

Fall chinook runs look to be big

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COLUMBIA RIVER — Another record return of fall chinook salmon is likely on its way, according to preliminary estimates released Feb. 13.

Fishery managers with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife are predicting an estimated return of 900,200 adult fall chinook. It would be the third largest return on record dating back to 1938. Returns in 2013 — a total of 1.2 million adults — remain the highest on record. Last year, the second highest return, came out to 1.1 million adults.

Commercial and recreation-

al fishermen alike reported an amazing season last year and Pacific County, Wash., ports were clogged with boats coming and going. Charter boat companies said it was taking them more time to get to fishing spots than it was taking for anglers to land their limit in salmon.

The majority of the return would be made up of upriver stocks produced beyond Bonneville Dam, and fishery managers predict a record high of upriver brights. Managers expect a return of 500,300 upriver brights this year which would make it the third highest year on record. Last year's URB return totaled 684,200. The year before that was even higher at 784,300.

Many of these fish will end up at the Hanford Reach area of the Columbia River, Priest Rapids Hatchery and areas upstream of Priest Rapids Dam and the Snake River.

It is important to note that "record returns" refer to the modern period during which accurate scientific counts are kept. In the period before official records, runs are believed to have been many times as large as they are now.

The preliminary forecasts are made as part of the North of Falcon season-setting process which begins next month. Final preseason predictions will likely be released mid-April. For more information, go to: <http://1.usa.gov/1ws5irE>



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Salmon fishing guide Dave Grove, left, nets a fall chinook for David Moershel while fishing on the Columbia River near Desert Aire, Wash., Sept. 8. Hundreds of thousands of salmon made their way from the ocean up the Columbia River last fall.

Sutton receives Horatio Alger scholarship

The Horatio Alger Association gives away hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarship money to students all around the country.

And earlier this month Maddie Sutton, an Astoria High School senior and Clatsop Community College Upward Bound program participant, was awarded a \$7,000 scholarship from the association to attend a four-year postsecondary institution of her choice.

"This scholarship will help me further my education by giving me the opportunity to attend the college of my dreams," said Sutton. "I am considering studying education when I go to college. My career plans at this point are to graduate college and work in the education field."

Sutton has a wide range of interests but she also takes time to help other people.

"My personal interests include hiking, working, spending time with my family and friends, and cadet teaching. My senior project was volunteering with kindergartners, which inspired me to continue as a cadet teacher," she said.

The CCC Upward Bound program is dedicated to helping high school students prepare for college. Sutton's Upward Bound adviser, Moria Golub, as part of the broad array of services she provides, helped Sutton apply for scholarships and submit applications to the colleges of her choice.



Submitted photo
Astoria High School student Maddie Sutton, also a participant in Clatsop Community College's Upward Bound program, earned a \$7,000 scholarship the Horatio Alger Association to attend a four-year postsecondary institution of her choice.

"Given her academic effort in high school, her high level of involvement in her community and school and her overwhelming potential to succeed at college, Maddie is the perfect candidate for such an esteemed scholarship," said Golub.

The Horatio Alger Association Scholarship is given to students who have overcome adversities and hardships in their lives and succeeded in spite of those challenges. The scholarship also requires that the student has a desire to complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution, has critical financial need and is involved in co-curricular and community activities.

Pedestrian injured in crash

By The Daily Astorian

A 33-year-old Astoria resident was transferred by Medix Ambulance Service to Columbia Memorial Hospital Wednesday evening after running across an intersection and being hit by a vehicle.

Astoria Police responded to the crash at 7:25 p.m. at Marine Drive and 23rd Street.

Officers found a vehicle, driven by Nels Rasmussen, 91, Astoria, which had a damaged windshield and a pedestrian, Tyson Ybarra, who was complaining of pain and had a small laceration to his head, according to police.

