

Bruce Bobek announces run for House

Noted physician seeks seat in Legislature

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Dr. Bruce Bobek, an Astoria physician and president of Columbia Memorial Medical Staff, will seek the Republican nomination for Oregon House District 32. The district includes Clatsop County and parts of Tillamook and Washington counties. The term of office, held by incumbent Deborah Boone, is two years. Bobek has lived in Clatsop County for 26 years and previously served as a commissioner for the City of Warrenton. During his time in office, Bobek helped fund and build the Warrenton Library, establish the Warrenton Wetlands

Plan, and develop the Warrenton Business Association. "I always had an interest in politics," Bobek, 65, said Wednesday. Bobek moved with his family to Astoria in 1990. When his youngest daughter said the city's hills were "too high and scary," the family, including Beverly and five children, moved to Warrenton. "I was a city commissioner in the '90s and then my practice got so busy that between my kids and my practice, I didn't have time for politics," Bobek said. "I helped start the Warrenton scholarship program in 1996. I was president of that for several years and now I'm on the board." With his children grown and career solidly established, in January Bobek decided to make a bid for the Legislature. He described his political philosophy as "fiscally con-

servative, but pretty open." He said regulations are "onerous for businesses in general, and for small businesses throughout." From a policy perspective, he said he was focused on improving health care and education throughout the state. Bobek said he recognizes a need for emergency preparedness, but "would try to stay within budget." "I'm all for first responders, whatever we can do to help them, make it easier," he said. "But I would be a big fan of making sure we have the money to do all these things. I would be fiscally responsible." He said Salem was in need of change. "I appreciate



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'As far as medical care is concerned, the government has got it backward. They need to have an umbrella so no one goes bankrupt.'

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the work and time Debbie Boone has put in. I'm not a negative person. I'm not going to say her performance is bad, but I think people would vote for an overall change of policy." Bobek is unchallenged within his party. Primary day is May 17.

Police to step up DUII enforcement on St. Patrick's Day

The Cannon Beach Police Department will join other Clatsop County law enforcement agencies in adding more officer patrols on roadways on March 17 to detect people driving under the influence of intoxicants. The additional focus on keeping streets safe from impaired drivers is part of the Driving While Under the Influence of Intoxicants High Visibility Enforcement grant from Oregon Impact. Heightened enforcement may help decrease tragic incidents that occur nationwide on St. Patrick's Day

due to impaired driving. The Cannon Beach Police Department ask that people remember that "buzzed driving is drunk driving" and that having a designated driver, calling a taxi or walking are options. Impairment can come from not only alcohol, but also marijuana, illegal drugs or prescription medications. Cannon Beach police ask that people take action if they see someone who may be driving impaired by calling the South County Dispatch Center at 503-738-6311 or calling 911 in the case of an emergency.

Jazz guitar performance with John Stowell at the History Center

The Cannon Beach History Center & Museum presents jazz guitarist John Stowell for the encore performance of the year. Stowell began his career in the early 1970s with guitarist Linc Chamberland and pianist John Mehegan. He is an internationally renowned performer who has been welcomed to Australia, all over Europe, and

now to Cannon Beach. The concert takes place Friday, March 25 at 7 p.m., Stowell continues to tour, record and teach internationally. He has been an artist-in-residence at schools in Germany, Indonesia, Argentina, the United States and Canada. Stowell was the first American jazz performer to

appear in Russia after the fall of the Iron Curtain. Seating for this concert is limited. Tickets are available through cbhistory.org, by phone, or in person; \$12 admission for adults and \$2 for children, complimentary refreshments will be

provided. All proceeds will help fund upcoming events at the History Center, including future concerts, lectures, exhibits, and field trips. The Cannon Beach History Center & Museum is located at the corner of Sunset and Spruce streets; 503-436-9301.

CANNON BEACH POLICE LOG

- Feb. 10**
Cannon Beach resident Landon M. Ristow, 21, was arrested and charged with a DUII and failure to drive within the lane on 101 and Rippet Road at 12:45 a.m.
- Feb. 14**
Cannon Beach resident Iliana Tedraza Fraga, 31, was arrested for allegedly driving under the influence on Elk Creek Road at 11:27 p.m.



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