Astoria company earns 'operator of the year' award

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Astoria logging com-Browning J.M. Logging and owner Jay Browning were recognized by the state as "Operator of the Year" for northwest Oregon at a ceremony Wednesday.

Browning and operators like him "have shown how they can harvest needed wood products in Oregon while protecting natural resources," Lena Tucker, private forests sion chief for the Oregon Department of Forestry, said in a statement.

"We're pleased to honor the excellent care and diligence they demonstrate, often in challenging circumstances."

The Oregon Board of Forestry gives the Operator of the Year Awards to operators in northwest, southwest and Eastern Oregon who go "above and beyond" the requirements of the Oregon Forest Practices Act, which outlines how people must harvest timber while still



Jay Browning, center, owner of J.M. Browning Logging, was recognized by the Oregon Board of Forestry as this year's 'Operator of the Year' for northwest Oregon. He stands between State Forester Peter Daugherty and Board of Forestry Chair Tom Imeson.

protecting or enhancing streams, water quality and habitat and reducing landslide risks.

Browning earned this year's award for protecting a fish-bearing stream in Hampton Lumber's Big Creek Forest. Browning removed aging alder trees, clearing up space for large conifer trees to regenerate along the streambank and improve fish habitat.

The award also rec-

ognized Browning for decades of consistently management applying practices that safeguard resources, even under challenging circumstances, according to the

Gwin and Sons Logging of Vernonia and its owner, Rick Gwin, were were recognized by the Oregon Board of Forestry with a 2018 Merit Award for northwest Oregon.

AccuWeather DOWNLOAD THE FREE APP **FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA TONIGHT SATURDAY MONDAY TUESDAY** SUNDAY 31 39 Mostly cloudy with a Times of clouds and sun Mostly sunny Mostly cloudy and chilly A bit of afternoon rain **ALMANAC REGIONAL WEATHER** Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs Astoria through Thursday. Record high **Precipitation** Month to date 1.79 19.18 Normal year to date **SUN AND MOON** Moonrise today 8:24 p.m Apr 5 Mar 20 UNDER THE SKY

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Baker City	35	20	С	33	18	C	Olympia	43	26	С	48	23	
Bend	34	19	С	33	18	С	Pendleton	35	22	С	33	22	
Brookings	48	38	рс	52	37	r	Portland	42	33	sh	47	29	
Eugene	44	32	sh	47	27	pc	Roseburg	47	32	sh	48	31	
Ilwaco	44	33	С	47	32	рс	Salem	43	34	sh	48	28	
Klamath Falls	38	25	sf	40	25	sn	Seaside	45	32	С	49	31	
Medford	49	31	рс	52	32	r	Spokane	34	19	рс	35	12	
Newberg	42	31	C	48	28	рс	Springfield	44	31	sh	48	25	
Newport	44	34	sh	47	31	рс	Vancouver	43	33	С	48	28	
North Bend	47	35	sh	52	32	С	Yakima	37	19	С	36	15	

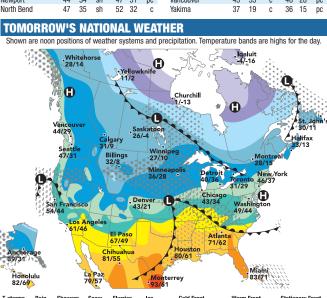


onight's Sky: Double Clusters of Perseus is high pove the NW horizon after sunset.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW'S TIDES

45 32 c 47 31 pc 42 35 sn 49 44 pc Washington, DC Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy,



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The Harbor hires a new director

Fifth director for agency since 2012

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ The Daily Astorian

The Harbor, an advocacy group for victims of domestic and sexual violence in Clatsop County, has a new executive director.

Terri Steenbergen, an East Coast native with a background in political work and nonprofit management, has been on the job for only a few days. She arrives at a time when the organization is seeking to further stabilize and maintain programs after expanding services last year, said Mindy Stokes, the board chairwoman.

Steenbergen has experience with gender-based violence and managing big budgets, Stokes said.

A hiring committee that included board members, a representative from law enforcement and a Harbor staff member "felt Terri was

the most qualified to take the agency from here forward," Stokes said, adding, "What

struck me is that she is accessible and down to earth.'

