

A PROPER SENDOFF



Sunday is the 109th anniversary of the 258-foot four-masted steel ship **Peter Iredale** running aground on **Oct. 25, 1906**. You can read the news in the **Morning Oregonian** (cost 5 cents) (<http://tinyurl.com/iredalenews>). The wreck is shown in a photo by **Leo Simon**.

According to the **Oregon History Project** (<http://tinyurl.com/ohpiredale>), caught in a squall, **Capt. H. Lawrence** said that against a "heavy southeast wind and strong current ... she was in the breakers and all efforts to keep her off (the beach) were unavailing."

Luckily, aside from being cold, wet and miserable, no one was seriously injured in the incident. Rockets were set off, and members of the **Point Adams lifesaving station** braved the elements to rescue all 27 crewman, and even two stowaways.

Declared "in no wise to blame," the captain and his officers were cleared of any possible wrongdoing by the Naval Court at the British Vice-Consulate in Astoria Nov. 13, 1906.

As a historical footnote, it should not be forgotten that the good captain gave the Iredale a proper send-off. The Oregon History Project says: "**William K. Inman**, one of the lifesavers ... remembered that the red-bearded captain stood stiffly at attention, saluted his ship, and said, 'May God bless you and may your bones bleach in these sands.' He then turned and addressed his men with a bottle of whiskey in his hand. 'Boys,' he said, 'have a drink.'"

A TRIP TO REMEMBER



In mid-September, Astorian **Juanita Price**, the only woman, joined 49 other World War II veterans on an **Honor Flight** to spend four days in Washington, D.C., and visit the World War II memorial, along with other memorials and monuments.

Juanita was in the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve, and served from June 1944 to June 1946, training combat photographers. She is pictured, courtesy of **Janet Bowler**.

The veterans traveled free of charge courtesy of the nonprofit Honor Flight of Portland Oregon (<http://portlandhonorflight.org>). It is one of 117 regional hubs in 42 states participating in the national Honor Flight Network program which, in gratitude for their service, is working to give all World War II veterans a trip to the nation's capital.

Before leaving from Portland, Juanita told KPTV (<http://tinyurl.com/juanitap>), "I never dreamed of going back to where I served, in Quantico, Virginia, which is only 50 miles from Washington, D.C."

PESTS IN THE PESTHOUSE



Across the Columbia River, the historic **Knappton Cove Quarantine Station** (www.knapptoncoveheritagecenter.org), informally known as **The Pesthouse** (pictured), had attracted a **family of bats ... mice and carpenter ants**," Astorian **Jan Mitchell** wrote. "... A Pacific County company, **Eradipest**, donated \$1,000 of services to eradicate these uninvited visitors."

Not to worry, bat fans. "They didn't hurt them, just closed up the area where they got in," Jan reassured the Ear. "So, they've moved on to someone else's place." Phew!

In other across-the-way news, "The Pesthouse also reports that Astoria's **Bob Lockett** has donated a vintage Army quartermaster hospital bed with an eagle insignia, showing that it was made before 1912," Jan reported. "The hospital bed is now happily placed in the historic lazaretto, which operated from 1899-1938."

In case you're wondering, lazaretto is a fancy word for the pest-house. Which is now pest-free.

In One Ear



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CLIMBING KILIMANJARO



Sarah Kangas (pictured), who teaches elementary school physical education and coaches the middle school cross county team for the Warrenton School District, will soon embark on a grand adventure.

"Over winter break myself and 10 other Americans are heading to Kenya to take part in a **summit bid up Kilimanjaro**," she wrote. "We are partnering with **Kupenda for the Children** (www.kupenda.org) — a nonprofit organization that exists to help children with disabilities in Kenya and Tanzania—and bringing along three of the Kupenda children with us up the mountain."

"It's a groundbreaking idea," she explained, "since most children living there who have disabilities are considered cursed, worthless, and in many cases, are neglected by their families. What a way to bring a sense of self-worth and value to these kids, and to show the countries of Kenya and Tanzania the same thing."

