

IN BRIEF

County to host events to help prepare for disasters

Clatsop County Emergency Management is hosting presentations in Astoria and Seaside this week about preparing for the Big One.

The presentations, "Tipping Point Resilience Cascadia Preparedness," will be given Friday at 6 p.m. at the Liberty Theatre in Astoria and Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

Steve Eberlein, the founder of Tipping Point, experienced the Sri Lanka tsunami in 2004, which inspired him to focus his career on preparedness in the Pacific Northwest.

His goal is to bring "the Pacific Northwest to the tipping point where earthquake preparedness becomes normal, expected and cultural."

— *The Astorian*

Extra cycle for a peninsula laundry charity

LONG BEACH, Wash. — A program that pays for loads of laundry for low-income households on the Long Beach Peninsula will continue through December thanks to support from the community.

Since February, Peninsula Poverty Response provided funds for laundry once a week to low-income households.

The program, Laundry Love, is a national collaboration based out of Portland. The original idea behind the laundry charity was that homeless people are treated better when they have clean clothing, according to the charity's website.

The program was funded through September. It wasn't clear if it would continue past the first eight months. But through generous community support, the program can continue, said Dawna Svaren, pastor at Ocean Park Lutheran Church and chair of Peninsula Poverty Response.

And people who use Laundry Love will donate a quarter or two toward their load when they come, Svaren said.

"Their one quarter alone may not do anything, but their quarter and another person's quarter, and another person's quarter and another's person's quarter will help someone wash their clothes," Svaren said.

— *Chinook Observer*

DEATHS

Nov. 18, 2019

BITZ, Joel Patrick, 55, of Svensen, died in Svensen. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

POHL, James Albert, 67, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Nov. 17, 2019

LAGERQUIST, Scott Roger, 70, of Astoria, died in Portland. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

MANNING, Billy Joe,

71, of Ocean Park, Washington, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Nov. 15, 2019

JOHNSON, Jean Elizabeth, 84, of Cannon Beach, died in Cannon Beach. Caldwell's Funeral & Cremation Arrangement Center in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

Nov. 7, 2019

NELSON, Derrell Morris, 84, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

BIRTHS

Nov. 8, 2019

EVANS, Trisha and Bob, of Warrenton, a girl, Juniper Evans, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Bill and Laura Evans, of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, Scott and Kadi Weyandt, of Iron River, Wisconsin, and Linnea Weyandt and Al Gasdik.

Nov. 1, 2019

GRAF, Jasmine and Christopher, of Naselle, Washington, twin boys, Bryce Samuel and Brayden Christopher Graf, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Brad and Dianne Scheller, of Naselle, and Nick and Glenene Graf, of Astoria.

ON THE RECORD

Criminal trespass

James Daniel Dunlap, 41, was arrested Monday on the 200 block of Melbourne Avenue in Astoria for criminal trespass in the first degree. Police say he was in someone's basement.

Theft

Stacy Schwarzer, 42, of Longview, Washington, was arrested Monday at Walmart in Warrenton for theft in the second degree and criminal mischief.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY

Seaside Transportation Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

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BURN AND LEARN



Ashley Nerbovig/Chinook Observer

Mike Karvia, assistant fire chief for Pacific County Fire District No. 1, adds more pallets to a pile of burning wood in order to build up the flames. Karvia organized the fire district's training burn in Surfside this month.

Environmentalists sue to stop 9,000-acre timber project

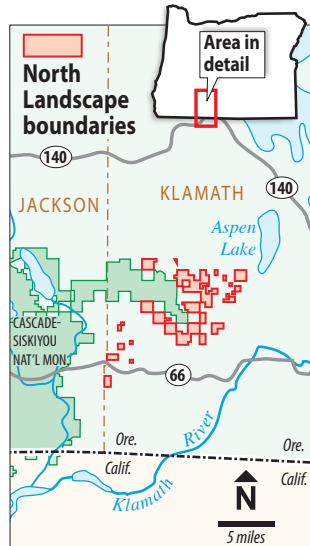
By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI
Capital Press

Environmentalists want to stop a 9,000-acre timber project in southern Oregon that will allegedly allow logging in threatened spotted owl habitat contrary to federal laws.

The North Landscape project, which was approved by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Lakeview District last year, is expected to generate 111 million board-feet of lumber.