"This is the kind of work I've been wanting to do for a while," Steenbergen said. She has worked for Mercy Corps in Uganda and Portland, and managed a field program

in Portland to encourage voter turnout to re-elect Gov. Kate Brown.

The Harbor has weathered several upheavals and changes in recent years, including four different directors since longtime director Pat Burness retired in 2012. Molly Pringle, the group's most recent director, stepped down because of unexpected family circumstances December, but left on good

Hoping to stabilize core services, the organization also decided to close its unprofitable Deja Vu thrift store down-

town and abandoned plans for an expensive remodel of the Van Dusen Building on

> Duane Street — now home to artists' studios. The Harbor moved locations and is renting office space in the former Snow & Snow law firm, across the street from the Clatsop County Courthouse.

Steenbergen

"I feel like The Harbor has done some good expansion in the last year," Steenbergen said.

The organization secured grants to locate advocates in health care clinics and facilities in the region and to ensure staff are effectively including minority or other socially or culturally diverse groups in their outreach. The group is also in the process of reopening a secure shelter for women and families fleeing abuse.

"I think this year we want to make sure we're really solidifying those grants and maintaining the work we're doing," Steenbergen said.

Parents protest tightened vaccine bill

By SARAH ZIMMERMAN Associated Press

SALEM — As a measles outbreak in southwest Washington continues to grow, hundreds of people, including families, swarmed the Capitol on Thursday to protest a measure making it harder for parents to opt out of school vaccination requirements.

"There is no measles emergency," said Sarah Bacon during a speech at a protest rally. Bacon is the executive director of Oregonians for Medical Freedom, a grassroots organization that advocates for parents' freedom to make medical decisions for their children.

More than 70 people,

many of them unvaccinated children, have been sickened with measles in Clark County, Washington. In Oregon, six people have been confirmed with measles, a disease the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considered to be eliminated in 2000

Doctors and health officials have said that vaccines have been proven safe and effective, and noted that serious vaccine side effects are rare. In a video message last month, U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams pleaded with parents to "protect their children by getting them vaccinated," saying it is the best protection against measles.

The recent outbreak has fueled lawmakers to tighten the state's relaxed vaccine exemption policy. That policy allows parents to decline required immunizations for religious, personal or philosophical reasons. The state's considering a proposal that would require children to receive vaccinations in order to attend school, unless they have a doctor's note seeking an exemption for medical reasons.

If passed, Oregon would join only three other states in banning nonmedical exemptions for vaccines. Washington state is also considering a similar proposal.

But parents call the measure discriminatory, saying the state shouldn't hold a child's education hostage in exchange for receiving vaccines.

Clatsop Democrats hold campaign training event

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A training session for political candidates and campaign workers will be held Saturday to help prepare Clatsop County citizens considering a run for office during the May elections.

named The training,

Campaigns 101, aims to teach first-time candidates how to get involved in the political process. The main Democratic Party, but peotopics of the training will ple of all political affiliations address the basics of campaign organizing, steps in financial record-keeping and the timelines of filing for office and voter-guide con-

tent submission.

The session is being sponsored by the Clatsop County are invited to attend.

The session is 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Flag Room of the Astoria Library.

ON THE RECORD

• At 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Molly Elizabeth Marshall, 36, of Seaside, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on the 33000 block of Beerman Creek Road for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Youngs River-Lewis & Clark Water District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business. Cannon Beach Rural Fire Department District Board, 6 p.m., Fire-Rescue Main Station, 188 Sun-

Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

LOTTERIES

OREGON Thursday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 9-2-4-0 4 p.m.: 3-5-2-1 **7 p.m.:** 8-4-9-4

10 p.m.: 5-6-1-3

Thursday's Lucky Lines: 02-08-11-14-FREE-19-21-26-31 Estimated jackpot: \$15,000

WASHINGTON Thursday's Daily Game: 1-9-3 Thursday's Keno: 05-07-10-13-17-29-30-34-36-37-46-49-50-51-53-57-72-76-78-80

Thursday's Match 4: 07-22-

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