

# Local businesses honored for community impact

## Johnson recognizes the retiring Boone

By Edward Stratton  
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Clatsop Economic Development Resources on March 21 honored local firms for their impact on the North Coast.

State Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, also used the annual business event to recognize outgoing state Rep. Deborah Boone, D-Cannon Beach. Boone is retiring from the state House after her seventh term ends in January.

Johnson hailed Boone's focus on emergency preparedness, natural resources and alternative energy. "Her service to her district has been modest, unassuming, capable and focused," the state senator said. "She cares desperately about fragile coastal economies."

Local businesses were nominated by the community for their economic impact, public service, entrepreneurship and innovation.

Wayne Poole, co-owner of Pig 'N Pancake, won the innovation award for large businesses. His parents, Bob and Marianne Poole, opened the restaurant's first location in downtown Seaside in 1961. The restaurant now has six locations on the Oregon Coast and in Portland.

Jeremy Mills, a State Farm insurance agent based in Seaside, won a small-business award for service to the community for his support of youth programs.

Teevin Bros. Land and Timber won an award for service to the community among large businesses. The company is heavily involved in local philanthropy. Owner Shawn Teevin helped found the Knappa Schools Foundation to support his alma mater.



Several regional business owners took the stage to be honored by Clatsop Economic Development Resources, including (from left to right and top to bottom) Dennis Murphy of Astoria Forest Products; Denele Sweet of Encore Dance Studio; Brittany Israel of Astoria Dairy Queen; Seaside insurance agent Jeremy Mills; Pete Gimre of Gimre's Shoe Store; Wayne Poole of Pig 'N Pancake; Roxanne Williams-Morinville of Warrenton Kia; Paul Langner of Teevin Bros. Land and Timber Co.; and Anthony Smith of Greensmith Landscapes.

Brittany Israel, co-owner of the Astoria Dairy Queen, received a legacy award. Her parents purchased the Dairy Queen on Marine Drive in 1973. She and her husband, Kent, took ownership in 2016.

Denele Sweet, owner of Encore Dance Studio, won an entrepreneurship award for small businesses. Sweet described how, as a new mother and former competitive dancer, she had received a phone call about teaching a dance class and built a business with at least 15 teachers in Gearhart.

Pete Gimre, owner of Gimre's Shoe Store, won

the small-business award for customer service. His grandfather, Sven, emigrated from Norway to the U.S. in 1892 and started the company.

Anthony Smith, owner of Greensmith Landscapes, won an innovation award for small businesses. A 2006 graduate of Warrenton High School, Smith moved back after attending college in Florida to take over his family's landscaping business.

Roxanne Williams-Morinville, co-owner and general manager of Warrenton Kia, won the customer service award for large businesses.

Astoria Forest Products,

a log exporter at the Port of Astoria, received an economic impact award. The exporter, which took over from Westerlund Log Handlers in 2014, employs 15 people at the Port. The company has been credited with indirectly supporting about 50 jobs for every loaded log vessel leaving Pier 1, including longshoremens, loggers and truck drivers.

"We live in a community of great companies," said Dennis Murphy, chairman of parent company Murphy Overseas. He credited the local workforce for helping his company's operation work.



Jessica Newhall

## Newhall to be based out of Seaside

Clatsop Community College Small Business Development Center named Jessica Newhall as the center's new adviser based out of the South County CCC/CEDR Center in Seaside, with an advising office also at the Lexington campus in Astoria.

Newhall has worked for the

college as a part-time small business adviser since October 2017. Previously she owned and operated Events Northwest from 2014 through 2017. Prior to that she worked as a general events manager for Atlantic Media based out of Washington. Newhall currently has her own business con-

sultancy company, Adventus, and has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Colorado.

Newhall replaces David Reid, who has been named incoming executive director for the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce pending Skip Hauke's retirement.

## Don't have to be Irish to love Pouring at the Coast

### Dark-hearted blonde, candy cap stout are local standouts

By R.J. Marx  
Seaside Signal

A Who's Who of coastal brewers came to Seaside March 17 for the ninth annual Pouring at the Coast festival. Beer makers from Cannon Beach, Seaside, Astoria and well beyond shared their magic as the event coincided with St. Patrick's Day festivities, a wall of green everywhere.

"This has been a fantastic day," Brian Owen, executive director of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce said. "The weather broke — the sun came out — it's called Oregon."

Owen proclaimed Saturday's event as one of the best attended days in event history.

Guests mingled from display to display, with occasional breaks for snacks or catching up with old friends.

"People are running around, happy and drinking beer," Brandy Stewart of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce said. "Smooth as can be."

Stewart said 25 volunteers in two shifts helped with bill pouring, ticket sales, security — "You name it."

An hour into the event she



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Pouring at the Coast founder Jimmy Griffin of Seaside Brewing Co. and Ken Heman of the Seaside Visitors Bureau.

said she anticipated about 1,200 guests.

Local breweries, including co-sponsor Seaside Brewing Co., along with Buoy and Cannon Beach's Public Coast and Pelican brewers, stood out among the more than 30 brewers from around the Pacific Northwest.

Pelican Brewing Co.'s head brewer Bryce Snyder came up from Pacific City, where he joined Trevor McLean, assistant general manager of Pelican's Cannon Beach location.

"We're getting a ton of visitors," McLean said.

"They're coming back for the dark-hearted blonde," he said, referring to the Sleepy Monk inspired stout with a coffee infusion. "We brewed a second batch in Pacific City, and this is our brewer Bryce Snyder."

Seaside's Stephanie Stevenson of Rascals volunteered with Ecliptic Brewing of northeast Portland, Daria Stein, who though posted next to Gearhart chamber volunteer Andrew Stein, is no relation.

Buoy Beer's founding brewer Dan Hamilton and his daughter Jessyka Dart-Mc-

Lean, events and marketing manager of Buoy, poured a European lager and a Czech pils.

Public Coast's master brewer Will Leroux, attending his second Pouring at the Coast event, presented his award-winning '67 Blonde Ale and Candy Cap Russian Imperial Stout, a maple-, caramel- and pecan-flavored beer from a local mushroom, the candy cap. The concoction proved a favorite with Jim Paino, newly appointed director of the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce and Cannon Beach Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn as they showed support for the local craft brew scene.

Seaside Brewing Co.'s Jimmy Griffin described the event's "exciting vibe."

"We've got some breweries you don't see a whole lot out this way," he said. "People are breaking out the seasonals. A lot of breweries send things out here as a 'live lab,' to see how it's going to fly for the rest of the festival season."

Griffin said there are more brewers than ever. "Some of them are into their business more than the brotherhood. But out on the coast, specifically, everybody's really tight and everybody helps each other out. The North Coast is going to become its own beer destination in and of itself. We think it's unique and we're glad to be part of it."

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