The 2016 Trek for Kupenda not only hopes to raise awareness of the plight East Africa's disabled children, it is also a fundraiser for the nonprofit's continuing efforts to improve their lives. To donate, go to www.kupenda.org/kili/sarah-kangas

"For me this is the opportunity of a lifetime!" Sarah wrote. "Throughout my life, I've had a heart to care for and befriend those who have disabilities. All of my friends with disabilities have a special joy for life that is contagious to be around." "I could go on all day," she told the Ear, "about how neat this trip is, in so many ways."

THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT



It's never too early to plan for **Halloween**, as far as the Ear is concerned. "We open up the old **Hess mansion** (pictured) for **tours** each Halloween," house resident **Chris Schauermann** told the Ear. Built in 1914, and at 9,000 square feet, he noted that "the old house has many tales to tell."

Interested? It will be open from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 30 and Halloween night. The event is sponsored by Gateway Community Church of Hammond, and tickets cost \$5 per person. All proceeds will go to **Called To Rescue** (www.calledtorescue.org) an organization that fights human trafficking.

"This year we are anticipating 400, so get your tickets now, while they last, at **Gannaway Jewelers**," Chris warns. "Tickets will also be sold at the door, but pre-sold tickets will act as fast passes and reduce waiting times."

According to a KOIN News story, although the house is no longer considered haunted, that was not the case in 1991 when the large Schauermann family moved in (<http://tinyurl.com/haunthess>). Sam Hess gave them the place rent free, but in return, the family would have to fix up the house, which was in a state of sad disrepair.

However, the mansion's "residents" took exception to the intrusion. In one room, "we had the visitations for years," Schauermann told KOIN. Not to mention, there were exploding light bulbs and he was sliced by a toilet he picked up that suddenly sheared in half.

"You can't really appreciate it unless you were standing there," Hess said, "but 2x4s don't just go out the door and sail across a parking lot and go through a windshield. That just doesn't happen."

In spite of it all, the family insists the power of prayer sends the things that go bump in the night on their way. But will they come back for a Halloween visit? Buy a ticket and find out.

A NEW LOOK AT TITANIC



The "unsinkable" **Titanic's** appeal hasn't waned even now, more than 100 years after her sinking April 15, 1912. Five previously **never-seen photos** of the launch of the ship in 1911 in Belfast, Northern Ireland, have surfaced, gCaptain.com reports (<http://tinyurl.com/titanlaunch>).

The photos were included with a set of glass plate positives that are up for auction Saturday, and one of them is shown, courtesy of auctioneer **Henry Aldridge & Son** (www.henry-aldridge.co.uk).

"The photos were taken by a Belfast businessman and are being sold via direct descent, having been in the family since they were taken," the article says. There is also a sixth photo, of Titanic's sister ship, **Olympic**, prior to her maiden voyage. The auctioneer estimates the set will fetch between \$7,700 and \$9,200.

Nautical history buffs no doubt recall that the great-grandson of Astoria's namesake, **John Jacob Astor IV**, died in the Titanic disaster. His pregnant wife, **Madeline**, survived and gave birth to **John Jacob Astor VI** (another family member beat him to JJA No. V) four months later in New York (<http://tinyurl.com/jjastorVI>).

INFAMOUS ICEBERG



One of the other items up for sale in the Titanic memorabilia auction on Saturday is a **photo of the iceberg** presumed to have **sunk the Titanic**, Discovery News reports (<http://tinyurl.com/bergpic>).

The photo is shown courtesy of Henry Aldrich & Son (www.henry-aldridge.co.uk), and comes with documentation: "On the day after the sinking of the Titanic, the steamer **Prinz Adalbert** passes the iceberg shown in this photograph," the steward on the Adalbert, **M. Linoewald**, who took the photo, wrote. "The Titanic disaster was not yet known by us. On one side red paint was plainly visible, which has the appearance of having been made by the scraping of a vessel on the iceberg."

The photograph was owned by the White Star Line's law firm, which closed in 2002, and is being auctioned for the four partners of the firm, along with the note.

'I'VE GOT LOTS TO DO'



As much as 85-year-old pastor/teacher **Jerry Swanson** (pictured) loves staying at Coastal Angels' Wings in Gearhart, he likes to get out and about, too.

