

WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE DUNES

Breakers Point dune grading gets a nod

By Dani Palmer Cannon Beach Gazette

The Cannon Beach Planning Commission approved a controversial application to grade dunes at Breakers Point Thursday, Aug. 27. In a 4-1 vote, planning commissioners granted Breakers Point permission to grade 13,700 cubic yards of sand west of the development, with the condition homeowners would not seek permission for further grading until the city finishes a sand management plan.

The grading will take place south of West Fifth Street and north of Ecola Creek, with graded material deposited onto the middle and upper beach area to the west.

The plan represented a drastically scaled-down revision from the 73,400-cubic-yard dune grading re-



R.J. MARX PHOTO

The Breakers in Cannon Beach.

jected by the city earlier this year.

Views, habitat at issue

Roughly 75,000 cubic yards of sand have accumulated in the Breakers Point area over 15 years, according to geologist Tom Horning,

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Ordinance will wait for dune grading study

By Dani Palmer

Cannon Beach Gazette

The Cannon Beach City Council voted Tuesday, Sept. 1 to draft a new ordinance prohibiting dune grading while the city's sand management plan update is in development.

"I think it's imperative we hold off on accepting any other dune grading permit applications until we've had an opportunity to complete our dune grading study," Councilor Mike Benefield said, adding the city should have more sufficient data so it ensures there isn't any harm done in the littoral cell.

It could take up to 60 days to implement the ordinance, City Planner Mark Barnes said, estimating a time frame of roughly 18 months for adoption of the new sand management plan.

A request to prohibit all dune grading projects in the meantime was first made in 2014, when the Breakers Point Homeowners Association proposed an unprecedented 73,400-cubic-yard dune grading project.

The Oregon Coast Alliance made the 2014 request and in July again asked Breakers Point to wait until the city plan was finished.

The Cannon Beach Planning Commission approved a smaller, 13,700-cubic-yard Breakers Point plan during its Aug. 27 meeting. As a condition, future dune grading permit applications will not be considered until the city sand plan is ready to go.

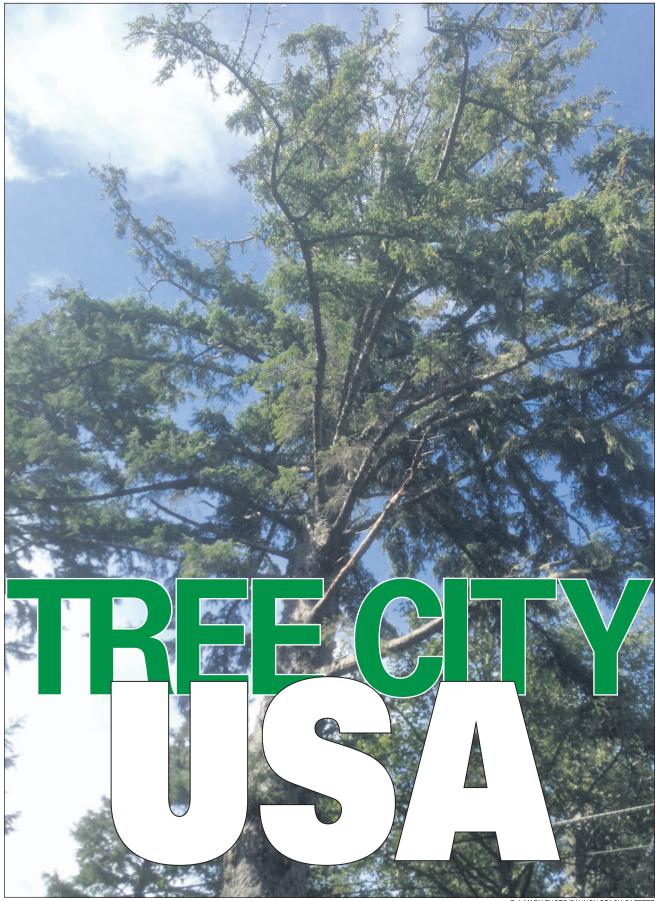
Because Breakers Point Homeowners Association representatives failed to abide by a "gentleman's request" for a similar delay earlier this year, council members asked for the agreement to be put in writing.

During the council meeting, Bill Kabeiseman, the city's land use attorney, said a moratorium is "fraught with uncertainty" in land use cases. The council rejected one on dune grading in May.

"An ordinance is probably the best way to go even if, in 18 months, we turn around and revise that ordinance to reflect whatever we learn from the consultant study," Benefield said.

The ordinance would not affect the Breakers Point Homeowners Association's recent dune grading approval or small projects administratively approved. Those, Barnes noted, are done for public access purposes rather than for views as Breakers Point and the presidential streets' were.

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Trees fill the city, like this reaching to the sky at Spruce and Harrison streets.

City celebrates tree designation at community potluck

By Dani Palmer Cannon Beach Gazette

annon Beach is well-known for being dog-friendly, but it also wants to be known as tree-friendly. The city applied for a Tree City USA designation, expected to be awarded next spring.

Tree City USA status is shared by 3,400 communities throughout the country and represents a commitment to core standards of urban forestry management, maintaining a tree board, a community tree ordinance and a \$2 per capita commitment from residents. The designation was celebrated Thursday, Sept. 3 at the city's community potluck and grant awards, when an Arbor Day proclamation was read.

Friends of Cannon Beach Trees approached City Manager Brant Kucera about the designation earlier this year, and after reviewing the criteria, he said he realized Cannon Beach met each requirement except the Arbor Day proclamation and

observance. The city already has a street tree committee, a tree care ordinance and budgets \$5,000 annually for street tree care.

Friends of Cannon Beach Trees member Jan Siebert-Wahrmund said the city's Public Works Department, especially Kirk Anderson who oversees lawn work, does "a wonderful job" taking care of trees. The Friends of Cannon Beach and other volunteers will be contributing to that care.

"I think there's a certain amount of esteem that comes with this designation, number one, but also it truly shows you're putting something concrete behind urban forest health," Kucera said.

Last month, the City Council agreed to incorporate observation into the city's 12 Days of Earth.

Siebert-Wahrmund said the decision to go for Tree City USA designation solidifies the community's "conscious commitment to care for our trees."

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Trees and ferns beckon along the new pedestrian-only trail in the Ecola Creek Forest Reserve. The winding trail offers great views of the North Fork of Ecola Creek and is an easy-to-moderate walk from the gated access at Elk Creek Road.

For tree-related commentary, see Cannon Shots, p. 4

Al fresco dining area leads to neighbor clash

By Dani Palmer

Cannon Beach Gazette

Wayfarer Restaurant's new outdoor patio is crowded with diners despite a Cannon Beach order to stop serving outside. Cannon Beach City Planner Mark Barnes sent a letter revoking the Wayfarer's outdoor dining approval on July 2, informing the restaurant that it "should not seat diners on the lower porch area."

In subsequent letters, officials levied a \$400 per day fine on the restaurant, yet to be collected.

Neighboring property owner Nick Sears said the restaurant continues to operate despite the city's order, failed to go through the Design Review Board process and is violating the city's noise ordinance.

The Cannon Beach Municipal Code classifies family dwellings as "noise sensitive" areas and Sears said he was able to demonstrate to city officials with a sound-level meter that the Wayfarer exceeds those

Martin Hospitality President Ryan Snyder said the Wayfarer did receive approval through the proper channels — city code allowing minor modifications without Design Review Board approval — and will not stop using the new pa-

Snyder said they're moving forward with initial approval — even with the threat of fines — because

the company has invested tens of thousands in outdoor patio upgrades.

Sears said he understands the restaurant owners' frustration after investing the money on patio improvements. Nevertheless, he said the Wayfarer is violating municipal code and "completely disregarding my property rights."

The letters

The city's letter to Martin Hospitality cited two factors for revocation of the outdoor patio license: the city's failure to review the proposal against screening requirements and Martin Hospitality's failure to implement the plans as approved.

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A view of the Wayfarer Restaurant and Lounge's new patio from neighboring property owner Nick Sears' duplex.

Smith defense: Psychologist lacks proper credentials

Cannon Beach Gazette

A state-appointed psychologist lacks proper credentials to examine alleged killer Jessica Smith, her attorney said at an August hearing.

Smith, 41, of Goldendale, Washington, appeared in Clatsop County Circuit Court shackled and in a blue jumpsuit on Friday, Aug. 28. She is accused of aggravated murder and attempted aggravated murder for allegedly drugging and drowning her daughter, Isabella Smith, 2, and attempting to kill her older daughter, Alana Smith, 13, by slashing her throat and wrists in a Cannon Beach hotel in July 2014. Alana now lives with her father, Greg Smith, in Washington.

Falls asked the judge to oppose the state's request for a mental health evaluation with Dr. Paul Guastadisegni, a Portland-based psychologist, because he is not qualified under new state standards to evaluate a criminal defendant.

"It's not the evaluation, it's the evaluator," Falls told Judge Cindee Matyas.

Falls said he is not opposed to a state evaluation as long as the defense can participate in the process with a certified evaluator. In any case, Falls said he would direct Smith not to answer questions about her



Jessica Smith, outside the Clatsop County Courthouse Friday, Aug. 28, is charged with aggravated murder and attempted aggravated murder in the drowning death of her 2-year-old daughter and cutting the throat of her teenage daughter in Cannon Beach in July 2014.

state of mind at the time of the murder and attempted murder.

The defense has already indicated it may seek to prove Smith acted with diminished capacity as a result of postpartum depression.

Marquis said he was disappointed with the defense waiting until the court appearance date to make an objection. A letter stating the district attorney's office expected to call Guasta-

disegni as an expert witness was sent five weeks ago and the state has already provided 100s of pages of document to the psyhologist, he added.

In seeking to speed proceedings, Marquis noted that the trial is already set for two years after the crime, unusual in a murder case.

"Alana is the victim and has a right to a speedy trial," added Dawn Buzzard, Marquis' co-counsel.

Falls said he only learned Guastadisegni was improperly credentialed Wednesday morning, and had not had time to contact the DA's office prior to Friday's court appearance.

Marquis conferred with the state attorney general's office during a 30-minute recess and afterward said he believed the defense was "misapplying" the new standards.

The state is flying blind" without the mental

adisegni would be able to provide, he added. "We need to move forward on this case."

health information Guast-

tentatively Matyas scheduled Smith's evaluation with Guastadisegni for Oct. 13 and 14, and gave the state more time to respond to Fall's opposition.

"There's nothing wrong with a little courtesy and a little communication," she said.



Smith, left, listens during a status hearing at the Clatsop County Courthouse Friday, Aug. 28.

Falls suggested the state look for a different, certified evaluator in the meantime. He also asked for a protective order that would shield "sensitive materials." A protective order is already in place, but Falls wanted access to reports regarding Smith's mental health further limited to preclude police access. Smith's ex-husband should not receive copies either, he

Marquis said the state would not share those reports, but would likely ask Greg Smith questions regarding Jessica Smith's mental health. He added that expert witnesses nor investigators should be excluded.

The attorneys will meet again in court on Oct. 2 for a follow-up hearing.

Jessica Smith's trial is scheduled to begin in June 2016.

CANNON BEACH POLICE LOG

Aug. 16

3:07 p.m. Highway 101 and Silverpoint: Driving privileges suspended. A subject was arrested for a misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license. Driver was cited and released.

5:37 p.m. 1700 block of Forest Lawn: Hit-and-run accident reported. A subject hit a high voltage junction box. The subject was later located.

