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Douglas County Sheriff's Detective Brad O'Dell examines a crime scene at Woodland Apartments in Reedsport Sunday morning. The Reedsport Police Department said a body was discovered at the complex when police got to the scene of a reported fight Saturday night.

Man held in fatal Reedsport stabbing

BY STEVE LINDSLEY
The Umpqua Post

REEDSPORT — Douglas County law enforcement officials say one person has been arrested following a fatal stabbing in Reedsport Saturday night.

According to the Reedsport Police Department, officers got to the scene of a reported altercation between two men at the Woodland Apartments at approximately 7 p.m. They found one person dead at the scene from stab wounds.

"We responded to a physical fight," said Douglas County Sheriff's spokesman Dweslie

Hutson. "The victim was stabbed and was deceased."

Police arrested 34-year-old

Michael L. Corrie based on witness statements and forensic evidence.

Sunday morning, an Oregon State Police forensics unit was at the scene helping with the investigation.

The case is being investigated

by the Douglas County Major Crimes Team, which includes the

sheriff's office, state police, Roseburg Police Department and the district attorney's office.

The sheriff's office confirmed the name of the victim, Shawn Michael Christian, 37, of Reedsport on Monday.

Hutson says it's routine for the county and state police to get involved in a suspected homicide, even within city limits.

"In a homicide investigation there's a Major Crimes Team call-out," he said. "Major crimes investigators will do the investigation."

Douglas County Sheriff's Detective Brad O'Dell was assigned to be the lead investigator.



Michael Corrie
Suspect

Police chief interviews set to begin

BY STEVE LINDSLEY
The Umpqua Post

The selection process for a new police chief in Reedsport continues, with the possibility of a new chief being on board by the end of the year.

Police Chief Mark Fandrey, who had been with the city for three years, died of a heart attack while on vacation in early July. The recruitment process to replace the late chief began in August.

"The application process is closed," Reedsport City Manager Jonathan Wright said. "We received 17 applications for police chief. I should clarify ... 17 complete applications. We actually received more than that. I didn't look at any (applications) that weren't complete."

Of that 17, Wright said, they will initiate a process to interview six applicants.

"We have narrowed it down to six potential candidates," he said. "And, we will be interviewing them

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Reedsport Homecoming



Contributed photo by Bethany Hedges

Reedsport Homecoming queen Bailey Tymchuk with her father Keith at halftime of the football game Friday.

Commissioner's take on American Bridge closure

BY STEVE LINDSLEY
The Umpqua Post

The Douglas County Commission's liaison to western Douglas County and the coast says the announced closure of American Bridge in Reedsport is a blow to the local economy, but is optimistic another company will come in and fill the hole.

"It's very sad," Susan Morgan said. "The reason that it is, I think, the most sad is the negative impact that it has on the Reedsport-Gardiner community. These were excellent, family-wage jobs that paid good money and had good benefits attached to them."

She had some praise for the company in the 11 years it was on Bolon Island.

"American Bridge was a good corporate citizen in the region, too," Morgan said. "They were actively involved in the community and made a very positive contribution to the social structure."

One big question, Morgan said, is what happens to the site after American Bridge leaves in December.

"American Bridge has title to the property," she said. "We have not, of course, been able to have the time for any substantive discussions with them. We're very hopeful that we can get another occupant in there that will have some good family-wage jobs attached to it. As you can imagine, there's a period where nothing's really clear. So, right at the current time, trying to figure out who we should be talking to within the American Bridge corporate structure to initiate a discussion about what their intention is with the property and the building."

American Bridge officials have been unwilling to comment on the closure of the Reedsport plant and another in Pennsylvania.

"We had been hearing rumors of it for quite some time," Commissioner Morgan said.

"American Bridge never approached us and told us. We heard from local Reedsport sources that this was happening. We have not actually had a conversation with American Bridge either."

Morgan was in the legislature when American Bridge opened in 2002.

"I don't recall being involved in it at that time," she said. "My involvement began with the shut-down of the Coos Bay rail line and then the effort to restore service to that line."

She said American Bridge was part of the reason the Coos Bay Rail Link was refurbished and reopened from Coquille to Eugene.

"One of the reasons, yes," Morgan said. "They were never one of the larger shippers on the line. The larger shippers on the line are, of course, the wood products manufacturers."

She said the county is cautiously optimistic, even though the International Paper site, north of American Bridge, has been unused for more than 20 years.

"It's always good to be optimistic," she said. "It also is really good to be realistic. The site is much different than the IP site.

The building is very new and very operational. It has a very modern office complex and a really well built, modern manufacturing area in the back of it. It has the dock already built on the river. It has an operational rail spur in it. And, it's a much smaller site. So, the dynamic of it, I think, is somewhat different than the IP site."

She said the county is committed to helping where it can.

"We're going to work hard on this one," she said, "and see what we can do and keep our upbeat orientation to it."

Sen. Roblan reacts to closure of company announcement

BY STEVE LINDSLEY
The Umpqua Post

State Senator Arnie Roblan, D-Coos Bay, had a three-word description of the announcement that American Bridge would close its manufacturing plant in Reedsport.

"Shocked and disappointed," Roblan said in a phone interview from the East Coast.

"Disappointed because I thought we had a great partner to work with and shocked because I didn't have any warning it was coming."

American Bridge kept the closure to themselves until issuing a Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification to the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, dated Oct. 8.

The only comment to The Umpqua Post was from a spokeswoman who would only say, "We are not commenting on the Reedsport plant closure." The newspaper has tried repeatedly to get comment from company and local American Bridge officials on the closure. Only one of dozens of attempts at phone calls and emails generated a response.

Roblan says the local community takes a big hit when the closure takes effect in December.

"It was the first real gleam of

light we had after the closure of the big (International Paper) mill and the 50 to 100 people working there at one time, when they were really in the midst of their contract before the rail line left. Then they had just started building up when the railroad came back on and I think people felt very confident that it was a plant that would be there for the long term."

Roblan, in his position of Co-Speaker of the Oregon House in the 2011 legislative session, helped get funds to do work on the tracks that got the Coos Bay Rail Link reopened between Coquille and Eugene.

Roblan says the rail link was improved, in part, because of the needs of American Bridge.

"They were, I think, one of the partners that said, 'Hey, look, we'll help with that. We really need to have the rail line. It was important when we came and it'll be important in the future.' With the Port of Coos Bay, there were instrumental in helping us secure that line."

Roblan says there is a little the legislature can do to help replace the 51 jobs that will be lost with the

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Columbia Pacific CCO seeks volunteers, survey participants

The Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization, which takes in parts of western Douglas County, is looking for people to take a community survey and people to serve on a customer advisory council. The survey has a deadline of Oct. 28.

“The survey’s intended to get the community’s perception about health and healthcare needs in the community,” said Nancy Knopf, CCO community health advisory council coordinator, during a stop in Reedsport. The survey has been out

since Sept. 15, and is available electronically on the organization’s website at <http://www.colpachealth.org> and paper copies are available at Dunes Family Health Care and Lower Umpqua Hospital and the Lower Umpqua (Reedsport) Branch of the Douglas County Library System.

Knopf said, once the surveys are completed, the information will be accumulated to create a needs assessment for the area.

“From that needs assessment, we’re going to create a health improvement plan for the community,” she said, “and make recommendations for preventative health care.”

That assessment will be reviewed by a community advisory council.

“There are only six questions,” Knopf said of the survey. “It’s just to get an idea about what people they see in their community for healthcare needs. One of the questions is: What are the top three things that you think create an unhealthy condition? There’s a whole

list of things to choose from. One of them would be obesity. Another is tobacco smoking. Some of the questions are about the environment; the environment you live in. It’s to get people’s perception of what they think are healthcare needs.”

She also said they’re looking what people think would create a healthy community.

