

Pathways: North Coast schools seek career programs for students

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The school district is close to building a new welding, automotive and technology center paid for by state grants and donations. The natural resources program would incorporate those classes as supports to the hatchery, Heyen said.

Astoria is focused on creating a natural resources career pathway that incorporates the student-run hatchery, along with plant and animal sciences.

"We're trying to take a hybrid of classes with marine sciences as well as industrial arts and agriculture," said Astoria High School Principal Lynn Jackson.

The school district's wood shop teacher, Dan Foss, will soon retire after more than 30 years. The district is looking to replace him with an industrial arts and agriculture teacher, while expanding the high school's wood shop to include more construction equipment, taking students from small carpentry projects to learning construction trades, Jackson said.

The high school is also looking to expand its greenhouse to allow students to grow plants for sale, and would establish a Future Farmers of America club the district hasn't had since budget cuts in the late 2000s, Jackson said. Students who go through the programs would also be strong candidates for Clatsop Works, the county's new internship program.

In addition to natural resources, Warrenton is looking to start a graphic design career pathway. Two years ago, the district started the graphic design class under instructor Brian Vollner and wanted to take computer instruction beyond Microsoft Word, Excel and other basics students



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Astoria High School is creating a natural resources career pathway, including marine science and fisheries courses taught by instructor Lee Cain.

already learn in other classes. Students in Vollner's class learn the ins and outs of editing photos and creating infographics. Vollner sees the graphic design program adding increasingly complex courses as students advance, culminating in a student-run press. "What I'd like these kids to do is be ready for upper collegiate

classes or to work for a printing press," Vollner said. Seaside, home of a competitive culinary arts team, is trying to create a related career pathway by next year. Knappa is also trying to start a career pathway in forestry. With all the school districts around the state pursuing career pathways, the additional funding

from the state could be negligible, Jackson said. But behind all these efforts is providing students more options to explore before they leave high school, while helping solve the structural underemployment caused by the workforce not having the right skills for in-demand jobs, he said.

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imagine a little bit further. Perhaps, maybe, table this so we can discuss it and look at it more," Sullivan said.

"I would like to take more time to look at this issue. I don't think we're going to be penalized by taking a little more time to look at it."

Sullivan voted against the proposal along with Commissioner Lianne Thompson, who said the decision of what to do with the surplus land is "a good problem to have."

"I'd like to have us take a fuller look, a deeper look, because the first impulse is to say, 'Yeah, let's do that,'" Thompson said. "On the other hand, if we step back and consider, we might get better benefit."

But the county housing study will not be completed for at least another six months, Moore said.

"I'm guessing there are people out on the street that think time would mean an awful, awful lot," Moore said. "We certainly could wait, but, I mean, I think there are people that probably would say, 'Hey, you could help me now. Why didn't you do it?'"

The fund is the latest idea the county has proposed to tackle homelessness and low-income housing woes.

Last year, the county — based originally on an idea pitched by Sullivan — donated a dilapidated Alderbrook home to Community Action Team and Clatsop Community Action, two nonprofits that help low-income residents. Rather than the county placing the foreclosed property up for auction, the

nonprofits instead cleared the massive amounts of debris in the home with the intention of selling it and using the proceeds to build low-income housing units in the future.

"I am really puzzled since both Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Sullivan have been very vocal about homelessness," Nebeker said Wednesday. "Here's an opportunity that's been brought to us through thoughtful consideration and yet, we're walking away."

The county's involvement in the homelessness issue would be coming at the right time, said Alan Evans, Helping Hands' executive director.

"I think the buy-in from the county is good to tackle one of the biggest problems we face today," Evans said. "I think everybody is noticing the shift that's happening

with a lack of affordable housing. We're offering jobs on the coast out here, but people need a place to live."

While it's unclear how much the homelessness fund would expand, foreclosed property sales would likely be the primary source of its growth.

"It's a great thing, and I think it's a model for other communities," Evans said.

