

Workshop for forest landowners to focus on fish passage, habitat

The Oregon Forest Resources Institute is hosting a free one-day workshop at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The workshop is designed for forest landowners on the best practices to restore and enhance fish habitats in forested streams. It is the first of two workshops, the second to be held Thursday, Oct. 29 in Salem.

The morning will be spent in the classroom, and attendees will receive technical assistance, tools and resources to help them with fish habitat and passage projects. Work-

shops will include "Oregon Plan Overview," led by Greg Apke of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; "Intro to Restoration," led by Guillermo Giannico of the Oregon State University Extension Service; "Intro to Fish Passage," led by Fran Cafferata Coe of the Oregon Forest Resources Institute; "Voluntary Forest Practice Measures," led by Kyle Abraham of the Oregon Department of Forestry; "Economics of Fish Passage," led by Justin Isle of Aquatic Contracting; "Thinking Like a Fish," led by Guillermo Giannico of the Oregon State

University Extension Service; and "Extension Logistics and Project Planning," led by Melyssa Graeper of the Necanicum Watershed Council.

The afternoon will be spent in the field on the Lewis and Clark Tree Farm, managed by Greenwood Forest Resources. The agenda also includes visits to a recent culvert replacement, an obliterated road and a habitat restoration project.

The institute is hosting the Seaside and Salem workshops in collaboration with various public and private partners, including the Or-

egon Watershed Enhancement Board, the Oregon Department of Forestry, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Associated Oregon Loggers, the Oregon Small Woodland Association, Hancock Forest Management, the Oregon Forest Industries Council, Oregon State University and Greenwood Resources.

Lunch is provided, but attendees should bring sturdy shoes and field clothes. Registration closes Oct. 18. For more information or trouble registering, contact Kathy Storm at 971-673-2953 or storm@ofri.org.

Gearhart drug dealer sentenced to probation

By Kyle Spurr
EO Media Group

A Gearhart drug dealer was sentenced to three years probation early this month after admitting to selling methamphetamine near Gearhart Elementary School.

Leonard Shane Hitchman will face 80 months, or nearly seven years, in prison, if he violates the probation.

Hitchman, 45, appeared in Clatsop County Circuit

Court Friday, Oct. 2, to change his plea to no contest to unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful delivery of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a school.

The meth possession charge was elevated to a commercial drug offense since Hitchman possessed



LEONARD SHANE HITCHMAN

more the \$300, drug records and packaging materials.

Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Hitchman in February after a Clatsop County Drug Task Force investigation.

Drug task force detectives received numerous complaints over several months regarding ongoing illegal drug activity at 166 Ridge Drive in Gearhart, according to the sheriff's office.

Detectives were granted search warrants for Hitch-

man's residence and his vehicle.

During the search, detectives discovered methamphetamine, drug trafficking records, needles, scales and packaging materials commonly used by illegal drug traffickers.

In addition, detectives found more than \$1,500 in cash and a weapon.

The charges against Hitchman occurred in December and in February.

"When they served the search warrant, he had a lot of money in his safe at this home," Prosecutor Dawn Buzzard said. "He had little baggies of drugs and he sold them to an undercover informant."

Hitchman's defense was that he won most of the cash in a lottery, and that he was just giving a ride to a woman who he was selling meth to.

Buzzard said she was especially concerned since this activity was happening close to the elementary school.

"Kids go play in the playground right there. It should be a safe place," she said.

County Sheriff's office investigates Gearhart, Clatsop Plains thefts

One suspect arrested, charged with theft by receiving

By Katherine Lacaze
Seaside Signal

The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested a suspect in relation to a string of reported thefts and trespasses across the county during the past three days, but the investigation continues.

On Oct. 5, deputies took Tyler Morehouse into custody. He was initially charged with theft by receiving in relation to the cases.