“What would need to be in place to have a healthier community,” Knopf continued. “That would be good schools or a safe community, less violent, that kind of thing.”

There will be a community presentation of the survey results once they’re compiled.

The Columbia Pacific CCO covers Gardiner, Reedsport, Winchester Bay, Lakeside, Scottsburg and Elkton.

Region-wide, it serves people up and down the coast.

“We manage the insurance coverage for Medicaid

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REEDSPORT & COUNTY POLICE LOG

■ Oct. 14, 1:32 p.m., suspicious circumstances, 1800 block of Hawthorne Avenue, Reedsport. Caller reported three young males wearing hoodies pulling a suitcase.

■ Oct. 14, 2:35 p.m., found property, 2800 block of Longwood Drive, Reedsport. Caller reported finding property.

■ Oct. 14, 4:18 p.m. suspicious circumstances, Master Heights, Reedsport. Caller reported someone dumping tires. Unfounded.

■ Oct. 15, 2:52 a.m., suspicious circumstances, 1200 block of Highway Avenue, Reedsport. Caller reported a male near the employee entrance.

■ Oct. 15, 4:52 p.m., missing person, Elm Avenue, Reedsport. Received a report of a possible missing juvenile. Officer responded and located the youth at a friend’s residence.

■ Oct. 15, 9:30 p.m., alarms, 100 block of Country Club Drive, Reedsport. Caller reported a burglary alarm. Officers responded and found it was a false alarm, workers had set off the alarm.

■ Oct. 16, 4:15 p.m. property, 400 block of Winchester Avenue,

Reedsport. Call reported a golf club was found in the parking lot.

■ Oct. 16, 5:28 p.m., fugitive, 2100 block of Winchester Avenue, Reedsport. Officer reported arresting a subject on a felony warrant.

■ Oct. 16, 8:54 p.m., property, 300 block of N 14th Street, Reedsport. Officer reported finding drug paraphernalia near the scene of a traffic stop.

■ Oct. 16, 10:17 p.m. suspicious circumstances, 100 block of Riverbend Drive, Reedsport. Caller reported a garage door and trunk of a car were left open and the home was dark. Officer responded and owner was aware of the situation.

■ Oct. 17, 12:54 p.m., welfare check, 1300 block of Highway Avenue, Reedsport. Caller reported a customer is very distraught.

■ Oct. 17, 2:12 p.m., drug violation, 1900 block of Winchester Avenue, Reedsport. Officer reported discovering drugs during a traffic stop.

■ Oct. 18, 6:51 a.m., drug violation, Reedsport. Officer reported a male stepped into traffic. Officer discovered drugs in the subject’s possession.

■ Oct. 18, 10:51 a.m., property, Lions Park, Reedsport. City employee reported finding a backpack.

■ Oct. 18, 6:31 p.m., disturbance, River Bend, Reedsport. Caller reported a motorcycle speeding through the area.

■ Oct. 19, 1:49 p.m. medical aid-police, 1700 block of Salmon Harbor Drive, Winchester Bay, Douglas County 911 Communications requested an ambulance for an ATV accident. Lower Umpqua ambulance, Winchester Bay fire and police responded.

■ Oct. 19, 7:03 p.m. disturbance, 2300 block of Longwood Drive, Reedsport. Douglas County 911 Communications reported two men were fighting.

■ Oct. 20, 10:03 p.m., public assist, 2400 block of Longwood Drive, Reedsport. Douglas County 911 Communications reported someone called about a barking dog. The caller was concerned for the owner and requested a welfare check. A barking dog could not be located.

TIDES – Umpqua River Entrance

Wednesday, Oct. 23 – Tuesday, Oct. 29

HIGH TIDE		A.M.		P.M.	
Date	Time	Ft.	Time	Ft.	
Oct 23	5:08	5.6	4:18	6.4	
Oct. 24	5:57	5.4	5:00	6	
Oct. 25	6:51	5.2	5:51	5.6	
Oct. 26	7:49	5.2	6:53	5.3	
Oct. 27	8:46	5.3	8:06	5.1	
Oct. 28	9:38	5.5	9:19	5.1	
Oct. 29	10:21	5.8	10:25	5.2	

LOW TIDE		A.M.		P.M.	
Date	Time	Ft.	Time	Ft.	
Oct. 23	10:36	2.6	1:23	0.2	
Oct. 24	11:22	2.8	---	---	
Oct. 25	12:10	0.6	12:18	3	
Oct. 26	1:02	0.9	1:28	3	
Oct. 27	2:00	1.1	2:43	2.8	
Oct. 28	2:58	1.3	3:51	2.5	
Oct. 29	3:53	1.3	4:47	1.9	



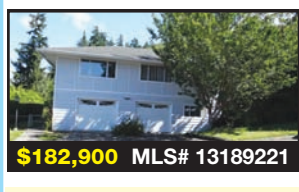
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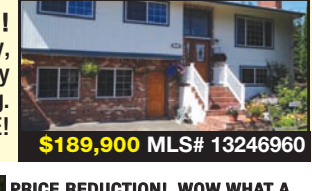
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Tuesday, Oct. 29: Meatloaf with brown gravy, whipped potatoes with gravy, country trio vegetables, cracked wheat bread and frosted orange cake.

Thursday, Oct. 31: Barbecue chicken breast, creamy potato salad, cut green beans, cracked wheat bread and orange whip.

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OBITUARIES

Jane M. Muffett

April 3, 1953 - Oct. 12, 2013
A celebration of life service was held for Jane M. Muffett, 60, a resident of the North Bend community at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 2160 Elm Ave., in Reedsport with the Rev. Quintin Cundiff officiating. Family and friends are welcome to stay for a luncheon reception following the service. Private cremation rites have been held.



Jane Muffett

Jane Marie Muffett was born April 3, 1953, in Molalla, to Lloyd and Sylvia Kruse Bystrom. She died Oct. 12, 2013, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was raised and educated in Silverton, having graduated from Molalla High School. Jane received an associate degree in nursing from Lane Community College in 1976 and in 1997 earned her second associate degree in accounting from Southwestern Oregon Community College.

Jane was united in marriage to Dean Muffett June 9, 1973, at the Grace Lutheran Church in Molalla. Together they celebrated 40 years of life together and raised two daughters and one son.

Over the years they made their home in Eugene;

Richland, Wash.; and most recently North Bend. Jane worked at Briggs & Thompson and Menasha in the accounting departments. She also worked at the Bay Area Hospital on the nursing staff.

She was very active in her community attending the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church where she served as the treasurer. She was a past president of the Coos/Curry Chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association.

Among her personal interests she loved cooking. Her favorites were homemade potato-leek soup and ice cream. Jane enjoyed gardening, photography and spending time with her family. Jane was a wonderful wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend. She was cherished by her family and friends, and will be missed by all who knew her.

Jane is survived by her husband, Dean; son, Leif Muffett Coos Bay; two daughters and sons-in-law, Anna and Jason Warner of North Bend and Beth and Aaron Real of Bandon; brothers, David and Dorothy Bystrom of Westerville, Ohio; and Dale and Julie Bystrom of Molalla; and her grandchildren, Everitt, Ella, Calvin and Chris.

Services entrusted to Dunes Memorial Chapel, 541-271-2822.

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Ethel Mae (Hubbard) Todd

Oct. 19, 1915 - Oct. 3, 2013
Ethel Mae (Hubbard) Todd, 98, of Vacaville, Calif., was born Oct. 19, 1915, in Del Norte, Colo. She died Oct. 3, 2013, in Vacaville, Calif., following a short illness. Her loving family was by her side.



Ethel Mae Todd

Ethel was always an active woman. Her mother died when Ethel was 12, so she took care of her three younger sisters, all having predeceased her. She married Chet Todd Aug. 20, 1932, and they were married for 58 years before his death in 1990. Both Ethel and Chet were active in Eastern Star, installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Martha Chapter in 1964. Ethel was also grand representative to Maryland from 1972-1975.

