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## Math and tunes on tap at Thursday lecture

"Mathematics and Music" is the topic of a community lecture set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, in the Lovell Showroom at Fort George Brewery, corner of 14 and Duane streets.

Clatsop Community College math instructor Rich Beveridge will lead the talk.

Many of us grew up with Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti Do, Beveridge says, but few understand the mathematics behind the diatonic scale made famous in the "Sound of Music."



Math instructor Rich Beveridge

The ancient Greeks knew that the length of a vibrating string was mathemat-

ically related to the tone it produced and, from this understanding, developed the seven-tone diatonic scale and seven-stringed lyre.

His talk is part of the monthly "Ales & Ideas" lecture series sponsored jointly by the college and Fort George.

Doors open with food and beverage service at 6 p.m. Food, seasonal beers and other beverages will be available for purchase, but no purchase is required. Minors are welcome.

## Fort Stevens VFW attends conference in Newport

Members of the local VFW post returned recently from a midwinter conference in Newport.

The annual conference celebrates the VFW's Voice of Democracy scholarship program whereby high school students from across the state submit essays on various topics. This year's topic was "American History: Our Hope for the Future."

Members who attended from Fort Stevens Post 10580 are Commander Marc Warren, Quartermaster Bert Little and Chaplain Leroy Dunn. Auxiliary members attending were President Debbie Little, Treasurer Muriel Dunn, Secretary Susan Walker and members Dana Warren and Margie Jones.

Winners at the post level in the essay contest are then

submitted to the district. None of the local essays made it to the district competition.

District winners and their families were treated to a banquet and received monetary awards.

The Department of Oregon Veterans of Foreign Wars awarded \$13,400 through the contest. Oregon's winner represents the state in Washington, D.C., in March.

## Crime: Selective enforcement can skew stats

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last year," Workman said. "So are there that many more people driving under the influence? Or are the police doing more enforcement?"

The department made a commitment to stop impaired drivers in 2016, which kicked into high gear in 2017, thus the dramatic increase in arrests.

Warrenton Police Department presented its annual report to the City Commission Tuesday night and included statistics from the past four years.

Some highlights:

There were 8,317 calls for police service in 2014. Last year there were 7,956.

There were 1,515 incident reports filed in 2014. Last year there were 2,028.

There were 994 arrests in 2014, 925 in 2015, 961 in 2016. There were 1,098 arrests last year, a 14 percent increase from 2016.

There were 2,407 traffic events (citations, collisions) in 2016, and 2,094 in 2017, a 15 percent drop.

Arrests for driving under the influence of intoxicants increased 40 percent last year.

"The decrease in traffic events stems from officers working more incidents/cases and not having time to do more traffic," Workman wrote in his annual report. "There is also a direct correlation in the commitment to patrolling for DUIs and the fact that a DUI case takes several hours and prohibits the officers from run-

ning more traffic during the investigation and subsequent report writing."

Before the meeting, Workman pointed out that arrests and report writing are up while total calls are down.

"I see this as the department being more proactive and making larger cases and arrests on their own without a call for service," he said. "But again, an arrest takes more time and (allows) less time for traffic stops."

If not for the rash of vehicle break-ins in November and December, the agency's property crimes would have been down for the year, he said.

"Warrenton continues to be a safe city to live in," Workman said, "with few violent crimes and an average amount of other crimes."