

Jewell farmer files for county commission seat

Gladwin running for Thompson's position

By Jack Heffernan
The Daily Astorian

Jewell farmer Susana Gladwin has filed for a Clatsop County Board of Commissioners seat held by Lianne Thompson.

Gladwin, 71, has served on the county Planning Commission along with Thompson, who has expressed her desire to seek re-election. Thompson represents District 5, which covers most of South County — including Cannon Beach, Arch Cape, Elsie, Jewell and parts of Seaside.

"I think I have a lot of knowledge of that area — Seaside, Arch Cape, Cannon Beach — to be a good commissioner," Gladwin said. "I study things carefully. I like being a team player. I have a lot of background in a lot of things, and I want to give voters a choice."

Gladwin, who has lived in Jewell since 1971 and owns 9 acres of forestland, would like to focus on forestry issues should she be elected, she said. She also would prioritize the housing strife, which she attributed to soaring rent prices in a booming economy. "Always the people on the edge have no hope and are getting depressed and taking drugs," Gladwin said.

Issues that affect the Jewell area have not been properly discussed at the county level, Gladwin said. She added, though, that Thompson's term hasn't necessarily been a detriment to the community.

"I want to run so that the Jewell area again is represented," she said.

For example, Gladwin was "shocked" that she was the only person to offer public comment at a hearing before commissioners passed a vacation rental ordinance in January. If elected, she would use her connections in the Jewell community to inform people that a vote — and the last opportunity for public comment — was coming, she said.

The five-commissioner board will have three seats up for election in May.

Medical data analyst Andrew Davis announced he will run for the seat occupied by board chairman Scott Lee, who has said he will not seek re-election. Pamela Wev — an Astoria land use planning consultant — and Peter Roscoe — a former Astoria city councilor and owner of Fulio's Pastaria — intend to run for Commissioner Lisa Clement's position. Clement said she is not sure whether she will run for a second term.



Susana Gladwin

Compassion, corruption, community

Nigel Jaquiss is a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter who writes for Willamette Week, a Portland newspaper. He came to Astoria to speak at the Columbia Forum on March 7, 2017, about the need for integrity, good judgment, and a rational thought process in the conduct of public affairs.

He also said something that's been bouncing around in my brain ever since. "Corruption in Oregon doesn't look like envelopes full of hundred-dollar bills being passed. Corruption in Oregon looks like cronyism without accountability." Cronyism without accountability. What does that mean? And why does it matter to you?

It matters to you because it's your money, your tax dollars that are being spent.

It might help to consider what accountability looks and feels like.

It looks like having a plan. It looks like having a vision and a mission and goals. If the goals are SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, reality-based, and time-specific), so much the better.

One way to look at cronyism is that it means using power or authority to treat our friends differently, whether giving

GUEST COLUMN
LIANNE THOMPSON



them a job or looking at the methods and results of how they do a job.

Accountability should be used as a tool, not a weapon, I think. It involves communication, based on respect and affection. And it empowers us, based on appropriate rules, roles, and responsibilities.

But it's embarrassing to be measured and fail. It's unpleasant and uncomfortable to talk about not meeting a goal, especially one that matters. No wonder I've been as popular as a skunk at a picnic for asking my fellow county commissioners and the county manager to develop and use accountability systems for our work.

On the other hand, if we approach the questions with some compassion for ourselves, some willingness to fail and recover, some humor and some grace. What might we be able to accomplish? We might address our crying needs: housing, ecologically sustainable economic development, and resilience. Even if you and I are OK in today's economy,

many others are not, and they're part of our community. We need to care about our people and our planet.

We need as many people as possible to have stable and adequate income. Manufacturing jobs can provide stable and adequate income in a way that other sectors often do not. Manufacturing also provides a more stable tax base for the rest of the services a healthy community needs, like schools, health care, public health, public safety, roads, and so on.

Mother Nature has blessed us with a natural resource base, but we are not adding as much value to the wood products as we might be able to do by developing cross-laminated timber and other mass timber technology, as is already done in Europe and Asia. Automation can be our friend

Or, instead of building a dream of a better use for our people and our planet, we can attack those who ask for accountability as a way of moving us forward together. If you want a world that works for everyone, cronyism has no place. Mutually respectful and compassionate accountability does.

Lianne Thompson is District 5 member of the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners.

Hospitality leader was known for her design work

Martin was 'matriarch of Cannon Beach'

By Brenna Visser
Cannon Beach Gazette

Janice Kay Martin, who co-founded Cannon Beach's Steve Martin Management Co. with her late husband, died Saturday, Feb. 10, at her home in Palm Desert, California, after a battle with cancer. She was 77.