Ethel worked outside the home for most of her life. She was a "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II, while living in Long Beach, Calif. After moving to Junction City in 1946, she was a cashier in a grocery store. The family moved to Reedsport in 1952 and Ethel was employed at Williams Drugstore and then was bookkeeper at Daily Motors. She then became the office manager for Salmon Harbor Company in Winchester Bay

and retired in May 1979.

Ethel loved traveling. She and Chet bought a travel trailer and had many good times hunting and fishing. They traveled to Germany to visit their son, Bob and family, plus several trips to visit their daughter in Hawaii, Alabama and then California, and their son, Rick, in Washington. After her husband's death, Ethel also cruised to Alaska with her grandson, Chris, and with a friend through the Panama Canal. She moved from Reedsport to Washington in 1991 to be near her son, Rick, and then to Vacaville in 2007.

Ethel is survived by her daughter, Patti and Gary Ballard of Vacaville, Calif.; her son, Rick and Rhonda of Ridgefield, Wash.; daughter-in-law, Dolores Allen Todd of Tigard; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by all.

In addition to her husband, her sisters and infant brother, Ethel also was preceded in death by her son, Robert; and her grandson, Bo.

A funeral service celebrating her life will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 28, at the Reedsport Masonic Cemetery, where her ashes will be interred beside her husband. The Rev. Dr. Stevens will officiate.

Sign the guestbook at www.theworldlink.com.

Dorothy Morris

1926 - 2013

Private cremation rites have been held for Dorothy Morris, of Florence through Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home.

Dorothy was born in 1926 in Ashland, to William Grenbemer and Lillian (Rosencrans) Grenbemer. She moved to Portland and eventually met the love of her life, Joseph Morris who broke her heart when he passed away in 2011. They spent 65 amazing years together.

She lived a very fulfilled life with raising her daughters, Nancy and Janie. She enjoyed bingo, playing cards and most of all camping. Many fond memories were made around the campfire

and card table.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters who were by her side until the end; her sons-in-laws Bob and Ron; grandchildren, Carly, Keri, Kristin and Eric and Jeff; her special great-grandsons, Carter and Mason; step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews who were very special to her.

Mom, you were a strong amazing woman and will be missed dearly by your family.

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patients in Columbia County, Clatsop County, Tillamook County and the western part of Douglas County," Knopf said. "Anybody who is on Medicaid, or Oregon Health Plan (OHP), is part of the Columbia Pacific CCO. We're required, by the Oregon Health Authority, to have advisory councils in

each of the counties that we serve."

In addition to the survey, Knopf says they'd like people to join the local advisory council.

"We're also recruiting for advisory council members," she said. "We need more."

In fact, the council currently has only two members. They'd like up to 15 members.

"It's for any person who lives in an area where the CCO serves," Knopf said. "What we want is their voice. This is what works. This is what doesn't work. This is what happens in my community."

The advisory council meets from 3-5 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Lower Umpqua Hospital.

"Advisory councils are

made up of people who provide services to Medicaid clients," Knopf said. "We're also required to have representatives of the community who are on Medicaid. Either they get OHP, or they have a family member who is on OHP or they have been on Oregon Health plan in the past."

She said 51 percent of the advisory council must be on Medicaid.

THANK YOU again for all your support!!

For the past 17 years, it has been a complete joy and privilege of being a part of the North Bend/ Coos Bay community. At this time in my life, I will be retiring and moving closer to my family. It's difficult for me to leave behind my life's work and the community that has blessed me with a reason to wake up and smile these last two decades.



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Reedsport deserves better

The "announcement" last week of the closure of the American Bridge facility in Reedsport came as a shock. What's discouraging is that the company filed a WARN (Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification) with a state agency and then refused to talk with anyone about it.

A spokeswoman in American Bridge's corporate office would only say they are not commenting on the closure of the Reedsport plant. Dozens of phone calls and emails to other company executives, including the vice president in charge of the Reedsport facility, went unanswered. Calls and emails to the Reedsport plant also went unanswered.

It seems strange, and a little insulting, that players in such a major piece of news decided to run

COASTING HOME

Steve Lindsley, EDITOR



and hide.

The community of Reedsport deserves better than that. One county commissioner said they have yet to talk with American Bridge. A state lawmaker also said he's puzzled by the lack of even a courtesy call.

American Bridge received tax breaks to come into the area. They have been, by some accounts, a good corporate partner for the community. To run and hide seems out of character for the company, but there it is.

Another puzzling non-response was from

Governor John Kitzhaber. A call and email to his staff went unanswered Friday. A spokesman didn't even respond to a phone call.

That's puzzling because, for a community the size of Reedsport, losing 51 jobs is huge.

If such a job loss were to happen in Portland, where the 2010 census lists the population as 583,776 the jobs, per capita, would have been 7,167. You can rest assured that the governor, or his staff at least, would have responded to that. There probably would have been a news conference.

Reedsport is losing 51 jobs, based on a population of 4,154.

There is, of course, a reluctance by some to talk with the media. However, the media is supposed to represent the voice of the people. If this newspaper didn't report some stories, who would report them? The media is supposed to be the Fourth Estate, watching the government and other entities so the public knows what's going on.

This newspaper didn't make the decision to shut down the American Bridge plant. But it's our job to find out as much as we can to ensure you're informed.

It's a shame that a company that has done so much for the area should suddenly become a shadow. It's also a shame the governor of the state didn't take notice.

Recognizing 4-H

If you ever think that today's youth won't be ready to be tomorrow's leaders, please attend the next 4-H Recognition Festival. This annual event shines the spotlight on the hundreds of Douglas County youth who are involved in all the diverse aspects of 4-H and the goals they have accomplished over the past year. The evening is largely organized and successfully executed by the Teen Leadership Team.

At its base, the 4-H program nurtures and grows that first glimmer of understanding about the power we have over our own lives: The power to dream, to set a goal, to chart a path to the goal, and to go for it. Under the watchful and helpful eyes of the 4-H staff and the wealth of volunteers, generations of Douglas County youngsters have stayed on that path, been helped around the potholes, and cheered up the mountainsides of their 4-H journey. The self-confidence and positive life and leadership skills learned along the way strengthen our collective future.

Youngsters begin their journey at the county level, culminating with awards received at the Recognition Festival in areas as diverse as animal breeding, conformation and showmanship, robotics, fabric arts, plant science, foods and nutrition, engineering, photography and archery. High achievement at the county level can put youngsters in the running for state level competitions and leadership opportunities. Being a Grand Champion or a Reserve Grand Champion is a big deal.

Joining the Teen Leadership Team gives Douglas County's older 4-H'ers the opportunity to

participate beyond the state level. The regional and national levels of 4-H brings the best of each state together and exposes local youth to tremendous leadership opportunities.

Douglas County is sending a very polished and engaging public speaker (Go, Hannah!) to a regional competition with a well-researched and delivered speech on wild horses. The current seven-member Teen Leadership Team is fundraising right now to attend the 2014 Western Regional Leaders Forum in Montana. They were selected to team teach and present a workshop on serving their community — the team's focus.

None of this would happen without tremendous support from our citizens. On many levels, this is a labor of love for Douglas County. Parents and leaders have given years of their time and skills: The longest serving leader has given 45 years! Almost 60 businesses, clubs, and individuals have sponsored 4-H awards. Dr. Don Bailey presented the Kiwanis Ewe Award, funding to help a young 4-H'er purchase and raise a lamb. Dr. Bailey told the gathering about the first Kiwanis award, made 50 years ago, when the lamb was carried up the fire escape in back of the old Umpqua Hotel in Roseburg, for presentation at that Kiwanis meeting.

