs and out of the building, along with creating Americans with Disabilities Act access to The Harbor's new offices.

"If someone was to donate us a brand-new elevator, that would be great," Boggs said, adding the project still needs skilled volunteers to help defray the costs of remodeling.

Offices for many

Boggs said there used to be offices for insurance and logging companies, along with a doctor's office and an X-ray room.

The newly redesigned Van Dusen Building will easily surpass that variety, with offices for The Harbor, private lessees, domestic violence advocates, the Lower Columbia Gender Alliance and the Lower Columbia Q Center, the first permanent local meeting area for the LGBT community. It will also contain a children's



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Crew members from the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Woesche, stopping in Astoria early last month on its way to the Portland Rose Festival's Fleet Week, helped demolish and frame the inside of the Van Dusen Building that will become The Harbor's new headquarters.

area, community classrooms and a kitchen.

Jeralyn O'Brien, chairwoman of the gender alliance, said the relationship with The Harbor largely started with a grant the gender alliance wrote to help The Harbor expand its reach beyond women, with outreach to the LGBT community and more domestic abuse and sexual assault advocates.

Since demolition started at the Van Dusen Building, the gender alliance has provided labor and raised money for the build-out through events like T. Paul's Forks with Benefits dinner specials and Marco Davis' Big Gay Skate Night. The gender alliance operates under the auspices of The Harbor, with volunteers training as domestic abuse and sexual

violence advocates. "The community has recognized the need," said Tessa James Scheller, a member of the gender alliance and governing board member for Clatsop Community College. "There's a fairly good-sized queer community in Astoria."

Going home

The Harbor, when it was known as the Women's Resource Center, originally moved into the Van Dusen Building from No. 10 Sixth St. in the late 1990s. To save money, the agency moved into the Norblad Building at 1389 Duane St. in 2010.

In 2012, the late Pig 'N Pancake owner and co-founder Robert Poole gifted The Harbor the Van Dusen Building. Since then, Soderberg said, The Harbor

has been paying taxes on the property.

The work doesn't stop once Deja Vu and the offices are moved in. Soderberg is seeking grant funding to help restore the historical landmark, built in 1923 by Van Dusen & Co.

That means tearing off the corrugated metal running across the original transom windows, using all original materials inside and figuring out what the building looked like when first built.

Structurally, the building is as sound as the day it was built, said Boggs. "The concept is it will look as close as it did to when it was built."

If anyone has a historical photo of what that looks like, Boggs said, bring it by.



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Cooper Boggs shows some of the offices during a tour of The Harbor's new building.



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A hallway under construction in the upstairs of The Harbor's new building.



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Cooper Boggs walks through the construction upstairs.

TV: Show effective tool for showing what wildlife officers do

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This time around, camera crews began filming in the spring and expect to film until at least the end of August, Cenci said. The new season will be more geographically diverse, and will cover several aspects of their work that didn't come up during the first season.

The camera crews are following officers across the state, including several local staff members. Over the busy Fourth of July weekend, two-person teams could be seen filming Capt. Dan Chadwick, Sgt. Tony Leonetti and Officers Pat Anderson, Paul Jacobson and Todd Dielman as they responded to a variety of enforcement issues and emergency situations on the crowded beach.

Cenci said that the filming process is largely the same as it was in the first season, but they are including more staff members this time and trying to provide more context for viewers to help them understand why the officers do what they do.

"We learned that the more officers that can participate, the better, because it is a drain to have to tow this crew around. You've got a number of pressures. The last

thing you want is a blooper, or to come off on national television as being less than smooth," Cenci said.

After the first season, most of the response to the show was positive, according to Cenci. But the agency did draw some criticism for an episode in which officers pursued a suspect for a criminal matter that wasn't strictly related to fish and wildlife issues — at least one vocal viewer felt that WDFW officers had gone too far.

"I think that individual felt that we were off-mission in finding that person," Cenci

said. "We didn't provide the backstory very well."

Despite this, Cenci still thinks the show is an effective tool for showing the public what the enforcement officers do.

"What compels these guys to step up is they understand that people don't understand their brand of law enforcement very well. If you're going to increase that understanding, you've got to be a part of something like this," Cenci said.

He hopes this season will make it clear that the majority of people the officers

encounter are law-abiding and responsible stewards of the state's natural resources. Cenci said the public likes

to see crime and action, but last season's most popular episode was the one where a very tall officer bent down

to shake hands with a very small, young hunter who had just come back from his first successful hunt.



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Officers from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife were photographed during production of the first season of "Rugged Justice" on the Animal Planet TV network last year. Coastal taping is now underway for a second season.

Loggers sweep twin bill

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KNAPPA — Knappa's Junior State summer baseball team racked up 29 runs Thursday, to just two for Clatskanie in a 14-1, 15-1 Logger sweep at Teevin Field.

Knappa's Reuben Cruz had six hits on the day, Jason Miller had five (including two doubles and a triple), and Michal Goodman

had a double and a triple.

Dale Takalo tossed a complete-game in the opener, and Goodman threw four innings of Game 2, with Mason Hoover closing out the win.

Knappa finishes the season next Thursday, with a doubleheader at Seaside.

All-Stars host state tourney

The Lower Columbia 12-year-old All-Stars host the

North Oregon State Tournament, Saturday and Sunday at Columbia Field.

The tournament features just three teams. Lower Columbia plays the Portland Cal Ripken All-Stars at 10 a.m. Saturday, followed by Lower Columbia vs. West Linn at noon.

The double elimination tournament concludes Sunday.

Baseball, volleyball camps on tap

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The first annual Astoria Ford Baseball Summer Day Camp will take place July 20-22 at Columbia Memorial Field.

The camp is for any player in the Lower Columbia re-

gion, ages 8-15.

The camp is \$100 for the week.

Parents can contact coach Dave Gasser at 503-758-2195 for more information.

Volleyball

The North Coast Volley-

ball Camp is set for Aug. 4-6, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. each day at Astoria High School.

This camp is open to all boys and girls who will be in grades 3-8 next fall. Cost is \$40 if registered by July 31, \$45 after July 31.

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