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26-F	HIGH	11:17 6.4	11:54 5.5
	LOW	6:00 0.8	6:48 0.4
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30-T	HIGH	2:05 5.6	1:27 6.7
	LOW	8:34 1.4	9:17 -0.2

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Top: Aqua Vista Square townhouses from Highway 101. These townhomes are being developed by Our Coastal Village for sale or rent to qualified individuals.

Right: On Oct. 20 and 21, interested residents had an opportunity to walk through one of the nearly-completed units, which included a full kitchen, handicap accessible bathroom and two bedrooms, one with a large closet. (Photos by April Bamberg)



Progress brings interest in Yachats' Our Coastal Village

By April Bamberg
South Lincoln
County News

YACHATS – Despite inconsistent weather, interested parties ventured out this weekend to learn about Yachats' newest housing options. Aqua Vista Square consists of seven townhouses – five of which are complete – and are available for rent or purchase.

Two additional townhouses should be complete in March 2013, said developer Layne Morrill on Oct. 22.

The foundations of these units have been constructed, but in order to finish the other buildings, Morrill said that construction crews were pulled off of the new construction project. They should get back to work on the additional units in the next 7-10 days, Morrill said. Construction is by a Newport company and complex director Dennis Snyder said that they have tried to use local subcontractors on the work when possible.

Over the weekend the open house drew more than

20 visitors, and many were impressed with the design of the available units, said real estate agent DJ Novograd, of Emerald Coast Realty, who was at the site on Sunday.

A handicap-accessible unit was a show unit on Oct. 21 and featured large closets and a sliding glass door to the patio. One available unit has an attached garage, and it was that unit that got the most attention, Snyder said.

Snyder said there were people at the site "almost every minute" over the weekend. "Most were

neighbors wanting to see what had been built in the area," he said.

One and two-story units are available and rent ranges from \$640-\$875; purchase prices range from \$129,900 to \$174,900.

To qualify, residents must meet certain income ranges – anywhere from 50-80 percent of the average median income for the county – and the price is around 30 percent of an approved individual's income, whether

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Waldport looks at size of planning commission

By April Bamberg
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WALDPORT – The planning commission presented a unified front in discussions about the commission's size with city manager Nancy Leonard on Oct. 22. They also touched on multiple issues – including public participation.

The commission currently has two vacancies and has had those vacancies for some time. The idea of downsizing the advisory commission was first raised at the Oct. 11

city council meeting and the council directed Leonard to meet with the planning commission to get their input.

"I was concerned that it hadn't been brought to us first," said Commissioner Ginny Hafner. "I don't know that I would have joined knowing that it would only be five members." Hafner said that the small number of members needed for a quorum – three on a five-member board – made her uncomfortable.

Commissioner David Perry said that was the only rationale he could see

for decreasing the number of members – if there was difficulty in filling the two current vacancies.

Commissioner Kim Andrews also disliked the number of members needed to conduct business on a five-member board. "I dislike the quorum of three," she said, but noted that the larger board might struggle as well. The quorum of four "ties our hands if we can't get four members," she said.

Commissioner John Mare said that he preferred a seven-member board because it got more individuals involved.

The smaller quorum could lead to "just three people making decisions that could be big," he said.

The final decision on the size of the planning commission ultimately rests with the city council, which meets again on Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. at city hall.

In a related discussion, Leonard briefed the group on the role of a planning commission in city government. "None of us have a clear picture of what a city planning commission does," Mare said.

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Local bank helps residents with candy costs

By April Bamberg
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With Halloween right around the corner, Washington Federal Savings has some treats of their own to dispense.

From now until Oct. 31, residents of specific neighborhoods in what Lisa Miller, Waldport branch manager, calls the Waldport candy circuit, can sign up to get some help with the candy they'll hand out.

For 15 years, the bank has operated its own "candy bank" around this time every year.

"It's a way to help residents with the hundreds of trick-or-treaters who will come to their door that night," Miller said.