If you are interesting in getting involved in 4-H, go to <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/4H>.

Susan always welcomes your questions or comments. Please contact her by email at morgan@co.douglas.or.us; by mail at Douglas County Courthouse, Room 217, 1036 SE Douglas, Roseburg, 97470; or by phone at 440-4201.

THE COUNTY SCENE



Susan Morgan
Douglas County
Commissioner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for pool donations

On behalf of the Highland Pool, I would like to thank the chamber for the recent grants awarded to the pool. The generosity of the chamber is greatly appreciated. The pool received \$250 - a grant to purchase goggles and fins for the school lesson program. This greatly enhances our teaching ability. We also received a grant

for \$500 towards the purchase of a new main circulation pump. The pump presently being used is very old and keeping it running is becoming increasingly difficult. A new pump would be much more efficient and easier to maintain and service. In the long run it would reduce our operating costs quite substantially.

In recent years it seems the chamber has had many problems, both internal and

external. It seems the negative issues garner all of the community's attention. So, I feel it's important to acknowledge the positive impacts the chamber makes on our community. Speaking on behalf of myself, the staff and board of directors of Highland Pool, we thank you.

Keep up the good work.

Knox Story
Highland Pool

Thanks for 90th birthday party

I wish to thank everyone who attended the party at the senior center in Reedsport Oct. 13, to celebrate my 90th birthday. It was so nice to see so many friends. Thanks to all the people who made it possible; it was the best ever.

Lillian Burch
Reedsport



Homecoming on a flawless Friday night

As Homecoming nights go, this last Friday night couldn't have been more perfect. A flawless full moon hung low in the clear sky after an unseasonably warm afternoon. The air smelled of popcorn and cheeseburgers. Our Braves football team came roaring onto the field ready to play hard against the Bandon Tigers, and play hard they did, winning 34 to 22 and improving their record to an exciting five wins and two losses.

Grand Marshals Carl and Cheryl Hedges presided over half-time Homecoming events, a well-deserved honor for these lifetime Reedsport residents who are among the Braves' most stalwart of supporters, faithful fixtures at every home game of every sport who even travel hours from Reedsport to cheer on the teams at away matches. They greeted the Homecoming princesses and introduced the crowd to the 2013 Homecoming Queen and King, seniors Bailey Tymchuk and Prerak Bhakta (who was in the locker room with the football team), both shining examples of the very best the high school student body has to offer.

If you were there in person on Friday night, you'll also know that the night included the debut of our very own pep band, small in

SCHOOL MATTERS



KRISTEN ZETZSCHE

Those soaring trumpet sounds you may have heard during the national anthem were courtesy of Ron Dukovich (RHS Class of 1993), Chris Chavtur (future Class of 2016), and former RHS vocal music teacher and choir director Bob Campbell. They're strongly supported in the brass section by Scott Crockett (1993) on tuba and trombone player Wayne Meichsner (Marshfield High School Class of 1997). Brian Swift (1999) anchors the woodwinds on tenor saxophone, balancing out flutes Laura Brandon (1993) and Jill Mast (1995) and me (1983) on the clarinet. Drummer Tarron Doyle (2011) on the drums helps to keep us together under the inspired leadership of our talented conductor, Aymee Pedder. It's a veritable multi-generational reunion each time we get together to

practice.

None of us except Mr. Campbell have been playing recently and regularly. In fact, for some of us it's been decades since we picked up and dusted off our horns, and if loose lips sink ships, we could have sunk an armada! Many of us no longer have horns of our own, but the RCCS band room has a full complement of instruments that are available for check-out to members of the band. Some require a bit of repair—I watched Brian Swift roll up a five-dollar bill to fix a leaky pad on his sax, managing to restore its sound and add value at the same time. Even with the flimsy embouchures and the many years that have passed since our last performances, I've been surprised to see how quickly the fingering and rhythms all come flooding back. And it is so much fun to make music together with a group of people committed to rekindling traditions and supporting Reedsport's community and school spirit.

There are frequent allusions during our practices to the legacy of Mr. Doug Pierce, Reedsport's memorable and gifted pep band leader who taught so many of us to play. We remember and try to emulate his scathing disregard for bands that play the national anthem like a funeral dirge.

We're composing a master list of the irreverent chants and cheers and sound effects he incorporated into our repertoire and trying to judge which have withstood the dual tests of time and political correctness. There have even been unsubstantiated rumors that we might be able to persuade him to return for a night of honorary directing.

In the meantime, though, we're pressing on in his venerable footsteps, expanding our play list and hoping to support the RCCS cheerleaders and crazy, face-painted student fans as we bring some live music back to Braves sporting events and cheer on our student athletes. If you play an instrument and would like to join us, please come to our practices each Sunday and Tuesday night in the high school band room (in the breezeway behind the cafeteria's walk-in freezer) at 7:00. More information is available on the RCCS website and on Facebook.

Let's hear it for the perfect Homecoming celebrations of 2013 and our amazing students and community:

Two bits, four bits, six bits, a dollar:

All for Reedsport, stand up and holler!

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Community Calendar

Boo!

Gala is 'Under the Big Top'

Oct. 23 Wednesday

■ Lower Umpqua Hospital Board — 7:30 a.m., conference room, hospital, 600 Ranch Road, Reedsport; regular meeting.
 ■ Reedsport Parks and Beautification Committee — 3 p.m., Reedsport City Hall, 451 Winchester Ave., Reedsport; regular meeting.

Oct. 28 Monday

■ Reedsport Planning Commission — 7 p.m., Reedsport City Hall, 451 Winchester Ave., Reedsport; regular meeting.

Nov. 4 Monday

■ Reedsport City Council — 6 p.m., city hall, 451 Winchester Ave.; work session.
 ■ Reedsport City Council — 7 p.m., city hall, 451 Winchester Ave.; regular meeting.

Weekly events

Mondays

■ Overeaters Anonymous 4-5 p.m., United Presbyterian Church, 2360 Longwood Drive.
 ■ Entertainment Night 6:30 p.m., Covenant United Methodist Church, 3520 Frontage Road.

Tuesdays

■ SAFE Drug/alcohol recovery support group 6:30 a.m., Highlands Baptist Church, 2500 Longwood Drive.
 ■ Instructor available at the Computer Learning Center 9 a.m., Covenant United Methodist Church, 3520 Frontage Road.
 ■ Al-Anon meeting 10 a.m., United Presbyterian Church, 2360 Longwood Drive.
 ■ Exercise class 10 a.m., Covenant United Methodist Church, 3520 Frontage Road.
 ■ Bingo 6 p.m., Eagles, 510 Greenwood Ave.
 ■ Coast Toasties Toastmasters Club 7:15 p.m., Reedsport Branch Library, 395 Winchester Ave.

Wednesdays

■ Douglas County Board of Commissioners 9 a.m., Douglas County Courthouse, 1036 SE Douglas Ave., Roseburg; regular meeting.
 ■ Preschool Story Time 11 a.m., Reedsport Branch Library, 395 Winchester Ave.
 ■ Soup's On noon, Covenant United Methodist Church, 3520 Frontage Road, Reedsport. Free lunch open to the public.
 ■ Bingo 1-3 p.m., Lower Umpqua Senior Center, 460 Winchester Ave., Reedsport.
 ■ Project Blessing food giveaway 1-3 p.m., United Presbyterian Church, 2360 Longwood Drive. The giveaway is open to everyone.

Thursdays

■ Rotary, 11:45 a.m., Bedrock's Pizzeria, 2165 Winchester Ave. (U.S. Highway 101), Reedsport.
 ■ AARP Food Pantry, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Henderson Park, Reedsport.
 ■ Exercise class, 1 p.m., Covenant United Methodist Church, 3520 Frontage Road, Reedsport.
 ■ Bingo 6:30 p.m., Lakeside Lions Hall, 890 Bowron Road. Doors open at 5 p.m.
 ■ Sing-along, 7-8 p.m., Covenant United Methodist Church, 3520 Frontage Road.

