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CLATSOP COUNTY FAIR



Photos by Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian
Kids hold their ears during the loud chainsaw competition at the Clatsop County Logging Show on Saturday at the Clatsop County Fair. More photos online at DailyAstorian.com

Jeff Fetter from Buckley, Washington, competes in the modified chainsaw competition during the Clatsop County Logging Show on Saturday at the Clatsop County Fair. Fetter won first place in the competition with a time of 7.01 seconds.

Port's fish gut crusade puzzling

Regulators say carcasses are allowed in river

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

The Port of Astoria has taken a surprising crusade against fish remains being dumped into the Columbia River.

The agency on Thursday shut down fish-cleaning stations at the East and West mooring basins over environmental concerns of waste being dumped directly into the Columbia River. On Friday, it reopened fish cleaning at the East End Mooring Basin after installing a portable sewage tank to collect fish remains.

The closures came three days after the start of the popular Buoy 10 summer salmon fishery, which brings thousands of fishermen to the Lower Columbia River. While perturbing fishermen, the move also surprised state regulators.

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THEY CAME, SAWED AND CONQUERED



Dillon Jackson from Sweet Home hurdles a log during the choker-setting competition Saturday during the Clatsop County Logging Show at the county fair. Jackson won second place in this competition.

Clatsop County Fair ends run with logging, mutton bustin'

The Daily Astorian

'Go for the Blue' at the Clatsop County Fair has come to an end, and numbers are starting to show that it may have been one of the most popular years in recent history.

While total attendance is still being tallied, first year fair-ground General Manager Kathi Mattinen said, "I know it's more than it has been in years past." The large turnout could be, in part, due to the Craig Morgan concert which brought in more than 1,900 attendees Thursday night.

"We will continue on the trend that we started this year, want to thank everyone for coming and we will try to make it even better next year," Mattinen said.

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Jacob Wolfe, 8, from Astoria, hangs on a sheep during a mutton bustin' event on Saturday at the Clatsop County Fair.



Devin Corey Gerou, Jacob Martin Kitzman, John Michael Lafreniere

Spinning wheels of justice

Accused bike thieves preyed on park visitors

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

Three Warrenton men are accused of stealing more than a dozen bicycles from visitors at Fort Stevens State Park and the KOA campground.

Devin Corey Gerou, 19; Jacob Martin Kitzman, 24; and John Michael Lafreniere, 26, were arrested after the alleged crime spree.

Warrenton Police began receiving multiple reports in July of stolen bicycles from the local campgrounds.

Officers increased patrols in the area at night and, following a tip, recovered five of the bicycles.

Police were able to identify the three suspects, who were arrested and booked July 31.

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Cooking up a whole new school lunch

New Astoria food chief wants to entice more campus dining



Since starting in July, Michael Kelly is cooking up a food service program from scratch for Astoria School District.

A 27-year U.S. Coast Guard veteran, Kelly was hired by the district to run its newly autonomous food-service program.

Kelly is busy this summer creating menus, securing food contracts and making sure it all meets federal and

state standards. Meanwhile, he's overseeing the district's sites in the Summer Food Service Program, which provides a federally funded lunch to any minor five days a week at several locations throughout Astoria. The program is feeding 70 to 75 people a day, he said, similar to the crew he led as a senior chief petty officer on the cutter Steadfast for the past three years.

Kelly has spent the last

15 years on the North Coast, including four years on the Steadfast, four years at Cape Disappointment, four years on the cutter Alert and a final three-year tour back on the Steadfast.

Kelly considers himself lucky that his eldest daughter, Heather, was able to start kindergarten in Warrenton and graduate from Warrenton High School 12 years later. He and his wife, Samantha, also have a younger daughter, Rebecca, entering the sixth grade.

Food service is often an unstable job, so you have to take opportunities when they arise.



Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian
The director of Astoria's food service program, Michael Kelly, center, stops by the summer lunch program at Tapia Park recently in Astoria.

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