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## County part of national sex offender research

Weekly sessions identify triggers

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A handful of sex offenders sat on both sides of a conference room table at the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office — older offenders up to 82 years old on one side, younger ones at least 18 years old on the other. Clinical Social Worker Steven J. Powell pointed toward the more senior side of the table, but he directed his eyes toward the other.

"Do you guys really want to be on this side of the table when you're their age?" he asked. The scene took place at one of the weekly 90-minute meetings Powell holds for local sex offenders as part of a nationwide cognitive behavioral intervention trial program.

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Submitted Photo

Jackie Ferrier, project manager of the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge, discusses bird identification with youth hunters in 2015.

## Refuge seeks to move base close to town

Willapa wildlife area wants advice on new visitor center, offices

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LONG BEACH, Wash. — Officials with the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge want people to weigh-in on plans for a new headquarters and visitor center on the federal preserve that spans almost 17,000 acres.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the nonprofit Friends of Willapa National Wildlife Refuge are asking for input at a meeting scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the Pacific Coast Cranberry Museum in Long Beach.

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# MEET 'THE BEAST'



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The Friends of Old Fort Stevens recently purchased and refurbished a Vietnam War-era cargo truck to be used for tours at Fort Stevens State Park Historic Site. The two current military vehicles in use are from the 1950s and are wearing out.

## Vietnam War-era cargo truck goes to work at Fort Stevens



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Steve Wicklander, member of Friends of Old Fort Stevens, stands next to the newly acquired Vietnam War-era cargo truck that he is fixing up for the park's Military Museum on Wednesday at Fort Stevens State Park.

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Steve Wicklander

member of the Friends of Old Fort Stevens Board of Directors

Truck will take visitors through historic site

By JACK HEFFERNAN  
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HAMMOND — A Vietnam War-era cargo truck will transport visitors through Fort Stevens State Historical Site this summer.

Steve Wicklander, a member of the Friends of Old Fort Stevens Board of Directors, will finish refurbishing the 5-ton, six-wheel 1972 M54 by Wednesday. It will then become the third military vehicle available for guided tours through the park this summer.

Two 1950s-era trucks have been used for tours at the park, but they are wearing down and don't feature power steering, Wicklander said. One of them now will only be used as backup for peak visiting days when the other two trucks are occupied.

Wicklander, a Vietnam War veteran who drove an identical truck during his military service, joined the board five months ago with a goal in mind: find a new truck for the tours.

"I hammered them so hard to get a new truck, so they put me on the board and said, 'Go get one,'" Wicklander said.

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## Legislature looks to name official state pup, pony, pie

Several new symbols are up for discussion

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Oregon may be known as the Beaver State, but the state animal is only one of 29 different symbols adopted by the state Legislature.

The state also has a state beverage (milk), a state dance (the square dance) and a state outdoor pageant (Pendleton's Happy Canyon), to name a few. This legislative session six more state symbols are up for a vote.

State Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athena, said he lends his name to bills proposing state symbols sometimes because he tries to be responsive, where possible, to constituents who come to him with requests.

"Is it the most important thing we do? No, not even close," he said. "But it is something people are interested in."

Hansell's name is on two state symbol bills this year — one he sponsored at the request of a constituent to make the border collie the state dog, and one that Sen. Richard Deylin, D-Tualatin, asked him to join in proposing the Kiger Mustang become Oregon's state horse.

State symbols and com-

memorative days can draw constituent complaints that the Legislature is wasting time on unimportant issues.

Create awareness

But Hansell said a state symbol can create awareness for something that is important to Oregon. Naming the Dungeness crab as the state crustacean, for example, draws attention to something that brings a lot of income and tourism to the state.

"It can highlight a particular aspect of the culture or environment or what makes the state unique," he said.

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From upper left: border collie, marionberry pie, ospreys, the tartan, Kiger Mustangs and rescue dogs are being discussed as possible state symbols this Legislative session.

