

Cantwell talks about initiatives and accomplishments

By Philip L. Watness
The Pioneer

U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Washington, said she continues to work for a long-term extension of the Secure Rural Schools federal forest funds subsidy to counties and schools during a speech Wednesday, March 23, at the annual luncheon of the Skamania County Economic Development Council at Skamania Lodge.

She also spoke about getting the Payment In Lieu of Taxes program set up on a permanent basis. The program pays counties for lost timber tax revenues caused by federal ownership of the forests. The Congress has to reauthorize PILT every year – Cantwell would like to see a longer-term authorization.

“We need to make sure that we have multi-year reauthorization and full funding for these programs,” Sen. Cantwell said which drew enthusiastic applause. “These programs are vitally important for predictability and planning.”

She said school districts as well as counties need to be able to plan in advance for potential cuts and that the recent history of reauthorizing the act for a few years at a time hinders that effort.

Cantwell said she also supports increasing funding for road maintenance by the for-



U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, standing, talks to Don Mann, left, Joeinne Caldwell and Holly Howell of Cascade Locks before her speech at the annual luncheon Wednesday, March 23, of the Skamania County Economic Development Council.

est service. She said the agency’s budget for roads had been cut by 80 percent since 1990 and that its request for funding in 2017 was 13 percent less than in 2016.

“That makes no sense to me,” the three-term senator said. “Recreation relies on these roads; the health of our forest rely on these roads; our safety relies on these roads. We’ve pushed the forest service to come back and give us (the Senate) an update on what we’re going to do to re-establish a priority for road maintenance and the backlog.”

The three-term senator

also promoted her effort to shift more funding within the U.S. Forest Service budget for methods to prevent forest fires.

“Last year, Washington State was hit by one of the worst forest fires in our state’s history,” she said. “These fires are costing somewhere between \$2 and \$4 billion a year. We think we need to plan better for the future. Why not do a little preparation in advance?”

In June 2015, Cantwell issued a white paper calling for better wildfire management, including prescribed burns, treatment of forests to reduce

fuel load, and more funding for the Firewise program which helps home owners protect against threat of fire.

“What we need to do is make sure the forest service has money up front to do this preparation and to do this hazard fuels reduction in advance,” she said. “I also think it’s important to look at giving mills longer-term contracts – not just 10 years but 20-year contracts so they can have the predictability that they need.”

Her comment received loud applause from the crowd of about 120 people from private industry workers to government representatives.

Cantwell said she has also focused attention on railroad safety. She said the U.S. Congress had made progress in addressing safety of railroad cars carrying crude oil across the state with the Crude-By-Rail Safety Act.

“We’re keenly aware as we’re talking about freight transportation, that we’re talking about the Columbia River Gorge – and we need extra safety and precautions – so we introduced the Crude-by-rail Safety Act to say ‘Let’s take the unsafe tank cars off the rails – these are the DOT 111 tankers – and we think we should improve what we’re doing with rail transportation safety,’” she said.

She said the legislation calls on railroad companies to provide information to emergency responders regarding the materials that are passing through their jurisdictions.

Cantwell told the audience she would be announcing an affordable housing initiative the following day, Thursday, in Seattle (see accompanying press release). She said the initiative would double the amount of tax incentives available for affordable housing projects.

“What it does is gets your workforce into your community,” she said. “They can’t travel from an hour away just to come to work in a commu-

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News Briefs

Council to revisit SR 14 ideas

The Stevenson City Council at its Thursday, March 17, meeting, directed City Administrator Nick Hogan to bring the panel information regarding whether to remove the stop sign on First Street to encourage truck traffic off of State Route 14.

The council decided to also revisit whether to pursue making First and Second streets one-way thoroughfares. Hogan will present a summary of past actions, meetings, survey results and engineering studies to the April 21 council meeting for review. The council plans to consider whether or not to revisit one or both of these two issues.

The council may also ask the Stevenson Planning Commission to do more analysis of SR 14 issues.

Climber rescued on Mount St. Helens

A Montana man said he expected to die after getting caught in a white-out on Mount St. Helens on Sunday, March 20.

Roger I. Roots, 48, of Livingston, Mont., attempted to summit the mountain in blizzard conditions despite the advice of another climber to turn back at the 6,000-foot level.

He was lucky that the U.S. Forest Service contacted the Skamania County Sheriff’s Office at 3:30 p.m., Monday, March 21, to report an abandoned vehicle at the Marble Mountain SnoPark.

The Volcano Rescue Team was called in to search for Roots who was found cold and hungry at 11:54 p.m. Monday. Roots walked out with the VRT volunteers, arriving at base camp at 1:31 a.m., March 22.

“We had a good result,” said Undersheriff Pat Bond. “The forest service alerted us about the car and the VRT did a fantastic job, working their tails off to find the guy.”

County to consider rezones

The Skamania County Commissioners instructed the Community Development Department to proceed with rezoning land around Swift Reservoir this year, then plan to update the zoning for Carson and the east end over the next several years.

Jerry Sauer, who owns a number of parcels in the area, has asked the county to look at the rezoning of residential lots to reduce the minimum acreage allowed per lot.

CL port board hears concerns about raising BOG tolls

By Philip L. Watness
The Pioneer

More than three dozen Skamania County residents, business owners, government representatives and school officials attended a meeting Monday, March 21, hosted by the Port of Cascade Locks regarding its plan to increase tolls on the Bridge of the Gods.

Port Commissioners Dave Lipps and Jess Groves and port General Manager Paul Koch fielded questions and took comments from those in attendance. Koch said the port commission plans to finalize a plan for increasing tolls before May should it decide to implement any increases on July 1.

“The primary driver (for increased tolls) is the approved 10-year bridge maintenance and preservation plan” the port approved several years ago following emergency repairs to the bridge required by the Oregon Department of Transportation, Koch said.

“Part of the port’s commitment to ODOT was that ‘If you speed that up’ (the repair project funding and work), we would commit to developing a 10-year plan that would identify, every year, what needs to be done on the bridge to keep it (the maximum weight of trucks) at 80,000 pounds,” he said.

He said the port is spending \$189,000 this budget year (which ends June 30) on bridge maintenance and will devote \$314,000 in the 2016-17 budget. That includes an estimated \$30,000 to assess the seismic resiliency to the 90-year-old steel truss bridge. He said the port expects to spend around \$600,000 for design engineering of the seismic retrofits in 2018, then \$6 million on the improvements in 2019.

The port commission began discussing potential toll increases several months ago. The commissioners have banded about whether to increase passenger vehicle tolls



Port of Cascade Locks Commission President Jess Groves, right, makes a point about potential increases in the toll for the Bridge of the Gods during a meeting Monday, March 21, in Stevenson.

by \$1 to \$2 from the current \$1. Koch said the board has indicated it would not raise tolls on local users except by discontinuing the 25-cent discount when buying a ticket book. Residents of Hood River, Skamania and Klickitat

counties would continue to pay \$1 per passenger vehicle under a program that is yet to be worked out, he said.

“Everybody who is determined to be local would not pay any increase,” he said. The toll on “trucks, two axles

and above, would go up by 25-cents per axle.”

The commission has also discussed the idea of allowing regular users of the bridge who do not live in the gorge to cross for the same fee as

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Several of McCabe’s bills hung up in budget negotiations

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Washington State Rep. Gina McCabe feels optimistic that the Legislature can wrap up negotiations on a supplemental budget before the current 30-day special session ends Sunday, April 10.

The Capitol Record reported that Gov. Jay Inslee said Friday that budget negotiators had reached “tentative agreements on a variety of important issues,” but had not yet reached a deal on a supplemental budget.

Among the bills he signed was a supplemental transportation budget that makes

about \$507 million in changes to the state’s current two-year transportation budget.

McCabe said representatives have not been in Olympia as legislative leaders negotiated between the House and Senate on both the supplemental transportation budget and the supplemental operating budget.

“We’re still \$300 million apart” on the operating budget, McCabe said. “They’re trying to figure out the issues.”

She said she anticipated House floor action this week if negotiators can reach an agreement.

Several of McCabe’s bills

are caught up in the negotiations, including the “Erin’s Law” bill (HB 2183) which would establish a task force to create and implement a curriculum about sexual abuse for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Also caught up in the talks is her “Travis Alert Act” (HB 2287) which would establish a method of informing emergency responders when they may be dealing with people with developmental disabilities.

A substitute bill calls for the Department of Health to create a training program to familiarize first responders on how to handle different situa-

tions.

HB 2711, which would commission a study on the need to increase the number of nurses who perform examinations of sexual assault victims, sits on the governor’s desk, awaiting his signature. Also awaiting a signature is HB 2391 which addresses a conflict between state and federal laws regarding issuance of payroll draws by county employees.

McCabe was successful in getting HB 2925 through the two houses. The bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to allow livestock owners to access public lands

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Submitted by Brian Baynes, Carson

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Support Groups

Carson AA Spirit of the Gorge meets Wednesdays and Sundays from 7-8 p.m. at Carson Hot Springs (Old Hotel) on St. Martin Road. Call 509-427-4970.

Stevenson AA meets Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 7 to 8 p.m. at Shepherd of Hills Lutheran Church, 161 Lutheran Church Rd. For information (509) 427-5548.

AA Gorge Gals - meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. Wednesday at noon at Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Stevenson. 427-7981

AA "From the Book" meeting, N. Bonn. Community Church, Thursdays @ Noon and Saturdays at 6 p.m. potluck 7 p.m mtg. 427-8712.

AA Step Study Group meeting Thursday night at 6 p.m at Star of the Sea Catholic Church. 427-7981

Alanaon, will meet every Tuesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Stevenson United Methodist Church; corner of Jefferson and School Streets. Contact (509)427-4970

Skamania County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program. Domestic Violence support group for boys meets Fridays at 4 p.m.; Teen Prevention Group meets at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Women's support group meets at 2 p.m. on Mondays. Call 427-4210

Diabetes Support Group meets the first Wednesday each month at noon at Skyline Hospital. 509-493-1101.

Bereavement Classes Free to the Public - offered by Heart of Hospice on the fourth Monday of each month from 3-4 p.m. at Stevenson United Methodist Church.

Second Sunday monthly; Free Health Lecture at Stevenson Adventist Church. Call 360-953-1372.

Providence Grief Support Group meets 11 a.m. to Noon on first and third Wednesdays of the month at Hawks Ridge Assisted Living in Hood River. For more information call 541-387-6449

Children and teen grief groups meet Thursdays, twice a month from 6 - 7 p.m. at Riverside Church on 4th & State Streets; pizza provided. Call 541-387-6449 or visit www.providence.org/hospice for more information.

Al-Anon/Al-Ateen Keep It Light Candle Light Meeting- meets 7-8 p.m. every Thursday @ North Bonneville Community Church. Handicap accessible and daycare is provided. Call 360-409-3895.

