

## Pre-1922-fire drug store counter gets new home

A historic drug store counter, saved from Owl Drug before it burned in the 1922 fire, was donated to The Liberty Theater this week.

The theater plans to use it as a concession stand.

Owl Drug Store operated out of the Lovell Building after the fire and, by 1928, was rebuilt downtown on the northeast corner of 12th and Commercial streets, across from the theater.

The Liberty Theater has needed a concession stand for some time and has been actively looking for solutions, the theater's manager said in a press release. Upon hearing of the need, Jack Harris and Chris Nemlowill of Fort George Brewery offered to give and move the counter to the Liberty's Lower Lobby.

It took an hour of work to get the large counter down the stairs on Tuesday.

The counter has been lovingly restored and has a new wooden top made by Tim Kennedy of Blind Moses Woodworking.



Courtesy Liberty Theater

Woodshop employees deliver the Owl Drug counter to the Liberty Theater on Tuesday.

### News Briefs

## Business awards go out this month

Clatsop Economic Development Resources will have its sixth annual Business Awards for Clatsop County at 5:30 p.m. March 21 in Clatsop Community College's Patriot Hall.

Keynote speaker is college President Chris Breitmeyer.

Admission is \$25 and includes an hors d'oeuvre buffet, complimentary wine, beer and other beverages, followed by the program and awards presentation. Advance registration is required by calling 503-338-2402. The last day to register is March 17.

## Scammers portray sheriff personnel

Someone is calling residents saying they're from the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office.

The caller identifies himself as Sgt. Sullivan, Sgt. Smith or Deputy Harper.

"Please be aware these are not real law enforcement officers," the sheriff's office wrote. The caller uses a phone number that's been altered to reflect a local call, or a call from West Linn.

The caller tells the victims there's a warrant for their arrest, typically for missing jury duty. They then require the victim to obtain prepaid debit cards or MoneyPak cards to pay bail.

The sheriff's office doesn't call people when they have a warrant for their arrest. Nor does it accept payments over the phone.

## State has good hiring news

Oregon added 5,000 jobs in January, keeping the unemployment rate at a record low.

Unemployment has been at a historical low and stable for more than a year, remaining at 4.1 percent in January and December.

Oregon's unemployment rate is the lowest since 1976.

Three major industries each added close to 1,000 jobs: private educational services at 1,100; construction, 1,000; and manufacturing, 800.

### Project Manager - Professional Engineer 2

ODOT is hiring a Project Manager (PM) in Astoria. The PM is responsible for managing a team of ODOT construction staff and directing in the development of outsourced contracts and the contract administration of complex highway construction projects.

A valid PE license and 3 years of experience is required. Must have a valid driver license. Salary: \$80,076-\$112,428/ann., DOE. Relocation negotiable. Apply online at [www.odotjobs.com](http://www.odotjobs.com), search job code ODOT18-15630c. **This position is open until filled with a first application screening date of 3/19/18 at 8:00 a.m.** ODOT is an EEO/AA employer. Apply today at <https://goo.gl/wHRhht>

## No charges in Rilea death

No criminal charges will be filed in the accidental firing of a weapon that killed a soldier at Camp Rilea on Jan. 31, the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office announced.

Spc. Devin James Kuhn, 24, was found with a gunshot wound about 6:30 p.m. Jan. 31 in Rilea's housing area. He was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead by doctors in the emergency room.

The DA's office reviewed extensive reports from the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office and conducted extensive interviews with soldiers, witnesses and other personnel, DA Josh Marquis said. There

was no criminal behavior and the accidental discharge occurred while a soldier was practicing loading his weapon in one of the barracks.

The US Army Criminal Investigation Division is conducting its own investigation, but Marquis said "there is no indication that this was anything but a tragic accident. Any negligence did not rise to the level of criminal culpability and accordingly the investigation is closed."

Kuhn, originally from Philadelphia, was a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state.

## All crabbing now open statewide

The state has determined the level of toxic substances in crab is minimized and declared commercial and residential crabbing open throughout the entire coast.

While crabbing began a few weeks ago in this area, the portion of the coast south of Cape Blanco remained closed due to high levels of domoic acid, a marine biotoxin.

Oregon Department of Ag-

riculture and state Fish and Wildlife still recommend crab be eviscerated and the guts or butter discarded prior to cooking. When whole crab are cooked in liquid, domoic acid can leach into the cooking liquid. Consumption of the cooking liquid and crab viscera is not recommended.

State agencies will continue monitoring to ensure toxins stay below the alert level.

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