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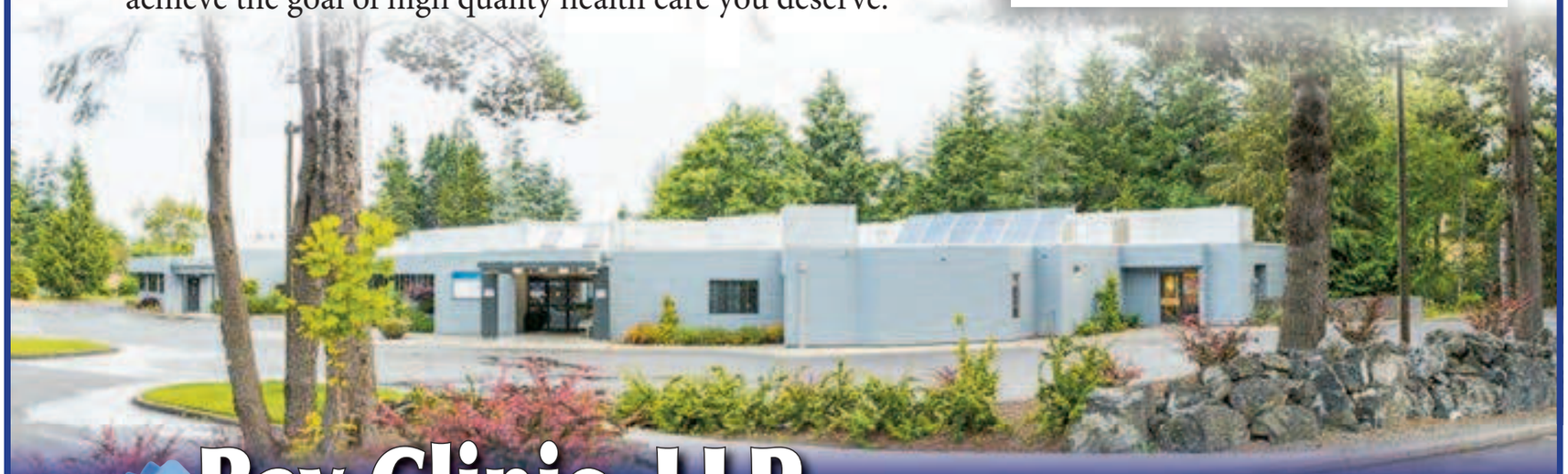

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King said he has a simple philosophy when it comes to running a business.

"What I try to do is meet the needs of my customers," said King. "I want to be the resource to find what customers need. If the customer needs a specialized item, like a particular kind of produce or meat, I want to find exactly what the customer

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Coquille Valley Produce & Deli serves customers in Coquille.

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needs and wants."

King does the by stocking the freshest products in both the store and the deli.

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King does not run his business single handedly. His wife Stacy runs the deli side of the business while King handles the grocery side. His children—one of five—also helps out at the store when they're not in school.

"My son Paxton comes by in the afternoons and helps wherever he can and tells customers to 'have a good day' as they leave the store."

King has also expanded the variety of goods since he bought the store, including the addition of craft beers, local wines, pies, frozen fruit and locally-raised pork and beef to the inventory.

King also is receptive to what the customers think.

"I try to develop little personal relationships with people," he said. "This keeps my customers coming back."

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Community involvement is a vital part of a successful business, according to King.

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King said he will continue listening to his customers and make every effort to provide the quality goods that they've come to expect to find at Coquille Valley Produce and Deli.

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Bomb Burger at Yeong's Place.

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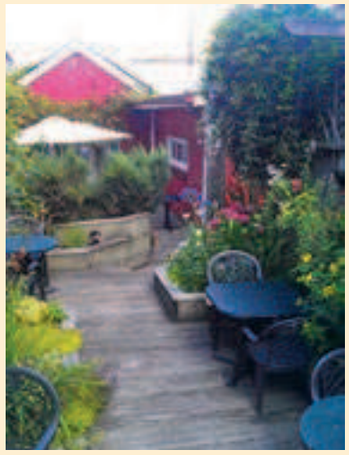

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Ian Ciccarelli poses in his North Bend restaurant with a scallop dish.

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Best Dinner

Coach House Restaurant & Lounge

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Little Italy is 2017 World's "Best Of" Best Italian Food. At top: A calzone. Above: Maximo's Favorite is penne pasta with broccoli, artichokes and Italian sausage in garlic, oil and Parmesan cheese.