Narcotics Anonymous Rock Bottom NA Group. Meets behind the Food Bank, 683 SW Rock Creek Dr.; Stevenson, Mondays and Thursdays at 5:30; 509-427-7563

Obituaries

Curtis Presley

Curtis E. Presley of Cook, Washington passed away March 14, 2016. He was born in St. Louis County to Will and Esther Presley on July 30, 1925. He served in World War II aboard the USS Abbot in the Pacific Fleet. In 1946, he married Ann Clow. In 1960 the family moved to Cook where Curtis worked for the Bureau of Fish and Wildlife until his retirement on January 3, 1987. He is survived by his wife of 69 years Ann Clow Presley; sons Michael and his wife Kris of Whidbey Island, WA, Patrick and his wife Chris of

Portland, OR and Timothy of Cook; 10 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, granddaughter and daughter-in-law. Contributions may be made to any hospice of your choice or to the Evergreen Community Church, where Curtis was a member and served as treasurer. Memorial services are pending. Mr. Presley will be buried on April 2, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the Amity Cemetery in Doniphan, Missouri. Gardner Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Diana Jean Connelly Graham

Diana Jean Connelly Graham was born to Francis and Jeanette Connelly on Nov. 9, 1941, in Bemidji, Minn. She had 1 younger sibling Renee Connelly Foland. Diana had 5 sons, Scott, Terry, and Tony Coates, Don and Troy Graham. She loved her job as a school bus driver for 37 years. Diana had a love for her friends, family and all animals. After a 3 week battle against leukemia she peace-

fully took the hand of Jesus and went to heaven. Diana was preceded in death by her son Scott and both parents. She is survived by her sons Terry, Tony (Abby), Don (Amber) of Carson and Troy (Pam) of Puyallup and 11 grandkids of whom she awaits in heaven. There will be a service for Diana on Sat. April 30th at 1:00 at Bethany Church: 508 South Francis Street Port Angeles Wa. 98362

John Clayton Winegarden

John Clayton Winegarden was born April 20, 1938, in Grass Valley, California. He proudly served in the United States Air force during the Vietnam War. After his tour was finished John became a union carpenter where he played a pitiable part in helping constructing the Grand Coulee Dam and the Bonneville Dam. John married Linda

Winegarden on October 22, 1982 and they made their home in Carlton, Oregon. John is survived by his wife Linda Winegarden; daughters Teresa Winegarden and Lori Winegarden; Step sons Kevin Woods and Kurt Woods and five grandchildren. A funeral service was held on February 12th, 2016 at Young's funeral home.



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Water Under the Bridge

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Commission eyes changes: Changes to the Columbia River Gorge Commission management plan's chapters on wetland, wildlife, rare plants, natural areas and open space were discussed at the March 28 meeting of the commission and U.S. Forest Service staff, and state and local planners.

Some of the changes staff will be recommending to the commission include: Determinations of whether a project near a wetland, wildlife, rare plant or natural area will be made by the counties; removal of the main stem of the Columbia River from the plan's wetlands regulations; and removal of all agricultural activities except new cultivation from wetland regulations.

County to celebrate Drug Free Week: The Skamania County Substance Abuse Council has joined with the State of Washington to celebrate Drug Free Washington Week, April 15-19.

Events scheduled include a five-session program presented by the Stevenson-Carson School District and the Skamania County Counseling Center, beginning at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 9, at the Stevenson Elementary School library. Topics to be presented are: How to prevent drug abuse in the family, how to develop a family position on drugs, how to say no to drugs, how to express and control anger, and how to strengthen family bonds.

Forest service busts artifact hunter: Oregon State Police and the U.S. Forest Service apprehended an individual allegedly gathering artifacts on public lands within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area on March 27. The person was observed screening for artifacts and was cited under federal law. The maximum penalty for this activity is six months incarceration and a \$5,000 fine.

50 years ago

School directors swamp proposed service district: Skamania County school directors buried under a 19-1 vote the proposed consolidation of Clark, Skamania and Klickitat counties into a super "service district."

A 15-64 total "No" vote by school directors in the three counties dealt a not-too-surprising fatal blow to a plan which would consolidate the three counties into an intermediate service district - one of 15 proposed throughout the state.

Gov. Evans visits: Republican leaders met in Stevenson with Washington State Gov. Dan Evans during his recent three-day sweep of the state. State Rep. Bob O'Dell, Camas, Bob Salvesson, chairman of the Skamania County Republican Central Committee, and George Christensen, Jr., met with Gov. Evans.

Legion Auxiliary head visits: Susan Wilcox of Seattle, department president of the American Legion Auxiliary, was the speaker at a luncheon March 28 sponsored by Unit 65 at the Extension Kitchen in Stevenson.

75 years ago

PUD income shows steady population growth: Income as well as expenses have gone up for the Skamania County Public Utility District, a new state auditor's report shows.

PUD officials said that gross income is going up at the rate of about 8 percent annually, indicating some population growth in the county. Rates are not a factor since there has been no rate increases since the PUD went into business on Jan. 1, 1940 - the only rate change was a small decrease in the commercial rates in 1950.

The report, prepared by state examiner Lynn Faulk, covers the period from Jan. 1, 1963 to Dec. 31, 1964, and shows that energy sales increased from \$420,305 in 1963 to \$459,000 in 1964.

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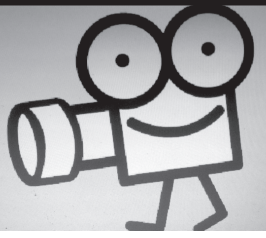
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locals.

“Folks who come out to use the gorge to kayak, to wind-surf, to do things like that, there may be some availability for them to be able to have the cheaper ticket,” Groves said. “We haven’t quite figured out how all that would work, yet, but we don’t want to discourage the frequent users.”

Lipps said the commission has also discussed whether higher tolls could be imposed on trucks to discourage truck drivers from crossing from Oregon to Washington to avoid highway user fees on Interstate 84.

Some folks questioned the port’s use of toll revenues in previous years for other needs instead of doing the necessary bridge maintenance.

“The bridge has been the go-to thing for the Port of Cascade Locks,” Groves said. “We don’t have anything in Cascade Locks except for the port for economic development. Have we used funds for economic development? Absolutely, we have.”

Groves said the port commission has made a commitment to earmark revenues collected through increased tolls for bridge repair and maintenance. He pointed out that the commission has devoted \$250,000 each year for bridge expenditures.

Port of Skamania County Executive Director John Mc-

Bridge of the Gods 10-year plan

By The Pioneer

Here’s a breakdown of the expenditures on the Bridge of the Gods planned by the Port of Cascade Locks for the next 10 years (engineers’ estimates):

1. 10-year plan BOG repairs, retrofits, maintenance, enhance: \$14,805,400.
2. Port’s expected portion: \$3,771,400. (\$377,140 annually for 10 years) Does not include potential match for grants.
3. The Plan “B” Pa-

cific Crest Trail Crossing: \$11,065,000.

4. Grand total: \$25,870,400.
5. The 10-Year Plan assumes that major painting will occur after 2025-26 budget year: \$40,000,000.
6. The 10-Year Plan assumes that the bicycle/pedestrian crossing is funded by others (grants) or occurs after 2025-26. It is listed during 2018-2020.
7. Toll technology is indicated in 2017-2020 at \$1,287,000.

Sherry asked whether the Oregon port commission had looked at whether increasing the toll would result in loss of revenue rather an increase should drivers decide not to cross the bridge due to the higher tolls. He said a study had been done by the Cascade Locks port some while back. The commissioners had not seen such a report.

Bernard Versari of Stevenson questioned why the 10-year plan includes \$11 million for a pedestrian crossing to benefit the Pacific Crest Trail users.

He said the project should find other sources of funding rather than through the port or bridge tolls.

Koch said that while the

project is included in the 10-year plan, he would expect the port and proponents of the structure to seek money through federal and state recreational funds.

Groves said the port commission developed the 10-year plan and to consider toll increase in order to avoid a situation like the one the port faced in 2013 when ODOT informed the agency that it would close the bridge unless certain repairs were done. The port was able to secure federal money through ODOT for the repairs. Truck weight limits were reduced during the construction window.

Casey Roeder, executive director of the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce, said increasing the tolls would have a detrimental impact on the local economy. She said three-quarters of those visiting the Columbia River Gorge are “day-trippers” from the Portland metropolitan area. She said Ken Daugherty of Skamania Lodge told her the four out of five guests hail from the Portland area.

“Those are the people who are going to have to pay the two bucks,” she said. “And those are the people, in my mind, who won’t make a sec-

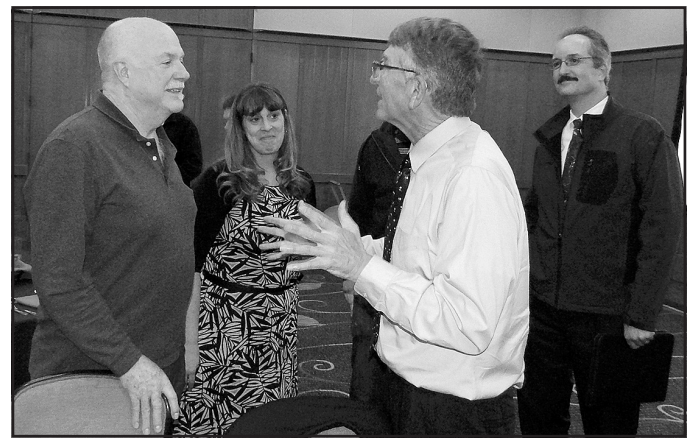
ond trip across the bridge. They’ll either go on to Hood River or stay on the Oregon side altogether. All the business owners you see here will feel that hit. If you double the tolls on those people, both of our economies (Skamania County and Cascade Locks) are going to feel it.”

She said fewer folks would also venture over the bridge to shop and recreate in Cascade Locks if the tolls go up to \$2 a crossing. She suggested the port commission consider an incremental increase such as 50 cents.

A&J Select Market co-owner John Mobley agreed with Roeder regarding the potential impact of higher tolls.

“We see a lot of tourists – especially in the summertime – but paying four bucks, they’re not going to go for that,” he said.

Mobley also questioned the practicality of providing windshield stickers for local residents and frequent visitors.



SCSD school board member Dan Mitchell, left, talks to Superintendent of Public Instruction Randy Dorn as Superintendent Karen Douglass and Brian Howe listen.



Two Wind River Middle School students participated in a job shadow event Thursday, March 24, at Stevenson Dental Care. Student Julia Blakley, left, Judy Atwell, student Brinley Price and Lyndell Winters observe dental work. Brinley is the third generation of her family to work at the dental care business operated by Dr. Jack Clifton (not pictured). Atwell is her grandmother and the dental assistant; Winters is her mother and a dental hygienist. Submitted photo

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The Visioning Workshop is rescheduled for April 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Canyon Creek Middle School Gym located at 9731 Washougal River Road.

This is your chance to tell us what you would like to see for future shoreline uses, learn about the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update process, discuss information, and learn of future input opportunities.

For more information contact Debbie Cazaré at Skamania County Community Development Department or visit our website at <http://www.skamaniacounty.org/community-development/homepage/shorelines-master-program-information/>

Community events of the month
Easter Egg hunts

Children throughout Skamania County had plenty of choices when it came to Easter egg hunts Saturday and Sunday. Record numbers of people attended egg hunts in Stevenson, Mill A and Cascade Locks.

The Stevenson Lion’s Club hosted what is likely the longest-running the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 27, on the Skamania County Courthouse lawn. Toddlers through third-graders can participate collected hundreds of plastic eggs filled with candy and other items.

The Ninth Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch on Saturday, March 26, at the Evergreen Community Church in Mill A, drew an estimated 150 people to hunt for eggs or participate in fun games such as a raw egg toss.

