

RIDING FOR A CAUSE



Ardent cyclist **Chase Milsap** (pictured) of Ocean Park, Wash., is participating in the Sept. 26 to Oct. 3 **California Coast Classic**, a scenic bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles that is a fundraiser for the **Arthritis Foundation**. He'll be riding with Team Mama's Boy.

"I am a hard working and very active 12,000 miles a year cyclist," Chase wrote. "I rode in the CCC for the first time last year, and it not only showed why I love to ride, but I get to go out there and be a part of a tour, where we are honoring the millions of Americans living with Arthritis."

"I ride in this tour to honor my Grandma Marilyn, who has lived with rheumatoid arthritis (RA) for many, many years, but also with friends who have children living with juvenile RA — and every time I hear stories about friends and family with loved ones with arthritis, it makes me wanna go out there and ride my bike and think about those who suffer from arthritis." Want to help him help the cause? You can donate at <http://tinyurl.com/chaseride>

Chase has but one request: "Please do your part and help me, and the team, support the Arthritis Foundation."

AS FAR AS IT TAKES



On Sept. 10, 15 members of the **Bristol Myers-Squibb (BMS) Oncology Team** left from Cannon Beach on the first leg of the **Coast 2 Coast Cancer Ride** to raise funds and awareness for Stand Up To Cancer's (www.standup2cancer.org) efforts to accelerate research. They are pictured, courtesy of Bristol Myers-Squibb. The dedicated group left from the Surfsand Resort and headed for their first stop, a rally in Portland that afternoon.

More than 80 BMS employees, who will be riding a combined total of nearly 2,900 miles from Oregon to the New Jersey shore, are involved in the 19-day bike relay. BMS will match all donations to SU2C dollar-for-dollar, up to \$500,000. You can donate at <http://cancerbikeride.org>

"I am riding for my mom, who battled cancer," rider **E. G. "Bubba" Klugh** said. "She was my best friend, and if I have achieved anything in this life, it is because of her. This race is about the patients we serve, their families, their doctors and their nurses who fight every day for them ... We would all ride as far as it takes — for them."

CUE THE 'JAWS' THEME

The Northern Oregon/Southern Washington Marine Mammal Stranding Network has responded to four animals on Clatsop beaches in the last few weeks, and one in Ocean Park, Wash., all of which died from large **shark bites**," **Tiffany Boothe** of the **Seaside Aquarium** wrote. They were all close to shore when attacked.



Ever wondered how many documented shark attacks on humans there have been on the Oregon Coast? According to the listing on Global Shark Attack Files (GSAF, www.sharkattackfile.net), there have been 28 attacks, all unprovoked, and 27 were on surfers. The single fatal attack was on a non-surfer — a woman was bitten to death after the fishing boat she was in disintegrated off the Oregon Coast.

One of the stranger encounters was in October 2011, when **Doug Niblack**'s surfboard hit a great white shark while he was surfing at The Cove in Seaside — the impact was hard enough to knock him off the board. He landed on his feet on the shark's back (which he said was as wide as his surfboard), and was lifted out of the water and carried for a few seconds before the critter vanished. The surfer was uninjured (<http://tinyurl.com/dniblack>).

Interesting side note: The only documented case in Washington state occurred in 1989 at Pacific Beach in Grays Harbor County, when a surfer was bitten on the arm by a great white shark. Although he had several punctures and lacerations, he refused to go to the hospital.

For those with a touch of morbid curiosity about specific shark attacks while perusing the shark attack files, click on the "Details" section of a specific incident, then Google the GSAF case number shown on the upper left.

As of this week, the shark is still around, so Tiffany urges caution. "Those who surf in the area should be aware that surfing at dawn/dusk, or during a large diatom bloom — which may make the local ocean waters murky — is not recommended." Take care out there.

In One Ear



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HOLY COW



Only in Montana!" Astorian **LaRee Johnson** wrote, describing the picture shown. "Yes, you are seeing it right — a **calf** being transported in the back of a small Honda Fit. We knew we were not in Astoria any more. We did a double take with what looked like a cow in the back of this tiny car."

"While recently visiting my 94-year-old dad, driving on a four-lane freeway with much needed pouring rain, we were headed south of Missoula," she explained. "As the scene unfolded, I tailed the car for several miles, wondering if we were seeing correctly."

"My husband, **Andrew E. Cier**, well known in the Astoria area for his photographic work ... quickly got his camera out as I was driving, and began photographing livestock in cars. Although he got several shots, this one seemed particularly funny, if you note the 'tester' bumper sticker."

