



Courtesy Fort Stevens VFW

Dana Warren, Brian Walker and Joyce Allison serve food at last month's VFW fundraiser.

## VFW still selling chances for prizes as part of fundraiser

A spaghetti and silent auction fundraiser to benefit 7-year-old Jackson Humpal raised \$2,500.

Jackson, whose parents are serving locally in the Coast Guard, was diagnosed with leukemia in March. The fundraiser was sponsored by Fort Stevens VFW Post 10580 and Auxiliary.

Tickets for auction items that came in after the event still are being sold. Items being raffled include a AAA

membership, Fast Lube gift card, Buoy Beer gift card, Pat's Pantry gift card, River-Zen Yoga gift card, and four passes to the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Purchase tickets by sending an email to [vfw-post10580@gmail.com](mailto:vfw-post10580@gmail.com) or come to the concession stand at Robinson Community Park on July 4 or during softball game days. The drawing will be held July 14.

## Deputy to graduate from academy

A Clatsop County sheriff's deputy is among the graduates of the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's basic police class.

The 16-week class covers survival skills, firearms,

emergency vehicle operations, ethics, cultural diversity, problem solving, community policing, elder abuse, drug recognition, and more.

Deputy Eric Dotson will graduate from the basic police class July 12 in Salem.

## Attempted carjacking leads to chase and crash

A Kelso man was arrested Sunday after he led peace officers on a high-speed chase on Interstate 5 and Highway 30 before crashing into a sheriff's vehicle in Clatskanie.

Gregorio Ivan Layna, 35, was arrested by Oregon State Police for eluding an officer. Cowlitz County, Wash., Sheriff's Office is expected to file charges on attempting to elude, possession of a stolen vehicle, second-degree assault, hit-and-run and resisting arrest. Ridgefield police expect to file charges for attempted carjacking.

A man called police in Ridgefield, Wash., after the suspect put him in a headlock and stole his keys, but was unable to start the vehicle, Oregon State Police reported.

Ridgefield officers attempted to arrest the suspect, but he was able to escape after a foot pursuit. He then fled in a silver Ford F150 that had been reported stolen out of St. Helens.

Cowlitz County Sheriff's Deputy Brady Spaulding

## Kids can become junior naturalists

Wildlife Center of the North Coast will have a weeklong summer camp for kids who want to become junior naturalists.

The camp is open to students entering third and fourth grades who want to learn about animals and discover the outdoors. The Wildlife Center is on 105 acres and campers will visit wetlands, forests and other habitats.

Camp is from 8 a.m. to noon July 22-26. Cost is \$150, with a limited number of scholarships available.

For more information or to sign up, go online to [coastwildlife.org](http://coastwildlife.org) or call 503-338-0331.



After crashing into a sheriff's vehicle in Clatskanie, a carjacking suspect's vehicle is surrounded.

Courtesy Oregon State Police

spotted the truck headed north on I-5 near exit 27 and attempted to pull the man over, but he fled at speeds over 100 mph and used all three lanes to evade police, according to the report.

The suspect avoided spike strips and intentionally swerved at a deputy who was outside of his vehicle attempting to deploy the spike strips.

The suspect vehicle took exit 39 and collided with a vehicle that was stopped for a red light, police said. While the vehicle was damaged, the occupant was not injured.

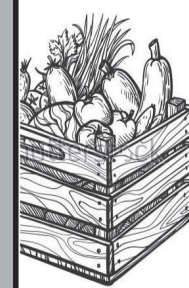
The suspect took the Lewis and Clark bridge into Oregon, then continued west

on Highway 30. The driver forced eastbound vehicles out of their lanes in his attempt to flee.

As the suspect continued into Clatskanie, he collided with a sheriff's patrol vehicle and was then pinned in by multiple patrol vehicles to end the pursuit. The man attempt to flee the vehicle and resisted arrest, police said.

Deputies deployed a taser and a K-9 unit to take the suspect into custody. One deputy was cut by broken glass during the altercation, requiring sutures.

Layna was convicted in 2016 of burglarizing a barn, stealing a motorhome and trafficking in stolen property.



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