"All the kids go to one neighborhood," Miller said, and this project is to help offset the cost of the candy.

Residents in the area of Crestline Drive from Midge Lane to Overlook can sign up for candy at the bank. Donated candy is divided among households that signed up and then those individuals can pick up their candy before the big night. More than a dozen households had signed up as of Oct. 19.

Last year, each household that participated received two big bags of candy, Miller said. The amount depends on how much comes in from purchases made with donated funds or how much candy is donated.



Residents in the area of Crestline Drive can sign up for the Candy Bank, a program to offset the costs of candy for trick or treaters (Graphic courtesy of Washington Federal)

Urban renewal moves slowly in Waldport

By April Bamberg
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WALDPORT – A second shot at urban renewal in Waldport has been slower than expected and the reason for that is likely the economic downturn.

Mayor Susan Woodruff said that the tax receipts for urban renewal in 2012-2013 are about \$35,000. The first urban renewal district sunsetted in the 2010-2011 fiscal year, said City Recorder Reda Eckerman.

The current urban renewal plan began in 2005 and will expire in 2025. Woodruff said that the impetus for a second plan was simply that the city had projects they wanted to complete but didn't have a way to fund them.

"Things were booming then, but we've brought in very little revenue," Woodruff said.

The smallest project on the list is \$22,500, according to the report on Waldport's Urban Renewal Plan 2. That project is an entry sign on Highway 101 and includes the sign, landscaping and lights. A sign that recently went up on the south side of town was not done through urban renewal. That sign was a project of the Waldport Chamber of Commerce, according to council president Mark Campbell.

The project list includes \$8.4 million in projects – including \$2 million in upgrades for the sewer plant to accommodate growth and \$1.5 million to improve fire and public service facilities – including moving them out of the tsunami zone, Woodruff said.

One project that has been completed, Waldport City Manager Nancy Leonard said, was a partnership with the owners of McKinley's Marina. "They wanted to update their sewer system with 4-inch pipe and they paid for their part of it. We wanted to use a 9-inch pipe, so we put the 4-inch pipe inside the larger pipe, and when they're ready for a larger pipe, we'll take out the 4-inch pipe," Leonard said.

"We want to upgrade our sewer system, and in our urban renewal district, users won't have to subsidize the growth," Leonard said.

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Students explore options at OCCC while in high school

By April Bamberg
South Lincoln County News

Eleven students at Waldport High School are on their way to earning a college degree this year as they complete college courses along with their high school courses.

"Expanded Options is really a wonderful program," said Cindy Carlson, Director of Student Services at Oregon Coast Community College. Part of the appeal, Carlson said, is that it boosts what the local high schools offer. "Schools don't have the same programs [that they used to]," she said. "It's also such a savings for parents."

As of fall 2012, there are 78 high school students district-wide who are taking advantage of the Expanded Options program and taking a total of 443 credits – that's around 9 1/2 credits per student. A large number of those students are taking courses online, Carlson said.

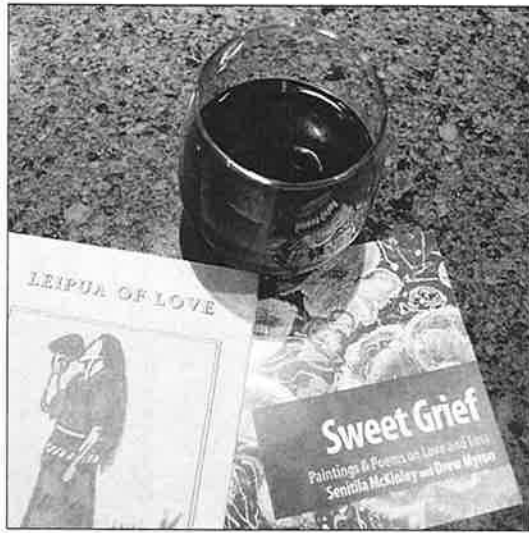
"A lot of students are taking Writing 121 and college level reading," Carlson said. From there, it starts to diversify. "Students are taking classes like psychology in the workplace, history of the U.S., first year Spanish and health and fitness for life."

