

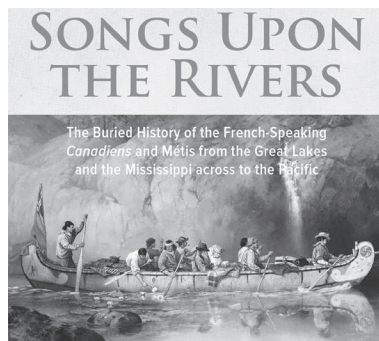
French influence is topic of talk

A talk on how the Northwest was influenced by French-speaking people is set for 1 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at Fort Clatsop.

“From the Great Lakes to the Lower Columbia: French Canadians and Metissage” is the title of Robert Foxcurran’s talk, which is part of the monthly “In Their Footsteps” free speakers series.

Foxcurran, a retired Boeing historian, is co-author of the 2016 book, “Songs Upon the Rivers: The Buried History of the French-Speaking Canadians and Metis from the Great Lakes and the Mississippi Across to the Pacific.”

Pacific Northwest history was heavily influenced by French-speaking people, Foxcurran contends. The Lewis and Clark Expedition included George Drouillard, Toussaint Charbonneau, Francois Labiche, Jean Baptiste Lapage and Pierre Cruzatte in the perma-



nent party that wintered at Fort Clatsop.

More French Canadians were employed on this voyage’s earlier Missouri River segment. Later, many French speakers came Northwest with the fur trade and Catholic missions. An abundance of French geographic names can be seen on Oregon and Washington maps.

His book will be available for purchase at the event, which includes a book-signing afterward.

The program is in the Netul River Room of Fort Clatsop’s visitor center.

Air Force jazz band offers free concert

The U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West’s jazz ensemble, The Commanders, will perform a free concert at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at the Liberty Theater, 1203 Commercial St., Astoria.

The Commanders are one of seven performance groups that make up the Band of the Golden West,



which is stationed at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

In addition to performing for civilian communities throughout California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona and Utah, the band supports 13 Air Force bases, eight Air Force Reserve wings, and six recruiting squadrons in over 250 annual performances for 1.5 million listeners.

Building: Drones, graphic arts, auto shop, welding, fish studies and more to be offered

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don’t think I’m a four-year college student, but I can see myself going someplace like MERTS,” Clatsop Community College’s marine and environment training campus.

“It would have been nice to get some of that training before paying for college,” Wil-

liamson said.

Josh Jannusch, a science teacher, assistant principal and the North Coast coordinator for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math education), gave the school board an update Wednesday night on career training in the district.

The new building, a 120-foot by 60-foot steel building worth \$76,000, has been donated by the owner of R&M Steel of Caldwell, Idaho. Local businesses may donate some labor and materials, but the district will have to pay to construct it.

Four district teachers are being certified to teach career-oriented classes in graphic design, natural resources and manufacturing/technology and others will be hired and certified for auto and welding classes.

A maintenance shack at the north end of campus will come down during spring break and construction will begin in the summer. The first classes in the new building are expected in fall 2019.

“Our major issue was always space,” Jannusch said.

Board member Dan Jackson asked whether students will graduate from the programs job-ready.

“Part of the process is career exploration,” Jannusch said.

Students who have taken three levels of auto technology courses “should be able to walk into Jiffy Lube and be hired,” Principal Rod Heyen said.

A student in last year’s underwater robotics program was hired by the Columbia River Maritime Museum to maintain its remotely operated vehicles, Heyen said.

Another student in an internship program sponsored by Hampton Lumber was hired by the company and has moved up in the ranks.

Students who get involved in the high school’s fish hatchery program would have a leg up on entry-level fisheries jobs or more likely to be accepted into the fisheries study program at Mount Hood Community College, Jannusch said.

A big part of the career-training grant will fund summer programs. One is a “Coastal Drone Academy” conducted in partnership with Career Technical High School, a charter school in Lincoln City.

Another is “Girls Build,” a training program targeting girls ages 8 to 14.

Public Safety Calls

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west Warrenton Drive. Tara A. Massey, 32, of Warrenton was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants and for resisting arrest.

•Traffic stop, 12:30 p.m. March 10, Harbor Drive at Skipanon Drive. Driver cited for failing to register his vehicle.

•Traffic stop 5:11 p.m. March 10, Highway 101 at Harbor Drive. Driver cited for driving while suspended.

•Traffic stop, 1:37 p.m. March 12, Highway 101 at Marlin Avenue. Jesse Scott Ferrara, 47, of Ocean Park, Wash., was cited for criminal failure to carry and present a driver’s license and driving while suspended.

FIRE AND SERVICE CALLS

•Electrical arcing and smoke, 12:27 p.m. March 6, 1600 block Southeast Ensign Lane.

•Smoke alarm going off, 1:14 a.m. March 8, 100 block West Harbor Drive.

•Smoke alarm going off, 6:06 p.m. March 8, 32600 block Turley Lane.

•Illegal open burn, 3:57 p.m. March 11, south of 91500 block Highway 101.

MEDICAL CALLS

•Male with chest pain, 2:15 a.m. March 5, 1000 block King Salmon Place.

•Male who has passed out, 6:31 p.m. March 5, 600 block South Highway 101.

•Female fall patient, 8:09 p.m. March 5, 2000 block Southeast Azalea Avenue.

•Female fall patient, 10:14 a.m. March 6, 2000 block Southeast Azalea Avenue.

•Female who has attempted suicide, 3:05 p.m. March 6, Clatsop Behavioral Respite Center.

•Male with altered mental state, 6 p.m. March 6, 600 block South Highway 101.

•Out of control male juvenile, 10:05 a.m. March 7, 800 block

Southwest Cedar Avenue.

•Male who’s not feeling well, 3:16 p.m. March 7, VA Clinic at Camp Rilea.

•Male who’s passed out, 7:40 p.m. March 7, 100 block South Highway 101.

•Elderly male who fell and is injured, 4:09 p.m. March 8, 400 block Enterprise Street.

•Female who fell and is requesting transport, 2:10 p.m. March 9, 700 block East Harbor Drive.

•Male who has collapsed, 3:53 p.m. March 9, 600 block South Highway 101.

•Male with diabetic problem, 12:43 p.m. March 10, 300 block South Main Avenue.

•Female fall patient, 11:16 a.m. March 11, 0-100 block Northwest Elm Avenue.

•Male with possible stroke, 5:39 p.m. March 11, 500 block Northwest Ridge Road.

•Female with sprained ankle, 8:26 p.m. March 11, Coast Guard Air Station.