

Why be nice? Ales & Ideas discusses

ASTORIA — Clatsop Community College and the Fort George Brewery are about to kickoff the 2017-18 first-Thursdays Ales & Ideas community lectures.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, College President Chris Breitmeyer presents “Why Being Nice Matters (Because Evolution Says So).”

The lecture, which draws upon Breitmeyer’s experiences in the natural sciences (ecological genetics) and educational leadership, will reveal how important cooperation, sharing and positive social interactions have been throughout evolutionary history.

Breitmeyer will then explain how community colleges, and specifically Clatsop Community College, embody many of these principles and can serve as an example to our community, and to the nation, for a better way forward.

Doors open with food and beverage service at 6 p.m. Come early to gather with Indivisible North Coast Oregon representatives, collect Immigration 101 information — in-

cluding Family Preparedness Packets, Know Your Rights/Know Your Roles info — and learn how residents can support Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students and other immigrant neighbors under threat.

Seasonal beers on tap, food and other beverages are available for purchase, but no purchase is required. The Fort George Lovell Showroom is located at Duane and 14th streets in Astoria. Everyone, including minors, are welcome.

Breitmeyer became Clatsop Community College President in July 2016. Prior to moving to Astoria, he served at Saint Charles Community College in St. Louis, first as Dean of Math, Science & Health, and then as the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.

He has a master’s degree program in Zoology from Arizona State University, and completed Ph.D. research in ecological genetics before accepting a position on the biology faculty at Yavapai Community College in Clarkdale, Arizona.



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Chris Breitmeyer, the president of Clatsop Community College since 2016



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The Bear Creek Watershed looking toward Wickiup Mountain.

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WICKIUP [WI•KĒ•ŌP] noun

1. an ovalish, easily constructed hut used by certain nomadic Native American tribes of the western and southwestern U.S.

2. Wickiup Reservoir: the second largest reservoir in Oregon is located outside of La Pine in Deschutes County. First dammed on the Deschutes River in 1949, the reservoir offers fishing, boating, wildlife viewing as well as supplying irrigation water for Central Oregon farms.

3. Wickiup Mountain: a 2702 foot peak southeast of Astoria that provided many early settlers with ample old-growth timber.

4. Wickiup Lake: a small lake on that mountain that provides water for the city of Astoria and nearby commu-



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An Apache Wickiup circa 1903

nities as part of the Nicolai-Wickiup Watershed.

Origin:

First recorded in 1843, though probably in use for generations prior to this, “wickiup” is synonymous with “wigwam.” It comes from the Fox dialect, also

sometimes referred to as the Sac and Fox dialect or the Mesquakie-Sauk dialect, a native Algonquian language that was once prevalently spoken from the Midwestern United States down through Northern Mexico. It is derived from the term wikipi, which simply means “house.”

“Water originating in the city’s wholly owned 3,700-acre forest once fed the city’s booming canneries and now supplies its breweries. It includes 32 miles of stream and tributaries, Bear Creek Reservoir, Middle Lake and Wickiup Lake.”

—“Our view: Astoria wise to invest in a healthy watershed,” *The Daily Astorian*, Sept. 19, 2017

“The river’s waters typically reach 1,600 cubic feet per second (45.3 cubic meters per second) near the Wickiup Reservoir, 60 miles (97 kilometers) southwest of Bend, in July and August and up to 2,100 cubic feet per second (59.5 cubic meters per second) near Benham Falls, according to data from the Oregon Water Resources Department.”

—“Upper Deschutes River flooding continues to be a problem,” *The Daily Astorian*, Sept. 18, 2017