This fall, there were only two additional students in the expanded options program over the enrollment last year, but participating students are taking 56 credits more than those enrolled in the previous year.

Students are continuing strong

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Art, book sale to benefit Seashore Family Literacy



Seashore Family Literacy invites the community to a free special event at The Wine Place in Yachats on Friday, Nov. 9 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.. The Wine Place is located in the heart of Yachats, at Hwy 101 and W. Fourth Street. The event will feature paintings and books by Senitila McKinley, Seashore's founder/director. McKinley's colorful abstracts have garnered a strong following and are frequently shown at coastal galleries and cafes. McKinley will also sell and sign her two books "Leipua of Love" a love story about her migration from the South Pacific island of Tonga to Waldport, Oregon; and "Sweet Grief," a collaboration of Senitila's paintings paired with poems by Drew Myron. Books are \$10 each. Admission is free. Donations will benefit Seashore Family Literacy.

Bob Welch to speak at Friends of the Waldport Library event

Friends of the Waldport Library will present another Chautauqua Program at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Community (Senior) Center.



Bob Welch

The Friends will welcome Register-Guard columnist Bob Welch. He has twice been honored by the National Society of Newspaper Columnists as best in the nation, and he's won the "best writing" category in the Oregon Newspaper Publishers

Association's contest the last two years. He is the author of 15 books. A national speaker, Welch has appeared on "Good Morning America" and spoken at the Massachusetts Statehouse.

Welch will discuss his latest three books. "Cascade Summer: My Adventure on Oregon's Pacific Crest Trail" chronicles Bob Welch's attempt in 2011 to hike the 452-mile tree-studded spine of (mainly) the Cascade Range, from the California border to the Washington border. As Welch makes his way north, he contemplates Judge John Waldo, who hiked these same stretches more than a century ago and, in a revolutionary effort for his times, fought to have the Cascade Range set off as public land. "Cascade Summer"

is about the allure of Oregon's wilderness, about friendship and about perseverance.

"52 Little Lessons from It's a Wonderful Life" offers nugget-a-week wisdom on America's favorite holiday movie.

"Resolve: From the Jungles of WWII Bataan, the Epic Story of a Soldier, a Flag, and a Promise Kept" is the inspiring true account of a young, inexperienced American officer, Clay Corner, who eludes the Bataan Death March and survives for 34 months on the Philippines island of Luzon.

The Waldport Community Center is located at 265 Hemlock St., on Highway 34 next to the Fire Station. For more information about the program contact the Waldport Public Library at 541-563-5880.

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interest," Carlson said. Although Expanded Options was first required by Senate Bill 300 in 2006-2007, the district had a similar program in place before that, said Joe Novello, director of federal programs for the school district.

The Lincoln County School District adopted the Expanded Options program – a partnership between LCSD and OCCC in October 2007.

It is open to Lincoln County students in 11th or 12th grades or who are at least 16 years of age, according to the district's policy on the program.

The screening process varies by school said Janis Muller, counselor at Waldport High School. For WHS students, Muller will review transcripts and recommend students who might benefit from the program, she said.

Once they decide on the expanded options program, students create an educational plan, with the help of an advisory support team, often including the student, a teacher or counselor and the student's parent.

The plan should outline a student's long and short-term

goals as well as an explanation of how participation in the selected college courses will help a student to further their goals.

For those who attend OCCC full-time, they do not have to attend classes at their area high school, Novello said. "They become regular college students. Their parents even have to sign a waiver that says they won't get involved."

The impact to the school district's budget is minimal, Novello said. The school district receives full funding for each student, but they must pay for students' books, fees, equipment and other materials, and there are some administrative costs as well.

