

# We need ecologically sustainable jobs

Clatsop County Commissioner Lianne Thompson provided this testimony to the Oregon Joint Ways and Means Committee March 3.

Co-chairs Sen. Devlin and Rep. Nathanson, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you tonight.

My name is Lianne Thompson, and I'm a Clatsop County Commissioner. I appreciate the very great challenge before you in this session as you balance revenues and requests from all over Oregon. It's no surprise that there are more of the latter than the former. It's no surprise that many people are requesting — perhaps demanding — that you perform the impossible job of meeting every request with agreement and funding. I'm from the government, and I came to help.

What I'm offering isn't immediately possible, but it's a direction forward. I'd ask your attention to wise investment in economic development that provides jobs in ecologically sustainable ways, jobs that grow the hearts and minds of the workers involved as they support our local and statewide tax base. Sen. Betsy Johnson has her Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center project in Scappoose.

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I'm in favor of supporting that project with whatever "ask" she has for funding. I trust her judgment. I'm also requesting that you consider investing in factories all over Oregon that will use cross-laminated timber or other mass-timber technology to produce value-added timber products from our private, state, and federal forests. I'd like to see us building modular housing using mass timber techniques. We don't have specific requests at the moment, but they're coming soon. Please give them consideration as they provide jobs in rural Oregon. You know that rural Oregon desperately needs those ecologically sustainable manufacturing jobs, or we face becoming ghost towns or theme parks. Let's instead put tools in workers' hands, develop opportunity for good jobs, so they can provide for themselves, their families, and their communities. The way forward in developing mass timber jobs, especially ones that will create modular housing (my personal favorite), is not clear right

now. We're still in the early stages of developing the concepts and implementing them. It's not a "silver bullet," and it's not an immediate solution.

But working toward a future that makes better use of Oregon forests allows multiple benefits. If we have secondary production on our timber products in local manufacturing facilities, we do more than provide good jobs.

We also provide a way to pay for essential services, and I know you're committed to that by your membership on this committee.

Last and perhaps most important for many is that this future will give us the means to also protect and preserve forests in Oregon as wild places, places that provide clean air and drinking water, allow recreational opportunities, and species and habitat protection. It's a big dream, there's a lot of collaborative work to be done, but it's a dream that inspires both hope and common purpose for our shared value, a thriving Oregon. Thank you again for your work.

I am eager to work with you as we move forward.

*Lianne Thompson is a long-time community activist who's currently serving as the elected Clatsop County Commissioner for District 5, the southern half of Clatsop County.*

## OBITUARIES

### Georgiana F. Hay

April 1, 1926 — Feb. 8, 2017

I'm sorry to advise everyone of the death of Hallmark Inns & Resorts co-founder, Georgiana F. Hay, on Feb. 8, 2017. Mrs. Hay was 90 years old.

Mrs. Hay and her late husband, Bill Hay, first entered the hospitality business when they purchased property in Cannon Beach, Oregon, in 1948. The property contained a single house with a four-car garage and, almost immediately, Bill converted the four garage units into hotel rooms.

A year later Bill, with help from his father, Glen Hay, constructed another 18 units, and the Surfview Motel opened for business. This property is the site of the current Hallmark Resort & Spa in Cannon Beach. With the success of the Surfview Motel, other motel ventures followed. Over the next 50-plus years, over 40 hotels were either newly constructed or acquired and renovated.

Mrs. Hay was very active with the business, and always traveled with her husband to



Georgiana Hay

scout locations for new hotels, or to look at existing hotels. Bill Hay passed away in 2002. Mrs. Hay is survived by a son, Gary A. Hay; daughters, Lynda J. Allred (William Allred) and Pamela MacLean (Frank); seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Per Mrs. Hay's instructions, no funeral will be held, but a celebration of life will be held in mid-April when everyone in her family, and friends, can attend.

#### Obituary Policy

The Seaside Signal publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include a small photo and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. The deadline for all obituaries is 9 a.m. the business day prior. Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style. Death notices and upcoming services will be published at no charge. Notices must be submitted by 9 a.m. the day of publication.

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### Bonny Rae Stuart

Aug. 7, 1936 — Feb. 26, 2017

Bonny Rae Stuart, 80, peacefully entered heaven's glory on Feb. 26, 2017, at the Hospice Care Center in Longview, Washington.

A celebration of life will be held for Bonny on Saturday, March 11, at 2 p.m., at Cannon Beach Community Church, 123 E. Washington St., Cannon Beach, Oregon.

Bonny was born on Aug. 7, 1936, in St. Helens, Oregon, to Evelyn and Troy Jones. She is survived by her husband, of 52 years, Frank; their three children, Robin Wooldridge, Joseph Stuart and Scott Stuart; and eight grandchildren, Dayton, Bryce, Michael, Alex, Hannah, Abigail, Elizabeth and Matthew. Bonny is also survived by her sister, Beverly Drake of Springfield, Oregon. She had one brother, Stanley Jones, who preceded her in death.

Bonny graduated from Oak Ridge High School in Oak Ridge, Oregon, in 1954. Then she attended the Open Bible Standard bible school in Eugene, Oregon.

Bonny worked for Prudential Life insurance in Eugene. And, while living there, she met Frank at a church young adult singles day retreat. They married in Eugene on May 3, 1964, and then moved to Washtucna, Washington, and bought the



Bonny Rae Stuart

Pioneer Drug store. They lived there and raised their family from 1965 to 1989, and Bonny worked as the bookkeeper for Pioneer Drug.

In January 1989, Bonny and Frank moved from Washtucna to Seaside, Oregon, and purchased Holladay Drug store. They sold their business in 2003, and Bonny retired.

Bonny enjoyed a wonderful sense of humor and loved to tell stories. She brought much joy and wisdom to the lives of all who knew her. Bonny's faith in the Lord filled her an endless source of grace that shown through her smile. Even at the end of her illness, she was sharing her sweet and joyful sense of humor with her family.

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## Therapy dogs showcased at 'Friend-Raiser'

Dog lovers are invited to the Angel on a Leash Friend-Raiser Thursday, March 16, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Astoria Golf and Country Club, 33445 Sunset Beach Lane, Warrenton. Learn about the Providence Seaside Hospital ther-

apy dog program and how to support the program by registering to become a therapy dog handler. In addition, enjoy a meet-and-greet Cannon Beach residents David and Cherilyn Frei and their dogs, Angel and Grace. Cherilyn Frei is the di-

rector of mission integration and spiritual care and David Frei was the first volunteer handler to bring a therapy dog to the patients in Seaside. The event is free and "Angel on a Leash" books will be available for signing.

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## Author Urbani comes to CB

Ellen Urbani, author of "Landfall," will be the March 11 speaker at the Cannon Beach Library's Northwest Author series. The author series, regularly scheduled for 2 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month at the library, is free and the public is welcome.

Urbani's work is historical fiction set in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, an account of lives destroyed and glorified by the terrible catastrophe that hit New Orleans.

Urbani is also the author of a memoir, "When I Was Elena," which documents her life in Guatemala during the final years of that country's civil war.

Having spent her formative years in Virginia and Alabama, Urbani is a Southerner at heart, but she is currently living on a working farm near Portland.

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