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Honoring America's fallen



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Daniel Jordan, with the Patriot Guard Riders, rides down Broadway street with other riders as part of a motorcade ceremony on Memorial Day. The motorcade was made up of riders from the American Legion Riders, Patriot Guard Riders, and North Coast ABATE. This was the first year the motorcade ceremony has been held. More photos online at www.dailyastorian.com

Cable giants to wed

Charter buying Time Warner for \$55.3 billion

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Charter Communications is buying Time Warner Cable for \$55.33 billion, creating another U.S. TV and Internet giant.

And executives say they're confident regulators will allow it.

The deal comes a month after Comcast, the country's largest cable provider and owner of NBCUniversal, walked away from a \$45.2 billion bid for Time Warner Cable, the No. 2 cable company, after intense pressure from regulators. Time Warner Cable had chosen the Comcast deal and rejected a \$38 billion hostile offer from Charter in early 2014.

There has been a wave in consolidation in the cable industry as providers are starting to lose TV subscribers, costs for TV, sports and movies rise and pressure from online video services such as Netflix and Hulu increases.

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Ecotourists welcome

Cape Falcon Marine Reserve to protect waters

By R.J. MARX
The Daily Astorian

Oregon's fifth marine reserve goes into effect at Cape Falcon in January. The reserve limits fishing and adds protections to the area, and will serve as a resource for research and a lure for tourism.

"People who are interested in farmers markets travel to farmers markets," said volunteer chairwoman Nadia Gardner of the Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve. "People who are interested in marine conservation, they travel to places with protected marine areas. It's sort of a burgeoning market. We'll see if we will get charter boats or ecotourism. I'd love that."

Gardner shared the significance of the newly designated federal status at a May 19 work session of the Cannon Beach City Council. According to Gardner, there are four other marine reserves in effect in Oregon — the only state to have them: Cascade Head in Lincoln City, Otter Rock in Newport, Cape Perpetua in Yachats and Redfish Rocks in Port Orford.

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Seaside Legion ceremony draws large turnout for Memorial Day observance

By KATHERINE LACAZE
EO Media Group

SEASIDE — For the late Gary Lee Heller, Memorial Day should be about patriotism and honor, according to his siblings.

The former first vice commander, Heller, the honoree at the Seaside American Legion Post 99's Memorial Day service, fit the bill.

Heller served in the U.S. National Guard from 1961 to 1969 and died July 3, 2014, at age 70, after being a member of the Seaside American Legion for 12 years.

At the Memorial Day ceremony Monday, his brother Duane Heller, sister Jeannette Klefstad and lifetime friend Jon Marsh were escorted by 2nd Vice Commander Chuck Godwin to the bridge arcing over the Neawanna Creek to lay a commemorative wreath in the water below in memory of his life.

The Heller siblings were raised and schooled in Seaside and Gary Heller, the youngest brother, moved back to the area from Los Angeles 15 years ago.

Duane Heller lives in Seaside, but Klefstad and Marsh were visiting from out of town for the occasion, which "was a great honor," Duane Heller said.

"What more can I say?" he added. "They're honoring our brother."

Please don't wish me a 'happy Memorial Day.'

— Lou Neubecker
commander, Seaside American Legion commander

Klefstad agreed, adding the timing was coincidentally appropriate as Tuesday, would have been Gary Heller's birthday.

The American Legion's ceremony was attended by more than 70 people, the largest crowd Commander Lou Neubecker said he could remember. When the chairs under two awnings filled up, more chairs were pulled from the nearer American Legion building and other attendees spilled across the parking lot to honor the nation's fallen soldiers.

Memorial Day, Neubecker said, is a time to celebrate the lives of America's deceased veterans, but "it's also a very sad day of remembrance."

"Please don't wish me a 'happy Memorial Day,'" he said.

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Duane Heller and Jeannette Klefstad toss a wreath into Neawanna Creek during the Memorial Day ceremony at the American Legion in Seaside. At the ceremony they honored Gary Heller who served in the National Guard for eight years from 1961-1969.



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Will Batty, a volunteer with American Legion Riders, puts the finishing touches on a battlefield cross as a tribute to Sgt. James Treber during the Memorial Day ceremony at the American Legion in Seaside.

'She was a somebody. And she mattered'

Daughter recalls mother who jumped from Astoria Bridge

By DERRICK DEPLEDGE
The Daily Astorian

At dawn on a drizzly Monday morning, Artanya Barnhart placed a makeshift cross and arranged some flowers in a patch under the Astoria Bridge.

The cross, made from driftwood, is a memorial to Carrie Barnhart, a 54-year-old mother of six who jumped to her death in April. Tiny hand-

prints represent her children, while little elephants reflect her softer side.

"She was a beautiful, amazing, funny, sweet person that had so much love and compassion for people," said Artanya Barnhart, 34, the oldest, who lives in Astoria. "She was a somebody. And she mattered."

"My mommy touched so many lives. She was a lover of music, elephants, babies and the color red," she said. "And most of all, her six children and 11 grandkids that now have to live — and grow up — without their meemaw."

The family hopes Barnhart's suicide is not forgotten. Her death has raised concerns about potential gaps in men-

tal health care on the North Coast.

Astoria Police had been called about Barnhart's suicidal warnings four times in the months before her death. The week before her fatal jump, Astoria Police had pulled her from the bridge after midnight and had taken her to Columbia Memorial Hospital, where she was evaluated by Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare and released after two hours.

Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare has said it would work with Clatsop County and with law enforcement to review the incident and help prevent similar tragedies in the future.

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A makeshift memorial under the Astoria Bridge honors Carrie Barnhart, who committed suicide in April.

Submitted photo