Aug. 18

2:53 p.m. Beach and Harrison Street: Suspicious circumstances. Oregon State Parks reported a wedding on the beach without a permit. Those responsible for the wedding were advised after the fact.

Surfsand Resort: Disturbance and noise complaint. A large group for a beach wedding was informed to keep the noise down.

11:16 p.m. On the beach at

11:40 p.m. Beach off Surfcrest: minor in possession of alcohol.

Aug. 20

4:21 p.m. 100 block of East Jefferson Street: Disturbance. Complaint of a female yelling obscenities at a child playing in a neighboring front yard.

Aug. 23

1:44 a.m. Tolovana Wayside: curfew. Curfew violation and a minor in possession of marijuana.

5:17 p.m. 3400 block of South Hemlock Street: Property crime. Report of missing prescription pills.

Aug. 24

7:30 p.m. Hemlock and Jackson streets: Hit-and-run. A vehicle knocked down a stop sign and left. The driver was later contacted with a civil resolution.

11:26 p.m. Silver Point: Suspicious circumstances. The caller reported suspicious circumstances in a vehicle at Silverpoint. After further investigation, it was determined both occupants of the vehicle were not permitted to drive and were informed to have a licensed driver move the vehicle.

Aug. 25

2:24 p.m. North Entrance: Motor vehicle accident.

Aug. 26

11:17 a.m. 200 block of North

Hemlock Street: Hit-and-run. A vehicle hit-and-run property.

Aug. 27

2:09 p.m. 1400 block of South Hemlock Street: Motor vehicle Hit-and-run. No injuries reported.

7:15 p.m. Hemlock Street and Sunset Boulevard: DUII. Report of an intoxicated driver. Jerome J. Petach, 45, of Milwaukie, Ore., was taken into custody and transported to the Seaside Police Department for DUII, careless

Aug. 29

driving, breathalyzer refusal and

failure to drive within the lane.

12:21 p.m. Highway 26 and Highway 101: motor vehicle accident. A single vehicle accident at the sweeping southbound curve was reported. No injuries. The Oregon Department of Transportation remained on scene until the vehicle was towed.

There were 55 reports of illegal camping, and six animal reports.



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Accused kidnapper seeks access to texts, instant messages

Cannon Beach Gazette

Russell Wayne Deviney's attorney said he is still waiting on evidence that may very well "change the nature of the case" involving the accused kidnapper

Deviney, 48, of Everett, Wash., appeared before Clatsop County Circuit Judge Paula Brownhill on Friday, Sept. 4, in a gray, striped jumpsuit and shackles for a status check. Both the defense and District Attorney's office are being delayed by a lack of evidence, including surveillance footage from a Walmart in Salem.

Deviney allegedly kidnapped a 15-year-old girl in Sanger, Calif., on May 9 before leaving her and his 2004 Nissan Pickup at the McDonald's in Astoria two days later. A nationwide felony warrant was issued for Deviney's arrest.

Cannon Beach police and FBI agents found Deviney behind a locked

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Russell Wayne Deviney, right, appears for a status hearing at the Clatsop County Courthouse Friday, Sept. 4.

gate in a privately-owned wooded area south of Cannon Beach on May 14, after a passerby reported seeing him and called police.

von Boeckmann said he is waiting for the state to provide text messages between his client and the victim.

On Friday, District At-Defense attorney James torney Josh Marquis called

the case an "online luring situation."

According to court documents, the girl believed Deviney was an 18-yearold named James Russell,

Russell Wayne Deviney is walked back to the Clatsop County Jail after a status hearing at the Clatsop County Courthouse.

or "JR," who chatted with her on Instagram. Meeting him at a location near her home, she was kidnapped and later sexually assaulted, according to documents.

"Mr. Deviney is facing some very serious charges,' Marquis said.

Deviney pleaded not guilty to 12 felony charges in May, including first-degree kidnapping, first-degree rape and first-degree sodomy, and remains in custody on \$1 million bail.

Marquis said his office is waiting on the crime lab to pull those text messages from two phones confiscated from Deviney. The state agreed to request any existing copies of texts from investigators to forward to the defense.

Von Boeckmann said he is also seeking social media correspondence.

The state has had difficulty recovering the Walmart surveillance video, Marquis said. The DA's office is seeking a court order to prevent the store from destroying or altering the video in any way.

Deviney is scheduled for a final resolution conference on Dec. 11. A trial date has not been set.

Wyden comes to Seaside to show support for foster kids

By R.J. Marx

Seaside Signal

Sen. Ron Wyden came to Seaside Monday, Aug. 31 to show support for a Senate proposal to expand funds available for foster care families and children. The legislation expands reimbursement to provide parenting skills, family counseling, mentoring programs and services to stabilize families in crisis.

"It looks like this fall we're going to be able to advance this bill," Wyden, a ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee which oversees foster care, said. "In a tight budget environment it would be very hard to provide direct financial support, but the idea is that we provide young people ways to finance college, ways to secure housing and health care."

The goal, he said, is to make sure young people leaving the foster care system don't fall between the cracks in terms of housing, health care and basic necessities.

Wyden, whose wife Nancy joined him, chose Seaside to debut his foster care finance reform package because the city is home to FosterClub, Seaside-headquartered national network for young people in foster care.

Nancy Wyden's father and aunt had both been in foster care, her father from age 5 to 12 and her aunt from 13 to 15,

"I want you guys to pretend you're in my shoes," Ron Wyden said. "I'd be interested in hearing what you would be working with you if you were in my shoes."

Royce Markley, 22, who spent nine years in Oregon and Washington foster care systems, said he had received little or no information on financial aid before entering



Celeste Bodner of FosterClub in Seaside receives a visit from Sen. Ron Wyden.

Linn-Benton Community College. "That put a lot of strain on my life and my education," he said

Ashlee Foster-French, who spent four years in Oregon's foster system, said foster children faced obstacles setting up bank accounts, budget and finance. "Identifying the problems we have is an important place to start," she said.

'We get labeled," Foster-French said. "We have to fall into a category to receive medication. I'm a mother of three, and every time I've gone in to give birth, they bring up my past medical history. It's very upsetting."

Elbert Belcher spent 21 years in Kentucky's foster care system. He urged preventive services, including transportation counseling, and assistance for families and parents on board to take before children are placed into the foster care system.

T'd like to focus on the sibling connection," Belcher said. "I haven't seen my two younger brothers for six or seven years because they've been readopted after our unfortunate abusive adoption. I think it's inhumane not to have communication with your siblings if they've been adopted in a closed adoption.

Others told Wyden about frequent placements, bullying, abuse from some foster families and lack of contact with overburdened case workers, many of whom are untrained in youth engage-

"I think there's a powerful moral case for every youngster to be able to have a safe option in these kind of situations," Wyden said. "Even if you don't share my idea for the morality, you should be for what we're talking about because it is so much more attractive financially than what we're going to pay for picking up the pieces, in the welfare system, the law enforcement system, post-traumatic stress and drug addiction."







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Spruce trees saved in Cannon Beach, for now

funny thing happened on the way to the tree-cutting. It didn't happen.

We first learned about the alleged tree removal about two weeks ago in an anonymous email: "Although no notification has been sent to property owners in the area, we have learned by accident that the Public Works Department of the City of Cannon Beach has determined that two large spruce trees on the corner of Fifth Street and North Larch have been designated for re-

"Since these trees are on city property and hence belong to all Cannon Beach citizens, the city should show beyond doubt that the trees are a danger to the community because their death is imminent and that pruning will not alleviate the problem.'

This email alarmed residents, and it alarmed us, too.

After all, what could be more tragic irony than a beloved spruce being torn from its roots, with the counterpoint of Cannon Beach receiving the honor of "Tree City USA"? Only a select number of American cities receive this honor, one which is earned by meeting hard-won criteria for the evaluation, care and promotion of healthy

We did little to make things better in an online feature about the city's national honor by running a submitted photo of the Fifth and North Larch trees.

"Reading this article, then looking at the pictures that illustrate Cannon Beach's recent designation as a "Tree City USA" makes me feel like my name is Alice, or perhaps I have been transported back to 1984," Michael R. Capper of Cannon Beach wrote in an email. "The picture is of two old spruce trees that the city has marked for removal, based on a cursory evaluation of their health by the city's arborist. Not only do other arborists question his evaluation, there was no notification of people in the neighborhood that the trees were marked for destruction. Tree

The matter was compounded by the posting of a newspaper file photo of a bower in Cannon Beach along Highway 101. (Those photos, CANNON SHOTS

By MARX



Trees are always the most sensitive issue in any community. They represent roots and branches, generations and history, and the ongoing conflict between man and nature.

incidentally, no longer accompany the "Tree City" story. We are now using a nice, safe picture of spruce trees on North Spruce near Harrison, trees not slated for removal as far as we know.)

Meanwhile, fears for the fate of the trees at Fifth and Larch grew.

"These trees, which took the better part of a century to grow, are part of the heritage of Cannon Beach and form a dignified entry to the Fifth Street access to the beach," Rex Amos wrote in an email. "They should not be treated as just another nuisance to be weeded out of the city for the convenience of the public works department.

On Friday, we called Public Works Director Dan Grassick to clear things up.

'Spruce trees on Fifth and Larch are they coming down?" we asked.

'The application has been withdrawn," Grassick said. "There's nothing going to be done there. There's no issue. We're not going to take the trees down.'

'The trees are healthy?"

"We're not going to take the trees down. That's all I'm going to say."



Spruce trees at Fifth Street and North Larch Street were originally slated for removal, but received a reprieve after residents and an arborist

"When you do decide to take trees down, do you notify resi-

"Yes," Grassick said. "There's a standard city process. For trees within the right of way, property owners within 100 feet of the tree are notified. That's in the city ordi-

"Maybe this will work out for the best?

'Yes. There's no issue." While Grassick's comments

spared the trees, we were more confused than ever.

We turned to arborist Joe Balden to unravel this mess. Balden is a Nehalem-based consultant hired by Breakers Point property manager Bruce Francis to evaluate the trees at Fifth and Larch.

But first we had to break the news to him. He hadn't yet heard of the city's decision to spare the

Balden said he'd received a report from the city's arborist stating the trees were unhealthy and needed to be taken down.

"I said the evaluation is incomplete and there were other things that needed to be done to determine trees were structurally sound," Balden said. "That was about a week ago. I hadn't heard anything back one way or anoth-

Balden faulted the city's arborist and study.

He provided a copy of a letter he'd sent to the city, challenging its evaluation.

At 100 years of age, the trees are considered "to be young" for the species, Balden wrote. He recommended evaluation to determine healthy or decayed tissue and then a look to pruning to alleviate a potential hazard — deadwood or hanging branches.

been through a lot of storms, even before construction of Breakers Point buildings that now actually buffer the site," Balden concluded. "If further physical examination proves that either tree is structurally not sound, then action needs to be taken. But that evaluation needs to take place before making a decision on whether or not to remove either tree."

"Note that these trees have

So — nothing happened. A tree wasn't removed. Calling Jerry Sein-

Wait a minute. Back to Rex Amos, the Paul Revere of Cannon Beach tree-cutting.

"Do you have any ideas about how we could use this article to raise the awareness of our fellow citizens about offing trees that are now the poster child for Tree City USA?" he wrote.

Happy to oblige.

Congratulations to Cannon Beach on its honor. Tree City USA status is shared by 3,400 communities throughout the country and represents a commitment to core standards of urban forestry management, maintaining a tree board, a community tree ordinance and a \$2 per capita commitment from residents. The designation was celebrated Wednesday, Sept. 2 at the city's community potluck and community grant awards.

