

## BARELY BREATHING



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Warrenton police officer Robert Wirt on patrol with his dog during a Fourth of July parade in 2017.

## Phillips resigns from Seaside school board

Couple paid settlement over Miss Oregon

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Steve Phillips, the president of the Seaside School District's board, resigned at a special board meeting Thursday night.

Phillips stepped down in the aftermath of a settlement with the Oregon Department of Justice over the roles of he and his wife, Dana, with the Miss Oregon pageant.

The state alleged the couple engaged in unlawful trade practices in conjunction with the Miss Oregon Scholarship Program and Oregon Scholarship Foundation. They agreed to pay \$150,000 to the Oregon Community Foundation for the Tiffany Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund, named for the couple's 17-year-old daughter, who died in a 1998 car accident.

Steve Phillips' resignation was effective Monday.

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## Warrenton police use overdose kit to revive man

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WARRENTON — When Warrenton police officer Robert Wirt responded to a possible drug overdose outside the Mini Mart in late January, he saw a man laying on the ground, with the only sign of life his slow and shallow breaths.

If this had happened a little over a year ago, Wirt would have had to wait for a medic or firefighter to apply Narcan, a nasal spray that can reverse opioid overdoses.

But Wirt was able to grab his overdose kit and administer it himself. Two doses later, the 35-year-old man was revived.

The intervention marked the first use of Narcan by a Warrenton police officer since the department started carrying the medication.

At the time, Wirt wasn't thinking about being the first of anything.

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Warrenton Police Chief Mathew Workman displays the Narcan spray officers use in overdose cases.

**'TO ME, HONESTLY, I WAS THINKING THIS COULD BE SOMEONE'S SON, SOMEBODY'S DAD, SOMEBODY'S BROTHER. AND THEN THE TRAINING JUST KICKED IN.'**

Robert Wirt, Warrenton police officer

## Sen. Wyden reintroduces craft alcohol support bill

By EDWARD STRATTON  
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U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden and U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt have reintroduced legislation to cut taxes and regulatory hurdles for craft brewers, cider makers, vintners and distillers.

The Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act was first introduced in 2015 and again in 2017. Many of its provisions were included in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, but are set to expire at the end of the year.

"People around the world enjoy Oregon wine, craft beer, cider and spirits—providing not only a serious source of home state pride but also a huge boon to our state's economy," Wyden, an Oregon Democrat, said in a news release. "By modernizing burdensome rules and taxes for craft beverage producers, this legislation will level the playing field and allow these innovators to further grow and thrive."

For brewers and cider makers that produce less than 2 million barrels annually,

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## Vintage market to open in Astoria

A remodeled space downtown

By EDWARD STRATTON  
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The former Sears in downtown Astoria will open next month as Reclamation Marketplace, a collection of artisans, antique dealers and vintage restorers.

Michelle Liotta, who with her husband, Marcus, has been fixing up the former Mary and Nelly Flavel Building at Ninth and Exchange streets since buying it in 2016, has already assembled 18 vendors to populate the space, opening March 1.



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Michelle Liotta, left, speaks with a new tenant, Jenny Tovold, as she was moving into the new space.

Reclamation Marketplace adds to a growing list of indoor mall-like shopping experiences downtown, including Phog Bounders Antique Mall and Astoria

Court in the former Abeco Office Systems building. As Liotta sees it, the more the merrier.

"Once you go to one, you want to go to more, and they all have different things," she said. "And the fact that we filled up quite quickly and have a wait-list just proves that there is a place for this. Everyone's going to get vendors, I think. I feel like there's a want for this type of thing."

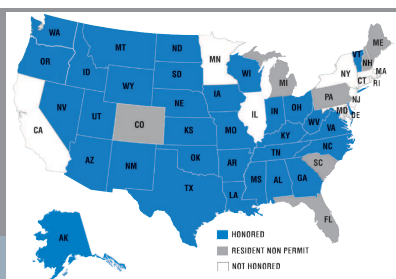
Since losing Sears, the large storefront at 936 Commercial St. had sat vacant and in increasing disrepair. The space was marked by historical photos of the mothball fleet at North Tongue Point posted on

windows as a decoration to passers-by.

After purchasing the building, the Liottas stabilized the foundation with anchors drilled into the ground, restored the brick veneer and terra cotta facade, replaced broken sections of sidewalk in front and uncovered the original transom windows.

Inside, Liotta cleaned out the detritus of the former department store and finished the space with foggy field green walls, eggshell white pillars and the restored original wood floors. On a mezzanine overlooking the space, light-bulbed marquee

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