

AT THE ASTORIA LIBRARY, A RECORD FIND

# Territorial court journals rediscovered in basement

By **KATIE FRANKOWICZ**  
*The Daily Astorian*

Two 168-year-old pieces of Oregon's judicial history have found a home in Salem after being rediscovered by chance in the basement of the Astoria Library.

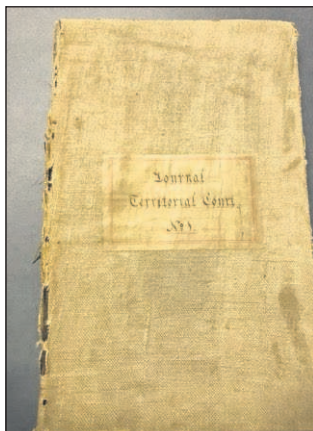
On Tuesday, Mayor Arline LaMear and others from the city presented two original journals from the Territorial Court of Clatsop County to Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Balmer. The volumes, dating from 1849 to 1853, will now become part of the State of Oregon Law Library's special collection. It is likely they are the only copies of the court's proceedings from that time, said Astoria Library Director Jimmy Pearson.

"We are delighted to give these journals to the Oregon Supreme Court for its legal collection, where we know they will be treasured and preserved as part of Oregon's legal legacy," LaMear said in a statement.

LaMear, Pearson, City Manager Brett Estes and City Councilor Cindy Price traveled to Salem to present the journals.

Balmer thanked the mayor and citizens of Astoria "for this wonderful gift," which he called a "remarkable piece of history."

The journals are the court's official record of cases from before Oregon became a state, when the region was known as the Oregon Territory. They record a variety of cases, including a family law case appointing a guardian for a "lad." The territorial judge at the time was Orville C. Pratt, later known for presiding over Oregon's first death penalty case and for being the sole dissenter of an Oregon Supreme Court decision to locate the territorial capital in Salem rather than Oregon City.



City of Astoria  
The journals recorded court proceedings from before Oregon was a state.

The journals were rediscovered when Pearson took then newly-elected city councilors Bruce Jones and Tom Brownson on a tour of the basement last November and Jones happened to spot the journals. Over the decades, the basement has become a storage facility of sorts for a variety of documents, books, furniture and other historic items. The state's law library plans to make electronic and bound copies of the court journals for

Astoria, and will also make copies available to historians and scholars in Salem. The originals will be preserved in the law library's collection of historical legal references.

Pearson is glad to have found a home for the journals. As he and his staff, along with local historic preservationist John Goodenberger, sort through the items in the basement, attempting to prepare the space for upcoming renovation work, they are constantly trying to figure out where things should go.

With each item they uncover, Pearson works through a list of questions: What do we have? How can we best preserve it? How can it best be accessed by the public? And, what is the proper location?

For the court journals, he was able to answer all of those questions when Mayor LaMear presented them to the Supreme Court justice.

"For me, I think knowing what they are and how valuable they are to informing the territorial court history for the state, it just felt like the right place for them to be," he said.

# Police notice spike in thefts from cars

By **JACK HEFFERNAN**  
*The Daily Astorian*

Police have noticed a rise in thefts from parked cars in recent weeks.

Dispatch logs the have reflected a spike in people entering unlocked vehicles throughout Clatsop County. Groups of people sometimes stop in rural areas, where residents often feel more comfortable leaving cars

unlocked, to take advantage of theft opportunities, Warrenton Police Chief Mathew Workman said.

"This stuff just goes in spurts," Workman said. "It's not just unlocked vehicles, it's unlocked vehicles with decently priced items in there."

Warrenton police have increased patrols to search for suspicious activity. An officer located a man early

Tuesday morning who may have been searching through cars. But after establishing a perimeter near Warrenton City Park and searching the area for nearly an hour, police were unable to locate him.

Workman advised residents to lock car doors, remove valuable items from cars or, at least, keep them stowed away in lockable consoles or glove compartments.

## NOVEMBER 16

# Clatsop Community College President Chris Breitmeyer

A Columbia Forum Presentation



Chris Breitmeyer started his career in education as a high school biology instructor in Bloomington, IL. After a few years his interest in learning more about the world around us led him to enter graduate school to study ecological genetics. Eventually his passion for teaching led him to a faculty position at Yavapai College in Arizona, where he taught and learned with students for ten years. Looking to challenge himself he made the transition to academic leadership with a job at Saint Charles Community College, eventually becoming Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs. He now feels like he has the best job in higher education as the president of Clatsop Community College. He is an advocate for the mission of community colleges, the change they can bring to their students, and their communities.

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Forum to be held at the CMH Community Center at 2021 Exchange St., Astoria.



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**Army Soldiers from the Army and People's Liberation Army practice rescue operations during last year's Disaster Management Exchange in China. The annual exchange will take place Monday through Nov. 19 at locations in Portland and Camp Rilea.**

# Joint U.S., Chinese disaster exercise comes to Oregon

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A joint disaster relief training between the U.S. and China's People's Liberation Army is coming to locations in Portland and Camp Rilea.

The Army's 8th Theater Sustainment Command, the senior logistics unit of the Pacific Area, is hosting the 13th-annual Pacific Disaster Management Exchange from Monday through Nov. 19. The event is being held in Oregon for the first time.

This year's scenario is a multinational response to a separate country devastated by severe floods. The event includes discussions, exchanges and a field exercise.

Approximately 190 soldiers and civilians will take part, about half from the U.S. and half from China. U.S. organizations participating include the Army, Oregon National Guard, Coast Guard Sector Columbia River, Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Geological Survey, along with the Pacific Disaster Center, an applied research center managed by the University of Hawaii.



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**A:** Seriously, this begins with you. In today's dental world, fewer people are losing all their teeth. The very best advice is to be diligent, maybe even obsessive in your home-care brushing and flossing. Next, like it or not, see your dental hygienist frequently and your dentist regularly for dental checkups. You will be way ahead — cost-wise, time-wise and treatment-wise — by making routine dental care part of your life's commitment. We look forward to seeing you.



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**A:** Arm pain can be caused by a variety of problems, most arising out of the neck. They range from a simple neck sprain, overuse, a whiplash or a disk injury. The symptoms can be alarming, but often respond well to conservative care. Shoulder pain can also radiate from the neck. A physical exam usually differentiates the cause and origin of the problem. Imaging like x-rays or an MRI may be useful. Helpful home care is ice on the neck. Effective care can include chiropractic manipulation, traction, laser and electrical stimulation.

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