

## Life in Clatsop County's company towns

### Author delves into touchy topic

Bradwood, Wauna and Westport -- Clatsop County's historical company towns -- are the topic of a lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19.

Jim Aalberg, author of "Historical Company Towns of Clatsop County," will take the microphone for the latest in the Clatsop County Historical Society's Thursday Night Talks.

While "company town" often elicits dreary images of remote coal mining communities, Aalberg's research suggests those connected to Clatsop County's towns remember an almost idyllic existence with a sense of community.

The lecture is free and held in the Lovell Showroom at Fort George Brewery, 1483 Duane St., Astoria. Doors open at 6 p.m. for those who want to purchase food or beverages, although no purchase is necessary. Minors are welcome.



**Above:** Bradwood, a lumber town on the banks of Hunt Creek, was established in 1930. The mill closed in 1962 and a fire in 1965 destroyed most of the facilities. By 1984, only a handful of residents remained.

**Below:** The mill town of Wauna was established in 1912 and had a population of 400 by 1919. At its heyday, there were 700 people living at Wauna.



### Fight between brothers leads to arrest for assault

A Hammond man was arrested on suspicion of assault after a sheriff's deputy spotted him in an altercation with his brother.

A sheriff's sergeant who was serving some civil paperwork pulled into the family's driveway in the 200 block of Tye Street about 8:45 p.m. April 3 and saw one of the brothers bent over, holding his chest and having some difficulty breathing, according to a probable cause declaration filed by Warrenton Police Department.

The man told the deputy his

brother accused him of siphoning gas from his vehicle and then struck him several times on the back and chest with a 4-foot-long stick, according to the declaration.

Preston Alexander Medjo, 22, was booked at Clatsop County Jail on second-degree assault charges.

The brother, who had visible injuries, declined medical treatment.

### Bicyclist struck by truck, injured

A Warrenton woman was injured Monday when she was struck by a truck while riding her bicycle on Highway 101 south of Costco.

Marvel L. Williams, 33, was

riding south on the northbound highway shoulder when a 2014 Toyota Tacoma struck her about 5:38 p.m.

She was taken by ambulance to Columbia Memorial Hospital with a broken shoulder and broken ankle.

The vehicle that struck her was driven by Curtis R. Schluter, 22, of Warrenton, who told officers he didn't see the bicyclist until after he'd struck her.

Schluter was cited for criminal failure to carry and present a license and cited for driving while suspended.



### Citizen Police Academy begins Tuesday

Six local law enforcement agencies have joined together to develop a citizen patrol, sometimes referred to as the "eyes and ears of law enforcement."

The 2018 Citizen Police Academy begins Tuesday, April 17, and runs through mid-June.

Attendees will learn about the different aspects of law enforcement including crime scenes, investigations, use of Tasers and firearms and they'll get to tour various facilities including the Clatsop County Jail.

Classes are 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through June 11 with an additional session from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 19, for hands-on firearms training.

Meeting locations vary and include police departments in Seaside, Cannon Beach and Warrenton, the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office, Clatsop County Courthouse and Seaside City Hall.

Those interested in attending must complete an application, which includes

a background check. Applications are available at the police counter at Warrenton City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

The application should be returned to the agency in the jurisdiction where you live.

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