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Holly Shepherd, from Salon Boheme, cuts Roger McMoubrey's hair at a station during the Project Homeless Connect event at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center Thursday.

'FACE OF HOMELESSNESS IS CHANGING' About 1,000 people in Clatsop County are homeless

By KATHERINE LACAZE
EO Media Group

SEASIDE — In recent years, Clatsop County's homeless population has remained at about 1,000 people, indicating a systemic issue Clatsop Community Action and other local agencies, organizations and businesses are trying to address.

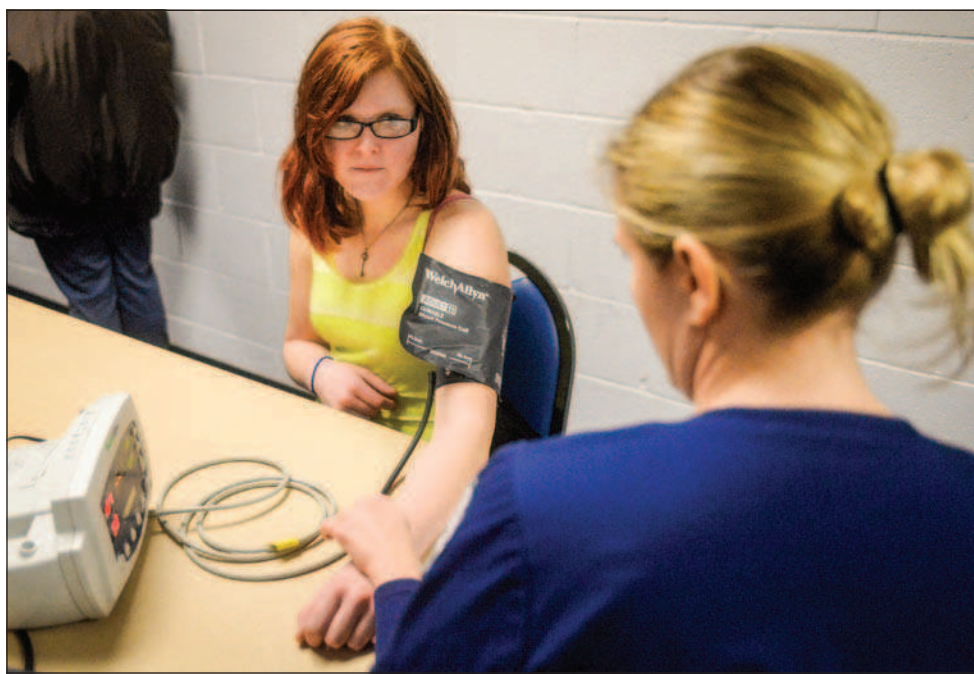
Clatsop Community Action partners with other agencies to gather a census of people who are homeless in the county during the last 10 days of January. It is held in conjunction with the annual Project Homeless Connect Jessica Maclay Memorial, which took place for the seventh year Thursday at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

During the event, more than 40 nonprofit, governmental and faith-based agencies provided services on site — including medical screenings, immunizations, haircuts, personal care items, clothing vouchers and a hot meal — and connected participants to housing, mail service, food stamps, identification, Social Security, mental health services, employment, education and legal aid.

Clatsop County Community Action Director Elaine Bruce stressed the importance of collecting data on the countywide homeless population according to state and federal standards. The information is reported to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and other agencies and affects legislative budgets, Bruce said.

In 2013, the county's homeless population jumped to 1,038 — up 62 percent from the previous year. The number then stabilized. The count was 1,047 in 2014 and 1,005 in 2015. The agency expects the number will be about 1,000 this year, as well.

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Kathleen Idzal, right, a nursing student at Clatsop Community College, takes Maria Adams' blood pressure during Project Homeless Connect at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.



Boxes of clothing sit on a table for people to take during the Project Homeless Connect event.

Distiller faces new copyright challenge

Pilot House Spirits changed name last year after legal threat

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Larry Cary is once again facing claims of copyright infringement over the name of his growing Astoria distillery.

Cary switched his label to Pilot House Spirits in October after North Coast Brewing, a Fort Bragg, California, brewery, threatened legal action over Cary's use of North Coast Distilling since he opened in 2014.

This week, House Spirits Distillery, a Portland-based craft distillery founded in 2004, filed suit claiming Cary's new name violates "established valuable trademark rights and goodwill throughout the United States."

The distillery, known for Aviation American Gin, has registered "House Spirits" and "House Spirits Distillery" with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Historic ferry's return still a go

Organizers hope homecoming coincides with bridge celebration

By ERICK BENGEL
The Daily Astorian

This summer marks the 50th anniversary of two big moments in Astoria's history: the opening of the Astoria Bridge and the final run of the iconic Tourist No. 2 ferry that, in the pre-bridge era, carried riders and vehicles between the city and Washington state for more than four decades.

As the city prepares to celebrate the bridge's birthday, a movement is underway to bring the ferry home from exile.

And a newly formed nonprofit — The Astoria Ferry — hopes the events will go hand-in-hand.

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Showdown polarizes federal land debate

Experts say incident likely to reinforce opinions on both sides

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The showdown between federal agents and armed militants in southeast Oregon will likely further polarize the public over the management of federal lands, experts say.

For some, the recent killing of an occupier and arrests of other occupiers will buttress the view they were extremist militants with unrealistic goals.

For others, the government's actions and its siege of remaining

protesters occupying the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge will confirm fears of persecution by federal agencies.

Whether the standoff will ultimately lead to changes in the federal government's oversight of the West's vast public lands is also subject to varying interpretations.

Char Miller, an environmental analysis professor at Pomona College, said that Ammon Bundy and the other armed protesters miscalculated the public's reaction to the occupation.

The national attention may have boosted the protester's egos, but it also created a backlash against using the threat of violence to influence federal land policy, Miller said.

"What they've done is really hurt those with legitimate beefs with the

federal government about how the land should be managed," he said.

In the public's mind, the protesters' hostile tactics have been conflated with the goal of increasing local control over federal property, which weakens their case in the political arena, he said.

"If they wanted an uprising in Congress, they just made it that much harder," Miller said.

The protesters' actions won't bolster attempts to transfer federal land to the states, which already had legitimacy among conservative lawmakers in multiple state legislatures before the refuge takeover, said Martin Nie, a natural resource policy professor at the University of Montana.

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