Rock Cove Assisted Living put on its Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 1-5 years old, on Friday, with children finding eggs around the Stevenson facility.

The Stevenson Living Faith Church’s egg hunt on Saturday on the Skamania County Courthouse lawn attracted perhaps as many as 500 people as children from infants to sixth-graders scoured the grass for the 10,000 eggs, one of which held a special ticket for a prize in each age category.

Gorge Family Fun held its third annual Easter egg hunt Saturday at the Marine Park in Cascade Locks. More than 800 eggs were filled with candy and play money (which can be used at prize tables – hunters can find golden egg prizes).

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Port of Skamania County Commissioners Gail Collins, left, and Todd Kingston and Executive Director John McSherry listen to public comment during a special meeting on Friday, March 25.

Port of Skamania County commissioners Todd Kingston and Gail Collins were taken aback that a number of people attended a hastily scheduled special meeting on Friday, March 25. Those who showed up came to support Executive Director John McSherry because they suspected the two commissioners were making moves to oust the long-time manager.

Kingston and Collins said they had to schedule the special meeting because 11 a.m. was the only time the port's insurance carrier would be available to discuss something to do with a port employee.

What does insurance have to do with an employee's performance, I asked? I didn't get an answer but someone with more business acumen than I have suggested that the commissioners wanted to find out what financial liability they would have should they dismiss McSherry.

The commission has held several executive sessions to discuss an employee's performance (Feb. 9, Jan. 26, Jan. 5, Nov. 24). The minutes for the Tuesday, March 8, meeting state that they had planned to review a personal improvement plan concerning McSherry at the Tuesday, March 22, meeting, three days prior to the special meeting.

I would lay odds that the two commissioners are considering their options regarding McSherry's employment. What I find particularly interesting is the fact that the executive session with the insurance company followed so closely on an apparent discussion of the improvement plan.

While this is the first I've heard of an improvement plan, I have suspected the commission had required McSherry to agree to certain conditions following an incident a few years back in which he assaulted another person. I would expect a plan would instruct McSherry to seek professional support for whatever the port commission believed to be the root cause of the assault. I cannot surmise further on what that might mean. If McSherry has failed to fulfill the requirements of the plan, then the port commission should take action to make sure he does.

So, I can't say whether either McSherry or the two commissioners are out of line. All I know is something is simmering.

McSherry has enjoyed some great successes in recent months, partly because of pure luck, and partly through his innate ability to schmooze people. He has worked diligently to secure state and federal grants for port projects. That has allowed the port to maintain a healthy cash balance of \$1 million while also bringing in additional revenues from new tenants.

There's no question he has been a great asset for the port. He should realize, however, that no one can rest on his laurels, nor can he afford to squander his successes by failing to address any concerns raised by the port commission.

Gossip thrives in a vacuum and that's what we have right now regarding the intentions of the port commission. While they should not discuss the specifics of their evaluation of a port employee – which I assume is McSherry – they should clearly state whether they are considering dismissing the executive director.

I know they will consider their options carefully. Firing McSherry would send a shockwave through the small port staff and might impact the port's ability to continue work as usual or to hire a new executive director.

It would also cost money the port can use more wisely elsewhere.

Philip

Op-Ed

For whom the roads toll, they toll for thee

By Don C. Brunell

Road and bridge tolls keep many elected officials awake at night.

They often inflame voters because they are costs motorists see while driving; whereas, a gas tax is hidden in the price of a gallon of fuel. Too often people filling up their cars ignore the stickers on the pumps which break down the state and federal taxes they are paying.

In Washington, the combined gas tax is now 62.9 cents a gallon while signs are posted from Tacoma to Bremerton which tell motorists crossing the Tacoma Narrows Bridge that they'll pay between \$5 and \$7 depending upon how they pay.

For years, tolls have been political hot buttons. Washington Gov. Albert Rosellini (D) used them to pay for the Hood Canal and Evergreen Point floating bridges completed in the early 1960s. However, tolling fatigue was a reason Rosellini lost his bid for a third term in 1964.

Historically, our state's voters oppose permanent bridge tolls. That opposition started in 1917 when the first bridge across the Columbia

River connected Vancouver and Portland. The toll was a nickel and ended in 1929 when the bonds were retired.

Rosellini preferred permanent tolls but compromised and settled for the traditional system which leaves no money for maintenance, expansion and eventual replacement. Voters don't trust legislators who have a habit of robbing dedicated funds to balance the budget.

By contrast in the San Francisco Bay Area, motorists pay tolls on all major bridges. They have been part of the Bay Area transportation system since the Golden Gate Bridge opened in 1937. Tolls helped pay for the Bay Bridge replacement in 1989 when a 6.9 earthquake sent an upper section crashing down on a lower one.

In Texas, a public-private partnership was formed to avoid ending tolls once construction costs were paid. The most notable project is a 41-mile tollway between Austin and San Antonio completed four years ago.

It is operated by SH 130 Concession Co. To get truckers to use it, the state initially

rebated part of the \$33.83 toll, but when the state subsidy ended, many truckers found other routes. Now the company has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection; however, lawmakers are confident SH 130 Concessions will emerge successfully.

Texas lawmakers, like their counterparts in other states, wanted to cut down on congestion allowing people to shorten commute times and truckers expedite shipments from farms and factories to markets. They boosted the speed limit to 85 miles per hour on the tollway. After all, time is money and costs matter to families and shippers.

By applying the San Francisco model, motorists pay regardless of which bridge they cross. In essence, drivers have no choice. That has been a problem for Washington lawmakers. They have nixed the idea of tolling the Interstate 90 and State Route 520 bridges to pay the replacement of the SR 520 connecting Seattle and Medina.

Correspondingly, tolling I-205 across the Columbia near the Portland International Airport to pay for the new

I-5 bridge cutting through downtown Vancouver also is a tough sell.

While tolls are not a panacea, they are an important financing tool especially today when gas tax revenues are inadequate to pay for maintaining our current highways and bridges.

Transportation leaders believe tolls are pertinent since the trend in paying for roads and bridges moves to user fees. Motorists pay based on how much they drive regardless whether their vehicle is propelled by electricity, gas or diesel.

The key is to think differently. A good start would be to make tolls permanent and put the excess collections in a "locked box" which can only be used to repair, maintain, expand or replace the roads and bridges from which they are collected.

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Spring skies bright with many celestial objects

By Les Hastings
For The Pioneer

As we move into spring, the sun daily climbs higher into the northern part of the sky, providing longer days and shorter nights. Since the Vernal Equinox on Saturday, March 19, the sun has climbed about 4 degrees above the Celestial Equator, already giving us about 88 more minutes of daylight.

The daylight hours will increase until Monday, June 20, when the Summer Solstice will have been reached. At that time, the sun is approximately 23.5 degrees above the Celestial Equator, providing seven hours and 26 minutes more daylight hours than nighttime hours.

To make a long explanation short, we have some warmer days ahead of us. In fact, the weather report for this week is for clear sunny skies with the temperatures possibly reaching 70 degrees. As a tennis coach, I can only say, it is about time.

Looking at the evening

skies, we can expect to see the winter constellations nightly moving westward and slowly disappearing from the evening skies.

On the other hand, Jupiter will slowly rise higher in the skies, and in early May, Jupiter will be due south around 9 p.m.

Jupiter will continue as an evening attraction all summer long, and by late August, it will meet with Venus and Mercury in the western skies. Jupiter will depart from the evening skies while Venus and Mercury will be making their entrance.

In late July, Mars and Saturn will be in the southern part of the evening sky, having entered the evening skies in late April.

We will have an interesting sight to see on May 21 as Saturn, Mars, Antares (a bright red star) and a full moon will form a square in the sky. Each object will be at a different vertex of the square.

It will be even more interesting as Mars will be at its

brightest and also fairly close to Antares. The word Antares means the rival of Mars, since they are both reddish in color. We will be able to have a close-up comparison of their intensity of redness.

A new meteor shower could appear this week. Recently, two comets passed by the Earth. The two comets – Linear (Comet 252P) and PanSTARRS (Comet P/2016 BA14) – were the closest comets to pass by Earth in more than 200 years.

The Earth will pass through a sparse cloud of meteoroids left by Comet Linear on March 28-30. The encounter could cause a minor shower of slow meteors. Little is known about meteors from Comet Linear, so estimates of the meteor rate are very uncertain.

It was recently announced by NASA that the Spacecraft Kepler, which is responsible for the detection of hundreds of exoplanets, was functioning again, after becoming disabled when one of its steering mechanisms failed. They used

the solar winds to stabilize the spacecraft, so it could continue its operation of detecting exoplanets.

Not long after Kepler became operational again, the spacecraft captured a supernova's (or exploding star) shockwave for the very first time in the optical wavelength or visible light.

The shockwave or shock breakout itself lasts only about 20 minutes, so catching the flash of energy is an investigative milestone for astronomers. The unceasing gaze of NASA's Kepler space telescope allowed astronomers to see, at last, this early moment as the star blew itself to bits.

This week is going to be an optimal time to get out into the evening skies to familiarize yourself once again with the astronomical objects that slowly churn above. It is a nice reprieve from the daily politics and the international disasters that seem to dominate and churn your daily earth-bound life.

Sheriff's incident log, March 17-23

At 2:41 p.m., Thursday, March 17, a resident of Smith Beckon Road, Carson, called to report two dogs had killed several of their chickens and that one of the dogs was stuck in the chicken coop. The dog owner was contacted and retrieved his chicken-loving dogs. The chickens' owner only asked to be paid for the loss of the domestic fowl.

At 7:53 p.m., a resident of Hot Springs Alameda, Stevenson, reported theft of DVDs, a hat and a Native American style bracelet the previous night after she invited some guests to visit with her. She suspected the male subjects had spiked her beer with methamphetamine which caused her to fail her urinalysis test with the Department of Corrections.

At 3:13 p.m., Friday,

March 18, a woman reported being assaulted by another woman at a Glur Road address. The two were apparently fighting over a man.

At 3:44 a.m., a woman reported someone had slashed all four tires on her VW Jetta when it was parked on Russell Avenue, Stevenson.

At 5:47 a.m., an employee of WeeCare of Stevenson reported someone had broken into the Stevenson Methodist Church building.

At 11:24 a.m., a resident of Sievers Road, Washougal, reported the neighbors' dogs were often running loose in the neighborhood. The caller claimed one of the dogs had previously killed a goat. The dogs' owner was cited with an infraction.

At 1:02 p.m., someone reported vandalism of the bus shelter at 330 Rock Creek Dr., Stevenson.

At 9:09 p.m., the Sheriff's Office arrested two people on warrants after learning they were at an address on Butler Loop Road, Skamania.

At 2:36 p.m., Saturday, March 19, a woman reported she was involved in a hit and run accident at milepost 47 State Route 14. The vehicle

was located at the suspect's residence, and after initially refusing to talk to law enforcement officers, discussed the incident and allowed officers to take photos and statements regarding the accident.

At 11:19 p.m., a caller reported a suspected domestic violence assault at a residence in the 11000 block of Washougal River Road. One man was arrested for allegedly assaulting a roommate.

At 2:49 a.m., Saturday, March 20, a resident at milepost 9.5 of Washougal River Road called to report someone had crashed a car. The driver was arrested on suspicion of driving while under the influence.

