

Clatsop Community Bank to merge with Lewis & Clark Bank

Deal is expected to close this year

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Clatsop Community Bank is being absorbed into Oregon City-based Lewis & Clark Bank in a merger expected to close by the middle of this year.

The merger, valued at \$15 million for Clatsop shareholders, was unanimously approved by the governing boards of both banks. It is subject to approval by regulators and shareholders in each bank.

"Lewis & Clark is the perfect partner for Clatsop Community Bank," Joe Schulte, the CEO of Clatsop Community Bank, said in a news release. "We are excited to combine with Lewis & Clark and continue to offer our customers exceptional service and tailored products. This is a great opportunity for Clatsop Community Bank to immediately benefit from increased scale and participate in much larger, adjacent markets."

Three board members from Clatsop Community Bank will join a nine-member board for Lewis & Clark. Jeff Sumpter, president and CEO of Lewis & Clark, will continue in his role, while Schulte will be market president.

"Clatsop Community

Bank is a great bank and an ideal partner for us." Sumpter said in the release. "We have similar cultures and banking philosophies, and this combination will create significant synergies and opportunities for future growth.

The greater scale and added liquidity will strengthen our financial position, expand our ability to serve our clients and better position us for future growth."

When the deal closes, Clatsop shareholders will receive approximately 0.3 Lewis & Clark shares and \$2.89 in cash for each share of Clatsop stock. Based on Lewis & Clark's most recent closing stock price of \$34.25, the merger consideration is valued at \$13.30 per Clatsop share, although the value will fluctuate.

Clatsop Community Bank, formed in 2008, has branches in Astoria and Seaside. As of last year, the bank had \$95 million in assets.

Lewis & Clark Bank, chartered commercially in 2006, serves Oregon and southwest Washington state through its main branch in Oregon City.



Joe Schulte

Crabber paddles to shore to be with wife during labor — it's a boy!

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GEARHART — A crabber jumped overboard and paddled to shore on a surfboard early Tuesday morning in hopes to make it on time for the birth of his son.

Dylan Ford said he got a call that his wife, Grace Darling, was going into labor. Fortunately, Ford and his captain had it all planned out in case this happened.

"(They told me), 'Well we'll just drop you off as close as we can someone can pick you up wherever

we're at,'" Ford said.

Ford, an experienced surfer, hopped overboard off the shore near Gearhart. He paddled a quarter-mile to shore in about 15 minutes, much faster than the five to six hours it would have taken the fishing boat to dock.

"There was always that thought in my head I wouldn't make it," Ford said.

He was picked up by his sister and then taken to the hospital.

Turns out, there was no big rush.

The baby, Breaker Ford,



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Dylan Ford, Grace Darling and their baby boy, Breaker Ford.

arrived into the world on Wednesday night about 38 hours after Ford took the plunge.

Court: 2017 law reduced base sentence for first-degree theft

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the state, judges and district attorneys imposed different sentences based on their own interpretations.

Clackamas County District Attorney John Foote sued the state in November 2017 to block the law, while Santiago Vallin, a repeat property thief from Lincoln County, sued the state to overturn a sentence by a Circuit Court judge who disregarded House Bill 3078.

The Supreme Court heard both cases during a joint hearing in September, but justices issued an opinion only on the Vallin case Thursday.

Attorneys for Clackamas County and Lincoln County argued the Legislature's changes were illegal. The original sentencing standards were approved by voters in Measure 57 in 2008. Oregon's Constitu-

tion requires the Legislature to have a two-thirds majority vote to change a voter-approved prison sentence, and House Bill 3078 had only a simple majority.

The 2017 law reduced the base sentence for first-degree theft from 18 months to 13 months. But legislators had already reduced the sentence with a two-thirds majority vote in 2009. They made the change because the state was in the midst of a recession, and they doubted whether they could pay for the cost of incarcerating thieves for longer periods of time, according to court documents.

The 2009 legislation gradually increased the sentence to 18 months during a two-year period. That sentence remained in effect until House Bill 3078 was adopted.

In September, the state argued that the Legislature

needed only a simple majority vote to change the sentence in 2017 because legislators had already changed the voter-approved sentence with a two-thirds majority in 2009.

The Supreme Court agreed with the Legislature. In the opinion, Chief Justice Martha Walters wrote that once the Legislature has a two-thirds majority vote to reduce a voter-approved sentence, "the resulting sentence

has been enacted by the Legislature, 'not approved by the people.'"

"It was the Legislature, and not the people, who put (the sentences) in place ... when the Legislature enacted the 2009 bill," she wrote.

Thursday's decision resolves the controversy and allows uniformity in sentencing. Foote said he would follow the court's ruling. "While

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Man charged after allegedly attempting to assault judge in court

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A man accused of attempting to attack Circuit Court Judge Cindee Matyas in court last summer has been charged with attempted assault in the first and second degrees.

Jason Andrew Boyar, 46, was in court in July on a resisting arrest charge. After being warned several times for his language and refusing to follow the court's directive, Boyar was advised he was at risk of being held in contempt or having his release agreement revoked.

He then became highly agitated, and allegedly picked up a microphone and whipped it "catapult style" toward the judge, according to court documents.

The court found Boyar mentally unfit to proceed in his defense and he was sent to the Oregon State Hospital. The assault charges were delayed while the court waited for the results of a psychological evaluation.

Boyar was eventually deemed fit to stand trial, District Attorney Ron Brown said.

Sheriff's office sees uptick in local telephone scams

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The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office has seen an increase in the number of reported telephone scams.

So far, the attempted scams have targeted professional offices, but officials anticipate there could be more attempts to scam private citizens as tax returns start getting mailed out.

People are impersonating law enforcement officers, with some choosing to identify themselves by using the actual name of a sheriff's office employee.

The sheriff's office is reminding people to be wary of unexpected calls from people identifying themselves as law enforcement. Officers will never ask for money over the phone and do not inform others by phone of pending warrants for their arrest.

Anyone who receives these kinds of calls are advised to hang up and ignore the caller, and then share the name and number with others.

People who have provided money to a phone scammer are asked to report the loss to local law enforcement.

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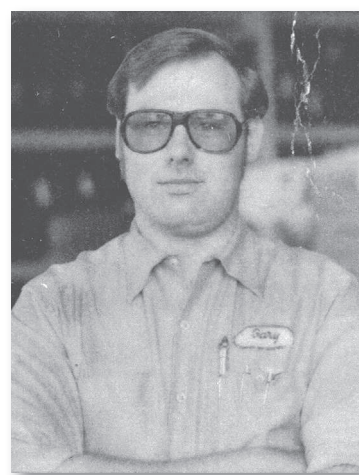
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United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Clatsop County Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Local Work Group and Public Input Meeting

When: February 14, 2019
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 PM

Location:
Clatsop County Extension Office
2001 Marine Drive, Rm 231
Astoria, OR 97103

The purpose of the meeting is to receive agency and public input in agricultural interests and natural resources issues to help guide the conservation efforts of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Clatsop County. Topics we will be focusing on are:

- Small Acreage Livestock Producers
- Forest Health and Forest Management (Non-industrial, private land)
- Wetland Restoration/Off Channel Fish & Wildlife Habitat
- Seasonal High Tunnel
- Organic Initiative

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