

YOU LUCKY DOG

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Felix the dog is reunited with his owner, Sarah Stremming, after he was rescued Tuesday at Ecola State Park by members of the Seaside rope and rescue team.

ROPE AND RESCUE TEAM SAVES STRANDED DOG FROM CLIFF IN ECOLA STATE PARK



Courtesy Sarah Stremming

Felix, who went missing on Christmas Day.



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The Seaside rope and rescue team celebrates after the successful rescue of a dog that fell over a cliff at Ecola State Park.

Felix went missing on Christmas day hike

By BRENNA VISSER
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In a dramatic rescue, a dog stranded overnight on a cliff north of Indian Beach was brought to safety Tuesday morning.

Felix, a 2-year-old border collie, was rescued unharmed from a precipice 60 feet from the crest of the Clatsop Loop trail by the Seaside rope and rescue team.

He had gone missing around 3 p.m. Monday during a Christmas day hike.

"He doesn't just leave, it's not like how he is," said Sarah Stremming, Felix's owner. "He does like water, so I figured he went over the cliff. He would have come back to me when I called if he hadn't."

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Gearhart woman wants to bring newcomers together

Ticor Title sales executive
Ellie Ludy strives to start
North Coast Newcomer Group

By BRENNA VISSER
The Daily Astorian

GEARHART — There's a lot about Gearhart Ellie Ludy has grown to love. The scenery

is breathtaking and the people are kind, she said.

Having an elk herd wander through town is another bonus she didn't expect when she moved to the coast about a year ago.

"It just is unbelievable," Ludy laughed. "I knew there would be elk, but I didn't know they would come into your yard!"

She contemplated moving to Portland after her children and grandchildren moved to Hillsboro, but decided to semi-retire and transition into a "tranquil" life by the beach. She chose Gearhart for its quaint aesthetic and quiet vibe, she said.

"I grew up on the beach on a little island off southern California and I just loved this area," she said. "I originally looked in the Portland area and I started to wonder why I was changing from one highly dense community for another."

The ability to meet new friends is one aspect of North Coast living she has found to be more difficult. A sales executive



Ellie Ludy

utive at Ticor Title in Seaside, Ludy meets numerous clients in the real estate industry, but meeting people outside of work is proving to more of a challenge.

"That's why I want to start the North Coast Newcomers group," Ludy said. "I think like any small community, it's very hard to break into relationships

and groups of people who have been friends for maybe 20 or 30 years. You have these cemented groups. And when someone new moves in they are very nice, but you don't get invited to anything. And I understand that, but I also want to change it."

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Program welcomes new Clatsop parents, babies to smart start

Parents given
resource
guides, basic
supplies

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Shortly after giving birth to their daughter Rilee, Ashley Nimmo and Andy Gonzalez received a proverbial how-to guide on raising newborns — a blue reusable tote bag.

Inside, the new parents found a curated guide of local resources, toiletries, toys and a children's book they've been reading to their newborn.

"I didn't know that you were supposed to read to them from Day 1," Nimmo said.

The couple were some of the first participants in the Welcome Baby program, an effort by the early child development advocates Clatsop Kinder Ready to encourage research-based cognitive development from birth.

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Clatsop Kinder Ready's Welcome Baby bags include a myriad of resources on early childhood development, including an educational booklet printed on a student-run press at Jewell School.