At 6:49 a.m., a man reported being assaulted the previous evening at a party on North Fork Road, Washougal. (Editor's note: Hmm. Could there be any connection between a party there and the DUI incident of the last entry?)

At 10:44 a.m., Sunday, March 21, a resident of Frank Johns Road, Stevenson, reported being assaulted by a woman. The man suffered a laceration to his arm when

he was struck by a dish the woman threw at him. Both the victim and the suspect had warrants for their arrest.

At 6:12 p.m., a deputy responded to the report of a one-vehicle rollover accident on Cook Underwood Road.

At 7:55 p.m., a traffic stop at mp 26 SR 14 resulted in the driver being cited for driving while license suspended.

At 10:29 a.m., Tuesday, March 22, a woman was arrested on suspicion of assault following a report at 10:12 a.m. in the 300 block of Evergreen Drive, North Bonneville.

At 4:48 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, a resident of Trout Creek Road, Stabler, reported two tan dogs had attacked their chickens but were chased off.

At 5:15 p.m., a driver was arrested on a warrant during a traffic stop on Wind River Road, Carson.

At 8:34 p.m., a resident of Hombre Street, Washougal, reported three dogs had attacked her dog on her porch and she suspected they were the same dogs that had attacked a neighbor's dogs a few days previous.

Total reported: 189

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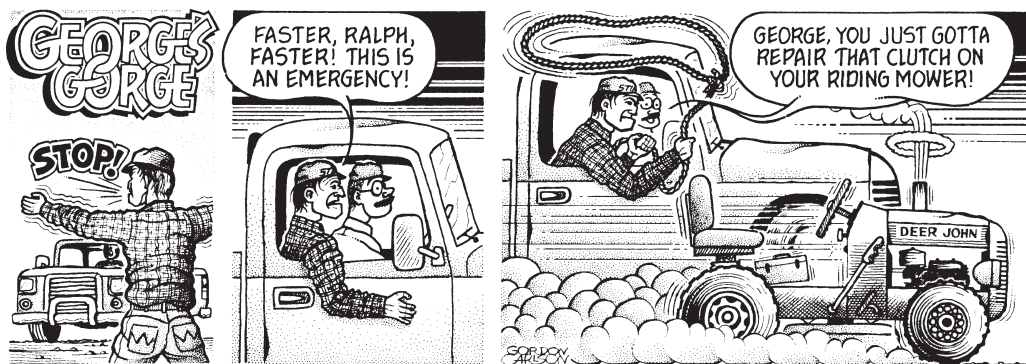
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nity. They need to be able to get housing in the area.”

Sen. Cantwell noted the resurging economic vitality of the Columbia River Gorge, helped by presence of the In-situ Co. of Bingen, a Boeing subsidiary. She has worked to craft federal legislation addressing the burgeoning unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) industry.

“Over the years, we’ve also fought for the unmanned aerial vehicle program ... which is really creating a lot of debate in Washington, D.C., I can just say,” Cantwell said, referring to her efforts to push the FAA to incorporate the machines into its regulatory structure. “We’ve done everything from pushing the FAA on piloting of this program to using drones on border security and fighting fires.”

Port of Skamania County Executive Director John McSherry thanked the senator

for assistance in securing a \$900,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration to pay for the roof replacement of the River Point Building on Stevenson’s waterfront.

“You have to have your economic development efforts at the port and you have to have the businesses you want in the community and I get how hard it is because you’re 80 percent federal land,” she said. “You have only so much land available and you have to do everything to make sure you are making the right decisions.”

Skamania County Commissioner Chris Brong thanked Cantwell for her support of the county’s efforts to work out an agreement with the forest service in which the federal agency would relinquish land it doesn’t need when it acquires new parcels.

Sen. Cantwell discusses forest management

**By Philip L. Watness
The Pioneer**

U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell hopes to convince her colleagues in Washington, D.C., that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

The three-term Democrat maintains that the U.S. Forest Service must be better funded to address forest health issues to reduce the threat of catastrophic fires. But the federal government must also find a way to pay for the most costly fires without depleting forest service funds. In 2015, the forest service spent more than half of its budget fighting fires.

Sen. Cantwell devoted a few minutes to an interview with The Pioneer following her speech Wednesday, March 23, at the annual EDC luncheon.

She noted that the budget for fire-fighting was increased in recently passed legislation by 50 percent over the previous allocation.

“I want to see more money put into preparation and reducing fuel risk,” she said. “And to take the most vulnerable communities and do better fuel reduc-

tion around them and implement Fire-wise programs. We don’t think we’ve ever been at a point where we’ve put that money in a dedicated fund for fuel reduction in front of the problem.”

Cantwell said a byproduct of the fuel reduction strategy would be increased forest wood products but she wasn’t ready to call outright for increased timber harvests.

“I think more focus now has to look on the science of what people are saying about pine forests and look at what the national interest is in reducing that fuel,” she said. “That’s why I’m saying we should look at marrying up CLT (cross-laminated timber) production with fuel reduction. You’re still getting some very big value out of that.”

“Cross-laminated timber (CLT) is a large-scale, prefabricated, solid engineered wood panel.” - APA

She said she wouldn’t support legislation that would relax environmental regulations in order to increase timber production.

“You’re not going to run over the ESA (Endangered Species Act),” she

said. “That’s not the way to get this done. I think it’s (having) a better management strategy with the money to do it. It makes sense.”

She said the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, on which she is the ranking Democrat, plans to take up the issue of addressing the cost of wildfires and preventive measures for reducing wildfire risk when Congress reconvenes Monday, April 4.

“We need to get this right. We need a change in policy that could be about promoting healthier forests,” she said. “I think we can plan for fuel reduction up front. That will be the No. 1 priority after we finish the energy bill.”

Cantwell said she continues to work for long-term funding of the Secure Rural Schools Act which provides money to counties and school districts impacted by federal forest ownership.

“We’re going to look for an avenue to make it more predictable over the next five years,” she said.

She has also pushed the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which distributes the payments, to do so more quickly.

Cantwell launches effort to increase federal support for affordable housing

**By U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell
For The Pioneer**

SEATTLE – U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) joined by Seattle Mayor Ed Murray, Tacoma Mayor Marilyn Strickland, Everett Mayor Ray Stephanson, and the A.C.T.I.O.N. campaign – a coalition of more than 1,300 national, state, and local affordable housing advocates who are urging the U.S. Congress to expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) – on Thursday, March 24, kicked off a national campaign to increase federal resources for affordable housing. Sen. Cantwell called for a 50 percent expansion of the LIHTC, reforms to better target the lowest income populations with LIHTC projects, and unveiled her report, “Addressing the Challenges

of Affordable Housing and Homelessness: The Housing Tax Credit.”

Cantwell’s proposal would finance approximately 400,000 additional units of affordable housing nationwide over the next decade, with approximately 35,000 units in Washington state (roughly 4,200 more units than is possible under current levels of LIHTC financing).

“We’re here today to launch a national campaign to say that we need to increase the amount of tax credits so more affordable housing units can be built in the United States of America,” said Cantwell. “We know this is a big challenge, but the housing crisis is a big challenge. We stand here in this beautiful building called Patrick Place and ask, why not? Why not show that a partnership between fed-

eral, state, local government, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector can provide homes for people who were formerly homeless.”

Cantwell continued: “We’re here in Seattle today, but the campaign doesn’t stop here. We are going over to Spokane and on to Tacoma and then we’re going to other cities across the nation to take this message to the American people. We need more affordable housing and we need it now. So please tell your friends and neighbors to join the A.C.T.I.O.N. campaign and let’s make this story a reality all across America.”

The press conference was held at Patrick Place which provides affordable housing and support services for low-income and homeless individuals. Patrick Place received more than \$7 million through

the LIHTC.

“The undersigned businesses and organizations, representing over 1,300 national, state, and local affordable housing stakeholders ... urge Congress to address our nation’s severe shortage of affordable rental housing by expanding the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit,” wrote the A.C.T.I.O.N. campaign today in their letter to Congress. “The Housing Credit is our nation’s primary tool for financing the development and preservation of affordable rental housing, and our best solution for addressing the affordable housing crisis.”

Earlier Thursday, Cantwell released her report, “Addressing the Challenges of Affordable Housing and Homelessness: The Housing Tax Credit,” which found that across the country there are 3.9 million extremely low-income families – 169,000 of whom live in Washington state – that lack access to affordable housing.

The report also noted that the January 2015 point-in-time homelessness count documented nearly 19,419 homeless individuals in Washington

state. Both the number of extremely low-income families and the number of homeless individuals have increased over recent years.

In December 2015, Cantwell championed the LIHTC and secured a critical fix to the program by permanently extending the credit rates to 9 percent of eligible costs on new construction. This ended an era when variable rates

made financing of affordable housing less predictable.

Since its creation 30 years ago, this tax credit has financed nearly 3 million homes across the United States, leveraging more than \$100 billion in private investment. It has developed 75,400 affordable housing units in Washington State, and supports approximately 70,000 jobs each year in the state.

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Skamania School theatre director discusses her efforts

By Skamania School
For The Pioneer

The Falcon Nest Theatre presents "A Stone in the Road" and "James and the Giant Peach" at 9:15 a.m. and 7 p.m., Friday, April 1, at Skamania School.

Erin Knittle, who directs the plays, recently discussed her career and methods with a Skamania School representative:

How did you come to Skamania School?

I came to Skamania School when I was 10 years old. I graduated from eighth grade and continued on to Stevenson High School to graduate in 1997. I got married and moved away. I came back to my home town just in time for my oldest to start Kindergarten at Skamania.

Where did you love of theatre start?

I started performing when I was 10, all singing. Theatre

didn't start for me until high school. I was taught by Douglas Johnson at Stevenson. It started and stuck as something I loved. I've auditioned with traveling Broadway shows, and worked with "Musikids" as the adult lead for their children's theatre group. Tell me about Falcons Nest Theatre.

When my daughter was in first grade, she wanted to join the drama club at school. I looked at what the teachers were doing and saw that maybe I could offer help to make it more. We started small, all ages and I adapted a Skippy John Jones story for part of the kids and for the other half, "12 Angry Pigs." We had such great support from parents that the following year we went really big, and tried our hand at a 60-minute musical, "Shakespeare Rocks." We had almost 30 kids the first year. The second year, we increased to almost 40. Last year, we hit



Skamania School students try on costumes for two plays being presented at the school Friday, April 1, directed by Erin Knittle. Submitted photo

50 kids. In a school of 80 kids, that is nuts.

Each year, we try focusing on something new. We split the Drama Club into two this year. In the fall, we had beginners K-3. We did that in part to give younger kids

a little more teaching and opportunity. Also so we could do some more challenging things with the older kids. We had 22 K-3rd graders and 32 children in grades 4-8. Keeping them all together would have been crazy. I always want to bring

something better or bigger to the table.

Why put so much effort into something so small?

I believe in greatness. I believe in doing your very best in all things, even the small. Just because we are a small school doesn't mean our kids don't deserve to do great things, to experience new things. It

wasn't a hard choice. I love my kids and I want them to get the most out of school as possible. Since Skamania is a small school, it is easy to be the loud parent and force your way in to stir things up.

How does it work?