But waiting for the bus can be a tedious business, so he sits in his walker chair on the side of the road and **waves at every passing car**, just to see if people will wave back. Sometimes he's waving while waiting in Gearhart, near Del Rey Road, and sometimes he's waving while in Seaside, near Avenue U.

And, he's made a few observations in the process. People in small cars (he calls them popemobiles), convertibles and Mustangs just don't wave back. Wavers include truck drivers and log truckers (who both wave and blow their horns). He's also found that if the first person in a line of cars waves, often the rest of them will, too.

"People should be friendly, and when they discover you, they are," he noted.

Frequently policemen and people stop and say, "Can I help you?" Recently a lady stopped and offered him a ride, and they wound up at the Goodwill Store. When Jerry went up to the counter, he found she had already paid for the clothes he had selected. But one item had been missed. When he went to pull out his wallet, the gentleman behind the cash register paid for it himself. "It was a great experience," Jerry recalled.

Meanwhile, Jerry is enjoying his human experiment. "It's fun, and gives me something to do while waiting for the bus," he told the Ear. "Like Glen Campbell says, 'I ain't done yet.'"

"I've got lots to do."

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY

Columbia Northwestern Model Railroad Club — 1 p.m., in Hammond. Group runs trains on HO-scale layout. For information, call Don Carter at 503-325-0757.

SUNDAY

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Support Group — 2 to 3:30 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway. Family to Family Support Group, for anyone with friend or loved one suffering from a serious brain (mental) illness. For information, contact Myra Kero at 503-738-6165, or k7erowood@q.com, or go to www.nami.org

Line Dancing — 5:30 to 8 p.m., Seaside American Legion, 1315 Broadway. For information, call 503-738-5111. No cost; suggested \$5 tip to the instructor.

MONDAY

Scandinavian Workshop — 10 a.m., First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. Needlework, hardanger, knitting, crocheting, embroidery and quilting. All are welcome. For information, call 503-325-1364 or 503-325-7960.

Senior Lunch — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation \$3 for those older than 60; \$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

Columbia Senior Dinners — 11:30 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church (lower level), 565 12th St. Cost is \$5. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

Warrenton Senior Lunch Program — noon, Warrenton Com-

munity Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Suggested donation of \$5 for seniors and \$7 for those younger than 60. For information, or to volunteer, call 503-861-3502 Monday or Thursday.

Astoria Rotary Club — noon, second floor of the Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Guests always welcome. For information, go to www.AstoriaRotary.org

Knockers Pinochle Group — 1 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Cost is \$1 per regular session per person. Players with highest and second highest scores split the prize. Game is designed for players 55 and older, but all ages are welcome.

Diabetes Class — 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Providence Seaside Hospital, 725 S. Wahanna Road, Seaside.

Free help managing diabetes. All are welcome. For information, go to www.providence.org/diabetes or call 503-717-7301.

Line Dancing for Seniors — 6 to 7:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, temporarily located at 1555 W. Marine Drive in the old Astoria Yacht Club. For information, call 503-325-3231.

Clatsop County Democrats — 6:30 to 9 p.m., Astoria Yacht Club, 300 Industry St., Suite 201 (at the West End Mooring Basin, above Tiki Charters). For information, call 503-717-1614 or go to <http://clatsopdemocrats.org>

TUESDAY

Stewardship Quilting Group — 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. All are welcome. Donations of material always appre-

ciated. For information, call Janet Kemp at 503-325-4268.

Do Nothing Club — 10 a.m. to noon, 24002 U St., Ocean Park, Wash. Men's group. For information, call Jack McBride at 360-665-2721.

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Astoria Lions Club — noon, Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St.

Prospective members welcome. For information, contact Charlene Larsen at 503-325-0590.

Warrenton Kiwanis Club — noon, Doogers Seafood and Grill, 103 U.S. Highway 101, Warrenton. For information, call Darlene Warren at 503-861-2672.

Line Dancing for Seniors — 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, temporarily located at 1555 W. Marine Drive in the old Astoria Yacht Club. For information, call 503-325-3231.

A Course in Miracles — The Astoria ACIM study group meets weekly from 3 to 4 p.m. For information and location, call Nelle Moffett at 916-307-9790 or email moffett@cgjffellowship.org

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