When the program first started, Novello said that the high school teachers weren't all that excited. "Teachers were afraid that it would take jobs from the district, but that didn't happen. We still receive full funding from the state for each student."

Through this program, students have an opportunity to earn a transfer degree as they complete their high school diploma, and Carlson said

that two expanded options students have done that, since the program started. One student completed prerequisites for the OCCC nursing program – including anatomy and physiology, microbiology and chemistry.

At OCCC, Interim President Bruce Koike said that one of the benefits is recruitment power from programs like this.

"If we hold up our end of the bargain and deliver an education and the college experience, we have satisfied customers and they could bring others," Koike said.

"These collaborative efforts are going to be more important – universities, community colleges and high schools each have achievement compacts they have to meet to increase achievement. This [collaboration] is a way to move in that direction."

Expanded Options is a "wonderful opportunity to experience college and be challenged and have college paid for," Muller said.

To find out more about the expanded options program, contact Joe Novello at 541-265-4408.

Aqua Vista *Continued from page 1*

purchasing the property. Those who purchase a townhome can sell the property for no more than two percent appreciation for each year of ownership and only to individuals who qualify under Our Coastal Village's income requirements. There may be some incentive for people to buy a townhome though, as Snyder said that there is no down payment required for

those who intend to purchase. In January, the developers were working with the Lincoln County Land Trust to transfer ownership of the ground underneath the townhomes, but Morrill said that has been put on a back burner for now.

"The land trust is still willing, but we will only do that as the units sell," Morrill said. Currently, the demand is for rental

units, he said.

Sales of these townhomes are being handled by Emerald Coast Realty's Novgrod and Katherine Guenther, while rentals are handled by Jann Pate of Assurance Real Estate Services.

For more information on Our Coastal Village, contact developer Layne Morrill at 602-432-6291.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Waldport library to hold Halloween Party Oct. 25

Waldport Public Library presents the return of its monthly Family Fun Night with the third annual Halloween Party from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25.

Come pick out a pumpkin from the in-library pumpkin patch and decorate it.

Kids can have their face or hands decorated and then play a game of candy corn bowling. There will be lots of goodies and fun. This event is designed for 4- to 8-year-olds and their families but all are welcome to attend.

Waldport Public Library is located at 460 NW Hemlock St. For more information call 541-563-5880.

K-9 Crusaders holds open enrollment this month

The K-9 Crusaders 4-H Dog Club is holding open enrollment through October. The club meets at 7 p.m. each Wednesday at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds, 633 NE Third St. in Newport.

The club is open to youth from 4th through 12th grade. Youth are encouraged to come and learn all about dogs, make new friends and have fun.

For more information, call the OSU 4-H Extension office at 541-574-6534, call Sue Giles Green at 541-444-9247, or go online at www.facebook.com/K9Crusaders

'Between the Tides' to show at HMSC

A screening of a new film, "Between The Tides: The Legacy of Ed Ricketts," will be shown beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, in the visitor center auditorium at Hatfield Marine Science Center.

An informal discussion with filmmaker Peter Coonradt and producer Bud Laurent will follow the 70-minute film.

Ed Ricketts (1897-1948) was a pioneering marine ecologist. His friend, John Steinbeck, turned Ricketts into the legendary "Doc" character in his novels "Cannery Row" and "Sweet Thursday," but it's the real Ed Ricketts, the man of science, whose spirit permeates this film.

"Between The Tides" follows retired marine biologist Bud Laurent on a quest to reconnect with old friends and colleagues whose work and way of life reflect the curiosity, mental discipline and freedom of spirit that enabled Ricketts to look at intertidal life in a revolutionary way.

Ricketts' ecological perspective produced a lasting impact far beyond academic marine biology. "Between The Tides" shows how environmental awareness begins and ends with a deep personal connection to the natural world.

This event, hosted by the Friends of the Hatfield Marine Science Center, is free and open to the public. For more information, call 541-867-0234 or go online at www.between-thetides.net

Nanotechnology discussion set in Yachats

Oregon State University researcher Stacey L. Harper will discuss "Nanotechnology: Huge Science at a Really Small Scale," at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Yachats Commons.

