

Scholarships: ‘We’re here to support the community’

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“There are so many barriers to attendance for community college students,” Chris Breitmeyer, the college president, said. “Community college in general, and Clatsop in particular, is really trying to reach out and address some of those things that we’re hearing from our students ... We’re really trying to be much more student-centered, and not only on campus, but off campus and understanding that those challenges are real.”

Targeting vocational programs

Since the fundraiser in April, the foundation has worked with Davis and other representatives from Hampton Lumber to discuss how to channel the funds and what vocational programs would “best align, not only with Hampton, but all the contractors that we use, but also just other like-minded businesses like ours around the county,” Davis said.

Hampton Lumber, which has a mill in Warrenton and a tree farm in Knappa, directed the compa-

ny’s donation to needy students in vocational programs, such as welding and automotive.

“Hampton firmly believes that a skilled workforce equals a healthy economy,” Davis said.

One focus of the foundation is working with the community and local industries to determine the best way to direct funds that will help prepare students for the workforce.

“We’re here to support the community. We want to involve the community as much as we can,” Hunt said.

Davis said Hampton Lumber is part of the effort to bring a commercial driver’s license course back to the college.

“The community college has just spent many years and a great deal of time creating partnerships and collaborations within the community, especially with the business community,” Davis said. “They’ve been extremely approachable.

“... Really they have been the touchpoint of the community when it comes to being an economic driver and helping develop our workforce here.”

Housing: Housing authority is emerging from a period of struggle in leadership and finance

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As the topic of next steps came up, county staff noted the absence of the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority.

The housing authority manages properties for people with low and moderate incomes in Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties. It runs a federal housing choice voucher program that helps low-income families and vulnerable individuals find places to rent.

County Manager Don Bohn said that the housing authority, unlike the county, has staff and resources devoted to the housing issue. “From my thinking, what’s going to be important is to bring NOHA along,” he said.

Bohn said the county, in considering what to do with its federal American Rescue Plan Act funds, offered money to the housing authority so the agency could hire a housing development expert who could represent the interests of the county. He said the housing authority turned the offer down.

“We’re happy to give them money today if they’re willing to hire somebody who can provide some of that leadership on the housing side,” Bohn said.

Brent Warren, a Gearhart city councilor, agreed that someone should shepherd the process and provide technical expertise, but



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A regional housing task force is exploring options.

questioned whether the housing authority was in a position to do it.

The housing authority is emerging from a period of struggle in leadership and finance.

An audit and review of the housing authority’s housing choice voucher program yielded a poor rating in January 2020 that led to a corrective action plan. Working with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the agency has improved its rating from “troubled” to a “standard performer.”

At one point, the agency had a budget deficit that led to the sus-

pension of new vouchers. Little more than a year ago, the housing authority started issuing vouchers again, The Astorian reported.

The housing authority recently hired an executive director after a long period with an interim director.

Bohn told the group that he sees the housing authority, and their ability to fund experts that can float into the cities, as a “missing piece” of the conversation.

“They can be kind of the conduit,” he said. “They could be figuring out where the commonalities are, where the opportunities are.”



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Warrenton could expand to cover all of Hammond Marina.

Marina: Could lead to help with acquiring future grants

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The city’s boundary reaches the Hammond Marina, but does not cover all of the surrounding recreational area, including a section of Seafarers’ Park.

Around 40% of the camping area and 60% of the park at the marina viewpoint are outside the boundary, Police Chief Mathew Workman said. Park hours, parking and other ordinances are not enforceable in these areas.

The move would also ease any city plans for future development.

“Seafarers’ Park will play a very large portion of revitalization of that marina, everything from the fishing pier to plans (for) potential gathering places there — everything that’s in the Hammond Marina master plan

and what the marinas committee have suggested they want to do relies on getting that full marina into our full land use control, as well as enforcement,” Balensifer said.

Having the boundary encompass all of the marina could also assist with acquiring future grants, said Planning Commissioner Lylla Gaebel, who is also on the Marinas Advisory Committee.

Shifting the urban growth boundary line is a very involved process, Cronin said, and could take at least six months to a year to achieve.