And we're happy for the spruce trees at Fifth and Larch for a chance to live and thrive into the future. At least until the next evaluation — Amos shared a new letter from the city stating the city has withdrawn the tree-cutting application "pending further research."

But above all, our thoughts turn to our cultural and archetypal relationship with trees.

To cut or not to cut in an area where timber heritage goes back generations. Trees penetrate to the core of our values and beliefs. They shelter us and provide shade. They are the symbol of this

Trees are always the most sensitive issue in any community. They represent roots and branches, generations and history, and the ongoing conflict between man and nature.

And you thought this was all about nothing.

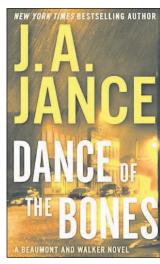
At the Library carla o'reilly

Military biography, mystery on tap for author talks

In the month of September, Cannon Beach Library is Coaster Theatre, we will be held at the Coaster Theatre meet Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. fortunate to sponsor not one, sponsoring the very popular at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. but two well-known authors. John R. Bruning and none other than J.A. Jance!

Bruning is a prolific military and aviation historian, who has previously written nineteen books. His newest book, entitled Indestructible, will be the focus of his talk when he visits the library on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. The book, to be released in 2016, is a biography of Paul "Pappy" Gunn, one of the great figures of the Pacific War. Bruning was embedded as a civilian historian with the Oregon National Guard in Iraq. His talk at the library is a part of the Northwest Author Series, organized by our own hard-working Jean

J.A. Jance, whose newest book is "Dance of the Bones," the story of two cold cases which, though far apart geographically, suddenly emerge



15. Her books will be available for sale through Cannon Beach Book Company.

Both author talks are free of charge and open to the public.

Cannon Beach Reads will be discussing a book by yet another author this month. The group will be talking about author Russell Shorto's "The Island at the Center of the World," which focuses on the central role played by the Dutch colony of New Netherland in the shaping of colonial Ameri-

"Dance of the Bones," the most recent novel by J.A. Jance.

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Three days later at the as related. Jance's talk will be can culture. The group will

As an annual fundraiser for the library, the Fall Festival will be held in the library building on Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature handmade crafts, baked goods, a book sale for children and young adults, and lovely gift baskets! Anyone wishing to donate any of these items for the festival should call the library at 503-436-1391 for guidelines. Come join us by the fire!

Other library news

Thanks to our incomparable Office Manager Buddie Anderson, our eBook program, Library 2 Go, is up and running. By means of the



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program, eBooks and digital audiobooks and more can be accessed. For help initiating and using this program, drop by the library during our open hours for a little assistance! Also thanks to Buddie's efforts, our new interactive website has also been launched. The site may be accessed by going to www. cannonbeachlibrary.org

A big congratulations goes out to our Summer Reading Contest grand prize winners, Abby and Reilly Harrington. We are honored to reward these great read-

Our lovely hand-stitched quilt remains on display at the library. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn at our annual Holiday Tea Saturday, Dec. 5. One need not be present to win, and if the lucky ticket is held by a non-local, we'll ship the quilt!

Looking ahead to next month, on Oct. 7 our membership meeting and brunch will feature speaker Nancy McCarthy, longtime former editor of our local newspa-

Happy autumn!

Uncorked Ramblings STEVEN SINKLER

For something different, consider some hard ciders

Fall is right around the corner. The days are a bit chillier and are getting shorter. Leaves are changing colors and beginning to drop from the trees. Harvest is making its way here too as the grapes have become perfectly ripened. In vineyards across Oregon and Washington, workers are busy bringing in the 2015 fruit. It's one of my favorite times of the year.

Fall is also the time when we see more interest in hard apple cider. Orchards are busy with activity as tons of Washington apples are being pressed and fermented into hard cider. Hard ciders have become very popular in the past couple of years. They are gluten free and have lower alcohol levels, typically around five to six percent. Interestingly, it's the younger crowd that seems to be the most interested in hard ciders. Customers in their 20s and 30s are much

more likely to purchase a hard cider than a customer in the 50-plus age group.

While I've been carrying hard cider for the past few years, a few months ago I was forced to find new hard ciders for The Wine Shack. The cider house I had been carrying was no longer working with a local distributor and wouldn't't be available to us much longer. The search for new ciders was on. My requirements were simple: I wanted to carry three or four ciders from a single, local cider house, and I wanted ciders that taste like ciders, no hoppy beverages that taste more like beer than cider. With these two, seemingly simple requirements to work with, I let my distributors know of my search. Within a couple of days, distributors responded by bringing me A lot of cider to taste. It's a tough job, but someone has to do it.



STEVEN SINKLER

I settled on Atlas ciders, made in Bend. Recently, Bend has become known as a mecca for craft breweries. But, instead of following the crowd and making beer, Atlas owners Bob and Samantha McCoy created a world class cider house. I really like that Atlas sources all of its fruit from the Pacific Northwest and their ciders are 100 percent natural, with no artificial colors or sweeteners. The Wine Shack now carries all four Atlas ciders: hard apple, apricot, pome-

granate-cherry and blackberry. Customers seem very pleased with the lineup, which delivers the diversity of flavors I was looking for.

The hard apple cider is Atlas's flagship, with crisp and tart apple flavors, this cider is off-dry, meaning it has just a hint of sweetness. I really enjoy this cider as you can actually taste the fruit, so if you like apples, you'll like this choice. Atlas's hard apple cider pairs nicely with salads, sandwiches and barbecue.

Atlas apricot cider is the driest drink they make. As an enthusiastic apricot lover, this hard cider offers tart flavor of apricot that may possibly be the most refreshing drink in my store (don't tell Puffin rosé about this, please). I enjoy drinking this on the deck by itself or with a sandwich or a Atlas's pomegranate-cherry

hard cider is an interesting

blend of fruits that go together surprisingly well. Prior to tasting this cider, I was expecting this cider to be too tart to be enjoyed by itself. I was wrong. The cherries deliver enough sweetness to offset the tart pomegranate flavors. This is another delicious and refreshing adult beverage with low alcohol content. However, the biggest surprise was yet to

Atlas blackberry cider is a stunner! An amazing blend of blackberry and elderberry, this hard cider is crisp, off-dry and even has some light tannins. I was immediately impressed with the beautiful purple color of the cider, but the taste is true to the sweet-tart combination that makes blackberry one of my favorite fruits. This may sound crazy to some, but Atlas blackberry cider has what it takes to be a dinner beverage, instead of a glass of wine or beer. Recently, I was out for dinner at a Portland brewery for dinner and drinks with a group of friends. While most of the group was busy enjoying their craft brews with appetizers and dinner, I went with an Atlas blackberry cider. The cider was up to the task.

I'm in the process of scheduling an Atlas cider tasting for an October or November Saturday afternoon. This will be a great opportunity for you to come in, try something completely different and sample these delicious Oregon hard

Please don't drink and drive. Although the hard ciders have much lower alcohol levels than wine, they still can lead to impaired driving and decision making. If you've been drinking, please use a designated driver. We want to see you again at The Wine Shack soon. Cheers!

How can we be better prepared for the 'Big One'?

A lot of people read "The Really Big One," Kathryn Schulz's New Yorker article about the Cascadia earthquake and tsunami that are forecast to strike the Pacific North-

The article caused shockwaves of its own across our region.

The information is not new to most of us here at home, but the vivid description of the risk to lives and the regional economy has generated a really big amount of anxiety in Or-

It's alarming to read that the largest natural disaster to hit North America might happen right here at home. But as a lawmaker, I am also deeply concerned about the article's reminder that we are nowhere as prepared as we can and should be given how much we know about this threat. In the article, OSU earthquake expert Chris Goldfinger discusses the growing gap between what we know and what we should do about it.

I have made closing this gap a priority in my work in Congress. I've supported additional research, advocated for federal investment in resilience, and raised awareness among my colleagues in Congress. But there is still work to be done.

Many Oregon communities are already taking action. For example, Cannon Beach set up cache sites in GUEST COLUMN

By U.S. REP. SUZANNE

evacuation areas where residents can store food, water, and supplies in barrels. Last year, I participated in their Race the Wave 5K walk/run, which followed the tsunami evacuation route from the beach to the cache site so residents and visitors are familiar with the route.

At the state level, Oregon lawmakers authorized The Oregon Resilience Plan. This comprehensive plan recommends policies to protect lives and the economy during and after a Cascadia event. Oregon Emergency Management is working with FEMA on Cascadia Rising, an earthquake and tsunami functional exercise that's planned for next summer. And the Legislature just passed several resilience-building bills, including provisions for seismic rehabilitation of schools and other critical infrastructure.

The state is making progress, but the federal government can and should do much more. FEMA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are engaged in earthquake and tsunami research



U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, D-Ore., explains the importance of investing in tsunami preparation to the fun run participants in October. Taking measures now, she said, will not only help to ensure that more people survive, it will make it easier for cities to rebuild after the disaster.

and education, but these efforts are not nearly enough. Oregonians face the complicated task of needing to prepare for an event on a scale not experienced in more than 315 years. Unfortunately, federal funding for hazard mitigation and resilience is generally limited to events that have already occurred and caused damage, like Hurricane Katrina or Superstorm Sandy. This tendency to be reactive rather than proactive is shortsighted, and I'm committed to doing what I can to work on prevention.

We can start by providing federal funding for research and development. The U.S. Geological Survey just awarded \$4 million to universities in the Pacific Northwest and California for an earthquake early warning system. And I am pleased that one of the first bills the U. S. House passed this session was my bipartisan Tsunami Warning, Research and Education Act. Once it passes the Senate, this Act will support NOAA's tsunami research and community-specific outreach and resilience activities. It's a good start, but only a small part of a long list of research and outreach needs.

Local and state governments also need resources to assess, plan, and respond to a Cascadia earthquake. At an implementation meeting for the Oregon Resilience Plan last year, we discussed the importance of planning and response training for communities. The disruption to transportation and communications systems will likely mean that many communities, particularly in rural areas, will be cut off from relief services. Communities need to be able to react and respond so people are safely evacuated, able to shelter in place, and endure winter weather, fire, medical emergencies, or food and water shortages.

The scope of what we face can seem overwhelming, but it is not insurmountable. I will continue to advocate for preparing for a Cascadia earthquake and tsunami. Smart investments now will save lives, property, and money later, and will help the regional economy recover faster. Join me in building on this momentum toward a more resilient future for Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, *D-Ore., represents the 1st District.*

Boac's Bird Notes SUSAN BOAC

How to identify the immature song sparrow, cowbird

Paradoxically for me, identifying birds is the tricky part of birding and it's the most interesting part of birding. Not only are some species very very similar in certain regards, they can be especially challenging to tell apart as juveniles and during molt. Sometimes Song Sparrows don't look like song sparrows to me at this time of

I had moments of wonder this breeding season, watching momma birds feeding their babies. Like on the first Sunday Bird Walk in Cannon Beach Aug. 2, I saw an adult sparrow feeding an immature Brown-headed cowbirds don't build



SUSAN BOAC

nests, they lay eggs (up to three dozen a summer) in others with the hopes they get adopted, like the one I saw. The size difference was comical! Cowbirds are much larger than most sparrows.

In our area, song sparrows and friends start



A song sparrow in Cannon Beach.

molting about mid-August, sometimes through September. Researchers have found that females start

to molt a little later than males. I start to notice a lot of little brown birds with no tails at my feeding stations.

