

State Department of Agriculture plans for budget cuts, increases

Spending depends on fate of corporate tax measure

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI
Capital Bureau

PENDLETON — Oregon's farm regulators are simultaneously planning for substantial budget cuts and increases due to the state's uncertain revenue future.

The state Department of Agriculture is anticipating a total budget ranging from roughly \$103 million to \$124 million in the 2017-2019 biennium, depending on whether voters approve a corporate tax increase in November.

The agency's budget for the current biennium is about \$111 million, which means it faces either a 7 percent reduction from its current level, or a boost of nearly 12 percent.

The department is scrambling to plan for either scenario, as are other state agencies,

because Gov. Kate Brown must complete her proposed budget for the next biennium by Dec. 1. — just weeks after the November election.

"We're all kind of schizophrenic right now," said Katy Coba, the department's director, during the Oregon Board of Agriculture meeting Tuesday in Pendleton.

State agencies have been asked to submit proposed budget cuts due to a large expected rise in state spending on the Public Employees Retirement System, as well as higher healthcare costs, said Coba.

However, the state government is also preparing for the possibility that Measure 97 passes, she said.

That ballot initiative would raise roughly \$3 billion a year by imposing a gross receipts tax of 2.5 percent on certain corporations.

Under the \$124 million budget request, the Department of Agriculture would hire multi-

ple new employees focused on food safety inspection, agricultural water quality, information services, human resources and public records, among other investments, Coba said.

Positions would be cut from those and other programs, including confined animal feeding operations and insect pest prevention, under the \$103 million scenario, she said.

Much of the department's budget is derived from fees on different types of farms and other companies who have a good understanding of what service reductions will entail, Coba said. The situation is more complicated when dealing with the portion of the budget that comes from state general funds, which aren't directly funded by the same agricultural constituency that receives department services, she said.

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Katy Coba

Crews rescue kayaker clinging to pilings near Warrenton

Associated Press

WARRENTON — Crews have rescued a man who was found clinging to pilings after his kayak capsized near Warrenton.

The U.S. Coast Guard says one of its boat crews pulled the man to safety and

took him to emergency medical personnel waiting at Hammond Marina. The kayaker declined medical help.

The Coast Guard says a man called 911 Tuesday evening to report that his brother was unable to get back into a kayak that had overturned.

Apparent drowning victim identified

EO Media Group

LONG BEACH, Wash. — A woman who disappeared in the surf last week has been identified.

The victim was Sarah Han, a 25-year-old from Seattle. As of Tuesday morning, her body had not been recovered.

Han's friend, Walker Weitzel, a 36-year-old Seattle

attorney, called 911 after he was unable to find Han during a late-night swim Sept. 7.

According to Pacific County Sheriff's Office Chief Criminal Deputy Pat Matlock, Han's mother, who lives in Korea, flew to the United States shortly after she learned of her daughter's probable drowning. Her father, who lives in the North-

west, came to the peninsula following her disappearance, and met with personnel from the Sheriff's Office.

Although police believe she drowned, they "are taking every precaution to ensure that this is a thorough investigation," Matlock said.

"We'll just keep following up leads, keep searching, and hoping that she is recovered."

Coos Bay canoe races recreate tribal past

Races timed for return of salmon

By SAPHARA HARRELL
Coos Bay World

COOS BAY — At the annual Mill-Luck Salmon Celebration at the Mill Casino-Hotel, eyes might have been on the elaborately dressed tribal dancers or the native artisans' works.

But revelers who turned their eyes to the water last weekend during the annual festival to welcome the return of the salmon also got taste of tribal history.

Shirad Younker is the canoe ambassador for the celebration's canoe races, which are a way to re-establish ancestral ties.

"By having fun and friendly races, we're able to enjoy and recognize our ancestral kinship," Younker said. "We're not reenactors."

He's been involved with researching traditional Native American dugout canoes and trying to integrate them in a contemporary manner.

Younker grew up on the South Slough, where his parents let him do whatever he wanted on the water. Whether it was digging clams, fishing or duck hunting, it usually involved a canoe.

Since there was no "living" canoe to look at, Younker said he had to look into years' worth of research to find something that described the canoes. He said he was able to track down unpublished notes that described how the crafts were built.

Younker said the current design is thanks to Tony Johnson, chairman of the Chinook Indian Nation, and boat builder John McCallum. He said the pair did research into the dimensions of traditional dugouts and were able to recreate those using contemporary methods.

New canoes

The new canoes are made using a stitch and glue method where marine-grade plywood is cut into three pieces with a laser cutter. Those pieces are then glued together with fiberglass on the seams. Later, the carved elements of the prow and stern are added. Younker said the end result looks just like a traditional dugout.

Although there was a mix of both traditional dugouts and the newer replicas, that's not the only thing that distinguish the canoes.

Each tribe had a specific paddle relevant to the conditions in their respective region and

that distinguishes each canoe, Younker said.

The lower Chinook tribes had a paddle with two points, because the water in that area goes from deep to shallow.

In the Coos Bay area, tribes also had a three-tipped paddle that had one point so as to have silent entry in the water when they're coming up on fish. The single-tipped paddles also served as weapons against other tribes, Younker said. He said majority of canoes recreated now are in the Chinook style.

Old growth tree

Traditionally, dugout canoes were built using an old growth tree. Younker said the tree had to be straight with minimal branches, but that's hard to find now.

"One hundred years is considered old growth now, but that's still a baby in terms of what it would usually be," he said.

And making the canoes takes a long time. Younker said the process takes up to three times longer now than it did when his ancestors were making canoes. That's because builders made it their lifelong career to make the crafts.

