

# Deadline approaches for May 15 primary election

Those who aren't registered to vote or who want to change their party affiliations have until April 24 if they want to vote in the May 15 primary.

All forms must be hand-delivered or postmarked on or before April 24. To be eligible to vote, you must be an Oregon resident, a U.S. citizen, and be at least 18 years old by Election Day.

For voters not registered with a political party, the Independent Party of Oregon has chosen to open its primary election to voters who are not members of any party for the

May 15 election. To request a primary election ballot for the Independent Party, complete and return the form on our website [www.co.clatsop.or.us/clerk](http://www.co.clatsop.or.us/clerk) or in person at the Clatsop County Elections Office, on the second floor at 820 Exchange St., Astoria.

A form has been mailed to each nonaffiliated registered voter who has the option to request an Independent Party ballot.

Voter registration forms are available at the Elections Office, local post offices, public libraries and Oregon De-

partment of Motor Vehicles offices. People may also register online with the Oregon Secretary of State's Office at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov).

Ballots for the election will be mailed beginning April 25. Ballots are not forwarded by the post office. Therefore, voters are urged to update their registration if they've moved.

Voter pamphlets will be mailed to each household before ballots arrive; Clatsop County's races and measures will be inserted into the state voters' pamphlet.

# Eco park: Business center planned near airport

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the port to work on this and other grant proposals, said their initial request will be for \$25,000, which would be enough to study the project's feasibility and give them a cost estimate, site plan and basic market analysis.

Some of those who have expressed interest include Clatsop Community College, CREST and the OSU Extension program, which has long outgrown its office at the seafood lab years ago, Cronin said.

Knight foresees enticing an investor who would construct a 20,000- to 30,000-square-foot professional services campus to house companies devoted to environmentally sensitive construction.

"We're in a unique position to create better partnerships," Knight said.

We could become a leader in the state through research and education – finding new ways to help develop this town – instead of the constant battle between how to affordably develop properties without harming the ecological balance," Knight said.

Last week, the city of Warrenton sent a letter support-

ing the plan.

"The new center complements the existing research and development center at the Oregon State University Seafood Lab and Columbia Memorial Hospital's Cancer Center," reads the letter signed by Mayor Henry Balensifer. "We are interested in seeing this new center developed to further expand the

career and technical trade opportunities of our citizens ... as well as provide research into the best practices for sustainable and resilient development within our city."

Balensifer, who works for Lektro, which is based at the airport, said the city is excited about the possibility of industrial or business expansion at the airport.



New police officers Christopher Beem and Sheridan Crutcher accept the oath from Police Chief Matt Workman late last year at Warrenton City Hall.

# Officers complete standards training

Several local police officers graduate next week from basic police academy at the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

The 16-week course covers survival skills, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, ethics, cultural diversity, problem solving, community policing, elder

abuse, drug recognition and dozens of other subjects. Astoria Police Chief Geoff Spalding will speak at graduation ceremonies April 13 in Salem.

Among the graduates: Officers Christopher Beem and Sheridan Crutcher, Warrenton; and Andrew Murray and Levi Winfrey, Astoria.

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