

Auction raises money for college

Scholarships, equipment upgrades benefit from dinner

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Clatsop Community College's Arts & Experience Dinner and Auction at the end of April will try to fund both scholarships and several equipment upgrades.

The auction, which raised more than \$100,000 last year, helps provide the money the college's foundation uses to offer annual scholarships.

The April 30 event, held at the Astoria Golf & Country Club, includes dinner and live and silent auctions, with anything from a trip with a Columbia River bar pilot, glider rides and farm tours and dinners to paintings, photographs and other pieces by local artisans.

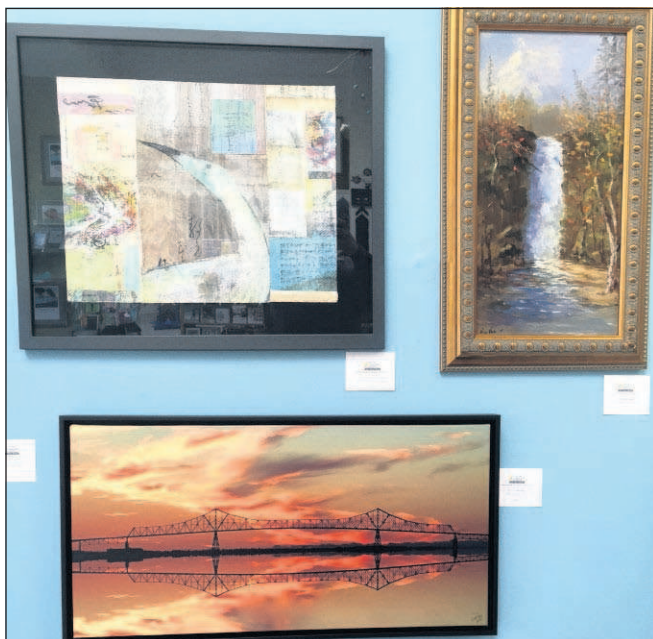
Special appeals

This year's special appeals focus on equipment for the college's career-technical programs and the Royal Nebeker Art Gallery.

The fire science department wants to buy a ball intake valve and a suction hose for the college's donated fire engine to help students learn how to suck up water with no hydrants around, along with equipment to create a randomized confidence course for firefighters in the college's Fire Response & Research Center.

The auto department wants airbag trainer, which instructor Thad Nolan said will help students train on new airbag systems without fear of them deploying.

The maritime science program wants to buy a new scramble net, used to practice tak-



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Clatsop Community College's Arts & Experience Dinner and Auction includes pieces by local artists, such as (clockwise from upper left) "Neck of the Swan" by Charles Schweigert, "Youngs River Falls" by Bill Vlek and "Another Day" by Jeff Daly.

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ing people out of the water and onto the Forerunner, the college's training vessel. Maritime instructor Bill Antilla is also seeking to fix up a skiff the college will use for small vessel training.

The Patriot Hall Redevelopment, funded by local and state bonds, is expected to be completed in spring term. With the new building, the college is adding a paramedic program. Kristin Wilkin said the program is appealing at the auction for a Terry Trauma manikin on which to practice trauma care and CPR, body boards and other equipment.

Wilkin said the Royal Nebeker Art Gallery needs display equipment to help with exhibition layouts.

For more information on the auction, tickets and how to donate arts or experiences, contact Sunny Klever, the director of the college's foundation, at 503-338-2306 or sklever@clatsopcc.edu

Price tag to repair wildlife refuge occupied by activists at \$4 million

Associated Press

BURNS — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will spend roughly \$4 million to clean, repair and upgrade the Oregon wildlife refuge that was the site of a 41-day armed occupation by ranchers earlier this year.

Fish and Wildlife Director Dan Ashe said he wants the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Burns to become a symbol to the rest of the country that collaboration, not confrontation, endures. The Oregonian reported. Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell made similar statements during her visit

to the refuge earlier this week.

Photos of the refuge shared by federal officials show that the ranchers left a mess inside the building.

The compound is undergoing a giant spring cleaning, with the use of industrial vacuums and cargo trailers filled with cleaning supplies. Repairing damage and removing debris is expected to take until early summer.

In all, the standoff will cost Fish and Wildlife about \$6 million, with about \$2 million spent during the takeover, including the costs of moving the refuge's 17

employees out of town for safety to live at government expense in hotels for weeks, Ashe said.

Fish biologist Linda Beck said she's glad to be back at work, but the biggest cost of the standoff was missed work. Beck and a team of biologists were planning to remove invasive carp by commercial fishing because the fish consume habitat needed by birds. At the beginning of the year, Malheur Lake covered about 3,000 acres. It has since grown to about 20,000 acres.

"We lost the opportunity to fish for these fish in a really condensed setting," Beck said.

Coast Guard rescues three from South Jetty

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The crew of a U.S. Coast Guard Jayhawk helicopter rescued three men after they became stranded walking about a mile out onto the Columbia River's South Jetty during a fishing trip Thursday.

An MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew from Air Station Astoria hoisted the men and transported them to emergency medical personnel at the air station.

"We highly advise anyone to stay off and away from the jetties as the three men ended up stranded due to high waves crashing

over the area," Mark Dobney, command duty officer at Coast Guard Sector Columbia River, said in a statement. "There is currently a rough bar advisory for the Columbia River Bar in effect, adding to the importance of checking the weather before venturing out on or near the water."

Watchstanders at the air

station received the report on the stranded men at 4 p.m. The Coast Guard launched a the helicopter and two 47-foot motor lifeboats from Station Cape Disappointment in Ilwaco, Washington. A lifeboat crew stood by in the event any of the men got washed off the jetty amid the 10- to 14-foot seas and 17- to 23-mph winds.

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