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FOOD & DRINK

Best Meal Under $20

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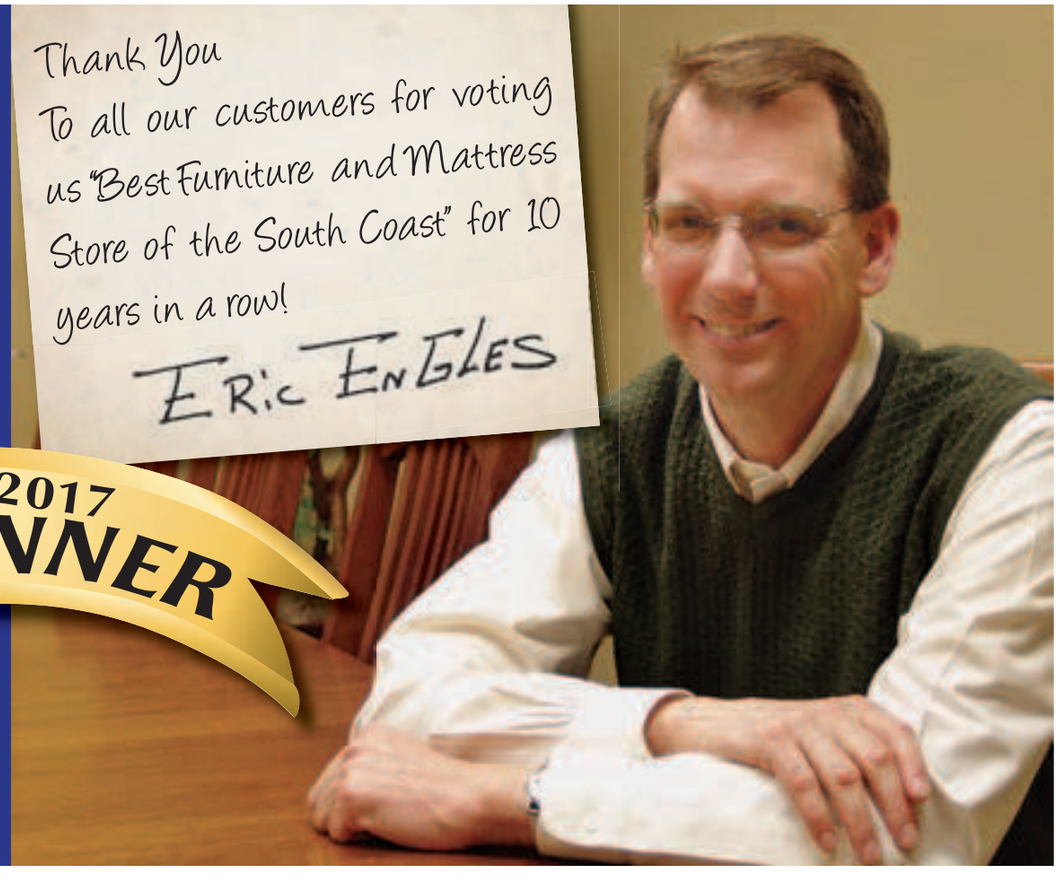

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Best Produce

Safeway

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Best Restaurant

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Benetti's Italian Restaurant

The portobello mushroom ravioli with French onion soup at Ciccarelli's in North Bend.

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Benetti's had been a landmark on U.S. Highway 101 since opening in 1979. The restaurant closed after a long, successful run on Labor Day Weekend.

BENETTI'S

RON JACKOMOWICZ
The World

When you stick around long enough in the restaurant business you become a landmark for the city you are in.

Benetti's was one of those landmarks in Coos Bay, serving guests for the past 38 years.

Year after year, readers of The World have voted Benetti's as one of the best restaurants in the area. This year was no exception, with the restaurant taking favorites in the following categories: Best Italian Food and Best Restaurant.

With the recent announcement of the closure of the restaurant, it gave me a chance to sit down with owner Joe Benetti, who has been there since the beginning back in 1979.

The restaurant served its final meal on Sunday, Sept. 3 and closed its doors for good following a special community thank you event on Labor Day.

When Benetti's opened, it was a deli that served Italian specialties in the room that is now the dining room.

Over the years, he's seen it expand into a restaurant, then grow when they took over the building next to their's to create the lounge and expanded dining area.

In a more recent incarnation, Joe hired David Rosenberger as Benetti's executive chef and they have gotten into catering.

"David took us to a different level," Joe said.

On a recent night, Benetti's catered a wedding with 300 guests, helped cater the Drunken Botanist event for 215 people at the Coos History Museum and did 200 meals that night at the restaurant.

Not bad for a place that started as a deli.

"When we opened in 1979, there's no way I could have envisioned us doing 700 meals," Joe said.

One thing that has been there since the beginning was the minestrone soup.

"Our minestrone soup is known and liked by everyone," he said. "I will continue to make the soup. I'll find a com-

Benetti's opened to good press and it continued throughout their run. Seen here is a cover story on the Sept. 21, 1982 edition of People Pleaser, and a February 1998 review in The Whole Shebang, an entertainment and lifestyle magazine.

mercial kitchen and find a cold packer to ship it. And I'll be keeping the website."

From humble beginnings, Benetti's served more than 20 gallons of soup every day.

"We serve 21 gallons of soup a day. Three batches, seven gallons each."

The doors on the left, as you look at the restaurant from the street, was the original entrance. The original menu board was still hanging on the front wall of the lounge as a decoration right up until closing.

"When we (Joe and his first wife, Marie) came here in 1978, our intent was to take over the Chandler and remodel... It turned out to be more than we could handle."

So they found another building to lease, the old home of the Wooden Ship Record Company.

"We leased this facility, it had an upstairs and a downstairs. It was retail space.

"We remodeled two rooms upstairs and made it into an apartment."

The deli concept only lasted for about one year.

Within the first year, things around Coos Bay started to change.

"The economy and the dynamics changed," Joe said. "When GP (Georgia Pacific) closed and The Hub closed you didn't have the downtown shopper and the lunch crowd was not here. So we added dinners."

The restaurant concept began.

"Probably five years after we opened, we went to dinners only," Joe said. "Those were very tough times, but our local support has been great. We've been a dinner house since then. That term (dinner house) is a little more formal than we were. We wanted people with kids, or people coming off fishing boats to feel comfortable coming in."

It was always a place where people felt comfortable.