Her return visit is presented by the Yachats Academy of Arts and Sciences, supported by the Friends of the Yachats Commons Foundation.

There is no admission charge for this presentation, but a suggested \$5 donation will help cover publicity costs. The

Yachats Commons is located at 441 Highway 101 N.

For more information, go to GoYachats.com or call 541-547-4713.

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For more information check <http://www.facebook.com/events/283692978399635/>

St. Luke's to hold Taize service

There will be a Taize service at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1 (All Saints Day) at St. Luke's-by-the-Sea at 1353 Highway 101 S. in Waldport.

The Taize service will be a service of remembrance this year for the saints in peoples' lives.

There will be a book of remembrance placed in both St. Stephen's (Newport) and St. Luke's Episcopal churches, in which those attending can enter the names of the saints in their lives, especially any who have died within the last year. The books will be saved under the altar in each church until the next year.

Zumbathon to raise funds for WHS senior trip

A Zumbathon fundraiser will be held at the Waldport High School gym, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10.

Join in for a fun-filled two hours of Zumba, led by instructors from Newport and Lincoln City. The event will raise funds for the 2013 graduating class of Waldport High School's drug and alcohol-free senior trip.

Cost is \$10 in advance, and \$12 at the door. There will be prizes, and health treats will be available for purchase. Make checks payable to WHS Senior Class 2013, P.O. Box 1841, Waldport OR 97394. Include names and number in party for pre registration. For questions call 541-270-2959 or 541-270-

Celtic Music Festival tickets available

Tickets are on sale now for the 11th annual Yachats Celtic Music Festival, held Nov. 9-11. Acclaimed performers from the old country will mix harmoniously with North American masters and artists to fill the village of Yachats with traditional (and not-so-traditional) music, dancing, culture and fashion.

Featured musicians, dancers, and speakers include: Aoife Clancy; Lisa Ornstein and Dan Compton; Jamie Laval and Zac Leger; the Colleen Raney Band; F.J. "Seamus" Taylor; Anna Lee Foster; the Gothard Sisters; and The Town Pants.

Workshops are offered on Celtic style guitar, bodhran playing, Celtic knot art, rendering bagpipe music on the fiddle, step dancing, and round peak fiddle style. Other activities include a Celtic Arts Fair; an Open Seisiun -music jam for all; a traditional ceilidh-dance, with lessons, open to all ages, a Labyrinth, and a Celtic Fashion Show.

The festival will open at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9 with a Celtic Crafts Fair and concert at 8 p.m. Saturday offers cameos (intimate performances), workshops, the fair, plus afternoon and evening concerts. Sunday will feature an Open Seisiun/ music jam, the Ceilidh/dance, and the Fashion Show.

Discounted tickets are available in advance. Tickets are also available at the door.

For more tickets, a schedule and location information go to: YachatsCelticMusicFestival.com.

SOUTH COUNTY YOUTH ACTIVITIES

October 24th to October 30th

Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program located in the Yachats Commons Basement 441 HWY 101 N • 541-547-4599

Dine Out For Kids

Visit the Drift Inn in Yachats for any meal October 24th All Profits for the day go to benefit YYFAP kids! It's a great way to support local youth and families.

Families Together

Oct. 26th 6-8 pm Yachats Community Presbyterian Church Free dinner and every child gets to take home a free book.

REC. PLUS

(ages 6+)

Afterschool Program Monday to Friday

Yachats Commons Basement 3:45-6 pm Ride the Crestview Heights bus to our door! We have lots of fun activities happening every day!

Yachats Indoor Park

Thursdays 12:30-2:00 pm Room 4, Yachats Commons \$2 Drop In or prepaid punch cards are available. Come and play!

See our calendar and find more info at www.yachatsyouth.org Or check us out on Facebook!

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