

## 'SHANGHAIED' SINGS SO LONG TO LONGTIME DRIVING FORCE COAST WEEKEND



Photos by Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian  
**Asher Meachem, 7, feeds a Newfoundland dog named Lydia during Seaman's Day on Wednesday at Fort Clatsop. Seaman's Day celebrates Seaman, the Newfoundland who accompanied the crew on the Lewis and Clark expedition.**

## Astorians ruminates on D.B. Cooper

Disagreement abounds on whether case should be closed

By ERICK BENGEL  
*The Daily Astorian*

A two-part documentary about the infamous D.B. Cooper skyjacking case that debuted on History this week is getting mixed reviews from the Astoria residents featured in the tale.

"I thought it was really compelling," Peter Roscoe, a restaurant owner, said.

Then he saw the ending.

Part 1 recites the well-known Cooper facts: On Nov. 24, 1971, a man wearing a business suit and sunglasses used a briefcase bomb to hijack a Boeing 727 flying from Portland to Seattle, stole \$200,000 in ransom, and demanded the crew fly him to Mexico before parachuting into the night near the Oregon-Washington border. The mysterious perpetrator was never caught or identified.

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## A BEAR OF A DOG

Newfoundlands are the stars of Seaman's Day

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Ben Boivin had only seen pictures of Newfoundlands before he came to Fort Clatsop National Memorial in grade school. These days, the 13-year-old and his family make the trip from Happy Valley with a giant dog of their own.

Wookie is only 20 months old but weighs 140 pounds.

The beast was among eight Newfoundlands at Fort Clatsop on Wednesday for the 23rd annual Seaman's Day. The event put on by the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park celebrates one of the lesser-known members of the Corps of Discovery, Meriwether Lewis' Newfoundland, Seaman.

"We were studying Lewis and Clark in school and my mom brought us here," Boivin said.

When he threw his arms around one of the massive dogs five years ago, he knew he wanted to have one of his own.

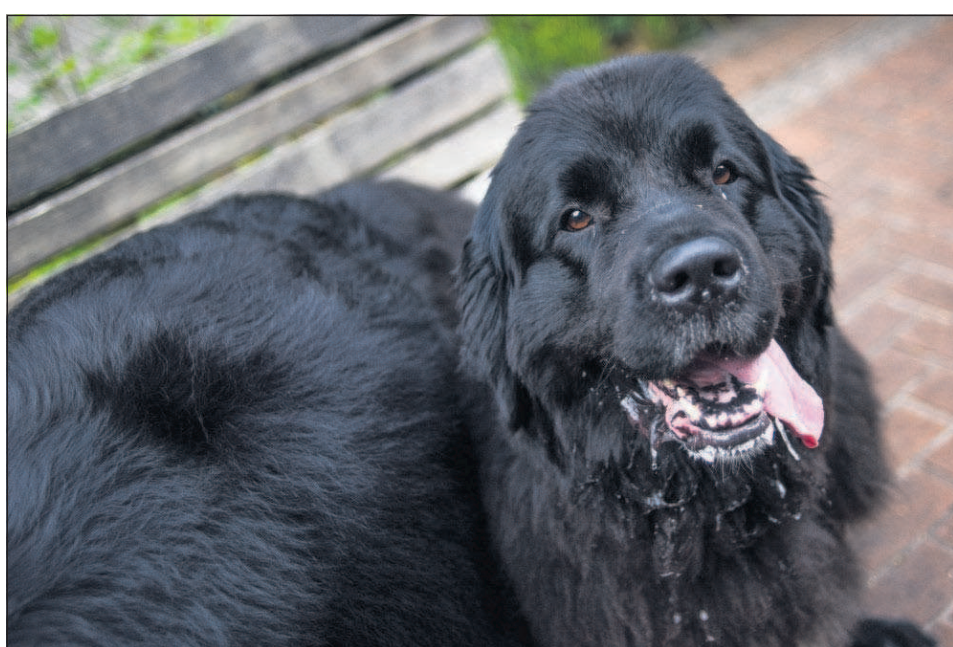
"It took awhile to convince my parents but they wanted a big dog and thought it was a good idea."

Wookie is actually the second Newfoundland that's been a part of the Boivin family. A few months after Ben fell in love with the breed at Fort Clatsop, the Boivins got their first Newfoundland, Chewie. Unfortunately, Chewie developed cancer and died after only three years with the family.

While irreplaceable, the Boivins knew they had become a Newfoundland family and soon welcomed in Wookie.

"You can't just have a Newfoundland and expect to not have one in your life ever again," Boivin said.

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ABOVE: Tutu, a Newfoundland, waits with her owner Elise DeChaine Ghiglieri during Seaman's Day. BELOW: Ezri Thompson, center, works on an activity book with other Girl Scouts in Troop 10131 attending Seaman's Day.



## Vintage Hardware finds new home in downtown

Community can sign up to help with move

By ERICK BENGEL  
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Astoria Vintage Hardware found a new location so fast the owners can hardly believe it.

A couple of weeks after Becky Johnson and Paul Tuter received notice to vacate the 15th Street riverfront site by the end of September, George Brugh, owner of Bargains Galore, dropped by the hardware store and offered them a street-level space in his own building a few blocks west. They sealed the deal Tuesday, Johnson said.

"He is our hero," she said. "We couldn't even really celebrate in the first hours or moments of when we realized this could possibly happen, because we are so stunned and so relieved and so grateful."

Englund Marine & Industrial Supply, the owner of Vintage Hardware's current building, may sell the structure to Newport Pacific

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## Secret millionaire's dream come true

Swim to your heart's content, thanks to Oller

By NATALIE ST. JOHN  
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Secret millionaire Verna Oller's final wish was to build a pool where local kids could safely learn to swim.

It didn't work out exactly like she hoped — there will be no new pool — but six years after her death, the small group that manages the Verna S. Oller Aquatic Trust has come up with a way to help local families access existing swimming facilities.

Beginning Aug. 1, residents of Washington's south Pacific County will be able to take swimming les-

sons, and use the swimming facilities at the Astoria Aquatic Center free of charge, Guy Glenn Jr. and Doug Knutzen said.

"We still wanted to go along with what Verna Oller had hoped, what she wanted to do, and still provide swimming access on a more manageable level — something we could afford, and something that would last, potentially through perpetuity," Knutzen said. "Properly managed, I think we're on track to do that."

### Swimming and saving

A family drop-in pass for the Aquatic Center is \$18, a monthly family pass is \$80, and kids' swim lessons start at \$50 per month-long group class. So families who take advantage of the new deal could

easily get more than \$1,000 worth of services for free over the course of a year. That money buys access to a lap pool, lazy river, kiddie pool, hot tub, the "big red slide," and a sizable fitness room, according to the Aquatic Center website. Schedules change with the season, but the center offers a variety of lap swimming and recreational swim times, as well as water aerobics, therapeutic swim sessions, and group swim lessons.

"It's a bargain. All you have to do is get over there," Knutzen said.

There are also plans in the works for a similar arrangement at the Dunes Pool in Klipsan, which should be finalized later this year, Knutzen and Glenn said.



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**Lap swimming in the lane pool at the Astoria Aquatic Center is excellent for exercise.**