Fridays

■ AA women's meeting 10-11 a.m., United Presbyterian Church, 2360 Longwood Drive. Use High Street entrance. 541-361-6152 for information.

Monthly

Every second Monday: Achievement Compact Committee — 4-5:30 p.m., district board room, 100 Ranch Road; regular meeting.

Every second Wednesday: Lower Umpqua Economic Development Forum Board — 7 a.m., Aztlan Restaurant, 1281 U.S. Highway 101, Reedsport; regular meeting.

Every second Wednesday: Reedsport Community Charter School Board — 6 p.m., Braves Center, Reedsport Community Charter School, 2260 Longwood Drive; regular meeting.

Every third Wednesday: Reedsport School District Board — 6:30 p.m., Reedsport School District office, 100 Ranch Road; regular meeting.

Every fourth Wednesday: Lower Umpqua Hospital Board — 7:30 a.m., conference room, hospital, 600 Ranch Road, Reedsport; regular meeting.

Every second Thursday: Reedsport Chamber — 7:30 a.m. at Reedsport City Hall, 451 Winchester Ave., Reedsport.

First and third Thursday of month: Gardiner Reedsport Lions Club — 6:30 p.m., Bedrock's Pizzeria, 2165 Winchester Ave.

Every third Thursday: Gardiner Sanitary District — 6 p.m. at the Gardiner Fire Hall, 208 Marsh St., Gardiner.

Every fourth Thursday: Reedsport Chamber — 7:30 a.m. at Reedsport City Hall, 451 Winchester Ave., Reedsport.

Every third Friday: Reedsport Chamber of Commerce luncheon — Noon, location TBD. RSVP to 541-271-3495.

Every first Saturday: Knitting, crocheting and sewing group meets from noon to 2 p.m. at Reedsport Natural Foods, 1891 Winchester Ave., Reedsport. All skill levels are invited.

First Saturday of month: Gardiner Rural Fire Protection District, 10 a.m., Gardiner Fire Hall, 208 Marsh St.; regular meeting.

Third Saturday of month: Oregon Old-Time Fiddlers, District 5 — 1-3 p.m. with jam afterward, Winchester Bay Community Center. 541-759-3419

Every fourth Saturday: Reedsport Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast — 7-11 a.m., 626 Winchester Ave. Adults \$6, children \$3. Proceeds to Reedsport Community Charter School Youth Activities Program and Scholarship Fund.

Start rifling through closets and storage bins for that fabulous costume you know must be in there somewhere. It's time for the party of the year this Saturday night. The annual CDABA Gala takes place at the Community Building, where the basketball court will be magically transformed into a circus tent and the theme is (what else?) Under The Big Top. Come as part of the circus or part of the audience — costumes are encouraged but not mandatory. Bring your inner child along and go nuts on the circus treats. By the way, your inner child is the only kid allowed at this shin-dig. It's adults only for good reason, alcohol will be served.

If the Big Top isn't for you, at least come for the part of the evening when the band fires up. It's only \$10 to get into the show, and it's worth it. How often do we have live music around here anymore? There will be a no-host cocktail bar and "Soulpie" playing till the witching hour.

Find out more from the experts at the Mindpower Gallery or give them a call at 541-271-2485

Read all about it

Stock up on reading material at the Reedsport Library Autumn Book Sale. The sale is fun, and even though it's all on a Kindle or your iPad now, there's just nothing quite like opening up a real book. I love the smell of the ink and the bulk of a real book. Don't you? The sale is a great way to pick up a stack to work through with a new reader, or to spot one you've been meaning to read for years. The sale starts on Friday, Oct. 25 at noon till 4. On Saturday 10-4, and on Sunday it's the famous \$2 bag sale between 1 and 3.

Tell all about it

This is such a great opportunity — go get your calendar and write this down — a free class is being held for anyone who wants to promote events, performing arts, humanity programs or galleries along the coast. The class is sponsored by the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts and there are two in our neighborhood to choose from: at the Umpqua Discovery Center on Oct. 28, 1 p.m. or on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. at the Winchester Bay Community Center.

The two-hour class is well worth it if you want to learn more about how to how to spread the word on what you're planning. The whole idea is cooperation — from one community to the next, we pull together to let visitors know what's going on along U.S. Highway 101 in the coastal towns. What's good for one is good for all. The goal is to have visitors go a little farther, stay a little longer, spend a little more.

Check out the class and I'll bet we'll all learn something. For more info, call Joe Coyne at: 271-2103.

Learn all about it

Here's a topic near and

dear to my heart. Well, technically about four inches from my heart — breast cancer. There is so much hoopla about fundraising and awareness that it's kind of becoming a big pink wall, and since it's scary, it's easy to push thinking of it to the back of your mind. Well, snap out of it! All the pink ribbons and hoodies and coffee mugs in the world aren't going to help you if you don't make yourself vigilant about checking for lumps and catching it early.

It isn't enough to do self-exams, but you certainly should. You're the one who knows your body and what is normal and what's just not right. Ultimately it's you who holds your life in your hands. Literally. The mammogram is just a tool to help you know where you stand. Having a mammogram is essential, and not just when you find a lump. A "baseline" screening will be very helpful should a lump appear, so the diagnostic screen can be compared to it.

Maybe you think you can't afford it? You can. There are free screenings available at Lower Umpqua Hospital, courtesy of Rally for the Cure. Don't wait, the free service will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis. To qualify, you must be over 40 years of age, have an identified healthcare provider (a doctor, nurse practitioner or someone you see regularly to send the results to); live in the Lower Umpqua Hospital District; be in a low income situation; and have no history of abnormal breast conditions. Applications are available at the Family Resource Center, Reedsport Medical Clinic and Dunes Family Health Clinic. For more information, call the Family Resource Center at 541-271-9700.

There are also other programs out there to offset the cost of the mammogram, so don't let money be an obstacle. Do whatever it takes. Having breast cancer is much more expensive than any test. You're scared of how much the test might hurt? Get over it — it's a few minutes of moderate discomfort, but if you have cancer you can expect some real pain that will go on and on, and include a lot of torturous devices that make the 10 minute mammogram seem like a most welcome relief. And for forbid you should have a cancerous tumor — how much do you suppose you would pay to turn the clock back? Or what would you be willing to pay to buy back a healthy set of breasts? Get the mammogram! And remember, no one thing holds all the answers. Your own instincts are the best resource you have. If you're told all is fine but you know it just isn't right, don't let it go. Get another opinion and keep it as a priority till you have answers that feel right. Then you can buy all the pink paraphernalia you want without being part of "the club."

WHAT'S UP!



Nancie Hammond

Speak whale at the lighthouse

STEVE LINDSLEY
The Umpqua Post

Feel like speaking whale? The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is looking for volunteers to staff whale-watching stations on the coast during the fall and spring migrations of gray whales.

One of those stations is at the Umpqua River Lighthouse.

"We have, what we call, our call for volunteers," OPRD Interpretive Ranger Renee Fowler said. "That is available at our website, which is www.whalespo-ken.org."

The call for volunteers is part of the Whale Watching Spoken Here program.

"If they are able to go onto that website they can pull up that application and fill it out," Fowler said.

Before volunteers are able to staff the 24 stations on the coast, they're advised to take one of three training sessions.

"We would encourage possible volunteers to sign up for one of those trainings," Fowler continued, "so that they can be knowledgeable and ready to go out and educate and talk with visitors along the coastline about gray whales, their behaviors along with their migration."

The first of the training sessions will be held in Newport.

"That training will be Nov. 30 at Hatfield Marine Science Center," Fowler said.

