

Woman dies after jump from bridge

By The Daily Astorian

A 54-year-old Astoria woman died early Wednesday morning after she jumped from the Astoria Bridge, landing in the alley way between the Holiday Inn Express and behind the Dunes Hotel.

Astoria Police were dis-

patched to the incident at 4:25 a.m.

The woman was identified as Carrie Barnhart.

Astoria Police Chief Brad Johnston said his department had responded to several previous reports that Barnhart was suicidal. The most recent being on April 16, when po-

lice found her on the Astoria Bridge intending to commit suicide.

At the time, police transported her to Columbia Memorial Hospital for a mental health evaluation by Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare. Two hours later, police were asked to return to CMH and take

Barnhart home since Clatsop Behavioral was not going to commit her, Johnston said.

Wednesday morning, passersby reported the Maritime Memorial Park was blocked off while crews, including Astoria Fire Department, cleared the scene.

Downtown district joins Main Street Program

The Astoria Downtown Historic District Association has been designated an accredited National Main Street Program by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The downtown association met the commercial district revitalization performance standards set by the National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the trust.

Each year, the National Main Street Center and its partners announce the list of accredited Main Street programs in recognition of their exemplary commitment to historic preservation and community revitalization through the Main Street Four Point Approach, the foundation for local initiatives to revitalize their districts by leveraging local assets.

"We congratulate this year's nationally accredited Main Street programs for their outstanding accomplishment in meeting the National Main Street Center's 10 Standards of Performance," said Patrice Frey, president and CEO of the National Main Street Center.

The Main Street Four Point Approach includes standards such as fostering strong public-private partnerships, securing an operating budget, tracking programmatic progress and actively preserving historic buildings.

Astoria's Downtown Association continues to work with the city of Astoria, partnering organizations and volunteers,

who collectively gave more than 4,500 hours to the downtown association last year.

"It has been critically important for ADHDA to be part of the Oregon Main Street program; utilizing their structure and resources to aid Astoria in revitalizing the organization and downtown energy," the Downtown Association's Board President Dulcye Taylor said of the accreditation. "Being recognized on a national level is an incredible honor, validating that we are doing the right stuff here in our tiny, little town."

The Downtown Association, a nonprofit, has spearheaded several beautification projects; organizes events like the Pacific Northwest Brew Cup, Second Saturday Art Walk and the upcoming Downtown Cleanup May 3; and continues to work with the downtown community to further improve and enhance downtown.

Its 2015 Jane Barnes Revue, a cross-dressing celebration of the first European woman in Astoria and a fundraiser for the Downtown Association, attracted an audience of 190 and raised \$14,000 for its efforts.

Membership in the Downtown Association is open to individuals and businesses regardless of location. If interested in participating, contact Alana Garner at 503-791-7940 or Alana@astoriadowntown.com



Submitted photo

Brian Kettner, pictured with his grand prize winning fish at last year's Astoria High School fishing derby. The event is repeated Saturday at Coffenburg Lake.

AHS fishing derby is Saturday

WARRENTON — The fifth annual Astoria High School Aquatic Biology Fishing Derby Fundraiser is from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Coffenburg Lake. Prior to the

derby, Coffenburg Lake will be stocked with roughly 60 rainbow trout raised by AHS Aquatic Biology students.

Tickets are \$10 each and the top prize is a guided winter steel-

head fishing trip on the Oregon North Coast with David Johnson Guide Service (a \$200 value). Other prizes include hundreds of dollars in local gift cards and gear donated by local businesses.

All funds raised will directly support the hands-on and beyond the classroom learning techniques that students active in the AHS Aquatic Biology Program experience.

County to participate in statewide emergency radio exercise

Clatsop County Emergency Management Division will be one of 27 counties statewide to participate in a radio operator exercise Saturday.

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service "QuakeEX I" exercise is being hosted by the Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

Radio operators will test maximum amateur radio emergency communications capabilities in each county. More than 200 people in the 24 counties along with 14 medical facilities will be a part of the exercise.

In Clatsop County, the exercise will take place between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the county's

Emergency Operations Center in Warrior Hall at Camp Rilea.

The event is in preparation for "Cascadia Rising," a large regional exercise designed to simulate a scenario like the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami that will drastically impact normal communication capabilities in the state.

"We know that when a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake strikes our state many of our standard modes of communication will be down making the work of the amateur radio operators extremely important," Andrew Phelps, director of the Oregon

Office of Emergency Management, said.

A Cascadia earthquake with a magnitude of 9.0 or larger will likely cut-off all forms of communication other than amateur radio, according to the state Office of Emergency Management.

About 1,000 of 18,000 licensed amateur radio operators in Oregon are registered and trained to support emergency manage-

ment and response efforts.

"This is the largest statewide emergency communication exercise of its kind Oregon has ever conducted," said Terry Pietras, OEM communications officer. "This training will provide a realistic experience that tests the capabilities of county and state amateur radio auxiliary emergency communications units to prepare for a worst case scenario like Cascadia."

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Seddy was born in the countryside of Washougal, Washington. He got his start in Orenco, Oregon before he and his family moved to Astoria in March of 2004. The move suited him well as he got the job as Personal Greeter at the family business.
He loved his work, because he loved each and every person who came through the door. Many coming 'just' to see Seddy. On his days off, he enjoyed chasing squirrels in the back yard and running through the surf at the beach near Surf Pines. But mostly he loved his job greeting people.
There will be a memorial showing of Seddy's namesake movie, "Young Frankenstein" at the Columbian Theater on April 26th at 2:00pm. Everyone is welcome. Anyone wishing to honor his memory can make a contribution to Clatsop Animal Assistance at www.dogsncats.org
He had many fans, and he will be deeply missed.