These little guys are able to fly during molt, but without a tail, landing can sometimes be rather comical! That makes me smile even more than usual.

I take a plethora of pictures this part of the year, in my attempt to identify and become familiar with all these little friends. And I keep hoping I am seeing something new. Mostly, I find that by will alone I cannot transform a molting adult or juvenile into a new species no matter how hard I try.

First Sunday bird walk

Something new! Please join a group of people on the first Sunday of the month for birding in the Cannon Beach area. We will meet at the Lagoon Trail parking lot on Second Street at 9 am and bird until about 11. Bring binoculars and wear appropriate clothing. Everyone is welcome! Susan has spent her life

enjoying the great outdoors from the lakes and woods of Northern Minnesota, Mt. Adams in Washington and now the Oregon beach environs. After spending many pleasurable hours driving her avid birder parents around, she has taken up birding as a passion, to the mixed emotions of her husband Scott. The Boacs reside on the Neawanna Creek in Seaside where their backyard is a birder's paradise.

Mental health outrage

Regarding the article "In Clatsop County, gaps in mental health safety net" (The Daily Astorian, Aug. 24): My professional life has been spent in the area of human social services, public and private. I am very aware of the significant and complex issues with institutionalization pre-1960s, as well as de-institutionalization from the 1960s to today. I understand the heavy burden and heartbreak lack of services and funding causes for individuals, families, neighbors, cities, counties and states.

Clatsop County, tragically, is typical. I am writing this letter, however, because of my newest outrage resulting from reading the second to the last paragraph of the above article. It follows: "On Sunday afternoon, four days after he was picked up by the state trooper for having a mental

breakdown on Highway 26, the man was given a courtesy ride to the Astoria Transit Center. Police bought him a

bus ticket to Portland." The untreated (the lack of services was clearly described in previous paragraphs), ill person was placed, apparently alone, on a public bus for a 2-hour, 100-mile ride to Portland. What does this "solution" say for the welfare of the man, the bus driver and passengers, as well as other motorists on the road at that time?

I thought public safety was the primary concern of sworn officers in our cities and counties. What would be the city's liability if an "accident" had occurred? Granted, a courtesy drive to Portland by an officer would be costly, but consider the possible alternatives.

Melissa Cadwallader **Cannon Beach**

New volunteer

Volunteer training with the Harbor begins Tuesday, Sept. 29. Class will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come learn the basics in compassionate communication, crisis intervention, active listening, the impact of oppression on individuals and communities, domestic violence and the law and more. The training includes educators from the Harbor as well as experienced guest speakers from the community.

accessing services.

All volunteers will need to attend the first training. Training requirements vary depending on the type of volunteer posi-

LOCAL HAPPENINGS IN BRIEF

Volunteer opportunities are available at the shelter, during community events and special projects. Some volunteers work in the Harbor's client service office, Déjà Vu's donation center, and as ongoing advocates for individuals or visit 1361 Duane St, Astoria to pick up a volunteer packet.

coordinator. at 503-325-3426.

Add your voice to Cannon Beach Chorus

The Cannon Beach Chorus, under the direction of Dr. John Buehler, will begin the fall 2015 performance season on Monday, Sept. 14, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cannon Beach Community Church, 132 E. Washington St., Cannon Beach. Entering their 27th year, the chorus will begin rehearsing choral literature representing music from the 1800s to the present and includes Mass in G by Franz Schubert with organ and string quartet; a collection of carols by British composer, John Rutter and a collection of seasonal favorites,

all of which will be presented

tion. Contact Chris, volunteer at the December concerts.

The 55-voice chorus is open to singers age 16 and beyond. For more information about the Cannon Beach Chorus, visit cannonbeachchorus. org or call 503-436-0378.

Bereavement support at Providence Seaside

A six-week bereavement support group, "Journey through Grief," for family and friends of those who have lost a loved one takes place at Providence Seaside Hospital Mondays, Sept. 21-Oct. 26 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The group will meet at Providence Seaside Hospital Family Consult Room. There is no charge for the sessions but pre-registration is recommended.

The hospital is located at 725 S. Wahanna Road. Call Cynthia Livar at 503-717-7233 to register.

Welcome Dr. Wisbey Martin

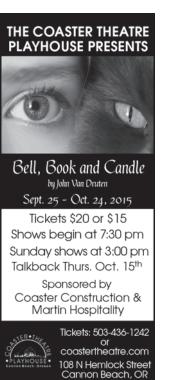
Workshop will teach

Clatsop Economic Development Resources will hold a workshop Sept. 15 on using Microsoft Excel.

The workshop will teach participants how to navigate worksheets, organize data into rows and columns, format text and cells, write formulas and create charts.

The workshop costs \$15, payable at the workshop by credit card. The first installment takes place at the South Count Center, 1455 N. Roosevelt Drive in Seaside, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sept. 15. The second runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Towler Hall Room 105 on the college's main campus, 1651 Lexington Ave. http://tinyurl.com/ Visit qy78tjn for more informa-

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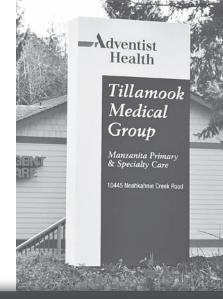
Dr. Wisbey Martin specializes in Women's Health (Obstetrics and Gynecology) and Family Medicine. She is accepting new patients and looking forward to building a practice in North Tillamook County. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Wisbey Martin and her husband to the community.

To make an appointment, call: (503) 368-2292

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Cannon Beach, maybe, but Manzanita now sells weed

Oregon Coast Cannabis gears up for recreational marijuana sales

Cannon Beach Gazette

The city of Cannon Beach remains undecided whether to give voters the chance to opt out of marijuana sales, or go ahead and start writing up an ordinance regulating dispensaries. Tuesday night the council discussed leaving it up to the voters, like neighboring Manzanita is doing, or going ahead and preparing time, place and manner restrictions. No decisions were made, however.

Meanwhile Manzanita's first medical marijuana dispensary opened its doors over Labor Day weekend.

"It's been a long sprint to get here," said Oregon Coast Cannabis owner Andrew Buck. "It's almost surreal in a way that we were able to get construction done and pull this vision together."

Buck said he and his partners had discussed opening a dispensary "for some time." They started as growers and transitioned when the time was right.

Oregon Coast Cannabis first went for a business license in March, but was delayed by a city moratorium. La Mota in Rockaway Beach actually became the first dispensary to open in Tillamook County in August.

In July, the Manzanita City Council rescinded that moratorium. Oregon Coast Cannabis started remodeling the building the next month.

But the council also voted

in August to let voters decide in the November 2016 election whether all marijuana sales and processing businesses within city limits will be prohibited, according to Ordinance 15-05.



Oregon Coast Cannabis hopes to offer recreational marijuana sales Oct. 1.

Oregon Coast Cannabis would be grandfathered in either way.

"The community as a whole has been supportive," Buck said. The business received letters of support during its talks with the City Council.

Buck added that medical marijuana cardholders have been especially supportive as they no longer have to drive elsewhere for their medicine. He said he has had cardholders come in from Tillamook

and Clatsop counties, along with vacationers.

Cannon Beach: a 'highly contested' decision

Cannon Beach's business license ordinance prevents marijuana dispensaries from opening in town as it requires businesses to abide by local, state and federal laws. Medical and recreational marijuana are now legal in Oregon, but still considered a controlled substance by the federal government.

During a Cannon Beach City Council work session Tuesday evening, council members discussed possible changes as other municipalities have been sued over similar ordinances.

"It's just going to be more highly contested," city attorney Tammy Herdener said.

Cannon Beach's medical marijuana cardholders have dispensaries like Oregon Coast Cannabis, Highway 420 in Seaside and two dispensaries in Astoria to choose from in the meantime.

From medical to recreational

Buck said he has also had inquiries about recreational marijuana. Gov. Kate Brown signed a bill allowing medical dispensaries to start selling recreational marijuana on Oct. 1, which Oregon Coast Cannabis will likely do.

"We've put a lot into it energy-wise and financially," Buck said, adding they want to do things by the book.

Oregon Coast Cannabis has a few products on the shelves, but is waiting for more to be tested and approved.

The dispensary is developing a menu of flower, tincture, transdermal patches and edi-

"We want to have products available for all people, essentially," Buck said. "Different price ranges, different qualities."

He wants the store "to be warm and welcoming," he said. The shop features a Pacific Northwest theme with local recycled materials, and will be using glass packaging to reduce plastic waste.

Partner Hannah Hayes said they plan to work with local growers and have been helping some get licensed with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

"Our emphasis is definitely on the local, but we're also trying to bring in some really cool Portland products that are already more established, that have been doing what they're doing for awhile," she said.

Oregon Coast Cannabis is working to get its website, orcoastcannabis.com, up and running with a menu and prices.

The dispensary, located at the former Great Northern Garlic Co. at 868 Laneda Ave., is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and Sat-



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Runners take off on the beach in front of Tolovana Beach State Park in 2014.

'Race the Wave' event teaches about emergency preparedness

Race the Wave, a 5K and 10K tsunami preparedness fun run and walk, is returning to Cannon Beach Sunday, Sept. 13 at 10 a.m.

the beach, follows a scenic evacuation route through the city and ends out of the tsunami inundation zone. A post-race preparedness fair will feature grilled hot dogs, games and giveaways, a photo booth and

Registration includes a race T-shirt, timing, swag bag, and shuttle service between the race start, end and preparedness fair.

A one-mile preparedness walk/roll along a fully paved evacuation route The run begins along offers another chance to practice. The free walk/roll is suitable for interested those in walking a shorter distance, as well as people of limited mobility.

Evacuation maps are available at OregonTsunami.org as well as at local fire stations.

Being able to quickly move to high ground is critical. A tsunami caused by a

Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake will hit the Oregon coast in as little as 15 minutes. The earthquake will be the only warning that a tsunami is about to arrive.

Race the Wave is supported by the community of Cannon Beach, Cannon Beach Children's Center, Clatsop County Office of Emergency Management, Oregon Office of Emergency Management, Oregon Office on Disability & Health at Oregon Health & Science University, the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region X office, and DOGAMI.

The race begins at Ne-Cus' Park. 268 Beaver St. Finish line and preparedness fair near the tsunami supply cache site on Elk Creek Road.

Cost: \$35 registration includes timing and a free T-shirt. The one-mile walk/ roll and preparedness fair are open to all and don't require registration. For more information call 971-673-0628 with questions about the race, course route or

Campfire and burn barrel ban lifted, with restrictions

Recent rains and cooler weather prompted the Clatsop County Fire Defense Board to lift the ban on campfires and burn barrels on Sept. 3.

Oregon Department of Forestry or local fire department issued permits are required for home campfires and burn barrels. Burn barrels are only allowed until 10 a.m. daily. No open debris burning is allowed at this time.

Regulated Use is in effect. Campfires are only allowed in designated campgrounds. Campers should use the campfire ring and make sure the campfire is cool to the touch before leaving the site. Driving in the forest requires a tool and either one gallon of water or a fire extinguisher.

Call the forest landowner for information regarding access. Confirm that campfires are allowed at your location.