That Saturday training will feature Dr. Bruce Mate, an expert on whales and director of the Oregon State

University Marine Mammal Institute.

Other training sessions will be held Jan. 11, 2014 at the Harris Beach State Park meeting hall in Brookings and Feb. 8 at the Nehalem Bay State Park meeting hall in Nehalem.

There is no cost for the training.

Volunteers who complete the one-day training can select a whale-watching site where they will be stationed to assist visitors in spotting gray whales and maintain a count of whales spotted.

"We ask that they sign up for two different volunteer times during the whale-watch weeks," Fowler said. "Winter whale watch week is Dec. 26 through Dec. 31 and spring whale-watch week, which is March 22 through March 29."

Whale-watching sites include the Umpqua River Lighthouse, Shore Acres State Park in Coos County and Cape Perpetua Center and Sea Lion Caves in Lane County.

"We chose these particular sites because they are nice overlooks, where you can have a great view of the ocean," Fowler said. "You can be looking for the (whale) spouts, which is what we're looking for to see those gray whales."

Fowler said volunteers usually bring a special kind of enthusiasm to the opportunity.

"It never really goes away," she said. "When you have the opportunity to see a whale, of any type ... it's just an incredible experience and



File Photo

"Ellie," (center) helps visitors to Umpqua Lighthouse State Park find gray whales during the spring whale migration off the Oregon coast. Volunteers like Ellie man the viewing stations on the coast.

a lot of the fun is to show others, and be able to share that with them. These whales are anywhere from 35 to 45 feet in length and it's just so neat to see such a huge marine mammal as it's going by during its migration."

Fowler said volunteers will stick to the overlooks and won't be going out in boats to have a close encounter with the whales.

Whales are usually spotted about three to five miles off the shoreline.

"We'll count those whales as they're going by," Fowler said. "We keep a tally of how many gray whales we're seeing at each of those 24 sites during those whale-watch weeks."

She said volunteers are crucial to the success of the program.

"We couldn't do this without the volunteers," she said. "The volunteers are what makes the Whale Watching Spoken Here program happen each year."

The program has been going on since 1978.

"It is such a fun experience for everyone involved," she continued. "Usually people do want to come back and volunteer again. They are passionate about it."

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 Wednesday bible Study.....7:00 pm

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2795 Frontage Road in Reedsport

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 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:45 am
 Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 pm

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October Events

Wednesday, Oct. 23

Mahaffy Pumpkin Patch noon-5 p.m., Mahaffy's, 10362 Highway 241-Coos River, Coos Bay.

Spooky Movie No.1 3:30-5 p.m., North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Ave., North Bend. A boy's dog is brought back to life with electricity. Refreshments.

Spooky Movie No. 2 6:30-8:15 p.m., North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Ave., North Bend. Mom tries to keep kid from the sunlight. Refreshments.

Thursday, Oct. 24

Mahaffy Pumpkin Patch noon-5 p.m., Mahaffy's, 10362 Highway 241-Coos River, Coos Bay.

Chilling Tales 7 p.m., North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Ave., North Bend. See other cultural celebrations. Not recommended for children younger than 10. Refreshments.

Friday, Oct. 25

Mahaffy Pumpkin Patch 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Mahaffy's, 10362 Highway 241-Coos River, Coos Bay.

Monster Bash 8 p.m.-midnight, The Mill Casino Salmon Room, 3201 Tremont, North Bend. Admission, \$13 or two for \$25. Ages 21 and older, no host bar, St. John Entertainment DJ. No simulated weapons or full face mask/makeup.

Halloween Party 9 p.m.-closing, Osprey Point, Lakeside. Costume contest, prizes, snacks, karaoke. No cover charge.

Saturday, Oct. 26

CDABA Fall Gala Dinner and Music 6 p.m., Reedsport Community Building, 451 Winchester Ave., Reedsport. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. Tickets \$50 per person or dance party only, \$10. Soulpie plays live music beginning at 9 p.m.

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p.m. Pony Village Mall, 1611 Virginia Ave., North Bend. Sponsored by the North Bend Police Officers Association. Admission: Adults, \$5 and under 12, \$4.

Thursday, Oct. 31

Annual Downtown Coos Bay Safe Trick or Treat 3-6 p.m. Participating businesses will have a pumpkin poster displayed in the store's window.

NBPOA Haunted House 6-midnight. Pony Village Mall, 1611 Virginia Ave., North Bend. Sponsored by the North Bend Police Officers Association. Admission: Adults, \$5 and under 12, \$4.

Trunk 'n Treat 7 to 8 p.m., Church of God, 2191 Birch Ave., Reedsport (across from the high school football field).

Halloween Party 9 p.m.-closing, Up The Creek Tavern, Lakeside. Costume contest, karaoke. No cover charge.

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LOCAL

Police chief

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Before a selection is made, Wright must also choose who will interview the candidates

on Nov. 12 here in Reedsport. There will be three panels doing the interviews, as well as the city manager interview, followed by an open house: "Meet the Candidates" over at the Umpqua Discovery Center. So, they will talk to a panel of law enforcement, a panel of city department heads and a

panel of general citizens."

The candidates will also meet with the city manager before meeting the public at the open house.

Wright said he will review the data received from the committees before he makes a decision.

"I imagine in a week, or two, I should know who it's going to be," he said. "First, we'd have a contract discussion and, if we could agree on a contract, that person would go into a background review."

Wright said two of the candidates are from Oregon, two are from Washington state and one each come from California and

Montana. One, he said, is "a local candidate."

Sgt. Tom Beck is the interim police chief. Wright did not say if Beck applied for the permanent position.

When Wright makes his selection he will notify the city council, but the city manager does the hiring and firing of all employees, except the city manager and the city recorder, which are chosen by the council.

"The city council doesn't play a part in the hiring of the police chief, but they will definitely be informed as the process evolves," he said.

Wright did approach the

council in early August about advertising to replace Fandrey a month after his death to ask about the timing.

"I was asking if they felt it was timely to open the recruitment," he said.

He wanted to make sure nobody, including Fandrey's family, would be offended by the timing.

Before a selection is made, Wright must also choose who will interview the candidates.

"Committee selection will be going on this week," he said. "We'll be notifying those that are invited to participate in the evaluations and making sure (Nov. 12) is confirmed with all the applicants."

Roblan

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We should come up with incentives that would bring another manufacturer

closure of American Bridge. "We don't make jobs and much as we make opportunity for jobs," he said, "i.e., fixing the rail line, fixing the roads and the infrastructure."

"From the legislative perspective, we sit here ready to help in any way we can. Finding that partner, who wants to partner with us for the long term, and use that kind of facility that's already

there ... it's a pretty amazing building for fabrication ... I would hope that someone would see the potential, there."

He said the federal government, the state, the county and the city should be able to come up with incentives that would bring another manufacturer to the site.

"I'm certain that we'll be open to whatever we can to get people back to work," he said.

Full disclosure: The Umpqua Post editor was the Communications Director for the Co-Speakers of the Oregon House (Roblan and Bruce Hanna, R-Roseburg) during the 2011 legislative session.

Lakeside facility is first in the state

By THOMAS MORIARTY
The Umpqua Post

LAKESIDE — State and federal officials will dedicate the state's first boat wash station in Lakeside on Tuesday morning.

State Rep. Caddy McKeown, D-Coos Bay, is expected to attend the dedication of the Tenmile Lake Invasive Species Boat Wash Station at 10 a.m. on Oct. 22 along with representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, Coos County Parks Department and Oregon State Marine Board.

According to Ashley Massey, public information officer for the Oregon State Marine Board, the station is the product of a partnership between the marine board, the Tenmile Lakes Basin Council, the Coos County Parks Department and the U.S. Forest Service.

