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Picturing the past at Ocean View Cemetery

Judy Bearman demonstrates how she photographs headstones for the Find A Grave website on Wednesday at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton.

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Warrenton trio find, capture tombstones

By ERICK BENGEL
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Roughly 16,000 people lie buried at Ocean View Cemetery, a vast, sweeping necropolis overlooking Cemetery Lake and the distant

Pacific. And now it is easier for their family and friends to find pictures of the deceased's tombstones online.

Judy Bearman, of Warrenton, recently finished taking photos of every visible gravestone and posting the images on Find A Grave, a free website that allows users to add pics, identify burial locations and contribute biographical information.

The project, which she took over

from a church group, spanned more than a year. Bearman would venture into the cemetery on days with agreeable weather, tidy up the tombstones, photograph 100 to 150, edit the images and upload them to the website. Her husband, Thomas, later joined her.

She gave digital copies to Astoria, which owns and manages the cemetery.

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J.C. Penney set to close in Astoria

National retailer a fixture downtown

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

J.C. Penney in Astoria, one of the last major commercial retail outlets downtown, is among the 138 stores the company plans to close in the coming months.

The company announced earlier this year it would close 130 to 140 stores amid struggling competition with online and niche retailers, similar issues faced by other major retailers such as Sears and Macy's. The closures will bring the chain down to about 900 locations. About 5,000 employees will be displaced.

Representatives at the Astoria location deferred to the company's corporate media relations department, which could not immediately be reached for comment. Most locations are expected to start liquidation sales in April and close in June.

Astoria's location, the 109th opened by the retail chain, celebrated 100 years of business in April. According to a price board in English and Finnish, the store originally opened in the Spexarth Building.

In 1924, the store moved to its current location on Commercial Street, built specifically for the retailer after a large fire two years prior destroyed much of downtown.

The three-story location, between Paramount Drug Co. and Allstate Insurance, includes a tiled entrance inscribed with the store name, and was one of 13 locations made to look alike, according to operations supervisor Chris Hoffman.



Edward Stratton/The Daily Astorian
A former price board for J.C. Penney, which opened in April 1916, comes in both English and Finnish and espouses the Golden Rule philosophy by which James Cash Penney did business: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

JUSTICE REINVESTMENT

County out of step with state initiative to reduce prison use



Oregon Justice Reinvestment

The state has provided \$54 million in grants to counties since 2013 to reduce prison use for drug and property crimes. Clatsop County is among the top five for prison use above the baseline.*

- Below baseline
- Less than 10% above baseline
- 10% or more above baseline

*Yearly average of the total months for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015 for Measure 57 crimes including property, drug and driving offenses.

Grants to all counties

2013-15: \$15 million

2015-17: \$38.7 million

Grants to Clatsop County

2013-15: \$188,853

2015-17: \$414,410

Source: Oregon Criminal Justice Commission
EO Media Group graphic



By DERRICK DePLEDGE
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Oregon has sought to slow the costly growth of prison by easing sentences for drug and property crimes and giving counties grants to supervise more felons locally.

The reforms — known as justice reinvestment — have helped the state avoid building a new men's prison at Junction City.

Some of the largest counties, such as Multnomah, Marion and Lane, have embraced the incentives and reduced prison use from a state baseline, while others — like Clatsop County — have not.

Clatsop County is among the top five for prison use above the baseline, data from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shows.

District Attorney Josh Marquis has asked whether justice reinvestment is really a "neg-

ative bounty system" that will reward counties that send fewer people to prison with more grant money. He is concerned counties that have not performed as well as others have been stigmatized, down to the state charts that show counties above the baseline in red and the ones below in green.

"I feel very strongly about this," Marquis said. "I know where I'm driving our boat, and I know it's a different place — a different direction than, say, Marion and Multnomah are doing — and I also recognize that it may not be entirely what some of our partners who work with us in Clatsop County would like to see."

Finding common ground

Like the district attorney, local judges and probation officers believe defendants should be sentenced based on the nature of their drug and property crimes and their criminal

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Last-minute jockeying for Port slots

Fulton targets Campbell in special district election

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Port Commissioner Stephen Fulton will challenge Commissioner James Campbell in the May special district election, while Fulton's ally will campaign for an open seat, a strategy that could tip political power at the Port of Astoria.

Fulton waited until the filing deadline Thursday to announce he would switch seats and run against Campbell.

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Candidates file for education, health care, fire board seats.
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Pat O'Grady, the president of Warrenton Auto & Marine Repair and an ally of Fulton, filed against Frank Spence, a former city administrator, for the seat being vacated by Commissioner John Raichl.

Fulton, a wetlands expert for Warrenton Fiber, had been facing a bid from former Clatsop County Commissioner Dirk Rohne for his seat. Instead, former Warrenton City Commissioner Karl "Dick" Hellberg will run against Rohne.

Port Commission seats are not divided by neighborhood geography, so candidates can run for a position regardless of where they live. The last-minute jockeying sets up the May 16 election as a mandate on the future direction of the Port.

Fulton and Commissioner Bill Hunsinger have been critical of fellow commissioners and the Port's executive management, but have frequently been on the losing ends of 3-2 votes.



Stephen Fulton



James Campbell

Fulton vs. Campbell

Fulton, in a statement Thursday on his candidacy, leveled several allegations against Campbell.

"I am running against Jim Campbell because he ignores the financial realities the Port faces," he said. "The replacement of Mr. Campbell will produce maximum benefit for our taxpayers."

Fulton accused Campbell, an aviator who rents a hangar at the Astoria Regional Airport, of not disclosing a potential benefit to his space from a proposed bond measure for a new Life Flight Network hangar and other improvements for future development. Campbell, humored by the accusation, said an airport is the only place to hangar his plane.

"Mr. Campbell jeopardizes the Port by condoning an exclusive private social club that serves unlicensed alcoholic beverages at the airport," Fulton said in another allegation.

Philip Bales, a retired dentist and aviator, owns a private building at the airport on land he leases from the Port. Campbell said Bales holds social functions there, but that he does not sell anything.

Fulton said Campbell, who served on the Port Commission in the 1960s and 1970s and won election again in 2013, has zero enthusiasm for Port business other than the airport, is often ill-prepared and has failed in his years on the Port Commission to properly budget for long-term development or bring in additional cargo.

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