



Soldiers let out a rebel yell during Monday's battle.

Gearhart Councilor Duncan dies at 67

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GEARHART — Gearhart City Councilor John Duncan died early Monday morning at his home. He was 67.

On Labor Day, Duncan was remembered by shocked local residents who said Duncan had attended Saturday's Gearhart Homeowners picnic and sat at a City Council meeting earlier in the week. He had worked Friday on a pet project, cleaning and restoring the Gearhart Ridge Path, a walking trail favored by residents and visitors.



John Duncan

Duncan was a professional engineer and land surveyor who has lived at least partially in Gearhart for more than 20 years.

Last November, Duncan took over Position 3 after claiming about 68 percent of the vote. Duncan was formerly a member of the Gearhart Planning Commission.

"I think that I've been fortunate," he said at the time about being elected as city councilor. "It's kind of a big responsibility that the voters put on me, but I thank them and I want to do a good job for the city."

During recent council sessions he provided input on a local street vacation request, short-term vacation rentals, firehouse renovations and the Ridge Path Trail.

He was an advocate for better emergency preparedness and citizen involvement.

"For all of our citizens, we all have value to this community and I think we can all do more than we know to help our community," he said after his election. "It's finding the things you are interested in and how you can use that interest to make the community better for all of us."

Duncan is survived by his wife, Sandy.

Ready. Aim. Re-create!

Civil War re-enactment blasts off

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The Daily Astorian

After a ban on battles and campfires was lifted last week, the Northwest Civil War Council was able to present its annual re-enactment over Labor Day Weekend.

Re-enactors provided a living history as if it were 1861-1865.



CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT: A Confederate cannon fires away at the enemy in Monday's battle. A Union soldier takes care of her horse following Monday's battle. Soldiers of all ages fought in the Civil War.



Downtown Sears store changes ownership

From hired hand to head honcho

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

When Jim and Susan Montgomery looked to retire from the Sears store they had owned for more than a decade, they looked locally.

The Montgomerys found Thea Dyal, an employee at Sears since 2003, and her husband Rick Fried, who took over one of downtown's last major retailers in August.

Fried, an information technology specialist with the 116th Air Control Squadron at Camp Rilea, said he was transitioning away from that position, went over the numbers at Sears and determined it would be financially workable. The transition to a customer service career also appealed to Fried, who still works at Camp Rilea part time.

"To me, it's kind of a progression," said Dyal, who started at Sears shortly after graduating from Oregon State University with a degree in Spanish, which she believes also helps her owning the store.

Since the beginning of this year, Jim Montgomery, 69, said he had been reaching out and looking to leave the store. He had been living in Vancouver, Wash., when the previous owners, Sandra and Howard Fuller, advertised the store in The Oregonian.

Bears breaking bad in Lake Tahoe wilderness

Third problem bear from same litter euthanized

By SCOTT SONNER
Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Are some bears just born to be bad? Or do they learn from other bears that raid garbage cans, break into cars and homes and eventually have to be killed because they've lost their fear of humans?

Scientists have researched this classic debate over "nature" and "nurture" among black bears for decades, from Yosemite National Park in the Sierra to central Florida and the Adirondacks in upstate New York.

Now, a notorious 19-year-old female bear at Lake Tahoe with a rap sheet a mile long has become a poster child of the kind of generational cycle that experts say her young will be hard pressed to break as long as humans continue to leave garbage in their reach.



Carl Lackey/Nevada Department of Wildlife
A female black bear known as Green 108 in the mountains above Lake Tahoe near Stateline, Nev., has had three cubs from the same litter euthanized after biologists say she taught them to break into homes to get food.

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