Cronin added that he has spoken with the county’s community development department and their staff is willing to consider the move and work with the city.

Fryer: Great-aunt dedicated life to caring for others

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nearby seaside resort of Eastbourne. Her birth date is recorded as 1832. They had five children, all born in the same county, Sussex. An internet listing shows three boys, Henry, Frederick and Arthur; a fourth, Samuel, died at age 6. One girl, Susanna Isabelle, was born in 1864, although there are no other details about her.

Henry Cane was a builder and architect who erected a steepled church in his neighboring county of Surrey in 1865, which still stands today. Fryer said he traveled to India where he worked for maharajas. His sister, Sarah, married a man called George Cutlack who moved to North America and sparked travel interest in the Cane family.

Fryer said family records suggest the three sons emigrated first, possibly in the late 1800s, and perhaps 10 years before their parents. Frederick settled in northwest Oregon. It is not known how long Henry Cane lived in the United States, but Fryer speculates he moved in the very early 1900s when he retired.

A man of ability

The Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum in Ilwaco maintains an archive of historical records. It includes an obituary for Cane published in the Ilwaco Tribune newspaper April 4, 1914.

Cane is described as “a representative of the sturdy British type.” He died at the Jacobson home at Tioga the prior week. “He was an architect by profession and had considerable ability as a sketch artist,” it reads.

The piece, under the headline, “An old resident passes,” noted that Cane’s wife had died six years earlier. “And since then he has lived around with his three sons. From time to time he has returned to the beach and the Jacobson home has been a home to him. He was 77 years old at the time of his death and

was apparently hale and hearty.”

The obituary noted that son Frederick traveled from Yamhill to attend the funeral.

“Mr. Cane was held in high esteem and nearly every family in and around Long Beach was represented at the funeral.”

The service at the Jacobson home was conducted by the Rev. O.S. Barnum.

“The storm broke just as the funeral party was leaving the house and they rode for 2 miles in the blinding rain.” Interment was in the Ilwaco Cemetery, where his wife had been buried in 1908.

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Hilma Jacobson’s history is based in part on newspaper articles, museum archives and other sources. The record doesn’t highlight art, but paints a picture of a hardworking woman who dedicated her life to caring for others. She ran the Sea-Rest on Washington Street, between 12th and 16th streets.

Jacobson was born to John and Hannah Jacobson in 1874 in Chicago. The family came West by ox cart in 1882. “She helped run their hotel in Garden Grove, which later became part of Tioga, just north of Long Beach,” the record notes. “The Jacobson hospitality, fine cooking, and music concerts became quite famed and resulted in a very popu-

lar inn.”

When John Jacobson died in 1914, Hilma continued to run the hotel then rented it to a cranberry packing company for several years, the record reads. In 1924, she traveled the world for a year as a lady companion to Elizabeth Lambert Wood, a noted peninsula-based writer. When they returned, Hilma built a rest home, in part using timber salvaged from a wrecked ship.

A caring career

The South Bend Journal noted, “Visitors found Miss Hilma Amanda, who mothers half a dozen elderly men, not too busy to chat and pass out some mighty good coffee and homemade doughnuts.”

It mentioned the Jacobsons had four daughters, but she was the only unmarried one. “Friends whisper that her sweetheart was drowned at sea while returning from Alaska,” the newspaper wrote. “Hilma arises at daylight, milks three cows, and tends the pig and chickens. She also works her cranberry bog. In addition, besides nursing and doing housework, she attends the Long Beach (Community) Church and helps with its activities.”

She took care of her younger brother and their widowed mother. “Hilma continued to take in boarders until around the end of the 1950s when she moved into the Ocean View Rest Home, where she later passed away in 1963. She is buried in the family plot in the Ilwaco Cemetery,” the article noted.

While Barbara Pearl has no recollection of any artistic endeavors, she recalled her great-aunt Hilma with extreme fondness. “She was very open to people, but she was not the bubbly kind. ... She never married. She took care of her mother and father,” she said.

“I was a very young girl when she was around. I do remember the people that she took care of.”

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