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A camp full of firsts



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Counselors at Camp Rosenbaum surprised their children Friday, revealing themselves as military personnel, police officers and firefighters. Housing, law enforcement and military agencies send volunteers to man the camp each summer, teaching kids good citizenship skills.

Low-income children, law enforcement, spend a week at the beach

By EDWARD STRATTON
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WARRENTON — The rows of young campers stood on their tiptoes and craned their necks toward the back of Warrior Hall Friday at the Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Center. A look of surprise plastered on their faces, they watched as the counselors they had bonded with the past week filed in, their Camp Rosenbaum T-shirts replaced by military fatigues, police and fire uniforms.

Camp Rosenbaum, a unique summer camp experience doubling as a crash course in good citizenship, wrapped up its 46th year Friday. Amid a chorus of hugs, well-wishes and high-fives, the corps of volunteers sent home 160 low-income youth with lasting childhood memories and a new respect for those in uniform.

Camp Rosenbaum is named after the late Fred Rosenbaum, a Holocaust refugee and Oregon luminary. The camp is now organized by the Oregon National Guard, Portland Police Bureau and housing agency Home Forward. Housing authorities around the Portland metro area, central, southern and coastal Oregon find kids age 9 to 11 to attend. Police, fire and housing agencies provide the volunteers, who outnumber campers, providing around-the-clock activities and life lessons in being good citizens.

All about the kids

Doran Gritton, a 10-year-old from Independence, laid on Sunset Beach Thursday

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Photo courtesy of Camp Rosenbaum
Fred Rosenbaum started Camp Rosenbaum in 1970, offering low-income kids the opportunity to enjoy summer camp and learn how to be good citizens.



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Camp Rosenbaum campers compete in a sandcastle-building competition.

Mo's is on its way to Astoria

Chowder plant on the river at 15th Street

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Mo's is coming to Astoria. The Newport-based seafood chain will build a restaurant and a clam chowder production plant on the Columbia River at 15th Street. The company will purchase the downtown space — now leased by Astoria Vintage Hardware — from Englund Marine & Supply Co. “Although some might consider Mo's a chain restaurant, I feel that we are far from that,” Jolee Bancroft, the owner of Newport Pacific Corp., which operates Mo's restaurants on the Oregon Coast and at Portland International Airport. “We are a family business that cares about our guests, the well-being of our crew, and the success in the cities where we reside in.”

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Mo's Restaurants
Mo's, based in Newport, plans a new restaurant and chowder production plant on the Columbia River at 15th Street in Astoria.

Port looks for benzene in old offices

Air quality fears prompt move to Pier 1

By EDWARD STRATTON
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The Port of Astoria is studying whether its old offices on Gateway Avenue contain harmful amounts of benzene in the air. The Port Commission voted on Tuesday to spend nearly \$46,000 to have the agency's environmental consultants, Maul Foster & Alongi Inc., study the air quality of the Port's old offices and nearby maintenance shop, along with the potential pollution from historic fuel leaks underneath.

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Not just piglets and corn dogs at the fair

Clatsop County Fair kicks off with intriguing options for fun, entertainment

By ELI STILLMAN
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Showing off farm animals has long been a customary part of American fairs, but this year's Clatsop County Fair features some nontraditional options.

A shade tent designated for tortoises was part of the Reptile Man's Mobile Reptile Zoo.

Paulette Ritchey and her daughter, Hannah, stood in front of the reptile zoo on opening day Tuesday. Along

with keeping an eye on the wandering tortoises, they welcomed visitors into their walk-through reptile house. The trailer has been outfitted with tanks and holds 22 reptiles including a rattlesnake and poisonous lizards.

This is the second year the mobile zoo has come to the Clatsop County Fair and its main attraction is a live 2-foot alligator that visitors are allowed hold for a picture. The alligator is accustomed to being handled, but still has its mouth taped for safety.

“All of the poisonous animals have been de venomized because our insurance wouldn't cover us,” said Ritchey, who also assured that none of the other reptiles would be coming out of their locked tanks this week.



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Carson Cowan takes a look at a rattlesnake inside Reptile Man's Mobile Reptile Zoo during the opening day of the Clatsop County Fair on Tuesday at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds in Astoria.

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