During the past few days, the sheriff's office received multiple reports of thefts and trespasses on property ranging from the Clatsop Plains to Gearhart. A caretaker of the Tagg Farm on Clatsop Plains reported a person operating an all-terrain vehicle, or ATV, on the property early the morning of Oct. 2, according to a news release. The ATV was stolen from High Life Adventures, owned by Dave and Lance Larson.

Units from the sheriff's office responded and chased the ATV into the woods east of the Clatsop Plains with the assistance of the caretaker. Officers recovered a utility trailer and other stolen items that came loose from the ATV during the chase, the release states. The incident led the sheriff's office to discover a burglary on U.S. Highway 101 near Camp Rilea.

On Oct. 4, Dave Larson observed his stolen ATV

being operated on Southeast 19th Street in Warrenton near Costco. Larson followed the ATV and witnessed it traveling down a dirt road off Southeast 19th Street, according to the sheriff's office.

Officers from the sheriff's office, Oregon State Police and Warrenton Police Department responded to the area. With the help of K-9 partner Pax and the United States Coast Guard, the officers searched the area for about four hours, discovering multiple camps in the wooded area between Costco and U.S. Highway 101 Business.

At one camp, officers found ATV tracks, fuel tanks and the cargo rack from the ATV. They did not locate the ATV or suspect during the search, but they learned the suspect was traveling between the Clatsop Plains and the camp.

The following day, two deputies returned to the area to check on the suspect camp, which was partially torn down. The deputies searched the surrounding trails and came across a track indicating ATV travel in one direction. At the conclusion of the trail, officers located the ATV and Morehouse. The suspect was taken into custody without incident on unrelated warrants.

The ATV was recovered and returned to Larson.

The investigation is ongoing as the sheriff's office works to clear the remaining burglaries and thefts.

PUBLISHER
Steve Forrester

EDITOR
R.J. Marx

REPORTER
Katherine Lacaze

ADVERTISING MANAGER
Betty Smith

PRODUCTION MANAGER
John D. Bruijn

CIRCULATION MANAGER
Heather Ramsdell

SYSTEMS MANAGER
Carl Earl

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS
Claire Lovell
John Rahl
Darren Gooch
Esther Moberg

ADVERTISING SALES
Laura Kaim
Wendy Richardson

Seaside Signal

The Seaside Signal is published every other week by EO Media Group, 1555 N. Roosevelt, Seaside Oregon 97138. 503-738-5561. www.seasidesignal.com

Letter policy
The Seaside Signal welcomes letters to the editor. The deadline is noon Monday prior to publication. Letters must be 400 words or less and must be signed by the author and include a phone number for verification. We also request that submissions be limited to one letter per month. Send to 1555 N. Roosevelt Drive, Seaside, OR 97138, drop them off at 1555 N. Roosevelt Drive or fax to 503-738-9285. Or email nmccarthy@seasidesignal.com

SUBSCRIPTIONS
Annually: \$40.50 in county • \$58.00 in and out of county • e-Edition: only \$30.00

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Seaside Signal, P.O. Box 210, Astoria, OR 97103. Postage Paid at Seaside, OR 97138 and at additional mailing offices. Copyright 2015 © by the Seaside Signal. No portion of this newspaper may be reproduced without written permission. All rights reserved.

Seaside

OUTLETS

TRICK OR TREAT

3:00-6:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 31ST

SAFE AND COVERED

GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN FIRST IN SUITE 328 (BETWEEN ZUMIEZ AND VAN HEUSEN) AND TRICK OR TREAT WHILE ITS PRINTING! FREE WITH REQUEST OF DONATION.

