

IN BRIEF

Three people found after going missing in the Hamlet area

Sheriff’s deputies on Tuesday found the three people who had been reported missing in the woods in the Hamlet area.

Deputies began searching for 25-year-old Luke Abram, of Warrenton, and 14-year-old Karter Dunaway, of Warrenton, Monday night after a 911 report that a vehicle had left the road and become disabled.

Deputies had reason to believe Caleb Brim, 16, of Warrenton, was also in the vehicle.

Family members described the group as friends and reported the three became stranded when they drove off the narrow roadway after encountering another motorist.

Deputies found the vehicle and launched a full search and rescue mission at daylight Tuesday morning.

Shortly after 1 p.m. on Tuesday, all three were found safe about a mile from the vehicle. They had left the vehicle searching for cellphone service.

They were reportedly uninjured but had been exposed to the elements through the night.

“The sheriff’s office wants to remind people traveling in the forest to go prepared with proper food and clothing,” the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office said in a statement. “Always let friends or family know your travel plans and never assume you will have cellular service. Even if your vehicle becomes disabled, it’s generally safer to stay inside when possible.”

Haircuts and other help for the homeless at Project Homeless Connect

SEASIDE — Free bus rides. Haircuts. Dental services. Housing assistance. Even programs at the library.

All these and many more services were to be found Tuesday at Project Homeless Connect at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

Hundreds of visitors, volunteers and nonprofits turned out to address the needs of Clatsop County’s homeless population.

Clatsop Community Action offers information referral, a personal care pantry, case management and more. Viviana Matthews, the agency’s executive director, said housing remains the biggest challenge.

— *The Astorian*

DEATH

Jan. 27, 2020

SCHWENK, Joann, 87, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIAL

Saturday, Feb. 1

MCCARTHY, Loraine Allen — Celebration of life at 1 p.m. with music, story and fellowship, Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, 207 N. Spruce St.

BIRTH

Dec. 31, 2019

LUCORE, Katarina and Keifer, of Warrenton, a boy, Aiden Lee LuCore, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Melton and Julie LuCore, of Astoria, and Brian and Laurie Callahan, of Grants Pass.

ON THE RECORD

Theft

- Michael Alexander Pappas, 34, was indicted Tuesday for theft in the first degree after allegedly stealing a cellphone from the Verizon store in Warrenton.
- **Criminal mischief**
- Brian Quashnick, 48, was arrested Monday for criminal mischief in the first degree, reckless endangerment and disorderly conduct in the second degree. Police say he was reportedly throwing an object described as a meat cleaver at cars driving by U.S. Highway 101 and S.E. Marlin Avenue in Warrenton. Two people reported damage to their vehicles. Quashnick was also arrested Tues-

day at Walmart for menacing, disorderly conduct in the second degree and unlawful possession of a weapon, a meat cleaver.

- **Criminal trespass**
- Robert Antone Frier, 52, of Astoria, was arrested Monday on Commercial Street in Astoria for criminal trespass in the second degree.
- **Hit-and-run**
- Shawna L. Amela, 35, of Astoria, was arrested Monday on Grand Avenue for hit-and-run with property damage.
- **DUI**
- Samuel Edwin Sadler, 53, of Hammond, was arrested Tuesday off of U.S. Highway 101 in Seaside for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY

Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St., Astoria.

Businesses back cap and trade

Nike, Microsoft and Uber on board

By **CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE**
Oregon Capital Bureau

SALEM — As Oregon lawmakers prepare to meet for the monthlong session that starts next week, Democrats’ effort to limit greenhouse gas emissions is getting a public nudge from business.

Twenty-one companies, the Craft Brew Alliance, and two health care climate alliances in Washington state and California, authored a letter Wednesday to “leadership and legislators of the Pacific coast,” urging them to adopt cap-and-trade programs, which they argue can promote economic growth.

Among the signatories: Nike, the Beaverton-based sportswear behemoth and one of the state’s largest companies. Nike supported similar legislation last year.

Several other major companies, including Microsoft, Unilever and Uber, also signed the letter, which was organized by Ceres, a Boston-based nonprofit that aims to make businesses more environmentally sound.

Despite continued support from one of Oregon’s highest-profile businesses, the proposal faces the unpredictable nature of Oregon environmental politics.

Republicans in the state Senate protested a similar proposal last year by leaving the state. Senate Republican



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Nike is among the businesses to support cap and trade.

Leader Herman Baertschiger Jr., of Grants Pass, won’t rule out boycotting the Legislature again to avoid voting on the bill.

The companies that signed Wednesday’s letter say they support West Coast states implementing a cap on emissions and creating a system of allowances that are, simply put, permits to emit a certain amount of greenhouse gases.

California’s cap-and-trade system has been up and running since 2013. Neither Oregon nor Washington has one, but each is considering legislation to implement cap-and-trade programs. Each state could link to the Western Climate Initiative, a market for allowances that includes Quebec and California.

Under a cap-and-trade program, allowances to polluters decline over time to meet emissions reduction targets. Businesses can buy or sell allowances on the market if they plan to emit more or less than they are allotted.

“From agriculture, seafood and forestry to technology and advanced manufacturing, our region is built on a diverse set of industries,” the group of businesses wrote. “Carbon markets will expand economic opportunity in our region and spur innovation while protecting these sectors from climate impacts.”

The companies wrote that “cap and invest” initiatives have “proven to be highly effective in reducing (greenhouse gas) emissions, while fostering economic growth and spurring innovation.”

