

Wildlife Center sets up legacy fund

The Wildlife Center of the North Coast announces the Sharnelle Fee Legacy Fund. Fee dedicated her life to caring for animals, and contributions to this fund will ensure that her legacy of compassion and caring for the wildlife of the North Oregon and southwest Washington coasts is continued.

Donations can be made through the website at www.coastwildlife.org, or by mail to P.O. Box 1232 Astoria OR 97103. A simple notation of the "Legacy Fund" ensures contributions are allocated properly. The Wildlife Center is a 501(c)(3) organization, and donations are tax-deductible.

The center is holding a contest for the creation of a new logo. The winner will receive thanks and adoration, along with bragging rights.

Logos should be two to three colors maximum, in digital vector format, and simple to reproduce in a variety of sizes and mediums (text, screen printing, embroidery, etc.), and should clearly represent the work of the Wildlife Center and the area it serves.

For information about the contest, contact Agnes Waliser at agklak@yahoo.com. Entries should be submitted by email by Jan. 31. The winner will be chosen by the board of directors at the February meeting.

Clatsop CASA program adds new volunteers

By The Daily Astorian

The Clatsop Court Appointed Special Advocates program recently announced six new volunteers have joined the 35 current volunteers in serving abused and neglected children in the Clatsop County child welfare system.

Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Paula Brownhill conducted the swearing-in last week of the volunteers, who

participated in more 30 hours of training.

CASA volunteers are the only participants in the child welfare system who speak solely for the child's best interest in making informed recommendations to the court and advocating for services in the child welfare system, according to the program.

The volunteers work to achieve a safe, permanent and loving home for

each child, as soon as possible.

Volunteers are serving 80 to 90 children each year. There is still a waiting list of children who need an advocate.

Volunteer training will be held this spring. Those interested in learning more about becoming a child advocate can contact Julia Mabry or Ann Lederer at 503-338-6063 or casa@clatsopcasa.org. More information is available online at www.clatsop-casa.org.

Give Christmas trees new life after the holidays

Watershed councils along the North Oregon Coast are once again teaming with Trout Unlimited, local Boy Scout Troop 642, CARTM, and the North Coast Land Conservancy in an effort to utilize the season's surplus and old Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands.

Once collected, local groups such as the Necanicum Watershed Council, the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council, and Trout Unlimited will place the trees in appropriate locations and let nature do its work. Within a few days of being placed in the water, the needles and branches become covered with algae, which attract aquatic insects, and ultimately feeds salmon.

The trees also provide critical cover from predators, and can last around five years. Not only are the trees not wasting space in a landfill, but they provide an essential function within the coastal ecosystem when placed appropriately.

There are several drop off locations, and even a pick-up option for those who live in South Clatsop County. Regardless of where the tree is donated, all Christmas trees, wreaths, and garlands must be free of ornaments, decorations, plastic and tinsel, and cannot be flocked.

Astoria and Warrenton: Anytime between Dec. 26 and Jan. 16, at the Colewort Creek Restoration Site in Lewis and Clark National

Historical Park. The site is hosted by Lewis and Clark National Historical Park and the North Coast Watershed Association. Look for signs for the drop site on the west side of Fort Clatsop Road between the Visitor Center and Netul Landing. All are welcome to join a Cocoa and Coho work party to help place trees from 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 16. Participants should prepare to get muddy. Hot chocolate and gloves will be provided.

Cannon Beach: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 2 and 3, at Columbia Bank, 107 Sunset Blvd. in Cannon Beach. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per tree dropped off. Scouts from Boy Scout troop 642 will be on hand

each day. Funds raised help support their summer camps.

Seaside: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 2 and 3, at the Seaside Outlet Mall, 1111 N. Roosevelt Drive in Seaside. Boy Scout troop 642 is also at this location collecting trees for a suggested donation of \$5 per tree.

