

Train to be a trucker

ASTORIA — Clatsop Community College is hosting the Tillamook Bay Community College Truck Driving Training Program in Astoria for area residents to have the opportunity to become a CDL Certified Truck Driver. Students in this program can earn a CDL in Astoria in four weeks.

The deadline to apply is Tuesday, Jan. 29, though the class does not start until March 18 and runs through April 12. Students must commit to classes 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to receive the certification. The four-week training session will consist of one week of classroom training and three weeks of field training on location.

The approximate fee cost for the complete program is \$5,000 with partial scholarships available through Tillamook Bay Community College. The application and registration processes are all done through Tillamook Bay Community College.

Contact Suzie Clark at 503-842-8222 ext. 1430 or suzie-clark@tillamookbaycc.edu for more information and to apply.

Tackle ivy along the Skipanon

WARRENTON — Invasive English ivy has a foothold along the Skipanon River in Warrenton, where it climbs into Sitka spruces and other native trees, causing them to rot and ultimately topple.

North Coast Land Conservancy is seeking volunteers for a stewardship day, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, to tackle ivy in the conservancy's Skipanon Forest Habitat Reserve.

The spruce forest-and-swamp habitat type that characterizes the property is considered globally rare. The Land Conservancy scheduled this stewardship day in the winter, when the deciduous vegetation has died back and it's a little easier to move around, but volunteers can still expect rough walking. Most of the ivy at Skipanon Forest is growing on large Sitka spruce trees, but there may be some on the ground as well. Handsaws, loppers and other tools will be used to remove this invasive vine.

Email Stewardship Director Melissa Reich at melissar@nclctrust.org or call her at 503-738-9126 if you plan to attend. She will provide directions to the site (and will notify volunteers should inclement weather force a change of date). Wear gloves and work boots. The Land Conservancy will supply the tools. Bring water and snacks/lunch; there are no toilets and no potable water at the site. Dogs are not allowed on any NCLC properties.

Details about this and other North Coast Land Conservancy volunteer opportunities are at NCLCtrust.org; look for Hands-on Stewardship under "EVENTS."



North Coast Land Conservancy
Volunteers work together to remove thick ivy vines creeping up a Sitka spruce at the North Coast Land Conservancy's Sand Creek Wetlands Habitat Reserve, near Skipanon Forest, in January 2018.

Crossword Answers

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