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A WINDOW TO A NEW LIFE

Astoria man finds his way in historic restoration

Chris Gustafson, owner of Vintage Window Restoration, takes several windows at a time from Astoria to Albany, where he restores them in his workshop.
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In the trough of the Great Recession, fifth-generation Astorian Chris Gustafson was a logger, choker-setter and handyman in his early 20s just trying to make a living.

"I was just working," Gustafson said. "The economy tanked, and I didn't know what to do."

One of his employers at the time, local woodworker Tim Kennedy, suggested he go back to school.

Six years later — and four since becoming one of the first graduates of Clatsop Community College's historic preservation and restoration program — Gustafson came back to

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Astoria as the head of Vintage Window Restoration, a busy niche company he operates out of Albany. He is fixing windows in Fellowship Hall for the First Presbyterian Church.

Keeping it original

Fellowship Hall, a Carpenter Gothic-style structure designed by famed local architect John Wicks, was built in 1936 as an annex to

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Cape D scales back places to fillet

Agencies point to concerns about water pollution, sea lions

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CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT STATE PARK, Wash. — Thousands of fishermen flooded the Lower Columbia River last week in search of salmon, but options for cleaning their catch on the Long Beach Peninsula just dropped by two.

Washington State Parks closed two fish-cleaning stations — including one designed by architect Maya Lin as part of a larger art installation and in connection with the Lewis and Clark bicentennial — amid concerns over sea lion control and water quality issues.

"It is safe to say they will not reopen this fishing season," Virginia Painter, communications director for Washington State Parks, said Friday.

Banner Buoy 10

But the closure occurred right in the middle of an extremely busy Buoy 10 salmon fishery. Last week, sport fishermen kept 17,800 Chinook; for comparison, in 2014, from the time the fishery opened at the beginning of August and through this same week last year, fishermen had only caught and kept 17,400 Chinook total. Already, cumulative catch of Chinook is edging over 29,000 fish and more fishermen than fishery managers say they have seen in years are coming to the Lower Columbia River area to cast from boat and from shore.

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ACROSS THE LINE

Street vacation request gives Seaside City Council pause

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SEASIDE — A swimming pool is already in place and owners are eager to sell their property on Holladay Drive in Seaside.

But before they can, members of the Poole family seek a street vacation from the city to rectify construction by original owner Bob Poole.

"Dad got over the line a little bit in a few places and we're trying to clean it up," Wayne Poole said at Monday's meeting of the Seaside City Council.

Councilors withheld a decision, citing public utilities on the property and the risk of setting a precedent.

"What will you do for the next person who comes in here and wants a street vacated because of an improvement that was erroneously, or for whatever means, placed in a public right of way?" asked City Attorney Dave Van Thiel.

Crossing the line

On behalf of the Marianne Poole Trust, land surveyor Dale Barrett of Otak Inc. submitted a request in July asking the city to vacate a portion of 21st Avenue encroached by the Poole's property at 2025 N. Holladay Drive.

When the property was developed, areas crossed into the western stub of 21st Avenue. The street section under consideration is 15 feet by 43 feet and contains part of a swimming pool installed by the family in 1976.

Sea stars rebound after wasting away

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CANNON BEACH — Sea stars are making a comeback after a mysterious wasting disease killed off more than 90 percent of the population.

In July, Haystack Rock Awareness Program staff found 82 sea stars, mostly ochre and six-rayed starfish, at their north boulders location. Of those, only one had signs of wasting and it was a lesion restricted to one area. But it will take a long time before the species fully recovers.

Melissa Miner, a research associate at the University of California, Santa Cruz, with MARINE, the Multi-Agency Rock Intertidal Network that surveys sea stars along the entire West Coast, said populations are

still low and, because they are slow-growing animals, it will likely be a decade or longer before numbers return to prewasting syndrome levels.

"There's always this desire to be optimistic about it, but the sea stars were impacted a lot," Miner said. "It'll be awhile before they recover."

No one is worried about the animals going extinct, she added.

Melissa Keyser, interim coordinator of the Haystack Rock Awareness Program, said the sunflower and ochre sea stars are considered keystone species as major intertidal predators. Because of their impact on the ecosystem, if they ever died off, "it could be catastrophic for Haystack Rock," she said.

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A Haystack Rock Awareness Program member holds a deteriorating sea star in 2014.

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