Not with just me. So many other parents and teachers also volunteer their time and talents. A few people have been there by my side year after year. Emily Hopple, the K-1 teacher at Skamania, is my co-director and teacher. I could not do any of this without Emily. We complement each other so well. She is amazing and caring and I've learned so much about working with kids from her.

Paige Mickadeit, Amber Warren, Erin Robinson – all parents of kids at the school give up their time and talents year after year. Falcons Nest Theatre is a labor of love by the students, parents and staff of Skamania School. I hope it blessed not only those involved but the entire community.

News in brief

Museum hosts talk

Portland writer and speaker Michael P. Collins presents "Hotspots – The Creation of the Columbia Gorge" at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 2, at the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum in Stevenson.

Collins' talk is part of the First Saturday at Museum Speaker series. He holds an MBA from City University and a BS degree from Portland State University.

Collins is a frequent speaker on manufacturing issues. His vast experience gives him a wealth of knowledge and small business experiences to share with his audiences. He delivers his message with a mix of practical business methods and the "street smarts" that comes from having "done it"

In 2012, he put all of the essays and research into a book called "Connections." The book begins with an explanation on the origin of the Columbia River basalts but shows how volcanism, hotspots and fault lines are connected from Oregon to Yellowstone and from the

San Andreas Fault to the New Mexico Rio Grande rift zone.

EMS seeks board member

The Board of Commissioners for Skamania County Public Hospital District No. 1 is accepting letters of interest to fill the recently vacated District No 3 commissioner position. This position will be filled in accordance with Title 42, Chapter 12 of the Revised Code of Washington.

Letters will be accepted until 10 a.m., Monday, April 11, and may be submitted via email to annlueders@skamaniaems.com or via postal mail to: Skamania County EMS, P.O. Box 338, Stevenson, WA 98648. Interested parties who wish to hand-deliver a letter of interest may bring it to the EMS office at 253 SW First St., Stevenson.

For more information, email Chief Patrick Nicholson at chief@skamaniaems.com or Chairman Valerie Hoy at commissionerhoy@skamaniaems.com.

Swap seeds

Stevenson Grange No.

121's 2016 Community Resiliency Program Series continues with a Walk-In Plant Clinic and Plant and Seed Swap, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 2, at the Stevenson Community Library Gallery.

People can bring in their questions, plants or samples of plant problems and ask for help in solving any plant problems. The Central Gorge Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer all queries and solutions will either be found on site or given at a later date. Contact information for OSU Master Gardeners: Central Gorge Master Gardeners, located at 2990 Experiment Station Dr., Hood River, OR 97031.

The Plant and Seed Swap offers anyone who needs or has seeds or plants to share them at the start of the event and pick up whatever is left at 2 p.m. A grange member will be on hand during the three-hour program to assist anyone who needs assistance. All those who bring seeds or plants are asked to write up a brief description of their plants/seeds.

The Stevenson Grange No. 121 and the Stevenson Community Library cosponsor the

event. For more program information, call Mary Repar at tel: (509) 427-7153 or email repar@saw.net. Call Stevenson Library at (509) 427-5471 for directions or information.

Forum set for lieutenant governor

On Monday, April 4, the Klickitat County Democrats hosts a candidates' forum for Washington State lieutenant governor. The forum will begin at 6:30 p.m., at the White Salmon Grange in the White Salmon Grange Hall, 1085 Main St. Everyone is welcome to attend the free event.

Three Democratic candidates are running to replace long-time Lt. Gov. Brad Owen.

The Democratic candidates attending the forum are Sen. Karen Fraser, Sen. Cyrus Habib and Rep. James Moeller. There are a total of eight candidates from three parties running in Washington's State Primary on Aug. 2. The top two candidates will face off in the General Election on Nov. 8.

For more information, visit www.KlickitatDemocrats.org. Email DemsKlick@gmail.com.



Members of the Skamania County Democratic Party sign in to their precinct caucus on Saturday, March 26, at the Hegewald Rock Creek Center in Stevenson. County party chair Paul Spencer reported that participants assigned 44 delegates to Bernie Sanders and five for Hillary Clinton for party's nominee for president. The caucuses at three sites drew 405 people. Photo by Rachel Hamilton

Meetings & Events

Friday, April 1
Port of Cascade Locks meets at 5 p.m. at the Cascade Locks city Hall Council Chambers

WR Search & Rescue meets at 7 p.m. in the Emergency Operation Center.

Fire Dist. #4 meet at 7:30 p.m. at Station One. (503-572-7696)

Stevenson Elementary PTA meets at 6:30 p.m. will meet in the staff room.

Monday, April 4
SC Mosquito Control District meets at 4 p.m. at 22 Farnsworth Rd. in Skamania

Stevenson Grange #121 meets at the Arts & Crafts room in the Hegewald Center at 6:30 p.m. For information call 509-427-7153

Skamania County PUD Board of Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. at the PUD building

Tuesday, April 5
Friends of Stevenson Library meet at 10 a.m. in the library gallery. 427-5471.

Skamania Co. Noxious Weed Control Board meets 10 a.m. at 704-A SW Rock Creek Drive.

Skamania Co. Commissioners meet Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. The minutes & agenda may be viewed at www.skamaniacounty.org.

Mill A Volunteer Fire Association meets at 7 p.m.

Stevenson Business Association meets at 8 a.m. at The Chamber Board Room; 427-8911

Thank You!

The Skamania County Historical Society wishes to thank all the businesses and individuals who supported the 24th Annual Fundraiser, a benefit for the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum in Stevenson Saturday, March 12. A big thank you to all of the volunteers, the Skamania Lodge and their catering staff who helped make the event fun for all who attended. We also gratefully acknowledge the support of the City of Stevenson, the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce and the following:

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Senior Luncheons are at Rock Creek Center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please join us to watch a movie, play cards and eat a home-made meal.

Suggested mealsite donations for seniors over 60 is \$3 and those guests under 60 is \$5. If you are not a regular (only occasionally attend), please call and let us know you are coming. 509-427-3990.

Menu:
Friday, April 1,
BBQ Beef
Monday, April 4,
Chicken & Mushrooms
Wednesday, April 6
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North Bonneville Senior Center

Nutritious lunches are served at noon. The suggested meal donation is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members.

Please note: If you are not a regular at the mealsite you must make your reservation by 9 a.m. so the cooks will know how many meals to prepare. Special menu items are available, when necessary, for diabetics. If you have special needs, please mention them when you make your reservations. 509-427-5234.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAMANIA COUNTY SKAMANIA COUNTY, a Political Subdivision of the State of Washington, Petitioner, v. DENNIS MOORE, Respondents. NO. 16-2-00042-0

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR JUDGMENT FORECLOSING TAX LIENS AND SUMMONS YOU AND EACH OF YOU, and all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in or to the real property described in this Notice and Summons of foreclosure of tax liens, are hereby notified that Skamania County, a duly organized and existing county of the State of Washington, is the owner and holder of Certificate of Delinquency No. 16-2-00042-0 dated the 15th of March, 2016; that said Certificate was issued to Skamania County on that date by the Treasurer of Skamania County, pursuant to law, for real property taxes, interest and penalties, and costs due, unpaid and delinquent for three or more years for which no Certificate of Delinquency had previously been issued; that the lot, tract or parcel of real property known as 33251 State Highway 14, aka parcel numbers 02063410160000 and 02063410160089, a description thereof is included and described in said Certificate of Delinquency, as is the names of the owners or reputed owners which appear on the rolls of the Skamania County Treasurer or are revealed by the Title Search Litigation Guarantee, Order No. CL1880, dated 11/18/2015; that the amount of the delinquent taxes for the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015 to-wit: \$6,522.75, on said lot, tract or parcel of real property, including interest thereon at the lawful rate in the amount of \$3,503.89, plus costs in the amount of \$944.65, as computed through December, 2015, interest is accrued at the rate of 12% per annum as allowed by law, are due and unpaid as they appear and are set forth in said Certificate of Delinquency No. 16-2-00042-0 a copy of which is attached to and made a part hereof.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petitioner, Skamania County, will apply to the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for the County of Skamania, for a judgment foreclosing its lien for taxes against the lot, parcel or tract of real property described in this Notice and Summons, and YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear in the above-entitled court within sixty (60) days from the date of service upon you of this Notice and Summons or, in the event of publication of this Notice and Summons, within sixty (60) days from the date of first publication, which day of said first publication will be the 23rd day of March, 2016, and defend this action, which you have a right to do, or pay the amount due, plus allowable costs, AND, in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered in this action foreclosing the lien of such taxes and interest against the lot, parcel or tract of real property in the amounts shown to be due against said property, as described in the aforesaid Certificate of Delinquency No. 16-2-00042-0 which has been filed with the County Clerk, plus allowable costs. You may redeem your property by payment of the delinquent taxes, interest, costs and additional costs incurred in the bringing of this foreclosure action; however, there is no right of redemption after the close of business on the day before the sale date, pursuant to RCW 84.64.070.

All pleadings and process in this action and proceedings may be served upon Vickie Clelland, Treasurer of Skamania County, Washington, at her office in the Skamania County Courthouse, Stevenson, Washington, or upon Adam N. Kick, Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney, at his office in the Skamania County Courthouse, Stevenson, Washington. Dated at Stevenson, Washington, this 14th day of March, 2016.

Adam N. Kick, Prosecuting Attorney
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such taxes and interest against the lot, parcel or tract of real property in the amounts shown to be due against said property, as described in the aforesaid Certificate of Delinquency No. 16-2-00043-8 which has been filed with the County Clerk, plus allowable costs. You may redeem your property by payment of the delinquent taxes, interest, costs and additional costs incurred in the bringing of this foreclosure action; however, there is no right of redemption after the close of business on the day before the sale date, pursuant to RCW 84.64.070.

All pleadings and process in this action and proceedings may be served upon Vickie Clelland, Treasurer of Skamania County, Washington, at her office in the Skamania County Courthouse, Stevenson, Washington, or upon Adam N. Kick, Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney, at his office in the Skamania County Courthouse, Stevenson, Washington. Dated at Stevenson, Washington, this 14th day of March, 2016.