Woman flashed by mayor's husband sues

Associated Press

CLATSKANIE — A woman who was repeatedly flashed by the husband of Clatskanie's mayor has filed a lawsuit against the city for defamation.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reported that the woman says in her lawsuit that Mayor Diane Pohl, her husband Ray Pohl and the city manager spread rumors the woman was having an affair with Ray Pohl after he was arrested for exposing himself to her.

Ray Pohl pleaded guilty to two counts of public indecency in connection to a Sep-

tember 2015 arrest for exposing himself to the woman over the course of 2½ years.

The woman is suing for \$350,000, saying the rumors

cost her business at her Flowers 'N Fluff coffee stand.

City officials say they have not seen the lawsuit and cannot comment.



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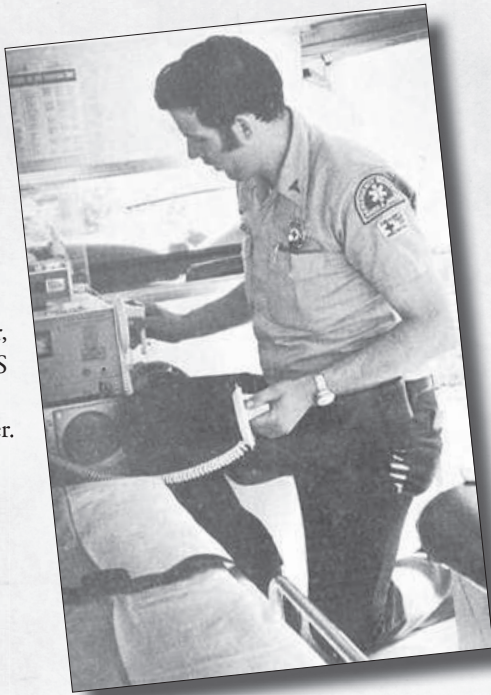
AUGUST 31ST 1944 - AUGUST 26TH 2016

Owen David Dickson (David) was born August of 1944 to Newell and Beth Dickson of Puyallup Washington. He then, almost immediately, entered the work force as a potato farmer, shepherd, submariner, heavy equipment operator, blasting technician, door to door vacuum cleaner salesman, children's radio program host, pallet maker, chicken farmer, truck driver, auto mechanic, janitor, bank courier, police sergeant, cab driver, paramedic, EMS instructor at Clatsop Community College, and in retirement, finally a school bus driver.

David's professional achievements were many and included his seminal work in founding and developing the paramedic profession both locally and nationally; he was the first paramedic certified in the State of Oregon. He founded and operated MEDIX Ambulance Service from 1975 until his retirement in 2005. After his so called 'retirement' David co-operated a construction company with his sons in Clatsop County before moving to his vacation home in Port Townsend, Washington and taking a job as a school bus driver.

Dad somehow managed to integrate his professional and family life together while operating MEDIX and working as a paramedic full time. Using MEDIX as a venue, David and Jill met, courted, raised their children, and provided the springboard for countless EMS careers.

David loved his family, exploring the world with Jill and building things with his boys. David was also an accomplished pilot who owned many airplanes over the years and spent many happy hours in the air with his two pilot sons. He could tell you how any esoteric part to a tractor, automobile, aircraft, or manure spreader functioned. He traded simplicity for Rube Goldberg, proper for improvised, the shortest path traveled for an epic road trip, work for root beer, sartorial acumen for corduroy shorts, and well orchestrated travel arrangements for amazing luck at rolling onto the last ferry.



He had a knack for making friends with the right guy. If it was worth building, it was worth overbuilding. He made a career of helping others excel and providing a place for them to do so. He provided an example of what to do and what not to do for his children and mentees. David was a gracious gentleman of dignity, kindness, humor and humility from beginning to end. He was a member of Rotary, United Way, Boy Scouts of America, Columbia Memorial Hospital Foundation, and the Church of Latter Day Saints.

David is survived by Jill, his loving wife of 38 years and his six children Dorothy Guinn, David, John, Steve, Josh, and Shane Dickson; in addition to his 10 grandchildren and one great-grand daughter.

The Dickson's would like to express their thanks for the love and kindness received from all of dad's legions of wonderful friends who have been part of his life and helped our family along the way. Memorial services will be held at 1pm, September 18, 2016 at the Red Building Loft located at 20 Basin Street, Astoria.

Ashlee Renee Martens

GRAPHIC DESIGNER FOR THE DAILY ASTORIAN
FEBRUARY 2, 1991 - SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

Our beautiful, hilarious, kind Ashlee Renee has gone somewhere that must have been in need of her full-of-life laugh. Ashlee grew up in Astoria. She participated in 4-H and played volleyball from 7th grade through high school. She discovered art her sophomore year and found her passion. After graduating from AHS in 2009 she moved to Portland and flourished in graphic design. She graduated from the Art Institute of Portland in 2013 and immediately began her career.





Last year, Ashlee came home to Astoria to continue her career, be with family and to welcome her nephew, Dallas Lee, into our world. Ashlee and her cat, Vivian Faye, loved their little cottage in the country.



Ashlee is survived by her dad and mom, Robert & Kelly Martens of Astoria; her brother and wife, Kory & Courtney Knutinen, and nephew, Dallas Lee of Astoria; grandparents, Gery & Jeanne Carlson of Astoria; great grandmother, Janet Carlson of Olympia; uncle and wife, Scott & Becky Pierce, and cousins Ashley, Katie and Joshua of Oklahoma; adopted brother, Travis Smalley; aunt and uncle, Wally & Carla Sowins, and cousins Christina Sowins, Rachel, Dean & Ravyn Lackey, Kevin Martens and Kay Martens all of Warrenton and countless friends from all over.

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In lieu of flowers, an art scholarship fund is being set up in Ashlee's name.
For more information, please email Kelly Martens at martens92861@charter.net.