Industrial Fire Precaution Levels are still in effect on industrial forest lands. Currently NW1 and NW2 are at Level I.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Friday, Aug. 28

Cannon Beach Emergency Preparedness Committee, 10 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

Cannon Beach City Council, 6 p.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Cannon Beach City Council, work session, 6 p.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Cannon Beach Public Works Committee, 9 a.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Thursday, Sept. 17

Cannon Beach Design Review Board, 6 p.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Thursday, Sept. 24

Cannon Beach Planning

Commission, 6 p.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Friday, Sept. 25

Emergency Preparedness Committee, 10 a.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

Cannon Beach City Council, 6 p.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Tuesday, Oct. 12

Cannon Beach City Council, work session, 6 p.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Thursday, Oct. 15

Parks and Community Services Committee, 9 a.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Cannon Beach Design Review Board, 6 p.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Former Cannon Beach city manager Mays takes interim county post

Commissioners select former **Cannon Beach** city manager

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Rich Mays, the former city manager of Cannon Beach, will serve as interim Clatsop County manager.

The county Board of Commissioners unanimously decided at a special meeting Wednesday, Sept. 2, to have Mays steer the county while commissioners search for a permanent replacement for Scott Somers, who resigned to become city manager in College Park, Md.

"Mays is experienced in the South County," County Commissioner Lianne Thompson said Thursday, Sept. 3. "I am thrilled with his selection. He knows how to work with a board and get the job done. My hope is that he will guide us through until we hire a permanent county manager."

Mays was the city manager in Cannon Beach for more than eight years before retiring in July 2014. He was previously the city administrator in Jefferson City, Mo., and the city manager in Collinsville and Sterling, Ill.

Hired when Dave Rouse was Cannon Beach's mayor, Mays officially became the city's manager on Nov. 1, 2005. After Rouse, Mays

worked with mayors John Williams (who died in office), Jay Raskin (an interim mayor) and Mike Morgan, who served from November 2008 through 2014.

We worked well together," Morgan said of Mays. "A lot of things happened during his tenure.'

During Mays's time as city manager, the skate park and nature trail system were constructed, 800 acres of the 1,040-acre Ecola Creek Forest Reserve and the 55-acre South Wind property were purchased; the inner city trail was created; the Tourism and Arts Fund was established and the latest city park, Ne-Cus,' was planned.

"There were some ups

and downs," Morgan noted, including a number of personnel changes. "But he kept everything together."

At Mays's retirement "roast" in July 2014, friends and cohorts celebrated him and wife, Rose Mays.

They spoke of his contributions as city manager and about his involvement in the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Cannon Beach Community Church and the Coaster Theatre.

Marty Schwab Harris, a member of the budget committee, said she couldn't "imagine a city manager and his wife who would have taken more of an active interest in the community as opposed to just governing the community.

Before long, the roast turned into a toast to Rich Mays and his service to the town that he and his wife fell in love with during a trip to the North Coast.

Morgan said he thinks Mays will do fine as the county's manager for a few months.

Mays will earn \$11,500 a month and has pledged not to seek the top job, a requirement commissioners had set for the interim position. He will start before Somers leaves on Sept. 18.

Somers said he hopes to have an interim human resources manager by next week. Mays — or the new county manager - will oversee the search for a permanent human resources manager.

Breakfast

"TO-GO"

Lunch

Dinner



Rich Mays, shown here at a roast last year when he retired as city manager of Cannon Beach, is the interim Clatsop County manager.

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Wayfarer patio causes friction with neighbors

Wayfarer from Page 1A

A privacy screen was not installed and removal of shrubbery along the south property line was not approved, the letter

Sears added that a concrete patio less than two feet from the shared property line replaced what was once hedge and grass providing visual and sound buffers between the two properties.

The patio, adjacent to the main living area and ocean front yard, has ruined his view, he said. When he purchased the property in 2008, the restaurant had a small wood patio on the side of his property and seated 20. The wood patio and seating remains, with an additional patio area with a 50-diner capacity.

"The negative impact of the new patio on my property is substantial," he said. "I lost the landscape buffer that previously existed, I lost all visual privacy. Imagine being 1 1/2 feet away from a 50-person outdoor restaurant where everybody is looking through your yard to see Haystack Rock. The noise generated by the new patio when it is in use can be heard inside my house even with the windows closed."

He called Martin Hospitality's response "arrogant" and said the new patio is preventing his duplex from being sold at full market value.

"I understand when people disagree with a decision," Sears added. "I disagreed with the decision to approve the new patio, but as a law-abiding citizen, I had to live with its existence until the city had time to review my complaint and take action. They are intentionally taking the value of my property for the profit of their business."

Peak season profits

In a second letter sent July 24, the city followed up on its July 2 correspondence, asking the Wayfarer not to seat anyone on the new patio until proper

approval was given. City Manager Brant Kucera warned Martin Hospitality the restaurant would be in violation of municipal code and fined \$400 per day beginning July 27 if it didn't stop using the outdoor patio.

Snyder said the company received the city's letter in early July and did not receive a date to appear on the Design Review Board agenda until September, despite a request to be heard at the board's August meeting.

The company is willing to go through the Design Review Board process, he noted, but has no plans to curtail use of the new outdoor patio in the meantime. Every day the patio would be closed. Snyder said, would result in lost revenue, particularly during busy summer

Martin Hospitality will "not allow that to happen," he said.

He added that the restaurant has been in the same location since 1977, with a patio since 1997, so Sears knew what he was getting into when he bought a property next

"I think the complaint is self-serving," Snyder

Sears called the dispute between himself and Cannon Beach's largest employer a "David and Goliath" one.

Even if police enforce the city's fine, Sears said, a court may ultimately decide whether Martin Hospitality pays or not.

The Design Review Board will examine the Wayfarer's patio plans later this month.

New truck hauls it all at Haystack Rock

Cannon Beach Gazette

new, big red truck.

Haystack Awareness Program is wrapping up a successful beach season, in part thanks to a

The truck "hauls a trailer with everything" staff and volunteers need for the beach, including signs, brochures and bird-watching telescopes, said Melissa Keyser, the program's interim coordinator.

Volunteers utilize the tools to educate the public about Haystack Rock and help protect its marine garden environment.

The group purchased the Ford 250 in March because its old truck would often break down, canceling beach time, Keyser said.

The new truck was specifically chosen because it sits higher off the ground and has an enclosed engine, preventing salt water and sand from spraying into it.

"It just made more sense cost-wise to buy a new truck,' Keyser said.

Friends of Haystack Rock Chair Stacy Benefield said the final cost was \$29,425. The truck was purchased from Northside Ford in Portland. The city provided \$13,000, Friends raised about \$2,675 during weekend beach shifts and the Oregon Community



The Haystack Rock Awareness Program celebrated the purchase of an F-250 Ford pickup to help beach cleanup and research programs.

Foundation granted the group \$13,750. That money came from the late Gainor Minott's endowment fund

Friends of Havstack Rock Treasurer Barb Knop said the money's source was "very fitting" as Minott was "dedicated to the environment and education," having served on the Seaside School District 10 Board of Directors at one

"She was a longtime resident of Cannon Beach," Benefield said. "She loved Cannon Beach and she loved Haystack Rock."

She added that Friends of Haystack Rock board members worked hard on the grant and are "just thrilled to be able to help them get the truck they desperately needed to do what they do on the beach."

The truck is integral to the

program," she added. "They can take their classroom to the beach. It's the program in a trailer." Later this month, staff will

unload trailer items. Sept. 27 has been marked on the calendar as the truck's last day out.

It'll be stored at Public Works over the winter. Benefield noted city staff will occasionally drive it so it doesn't just sit. Maintenance money comes out of the Haystack Rock Awareness Program's general budget.

The truck will be back on the beach early next year, used "every day during low tide, daytime hours" when weather permits from February to September, Keyser

"It's allowed us to have a more successful season," she added. "We've been able to reach more people because we have a truck that works."

Sudden summer windstorm pounded region

A storm blew over the North Coast last weekend, blowing down trees, wreaking havoc on the Hood to Coast Relay finish, stripping the Astoria Column restoration and closing access to Coxcomb Hill.

Saturday's storm toppled several trees, along with many limbs and branches, in Cannon Beach, according to Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn.

There was a tree downed near Les Shirley Park, another on Ecola Park Road and three on the highway in mid-

"The dayshift officer was kept busy responding to these incidents," he said.

After a calm Friday, a hurricane-like swarm of clouds brought winds gusting as high as 85 mph down on the Lower Columbia region. The National Weather Service increased its previous gale warning to a storm, remaining in effect through noon Saturday.

By late Saturday morning, gusts were reported as high as 84.8 mph on Radar Ridge in Pacific (Wash.) County, 78.2 over the Astoria Bridge, 70 mph on Washington's Cape Disappointment and 60 mph above Clatsop Spit. The winds built seas to between 14 and 16 feet, closing the Columbia River Bar to recreational traffic, and with it much of the Buoy 10 salmon fishery. A gale warning remained in effect through Saturday night.

The winds stripped off tarps on the scaffolding placed around the Astoria Column for its restoration and blew down trees and closed access to Coxcomb Drive through the weekend. Meanwhile, Hood to Coast organizers in Seaside had to cancel the relay's beach after-party and establish gathering space inside the Shilo Inn.

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The storm knocked out power to nearly 3,600 residents around Astoria Saturday, along with others on the Long Beach (Wash.) Peninsula and in South County.

The winds stayed above 20 mph at the National Weather Service's monitoring station at the Astoria Regional Airport between 3 a.m. and 7 p.m. Another smaller storm surge kept winds between 10 and 15 mph between 12:40 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

The National Weather Service lists August as typically Cannon Beach's warmest month, and also its driest. November is statistically its wettest.

Arts Association issues a call for artists

The Cannon Beach Arts Association is seeking volunteers to assist the organization in fulfilling its mission to support, fund and enhance the arts and artists in Cannon Beach and the surrounding region through education, events and exhibits.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit since 1986, the arts association operates the Cannon Beach Gallery, located at 1064 S. Hemlock St., in a space shared with Bald Eagle Coffee House and Eatery.

The Cannon Beach Gallery hosts exhibits that feature the work of emerging and established career artists and is staffed by volunteer docents.

Docent responsibilities include interacting with gallery visitors and patrons, making art sales, answering phone calls, and light clerical work. Gallery retail experience is not necessary; training is provided. Docents may be eligible to show artwork on the gallery's dedicated docent wall space with a sustained commitment of six hours of volunteering per month.

Volunteers with accounting skills, grant writing ability, as well as those with an interest in fundraising and interacting with the local business community, are needed to meet the administrative needs of the organization.

Additional programs of the CBAA include a high school scholarship award, summer art camp, individual artist grant, summer internship and arts in education program for supporting the arts in area

There are many ways to get involved and help support the arts on the north Oregon coast.

For more information contact CBAA program director Jane Brumfield at cannonbeacharts@gmail. com or 503-436-0744; www.cannonbeacharts.org.

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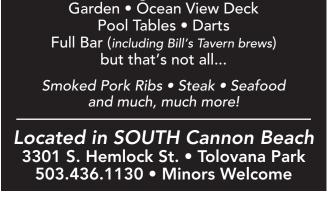
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Meet the **Palette Puddlers**

rom Friday to Monday afternoon, the Palette Puddlers held their art show and sale at the Chamber of Commerce in Cannon Beach. The group of North Coast women have been gathering for over 20 years and paint together when they meet Mondays at the Cannon Beach Community Church.



TOP: Debbie Janssen works on a painting during the Palette Puddlers annual Labor Day Weekend Art Show and Sale.

BOTTOM: Susan Bish stands next to her paintings at the Palette Puddlers annual Labor Day Weekend Art Show and Sale.

