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Veteran on mission to save outdoor spaces

Matthew Zedwick served his country and now protects his home

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hiking, camping and fishing with his family back in Oregon.

He wanted nothing more than to hike Saddle Mountain, climb Smith Rock and fish for brook trout in a secluded lake in the Cascades with his uncles. Thoughts of home helped

Zedwick, a Corvallis native who now lives in Astoria, make it through difficult days serving with the Oregon Army National Guard 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry during a yearlong deployment in Iraq in 2004. "When I was in the desert, I

wanted to come home to Oregon. It's so incredibly beautiful here and it's home," Zedwick said. "It's what we swore to defend and swore to maintain, and it's something we need to leave our future generations."

Now back home in Astoria, Zedwick, 34, co-owns the Columbia Veterinary Hospital with his wife, Kristin Zedwick, and

serves as an executive officer with the Oregon Army National Guard at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas.

Vet Voice

He recently found a way to assist his fellow soldiers by joining the Vet Voice Foundation, a



Matthew Zedwick

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Sneak a peek at cruising to Astoria



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The Crown Princess visited Astoria Thursday. Passengers enter the cruise ship through the fifth deck into the Piazza, an opulent, three-story lobby reminiscent of a grand hotel. View a photo gallery online at <http://bit.ly/1bJDH16>

And so it begins, visitors by the thousands explore our place

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Standing in the bridge of the Crown Princess Thursday, nearly 200 feet above the Columbia River, was British Capt. Justin Lawes.

Lawes is the master of the Crown Princess and its crew of about 1,200, from an estimated 40-plus countries, who keep the ship moving safely and more than 3,000 guests happy. The vessel is the first and most populous of the cruise

ships visiting Astoria this year.

"It's almost like managing a small city," Lawes said, adding that he started his captain's career on a banana boat with 12 passengers, making runs between the Caribbean and the United Kingdom.

Lawes worked his way up through several years of cargo vessels to Princes Cruises, where he's captained at least seven other vessels, starting with the Pacific



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Passengers wander into Astoria from the Crown Princess.

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'We can't hide our head in the sand'

Radio journalist discusses her work covering Hanford at Columbia Forum

By DERRICK DePLEDGE
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Anna King found beautiful stories in a dangerous, ugly place.

In "Daughters of Hanford," a 12-part radio series for the Northwest News Network, the Richland, Wash., correspondent documents some of the women whose lives have intersected with the Hanford nuclear site.

The World War II and Cold War-era plutonium production source for atomic weapons is among the world's most complicated toxic stew, posing severe environmental hazards not far from the banks of the Columbia River in southeastern Washington state.

In the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's glossary, "Daughter products" is the term used to describe isotopes formed by the radioactive decay of other isotopes. King's radio series explores how women helped form — and were formed — by Hanford.

'Beautiful stories'

"I just think these are beautiful stories," King said during a Columbia Forum talk Thursday night in Astoria.

There is Sue Olson, a former executive secretary with top-secret clearance who opens a window into the urgency behind Hanford's work to win World War II and the Cold War.

There is Natalie Swan of the Yakama Nation, a biologist who helps protect an 1855 treaty with the federal government.

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Health center project sways Astoria School Board race

By EDWARD STRATTON
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An Astoria School Board race is becoming unexpectedly charged by residue from the failed attempt nearly two years ago to establish a school-based health center in Astoria High School.

The race for two years of an unexpired term at Position 5 on the School Board, vacated by Laurie Choate in March 2014, pits her appointed successor Jenna Rickenbach against challenger Janice Horning in the May 19 special district election, which features few contested races, and none with the same gravity.

Health center

On May 8, 2013, the Astoria School Board voted 3-2 against further pursuit of a school-based health center. Board members Martin Dursse,



Jeanette Sampson and Shawn Helligso voted against. Choate and Brad Pope voted for.

The health center, like more than 70 located in more than 20 counties around Oregon, would have provided primary care services to students on campus, in Astoria's case through medical sponsor Coastal Family Health Center. But it ran into opposition from groups concerned over the potential loss in parental rights and



Jenna Rickenbach

Janice Horning

lack of accountability resulting from the center. Rickenbach was one of those who testified against it.

"My only hang-up was, as a parent, I feel like parents have a responsibility for their children and need to be included," Rickenbach said. She added she isn't against students receiving health care, and indicated that with sufficient parental involvement, she could sup-

port a school-based health center, although the issue isn't on the table.

"The big reason why I'm running is because of the friends I have and relationships are around public health and education," said Horning, who last ran for the school board in May 2013 and lost to Grace Laman by 18 votes. "The school-based health center that didn't get through was such a big disappointment to so many people who have a background in mental and physical health."

School board races are nonpartisan, but Horning, a registered Democrat, has received support from Clatsop County Democrats. A fundraising page, "Elect Jan Horning" on Democratic fundraising site ActBlue said the election will determine the balance of power on the Astoria School Board.

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