The first of its kind in the state, the station consists of two pull-in bays equipped with hoses on spring loaded reels with low-pressure nozzles.

Water from the boat washing process drains into a filtered underground tank, and is eventually pumped into a settling pond away from the lake.

The facility is intended to combat the spread of invasive species in the lakes, a problem that's already taken root in recent years.

According to Mike Gray, district fish biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish



By Lou Sennick, The Umpqua Post

To help stop the spread of invasive waterborne plants and critters, two new boat washing bays have been set up at the Tenmile Lakes County Park boat ramp in Lakeside.

and Wildlife's Charleston field office, there are a number of threats posed by invasive species.

Currently, a number of invasive plant species have taken up residence in the lakes.

When the water gets really low in the summer, the plants can make it difficult for boaters to traverse the waterways.

"A lot of the homes on the lake are boat access only," Gray said.

He said the material released by dead plants as they break down can also contribute to algae blooms in the lake.

Another threat is zebra and quagga mussels, which have rapidly colonized large sections of the Great Lakes.

Gray said that the mussels don't pose as much of an immediate threat as some plant species.

"It's more likely that boats and trailers would potentially be transporting non-native invasive species from one body to another," he said.

Still, their possible introduction to the area isn't something marine managers take lightly.

"Basically, those mussels colonize anything in the water they can attach to," Gray said.

That includes water intake and outflow pipes, of the sort connected to many homes along Tenmile Lake.

"They colonize on both the inside and outside of the pipes," he said. "They could block any type of structure in the water."

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The Umpqua Post

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Sports



Matthew Rohde carries the ball for the Reedsport Braves on Friday night. The Braves beat Bandon in their annual homecoming game.

Contributed photo by Bethany Hedges

Braves get homecoming win

THE UMPQUA POST

Reedsport's football team now has beaten two of the hybrid Sunset Conference's three Class 3A schools after topping Bandon 34-22 on Friday night in a game that was closer than the final score suggests.

The Braves go for the hat trick at home Friday night against Glide.

Reedsport coach Shane Nelson said the win over the Tigers was similar to the Braves' earlier win against Coquille — Reedsport built a big early lead and Bandon battled back before the Braves prevailed on homecoming night.

"I'm very proud of the way our boys fight back when things look bad, and handle adversity," Nelson said.

Reedsport was ahead almost instantly Friday night, recovering an onside kick to start the game and quickly getting a touchdown run by Matthew Rohde and a two-point conversion pass from Haden Sams to Tyler Tresh.

The Tigers then drove nearly the length of the field before Cameron Winfield intercepted a pass and Reedsport marched downfield, getting another touchdown by Rohde and the two-point conversion as well for a 16-0 lead.

Bandon had two touchdowns in the second quarter, sandwiched around a Joey Herr touchdown run for the Braves, and Reedsport led 22-14 at halftime.

Reedsport scored on its first drive of

the second half, another touchdown run by Herr, and Bandon responded to cut the lead to 28-22.

Bandon had a long drive in the fourth quarter before a pair of big Reedsport defensive plays preserved the lead. Egan Glover had a sack on third down and Rohde broke up a pass on fourth down.

Reedsport then used most of the clock before fumbling deep in Bandon territory inside the final minute. The Tigers threw three incomplete passes and then Glover sacked Bandon's quarterback in the end zone, forcing a fumble that Brian Fox recovered for the final touchdown.

"This was a good, hard-hitting game," Nelson said. "Bandon really controlled us in the trenches."

The Tigers were able to move the ball with their fullback — Coleton Jackson scored two long touchdowns — and the Braves had to resort to outside running plays and passing when they had the ball.

"Haden Sams did a great job on his reads and made nice throws all night," Nelson said. "We missed on some deep balls, but all in all, the passing game looked really good. The offensive line did a fantastic job of pass protection, with just one sack allowed."

The game again showed how outstanding Reedsport's team leaders are, Nelson said.

"I'm just really proud of the way the boys come together when the momen-

tum swings to our opponent," Nelson said. "We have great leadership and the kids really believe in each other. They are able to come up with big plays when we need them most."

"We don't have many upperclassmen, but the ones we do have really have put it upon themselves to set an example for the younger players about how to do things right and play with full effort all the time."

Rohde had another big night for the Braves, with 196 yards of total offense, and Sams continued his outstanding season at quarterback, completing 14 of 22 passes for 192 yards with the only interception on a Hail Mary pass the final play of the first half. Rohde had eight catches and Tresh four.

Hayden Hinshaw also ran the ball well and made a couple of touchdown-saving tackles.

"Jordan Ragan is a rock on both sides of the ball and is always helping make sure the younger players know their assignments on both sides of the line," Nelson said. "Senior leadership at its best."

Glover led Reedsport's defense Friday with 11 tackles, including two sacks. Winfield had nine tackles and Hinshaw and Jared Billings had eight each.

Reedsport improved to 5-2 overall and 2-1 in league play. Glide, this week's opponent, is 1-2 in league after losses the past two weeks to Coquille and Gold Beach.

Junior high team finishes year 4-2

THE UMPQUA POST

Reedsport's junior high football team finished the season with a 4-2 record, with late-season wins against Marshfield's seventh-grade JV team and Myrtle Point before a loss to North Bend in the season finale.

The Braves beat Marshfield 40-27 on Ruppe Field in a game that included only the seventh-graders on Reedsport's roster.

Reedsport got early touchdowns on a 13-yard pass from Nick Glover to Anthony Calderon and a 30-yard run by Gage Billings. Joseph Paramo added the extra point run after the second touchdown, and when Glover hit Calderon again in the second quarter, Reedsport led 19-0.

After a Marshfield score, Glover ran 60 yards for a touchdown on a quarterback bootleg and hit Michael Standley for the extra point.

Marshfield added two more touchdowns, one on an interception, before Paramo gave Reedsport a 33-20 lead through three quarters on a 23-yard touchdown run.

Billings added a 45-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

"I think Gage had close to 150 yards rushing on the night and really saw the field well," said Reedsport coach Todd Harrington. "Joseph Paramo really ran the ball as well as he has all year and gave us a big boost. We had some key turnovers that really helped us out."

The Braves followed that victory with a 42-13 win at Myrtle Point.

Marc Chaney hooked up with Ray Wilson for three touchdown passes in the first half and Tyreece Gardner also hit Wilson with a touchdown pass. Kyle Barnes converted a few point-after-touchdown kicks, which are good for two points each in junior high.

Standley had an interception return for a touchdown that gave Reedsport a 34-7 halftime lead.

"In a span of about 90 seconds, we scored three times, putting them away," Harrington said.

He was able to switch players around in the second half.

"We played a lot of kids this game, as well as the two previous games, and all the kids really stepped up and held their own."

Paramo had a touchdown in the second half. Dovic Patin, Cody Readan, Gardner and Ray Wilson were solid on defense.

The Braves lost their season finale 32-20 to a North Bend eighth-grade team.

Chaney had touchdown passes to Calderon and Wilson in the first quarter and a 40-yard toss from Chaney to Wilson gave Reedsport a 20-16 lead in the third quarter, but the Braves couldn't hold on.

"We played really well," Harrington said. "We scored three times on their varsity eighth-grade kids. I was proud of the way these kids battled."

The loss did not hamper what was a good season.

"We had a lot of really good things happen this year that these kids can build on," Harrington said.

Reedsport plays well at tournament

THE UMPQUA POST

As the regular season winds down, Reedsport's volleyball team got a great tuneup for the playoffs Saturday when it competed in the annual Marshfield Invitational.

"It's a different level than we're used to," said Reedsport coach James Hixenbaugh of playing against all larger schools, some of which try different styles of offense. "Overall, we played well."

The Braves again showed they are one of the South Coast's best clubs, advancing to the championship bracket with a strong effort in their morning pool.

