

Interesting 1854 court case is topic of Thursday talk

The county's first known probate case is the topic of a free lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, in the Lovell Showroom at Fort George Brewery.

The lecture is part of the Clatsop County Historical Society's Thursday Night Talks series.

The Oregon Territorial Court Journal, recently found in the basement of the Astoria Library, sheds new light on the county's first probate case, which was so controversial it had to be decided by the Oregon Territory's Supreme Court in 1854.

In dispute was the inheritance rights of the children of a Clatsop Indian woman who had refused to marry her husband, Calvin Tibbets, in the "white man's way." The Tibbets' children had been denied their right to inherit their father's sizeable estate.

Jerry Sutherland, author of "Calvin Tibbets: Oregon's First Pioneer," will lead the talk.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for anyone wanting food or beverages. Minors are welcome with an accompanying adult.

Water: Fixing 89 miles of pipes

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ter rates in a stepped fashion from 4 to 7 percent over the next five years.

That will help with some of the needed \$25 million, but the city will have to borrow money by issuing revenue bonds over the next five years, Stangel told commissioners.

The city needs to develop a program to replace approximately one mile of pipe every year, increasing funding to about \$1 million per year by the end of 20 years. Since



Courtesy Gateway Lodge

Gateway Lodge officers, left to right in front: Fred Cantrell Jr., junior warden; Dick Rodlun, master; Archie Cook outgoing master; and Ronald Atkins, secretary. Back row: Bert Little, junior steward; Norman McLaren, junior deacon; Ronald Collman, marshal; Victor Kee, senior steward; and Jack Bradbury, treasurer and chaplain.

Masons name leaders for 2018

Dick Rodlun of Ocean Park, Wash., is the new master of Gateway Lodge No. 175, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon.

He took over the gavel from Archie Cook of Seaside at a ceremony Dec. 6 at Warrenton Masonic Lodge.

In addition to officers in the photo above, other officers are Gil Gramson, senior warden; Lane MacLean, senior deacon; and Tony

Qualin, tyler.

Ronald Atkins, in addition to serving as secretary, also serves as deputy for District 1.

Warrenton Masons meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

Fire destroys Sunset Lake home

Three people were left homeless after a Dec. 8 fire destroyed a house in the Sunset Lake area.

The residents escaped with their pets after the fire broke out in a back bedroom shortly before 10:30 p.m., Warrenton Fire Chief Tim Demers said.

The home at 90656 Lake View Road likely will be considered a total loss, he said. There was major smoke and water damage throughout the 1,500-square-foot house and portions of the roof and

wall were cut out.

The house is in an area with narrow dirt and gravel roads served by Warrenton Rural Fire Protection District.

"The hydrant system there is not the best," Demers said. "One hydrant on my route in was obscured by a wood pile and vehicles and I didn't see it so we laid hose from another one."

The American Red Cross responded the following afternoon to assist the family with immediate needs as well as temporary housing.

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