



COMING FRIDAY: THE DAILY ASTORIAN ENDORSEMENTS

ALL THINGS CRANBERRY

CRANBERRIAN FAIR CELEBRATES THE 'CRADLE' OF THE TASTY BERRY



Luke Whittaker/EO Media Group

Self-guided tours of cranberry harvesting at the Pacific Coast Cranberry Research Foundation allowed attendees to see the fruit harvest first hand.

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LONG BEACH, Wash. — Most came out of curiosity about the cranberry industry, others simply wanted a piece of the famous pie. In total, more than 600 people attended the 91st annual Cranberrian Fair during a drippy weekend on the coast.

“People are fascinated with how cranberries are grown and produced,” executive director of the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum Betsy Millard said. “And we’re the cradle of it.” A celebration of all things cranberry, the festival featured bog tours, live demonstrations, presentations and craft vendors during the two-day event.

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Blacksmith Gary Lewis hands a freshly forged nail to an attendee following a demonstration Saturday during the Cranberrian Fair at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum in Ilwaco, Wash.



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Janet Herring, 85, of Ocean Park, Wash., has been weaving with cranberry vines for more than 20 years. Her baskets, wreaths and coasters were among dozens of cranberry-centered crafts offered by vendors.

Get set for big thwack

Winds, rain will rival some historic storms

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LONG BEACH, Wash. — Meteorologists are warning that this weekend could bring a series of unusually severe, potentially destructive storms, and emergency planning experts are urging residents who live in the path of the storms to start preparing now. Though it’s always possible that the storms could lose power or change course, weather experts seem genuinely concerned — especially about the tail-end of Typhoon Songda, which is expected to make landfall on the coast Saturday. The National Weather Service has issued high-wind warnings and storm warnings for much of Oregon and western Washington, as well as gale warnings for near-shore areas.

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Measure 97 might get makeover

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SALEM — Before Oregonians even cast their vote on a \$3 billion corporate sales tax proposal on the Nov. 8 ballot, state lawmakers are considering ways to redesign the tax in the 2017 legislative session.

The “gross receipts” tax, contained in Measure 97, requires “C” corporations to pay the state 2.5 percent of their annual Oregon sales exceeding \$25 million.

If Measure 97 passes, “this will be the dominant issue of 2017,” said Sen. Mark Hass, D-Beaverton, chairman of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee. Hass’s committee already has filed placeholder bills to address the measure after the election.

While Gov. Kate Brown released some general goals in June to dampen the negative impact on certain businesses, this is the first time lawmakers have spoken publicly about possible proposals they could offer next session.

Lawmakers could make small fixes to the

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Mark Hass

County seeks foreclosure on Surf Pines rental

Owner has not paid room taxes

By **DERRICK DePLEDGE**
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“Contemporary living in Surf Pines!” teases the Airbnb listing for a four-bedroom house on Sea Breeze Drive with an open floor plan, wonderful art work and an awesome view.

Jill Storey is renting out her home as a vacation rental for \$300 a night, plus a 9.5 percent county room tax.

But Storey has not paid a

penny in county room taxes since she started listing the property in 2014.

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, hoping to set an example, took the unprecedented step Wednesday night of authorizing a foreclosure lawsuit in Circuit Court to collect \$7,845 in unpaid taxes.

Heather Reynolds, the county counsel, said it is the first time since the county room tax was adopted in 1990 that the county has had to foreclose to obtain payment.

Vacation rentals are popping up on the North Coast as

homeowners take advantage of the surge in tourism and the ease of tapping into the home-sharing economy.

Government is pushing back, however, because of the potential for vacation rentals to change the character of neighborhoods and drive up rental costs in a region with a lack of housing. Gearhart’s new vacation rental rules have divided the community. Cannon Beach is looking at a possible cap on short-term rentals, while Astoria has discouraged new vacation rentals.



Airbnb

The owner of a vacation rental in Surf Pines is facing a foreclosure lawsuit over unpaid county room taxes.

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