



Heavy rains drive rockslide

Geologist, scalers secure scene

By R.J. Marx
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For Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Court Carrier, Wednesday's 5-mile commute became a 50-mile commute after a rockslide closed Highway 101 at Milepost 34, 5 miles south of Cannon Beach. "I didn't mind it, because I had a cup of coffee, but it started my day off a little bit rocky and I'm hoping I won't have to do it for an extended period of time."



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Perry Browning detours traffic just north of the area of Wednesday's rockslide.

Carrier, who lives in Arch Cape, wasn't the only one impacted by the rockslide, which occurred at about 4:30 a.m. Wednesday morning. The slide brought closures in both directions as the Oregon Department of Transportation sought to remove rock and debris from the road. Residents of Arch Cape and Manzanita heading north were advised to travel Oregon Highway 53 around the closure, in effect throughout the day.

Rocks fell from about 30 to 40 feet to the ground, the department of transportation's spokesman Lou Torres said.

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County praised for opting out of lawsuit

'Speak up and stay involved,' lecturer urges audience

By Nancy McCarthy
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Clatsop County may have pulled out of a \$1.4 billion lawsuit that calls for more harvesting of state forests, but residents can do even more to protect the state-owned acreage within the county's boundaries.

Bob Van Dyk, Oregon and California policy director for the Wild Salmon Center, told those attending the "World of Haystack Rock" lecture series Feb. 8 that they need to "speak up and stay involved" if they want to preserve their forests.

"You already have 50,000 acres of Clatsop County state forest that can't be clear cut (due to slopes and stream buffers)," Van Dyk said. "You're in a desirable position to say 'Let's keep what we have.'"

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'WE ARE ONE BIG FAMILY'

After fire, city rallies



CANNON BEACH FIRE AND RESCUE

Interior of the Cannon Beach home after the blaze.

Charitable efforts aid those displaced by blaze

By R.J. Marx
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Cannon Beach hearts and pocketbooks are turning outward as residents seek to assist those displaced from the North Larch Street apartment building destroyed by fire Sunday, Feb. 12.

A GoFundMe account and fundraising efforts by the Cannon Beach Community Church are each gathering donations for those who lost their homes and belongings.

"We're trying to raise as much as we can to help them out," Emmas Lindsay, owner of Dogs Allowed, said Thursday, after creating an online fundraising appeal. "It's a very small town, especially in the winter months. We are one big family. Everybody's got everybody's back. The three people that were displaced, everybody knows them, they know everybody. They just make what the town's about."



CANNON BEACH FIRE AND RESCUE

Fire consumed 124 N. Larch St. in Cannon Beach on Sunday, Feb. 12, leaving three residents displaced.

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Elizabeth Woody and Watt Childress, chairman of the Tolovana Arts Colony board.

Poet laureate reflects on our human condition

Elizabeth Woody at the Tolovana Arts Colony

By Rebecca Herren
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Keep it simple, embellish a lot and write from the heart with humor and honesty. That was how poet laureate Elizabeth Woody's message came across as she spoke to a crowded audience at the Tolovana Arts Colony in Cannon Beach on Friday, Feb. 17.

Woody is of Navajo Nation and Yakama Nation

descent and is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Her poetry reflects her close ties with her family and her relationship to the natural world, incorporating language that is rhythmic and inspirational — full of history and culture. Her writings intertwine nature's imagery with thoughtful observation and she uses ancestral experiences and contemporary issues to express the voice of native communities today.

Woody is open about her family and her background, a group she portrays with humanity and sympathy. Raised by her grandparents, the wis-

dom of her ancestors was evident as she spoke about the importance of words, voice, family and nature. "I was raised in a family that always had me think about other people," she said.

Woody likens the theory of quantum science and quantum society with the oneness of family units, noting that hard research on the foundation of love shows how family hearts syncopate when people truly love one another.

Her writings express her understanding of the human condition as she weaves ancestry with community. Her

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