Benetti's has been reviewed well since they opened.

Marie shared a couple of the restaurant reviews from the earlier years. In September 1982, the restaurant was featured on the cover of People Pleaser.

Writer Donna Brietzreutz wrote: "Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa may have captured the hearts of many Americans. The real triumph of Italian culture, however is in the grass root kitchens of genuine Italian stock like the Benettis. The personality of Italy is wrapped up in each ravioli served in the restaurant. Like the exuberance of the Italian people, the tastes of Italy come through strong and clear at Benetti's."

In 1998, BeBe Bardot wrote in the publication The Whole Shebang, "The entire munu at Benetti's is amazingly appetizing and the environs are elegantly cozy." She later added, "Benetti's opened on January 19th, 19 years ago. He credits his wife, Marie, as having the wellspring of knowledge that built the restaurant from its humble beginnings as a deli to its glorious stature today. We second those kudos!"

Joe Benetti has been a pillar of the community in Coos Bay, serving on the city council and as mayor. He also sits on several boards as well as owning a wildly popular restaurant.

The World also has done several articles about Benetti's over the years.

Recently, Sports Editor John Gunther and I shared a meal with Executive Editor Larry Campbell on Larry's next to last day at the paper. Larry hadn't eaten at Benetti's in his time at The World but wanted to before he left for Washington.

We had a wonderful meal upstairs.

Joe and Marie divorced, but the restaurant kept its course.

Joe remarried Tricia and Benetti's expanded again. This time they took over the building next door and opened the lounge.

"The lounge was Tricia's idea," Joe said. "She wanted a place for people like Kathy Erickson to come in by themselves."

He explained that the unique fountain that separates the lounge from the entry area was Tricia's dad's idea.

"He built it down at Oregon Connection in two pieces, then finished it here.

"It's a neat piece."

Joe doesn't see other restaurants as competition necessarily.

He and Tricia used to eat at other local restaurants and on their travels, always on the look out for better ways to do things.

He remembered a local restauranteur asking him if he'd ever tried escargot at the restaurant. "We tried it," Joe said. "It's been on the menu ever since."

On a Portland trip, they tried a panna cotta and came back and told David to add it to the menu.

"In the restaurant business, you have to be able to change," he said.

He's been part of a trade group for a number of years now.

"We can work together, and we can all thrive," Joe said. "There's nothing wrong with helping another restaurant."

"We've evolved. Competition creates good things.

"When Max opened with Mama Mia and Porta opened with Alex and Keiza, you have to be on your game."

The friendliness between the restaurants continued right to the end.

"We had a group of 40 booked in September," Joe said. "At the time, I thought we'd still be here. I talked to Ian (Ciccarelli) to see if he could take it, he said 'Sure.'"

Joe's been there from the start, but one of his employees, Shawn Cragun has been there nearly as long.

"He's our longest tenured employee – 25 years," Joe said. "He started as a dishwasher and has done busing, serving and cooking. Now he also gets involved with the catering. He did the Drunken Botanist."

"It's bittersweet. All good things must come to an end at some point. I look forward to seeing the new owners and what they do with it."

Joe Benetti, on the restaurant's closing

Joe went on, "He started out just wanting a job. He found his place here. He cares about the customers.

"When Tricia was sick, it was employees like David and Shawn who held this place together when I was gone."

People flocked into Benetti's after the announcement of the closure and Joe visited with guests who have been coming to the restaurant for years.

"It's been really enjoyable. They tell me how Benetti's has been part of their life. It feels good," he said. "They tell me about proms and special occasions. It's been fun hearing the stories."

"The restaurant has afforded me the opportunity to meet many people. Fantastic people. I've forged friendships. It's a great piece of my life.

"This has made the Coos Bay, North Bend area my home. I'm going to stay. People will see me out and about."

He did say closing the restaurant would be tough.

"It's bittersweet," he said. "All good things must come to an end at some point. I look forward to seeing the new owners and what they do with it."

Joe said that items from the restaurant that the new owners didn't want would go to an auction to benefit students at Southwestern Oregon Community College.

Items from the restaurant are being auctioned off at: www.biddingowl.com/Auction/home.cfm?auctionID=12550 The proceeds all go to the Tricia Benetti Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship was started in 2015 in memory of Patricia Benetti. It helps students pursuing a culinary or business-related degree. The winning bids are tax deductible.

Joe said wine bottle fountain from the lounge will be among the items up for auction.

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What Bristow is referring to is the added variety of goods and services that Owners J.R. and Tracy Morgan have brought to the hardware store since acquiring the business about six years ago.

"We've added such goods as guns and ammunition, fishing gear, sporting goods, a flooring department. clothing and gardening to this store for customers," Bristow said.

Bristow said the philosophy of the owners and employees of the store is to provide customers with what they want and need.

"We try to establish ourselves as above and beyond for our customers," said Bristow. If we don't have something, we try and help our customers find it and see if we can get it."

As an example, Bristow said they work with dairy farmers to provide for their irrigation needs in Myrtle Point and the Coquille Valley, a service that Hometown Hardware did not have prior to the Morgan's acquisition of the business.

Bristow said the Morgans are also very involved with the community and does its best to support local events and youth sports.

Employee training makes Hometown Hardware's mission to provide the best in customer service possible.

"Our employees are cross trained in all departments, Bristow said. "We have created a culture that makes this store a positive and upbeat place to work."

