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ONE DOLLAR

LEKTRO 5,000



David Hobbs, ground support equipment fleet management specialist at American Airlines, smiles after completing an inspection of the 5,000th tug manufactured by Lektro on Wednesday at Lektro in Warrenton. The tug will be shipped to Los Angeles International Airport for use by American Airlines.

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County listens to timber suit opposition

Commission urged to opt out of lawsuit

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
For The Daily Astorian

Fishing guide Bob Reese asked for a show of hands.

He asked the dozens of people packed tightly into the meeting room at the Judge Guy Boyington Building in Astoria: Who wants the county to opt out?

Nearly everyone raised their hands.

On Wednesday night, at a special public comment period, an overwhelming majority urged the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners to withdraw from a \$1.4 billion class action lawsuit filed by Linn County against the state on behalf of 15 timber counties.

County commissioners were not required to hold the public comment session, but Scott Lee, the board chairman, and the other commissioners wanted to hear the community's opinions.



Scott Lee

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Deadline calls for retiring publisher

Warrenton weekly changes hands

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — After putting out nearly 1,500 weekly issues without fail, Gary Nevan can soon stop worrying about deadlines.

The publisher and owner of the Columbia Press since his 32nd birthday in 1988, Nevan, now 60, is handing the keys to the newspaper in January to Cindy Yingst, a veteran former reporter and editor from Southern California who once served as managing editor of The Daily Astorian, and her husband D.B. Lewis.

Nevan, who studied journalism at Western Washington University, first cut his teeth as an intern at the small community newspaper Voice of the Valley in Maple Valley, Washington.

"It was run by this old guy who had had it for probably 25, 30 years or so," Nevan said. "It was just a little paper, and he ran it out of his house, and I did everything there. I wrote feature stories, did layout, sold ads. And it was pretty cool. I thought, 'You know, I could maybe do this one day.'"



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Gary Nevan, the publisher of the Columbia Press community newspaper in Warrenton, poses for a portrait in his office on Wednesday in Warrenton. Nevan is retiring from the paper in January. "I never missed a deadline in 28 years," says Nevan.

Nevan worked a number of odd jobs, from construction on the North Slope of Alaska to communications at a software company in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Dissatisfied with working in the corporate world, Nevan said, he began to think back on his time at the Voice of the Valley, along with the freedom his parents and grandparents enjoyed as entrepreneurs.

"That really appealed to me, to

have that kind of independence," he said. "I didn't really want to answer to anybody else. I didn't want to be on a 9-to-5 time clock. I just wanted to do my own thing."

Looking for a community

Nevan said he wrote to all the small newspapers of Oregon and Washington state in places he might like to live.

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Edward Stratton/The Daily Astorian
The Columbia Press, Warrenton's community newspaper since 1978, changes hands at the end of the year from Gary Nevan to Cindy Yingst.

'We're just going to take a little breather. It's been a long haul for us, week after week. Weekly deadlines, it kind of takes its toll after a while.'

Gary Nevan
retiring publisher



Submitted Photo

NOAA Fisheries has an ambitious new recovery plan for Oregon Coast coho.

Massive new recovery plan set for coho salmon

Delisting target for coastal fish is 10 years

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
For The Daily Astorian

The federal government finalized a massive recovery plan Wednesday with an ambitious goal: get Oregon Coast coho salmon off the threatened species list in a mere 10 years.

If the plan is successful, these fish could be the first of the 28 threatened or endangered species of salmon on the West Coast to recover to the point of being delisted.

The strategies the plan outlines are voluntary, and success will rely heavily on

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Warrenton searches for new Warrior logo

Several options still on the table

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Faced with creating new, non-Native American imagery for schools, sports teams and merchandise, officials with Warrenton-Hammond School District have turned to a more general symbolism.

"On a philosophical level, it is my view that we have no mascot," Superintendent Mark Jeffery said at Wednesday's board meeting. "We are the Warriors. To me, a mascot is that thing that runs around with a costume."

Warrenton High School Principal Rod Heyen passed out a packet with

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Superintendent Mark Jeffery

a number of Warriors logos created by students in art instructor Brian Vollner's class. Heyen said he's been running the artwork by coaches and the school's band.

"What I was hopeful (for) is that we'd have ... kind of an organic movement," Heyen said. "As an old basketball coach, every year I would design a T-shirt for the kids with a different logo or a different design on it."

Heyen said part of the push to decide comes from merchandisers who sell Warrenton gear at stores like Walgreens and Rite Aid and want

the district to submit designs by the spring.

The high school's current logo includes a sword, shield and a metallic letter W, with a purple banner reading "Warrenton Warriors." Heyen said he's received positive and negative responses to the logo, which he added is not set in stone.

Nevan said he's taking submissions for logos, with Vollner and his students helping process them into workable graphics.

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Warrenton-Hammond School District has been using a logo with a sword, shield and a "Warrenton Warriors" banner. The district is taking suggestions for different logos, focusing on the letter W and the name Warriors.