"Were they testing the calf-carrying capabilities of small cars?" she mused. "The focus was on the calf, so the billboard to the right is just out of focus, but it was for a hamburger place. I mean, what are the chances? Yep, only in Montana!"

WHAT GOES THERE?



While pulling weeds from around our dock at **Sunset Lake**, this came out of the water," **Holly Summers** wrote, referring to the **clam** she took a photo of recently. Her photo is shown.

"We've lived here a long time, but have never pulled a clam or mollusk out of here," she noted. "Maybe someone out there can help me out, here. Like, what is this exactly?"

Anybody know what kind of critter it is? If so, please contact the Ear at 503-325-3211, ext. 257, or ewilson@dailyastorian.com

OPEN SESAME!



Yup, it works. A little bird sent in the photo shown of the **Lewis and Clark Bridge** in Jeffers Gardens all spiffy-looking and doing its drawbridge thing last week. The bridge had been closed for renovation since last December, and finally opened the Friday before Labor Day (too late for locals to avoid all that summer tourist traffic, more's the pity).

The boat going under it, by the way, is the F/V **Maverick**, of "Deadliest Catch" fame, heading upriver. To Astoria Marine Construction Co., perhaps?

UP A TREE



Do you watch Animal Planet's TV show "**Treehouse Masters**," with builder **Pete Nelson**? If not, tonight at 9 is a good time to start, as the show features a treehouse (pictured inset) being built in the Neskowin area, replete with some furniture from locally owned **Roby's Furniture and Appliance** (<http://robysfurniture.com>).

The blurb for the episode says, "Inspired by South American treehouse maestro Richard Brunnelli, Pete builds a hexagonal live-in treehouse for a Treehouse Workshop graduate in coastal Oregon."

Andrea Langeliers, Roby's co-owner, told the Ear that the program contacted the store's marketing manager, and asked if Roby's was interested in helping furnish the treehouse, which will be a woman's primary residence. She has a view of the ocean, and will live there with her cat.

The deal was made, and the show's interior designer came to Roby's from New York and picked out the furniture (a little loveseat, coffee table and bed — how much can you put in a treehouse, anyway?), and set the delivery date for Aug. 29.

It turned out to be a very windy, blustery day on the coast, not exactly treehouse weather, but the show must go on. Even when the show is up a tree. That is moving. "When you stepped inside (the treehouse), it was like you were on the ocean, in a boat," Andrea noted.

Nevertheless, all went well, and the furniture was duly delivered. The Roby's crew is pictured with Pete Nelson, who is wearing the white hat. The photos are from Roby's Facebook page.

"The guys (from the show) were so much fun, and they were making jokes and helping out," Andrea recalled. "Our delivery team had a really good time with it."

A MAN, A BLANKET, A MISSION



Curtis Hargrove, who describes himself as "always looking for new and exciting ways to help deserving charities raise money," arrived in Astoria recently while on a quest to help **Angel Magnussen** (pictured, inset), of Port Alberni, B.C. She has Down syndrome, and has devoted her young life to making blankets for sick children.

Angel finds out what each child likes before selecting the material, so each blanket has a personal touch. Most importantly, though, "I fill each one of my blankets with lots of love and hugs," she says, "because I want to wrap sick kids up in a warm hug." Which is how the foundation Curtis is fundraising for got its name: **Hugginz By Angel** (www.hugginzbyangel.com).

When Curtis heard that Angel had sent TV host **Ellen DeGeneres** a blanket, inviting her to join "Team Hugginz," and got no response, he asked Angel to make another blanket for Ellen, and he would personally deliver it to the studio in Burbank, Calif. On foot.

So, on Aug. 30, the 1,500-mile quest began ("One man ... One blanket ... One Mission"), and he set out on the **Hugginz Highway** (www.hugginzhighway.com) — which is how he wound up in Astoria. **Jeff Daly** gave him a ride across the bridge in the old **Astoria Clown Car**, and he was greeted by **Mayor Arline LaMear** (pictured, with Curtis, in a photo by **Regina Willkie** of the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce).

The Lincoln Inn Best Western comped his stay, and he was treated to dinner at Buoy Beer, to boot, so he was off to a good start the next day. While in the area, he was also made a "Junior Ranger" at Fort Clatsop National Park after an 8-mile trail run. He received, as the Ear's mother used to say, "the royal treatment."

In the meantime, while he's been running, Curtis has been all over the media with the story about Angel's blankets. If Ellen hasn't heard he's heading her way, she's got rutabagas in her ears. Good luck, Angel!



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