They wrote that market mechanisms help ensure that companies can reduce emissions more cheaply.

“This drives innovation and attracts investments that support the commercialization of low-carbon technologies, innovative practices to sequester carbon, and new jobs,” they wrote.

Vince Digneo, a sustainability strategist at the software company Adobe, one of the companies that signed the letter, said in a written

statement that a policy “must be well-designed.”

“We see cap-and-invest as a way to reduce emissions, to enable new, low-carbon technologies to be developed and deployed, and to generate funds that will grow jobs and economies,” said Digneo. “Proposals like this help bring affordable renewable energy not only to Adobe’s facilities in these regions, but also to the communities where our employees work and live, helping ensure that both businesses and people thrive in the long run.”

Wednesday’s letter, though, is merely one chord in what has proven to be a sonata of opinions on the proposal from private business, some fearing increased costs due to a program that penalizes emissions. Republicans say they are concerned that those costs could get passed on to consumers, particularly in rural areas of the state where per capita income is typically lower.

Last year, a group of businesses calling itself Oregon Business for Climate supported the proposal. That coalition included symbolically Oregon brands like Deschutes Brewery and Fort George Brewery. But several businesses, including Deschutes and Fort George, pulled out of the group after the bill became controversial in the wake of Republicans’ boycott.

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Chinook envision past, present, future

Tribe gathered in Ridgefield

By **ASHLEY NERBOVIG**
Chinook Observer

So many attended, there almost wasn’t room to dance at the Chinook Indian Nation’s annual winter gathering this year.

The tribe’s winter celebration was Jan. 18 at the Cathlapotle Plankhouse in Ridgefield. The event was a chance for the tribe to live its culture by dancing to the beat of drums, singing ancient songs and passing down traditional knowledge. Stories recounted the tribe’s history, from its ancient beginnings all the way up to the past decade.

The winter gathering came barely more than a week after U.S. District Court Judge Ronald B. Leighton ordered the U.S. Department of the Interior to reexamine its justification for a ban preventing the tribe from reapplying for federal recognition.

Federally recognized tribes are American Indian or Alaska Native tribal entities that have sovereignty on their own lands within the U.S. Recognized tribes can do direct business with the federal government and are entitled to certain benefits, services and protections. Chinook Indian Nation was granted official recognition in 2001 at the end of the Clinton administration, but it was rescinded 18 months later by the Bush administration.

While the tribe’s fight for recognition ebbs and flows, passing down Chinook traditions enforces that the next generation will be able to keep the fight alive, said Tony Johnson, Chinook Indian Nation chairman.

“We are at a really good moment that feels like there are a lot of exciting things just ahead of us,” Johnson said.

Since the Chinook



Amiran White

The Chinook Indian Nation and guests held their winter gathering on Jan. 18 at the Cathlapotle Plankhouse on the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.

Nation’s recognition was reversed in 2002, the tribe has been trying to re-petition for official status. Reapplying for recognition is banned by a Department of Interior regulation. In 2014, a proposed amendment to the recognition rules would have created an exception for tribes to reapply under certain circumstances. However, a final rule issued by the department in 2015 did not include this exception.

While the Chinook are trying to reopen the administrative process through the courts, the tribe also believes it could have success arguing for a federal court to recognize the tribe, Johnson said. And the tribe continues to encourage supporters to write to U.S. Sen. Patty Murray and U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell, as well as U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, asking them to introduce legislation that would recognize the tribe.

Neither of the senators’ offices responded to questions about the possibility of future legislation, but Herrera Beutler said she is willing to work with the tribe.

“I know the Chinook Nation is extremely pleased after earning the right to reapply for recognition — they should be,” Herrera Beutler said in a statement. “Through my many meetings and conversations with them over the years, it appears that what they want from a legislative solution has evolved since Rep. (Brian) Baird introduced the Chinook Nation Restoration Act in 2009. Any successful legislative path forward will require bicameral support, so I remain open to working with the tribe and our U.S. senators on further legislative efforts.”

While the tribe is focused on regaining recognition, the court case wasn’t its sole accomplishment in 2019.

In April, the tribe bought two important parcels of land on Tansy Creek in Clatsop County, which are part of the tribe’s 1851 Treaty Grounds. The tribe signed a treaty with the U.S. government on the land in 1851, but it was never ratified, contributing to why there are questions about the tribe’s status today.

Rachel Lynne Cushman, treasurer for the Chinook Indian Nation, said owning the land is a priority for the tribe because it preserves tribal history. By the time of

the treaty signing, disease had decimated the Chinook peoples and the nation’s population had plummeted.

Every single member of the Chinook community was at the treaty signing, something which would have never been possible just a century before when the tribe’s population was estimated to be more than 10,000, Cushman said. The land is a physical reminder of that moment in history; and reminders of the Chinook are vital to tribal members, Cushman said.

“We live in a society that often we are erased from,” Cushman said.

But she’s been encouraged by the response the tribe has gotten since the court case. Calls have rolled in to the office with people asking how they can help the tribe.

The Oregon Cultural Trust granted the tribe about \$6,000 for an interpretive kiosk at Tansy Point. And in December the tribe approved a plan to build a cultural-use space and a small maintenance building. The goal is to restore the land, revitalizing the creek bed and eliminating invasive species. It will be used for cultural and environmental education programs for tribal members and surrounding communities.

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