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Wyden, Merkley call on Trump to resign

Oregon Democrats join critical senators

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U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden and U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley have urged President Donald Trump to resign over sexual misconduct allegations.

The Oregon Democrats are among five senators calling on the president to step down as other politicians accused of sexual misconduct have done.

Several women who have complained about Trump spoke out again Monday and urged Congress to investigate the president's behavior.

"These women are right," Wyden posted on Twitter. "If @realDonaldTrump won't resign, Congress must investigate allegations by many, many women that he sexually assaulted and harassed them. No one is above the law."

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Going up, up, up to fight fires

New \$1.2 million Seaside fire truck

By R.J. MARX
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — In about 18 months, Seaside Fire and Rescue will be the proud owner of a new tractor-drawn aerial quint.

The nearly \$1.2 million firefighting apparatus provides five functions: pump, water tank, fire hose, aerial device and ground ladders.

The ladder will reach 100 feet — 25 feet more than the fire department's 75-foot ladder truck — to meet the needs of Seaside's tallest buildings, Fire Chief Joey Daniels said at Monday night's City Council meeting.

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Q&A

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Hampton Lumber CEO prefers talks, not tariffs, on Canadian lumber imports



Steven Zika has been CEO of Hampton Lumber since 2006.



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A worker operates machinery processing wood products at the Hampton Lumber mill in Warrenton.

Company has mills in Oregon, Washington state and British Columbia

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Eight years ago, Hampton Lumber purchased a mill along the Skipanon River employing nearly 100 people from fellow wood products company Weyerhaeuser. Hampton invested an estimated \$18 million renovating the mill and now directly employs about 150 people there turning out up to 200 million board feet of Douglas fir and hemlock lumber.

Steve Zika, the CEO of Hampton Lumber since 2006, recently met with The Daily Astorian and detailed the company's local presence.

The third-generation family-owned company has been in business 75 years, since founder Bud Hampton bought his first mill in Willamina. The company now operates four mills in Oregon, three in Washington state and two in British Columbia. It also owns a 34,000-acre tree farm in eastern Clatsop County, around 12,000 acres in western Washington County and around 12,000 acres in Washington's Pacific County.

The U.S. International Trade Commission recently upheld tariffs of more than 20 percent on lumber imports from Canada, ruling the neighbor to the north subsidizes and dumps timber on the American market. Overseeing mills on both sides of the border, Zika provided his



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An employee at the Hampton Lumber mill in Warrenton keeps a sharp eye on equipment moving products through the facility.

take on the issue of Canadian subsidies and tariffs.

Q: How did Hampton Lumber end up in Warrenton?

A: During the Great Recession, Weyerhaeuser was looking to sell that facility, and since we were already in the Oregon, North Coast area, we felt good about the potential for that mill. It had been some-

what run-down, because they knew they were going to sell it, so they hadn't been investing in it. So we not only bought the mill, but at the time invested roughly \$18 million to update the mill.

Q: What's the biggest factor affecting Hampton's business?

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Cannon Beach fire board member resigns



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Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District board member Linda Beck-Sweeney resigned Monday night.

Beck-Sweeney leaves for 'personal reasons' after 18 years of service

By BRENNA VISSER
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CANNON BEACH — Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District board member Linda Beck-Sweeney resigned Monday night, citing "personal reasons."

Beck-Sweeney, who has served on the board since 1999, was one of three board members who prevailed in a recall vote last year organized by residents who criticized the board's handling of former Fire Chief Mike Balzer's firing.

Beck-Sweeney did not indicate whether or

not the experience played a role in her decision, but said after 34 years of volunteer work in Cannon Beach she needed to focus more on her personal life.

"I've been doing this since March of 1999. I love it, but I need to make some changes in my personal life, and I feel like it's time to step away from the board for awhile," she said. "It has nothing to do with the board."

Mark Morgans of Greenwood Resources was recommended by Beck-Sweeney and appointed by the board to fill her position until the seat is up for election in May 2019. Morgans served as a volunteer firefighter at the district for more than 17 years before stepping down as a captain in 2016.

"It was the right time to retire then, but when you make this kind of commitment it becomes

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