12TH AVE. & HWY. 101, SEASIDE, OR • 503.717.1603 • SEASIDEOUTLETS.COM

SAVINGS DON'T END SOON! Northwest TOYOTA DEALERS

<p><i>New 2015 Toyota Prius Liftback</i></p> <p>\$199 /Mo.</p> <p><small>For a 24 Month Lease</small></p>	<p><i>New 2015 Toyota Corolla LE</i></p> <p>\$139 /Mo.</p> <p><small>For a 24 Month Lease</small></p>	<p><i>New 2015 Toyota Camry LE (Gas)</i></p> <p>\$179 /Mo.</p> <p><small>For a 24 Month Lease</small></p>	<p><i>New 2015 Toyota RAV4 LE</i></p> <p>\$179 /Mo.</p> <p><small>For a 24 Month Lease</small></p>
--	--	--	---

SAVE BIG NOW and down the road with Toyota! **WHERE WILL YOU GO?**

TOYOTA Let's Go Places
ToyotaCare

1605 SE Ensign Lane
Warrenton, OR
503-861-1144
LumsToyota.com

Disclaimer- Lease a new 2015 Camry LE (Gas) for \$179 a month for 24 months with \$2,170 down and \$2,999 due at signing plus \$1000 Toyota Financial Services (TFS) Subvention Cash. Due at signing costs include first month's payment, \$650 acquisition fee and \$2,170 down payment. Lease includes \$1000 TFS Subvention Cash. Example based on model #2532A. Base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price \$22,970. Monthly payments of \$179 total \$4,296. Net capitalized cost of \$20,364 based on down payment and dealer participation, which may vary by dealer. Lease-end purchase option is \$16,077.00 • Lease a new 2015 RAV4 LE for \$179 a month for 24 months with \$2,750 down and \$3,579 due at signing plus \$750 TFS Subvention Cash. Due at signing costs include first month's payment, \$650 acquisition fee and \$2,750 down payment. Lease includes \$750 TFS Subvention Cash. Example based on model #4432C. Base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price \$25,080. Monthly payments of \$179 total \$4,296. Net capitalized cost of \$22,689 based on down payment and dealer participation, which may vary by dealer. Lease-end purchase option is \$19,238.00 • Lease a New 2015 Prius Liftback (Two) for \$199 a month for 24 months with \$3,150 down and \$3,999 due at signing plus \$2000 TFS Subvention Cash. Due at signing costs include first month's payment, \$650 acquisition fee and \$3,150 down payment. Lease includes \$2000 TFS Subvention Cash. Example based on model #1223A. Base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price \$24,200. Monthly payments of \$199 total \$4,776. Net capitalized cost of \$21,163 based on down payment and dealer participation, which may vary by dealer. Lease end purchase option is \$16,396.00 • Lease a New 2015 Corolla LE CVT for \$139 a month for 24 months with \$2,210 down and \$2,999 due at signing plus \$1000 TFS Subvention Cash. Due at signing costs include first month's payment, \$650 acquisition fee and \$2,210 down payment. Lease includes \$139 total \$3,336. Net capitalized cost of \$16,390 based on down payment and dealer participation, which may vary by dealer. Lease end purchase option is \$13,125.00. \$2000 New 2015 Prius Liftback (Two), \$1000 new 2015 Corolla LE CVT, \$1000 New 2015 Camry LE (Gas), and \$750 new 2015 RAV4 LE subvention cash from Toyota Motor Sales (TMS) not applicable for cash back offers and must qualify for Subvention Cash through TFS. Payment may vary depending on final transaction price. Offers cannot be combined with any other offers, vary by region and are subject to availability. Security deposit waived. Closed-end lease. \$350 disposition fee due at lease end unless customer purchases vehicle or decides to re-finance through TFS. Customer responsible for maintenance, excess wear and tear and \$0.15 per mile over 12,000 miles per year. To qualified Tier 1+ customers through TFS. Offers good in WA, OR, ID, and MT. For ID and MT state dealerships, a documentary service fee in an amount up to \$350 may be added to vehicle price. For Washington state dealerships, a negotiable documentary service fee in an amount up to \$150 may be added to sale price or capitalized cost. For Oregon state dealerships, a negotiable documentary service fee in an amount up to \$100 may be added to vehicle price. Oregon state dealerships not using an electronic vehicle registration system may only apply fees up to \$75 to vehicle price. Does not include taxes, license, title, processing fees, insurance, and dealer charges. See your local participating Toyota dealer for details. Must take retail delivery from dealer stock by 11/2/15.