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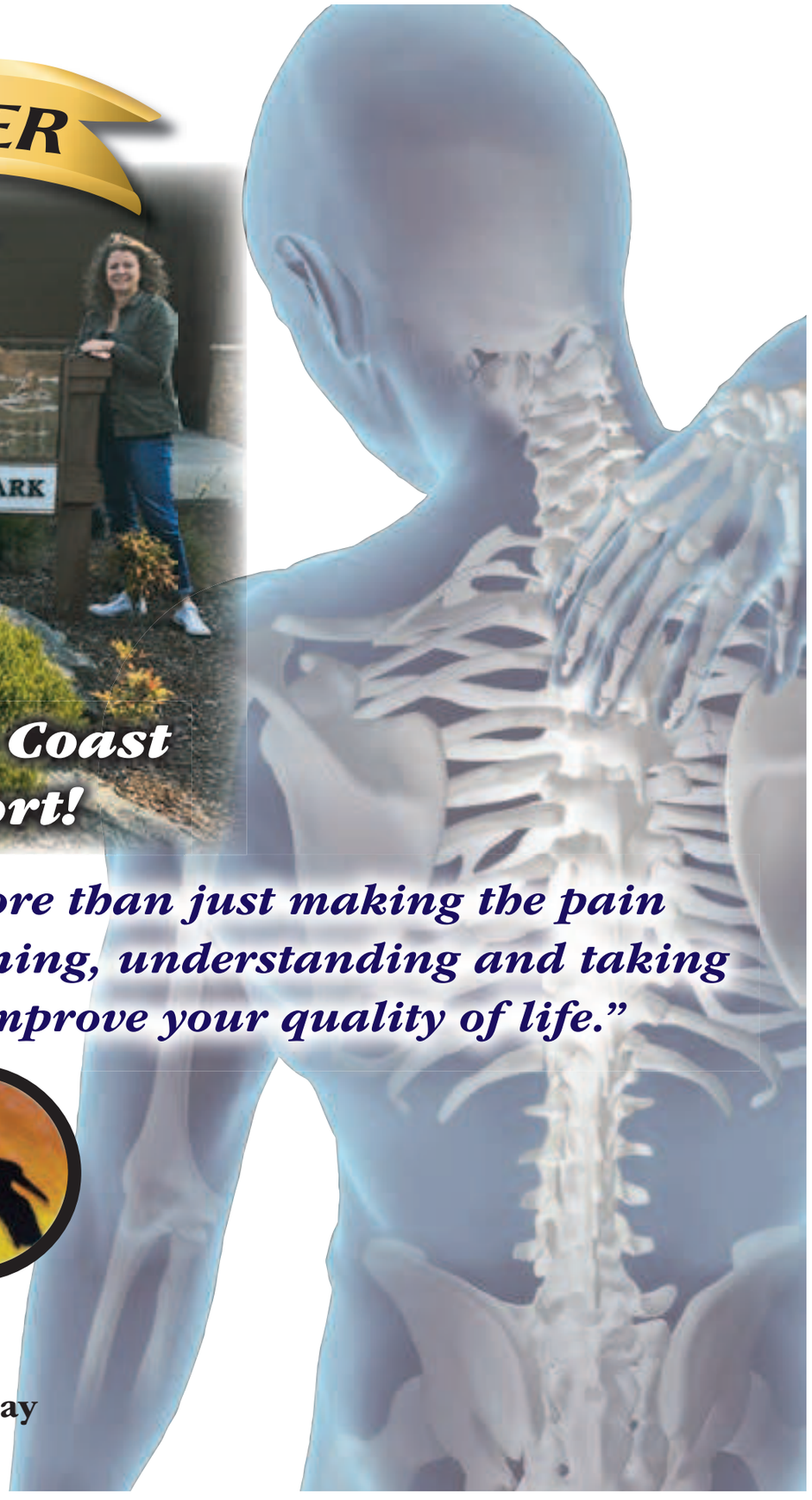

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Dr. Bryon Blackwell adjusts Beth Burback's arm during a visit to his practice at Bay Area Chiropractic Center in Coos Bay on July 13, 2017.

Patient interest in chiropractic care rises

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The World

COOS BAY – "Dr. Google" may be a joke, but it's making chiropractors more popular.

Dr. Bryon Blackwell works out of the Bay Area Chiropractic Center on 632 Anderson Avenue, treating up to 60 patients a week.

"Chiropracty is gaining interest because people are becoming more aware of their health," Blackwell said. "Google, the internet, is helping people with that awareness. Ignorance is decreasing. People are getting more educated on their symptoms and because of that people are no longer wanting to take another pill for something. People are more willing to entertain other kinds of treatment."

Common reasons people visit Blackwell range from headaches, low back pain, arthritis, and even to sharp pain in their chests. Blackwell had one patient who had found herself in the ER twice, which was important to rule out a heart attack, but she had no solution. All she needed was to get a work up at his office and he took care of it.

"If you're wanting to do long term maintenance, the key is to keep motion in your joints so there isn't decay," Blackwell said. "When the muscles get tight and you don't move, you get spinal degeneration or decay. Your body is smart and conserves energy, so if you aren't using it, it won't use it. Discs only get fluid with motion, which is why it's so important to move."

There are over 700 techniques that chiropractors can choose from to treat patients. The more tools they have, the better they are at helping.

Blackwell became interested in joining the field because his family doctor growing up was a chiropractor.

"I went to him for any minor issue," Blackwell said. "As chiropractors, we are considered primary care physicians, depending on the state. Oregon is primary care. We don't do medication, so we look at things differently."

