

Flavel stake in Astoria is no more

Sale takes last property out of final heir's hands

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Mary Louise Flavel has sold her last building in Astoria.

Portlanders Lisa and James Long purchased Flavel's building at the southeastern corner of Ninth and Commercial streets from her conservator, Caroline Evans, for \$269,000. The couple will keep Bosnian restaurant Drina Daisy in place and restore the surrounding storefronts.

Lisa Long, a Portland-area broker and owner of High Five Properties, said she and her husband have been visiting Astoria for some time, have friends locally and have always wanted to restore a vintage commercial building.

"This is like my husband's dream come true," she said of James Long, a contractor. "He has a history degree. When he found out it was a Flavel building, he needed to have it."

She said the first order of business is fixing the building's roof before winter, after which comes interior work to the office space on the corner of Ninth and Commercial streets.

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Thinking outside the can

Oregon food processors change as tastes evolve

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THE DALLES — Russell Loughmiller has seen firsthand how the food-processing industry has changed over the years. He's changing with it.

Loughmiller's Muirhead Canning Co. in The Dalles is one of the 1,016 food- and beverage-processing plants in Oregon and is part of a \$500 billion national industry, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service. But Loughmiller, 42, who has been canning peaches, cherries and pears for 11 years, has noticed a steady decline in consumers' desire for canned goods.

"That affects me directly. I go into grocery stores and see that canned fruit is shrinking," he said. "I feel like some of it is generational, and some of it is the availability of fresh fruit year-round."

Loughmiller bought the cannery in 2006, and employs 25 people.

Like every industry, food processing has gone through many rapid changes in recent

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A plant-friendly flyover



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

A drone, piloted by Joe Aga of Seattle-based Ryka UAS, prepares to fly over Colewort Creek last week. The area, within the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, has been undergoing restoration efforts and the data collected by the drone will allow researchers to monitor the area's progress. Find more photos online at DailyAstorian.com

Drones help map plant species at Lewis and Clark

By JACK HEFFERNAN
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The objects soaring above Lewis and Clark National Historical Park's Colewort Creek last week were not some of the area's native herons, eagles or hawks. Rather, they were a familiar form of 21st-century technology, and months of paperwork allowed them to migrate here.

Researchers with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration spent much of last week operating two drones in an effort to map out plant species.

Mounted with a hyperspectral scanner, which uses the electromagnetic spectrum to identify plant species, the drones helped researchers monitor the progress of an area that has undergone numerous restoration projects since 2007.

Natural Resources Program Manager Carla Cole said the Colewort Creek area serves as a living laboratory for scientific experiments due to its potential for salmon habitat use, water-quality measurements, vegetation surveys, soil analysis and native species plantings.

"Our extensive plant community and elevational data from our ongoing monitoring efforts will assist the NOAA researchers in ground-truthing their data for this study," Cole said. "We expect the results of this study to have useful and immediate management implications and to also be transferable to our partners throughout

the Lower Columbia estuary."

The researchers flew the drones one day in June, three times last week and will be there once again for a day this fall. They will analyze the video over the winter and use it to help develop a library to track both native and invasive plants species near the creek. Also, a roughly five-minute video collected by the drones will be available at the visitor's center.

Surmounting obstacles

Use of the drones this year did not come without a few bureaucratic obstacles.

The National Park Service banned recreational and commercial use of drones in national parks in 2014, citing issues with users landing them on national monuments and flying them over wildfires.

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Joe Aga, left, and Robert Erdt of Seattle-based drone operating company Ryka UAS perform a final preflight check on a drone before it flies over the Colewort Creek area to map plant species.

Clatsop County Fair: critters, carnies, caramel corn



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Tucker Delay, 5, carries a piglet to a warming lamp during setup for last year's Clatsop County Fair.

Country singers, comedy, magic, bikers on tap

By KAELIA NEAL
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The Clatsop County Fair starts today, so get ready to enjoy live entertainment, win prizes and eat salty, fried foods and sticky, sweet treats.

"We are offering all different types of things that will have an interest to everyone," said fair Manager Kathi Mattinen.

The fair has been operating for more than 100 years.

"It's a big community



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Colton Scheel weighs a Cornish Cross chicken for market at the 2015 Clatsop County Fair.

thing," said fair board Chairman Jack Edwards.

The fair is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. today through Saturday, with the carnival starting at 2 p.m. today and noon the rest of the week.

Entertainment highlights include country band Montgomery Gentry and country-rock group Showdown.

A comedy show by Mark and Dre and a magic show by Elias Caress is scheduled daily.

After missing last year, the BMX Freestyle Team is back for daily shows.

There will also be local performances, including one by the Maddox Dance Team, which takes the stage 1 p.m. Friday.

A new attraction is the Junk Queen's tent sale, where vendors sell vintage home decor, crafts, antiques and more.

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