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Cottage & Garden Tour coming this weekend

Cannon Beach Cottage & Garden Tour will begin Saturday, Sept. 12 at noon with a luncheon prepared by Culinary Capers and lecture at the Tolovana Inn, 3400 South Hemlock. A round-table discussion moderated by CBHCM board president, Kimberley Speer-Miller will explore the unique history and stories of Cannon Beach. Tickets for the luncheon and lecture are \$25. The tour provides an opportunity for visitors to see the work of

closet artists, private collectors, and some of the best beach designs. Over the years, homes featured on the tour have received acclaim in Oregon Home Magazine and Sunset Magazine.

After the presentation, attendees are invited to begin the self-guided home and garden tour at 1 p.m. Tickets and maps may be picked on the day of the tour from the east side porch of the Coaster Theatre, at 108 North Hemlock. Tickets are \$30.

Author J.A. Jance to speak at Cannon Beach Library

The Cannon Beach Library will sponsor a presentation by author J.A. Jance, Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 2 p.m. The event, held at the Coaster Theater, across the street from the library, is free and open to the public. Books will be available for sale through the Cannon Beach Book Company.

Jance brings together two beloved protagonists together in "Dance of the Bones." Two cold cases over 1.500 miles apart suddenly become redhot and connected.

Jance is the author of the J. Beaumont series, the Joanna Brady series, the Ali Reynolds series, and the Walker Family series. Over twenty million copies of her books are in print. Born in South Dakota and brought up in Bisbee, Arizona, Jance lives with her husband in Seattle and Tucson.

The library is located at 131 N. Hemlock St.; 503-436-1391.

Coast Happenings Calendar

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Friday, Sept. 11 **Parking Lot Sale**

9 a.m., Cannon Beach Community Church, 132 E. Washington St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1222. Lots of treasures you won't want to miss out on at this annual sale.

Patriot Day

9 a.m., American Legion 168, 1216 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-2973. Cannon Beach American Legion, fire and police departments invite the community to join them for a Patriot Day Ceremony.

Wheels & Waves

9 a.m., downtown Seaside, 503-738-7637, www.seasidedowntown. com, all ages. Wheels & Waves is a gathering of car enthusiasts featuring show quality hot rods, custom and street cars.

Muttzanita Festival

5 p.m., on the beach at Laneda Ave., Manzanita, 503-368-3436, Muttzanita charity festival is filled with fun and games, includes a silent auction, fashion and talent show, pet photography, a pet parade, vendors and demonstrations.

Maggie & the Cats

6:30 p.m., Sweet Basil's Café, 271 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1539, www.cafesweetbasils. com, no cover, 21 and older. Maggie and the Cats play blues, funk and rhythm-n-blues.

Texas Hold'em

7 p.m., American Legion 168, 1216 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-2973. Cannon Beach American Legion offers a Texas Holdem tournament every Friday. Doors open at 3 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 12 **Elks Swap Meet**

8 a.m., Elks Lodge 1748, 324 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-6651. Seaside Elks Lodge will host its first annual swap meet weekend, vendors available both inside and outside.

Parking Lot Sale

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Wheels & Waves

9 a.m., downtown Seaside, 503-738-7637, www.seasidedowntown. com, all ages.

Muttzanita Festival

10 a.m., on the beach at Laneda Ave., Manzanita, 503-368-3436, www.muttzanita.com, all ages.

Cottage Tour

Noon, Tolovana Inn, 3400 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-9301, www.cbhistory.org, \$20 to \$60. The annual Cottage & Garden Tour begins with a luncheon and history presentation, self-guided tour at 1 p.m. and a concert and wine reception at 6 p.m.

NC Barbecue

Noon, Lighthouse Christian Church, 88786 Delmoor Loop, Warrenton, 503-791-7966, \$7.50. The community is invited to a North Coast Conservative BBQ, includes an auction, gun raffle drawing and live music.

Northwest Author Series

2 p.m., Cannon Beach Library, 131 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1391, www.cannonbeachlibrary.org, free. Features John Bruning who wrote the biography "Indestructible: How a Pilot's Quest to Rescue His Family Changed the Course of the Pacific War."

"Culpa" Screening

7:30 p.m., Hoffman Center for the Arts, 594 Laneda Ave., Manzanita, 503-368-3846, www.culpa-online. com. Arch Cape Studios presents the fourth episode of the locally made web series "Culpa."

Sunday, Sept. 13

Elks Swap Meet 8 a.m., Elks Lodge 1748, 324 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-6651.

Race the Wave

10 a.m., Tolovana Beach Wayside parking lot, Cannon Beach, 971-673-0628, \$30 to \$35, bit.ly/ racethewave. Race the Wave Cascadia 5k is a tsunami preparedness and initiative fun run, includes a fair, games and prizes.

Tea & Presentation

11 a.m., Tolovana Inn, 3400 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-9301, www.cbhistory.org, \$20. The cottage tour concludes with an English tea and garden presentation by Debbie Teashon.

Brad Griswold

6 p.m., Sweet Basil's Café, 271 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1539, www.cafesweetbasils. com, no cover, 21 and older. Brad Griswold offers a night of folk and bluegrass.

Monday, Sept. 14 **Burgers & Jam**

6 p.m., American Legion 168, 1216 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-2973. The legion offers good burgers and good music

Tuesday, Sept. 15 Excel: Level 1

8:30 a.m., CCC Seaside Campus, 1455 N. Roosevelt Drive, Seaside, 503-338-2402, \$15. Jane Francis will teach an introductory Excel class. Preregistration and basic computer skills required. Space is limited.

Lunch in the Loft

Noon, Beach Books, 616 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-3500, www. beachbooks37.com, \$25. Features author Deborah Reed discussing her newest book "Olivay." Cost includes catered lunch and an autographed copy.

CB Farmers Market

2 p.m., Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower Ave., Cannon Beach, www.cannonbeachmarket.org. This market offers produce, pasture-raised meat, organic cheeses and artisan food products.

Northwest Author Series

2 p.m., Coaster Theatre, 108 N. 436-1391, www.cannonbeachlibrary.org, free. Features J.A. Jance who wrote "Dance of the Bones."

AAUW Film Discussion

3 p.m., at the home of Diana Mc-Loughlin, Gearhart. "Woman in Gold" starring Helen Mirren will be discussed. For directions, call Carol at 503-717-2353.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Seaside Farmers Market 3 p.m., American Legion 99, 1315 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-7393, www.seasidemarket.org. Features fresh produce, meat, cheeses, artisan food products, live music, kids' activities and a master gardeners booth.

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5 p.m., The Bistro, 263 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-2661. Paul and Margo Dueber perform original tunes, folk and Americana from the 70s and 80s.

The Coconuts

6 p.m., Sweet Basil's Café, 271 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1539, www.cafesweetbasils. com, no cover, 21 and older. The Coconuts play swing, jazz, country, bluegrass and folk.

Cannon Beach Reads

7 p.m., Cannon Beach Library, 131 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1391, www.cannonbeachlibrary.org. This month's book selection is "The Island at the Center of the World," by Russell Shorto.

Thursday, Sept. 17

Puppy Hour

3 p.m., Sweet Basil's Café, 271 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1539, www.cafesweetbasils. com, \$5. This weekly event raises money for the Clatsop County Animal Shelter, includes wine by the glass and live music.

Dallas Williams

6 p.m., Sweet Basil's Café, 271 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1539, www.cafesweetbasils.com, no cover, 21 and older. Dallas Williams plays folk music and Americana.

Floating Glass Balls

7 p.m., Bill's Tavern, 188 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436www.billstavernandbrewhouse.com, no cover. Floating Glass Balls plays bluegrass, Caribbean, folk, swing and country.

Love at the Library 7 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131

Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-6742, Love will discuss his book "A Nice Piece of Astoria: A Narrative Guide."

Friday, Sept. 18

Golf Tourney

1 p.m. shotgun start, Gearhart Golf Links, 1157 N. Marion Ave., Gearhart, 503-738-3538, www. gearhartgolflinks.com, \$50 to \$60, 21 and older. "Sittin' Seagulls and McMenamins Championship," a revival of the raucous party of the 50s and 60s.

Maggie & the Cats

6:30 p.m., Sweet Basil's Café, 271 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1539, www.cafesweetbasils. com, no cover, 21 and older.

Texas Hold'em

7 p.m., American Legion 168, 1216 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-2973.

Saturday, Sept. 19 **Buddy Walk** 9:30 a.m., Quatat Park, 493 Oceanway, Seaside, 503-368-5193, www. northcoastdsn.org, all ages and

abilities. North Coast Down Syndrome Network and Sammy's Place hosts its annual Buddy Walk on the Beach fundraiser, includes breakfast, face painting and music.

SOLV Beach Cleanup 10 a.m., Clatsop County beaches,

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www.solv.org, all ages. Volunteers gather along the Oregon coast for the annual Fall SOLV Beach Cleanup. Register online in your area or sign up the day

of the event. (In Cannon Beach, meet at City Hall, 163 E. Gower.)

Lighthouse Fundraiser

11 a.m., Lighthouse Church, 88786 Dellmoor Loop, Warrenton, 503-738-5182. Lighthouse Christian Church will host its annual bluegrass carnival fundraiser, includes games, barbecue, live music and more. Benefits the Seaside Robotics team.

Sunday, Sept. 20

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St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1222.

Monday, Sept. 21

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Burgers & Jam 6 p.m., American Legion 168, 1216

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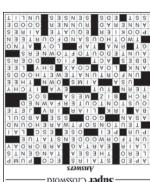
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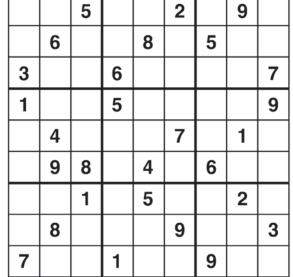
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NeCus' Park: Visioning plan will earmark former Native American land for preservation, education

By Dani Palmer Cannon Beach Gazette

NeCus' Park will one day become a site dedicated to teaching the public about its native cultural background. The Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes, city of Cannon Beach and community organizations have come together to draft a vision plan.

"The place where the tide comes in," NeCus' was once home to both the Clatsop and Nehalem people who had a bi-cultural, bilingual village, said Dick Basch, vice chairman of the Clatsop-Nehalem tribe. It was visited by William Clark, Sacagawea and other members of their party as they traveled to see a beached whale, and occupied until the mid to late 1800s.

Less than two acres of land near the former Cannon Beach Elementary School, Basch said one of the goals of the property is to provide educational experiences to adults and children, like Fort Clatsop. He added that it'll "be nice to have another education spot where kids could learn traditional history and environmental priorities."

"When the site closed, that was pretty sad," said Greater Ecola Natural Area Chairwoman Katie Voelke, referring to the closure of Cannon Beach Elementary School in 2013. "There was some solace in that the site could be reincarnated.'



Public works employees Kirk Anderson (left) and Paul Phillips (right foreground) place the NeCus' Park sign atop its base near Fir Street last winter. Dick Basch (center background), Vice Chairman of the Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes, enjoys the moment, along with Diane Collier, the tribe chairwoman; Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, a Cannon Beach resident; and Robin Risley, a member of the Parks and Community Services Committee.

The visioning includes gardens of native plants for food, medicine, habitat enhancement and education, along with a canoe landing on the northwestern corner of the site with non-motorized boat access. she added. Canoe travel was a significant part of the Pacific Northwest tribes' cultures, used to hunt, fish and visit other communities to trade items. And travel

along the coast, especially around Tillamook Head, was treacherous.

"NeCus' was a good place to come in and rest and be safe," Basch said. There will also be a natu-

ral play area with wood for fort-building, boulders for climbing and open meadows for rolling in, along with a small gathering area oriented toward the canoe landing, Voelke said. The

gathering area will contain rustic seating and accommodate school groups, community presentations, tribal gatherings and other educational opportunities, she added.