Since finishing his medical degree, Blackwell has had patients tell him before or after a session that they had been skeptical but their minds were changed.

Chiropracty gets a bad rap from other professionals, but yet it has stood the test of time, having been used for thousands of years throughout Asia.

"The old saying with chiropracty is it's always a bone out of place, but that's not true," Blackwell said. "Sometimes it's just the brain not communicating with part of the body correctly, so what they found with our treatments is that certain parts of the brain will light up. We take muscles through their full range and use tools to increase the volume of information we're sending. It is like connecting the telephone wire. It's simple but specific."

The key to making chiropracty work is to give it time.

"Every person's body responds uniquely to the treatments," he said. "You just have to give it time. It's not like fast food."

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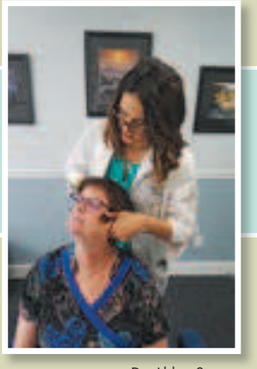

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HILLTOP HOUSE

RON JACKIMOWICZ
Cuisine editor

I was quite honored when our General Manager, R.J. Benner, informed me that he wanted to add a special category to our "Best Of" edition. He wanted me to select the restaurant of my choice to write about.

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It set me to thinking about which restaurant I would choose. I've eaten at hundreds of restaurants over the 11 years I've been doing Cuisine. Over the past 14 months, I've dined out at least once a week for our U.S. Highway 101 series, and then my lunch series with sports editor John Gunther for the first eight months of this year. We tried not to duplicate any of the highway restaurants from the 2016 series, so that makes right around 60 different restaurants in the area over that period.

So I had a lot to consider.

Without any further ado, here is my choice ...

NORTH BEND – Chef Joseph Zamora has been working at his trade for 48 years, and he's learned a few things along the way.

One of those things is that dining out is an experience, and he wants that experience at Hilltop House to be good for you from the time you walk in the front door to the time you finish off dessert.

"We have such a great crew," the chef said, sitting at one of the tables in his dining room. "They love to be here, and we're blessed to have them."

It's unusual to see the chef in his own dining room, relaxing with a cup of coffee and looking out the windows over the water in Haynes Inlet, out over the dunes in that same area where the sun would be setting a few hours later.

Usually when I've stopped in to see the chef, he's working away in the kitchen, quickly pacing from one area to another making sure every meal is perfect before leaving the kitchen. We talk while he works.

When I showed up for this interview, he was snapping green beans for one of that night's side dishes.

Our interview was wide ranging, hitting on topics from his crew, to his beginnings in the restaurant business to his favorite foods. We even chatted a little bit about our golf games (neither of us is very good, but we love to play).

RON JACKIMOWICZ PHOTOS, THE WORLD
Chef Joe Zamora specializes in steak and seafood dishes at the Hilltop House restaurant and lounge. Hilltop House was honored again in this year's "Best Of" voting, earning favorite status in the Best Dinner category.

I even found out that he has worked in the oil fields in Alaska, and had 140 people working for him at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. Those are stories for another time.

There are a lot of things to like about the Hilltop House. I enjoy the fact that I get the same service from his staff whether he knows I'm in the restaurant or not. I always order iced tea with my dinner. I like that while I'm chatting with everyone else at my table, I don't realize that my glass has been refilled until I go to get another drink.

I'm also a huge fan of the food. One of my favorite meals of all time was at Hilltop House. Autumn and I took a couple out to dinner who had just bought a house, so we were out celebrating.

On the specials board that night was something called Seafood Roulade and is made with a huge scallop, salmon and Dungeness crab and a mornay sauce that goes well with all three.

I ordered it, and so did the gentleman we were with.

Halfway through the meal, he turned to me and said, "This may be the best thing I've ever eaten."

I had to agree.

This year, I've been to Hilltop House twice and tried different things off the menu, both of which have become favorites of mine.

On Mother's Day, Autumn and I took mom and her friend out since this is probably the first Mother's Day I've spent with my mom in probably three decades.

That night I had the seafood lasagna, which Chef Zamora said is probably his favorite meal on the current menu.

"It's not something you see every day," he said. "It's a little on the rich side, but I think that's my favorite."

Always tweaking his menu, he told me that he's actually improved the seafood lasagna since I was there for Mother's Day.

I find it hard to believe, but I'll have to try it again to find out.

The other time I was in, I had the charred tiger prawns with the chimichurri sauce.

"I've also changed the chimichurri sauce to a sweet and hot sauce," he said.

I've got to imagine it will be just as good.

So how early did Chef Zamora know that the restaurant business was in his future.

"It's in my Sicilian blood," Chef Zamora said. "Even when I was very young, I was doing crazy things cooking.

"When I was 13, I cooked my girlfriend duck. I heard of duck a l'orange – I had to make it for her. She liked it."

At 13 he's cooking duck a l'orange. I'm 53, and still haven't had it.

"In my ninth-grade yearbook, one question was 'What are you going to do when you grow up?' – I'm going to be a chef."

"There were no doubts in my mind."

Lucky for us he listened to himself.

"I have a passion for this," he said. "I love to see people eat what I cook. Like a big barbecue — everyone likes it. I feel like a big barbecue back there every night."

