

## Speaker ponders winter transport

Ever wonder whether Lewis and Clark knew how to ski?

Ski historian Richard Brenne will talk about historic winter transportation and his musings about the Corps of Discovery during the next installment of In Their Footsteps, a free speakers series sponsored by Lewis and Clark National Historical Park.

Brenne's talk is at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, in the Netul River Room of the Fort Clatsop Visitor's Center.

Snowshoes are referenced in the explorers' journals and Brenne theorizes that the expedition members



Brenne

may have been interacting with the descendants of skiers or snowshoers.

His talk will include a discussion of dog domestication, winter hunting, large scale prehistoric human migration, the California Gold Rush and how skiing came to be used by mail carriers, miners, ranchers, doctors and pastors throughout the West, including on Mount Hood.

Brenne is a skier, mountain climber, world traveler, tour guide, freelance writer and award-winning screenwriter.

The talk is free. To learn more, call 503-861-2471.

## Woman goes on shoplifting spree

A woman from Ocean Park, Wash., was cited for several counts of second-degree theft after security personnel at two retail stores detained her and police found items inside her car they suspected were shoplifted from three stores.

Warrenton police officers were dispatched to Home Depot about 5 p.m. Dec. 4 after the store's loss prevention officer attempted to detain a woman who'd concealed numerous items and left the store without paying, according to a police report.

He'd also taken photos of her car and license plate before she fled the store, refusing to cooperate.

Her car was spotted at Fred Meyer a short time later. Photos from Home Depot were given to security staff at the grocery store, who were able to find the woman and watch her as she made her way through the store.

Officers waited by the woman's car and took her into

custody. She allowed them to search her bag and vehicle when she learned she'd be going to jail.

Officers found \$181 in items from Home Depot, more items from Fred Meyer and items from Dollar Tree, plus a cutting tool and knife used in the thefts.

All items were returned to the stores.

Marilyn L. Mobley, 53, was released pending a court hearing Dec. 17.

## New book honors coastal conservation hero

A new book from OSU Press, "A Generous Nature: Lives Transformed by Oregon," profiles conservationists and activists who've made enduring contributions to the preservation of Oregon's wild and natural places and high quality of life.

Among them is Neal Maine, a founder of North Coast Land



North Coast Land Conservancy founder Neal Maine speaks to a group.



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Conservancy and its first executive director.

Author Marcy Houle will discuss her book at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Beach Books, 616 Broadway St., Seaside. She and Maine also will sign copies of the book, along with current NCLC Executive Director Katie Voelke, who will provide a glimpse of the future as a result of Neal's legacy.

North Coast Land Conservancy is a nationally accredited private, non-profit land trust based in Seaside.

## Drunk driver hits car, pedestrian

A suspected drunken driver was arrested after he drove into a parked vehicle, left the scene and then struck a pedestrian, Seaside police said.

Erick Mendez Lopez, 22, was booked at Clatsop County Jail for third-degree assault, driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, reckless endangerment of others and failure to perform the duties of a driver.

The pedestrian, Justin Powell, 36, was seriously injured and taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital's trauma unit.

Police received a call of the crash into the parked vehicle about 8:15 p.m. Saturday at 12th Street and North Holladay Drive. The driver fled the scene headed north, where he hit the pedestrian and then continued north.

With the help of witness-

es, Mendez Lopez was found walking on 15th Avenue between Holladay and Roosevelt drives.

His blood-alcohol content was recorded at 0.15 percent.





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