NeCus' is the home of tribal ancestors and a place that welcomes all visitors, tribal members or not, Basch said.

An elderly Native American woman once told him that the "old ones" are still in the trees, waiting for the voice of the young ones to sing again. When tribal members do go to NeCus', they often sing or play drums. Basch said they can "feel the spirit of the old

"It's a very powerful place for everyone, for the tribe," he added. "We feel a direct connection with the

He noted that the tribe began to speak with Seaside School District 10 about the property around 15 years ago. When Cannon Beach Elementary closed, the discussions became more serious. The city of Cannon Beach also expressed interest in the site, so the two parties teamed together. The city acquired the land from the county, and now holds a 50 percent undivided interest with the tribe, Basch said.

In the future, the tribes, city and community organizations intend to acquire the entire site, including land owned by the school district, to build a log house. Traditionally, native people sat in long, waterfront rows that served as several functions, including living spaces, storage areas, meeting halls and ceremonial purposes.

Voelke said they'd repurpose the gym, or deconstruct it and construct a model long house that could serve as a cultural museum, gathering place and classroom.

"We believe in honoring our elders," she said, "we believe in honoring our heritage.'

Basch said they plan to begin installing interpretive signs along the trail in the park within the next six months. Several groups have provided money, such as the National Park Service, and the city has placed the visioning on the 2016-17 budget, but Basch said they still have significant funding hurdles to complete their goals.

Seeking elk, and finding them as officials tour region

Group visits Gearhart, Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area

By Katherine Lacaze EO Media Group

More than a dozen Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commissioners and their staff gazed through telescopes set up in a field at the Reserve in Gearhart. They were seeking elk — and they found them during their day-long tour of fish and wildlife facilities along the North Coast on Sept. 3.

The Reserve was the first stop on the tour, a precursor to the commission's monthly meeting, Sept. 4 at the Best Western Ocean View Resort in Seaside. The subsequent tour through Clatsop County provided commissioners a ground-level look at some of places, facilities and issues they are responsible for as governor-appointed trustees of Oregon's wildlife resourc-

In Gearhart, commissioners used the telescopes to view an elk herd which had separated from the main herd of about 70 elk seen roaming in the field in days prior.

In that area, the elk are "in their natural element, which is kind of low-density development and golf courses," said Herman Biederbeck, a wildlife biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The reserve is surrounded by two golf courses, Gearhart Golf Links and Highlands Golf Club. The North Coast Land Conservancy has 30 acres to the east of The Reserve at Gearhart that is part of the conservancy's Neacoxie Wildlife Corridor project, started in the 1990s, to create a reserve for wildlife resources along the Neacoxie River.

"The elk have their pros and cons, for sure, out here," Biederbeck said.

He and local wildlife photographer and naturalist Neal Maine talked with commissioners about the ways elk present a challenge for ODFW. As the Clatsop Plains get increasingly developed, elk and humans have more run-ins, creating some precarious situations for both.

Maine shared a number of photographs that showed what can happen when elk



Members of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission and staff members look for elk on the North Coast Land Conservancy's habitat to the east of The Reserve At Gearhart during the group's tour Sept. 3.

interact with humans and their infrastructure. In one photograph, a young woman scurries away from an elk she angered by approaching the animal and its calf to take a picture with them. Some residents spend money on landscaping and making their yards attractive, which makes them more appealing for elk, as well, Maine said. Additionally, the animals create traffic hazards occasionally crossing U.S. Highway 101 and other

Citizens have differing opinions about the elk and how to deal with them. Some people like the elk; some people have interests, generally commercial, that aren't compatible with giving the elk free range. Because of the strong contrasting opinions, the department tends "to deal with elk issues on an individual, case-by-case basis," Biederbeck said.

Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area

Farther inland, at the Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area in the Oregon Coast Range mountains, the department manages a different elk population.

The area, which now encompasses about 1,114 acres, is meant to protect and enhance habitat to benefit native wildlife species, reduce wildlife damage to surrounding properties and provide the public with an

opportunity to observe wild-

life in a natural setting, ac-

cording to the department's website. At the wildlife area, the department provides a winter habitat and supplemental feeding for Roosevelt elk and black-tailed deer, Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area Manager Bryan Swearingen said.

A part of the department's management plan at the wildlife area is to keep the elk population artificially low, or about 225 when the land's capacity is approximately 400, Swearingen said. Additionally, the department provides supplemental feed in the wintertime to mitigate the animals' negative impact on the land uses of adjacent properties, which are owned by Weyerhaeuser company, Stimson Lumber Company and the Oregon Department

A portion of the wildlife area, near Fishhawk Creek, is designated for refuge. Some tracts are open to the public for hunting.

The department uses members in helicopters to assess the elk population. In the future, the department plans to partner with Oregon State University and use the wildlife area as a control area for testing elk census work using unmanned aerial vehi-

They would like to get the data "in a way other than having people in helicopters," which is costly and carries a risk factor, Biederbeck said.

The group will use the wildlife area to calibrate and test equipment before jumping the program to the Youngs River basin as another control site, Biederbeck

The Federal Aviation Administration allows universities and agencies to use UAVs, or drones, under strict restrictions. The group is in the process of getting authorization that would allow them to fly one or more UAVs over the Youngs River

Success is dependent on the group being able to capture imagery with a high enough resolution to detect and classify the elk. That data will be compiled for population models.

Western snowy plover

The commissioners also discussed western snowy plovers, which are federally recognized as a "threatened" species and have been spotted on the beach near Gearhart. In recent years, the bird species' number has increased across the coastline, Biederbeck said.

"The success of the snowy plover program, especially on the south coast, is starting to be recognized,' he said.

About 10 years ago, conservationists became very concerned about the bird population. Protecting habitats, mitigating human issues and taking out ground predators — such as coyotes, raccoons and skunks have played roles in helping the species reemerge.



Elk are prevalent throughout the county, especially in

Proposed rule changes

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission considered the 2016 sport fishing regulations and revisions to the Oregon Conservation and Nearshore strategies during its meeting Sept. 4.

Many of the sport fishing regulation changes are being considered as the result of the department staff's eight-month effort to streamline and simplify rules for trout and warmwater fishing, according to a news release from the department.

Some proposed changes include:

- Streamlining the number of different seasons, gear restrictions and bag limits in order to have more consistent rules for similar water bodies across the state.
- Removing the April trout opener and opening these water bodies to year-round fishing.
- Setting the May trout opener at May 22 each year, ensuring that trout fishing statewide would always be open Memorial Day weekend.

 Removing bag limits for warmwater fish in the Columbia, John Day and Umpqua rivers.

Additionally, the commission approved a 10-year update of the Oregon Conservation Strategy, including the Oregon Nearshore Strategy component. The documents, which are broad strategies to conserve the state's native fish, wildlife and marine resources, are to be submitted as required to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by Oct. 1.

The commission also updated the rules for commercial bay clam harvest. Based on recent landing and stock assessment data, department staff proposed adjustments to commercial landing quotas, minimum sizes, species taken and allowable harvest areas as an integrated package of shellfish management actions.

A complete list of the proposed changes for 2016 is on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website.

The group also visited Youngs River Bay, west of Astoria, to discuss the Columbia River Estuary Study Task Force, tide gate replacement and levee removal.

For instance, Oregon State Parks will close beaches or cage nesting areas to allow nesting. The department is working on updating population data for the species.

CB named **Tree City**

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Friends of Cannon Beach Trees filled out the application and expect to officially receive that designation in April, she added.

In Oregon, the Department of Forestry's Urban and Community Forestry Program adminsters Tree City USA and provides guidance. Siebert-Wahrmund said they'll be able to teach community members how to properly plant and care for the trees that help clean the air and provide habitat.

"Tree education is the key component of this program and we're excited about the many possibilities it offers," she added.

During the 12 Days event, Friends of Cannon Beach Trees will be offering educational experiences for those of all ages, along with planting, pruning and protection.

Cannon Beach was a Tree City USA honoree in the past, but let that status lapse. To keep the designation, Siebert-Warhmund said, the city will have to demonstrate a commitment to trees by meeting the four criteria each year.

Breakers Point dune grading OK'd

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who represents Breakers Point homeowners. Normally the sand would blow into the forest, he said, but invasive European grass planted years ago is causing the sand to pile up into nearly 50-foot-tall dunes.

"I believe our application is going to help take it back to a more natural state," Breakers Point homeowner Carol Keljo told the Planning Commission last week, the second of two hearings held on the topic this summer.

Bruce Francis, property manager of the Breakers Point Homeowners Association, said removal of European grass and planting of native species will restore native dune prairie ecosystems.

Ocean views and beach access were also concerns.

"The whole concept of Breakers Point was that you could see the breakers," condo owner Frank Patrick said.

Patrick said he can no longer see the ocean from his home, and can only see the top portion of Haystack Rock. The loss of a view has decreased his property value, he

Cannon Beach resident Susan Neuwirth, who is not a Breakers Point homeowner, said the decision to grade the dunes will also improve beach access for all residents.

Friends of Dunes representative Clay Newton expressed concerns with revegetation. He said only small areas of the project would be protected by the new native plantings. The grading may also result in sand blown onto neighboring properties.

He added that the views are a homeowner's privilege, not a right, as the beach is owned by the

Cannon Beach resident Siebert-Wahrmund said waiting for a more comprehensive sand management plan could help protect habitats, improve residents' shared quality of life and provide better emergency protection.

Grading would make little difference either way in a catastrophic quake or tsunami, Francis replied.

Search for native plants

At the commission's request, representatives of Breakers Point said they would begin looking for native plants as soon as this week.

Plants may take five years before they are fully established, although success could be determined after six months, Francis said, and positive effects from the grading should last nearly a decade.

The experimental nature of the project worried Commissioner Lisa Kerr.

"Mr. Horning said science doesn't change," Kerr said. "That may be true, but our knowledge and understanding of science does change.'

Kerr suggested moving forward with the grading as nearby streets were recently given permission for a similar amount of

Kerr said she wants to see the science of the city's sand management plan before endorsing the Breakers Point proposal.

Francis said Breakers Point homeowners will work with the Planning Commission's conditions and collaborate with the city and state "in the future," at which time the homeowners association would likely return for new dune grading per-

Commissioner Hank Johnson was the only nay vote on Aug. 27. Commissioners Kerr, Bob Lundy, Joseph Bernt and Ryan Dewey voted yes. Janet Patrick recused herself as a Breakers Point homeowner.

ordinance put on hold

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He added that such an ordinance could be subject to an appeal to the Land Use Boards of Appeals, however. Benefield said he didn't think that was a reason not to do it.

Councilor Wendy Higgins said LUBA appeals cost the city money and voted against the new ordinance. Benefield, Mayor Sam Steidel, Council President Melissa Cadwallader and Councilor George Vetter voted in favor of it.

The ordinance will have to go through the Planning Commission before coming before the council, likely in November.

The City Council also:

- approved a Charter Communications contract extension
- · appointed new members to the Public Works and Budget Committees. The Emergency Preparedness Committee is still seeking members.

5 Minutes with... **Blue Bond**

Painter 'makes art happen'

By Dani Palmer Cannon Beach

He's new to Cannon Beach, but Blue Bond has been doing his art for over 40 years. The painter learned from some of the best and exhibits his paintings in art shows throughout the West. Over his lifetime, Bond estimates he has completed more than 2,500 paintings.