The 40-year-old company, which has been renamed Martin North, manages several Cannon Beach properties, including the Stephanie Inn, Surfsand Resort and Wayfarer Restaurant.

Snyder's husband, Steve, died from cancer in 2000. She is survived by daughter Stephanie Snyder, Stephanie's husband, Ryan Snyder, and their two children. Ryan Snyder and his wife have operated Martin North and its properties since 2004.

"Inspirational. That is the word that sums up my feeling for Jan and her impact on so many," Ryan Snyder wrote in an email. "From the moment I met her, I felt fortunate to experience a heart of integrity, and commitment ... a soul strong

and courageous. And those principles were inspiring as you watched her approach life and death. I will miss her, her zest for friendships, her love of family, her joy in being a grandmother to our two kids, and the love I felt as her son-in-law."

Jan Snyder was raised on a North Dakota farm, where she lived with her family before marrying Steve Martin in 1967. The couple was living in The Dalles before purchasing the Surfsand Resort in 1979. Their portfolio expanded after purchasing multiple Cannon Beach properties, including the Viking Motel, the Haystack Resort, the Wayfarer Restaurant, the RV Resort and the oceanfront property that became the Stephanie Inn.

Dave Norstedt, the vice president of operations at Martin North, knew Jan Snyder for years and said between the hard work ethic she learned on the farm and her gentle spirit, she was a natural in the hospitality industry.

"She spent early years cleaning guest rooms and working the front desk," Norstedt said. "Jan became known for exquisite taste in room decor and interior design. Jan later became the company president. Jan treated me with



Jan Martin

constant kindness and respect, as she did with all of her employees."

The couple was often credited for raising the caliber of hospitality in Cannon Beach, with major renovation projects to the Surfsand Resort reshaping the resort town's oceanfront aesthetic. In 2009, Jan Snyder was integral in the design work behind the Stephanie Inn.

"She was kind of behind the scenes, and Steve got a lot of the attention. But they were equals, and what they accomplished was incredible," said Patrick Nofield of Escape Lodging.

Nofield first met Jan Snyder when he took a job with Martin North right out of col-

lege in 1986. His memory of her is colored by her graciousness, her kindness and her discipline, he said. He always admired her ability to speak her mind when she thought you were wrong.

But her coarseness was always paired with kindness in the way she would give second chances or advice when you made a mistake, Nofield said.

"It felt like family working there in that way. The story of Jan to me is that she was the matriarch of Cannon Beach in a way," Nofield said. "She was a roll-up-your-sleeves and make-it-happen kind of woman. Escape Lodging wouldn't be what it is today without that mentorship from Steve and Jan. They were all about taking care of people, because the money after that takes care of itself."

For the past 15 years, Jan Snyder has been in retirement, coming in and out of the community. But for many, her impact on the hospitality industry — and the town in general — will linger.

"For many of us who work at Martin North today, she was our boss, but most importantly she was our friend," Norstedt said. "A natural in the hospitality industry, Jan was the consummate host."



WEDNESDAY, Feb. 28
Cannon Beach Business Continuity and Emergency Preparedness, 1:30-4 p.m., 163 E. Gower St.

TUESDAY, March 6
Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

THURSDAY, March 8
Cannon Beach Academy, 5:30 p.m. 3718 S. Hemlock St.

MONDAY, March 12
Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District, 6 p.m., 188 Sunset, Cannon Beach.

TUESDAY, March 13
Cannon Beach City Council, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

THURSDAY, March 15
Cannon Beach Parks and Community Services Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

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

TUESDAY, March 20
Cannon Beach Public Works Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Seaside School District Board of Directors, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin, Seaside.

THURSDAY, March 22
Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

TUESDAY, April 3
Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

MONDAY, April 9
Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District, 6 p.m., 188 Sunset, Cannon Beach.

TUESDAY, April 10
Cannon Beach City Council, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Savor Cannon Beach offers wine tastings, gallery exhibits

Cannon Beach Gazette

Savor Cannon Beach offers an intimate wine festival experience from March 8 to March 11. The largest event of the festival, the Saturday wine walk, is limited to several hundred wine-tasters who can visit 40 Northwest

wineries pouring tastings at art galleries, restaurants and retail shops. A \$40 ticket buys a souvenir glass and free tastings at all locations. A complimentary shuttle will operate during the event between different parts of town and hotels. The festival kicks off on Thursday with "Best of

the Northwest Throwdown," an evening featuring a tasting of 12 award-winning wines and chef-prepared small bites

to pair with them. For a complete schedule of events or to purchase tickets, visit savor-cannonbeach.com.

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