

Tillamook Burn is subject of virtual lecture

The historic Tillamook Burn and more recent fire conflagrations are the topic of a virtual lecture sponsored by the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council.

The talk will be presented by Aaron Groth, a coastal regional fire specialist with Oregon State University's Forestry and Natural Resources Extension Fire Program. His coverage area includes Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, and Lincoln counties. He's also a former Peace Corps volunteer who worked in



Groth

In addition to fire history, he'll provide steps residents can take to protect their families, homes and property.

The free lecture is at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 10, and will be available live via Zoom. A link to the event is on the council's website, lnwc.nehalem.org, and the group's Facebook page.

Fisherman statue dedicated at marina office

The Columbia Press

A sculpture dedicated Wednesday at Warrenton Marina honors members of the fishing industry, which has brought countless economic benefits to the city.

The sculpture was installed earlier this spring, but the dedication was postponed due to the pandemic.

"We are proud of what we've accomplished during a bad year," said Brenda Hoxsey, chair of Spruce Up Warrenton, a group of grassroots volunteers that commissioned and donated the sculpture to the city.

The piece was created by chainsaw artist and woodworker Konlim Bokor of Original Roots Carving. The cedar log was donated by Gil Gramson and Luke Ness.

Landscaping was added outside the marina office, where the sculpture has stood



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City officials and members of Spruce Up Warrenton stand with the statue dedicated Wednesday afternoon at Warrenton Marina. They are, left to right, Brenda Hoxsey, Jim Dutcher, Mayor Henry Balensifer, Lucinda Davis, Norm Hoxsey, Ken Davis, Lori Beth Kulp, Commissioner Rick Newton and City Manager Linda Engbretson.

since March. Four crab pots and other fishing implements complete the display.

"We did have one (crab pot) stolen, but police recognized him on the security camera and we got it back," Hoxsey said during the dedication.

Spruce Up members Jim Dutcher and Norm Hoxsey

have been oiling the sculpture to ensure it doesn't split.

The group also showed off equipment for four electrical "spider boxes" donated by electrician Tony Bogh, which the group is donated to the city. They can be used at the Fish and Farmer's Market, the Harvest Festival and for other events.

"The statue will stand for generations, welcoming our visitors," City Manager Linda Engretson said.

Henry Balensifer said he was honored to be mayor of a city with volunteers like those working with Spruce Up Warrenton.

"Our city runs on volunteers," he said. "That's not a bad thing. It's a necessity."

A metal sculpture of two children reading books will be dedicated at Warrenton Community Library at 2 p.m. June 12.

The metal sculptures were made by Pacific Fabrication and are a joint gift to the city by Spruce Up and Commissioner Rick Newton.

College news

A resident of Seaside and a resident of Astoria have been named to the dean's lists of two out-of-state colleges.

Wayne Davis of Seaside made the dean's list for win-

ter term at Southern New Hampshire University.

Clayne Williams of Astoria made the dean's list for spring semester at Eastern New Mexico University.

Public safety calls

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Avenue. Driver cited for going 62 in a 45 mph zone.

•Traffic stop, 5:30 p.m. May 26, Ensign Lane at 19th Street. Hayden L. Davis, 28, of Warrenton was cited for criminal driving while suspended and for failing to install an ignition interlock device.

•Traffic stop, 5:39 p.m. May 26, Ensign Lane at 19th Street. Driver cited for having no license.

•Two-vehicle collision, no injuries, 2:15 p.m. May 27, Discovery and Ensign lanes. One driver was cited for failing to obey a

traffic-control device.

•Two-vehicle collision, one possible injury, 3:12 p.m. May 27, Ensign Lane at 19th Street. One driver was cited for disobeying a traffic-control device; the other driver was cited for having no insurance.

•Traffic stop, 6:59 p.m. May 27, Ensign Lane near Home Depot. Driver cited for having no license or insurance.

•Traffic stop, 4:52 p.m. May 29, Alternate Highway 101 and South Main Avenue. Driver cited for driving while suspended.

•Illegal parking, 12:30 a.m. May 30, Ridge Road near soccer fields. Vehicle was towed for partially blocking bicycle lane.

•Speeding, 12:37 p.m. May 30, Ridge Road near Parkview Apartments. Driver cited for going 64 in a 45 mph zone and for driving without a license.

•Speeding, 6:39 p.m. May 30, Ridge Road near Parkview Apartments. Driver cited for going 65 in a 45 mph zone.

•Traffic stop, 5:44 p.m. June 1, 18th Street at South Main Avenue. Driver cited for having no insurance.

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