Commissioner Lisa Clement was absent from the meeting and unable to cast the tie-breaking vote Wednesday.

Because the proposal did not receive a majority, it is tabled indefinitely. But Lee, the board's chairman, said it will be placed on a meeting agenda again soon.

"This will come up again," Lee said after the meeting, "and next time we'll have the votes."

Music: Boosters pack Astoria School Board in support of teacher

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Calvin-Pederson declined to answer whether she would take either position under the proposed restructuring. But her husband, Cory Pederson, the Jewell music instructor, said Wednesday that she would no longer be the teacher if the proposal goes through. He asked for the school district to include the community and find a solution that would save the strings program.

Several of Calvin-Pederson's students testified about her influence and the importance of having a string specialist.

Violinist Julie Foss, a junior at Astoria High School, said she has been playing nine years with Calvin-Pederson.

"The plan for next year makes that strings position undesirable, which would take away this beautiful program from a lot of students who care about it," Foss said.

Several music leaders, including Liberty Theatre Director Jennifer Crockett and the North Oregon Coast Symphony's Charlene Larsen and Glenn Thomas, came out in support of Calvin-Pederson and urged the school board to consider the effect on the community of losing a strings program.

One parent, however, took issue with how she said children are being used as pawns by Calvin-Pederson.

"My children's job is to learn, not to fight for a teacher's preferred schedule or medical benefits," Kallie Linder said.

The school district has argued the restructuring is needed to make scheduling of core subjects less dependent on the travel of music teachers.

The school district employs the equivalent of four full-time music instructors split between four schools. John Jacob Astor Elementary School has one general music instructor, Jeanine Van De Grift. Lewis and Clark Elementary School shares two teachers, Calvin-Pederson and band teacher Jeremy Johnson. Calvin-Pederson, Johnson and choir teacher Matthew Pierce each split time between Astoria Middle School and Astoria High School teaching their specialties.

A recommendation by the district would add the equivalent of half a full-time teacher to the music staff. Lewis and Clark would have a dedicated general music teacher, the same as Astor. Full-time band and choir teachers would be split between the middle and high schools. A part-time orchestra instructor would split time between the middle and high schools, no longer visiting Lewis and Clark.

Astoria Superintendent Craig Hoppes, responding to audience calls Wednesday to explain the recommendation, said it's difficult to schedule 90 minutes of daily reading for students at Lewis and Clark as recommended with the schedules of music teachers. The district also has a flourishing band program and needs to redirect Johnson's time to the middle and high schools, he said.

"Angela's a great teacher, but I need solutions," Hoppes said. "Because you know that I have 90 minutes of reading block that I have to get, and I will get it one way or another."

Hoppes is more than willing to take another look at solutions to accommodate the strings program and reading requirements, but there has to be some give-and-take, he said.

School board members said they are not trying to damage the music program. Board member Jenna Rickenbach said that while kids need the 90-minute reading block, she also sees people's concerns that a part-time strings position would make it difficult to have a sustainable strings program.

"We will probably go back to the drawing board," said Jeannette Sampson, the board chairwoman, who became emotional in response to the testimony on behalf of Calvin-Pederson.