Nehalem and Manzanita: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 2 to 16, at CARTM, 34995 Necarney City Road in Manzanita. Trees can be dropped off at no charge to the public.

Trees can also be scheduled for a pick-up from Jan. 2 through 10 from Warrenton to Cannon Beach for a suggested donation of \$8. To arrange a tree pick up, call 503-717-9563.

County has lower rate of joblessness

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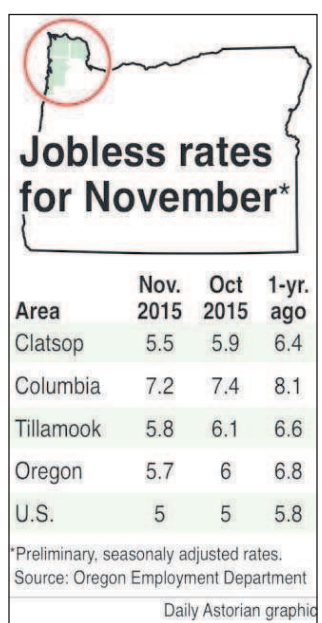
Employment has dropped with the onset of winter, but Clatsop County is 180 jobs above the expectations of state economists for November.

The Oregon Employment Department on Tuesday released seasonally adjusted unemployment data, comparing actual employment with expectations for the season.

Clatsop County had a 5.5 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in November, down 0.4 percent from October and nearly 1 percent lower than the year prior. Clatsop had the ninth-lowest unemployment rate of Oregon's 36 counties, experiencing a lower rate of joblessness than Oregon (5.7 percent) but a higher rate than the U.S. (5 percent).

The county was expected to lose 550 jobs last month, but only lost 370. The private sector dropped 460 jobs, while governments added 90. Leisure and hospitality cut 220 jobs, food manufacturing 150 and professional and business services 30. Education added 60 jobs.

Seasonally adjusted non-farm payroll employment was



17,740, up 350 from last year, for a growth rate of more than 2 percent. Industries adding the most jobs over the past year included leisure and hospitality (100), retail (90), professional and business services (90) and educational and health services (100). Manufacturing cut 110 jobs over the past year.

Columbia County
Columbia County's 7.2 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in November was tied for 11th-highest

in the state with Lake County in Southern Oregon. Unemployment was down one-fifth of a percent from the previous month, and nearly 1 percent lower than the year prior.

The county lost 20 jobs in November, as expected. The private sector lost 70 jobs, and government employment rose by 50. Leisure and hospitality and construction both cut 30 jobs, while private education and health services added 30. Education added another 60 jobs.

Total nonfarm payroll employment was at 10,310, 350 more than the year prior, a growth rate of 3.5 percent. Over the past year, the county added 150 jobs in manufacturing, 80 in professional and business services, 50 in education and health services 50 and 40 in retail.

Tillamook County
Tillamook County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.8 percent in

November, down 0.3 percent from October and 0.8 percent from a year ago.

The county was expected to lose 110 jobs last month, but ended up losing 30 more. The private sector cut 170 jobs, and governments added 30. Leisure and hospitality lost 90 jobs, while local government added 40.

Total nonfarm payroll employment in November was 8,980, up 440 from a year ago for a more than 5 percent growth rate. The private sector added 370 jobs over the past year, including manufacturing (230), leisure and hospitality (90) and education and health services (50). Governments also added 70 jobs over the past year.

The employment department will release December's county employment data Jan. 26. For more information on employment by county and industry, visit www.quality-info.org

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Q: Why should I have my teeth cleaned twice a year?

A: For the majority of patients concerned about their dental health this is a reasonable interval. However, for many patients who struggle with plaque control, have poor brushing habits, inadequate diets, smokers, and patients with medical conditions such as diabetes a more frequent cleaning interval is recommended and appropriate. And yes, there are the few patients out there who do an amazing job of home care and can remain healthy on just an annual cleaning visit and checkup. Remember "you only have to brush and floss the teeth you want to keep!"

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