Adam N. Kick, Prosecuting Attorney
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAMANIA COUNTY SKAMANIA COUNTY, a Political Subdivision of the State of Washington, Petitioner, v. DENNIS MOORE, Respondents. NO. 16-2-00043-8

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR JUDGMENT FORECLOSING TAX LIENS AND SUMMONS YOU AND EACH OF YOU, and all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in or to the real property described in this Notice and Summons of foreclosure of tax liens, are hereby notified that Skamania County, a duly organized and existing county of the State of Washington, is the owner and holder of Certificate of Delinquency No. 16-2-00043-8 dated the 15th day of March, 2016; that said Certificate was issued to Skamania County on that date by the Treasurer of Skamania County, pursuant to law, for real property taxes and interest due, unpaid and delinquent for three or more years for which no Certificate of Delinquency had previously been issued; that the lot, tract or parcel of real property has no street address but a description thereof is included and described in said Certificate of Delinquency, as is the names of the owners or reputed owners which appear on the rolls of the Skamania County Treasurer or are revealed by the Title Search Litigation Guarantee, Order No. CL1879, dated 11/4/2015; that the amount of the delinquent taxes for the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 to-wit: \$7,148.65, on said lot, tract or parcel of real property, including interest thereon at the lawful rate in the amount of \$3,689.73, as computed through December, 2015, plus costs in the amount of \$944.65, interest is accrued at the rate of 12% per annum and added costs as allowed by law, are due and unpaid as they appear and are set forth in said Certificate of Delinquency No. 16-2-00043-8a copy of which is attached to and made a part hereof.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petitioner, Skamania County, will apply to the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for the County of Skamania, for a judgment foreclosing its lien for taxes against the lot, parcel or tract of real property described in this Notice and Summons, and YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear in the above-entitled court within sixty (60) days from the date of service upon you of this Notice and Summons or, in the event of publication of this Notice and Summons, within sixty (60) days from the date of first publication, which day of said first publication will be the 23rd day of March, 2016, and defend this action, which you have a right to do, or pay the amount due, plus allowable costs, AND, in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered in this action foreclosing the lien of such taxes and interest against the lot, parcel or tract of real property in the amounts shown to be due against said property, as described in the aforesaid Certificate of Delinquency No. 16-2-00043-8a copy of which is attached to and made a part hereof.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petitioner, Skamania County, will apply to the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for the County of Skamania, for a judgment foreclosing its lien for taxes against the lot, parcel or tract of real property described in this Notice and Summons, and YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear in the above-entitled court within sixty (60) days from the date of service upon you of this Notice and Summons or, in the event of publication of this Notice and Summons, within sixty (60) days from the date of first publication, which day of said first publication will be the March 23rd, 2016, and defend this action, which you have a right to do, or pay the amount due, plus allowable costs, AND, in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered in this action foreclosing the lien of

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INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATE OF DELINQUENCY ISSUED TO SKAMANIA COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2016

STATE OF WASHINGTON ss. NO. 16-2-00041-1 County of Skamania

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I have this day, as Treasurer of Skamania County, issued to said County, this Certificate of Delinquency for taxes, interest, penalties, and costs due and delinquent through December, 2015, as follows:

PARCEL NUMBER: 01053420040700

DESCRIPTION: THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 34; THENCE NORTH 00(40' 49" WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTON 34, 454.74 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 77(12' 20" WEST 51.40 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH EDGE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE DRIVEWAY; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 77(12' 20" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH EDGE OF THE SAID 60 FOOT WIDE DRIVEWAY 738.95 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 77(12' 20" WEST 14.78 FEET; THENCE AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF A 45 FOOT CUL-DE-SAC 107.47 FEET WHICH IS TO THE LEFT OF THE CORD WHICH BEARS NORTH 82(34' 16" WEST 83.68 FEET AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 85(34' 01" WEST 384.11 FEET; THENCE NORTH 14(59' 20" EAST 289.49 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 71(29' 46" EAST 323.93 FEET TO THE WEST EDGE OF A 30 FOOT DRIVEWAY; THENCE SOUTH 08(31' 03" EAST ALONG THE SAID WEST EDGE OF A 30 FOOT WIDE DRIVEWAY TO THE AFOREMENTIONED CUL-DE-SAC; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT ALONG THE OUTER EDGE OF SAID CUL-DE-SAC TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. **Legals continued on p. 9**

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR SKAMANIA COUNTY SKAMANIA COUNTY, a Political Subdivision of the State of Washington, Petitioner, v. MABEL NIEDERT, Respondents. NO. 16-2-00037-3 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR JUDGMENT FORECLOSING TAX LIENS AND SUMMONS

YOU AND EACH OF YOU, and all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in or to the real property described in this Notice and Summons of foreclosure of tax liens, are hereby notified that Skamania County, a duly organized and existing county of the State of Washington, is the owner and holder of Certificate of Delinquency No. 16-2-00037-3 dated the 15th March, 2016; that said Certificate was issued to Skamania County on that date by the Treasurer of Skamania County, pursuant to law, for real property taxes and interest due, unpaid and delinquent for three or more years for which no Certificate of Delinquency had previously been issued; that the lot, tract or of real property, parcel # 03073614260000, aka 361 Frank Johns Road, Stevenson, WA 98648, a description thereof is included and described in said Certificate of Delinquency, as is the names of the owners or reputed owners which appear on the rolls of the Skamania County Treasurer or are revealed by the Title Search Litigation Guarantee, Order No. CL1883, dated 11/10/2015; that the amount of the delinquent taxes for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 to-wit: \$7,146.02, on said lot, tract or parcel of real property, including interest thereon at the lawful rate in the amount of \$3,407.52, as computed through December, 2015, plus costs in the amount of \$939.77, interest is accrued at the rate of 12% per annum and added costs as allowed by law, are due and unpaid as they appear and are set forth in said Certificate of Delinquency No. 16-2-00037-3 a copy of which is attached to and made a part hereof. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petitioner, Skamania County, will apply to the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for the County of Skamania, for a judgment foreclosing its lien for taxes against the lot, parcel or tract of real property described in this Notice and Summons, and YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear in the above-entitled court within sixty (60) days from the date of service upon you of this Notice and Summons or, in the event of publication of this Notice and Summons, within sixty (60) days from the date of first publication, which day of said first publication will be the 23rd day of March, 2016, and defend this action, which you have a right to do, or pay the amount due, plus allowable costs, AND, in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered in this action foreclosing the lien of such taxes and interest against the lot, parcel or tract of real property in the amounts shown to be due against said property, as described in the aforescribed Certificate of Delinquency No. 16-2-00037-3 which has been filed with the County Clerk, plus allowable costs. You may redeem your property by payment of the delinquent taxes, interest, costs and additional costs incurred in the bringing of this foreclosure action; however,

there is no right of redemption after the close of business on the day before the sale date, pursuant to RCW 84.64.070. All pleadings and process in this action and proceedings may be served upon Vickie Clelland, Treasurer of Skamania County, Washington, at her office in the Skamania County Courthouse, Stevenson, Washington, or upon Adam N. Kick, Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney, at his office in the Skamania County Courthouse, Stevenson, Washington. Dated at Stevenson, Washington, this 14th day of March, 2016.

Adam N. Kick, Prosecuting Attorney
Attorney for Petitioner
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INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATE OF DELINQUENCY ISSUED TO SKAMANIA COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2016

STATE OF WASHINGTON ss. NO. 16-2-00037-3 County of Skamania THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I have this day, as Treasurer of Skamania County, issued to said County, this Certificate of Delinquency for taxes, interest, penalties, and costs due and delinquent through December, 2015, as follows: PARCEL NUMBER: 030736142600000

DESCRIPTION: COMMENCING AT A POINT WHICH IS 20.2 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF A STRIP OF LAND 150 FEET IN WIDTH CUT OFF THE NORTH SIDE OF SAID LOT 1 OF STEVENSON PARK ADDITION; THENCE SOUTH 42(09' EAST TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST SIDE OF STRAWBERRY ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 00(36' EAST 84.7 FEET ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF STRAWBERRY ROAD; THENCE WEST 185 FEET; THENCE NORTH 150 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID 150 FEET STRIP; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID 150 FEET STRIP TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PORTION OF SAID ABOVE DESCRIBED LAND BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT OF LAND A DISTANCE OF 129 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND A DISTANCE OF 90 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE EAST PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE FIRST ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT OF LAND; THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID FIRST ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO INCLUDING THAT PORTION BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS 20.2 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF A STRIP OF LAND 150 FEET IN WIDTH CUT OFF THE NORTH SIDE OF LOT 1 OF STEVENSON PARK ADDITION ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF; THENCE SOUTH 42(09' EAST TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST LINE OF STRAWBERRY ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 00(36' EAST 84.7 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE

OF STRAWBERRY ROAD; THENCE WEST 114 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80 FEET TO THE INITIAL POINT OF THE TRACT OF LAND HEREBY DESCRIBED; THENCE NORTH 10 FEET; THENCE EAST 114 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 10 FEET; THENCE WEST 114 FEET TO THE INITIAL POINT OF THE TRACT HEREBY DESCRIBED. ALSO EXCEPT THAT PORTION THEREOF WHICH LIES WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE PUBLIC ROAD KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS FRANK JOHNS ROAD. ALSO EXCEPTING THAT PORTION DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; COMMENCING AT A POINT WHICH IS 20.2 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF A STRIP OF LAND 150 FEET IN WIDTH CUT OFF THE NORTH SIDE OF SAID LOT 1 OF STEVENSON PARK ADDITION; THENCE SOUTH 42(09' EAST TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST SIDE OF STRAWBERRY ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 00(36' EAST 84.7 FEET ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF STRAWBERRY ROAD; THENCE WEST 185 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE NORTH 90 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE EAST 56 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 90 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WEST 56 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

2010 TAX \$1,063.07 P&I \$839.83; 2011 TAX \$1,130.01 P&I \$757.11; 2012 TAX \$1,112.33 P&I \$611.78; 2013 TAX \$1,340.84 P&I \$576.56; 2014 TAX \$1,227.37 P&I \$380.48; 2015 TAX \$1,272.40 P&I \$241.76 TAXES TOTAL: \$7,146.02 INTEREST TOTAL: \$3,407.52 COSTS TOTAL: \$939.77 CERTIFICATE AMOUNT: \$11,493.31 REPUTED OWNER: MABEL NIEDERT

Which several sums shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum plus added costs as required by law. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Witness my hand and seal as Treasurer of said County, in said State, this 14th day of March, 2016. VICKIE CLELLAND Treasurer of Skamania County
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INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATE OF DELINQUENCY ISSUED TO SKAMANIA COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2016

STATE OF WASHINGTON ss. NO. 16-2-00041-1 County of Skamania THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I have this day, as Treasurer of Skamania County, issued to said County, this Certificate of Delinquency for taxes, interest, penalties, and costs due and delinquent through December, 2015, as follows: PARCEL NUMBER: 01053420040700

DESCRIPTION: THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 34; THENCE NORTH 00(40' 49" WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTON 34, 454.74 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 77(12' 20" WEST

51.40 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH EDGE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE DRIVEWAY; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 77(12' 20" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH EDGE OF THE SAID 60 FOOT WIDE DRIVEWAY 738.95 FEET; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 77(12' 20" WEST 14.78 FEET; THENCE AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF A 45 FOOT CUL-DE-SAC 107.47 FEET WHICH IS TO THE LEFT OF THE CORD WHICH BEARS NORTH 82(34' 16" WEST 83.68 FEET AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 85(34' 01" WEST 384.11 FEET; THENCE NORTH 14(59' 20" EAST 289.49 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 71(29' 46" EAST 323.93 FEET TO THE WEST EDGE OF A 30 FOOT DRIVEWAY; THENCE SOUTH 08(31' 03" EAST ALONG THE SAID WEST EDGE OF A 30 FOOT WIDE DRIVEWAY TO THE AFOREMENTIONED CUL-DE-SAC; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT ALONG THE OUTER EDGE OF SAID CUL-DE-SAC TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

2010 TAX \$525.74 P&I \$415.33; 2011 TAX \$568.11 P&I \$380.63; 2012 TAX \$580.48 P&I \$319.26; 2013 TAX \$600.41 P&I \$258.18; 2014 TAX \$1,300.39 P&I \$403.12 2015 TAX \$1,350.38 P&I \$256.5 TAXES TOTAL: \$ 4,925.51 INTEREST TOTAL: \$ 2,033.09 COSTS TOTAL: \$942.20 CERTIFICATE AMOUNT: \$7,900.80

REPUTED OWNER: EVA DOLORES BOWERS

Which several sums shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum plus added costs as required by law IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Witness my hand and seal as Treasurer of said County, in said State, this 14th day of March, 2016.