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Heaven Is for Real (2014, Drama)	Kelly Reilly, Connor Corum, Greg Kinnear.	** Marley and Me (2008, Drama)	Jennifer Aniston, Eric Dane, Owen Wilson.	24	ROOT	(38) In Depth	Undeniable Joe Buck "Abby Wambach" In the Spotlight	Focused	Poker Night	Poker Heartland Tour	Hot Rod	Hot Rod	Hot Rod	Hot Rod	Hot Rod	Hot Rod	Hot Rod	25	F51	(39) (5:00) BIG3 Basketball Draft (L)	UFC Road "Poirier vs. Gaethje"	MLB Whiparound (L)	TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak for Yourself	26	SPIKE	(43) Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Nobodies (N)	** Tammy '14, Comedy	Susan Sarandon, Melissa McCarthy.	27	COM	(44) The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition (N)	28	HIST	(45) Swamp People "Swamp Ninja"	Swamp People "Cajun Combat"	Swamp People "Cajun Combat"	Swamp: Blood "Comeback Kings" (N)	Swamp "Black Lagoon Battle" (N)	(0:05) Truck Night "Buy the Farm" (N)	(0:05) Swamp "Black Lagoon Battle"	29	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Killer Contact"	The First 48 "Old Wounds"	The First 48 "Old Wounds"	Law&Order: SVU "Star-Struck Victims"	Law&Order: SVU "Manhattan Transfer"	A. Ninja "Qualifying Episode" (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	30	TLC	(47) Trading Spaces	My 600-lb Life "Penny's Story"	My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Jennifer and Marissa's Story"	Naked and Afraid "Guyana Lake"	Naked and Afraid "Guyana Lake"	Naked and Afraid "Montserrat"	Skin Tight "Mikki and Denise"	Skin Tight "Mikki and Denise"	600 Life "Jennifer and Marissa's Story"	600 Life "Jennifer and Marissa's Story"	Naked and Afraid "Hearts of Darkness"	31	NGEO	(49) Port Protection "Hunter's Paradise"	Port Protection "Backwoods Fix"	Port Protection "Backwoods Fix"	Life Below Zero "Arctic Super Moon"	Life Below Zero "Winter's Grip"	My Fighting Sea. "The Chark Tank" (N)	Wicked Tuna "Smoke On The Water"	32	TNT	(50) NCIS: New Orleans "Second Chances"	NCIS: New Orleans "Radio Silence"	** Divergent (2014, Action)	Kate Winslet, Miles Teller, Shailene Woodley.	(4:45) ** Insurgent	(15, Sci-Fi) Theo James, Shailene Woodley.	33	AMC	(51) (3:00) The Hobbit: An Unexpected J...	** The Green Mile (1999, Drama)	David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.	34	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Scheherazade"	Law&Order: SVU "Star-Struck Victims"	Law&Order: SVU "Manhattan Transfer"	A. Ninja "Qualifying Episode" (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	35	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped "An Ugly Turn"	Chopped "Gimme Gator"	Chopped "Gimme Gator"	Jay Leno's Garage "Space Age"	Jay Leno's Garage "Love Stories"	Jay Leno's Garage "Love Stories"	Watch What (N)	Watch What (N)	Southern Charm	36	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Atlanta (N)	Atlanta	R.I.P.D. '13, Act	37	FX	(56) (4:30) Deadpool '16	Ryan Reynolds.	** Furious 7 (2015, Action)	Paul Walker, Jason Statham, Vin Diesel.	38	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	39	FNC	(58) Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Fox News @ Night	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	40	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	Sisland "The New York Watermaker"	Jay Leno's Garage "The Next Generation"	Jay Leno's Garage "Space Age"	Jay Leno's Garage "Space Age"	Jay Leno's Garage "Love Stories"	Jay Leno's Garage "Love Stories"	Jay Leno's Garage "Love Stories"	Jay Leno's Garage "Love Stories"	Jay Leno's Garage "Love Stories"	Jay Leno's Garage "Love Stories"	41	BRAV	(63) South/Charm "A Tribe Called Key West"	Southern Charm	Southern Charm	Southern Charm	Southern Charm (N)	Imposters "Trouble Maybe" (N)	Watch What (N)	Watch What (N)	Watch What (N)	Watch What (N)	Watch What (N)	42	TCM	(64) (5:00) Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	** Around the World in 80 Days (1956, Comedy/Drama)	Shirley MacLaine, Marlene Dietrich, David Niven.	43	SYFY	(65) ** Paul (2011, Comedy)	Simon Pegg, Seth Rogen, Nick Frost.	** Armageddon (1998, Adventure)	Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis.	Armageddon '98, Adv	Bruce Willis.	44	RFD	(62) SF Machinery (N)	Small Town	Rural America "Caterpillar, Inc." (N)	Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library