Reedsport lost both its games to Hidden Valley, one of the state's top Class 4A teams, 26-24 and 25-14. (The Mustangs later lost their first match of the season when Siuslaw beat them in the quarterfinals.)

The Braves then swept a pair of Far West League teams, beating South Umpqua 25-17, 25-15 and Brookings-Harbor 25-16, 25-15.

In the championship bracket, the Braves went against Grants Pass, the largest school in the tournament, which had dominated its pool in the morning.

Reedsport easily won the first game against the Lady Cavers, but then fell in the second game 25-23. In the third game, Reedsport fell behind early, but came back to grab the lead and was in front 14-12 with two chances to win the match. The Braves

couldn't convert either of them and ultimately fell 16-14.

"We were so close," said Reedsport's Gabby White. "I was so proud of how we played against Grants Pass. We played up to our potential."

That's something Reedsport hopes to do this time of the year.

The Braves had a big game with Glide Tuesday night (results were not available by press time) and finish the regular season Thursday against Myrtle Point at home.

Then they meet Bonanza in the special district playoffs, with the winner grabbing the district's top seed to the Class 2A playoffs.

Bonanza is currently ranked No. 6 and Reedsport No. 7. Before the weekend tournament, the Braves won a pair of Sunset Conference matches.

The Braves pounded Gold Beach 25-7, 25-8, 25-8.

Mariah McGill had 10 kills and Gabby White had eight kills, three blocks and four digs. Kaylynn Hixenbaugh had 32 assists and the aces and Bailey Tymchuk had seven digs and four aces.

Then the Braves outlasted Bandon, 24-26, 25-17, 25-17, 22-25, 15-6.

White had 13 kills, seven blocks and five digs in the victory. Tymchuk had 15 digs and Hixenbaugh had 26 assists.

That improved Reedsport's record to 9-1 in league play with this week's two matches remaining.

BOWLING SCORES

Brunch Bunch

Oct. 17

Leading team: Dockside Gifts 21-3. High game team: Dockside Gifts 432. Individual high game: martha 170, anny 167, pat 167. Individual high series: pat 462, ruth 438, dette 428. Splits picked up: pum 2-7, linda 3-10, jean 4-5-7, helen 3-10, jacky 2-7, ruth 3-10.

Gutter Gussies

Oct. 15

Leading team: Pin Pals 20-4. High game & series team: Ocean Garden 2521 & 1789. Individual high game: Corinne 193, Ruth 180, Kathy w 199. Individual high series: Pat 497, Corinne 517, Kathy M 508. Splits picked up: pat 2-7-8, Linda 7-9, dette 3-10, denise 5-6-10, CJ 3-10, kathy m 3-6-7-10, 3-10, kathy s 5-6-10, 5-7, martha 5-10, ruth 2-7-8, cora 6-10.

Umpqua League

Oct. 14

Team standings: Fryer Rock No. 1 15-9, Wells Creek Inn No. 2 12 1/2-11 1/2, Fryer Rock No. 2 11 1/2-12 1/2. High team game scratch: Fryer Rock No. 1 374, Wells Creek Inn No. 2 344, Fryer Rock No. 2 339. High team series scratch: Fryer Rock No. 1 971, Wells Creek Inn No. 2 958, Fryer Rock No. 2 927. High team game handicap: Fryer Rock No. 1 469, Wells Creek Inn No. 2 447, Tie: Wells Creek Inn No. 1 & Fryer Rock No. 2 436. High team series handicap: Wells Creek Inn No. 2 1267, Wells Creek Inn No. 1 1263, Fryer Rock No. 1 1256. Individual high game scratch: Caryn 192, Grace 191-188-170, Margie 182, Pum 180. Individual high series scratch: Grace 549, Margie 488, Jacky 485, Caryn 483. Individual high game handicap: Caryn 239, Grace 237, Phyllis 235. Individual high series handicap:

Grace 687, Jacky 662, Phyllis 644. Splits picked up: Caryn 5-7, Jacky 5-10, Phyllis 3-8-10, Grace & Luci 3-10.

Sunday Night Mixed Social

Oct. 20

Leading teams: Dohickey Bowlers 17-11, Pica Shiz - Old Hippies - Odd Balls 16-12, Crazy Balls 10-18. Team high game scratch: Pica Shiz 764, No Bodies 668, Crazy Balls 630. Series scratch: Pica Shiz 2214, No Bodies 1953, Crazy Balls 1722. Game hdp: Crazy Balls 968, Dohickey Bowlers 956, Old Hippies 950. Series hdp: Old Hippies 2777, Dohickey Bowlers 2753, Crazy Balls 2736. MEN high game scratch: Eldon 251 (86 pins over average), Harvey 234 (55 pins over average), Ron 215. Series scratch: Harvey 593, Rocky 590, Ron 582. Eldon 571 (76 pins over average). Game hdp: Eldon 311, Harvey 280, Jerry 266. Series hdp: Eldon 751, Harvey 731, Mike 711. WOMEN

game scratch: Lucy 183, Micah 167, Gladys 165. Series scratch: Lucy 500, Micah 462, Mary 447, Kathy 257 (62 pins over average). Game hdp: Kathy 247, Linda & Denise 246, Gladys 243. Series hdp: Kathy 737, Linda 712, Gladys 676. Converted splits: Gladys 2-7 & 5-8-10, Harvey 5-7, Taylor 3-4-6-7-10, Big H 2-7, Mike 3-8, Lucy 4-5-7. REMINDER: Bring food on the 27th.

Wednesday Seniors

Oct. 16

High Series: Harold 604, Gladys 521, Jay 492, Brad 479, Ron 473, Ervin 470. High Games: Harold 213-205-186, Gladys 204-166-151, Jay 191-155, Brad 179-152, Ervin 171-162, Don 163, Ron 162-155, Jean 152-145. High Doubles Partners: George & Gladys 451-388, Harold & Jay 431, Brad & Pauline 395, Don & Ervin 378. Splits Picked Up: Jean 5-10, Ron 2-4-10, Gladys 3-10. Gladys had a clean game of 204.

Salmon success comes by bait and bobber

Bait and bobber anglers continue to account for most of the salmon being caught at Winchester Bay.

A few salmon are still being taken by boat anglers and the Jerry's brand of herring is once again available. The most successful bait anglers are using both salmon roe and sand shrimp for bait. The few boats that are still trolling herring for salmon in the lower Umpqua River are fishing just inside the bar, since they can only keep Chinook salmon in the ocean and that will close at the end of October.

According to Gary at Snowy River Mercantile, a

tackle shop in Wells Creek, fishing for both coho and Chinook salmon have been good from below Wells Creek all the way to Tyee and above with the best bite occurring at daybreak — or shortly thereafter.

Bottomfishing at the South Jetty and Triangle area has been largely ignored. There has been some fishing pressure at the offshore bottom fishing spots out of Winchester Bay. Scott Howard of Strike Zone

OUTDOORS AND MORE



Pete Heley

Charters got clients into limits of sizable lingcod and fair numbers of rockfish. Some of the lingcod have been big. Bob Carrier fished last week with some of his friends and one of the lingcod they landed weighed a few ounces less than 30 pounds — and that was after a couple of hours of

dehydration and being bled. The jumbo lingcod certainly weighed more than 30 pounds when first caught. The meat of a lingcod

isn't as dense as the meat of a salmon and any lingcod that actually weighs an honest 30 pounds is truly a gigantic fish.

Smallmouth bass fishing continues to be surprisingly good for this time of year. Afternoon fishing for large-mouth bass also can be good — but low weedy water may limit lure options.

Most of the fishing pressure directed at yellow perch has been at Tenmile Lakes, but Saunders Lake can be a "sleeper" for perch. However those trophy rainbows recently planted in Saunders seem to be pretty much caught out.

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