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## Upcoming events

### College celebrates educating mariners for 50 years

Celebrate 50 years of maritime science during the February Ales & Ideas lecture.

The program will be presented by Capt. Dale Butts and Capt. Eldon Russell, both instructors at Clatsop Community College's Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station (MERTS).

They'll talk about the evolution of maritime science during the past half-century and what the program offers students today. They'll also talk about their own maritime careers, complete with a slideshow.

Butts was born in Medford and raised in Brookings at the mouth of the Winchuck River and in Alaska. He holds a master 100-ton and a mate 1600-ton license and worked for the last 31 years on Alaskan waterways and teaching at the maritime school in Seward, Alaska. He moved to Astoria in September.

Russell has spent 25 years fishing commercially and



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Clatsop Community College's maritime faculty and staff celebrate hold a banner celebrating 50 years of maritime science training in the county.

tendering. He holds a Coast Guard merchant mariner credential as a 200-ton master near coastal, 1600-ton mate oceans, and able seaman unlimited. He has operated oil spill response vessels in Oregon, Washington, the Bering Sea and Beaufort Sea. Russell has been teaching at the MERTS campus for five years and is captain of the marine training vessel Forerunner.

Ales & Ideas is sponsored by Fort George Brewery and

Clatsop Community College. The event will broadcast live from the brewery's Lovell Showroom beginning at 6:50 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. Find it on the brewery's Facebook page.

Virtual participants can pose questions through a monitored comments section. While the brewery currently is closed to the public, food and beverage can be ordered for pickup at [fortgeorgetogo.com](http://fortgeorgetogo.com).

## College news

Seven local residents are among those who made the dean's list at George Fox University in Newberg for the fall 2020 semester.

Students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above.

From Warrenton, honorees are Gabrielle Brinkman, a senior studying illustration and theater; Matthew Burgher, a junior studying organizational communication; and Marin Donohue, a sophomore with a double major in music and theater.

From Astoria, honorees are Mitchell Geisler, a senior studying engineering; Sarah Lertora, a senior studying

communications; and Henry Samuelson, a junior with a double major in Spanish and history.

### Funds on tap for senior, disabled plans

Sunset Empire Transportation District seeks applicants with plans to help senior citizens and people with disabilities for money set aside through two state funds.

Grants are available through the Special Transportation Fund program and the 5310 Program for Enhanced Mobility.

Eligible projects must provide transportation services for older adults and citizens

From Seaside, honoree is Niquilla Blodgett, a junior studying elementary education.

with disabilities.

Eligible parties include counties, cities, transportation districts, public and private agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes and individuals.

Information is available on the district's website, [nworegontransit.org](http://nworegontransit.org).

Applications are due to SETD by 5 p.m. Feb. 8.

For more information, call Jeff Hazen at 503-861-5399.