

Taylor will run for mayor

She serves as president of downtown association

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Dulcye Taylor, the president of the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association, will run for mayor.



Dulcye Taylor

"I take great pride in Astoria and am excited to announce my candidacy for mayor," Taylor said in a statement today. "I'm running for this important seat because I love Astoria and want others to appreciate this place we call home."

Mayor Arline LaMear's four-year term ends this year. She has said she will not seek re-election in November.

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Primary election in home stretch

Turnout may end up being low across state

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Just 26 percent of registered voters in Clatsop County had turned in ballots Monday for the primary election, higher than the statewide mark but foreshadowing the potential for low voter turnout across Oregon.

Ballots are due by 8 p.m. tonight. As of Monday morning, about 18.6 percent of ballots were returned across the state. That's a low compared to recent years, according to the Oregon Secretary of State's Office.

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BALLOT DROP

Voters can drop off ballots by 8 p.m. outside the county offices at 820 Exchange St.; Cannon Beach City Hall at 163 E. Gower Ave.; Gearhart City Hall at 698 Pacific Way; Seaside City Hall at 989 Broadway; Warrenton City Hall at 225 S. Main Ave.; Knappa High School at 41535 Old U.S. Highway 30; Mist-Birkenfeld Fire Hall at 12525 Oregon Highway 202; and Clatskanie Library at 11 Lillich St.



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Katie Voelke, executive director of the North Coast Land Conservancy, gives a presentation about the Rainforest Reserve with Amrita Vatsal, managing director of Ecotrust Forest Management.

'The Galapagos island of Oregon'

About \$1 million raised so far for rainforest preserve near Arch Cape

By **BRENNA VISSER**
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About \$1 million has been raised through private donations and grants to transform forested land behind Arch Cape into a rainforest preserve and protected watershed.

After committing in November 2016 to purchase 3,500 acres of rainforest above Oswald West State Park for conser-

vation, the \$1 million mark sets the North Coast Land Conservancy on track in a five-year fundraising campaign to raise \$10 million to buy the land from Ecotrust Forest Management, which is managing the property until that goal is met.

Arch Cape also hopes to turn another 2,100 acres of this land into a community forest, a project born out of the desire to protect the town's watershed.

Dozens of people representing the forestry industry, parks service, U.S. Forest Service and environmental advocacy groups toured this terrain last week as a part of the regional Community Forest Forum. The tour is one of many to come as the land trust works to drum up public interest to raise funds.

The goal is to protect what is con-

sidered a culturally and ecologically unique environment for generations, said Katie Voelke, the conservancy's executive director. Because of the way the land was formed millions of years ago, there are some species of wildlife that are unique to just a few peaks along this coastal range.

"In a way it's like the Galapagos island of Oregon," Voelke said.

It will also be the first place in Oregon, and one of few places in the world, where an entire coastal watershed is permanently conserved, from the headwaters to the ocean. The land trust hopes to have \$3 million more in donations and pledges by year's end.

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A clearcut within the Arch Cape watershed.



Gearhart radio station gets new ownership

'The Rock' comes to the North Coast

By **R.J. MARX**
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Gearhart-based radio station 93.3 KEUB-FM will debut this month as "The Rock," catering to men who like traditional rock, grunge, hair bands and alternative music.

"No one is super-serving the males between 18 and 49 years old," said Jeff Jacobs, the new owner. "In general, no one's really taking care of that age group, which is nearly half

of the population of the county. What we've devised is a perfect fit for this."

According to the industry publication Radio and Business Report, Radio Beam LLC sold KEUB to Jacobs Radio Programming for \$80,000 in late March. Reassignment of the license is scheduled to take place before September.

Jacobs and his staff hosted an introductory cocktail party Friday at the Shilo Oceanfront Inn.

Jacobs grew up in Eastern Oregon and vacationed throughout the coast. He started in radio at age 12 and studied broadcasting at the College of La Grande, now

Eastern Oregon University. Joining a local radio station, he learned the ropes of radio broadcasting and climbed the management ranks.

Jacobs Radio was launched in 2001 and Jacobs purchased his first radio station in 2005.

"The Rock" will be the company's eighth station in Washington state and Oregon, with affiliates covering areas between the Tri-Cities, Hermiston, Moses Lake, Wenatchee and The Dalles.

Another company owned by Jacobs, doing business as Tri-Cities Billboard, markets mobile billboards throughout the Northwest.

A mutual friend helped bro-

ker the radio station deal with owner Ernie Hopseker, who is retiring, Jacobs said.

Studios and facilities will be in Gearhart Plaza on U.S. Highway 101, with towers on Tillamook Head and in Astoria.

Radio hosts will include Twitch in the morning, Marconi at night, and "rock chick extraordinaire" Robbie Knight.

A Memorial Day kickoff is planned, with a range from Cannon Beach to Astoria.

"It's modern rock with a lot of bands people will know," Jacobs said. "It's not going to be a classic rock — but you might hear Zeppelin. You've



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Radio station owner Jeff Jacobs at the Shilo Oceanfront Inn in Seaside.

got kids now who even though they weren't anywhere near around Zeppelin or anything, they like it because it's new to them."