So after working in big hotels, for Boeing (where they served 20,000 meals a day), in the oilfields, on fishing vessels and four of his own restaurants, which is the toughest?

"Of all the places I've been to and cooked, the toughest job I've ever had is here.

"I've been here 15 years. People come here knowing what they want and how they want it. They expect it to be good every time."

It's no surprise to the chef that a lot of his guests time there visits around sunset.

"A lot of them do," he said. "There's not another view like this with the water, the dunes and the trees. It's a beautiful setting."

I managed to get him out of the kitchen for an hour before a van from The Mill Casino showed up in the parking lot, bringing in his first customers of the evening.

He chatted with his guests for a moment, asking them their names and where they were from. I headed out the front door, and he headed for the kitchen.

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Dr. Megan Holland celebrates 10 years in Bandon

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BANDON — Celebrating 10 years in Bandon is a milestone for Dr. Megan Holland, physician at Southern Coos Health Clinic and medical chief of staff for Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center.

It's the longest she's lived and worked anywhere since beginning her medical career.

To be voted as the favorite physician on the South Coast by The World's 2017 "Best Of" poll is an honor on top of that milestone.

Holland moved to Bandon in 2007 and worked in private practice for five years at Bandon Family Medicine, then two years at the Bandon office of North Bend Medical Center. She's been with Southern Coos Health Clinic since it opened in 2014 and was instrumental in helping set up the clinic.

"The idea of a hospital clinic goes back to (former CEO) Jim Wathen," Holland said. "He wanted to open a primary care clinic, but for different reasons, it just wasn't the right time then. When Charles Johnston came on board, he approached me about opening a clinic on the property."

She moved her practice into a trailer next to the hospital for nine months while the new center was being completed on the SCHHC campus. When the new clinic opened, the wound and kidney transfusion care clinics also moved into the building.

Holland was excited to work for SCHHC because she feels the philosophy of the hospital aligns with hers.

"They've been extremely supportive of how I practice medicine, which includes spending more time with patients and not feeling like I have to push people through," Holland said. "It takes a lot of time to look at and really manage the complex medical issues that people have. I don't want to short-change them."

Holland takes a biopsychosocial medical approach to her patients—the idea that every medical problem has at its heart the individual's unique biology, psychology and social situations.

"You're not just treating the person, you're looking at the whole picture. It's that longevity with patients that allows you to do that and that extra time in the exam room. It's a privilege and that's what makes it meaningful for me. You feel you've helped people and at the end of the day you've made a difference."

AMY MOSS STRONG, BANDON WESTERN WORLD

Dr. Megan Holland

Holland was born in Seattle but grew up mostly in Arkansas, yet still considers herself a "Pacific Northwesterner." Her family moved back to Washington and after high school she attended the University of Washington for her undergraduate degree. She then attended medical school at the University of Rochester in upstate New York, doing so as a single mother of two boys. She completed her residency at Central Washington Family Medical in Yakima, Wash., and worked on the Yakima Indian Reservation in Wapato, Wash., before moving to Bandon.

"I've told girls who were single mothers and struggling with what they are going to do that they can do anything they want to," Holland said of juggling medical school as a single parent.

She is now married to Craig Holland and they have a blended family, with Megan's two boys, Jacob and Brenden Shamloo, who both graduated from Bandon High School, and Craig's son Michael and daughter Christina. With the children grown and out of the house now, the couple is finding more time to enjoy other activities.

Holland is a travel bug and loves going on road trips, as well as hiking and camping.

"I love just getting in the car and going places," she said. "I've made a point of being in every state in the United States, either for vacations or conferences. Now I'm just working on traveling to other countries."

She also loves to read, something she often does at the Elk River, where the couple owns a trailer parked on a friend's property. It's her peaceful place and where she escapes with her dogs. Holland's favorite reading genres are fantasy and science fiction and her favorite book is "The Name of the Wind," the first book of the Kingkiller Chronicle Series by Patrick Rothfuss.

Holland sees a lot of positive growth happening at Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center. The clinic is only three years old and already experiencing growing pains. New hospital CEO JoDee Tittle has a real vision for the hospital, Holland said. A new physician, Dr. Kelly Reed, has been hired and she specializes in internal medicine. Dr. Noel Pence, who also holds a degree in internal medicine, has been hired as a hospitalist. He is the son of Dr. Stan Pence, a surgeon at SCHHC, who has an office at the clinic with Holland. A family nurse practitioner, Elizabeth Ogunnaike, has also recently joined the staff at the clinic. SCHHC is also fortunate to have podiatry available with the full-time services of Dr. Babak Baharloo.

SCHHC has also partnered with Bay Clinic to bring visiting doctors to Bandon, such as an allergist and a kidney disease specialist, and the hospital is looking at partnering for other services with Coquille Valley Hospital in Coquille and Lower Umpqua Hospital in Reedsport. A licensed clinical social worker is also being sought.

Holland is excited about the additional staff and upcoming changes, as well as new innovations in the medical field that will help her and others at SCHHC treat patients more comprehensively.

"When I told my family I wanted to be a doctor, my grandparents said 'no, you're way too soft-hearted, you'll never make it,'" Holland said. "But that soft-heartedness makes you a more empathetic physician. And it's really what makes it rewarding—walking and talking with people on their road of life."

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One of the staples for the chater company is for customers to practically always catch rock fish, as well as personal attention.

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BETHANY BAKER PHOTOS, THE WORLD
Betty Kay Charters has taken groups out on the ocean to fish for the past 40 years.