According to witnesses, Rasmussen was traveling west on Marine Drive when Ybarra ran north into the roadway, crossing at the intersection and nearly col-

liding with another vehicle traveling east.

Ybarra was wearing clothing which did not contrast with his surroundings, police said.

Oregon law allows for the crossing of streets at any intersection, whether it has a marked crosswalk or not, according to police. The law also requires pedestrians to exercise due care.

"In this instance it does not appear that Mr. Ybarra exercised even the slightest bit of care in crossing the state highway," Police Chief Brad Johnston said. "Pedestrian safety requires both pedestrians and drivers to work together to reduce crashes. Wearing contrasting clothing, making eye contact and ensuring that vehicles have begun to yield prior to entering the lane are the basic actions to protect oneself in traffic."

Latino students get a tour of college

On Friday, approximately 25 Latino high school students from Astoria and Seaside High Schools visited the Clatsop Community College campus to explore opportunities for continuing their education.

The group was welcomed by CCC President Lawrence Galizio. They listened to a panel of current CCC Latino Club students discuss their experiences. A campus tour was followed by lunch with students and faculty. One highlight of the lunch was the creation of instant ice cream using liquid nitrogen by faculty member Randy Weese and his chemistry students.

Information sessions regarding admission to CCC, financial aid and a variety of student support programs were also provided.

This first-time event to introduce Latino students to Clatsop Community College was planned and

funded by the CCC Latino Club, which repeatedly has been named the Most Active Club on campus and regularly sponsors campus events such as tamale sales and Dia De Los Muertos celebrations to raise funds for scholarships. Members also engage in a variety of community service activities.

"Our Latino Club students not only strive to succeed in their own classes, but also act upon a deep sense of obligation to better our community through service to others," said club adviser Eileen Purcell.

The visit by Latino students precedes CCC's Senior Preview Day which is 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday.

The day's activities are designed to help seniors learn about the numerous programs and opportunities available at CCC and why it's an affordable option.

Seaside students cut loose with 'Footloose' this Friday

SEASIDE — About 25 Seaside High School students have been singing and dancing since January, preparing to bring the school's spring musical, "Footloose," to the stage.

The show opens Friday, with additional performances Saturday and March 5 through 7. All shows begin at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

When Ren and his mother move from Chicago to a small farming town, Ren is prepared for the inevitable adjustment period at his new high school. What he isn't prepared for are the rigorous local edicts, including a ban on dancing instituted by the local preacher, determined to exercise the control over the town's youth that he cannot command in his own home.

When the minister's rebellious daughter sets her sights on Ren, her roughneck boyfriend tries to sabotage Ren's reputation, with many of the locals eager to believe the worst about the new kid. The story that emerges is of a father longing for the son he lost and of a young man aching for the father who left him.

Luke Surber, Claire Ogilvie and Joseph Harkins are in the lead

roles of Ren McCormack, Ariel Shaw and the Reverend Shaw. They are supported by students Patrick Leary, Lucy Swenson, Haylie Bell, Bekah Cox, Phoenix Miller, Jordan Davis, Ethan Taylor, Annie Stafford, Isabella Curcin, Kara Ipson, Jake Malone, Logan Griffin, Joshua Strozzi, Chasity Cozzitorto, Sabrina Anderson, Adam Morse, Nathanael Ward and Ilse Robledo.

Vocal and music direction is by Vanessa Unger. Allison Wilski is directing and choreo-

graphing for the first time at Seaside High School. Lenore Morrison is the producer.

A live band will perform the musical's Oscar- and Tony-nominated score. The soundtrack album reached No. 1 on the Billboard charts and has sold over 15 million copies.

The score is augmented with new songs for the stage.

The band consists of Julie Smith on piano; Bill Siewert, bass guitar; Drew Weil, drums; and Drew Weil's father, Joe Weil, on guitar.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults; \$6 senior citizens and

students; \$4 for students who present their SHS ASB card. Tickets are purchased at the door.

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