VICKIE CLELLAND Treasurer of Skamania County
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INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATE OF DELINQUENCY ISSUED TO SKAMANIA COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2016

STATE OF WASHINGTON ss. NO. 16-2-00042-0 County of Skamania THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I have this day, as Treasurer of Skamania County, issued to said County, this Certificate of Delinquency for taxes, interest, and penalties through December, and costs due and delinquent through December, 2015 as follows: PARCEL NUMBER: 02063410160000 & 02063410160089

DESCRIPTION: LOT 1 OF THE SKOOKUM SHORT PLAT, RECORDED IN BOOK "3" OF SHORT PLATS, PAGE 420, RECORDS OF SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON 2009 TAX \$834.47 I&P \$759.37; 2010 TAX \$856.17 I&P \$676.38; 2011 TAX \$908.99 I&P \$609.02; 2012 TAX \$950.06 I&P \$522.53; 2013 TAX \$1076.96 I&P \$463.09; 2014 TAX \$943.71 I&P \$292.55; 2015 TAX \$952.39 I&P \$180.95 TAXES TOTAL: \$6,522.75 INTEREST TOTAL: \$3,503.89 COSTS TOTAL: \$944.65 CERTIFICATE AMOUNT: \$10,971.29 REPUTED OWNER: DENNIS MOORE

Which several sums shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum plus added costs as required by law. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Witness my hand and seal as Treasurer of said County, in said State, this 14th day of MARCH, 2016. VICKIE CLELLAND

Treasurer of Skamania County
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NOTICES

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATE OF DELINQUENCY ISSUED TO SKAMANIA COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2016

STATE OF WASHINGTON ss. NO. 16-2-00043-8 County of Skamania

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I have this day, as Treasurer of Skamania County, issued to said County, this Certificate of Delinquency for taxes, interest, penalties, and costs due and delinquent through December, 2015, as follows: PARCEL NUMBER: 02063200020200 DESCRIPTION: LOT 2 OF SHORT PLATS, RECORDED IN BOOK "3" OF SHORT PLATS, PAGE 141, FORMERLY KNOWN AS LOT 2 OF SHORT PLATS, BOOK 2, PAGE 190, RECORDS OF SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

2009 TAX: \$782.89 P&I: \$712.43; 2010 TAX: \$886.26 P&I: \$700.15; 2011 TAX: \$943.12 P&I: \$631.89; 2012 TAX: \$987.67 P&I: \$543.22; 2013 TAX: \$1,197.00 P&I: \$514.71; 2014 TAX: \$1,170.86 P&I: \$362.97; 2015 TAX: \$1,180.85 P&I: \$224.36 TAXES TOTAL: \$7,148.65 INTEREST TOTAL: \$3,689.73 COSTS TOTAL: \$944.65 CERTIFICATE AMOUNT: \$11,783.03

REPUTED OWNER: DENNIS MOORE

Which several sums shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum plus added costs as required by law. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Witness my hand and seal as Treasurer of said County, in said State, this 14th day of March, 2016.

VICKIE CLELLAND Treasurer of Skamania County
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INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATE OF DELINQUENCY ISSUED TO SKAMANIA COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2016

STATE OF WASHINGTON ss. NO. 16-2-00036-5 County of Skamania

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I have this day, as Treasurer of Skamania County, issued to said County, this Certificate of Delinquency for taxes, interest, penalties, and costs due and delinquent through December, 2015, as follows: PARCEL NUMBER: 03073614309000

DESCRIPTION: A TRACT OF LAND RUNNING 119 FEET WEST AND 80 FEET NORTH AND THEN 119 FEET EAST AND 80 FEET SOUTH, LYING IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE WEST SIDE OF STRAWBERRY ROAD AND IN THE SOUTHERLY PORTION OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND, TO-WIT: COMMENCING AT A POINT WHICH IS 20.2 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF A STRIP OF LAND 150 FEET IN WIDTH CUT OFF THE NORTH SIDE OF SAID LOT 1 OF STEVENSON PARK ADDITION; THENCE SOUTH 42(09' EAST TO INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST SIDE OF STRAWBERRY ROAD THENCE SOUTH 00(36' EAST 84.7 FEET ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF STRAWBERRY ROAD; THENCE WEST 185 FEET; THENCE NORTH 150 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID 150 FEET STRIP OF LAND; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID 150 FEET STRIP TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT: BEGINNING AT A

POINT WHICH IS 20.2 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF A STRIP OF LAND 150 FEET IN WIDTH CUT OFF THE NORTH SIDE OF LOT 1 OF STEVENSON PARK ADDITION ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF; THENCE SOUTH 42(09' EAST TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST LINE OF STRAWBERRY ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 00(36' EAST 84.7 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF STRAWBERRY ROAD; THENCE WEST 185 FEET TO THE INITIAL POINT OF THE TRACT HEREBY DESCRIBED; THENCE NORTH 90 FEET; THENCE EAST 71 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 90 FEET; THENCE WEST 71 FEET TO THE INITIAL POINT.

2010 TAX \$732.68 P&I \$578.82; 2011 TAX \$777.68 P&I \$521.05; 2012 TAX \$779.25 P&I \$428.59; 2013 TAX \$862.13 P&I \$370.72; 2014 TAX \$788.69 P&I \$244.49; 2015 TAX \$808.12 P&I \$153.54 TAXES TOTAL: \$4,748.55 INTEREST TOTAL: \$2,297.21

COSTS TOTAL: \$940.75 CERTIFICATE AMOUNT: \$7,986.51

REPUTED OWNER: MABEL E. NIEDERT

Which several sums shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum plus added costs as required by law. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Witness my hand and seal as Treasurer of said County, in said State, this 14th day of March, 2016.

VICKIE CLELLAND Treasurer of Skamania County
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INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATE OF DELINQUENCY ISSUED TO SKAMANIA COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2016

STATE OF WASHINGTON ss. NO. 16-2-00034-9 County of Skamania

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I have this day, as Treasurer of Skamania County, issued to said County, this Certificate of Delinquency for taxes, interest, penalties, and costs due and delinquent through December, 2015, as follows: PARCEL NUMBER: 02053300010700

DESCRIPTION: LOT 3, CARLETON HEIGHTS II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN BOOK "3" OF SHORT PLATS, PAGE 288, RECORDS OF SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON. 2010 TAX \$1,216.04 P&I \$960.67; 2011 TAX \$1,260.51 P&I \$ 844.54; 2013 TAX \$1,058.31 P&I \$ 455.07; 2014 TAX \$1,018.53 P&I \$ 315.74; 2015 TAX \$1,058.58 TAXES TOTAL: \$5,611.97 INTEREST TOTAL: \$2,777.15

COSTS TOTAL: \$940.24 CERTIFICATE AMOUNT: \$9,329.36

REPUTED OWNERS: RORY M. & SAMANTHA A. LUNEBURG

Which several sums shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum plus added costs as required by law. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Witness my hand and seal as Treasurer of said County, in said State, this 14th day of March, 2016.

VICKIE CLELLAND Treasurer of Skamania County
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INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATE OF DELINQUENCY ISSUED TO SKAMANIA COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2016

STATE OF WASHINGTON ss. NO. 16-2-00039-0 County of Skamania

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Sports



Stevenson High School cheerleaders participated in the Third Annual Cheerleaders of America Halftime Spirit Extravaganza, Saturday, March 26, during the Portland Trailblazers game at the Moda Center. Chevy Peschl, left, Abby Towell, Tristan Holmes, Katelyn Harryman, Gabby Martin, Christel Pat, Addison Newell, Samantha Cornish, Sara Moore, Kortney Davis, Savannah Shier, Emilyann Franklin and Sierrah Shier participated. Submitted photo

Hudson's Bay takes doubleheader over Stevenson baseball team

By Rachel Hamilton
For the Pioneer

The Stevenson High School varsity boys' baseball team opened their season with an 18-2 win over Corbett High School on Thursday, March 17, at Corbett.

"The Bulldogs played well for their first outing," said Coach Shawn Van Pelt. "The season looks very promising for this team with a large number of returning players and a talented group of incoming freshman."

The Bulldogs hosted the Lyle Cougars for their first home game of the season on Tuesday, March 22. The team won, 14-2.

"Brandon Connell had

an outstanding day pitching, striking out all six batters he faced," Van Pelt said. "He also had two hits with a home run over the left field fence."

Stevenson played a doubleheader Thursday, March 24, against Hudson's Bay of Vancouver, losing both games.

"This was the first tough challenge of the season," said Van Pelt.

Stevenson lost the first game, 9-7. Leading until the sixth inning, the Bulldogs looked poised for victory. A final surge by the Eagles at the end of the sixth put Hudson's Bay up, 9-5. In the final innings, Stevenson posted its final two points and held the Eagles from scoring any runs.

"The final score does not show that the Bulldogs outthit the Eagles 10-6 and outpitched them as well, 5-4 strikeouts," said Van Pelt. "We also led in base-on-balls, 7-3."

Despite the loss, Van Pelt felt this was their best game.

"This was our best game played so far and a good indicator of how the team will be able to compete with other teams in our league" he said.

Hudson's Bay won the second game, 12-1.

Van Pelt said the team looks forward to their first league doubleheader against La Center on Tuesday, March 29.

Soccer team posts 2-1 record

By Rachel Hamilton
The Pioneer

The Stevenson High School boys' soccer team posted two wins and one loss to start off the 2016 soccer season. They won the first game, 2-1, against Seton Catholic of Vancouver on Tuesday, March 15. Stevenson scored goals in both halves. Seton Catholic scored off a penalty kick in the second half.

The Bulldogs played their first away game at White Salmon on Thursday, March 24, losing 8-0. Stevenson's next game was on Tuesday, March 29, at Toledo. The Bulldogs' are currently tied for second place in the league with Seton Catholic.

The Stevenson High School boys' soccer team has started its season off with two wins at home. The team The Bulldogs played their next home game on Thursday, March 17, against Castle Rock, winning 3-0. The game started under the warm glow of the sun and ended with the howling bite of the east wind. The quick change in condi-

tions didn't affect Stevenson's play.

Watched by a tiny crowd of close friends and family, the Bulldogs dominated the first quarter. They were constantly taking shots on goal, keeping the Rockets' goalie on his toes as they demonstrated strong passing skills and teamwork. Castle Rock didn't get the ball into Bulldog territory until four minutes into the game.

The first score came with 13:42 left to play. Brenden Dillingham went one-on-one with the goalie and took a hard shot on goal. Less than two minutes later, Rhet Yoder scored off of an assist from Dillingham. The point was quickly taken away after Yoder was called offsides, though.

A foul resulted in the Bulldogs' next point. Dillingham raced down the field and was sandwiched between two defenders, knocking him to the ground. Castle Rock set up a quick wall to try and block the penalty shot but Eric Campbell, taking the shot for Dillingham, sent the ball over the human wall and into the net.

In the second half, Stevenson continued to do well but lost a bit of steam as the wind ripped down the field. At one point, the wind blew the ball back toward the Bulldogs' goalie Hunter Weber after he had kicked it into the wind. Castle Rock was unable to take advantage of the conditions, however.

