

Driver sought after hit-and-run

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WHEELER — A driver is sought in a crash that left a truck driver hospitalized.

On Wednesday, Aug. 30, at about 1:30 p.m., Oregon State Police and Tillamook County sheriff's deputies responded to a hit-and-run motor injury vehicle collision on Highway 101 between Wheeler and Rockaway Beach.

Preliminary investigation indicates a green southbound 2015, Kenworth semi-truck, pulling two trailers loaded with lumber and driven by Patrick Steinauer, 65, of Cougar, Washington, was coming out of a curve on 101. The suspect vehicle was northbound passing in a no-passing zone in the southbound lane. In an attempt to avoid the collision, Steinauer, drove off the road, over railroad tracks and into trees. The suspect vehicle continued northbound and did not stop.

The suspect vehicle was described as a late 1970s, lifted, white or cream-colored, Chevy pickup truck, driven by a young



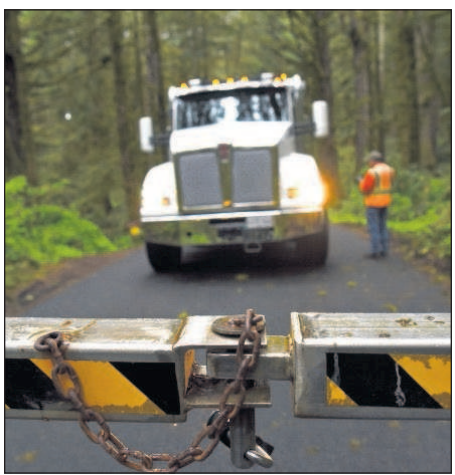
Damage to a truck after a hit-and-run accident near Wheeler on Wednesday, Aug. 30.

male with dark hair.

Steinauer was transported by air to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The investigation is ongoing. Police are requesting anyone who witnessed the crash or suspect vehicle prior to or after the crash, anyone

in the area, who had camera's facing the highway or dash cameras, to contact the Oregon State Police-Tillamook Worksite at 503-842-2899.



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Work at Ecola State Park takes place Sept. 11-12.

Roadwork to close Ecola State Park

Park to close Sept. 11-12 for culvert installation

By Brenna Visser
Cannon Beach Gazette

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will close Ecola State Park Sept. 11-12 to accommodate work on Ecola Park Road.

Oregon Department of Transportation District crews plan to install a culvert near the Cannon Beach city limits on Sept. 12, which will temporarily close Ecola Park Road in both directions for several hours on Sept. 12. The heavy rains over time has caused a section of the asphalt to slump and separate, park manager Ben Cox said, which could cause damage to a vehicle driving over it.

Local and park traffic will be restricted, but Oregon Department of Transportation will accommodate emergency vehicle access, Cox said.

"The work is necessary to improve drainage and repair a failing section of the roadway," said ODOT District 1 Manager Mark Buffington. "We will need to close the road completely for about four hours; hopefully less."

Ecola State Park will tentatively reopen upon completion of the repair work.

County businesses vie for veterans

Military veterans often successful in job market

By Jack Heffernan
EO Media Group

Clatsop County's low unemployment rate may be making life easier for job-hungry military veterans, who account for a relatively large percentage of the local population.

The county is home to 3,800 veterans, or about 10 percent of the population. Roughly 7 percent of all U.S. citizens, by comparison, are veterans.

From 2011 to 2015, the unemployment rate among veterans in the Clatsop County was 6.4 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Overall unemployment in



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A career fair held specifically for veterans was held at Fort George Brewery's Lovell Showroom.

the county was 7.1 percent. While up-to-date data about veteran joblessness is incomplete, the entire county recorded a much lower unemployment rate — 3.6 percent — this June, according to the Oregon Employment Department. If a similar trend held for veterans, it would mean a little more than 100 total veterans are seeking work.

Economists define an unem-

ployed person as someone actively looking for work but who is unable to find it. Underemployment, however, is not as easy to quantify, said Patrick Preston, a disabled veterans employment representative for the Employment Department who served in the U.S. Army.

Unemployment statistics do not address the number of veterans who may not be seeking work or those who are employed solely on a seasonal basis. Therefore, even homeless veterans in some cases do not meet the criteria for unemployment.

"It's a reflection of the general population," Preston said. "Those who want to work are working."

Career fair

The effects of low unemployment among veterans were on display Tuesday in Astoria.

After seeing other organiza-

tions take action a few months ago, Lower Columbia Human Resources Management Association board members tossed around ideas for an event to help veterans. The association, comprised of human resources professionals, decided to organize something it had plenty of experience with: a career fair.

In August, 16 local businesses and labor groups — including Fred Meyer, Lektro, Providence Seaside Hospital, Tongue Point Job Corps Center, WorkSource Oregon and Wauna Federal Credit Union — gathered in the Fort George Brewery's Lovell Showroom to connect with veterans looking for jobs. The problem: only a handful of veterans attended.

"It was really shocking, actually," said Stacey Brown, the communications director for the association.

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