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CAMPUS SPROUTS NEW LOOK WITH PATRIOT HALL



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Peri Vaughn, exterior maintenance employee at Clatsop Community College, works to maintain the landscaping.

College plans to pretty up the grounds after construction ends

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Crews installed the last beam in the skeleton of the new Patriot Hall at Clatsop Community College Wednesday. They “topped off” the structure with an American flag and a tree, a throwback to a Scandinavian religious rite honoring the tree-dwelling spirits displaced by construction.

The \$16 million redevelopment project has transformed the college into an active construction zone and staging area this spring and summer. When work is complete next spring, the project will permanently alter the college’s campus, from the new academic hall to the deferred maintenance on the grounds below.

Construction zone

Construction has squeezed access at the main campus. Building a new academic hall on a compact hillside, the college has had to stage materials in parking lots and the lawn outside the northern end of Towler Hall, the college’s front yard to the community. Surrounding Patriot Hall is a large, fenced-off pit excavated down to the foundation covered in black tarpaulins that started taking shape last spring into the skeleton of the new hall.

Greg Dorcheus, who is in charge of the college’s maintenance staff and helping oversee the Patriot Hall project, said the next step after the steelwork is installing utilities and pouring the concrete floors. He said much of the outside work and backfilling of soil around the building will be complete by the start of the fall term in September, reopening parking lots and both lanes of Lexington Avenue to the influx of students.

The completion of outside work on the building will also put pressure on the college to refurbish the landscaping on the main campus, which has largely gone to pot amid construction.

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Crews with REFA Erection Inc. “topped off” the new Patriot Hall Wednesday with the last truss of the roof. The term refers to a rite of builders putting the last beam into a building. The tree next to the American flag is a throwback to a Scandinavian religious rite honoring the tree-dwelling spirits displaced by new construction.

Many in favor of vacation rentals

Unlike Gearhart owners, Cannon Beach residents defend the town’s rules

By LYRA FONTAINE
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CANNON BEACH — A dozen people have spoken out against potential changes to Cannon Beach’s short-term rental ordinance — including a temporary freeze on transient rental permits — before the Planning Commission.

“I think the council couldn’t consider suspending anything unless they spend time thinking about it and listening to public comment,” short-term rental owner Joe Petrina said at a public hearing this month.

The Cannon Beach City Council is considering a major overhaul of the short-term rental program. Proposed changes are suspending new transient rental five-year permits while the council reviews the program, and moving short-term rental regulations from the zoning ordinance to a stand-alone ordinance.

“There is a vital and really historical sharing of our blessings of Cannon Beach by owning a home and renting it out to friends and family,” resident Les Wierson said, adding that Seaside and Gearhart have more

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Bald eagle counts soar as murrelets dwindle

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OLYMPIA, Wash. — The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is proposing to take one bird species off Washington’s list of endangered and threatened species — and upgrade the status of another to “endangered.”

Wildlife officials say marbled murrelets — small seabirds native to coastal Oregon and Washington and other states in the West — are doing worse now in Washington than when they were first listed by Washington’s Fish and Wildlife Commission in 1993. Bald eagles, however, have made a huge comeback and are on track to hit strong population numbers in the years to come.

Washington has 45 species of fish and wildlife listed for protection as endangered, threatened or sensitive species. The state reviews these species regularly every five

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Take a peek at a unique '50s Victorian cottage

‘The house that Jerry built’ is on the market

By LYRA FONTAINE
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TOLOVANA PARK — Jerry Bosco was interested in preserving historic pieces from a young age.

“He used to bring home door frames and windows on his bicycle,” said Bonnie Schein, remembering her late brother as a child.

The Tolovana Park cottage Bosco built, which started as one room in the 1950s and expanded throughout the years, demonstrates his lifelong dedication to historic preservation, as co-founder of the Architec-

tural Heritage Center in Portland.

The historic house, located at 3678 Pacific, will be open for the public to view from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Schein and Bosco’s family grew up spending summers in a cabin next door to the cottage.

Created using parts of old Victorian houses torn down in the Portland area to make room for developments like the Lloyd Center, the house has a unique collection of details, including marble floors, cast-iron pieces, quirky stencils of seahorses and a

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Bonnie Schein stands outside the cottage her late brother, Jerry Bosco, built. The words on the home state “This is the house that Jerry built.”

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