Stevenson scored the final goal with 4:19 left. Chase Peters found the ball while standing in open field in front of the goal. The wide open shot sailed into the far corner as the Rockets' goalie made a dramatic dive in an attempt to save it.

"We could have played better," Dillingham said. "We had more chances to score."

He's optimistic about the team's start and the direction they are moving.

"We are making progress. If we keep it up we might be able to sneak into the playoffs," he said.

Coach Jamie Obias said the team's chances are good for posting a winning record this season.

SHS Sports Schedules

Girls softball
3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, vs. Kalama
3:30 and 5 p.m., Friday, April 15, vs. at Kalama

Girls tennis
3:30 p.m., Thursday, March 31, vs. Castle Rock
3 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, at King's Way Christian

Noon, Friday, April 15, vs. Aberdeen
3:30 p.m., Friday, April 15, vs. Montesano

Boys soccer
7 p.m., Thursday, March 31, at La Center

Baseball
4 p.m., Friday, April 1 vs. La Center, CES

3 and 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, vs. Kalama, CES

Track and field
3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 30 Castle Rock, Kalama and Stevenson at King's Way Christian
3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 13 King's Way Christian, Washington School for the Deaf, La Center, Firm Foundation, Stevenson at Kalama

PUBLIC NOTICES

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I have this day, as Treasurer of Skamania County, issued to said County, this Certificate of Delinquency for taxes, interest, penalties, and costs due and delinquent through December, 2015, as follows:
PARCEL NUMBER: 02052000060200

DESCRIPTION: Lot 1 of the Luther D. Dickinson and Sheila Dickinson Short Plat, recorded in Book "2" of Short Plats, page 9, records of Skamania County, Washington. EXCEPT the North 209 feet of the West 209 feet thereof.

2006 TAX \$480.21 P&I \$609.87; 2007 TAX \$590.34 P&I \$678.89; 2008 TAX \$802.95 P&I \$827.04; 2009 TAX \$784.71 P&I \$714.09; 2010 TAX \$242.80 P&I \$191.81; 2011 TAX \$266.42 P&I \$178.50; 2012 TAX \$268.98 P&I \$147.94; 2013 TAX \$278.00 P&I \$119.54; 2014 TAX \$268.06 P&I \$ 83.10; 2015 TAX \$278.07 P&I \$ 52.83

TAXES TOTAL: \$4,260.54
INTEREST TOTAL: \$3,603.61
COSTS TOTAL: \$1,297.14
CERTIFICATE AMOUNT: \$9,161.29

REPUTED OWNER: LUTHER D. & SHEILA J. DICKINSON
Which several sums shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum plus added costs as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Witness my hand and seal as Treasurer of said County, in said State, this 14th day of March, 2016.

VICKIE CLELLAND, Treasurer of Skamania County
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NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME.

You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation.

DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING

COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. **SEEKING ASSISTANCE** - Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following:

The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Telephone: 1-877-894HOME (1-877-894-4663) Web site: <http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/>

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Telephone: 1-800-569-4287 Web site: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD>

The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 Web site: <http://www.ocla.wa.gov/>

I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee, **BENJAMIN D. PETIPRIN** will on **4/29/2016, at 10:00 AM at main entrance Skamania County Courthouse, 240 Vancouver Ave, Stevenson, WA** sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Skamania, State of Washington, to-wit:

Lot 29, SKAMANIA HIGHLANDS, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Book "A" of plats, page 140, records of Skamania County, Washington. Commonly known as: 201 ABERDEEN DR, WASHOUGAL, WA 98671-7421 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 5/22/2009, recorded 5/28/2009, under Auditor's File No. 2009172977, records of Skamania County,

Washington, from ADAM W. HIGGS AND SARAH J. LIGHTNER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor(s), to JOAN H. ANDERSON, EVP ON BEHALF OF FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of PREMIER MORTGAGE RESOURCES LLC, A OREGON LLC. HMC Assets, LLC solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of CAM XI Trust is the holder of the Promissory Note and current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust.

II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust.

III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows:

Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears:

PAYMENT INFORMATION FROM THRU NO.PMT AMOUNT TOTAL
8/1/2012 01/01/2015 30 \$1,973.29 \$59,198.70
2/1/2015 01/19/2016 12 \$1,776.61 \$21,319.32

LATE CHARGE INFORMATION
NO. LATE CHARGES TOTAL 1 \$4,139.43

PROMISSORY NOTE INFORMATION
Note Dated: 5/22/2009
Note Amount: \$289,656.00
Interest Paid To: 7/1/2012
Next Due Date: 8/1/2012

IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal \$274,547.42, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from the 7/1/2012, and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute.

V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or

implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on **4/29/2016**. The default(s) referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 4/18/2016, (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 4/18/2016 (11 days before the sale) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 4/18/2016 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees, and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults.

VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following addresses:
NAME ADDRESS
ADAM W. HIGGS, 201 ABERDEEN DR, WASHOUGAL, WA 98671-7421
ADAM W. HIGGS, 224 CASTLE AVE, WINTHROP, WA 98862
SARAH J. LIGHTNER, 201 ABERDEEN DR, WASHOUGAL, WA 98671-7421
SARAH J. LIGHTNER, 224 CASTLE AVE, WINTHROP, WA 98862

by both first class and certified mail on 10/1/2015, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting.

VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a state-

ment of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above described property.

IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale.

X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants and tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants and tenants by summary proceedings under the Unlawful Detainer Act, Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060.

DATED: 1-19-16
Benjamin D.Petiprin, Esq., c/o Law Offices of Les Zieve as Trustee
Address for service: Law Offices of Les Zieve 1100 Dexter Avenue North, Suite 100, Seattle, WA 98109
Phone No: (206) 866-5345
Beneficiary / Servicer Phone: (866) 581-4498
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NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Skamania County Hearing Examiner will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 5:30 pm at the Skamania County Courthouse Annex, lower meeting room, 170 NW Vancouver Ave, Ste-

venson, WA, on the following application(s):

Permit Type: Shoreline
Application Number: SHR-15-08

Applicant: Marty Bell and Mae Soderquist-Bell
Tax Parcel(s): 07-05-26-0-0-0200-00

Location: NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 26, T7N, R5E, W.M. N46.0681 W122.1462

Project Description: The applicants are proposing to construct an 18 inch wide and approximately 1600 feet long foot path from the top of their parcel to Swift Reservoir below. The purpose of the foot path is to allow the home owner to access Swift Reservoir. The proposal includes pruning branches and bushes along the newly created foot path back 3-feet on either side.

Information regarding the above is on file with the Skamania County Community Development Department, 170 NW Vancouver Ave, P.O. Box 1009, Stevenson, WA 98648, (509) 427-3900. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, except holidays.

To review the agenda for this public hearing please go to: <http://www.skamaniacounty.org/CommunityDevelopment/index.htm>. The Courthouse Annex lower meeting room is accessible for person with disabilities. Please let us know if you will need any special accommodations in order to attend the meeting by calling (509) 427-3900.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN TESTIMONY

If you bring written testimony or other documents to present at the hearing, the Hearing Examiner would request submission of at least three (3) copies for the record (one copy for the Hearing Examiner and two copies for the staff). During an Appeal Hearing if the appellant and applicant are different parties then a fourth copy of all documents is requested.

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Clockwise from upper left: Children collected more than 10,000 plastic eggs Saturday, March 26, on the courthouse lawn during the Easter Egg Hunt put on by the Stevenson Living Faith Church.

Dozens of folks participated in the raw egg toss during the Community Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch at the Evergreen Community Church in Mill A. Submitted photo

Remedy and Isabella Reavy of Stevenson pose with the Easter Bunny.

Collin and Aiden Taylor, 4, of Stevenson had a field day collecting eggs.

Brian Dudley of North Bonneville helps his granddaughter, Tatum, collect eggs.



Hood River author gives reading at the library

By HRCLD For The Pioneer The Hood River Library hosts Hood River author Glenn Harris for an author reading and book signing at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 12. Harris is the author of the McCall-Malone Mystery series featuring two Portland private detectives.

ies, a local crime boss, out-of-town gangsters and nasty young punks all thrown into the mix. The punks are out to get McCall, the gangsters are threatening his daughter, and the crime boss is after everybody.

On top of all that, and much worse, the dead bodies mean that there may be a new serial killer in town. McCall and Malone have to work together, bickering all the way, to help their clients, protect themselves and stop whom-ever is killing young women in downtown Portland.

Harris has had a somewhat eclectic career, which is hardly surprising, given that his time at Indiana University back in the '60s resulted in the atypical combination of a Bachelor of Science in Phys-

ics and a Ph.D. in English.

Harris soon fled Indiana for Berkeley, Calif., where he helped create an alternative K-12 school just over the city line in Oakland, worked as a writer for University of California Extension, and then established his own public relations and graphic design business.

Very politically active at the same time - it was the '60s, after all - he also founded The Berkeley Council of Neighborhood Associations and served as its president for its first three years (which continues to this day).

He moved north in 1978 to become managing editor of "The Lewis River News" in Woodland, and was on the spot when Mount St. Helen's blew its top in 1980.

In 1981, Harris found himself in Hood River and went to work as a writer and manager for the phone company - from which he retired in 2005.

He had become active in the local theater, earned a second-degree black belt in Taekwondo, and begun writing books featuring Clint McCall and Devon Malone.

He finally began publishing after retirement and, so far, there are four books in the McCall-Malone Mystery series, with a fifth book nearly completed.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Hood River County Library District at 541-386-2535, info@hoodriverlibrary.org or visit its website at http://hoodriverlibrary.org.



Karen Johnson demonstrates how to use a loom at the Two Rivers Museum during an open house Sunday, March 20. Submitted photo

Museum hosts open house

By TRHM WASHOUGAL - Camas-Washougal Historical Society (CWHS) members were treated to an exclusive look at the recent updates made at the Two Rivers Heritage Museum (TRHM), 1 Durgan St., Washougal on Sunday, March 20.

The new displays were put together by volunteer curators with an interest in the specific area they featured. They include Camas/Washougal veterans, the paper and woolen mills, local schools, mining and Native Americans.

"It is just wonderful to see the changes made," said Belva Baz. "It is so nice and open and there is a lot more to see and read about. They did a great job."

Visitors included existing CWHS members and museum volunteers, new residents to the area who joined CWHS, visitors from North Clark County Historical Society in

Amboy and the Clark County Historical Preservation Society. The North Clark County Museum gave the TRHM its portable loom that is on display. Volunteer Karen Johnson demonstrated its use as she created a woven rug using selvaige from the Pendleton Woolen Mill. These rugs are available for purchase at the museum store.

The museum's regular hours are Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Group tours are available any day of the week (by appointment only). Call the museum at 360-835-8742 for scheduling and ticket costs.

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National
Doctors' Day
Wednesday, March 30

In recognition of Doctors' Day, Skyline Hospital salutes the members of its medical staff for the expertise, skill and compassion they provide patients each day. Thank you for your commitment to healing and the difference you make in our communities.

Sam Bishai, M.D.	Allen LaBerge, M.D.	Kari Swartrauber, M.D.
Chris Faison, M.D.	Jeff Mathisen, M.D.	Liette Witherrite, M.D.
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