Betty Kay Charters

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"We have a dedicated staff and that's why people like us," Whitmer said. "We provide a good service with excellent employees who care about customers and care that they have a good experience."

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The fishing attraction is popular with families. Children as young as seven years old are allowed on the boat. For Whitmer, watching one of those kids catch a fish and get excited is one of the biggest rewards.

"It's a positive thing for these kids and good for them to be outdoors and enjoying recreation rather than sitting inside with an iPad," she said.

Even though the charter business has thrived under the Whitmers, they are putting the business up for sale. After 27 years of working in Charleston, they say it's time.

"We want the right individual to take over and run our operation," Whitmer said. "We want to make sure that whoever takes over still provides a good service to visitors and locals."

For more information about how to book a charter, visit www.bettykaycharters.com.

"We provide everything but the fishing license."

Margery Whitmer, Betty Kay Charters
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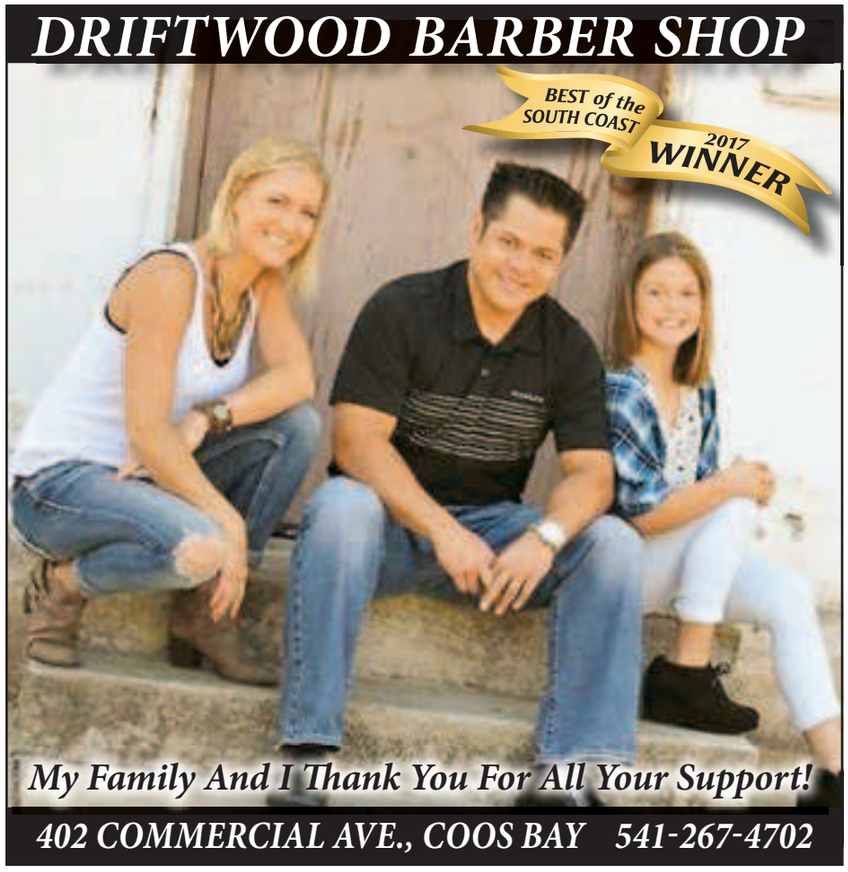
BETHANY BAKER, THE WORLD

'Speedy' Gonzalez, the filleter for Betty Kay Charters, fillets fish after a charter boat returns to the Charleston Marina on Friday.



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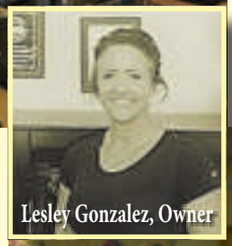
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SOUTH COAST — Les Schwab Tire Centers has captured the Best Customer Service overall award for all of its operations.

The honor comes with this year's "Best Of" special publication, which highlights top businesses in various categories.

Additionally, the Les Schwab firm took the category of win for Best Tire Shop.

Tracey Easton works as the manager at the Coos Bay location and spoke of what this means for the South Coast, including its Reedsport business.

"As a whole, Reedsport is one of our smaller service areas," Easton said, adding that only five employees work at Reedsport. "You know, they do the best they can with what they've got."

Les Schwab management require drug tests of all employees.

"And we do random drug tests also," Easton said. "I'm pretty sure that keeps people away with marijuana being legal."

"I mean, we work hard here," the manager emphasized of the entire corporation. "It's not an easy job. It's just go, go, go. We expect our guys to hustle."

He explained part of the company philosophy, saying "we want to get them in and out as quickly as possible." So for example, a driver may have tire problems and he said "it's inconvenient to have that."

The emphasis is placed on "taking care of them and helping them out."

"And that's part of the reason we do flat tires for free," Easton said.

The Reedsport location opened in the mid-1970s but he added that "that was when Stamper's owned it." Then the Les Schwab personnel bought the Stamper's property in 2000.

Ed Bransen works as the Reedsport branch's manager.