Several environmental groups — Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center, Oregon Wild, Cascadia Wildlands and Soda Mountain Wilderness Council — have filed a lawsuit to overturn the project for allegedly violating the National Environmental Policy Act and Administrative Procedures Act.

"In its haste to increase timber harvest on an



Alan Kenaga/Capital Press

extremely fragmented landscape, the Lakeview BLM has unlawfully elevated timber volume production over ecological considerations such as wildfire risk and at-risk species conservation," the complaint said.

A representative of the BLM's Lakeview District

did not respond to a request for comment as of press time.

According to the complaint, nearly 7,000 acres of the project area that have been slated for thinning or clear-cutting are within the designated critical habitat of the Northern spotted owl, which is protected under the Endangered Species Act.

The project area contains five sites that are occupied by the spotted owl and the birds will be extirpated from these areas, while the BLM also plans to log seven unoccupied sites that could be inhabited in the future, the complaint said.

"Northern spotted owls are not expected to recolonize the area until suitable habitat develops in 120 years," the environmental plaintiffs claim.

In its environmental assessment of the project, BLM concluded that the harvest level has already been studied and approved under

a resource management plan for the area and won't have additional adverse impacts on the species.

Also, a "biological opinion" from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined the project is "not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the northern spotted owl or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat."

However, the BLM didn't study the "direct, indirect or cumulative effects" of the project, such as more barred owls that compete with the species, increased wildfire risk or the unique ecological features of the area, which is near the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, the complaint said.

The environmental plaintiffs have asked U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark Clarke in Medford, Oregon, to enjoin the BLM and its contractors from implementing the project and to vacate its approval.

Washington state bans vape products containing vitamin E acetate

By ASIA FIELDS
Seattle Times

Washington state has banned the sale of vapor products containing vitamin E acetate, a compound that federal health officials have identified as a possible cause of a vaping-related illness that has sickened more than 2,000 people nationwide.

The state Board of Health's ban, which took effect Wednesday, follows findings released this month by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention linking the compound to the outbreak of lung injuries. Since reports of the illness began emerging earlier this year, 2,172 people reportedly have fallen ill in the U.S. and 42 have died, according to CDC data updated last

week.

In Washington, where there have been 15 confirmed cases since April, health officials adopted an emergency rule banning the sale of flavored vapor products in October. The rule was extended Monday to include the ban of products containing vitamin E acetate.

Retailers are currently required to have a list of ingredients in their vaping products available for customers, and no processors have reported using vitamin E acetate in their products, said state Liquor and Cannabis Board spokesman Brian Smith. The board thus doesn't have reason to believe products with the compound are being sold in stores, but they will be banned for 120 days.

It's not yet clear that the compound, an oil derived from the vitamin, is to blame. But in its first breakthrough in investigating the illness, the CDC discovered the compound in samples collected from the lungs of 29 people from 10 states who were sick. Most used products that included THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. As the CDC continues to investigate, it is warning people to refrain from using vaping products that include THC, especially if not bought in a store.

The American Medical Association called for an immediate ban on all electronic cigarettes and vaping devices Tuesday.

The group adopted the sweeping stance at a policy-making meeting in San Diego. It aims to lobby for state and federal laws, regulations or legal action to achieve a ban, but the industry is sure to fight back.

The finding isn't definitive, and there may be multiple causes of the illness. But officials in states including Ohio and Colorado have also banned vaping products containing vitamin E acetate in some form.

"While we still need more research to identify a definitive cause, the evidence we have linking vitamin E acetate to the outbreak demands immediate action to protect the public's health," Washington Secretary of Health John Wiesman said in a statement.

Vitamin E acetate is an oil that can also be found in foods, dietary supplements and cosmetic products. It isn't known to cause harm when used in those products but previous research has shown it can interfere with lung functions when inhaled, according to the CDC.

Health officials are advising that the only way to fully avoid risk of getting the illness is to refrain from e-cigarette and vaping products completely.

Also this week, it was reported that President Donald Trump has backed away from a promise to ban candy, fruit and mint flavors. According to The Washington Post and The Associated Press, Trump became convinced a ban could mean job losses and otherwise alienate voters.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Holiday Craft Fair

Astoria Elks Lodge
Saturday, November 23, 2019
9:00am to 5:00pm

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