

Community, officials cheer Manzanita library upgrades

Unveiling puts exclamation point on success of recent North Tillamook renovation

By DAVE FISHER
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Let there be no doubt about it: Residents of north Tillamook County love their library. That was clearly evident Saturday when upward of 200 people filed through the North Tillamook Library in Manzanita in the space of two hours to check out the newly renovated interior of the 30-year-old facility.

On hand for the festivities were state Sen. Betsy Johnson, state Rep. Deborah Boone, Tillamook County Commissioners Mark Labhart and Bill Baertlein, along with city officials representing Manzanita, Nehalem and Wheeler.

Although the library reopened to the public in late February following a six-week closure, the North Tillamook Library Friends waited until Saturday to host a communitywide party, complete with live music provided by members of the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers, to celebrate the accomplishment.

"We deeply appreciate your interest and support as shown by your presence today," Kay Stepp, president of the North Tillamook Library Board, told those gathered in her opening remarks. "This is a big project for a small, rural community, but our friends came through with contributions of nearly \$23,000 from donations, raffle ticket sales, an auction of old furniture, a gift in memory to our dear friend Ann Nicholson and a fundraising dinner."

Nicholson, who served as president of the Nehalem Valley Historical Society and the Manzanita Women's Club, died in February.

The renovation project totaled more than \$100,000.

"Fortunately, we did not tap into our investment account reserves to pay for this renovation," said Stepp, who thanked other major donors, too. The renovation, months in the planning stage, includes new flooring, a fresh interior paint job, new and refurbished lighting, upgraded electrical for technology use, new heating and window coverings in the Hoffman Room.

Friends board member Lee Hiltenbrand, who volunteered his time to serve as project manager, was aided by Becky Berg, who lent her time and



Attendees toast the official reopening of the North Tillamook Library in Manzanita at Saturday's event.



Members of the Old Time Fiddlers added their festive touch to the library celebration.

talent to guide the interior design, and a six-member project team.

The North Tillamook Library, Stepp explained, is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization

responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds, while the Tillamook County Library brings media, staff and programming to the building.

New downtown development director takes the reins in Seaside

Board cites Dailey's 'well-rounded background'

By R.J. MARX
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Weeks after the departure of the Seaside Downtown Development Association's Tita Montero, the organization's nine-member board selected Sarah Dailey to head the group. Dailey was serving as the association's interim executive director.



Sarah Dailey

The board praised Dailey's "well-rounded background" and good working relationship with the development association's board, its membership, and the downtown Seaside business community.

Dailey was originally hired last June as an administrative assistant.

The transition has been "very smooth," Dailey said Friday.

"Tita did a lot of good things here," she said, "and she left us in a very good place."

The association receives partial funding from the city and member fees.

Donations are welcome, Dailey added, and usually go for a special event or production.

Seaside Muscle & Chrome, Seaside Wine Walk, a Halloween event and flower basket campaigns are among the association's signature projects.

The development association's beautification committee prepares flower baskets and is helping select art for new trash receptacles.

"We have an emphasis on supporting those businesses here in the downtown area, as defined by the maintenance district," Dailey said.

"And if our membership says, 'We have concerns,' we take them to the city. The city doesn't want 140 different opinions."

Dailey holds a bachelor of science degree with a minor in business from William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Intoxicated men steal fundraiser

GEARHART — Two intoxicated men were arrested Friday night after allegedly stealing a wheelbarrow full of donated gifts for a Gearhart Elementary School fundraiser at the McMenamins Gearhart Hotel.

The wheelbarrow was full of beer, seafood and other items all valued at \$1,050.

Isaac Justin Coleman, 34, of Gresham, and Dustin James Pokorny, 34, of Clackamas, were each arrested for first-degree theft.

A Gearhart Police sergeant responded to the reported theft at about 10 p.m. and tracked down the two men at their condo rooms. Items from the wheelbarrow were found in both rooms, according to police. Everything was recovered and returned to the school.

Gearhart Police Chief Jeff Bowman said the two men were in town for a golf tournament. They were in McMenamins when they noticed the wheelbarrow and decided to steal it.

"At some point, they stole the wheelbarrow that was loaded full of gifts," Bowman said.

The men are scheduled to appear in Clatsop County Circuit Court next month.

Coast Guard rescues five

LONG BEACH, Wash. — A U.S. Coast Guard aircrew rescued five people, including three children, who were stranded Sunday on Willapa Bay's Long Island.

The MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew, from Air Station Astoria, landed on Long Island around noon and transferred two men and three children, who were reportedly in good condition but cold and wet, to emergency medical responders at the air station at 12:20 p.m.

"This time of year, being prepared for the weather and water conditions can prevent disaster," said Lt. Daniel Cathell, one of the pilots. "Boating can be great fun, but boaters should always check

the weather forecast prior to departing."

Long Island is part of Willapa National Wildlife Refuge and is only accessible by boat or helicopter. It is a popular place for hikes and camping.

Seaside officers to graduate

Seaside Police officers Elise Parkman and Nathan Tappert are among 39 officers statewide to graduate from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's 335th Basic Police Class.

The 16-week class includes dozens of training areas including survival skills, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, ethics, cultural diversity, problem solving, community policing, elder abuse and drug recognition.

The class will graduate at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem at 11 a.m. Friday. A reception will immediately follow the graduation.

Albany Police Chief Mario Lattanzio will be the guest speaker.

The state Department of Public Safety Standards and Training provides training to more than 25,000 students each year through the state at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem.

Free park day in Washington

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Washington State Parks turns 103 years old Saturday, and visitors are invited to help celebrate by enjoying a state park for free that day.

Visitors will not be required

to display the Discover Pass for daytime use visits to a park.

The free days are in keeping with legislation that created the Discover Pass. The pass costs \$30 for an annual pass or \$10 for a one-day permit, and is required for vehicle access to state recreation lands managed by Washington State Parks, the Washington Department of Fish

and Wildlife and the Department of Natural Resources.

The Discover Pass legislation provided that State Parks could designate up to 12 free days, when the pass would not be required to visit state parks. The remaining free days this year are: March 26, April 22, May 8, June 4 and 11, Aug. 25, Sept. 24 and Nov. 11.

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