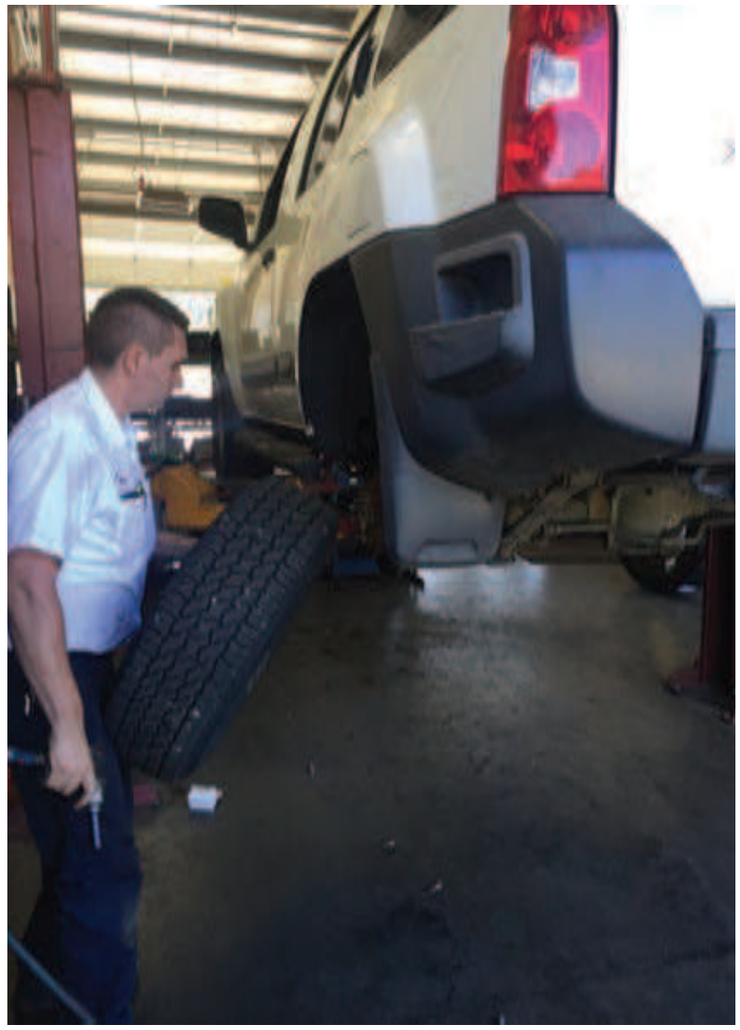
Easton praised Bransen and his employees.

"As for being a partner store, he's always been willing to help out," the Coos Bay manager emphasized. Because of the Coos Bay location being larger "we trade product a lot."

"In these small towns you just need the steady face," Easton said, adding that one of the Reedsport employees has been there 15 years. "Somebody you can go and talk to."

The Northwest company has a Facebook page.

The Reedsport business is located at 174 16th Street right on Highway 101 and Easton said Les Schwab has a Facebook page. Phone: 541-271-3601.



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Reedsport Les Schwab Assistant Manager Chris Hutcheson replaces brakes on Aug. 17.

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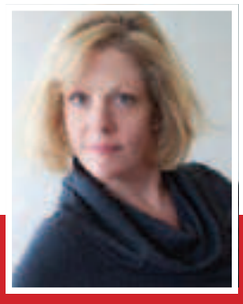

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Dragonfly Farm is also becoming an area destination, complete with picnic area, a kids' playground, dog-friendly yards, beautiful gardens and shade areas, and an adorable gift shop with locally-made products.

When the mother-daughter duo started their horticultural adventure in 2014, selling seeds, plant starts, and potted plants at the Bandon Farmers' Market, they decided to take a leap and open their own nursery.

Jenine is quick to point out that they know what they are growing. "It is important to us that the plant starts from the seed or the cutting here on the farm, so we know where it comes from. Anything we use here is organic"

Located on the family acreage, where Pam raised her children, the property used to be a rare plant greenhouse in the 1940s. One of the two current greenhouses is built right onto the old foundation.

When told they had been voted one of the Best Nurseries on the Southern Oregon Coast Jenine responded with "I am super excited, it's been a struggle getting this up and going, to have this kind of response makes us want to push harder."

Dragonfly Farm also has recently hired a manager, Cody Nutsch, to help with a variety of duties, from the day to day operation to the financials. Cody will be the right arm to Jenine and Pam, so they can do more of what they love, growing.

Dragonfly Farm has several events planned throughout the year, and one of the most successful was the Earth Day Celebration last April. "It was crazy" piped Jenine, "we never expected so many, and a few times we were out of parking." The Earth Day Celebration featured live music, food along with arts and craft vendors. Master Gardeners were on hand to provide advice and demonstrations.

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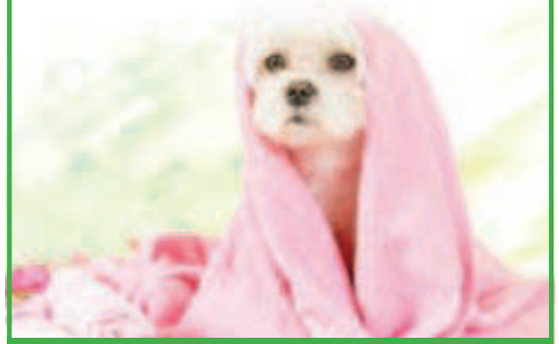

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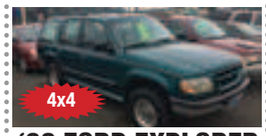

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Ed Youngblood, a supervisor at Denny's Pizza, prepares a pizza in the kitchen.

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An employee points at a historic photo in a window believed to be an original dating back to the late 1800's. Hometown Hardware, placed as a favorite for the Best Business of Myrtle Point 2017.

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