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Emily (last name not given), 8, of Tualatin, watches a crab crawl along the sand at Seaside beach Saturday. Photos by JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian

Ilwaco lowers the boom

Two peninsula cities ban personal fireworks because of fire danger

By KATIE WILSON
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PACIFIC COUNTY, Wash. — Two cities in Pacific County have banned citizen use of projectile and aerial fireworks for the Fourth of July holiday, citing an unusually dry June and high fire danger.

At a special meeting Friday, the city of Ilwaco voted to pass an ordinance allowing Ilwaco Fire Chief Tom Williams to declare a fireworks ban in the city limits, but had to schedule another special meeting Monday to actually approve the ordinance.

Under the original wording, the ordinance (and thus the ban) couldn't go into effect until five days after it

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Basking (not baking) in the glow

Summer sun draws thousands to the coast

By JOSHUA BESSEX
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SEASIDE — Thousands took advantage of a sunny Saturday to hit the beach at Seaside.

With temperatures reaching into the 100s in some parts of Oregon, people found relief on the coast walking along the beach, skimboarding, and jumping in the waves. The high on the coast was 83 degrees.

With the return to cooler weather Sunday and Monday, many may have wondered if it was a fluke. But, hold on to those flip flops and sunblock, the rest of the week is predicted to be 70 degrees and higher.



LEFT: A man lifts his dog up to a water fountain during a hot summer day at the Seaside Turnaround. BELOW: Thousands hit the sands of Seaside beach Saturday.



Talking about sexuality

Adolescent Sexuality Conference, Clatsop Teen Coalition plan next steps

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SEASIDE — Talking to teens about sex is still a hot topic even after the Adolescent Sexuality Conference was canceled this year.

The event's organizers are regrouping and planning their next steps, while the recently formed Clatsop Teen Wellness Coalition seeks to provide a similar service of educating adults about how to communicate with youth on topics of health, wellness, safety and sexuality.

After several years, the Adolescent Sexuality Conference scheduled for April at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center was canceled by

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The last straw: City, property owner clash over bales

Fire chief saw a fire hazard in 'mountain' of gardening straw

By DERRICK DePLEDGE
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No, the rodeo was not in town. That mountain of straw stacked off Niagara Avenue was Jean Reitman's innocent plan to improve a slope near her home she had stripped of pesky Himalayan blackberry.

Astoria Fire Chief Ted Ames saw the 9 tons of straw bales as a fire hazard on a weekend when the National

Weather Service ultimately issued a red flag warning for lightning.

The standoff between the private property owner and the city boiled over Friday when crews spent hours removing the straw bales to a city yard near the Astoria Sports Complex.

Reitman, 61, a retired physician who moved to Astoria from Southern California earlier this year for health reasons, thought she was out about \$5,000 worth of straw and substantial delivery costs. She was also informed by the city she would get an invoice for the removal.

By Monday afternoon, though, tensions were diffused.

City Manager Brett Estes said the city had agreed to bring the straw back to Reitman's property in smaller batches so she can complete the landscaping project. She will not be billed for the removal.

Reitman, who had been exploring legal action against the city, was relieved.

"So it's just a matter of whether it's a verbal Band-Aid or whether they are really going to follow through with what they promised," she said. "And that remains to be seen."

For Reitman, the experience was an unsettling example of often blurry property lines near public right-of-ways.



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The remnants of straw bales removed Friday from a slope off Niagara Avenue sit in a bin. The straw is being temporarily kept at a city yard near the Astoria Sports Complex.

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