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Capt. Rip Carlton of Bend and his crew will be featured in the upcoming season of “Deadliest Catch” on the Discovery Channel airing on April 19.

ON COURSE FOR ADVENTURE

A sea captain who lives in Bend to be featured on ‘Deadliest Catch’

BY JOE SIESS • The Bulletin

When Capt. Rip Carlton was just a lad, he dreamed of swashbuckling adventures. Skiing mountains, hitchhiking in Mexico, racing cars in Europe. But he was broke. That’s when he left his home in Seattle for Dutch Harbor Alaska where, at the age of 18, he lived in a tent he pitched inside an abandoned military barracks. From there, he combed the harbor looking for work on one of the many

fishing vessels moored at the docks. He got his foot in the door of the lucrative fishing industry and proved he was worth his salt, working his way up from bait boy, to deck hand, engineer, and eventually

to captain. Today, the 64-year-old Carlton lives in Bend with his wife, Cindy King Carlton, but is a captain of two ships in Alaska he uses to catch king crab. It’s a profession he loves but never expected he would wind

up doing this long. He’s worked in the fishing industry for 46 years, 35 years as captain, and has fielded numerous requests from the Discovery Channel to allow a film crew to capture him and his crew in action for the network’s popular show, “Deadliest Catch.”

He resisted for the longest time, and it wasn’t until his son, Derek Carlton, finally convinced his father to say yes, and so he will be featured, along with his crew on the Patricia Lee, in the upcoming season of the show airing on April 19.

“They’ve asked me and my boat to do it for quite a few years,” Carlton said of the “Deadliest Catch.” “And I’ve always said no...I really didn’t have the desire to do it.”

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The crew of the fishing vessel Patricia Lee: Carlton, Flynn Shaw, Oliver Hoogendorn, James Horner, Cameron Meyer, Devon Davis, Steve Salzar and Kyle Karvia.

Discovery Channel



Carlton at the helm of the Patricia Lee, a crab fishing boat.

Discovery Channel

Timber baron jumps into Oregon political campaigns

BY GARY A. WARNER

Oregon Capital Bureau

A California timber baron who is the nation’s largest landowner has jumped into Oregon politics with big contributions to campaigns seeking to wrest control of state government from Democrats.

Sierra Pacific Industries contributed \$200,000 on April 4 to Betsy Johnson, the former Democratic state senator from Scappoose, who is running as an unaffiliated candidate for governor. It’s the third largest single contribution that makes up the more than \$6.2 million Johnson has raised since the beginning of January 2021.

The company also gave \$250,000 in February to Bring Balance to Salem, a political action committee formed late last year that has raised \$1.6 million. The contributions have come primarily in large contributions by timber, construction and other companies with Sierra Pacific one of the four largest single givers, along with Oregon-based wood products companies The Swanson Group, Roseburg Forest Products, and Murphy Company. The PAC has hired former U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, R-Hood River, as a consultant.

Sierra Pacific Industries is owned by Archie Aldis “Red” Emmerson, 93, who lives in Redding, California. The company’s total land holdings are 2.3 million acres in California, Washington and Oregon, according Realtors’ Land Institute, an industry group based in Chicago.

The Land Report, a magazine published by the institute, reported in its winter 2021 issue that Emmerson topped the landowner list following the October 2021 purchase of Eugene-based Seneca Sawmill Co. The deal included 175,000 acres of timberlands in southwestern Oregon, the magazine reported.

The magazine’s cover featured a picture of Emmerson with the headline “America’s Largest Landowner.” The article said Emmerson’s company also owns 18 sawmills and eight “renewable biomass energy cogeneration facilities.”

Born in Grande Ronde, Oregon, Emmerson went to high school in Omak in Eastern Washington before moving to California and working in the timber and sawmill industry, eventually joining his late father, Carly Emmerson, to found Sierra Pacific in 1949.

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Drug reatment programs struggle while state holds up funding, Measure 110 proponents say

\$276M has failed to reach providers

BY EMILY GREEN

The Lund Report

When voters passed Measure 110 in November 2020

to decriminalize the possession of small amounts of illicit drugs such as methamphetamine and heroin, they diverted marijuana tax dollars to a grant program to fund treatment and recovery services across the state.

But the lion’s share of that money for the current two-year budget cycle — \$276 million — has failed to reach providers.

At a meeting Friday, the community oversight council that distributes the funds

once again voted on an extended timeline for distribution. The grant award letters were initially supposed to go out to providers the second week of January, but were delayed repeatedly while grant applications remain

under review. As it stands now, grant dollars are estimated to begin rolling out the door, county by county, starting in June and ending in October, according to state estimates.

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