Now he teaches art classes and sells his paintings at the Blue Bond Studio and Gallery in Sandpiper Square, right next to the Jeffrey Hull

Bond's gallery opened this summer and is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Bond and his wife, Karen, travel back to Vancouver, Wash., where he teaches art courses at their studio and gallery there.

Q: How'd you end up opening shop in Cannon Beach?

A: We came over here to see

about putting our paintings up in someone else's gallery and there was a for lease sign in the window. I thought, "Wow, I've never seen Cannon Beach with a gallery available." I just jumped right on it, and that's how we got it.

Q: Tell me about your artwork. Is there anything in particular you like

A: I paint Western themes. I like to do animals, like horses, and portraits and people.

Q: How'd you get started in art?

A: I started when I was in grade school. I've always been interested in art. All my life. I really excelled in drawing and things like that. It just developed from that. And I've spent 40 years pursuing that. It's a type of thing you never master. You just try to get better. Some people say to me, "Oh you're so fortunate. You can paint." There's not fortunate. It's thousands and thousands of hours



a person wants to put into that, learn how to do that. You never, ever master this. I've never talked to a painter in my life who just said, "I'm there." Somebody will say, "Which is your best painting?" and I truly believe an artist will answer "Maybe my next one." I think it's that way with anything we do. We always want to get better and better and better.

Q: What do you offer at the studio and gallery here?

that would want to do a private I teach people how to paint, how

art class right here in the studio. I do commissioned portraits. A lot of people bring in photos of their dogs or their horses or their children or a self-portrait. They'll drop them off and I paint that right here in the studio. I'm kind of unique here that I paint in the studio. People are really interested in watching the art happen.

Q: Do you work with people of all art skill levels?

A: I offer art classes for someone **A:** I do. I like to work with adults.

to look at a photograph and paint it on a canvas. It's looking at something and being able to paint it. With the use of cameras today, you don't have to be a master drawer. You can use all these aids, like cameras and projectors, to help you. That gives you the ability to concentrate strictly on how to put paint on a canvas. I've had professional artists come in and spend time with me just to learn how to paint fast.

Q: What's it been like being in Cannon Beach with all these other artists?

A: Oh, it's incredible! They're so interesting because they're extremely talented. It's really nice when they stop by my studio that we can talk art. It's like anything else. If you're talking with somebody in your profession, you understand each other better. Another interesting thing is people come in from Canada or Wyoming or Montana, and some find my art refreshing because many people here paint the rock or the ocean. I said I wasn't going to do that rock because everyone else has done it and has done it so well it's intimidating, but I'm starting to get into it. It's really made an impact on my life. Much more than anywhere else I've ever

Sweet Basil's

Cannon Beach eatery delivers fresh ingredients

Review by MOUTH OF THE **COLUMBIA**

It was a gorgeous summer evening, the shadows just growing long. With clams and Osso Buco before me and an iced mug of beer at my side, Dr. John came over the stereo. The rich, indulgent tastes coupled with the canonical New Orleans singer's raspy swamp funk whisked me away, far from Cannon

Which, I imagine, is pretty much what owner and chef John Sowa intended. While Sowa originally hails from New York, he studied in Louisiana under one of the original celebrity chefs, Paul Prudhomme. After a decade or so in the region, Sowa found his way to the North Coast, where he opened Little Bayou in Seaside. It was big, boasted live music regularly, a lively array of hot sauce and a decor all befitting of the Big Easy. In 2007, though, Sowa and his wife felt it time to downsize, so he moved on to open Sweet Basil's in Cannon Beach.

At first Sowa planned to do only lunch. He found a small place with a smaller kitchen. It was — and in many ways still is — less equipped than the average home. (Rather than a stovetop, Sweet Basil's uses three portable hotplate/camping burners. As such, the menu notes that because of the

limitations, food might take awhile, though on my trips the speed was just fine.)

Demand quickly grew. "Lunch was poppin'," Sowa told me. So he attempted to expand, albeit incrementally, by offering tapas but quickly found that small plates weren't what hungry tourists wanted. And so he returned to his bayou beginnings with a full dinner menu. But he did so with a strong and unwavering sense, knowing exactly what he wanted and what he didn't.

For dinner, my companion and I began with the Clams Mateo (\$13.50). In a white wine sauce and loaded with bacon, tomato, caramelized onions and herbs, they were as much a pleasure to look at as they were to eat. (Indeed, with clams the process can be just as enjoyable as the taste.) A table adjacent to ours devoured their own bowl so fervently that they quickly ordered a second. "We had one order and we just thought: hey, we're having another," the wide-eyed diner told me. "They're amazing." I agreed.

My companion and then shared entrées, the Seafood Jambalaya (\$22.50) and the Pork Shank Osso Buco (\$23.50). Of the two, the taste (and presentation) of the Osso Buco towered above the Jambalaya. It was marvelously plated, standing on its head, bones jutting sky-



The Mouth found this salad to be fresh and filling, featuring a base of organic greens, cranberries, walnuts, apples and chicken (as well as a few cucumbers and some tomatoes on the side, which had no business being on the plate).

ward out of a thick tomato sauce underneath which sat the richest, creamiest polenta parmesan-tinged the world has ever known. Removing the caramelized meat from the bones was a delight, and wrapped in the center it remained juicy and

steaming hot. The Jambalaya was less memorable, its red sauce almost bland by comparison. The seafood in the dish - shrimp, crawfish, salmon and crab — was fine, though not outstanding. The sausage offered a significant back-of-the-tongue spice. My companion and I shared the two dishes (neither of which was outlandishly portioned) and made a point not to over-eat. We took left-overs, and yet still both felt significantly slowed for at least a good hour after finishing, as if

both the brain and body



PHOTO BY MOUTH OF THE COLUMBIA

Sweet Basil's Vegetarian Reuben features thinly cut, peppered Tofurkey instead of pastrami.

were operating at around 60 percent. (In part, I blame that devilishly creamy polenta...)

The lunch menu, howev-

er, was much leaner. From it I tried first the Vegetarian Reuben (\$9.95), an idea so seemingly anathema to the original — it exists because of corned beef — I had to know: Was it folly or innovation? Happily, I found it to be the latter. Thinly cut, peppered Tofurkey adequately appropriated the texture of pastrami, and the remainder of the ingredients — lightly toasted wheat bread, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese and a lightly sweet Thousand Island dressing — were spot on. Indeed, unless in the midst of an insatiable craving for red meat, the Vegetarian Reuben is a worthy trade your gastrointestinal tract will thank you.

As the menu noted, the Italian Panini (\$8.95), is "Simply tomatoes, basil pesto, mozzarella and provolone." Indeed, standard

If you go

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RATING: ★★★★

HOURS: Lunch is served from 11:30a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday to Monday. Dinner is served 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday to Monday.

PRICE: \$\$ - Entrées hover around \$20, though lighter

fare is available. **SERVICE:** Attentive but structurally quaint

VEGETARIAN / VEGAN OPTIONS: Thoughtful and available, though not overwhelming

DRINKS: An extensive selection of wine, as well as

beer, coffee and tea.

as it was, it sang. It was buttery, oily, full of pesto and balanced by bright tomatoes. (Both sandwiches were served with two or three bites worth of mixed greens, topped with a smidgen of house-made roasted tomato dressing, and both could be made vegan with soy cheese).

Finally I had a salad so familiar there ought to name it for it. On a base of organic greens were cranberries, walnuts, apples and chicken (as well as a few cucumbers and some tomatoes on the side, which had no business being on the plate). With a mango-lime dressing that was equal parts of each, the chicken on the Roasted Chicken and Apple Salad (\$14.50) was perhaps the least appealing

ingredient (besides those

stubborn tomatoes). The meat was dry and unseasoned. Overall though, the plate was fresh and filling. It also differed from the menu.

In fact, I found two different menus in Sweet Basil's — the one posted on the window differed ever so slightly from the one on my table. The distinctions were almost meaningless. For instance, on the salad one menu said it came with pecans, another said almonds. I received walnuts. To me this isn't so much carelessness as Sowa's commitment to putting the best and freshest ingredients available that are befitting of the dish.

And that's pretty much Sweet Basil's in a nutshell: Put yourself in Sowa's hands, and occasionally he'll carry you away.

Finding a hero at the Ice Bucket Challenge

By Dani Palmer Cannon Beach Gazette

Last year, the ALS Association Ice Bucket Challenge went viral, raising \$115 million globally for research. Locals like Susan Simon, whose son has ALS, are trying to keep that challenge going.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is a progressive neurological disease affecting the nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms include muscle weakness and difficulty swallowing. Approximately 20,000 Americans have the disease at any given time.

Adam Simon, 42, was diagnosed in 2008 and put in a medical ward at the Air Force base in San Antonio. He had served in the Gulf War and retired as a staff sergeant a year after being diagnosed. In 2012, he moved in with his mother in Cannon Beach.

Adam was only given two to five years to live. It's been seven.

"Sometimes in life you never have a hero," Susan said. "Adam is my hero."

She noted that those diagnosed under the age of 40 often display a slower rate of progression. Adam is unsteady and falls often, but can still walk with a walker and gets out, Susan said. He goes swimming and does other activities with caregiver Daniel Stowers.

Stowers was an army combat medic for six years in Afghanistan and recruited by Suzanne Evans, Adam's other caregiver also served in Afghanistan as a medic with the Oregon Army National Guard.

Susan said she saw a bracelet soldiers wear to remember fallen comrades on Stowers' wrist and told him about the job after learning he'd also been a medic.

Evans was "pretty messed up" after departing the military, finding it difficult to even leave home. She said she felt blessed to receive the job with the Simon family as it was a safe place to do what

she loves. "The cherry on the cake is that it's another brother in arms," she said.

She cooks, cleans, takes Adam to Portland every three months for medical appointments and does physical therapy with him.

"I'm just there as somebody he can count on," she said. "Anything you take for granted is harder for him."

Stowers said he's learned more about ALS through his work with Adam and educates others.

"Adam's awesome," he said. "He's very quiet, but he's one of those people who says more without saying anything."

Researchers are still studying the correlation, but military veterans are twice as likely to be diagnosed with ALS than the general population, according to the ALS Association.

In 2014, \$77 million of the \$115 million raised through the Ice Bucket Challenge went toward research, \$23 million toward patient and community services and \$10 million to public and professional education.

There is no cure for ALS yet, only palliative care providing relief from symptoms.

"This death is not for sissies," Susan said. "It's like a big train engine is coming toward you and you can't get off the track.'

Along with her Ice Bucket Challenge, Susan, an artist at White Bird Gallery, presented a \$500 donation to the ALS Association.

via the sale of her paintings.

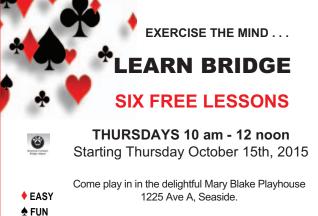
Those who receive the Ice Bucket Challenge are encouraged to record themselves dumping a bucket of ice water over their heads, to challenge at least three more people and donate to the ALS Association. Susan extended the invitation to the Ice Bucket Challenge to members of American Legion Post 168.

More information can be found at www.alsa.org/fightals/ice-bucket-challenge.



DANI PALMER/CANNON BEACH GAZETTE

Military veterans Suzanne Evans, left, and Daniel Stowers pour water on Susan Simon, left, and Andy Kerr for the ALS Association's Ice Bucket Challenge. Susan's son, Adam, a retired staff sergeant from the U.S. Air Force, has ALS.



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