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FALL CRUISE SEASON ARRIVES WITH REGATTA

Season peaks in late September

By EDWARD STRATTON
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The second half of this year's cruise ship season started Monday with the Regatta from Oceana Cruises.

September and October will bring 13 more cruise ships to Astoria, starting with the Seven Seas Mariner from Regent Seven Seas Cruises arriving Thursday. Arrivals heat up in late September, with the Explorer of the Seas

Sept. 17, Coral Princess Sept. 19, Crown Princess Sept. 20 and Explorer of the Seas again Sept. 24.

The season peaks with five cruise ships arriving over four days, including the Noordam Sept. 26, Zaandam and Norwegian Sun Sept. 27, Celebrity Infinity Sept. 28 and Norwegian Jewel Sept. 29.

"We're so excited to see the four-day stretch," said Bruce Conner, owner of Sundial Travel and marketer to cruise lines for the Port of Astoria. "It's going to seem like cruise ships live here."

Conner said the ships are stopping off in Astoria as they transit south from the Alaska market.

The season finishes with three ships in October, including the Nieuw Amsterdam Oct. 5, Explorer of the Seas Oct. 6 and Star Princess Oct. 22.

Conner, currently cruising on the Crown Princess in Juneau, Alaska, with about 20 other Astorians, said he is focused on getting more ships to stop in Astoria.

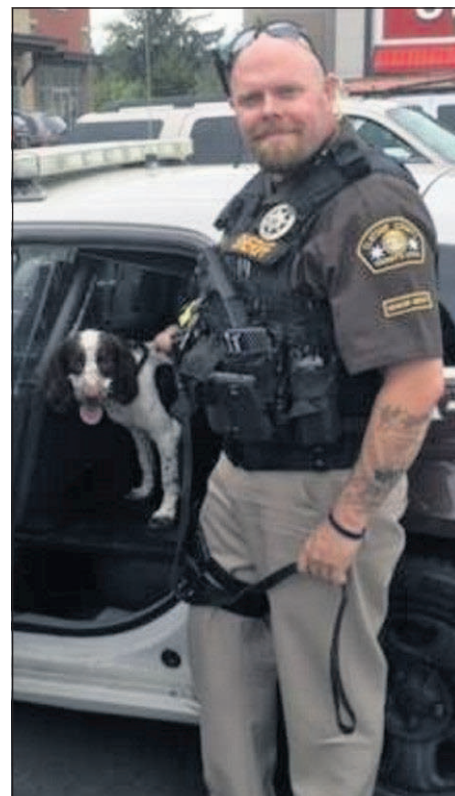
"I am now talking to Princess (Cruises) about boarding a ship in Astoria," Conner said, adding it would be a smaller group boarding a vessel embarking from Seattle.

The Ruby Princess, scheduled for May 3, will kick off the 2017 season, which currently includes 22 ships stopping in Astoria. For the full schedule, visit portofastoria.com

Seagulls take flight as the Regatta cruise ship remains docked at Pier 1 on Monday in Astoria.



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Submitted Photo
Scout, a springer spaniel, is a hunting dog trained to sniff out drugs.

County secures a new Scout

Hunting dog trained to detect drugs

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office has a new drug detection dog on patrol.

Scout, a 16-week old springer spaniel, was certified last week by the Pacific Northwest Police Detection Dog Association in Seattle.

Senior Deputy Chance Moore led the effort to reinstate the drug canine program and bring Scout to the community.

Moore raised money for the past year and a half, collecting \$16,000 plus donated labor and supplies from 24 local businesses and individuals.

"I would like to make (Scout) the community's dog," Moore said.

Moore is Scout's handler and owner. Scout lives with Moore at his house, where a kennel was built using some of the donated material and funds.

"He is my dog, and I have to provide care for him," Moore said.

The Sheriff's Office now has two K-9s. The other is Pax, a 5-year-old male Belgian Malinois, who is trained for suspect apprehension.

Moore noticed a need for a drug detection dog while patrolling the region. Law enforcement agencies consider U.S. Highway 30 a central hub for drug trafficking. However, there are very few police dogs along the highway between Astoria and Longview, Washington.

In addition, Moore said, a reason for having a drug dog is to help search local schools. The Astoria School District recently approached him about putting a program in place.

"If kids know there are dogs out there and we go in unannounced, it will cause them to hesitate to bring drugs to school," Moore said.

Having a drug detection dog in the Sheriff's Office also means Scout can go anywhere in the county and assist local police departments. He will be used at various crime scenes, vehicle stops and in drug-related investigations.

Unlike police dogs trained for apprehending suspects, Moore said, he did not want the drug detection dog to appear intimidating.

"I didn't want him to be an aggressive looking dog," Moore said.

Scout is a hunting dog who is inviting and unassuming when sniffing out the source of drugs. He is trained to find most drugs, including heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine and ecstasy.

The Sheriff's Office has been without a narcotics dog since 2013. At the time, the sheriff's office retired Dixie, a female border collie mix, when her handler moved to the Bend Police Department.

Volunteers get 'CERTified' this fall in Cannon Beach

Gain emergency preparedness skills and more

By LYRA FONTAINE
The Daily Astorian

CANNON BEACH — Michael Diak's Community Emergency Response Team training came in handy when a car in front of him abruptly stopped one day and an accident occurred. Though no one was hurt, he responded swiftly by grabbing his fluorescent vest, dialing 911 and directing traffic.

"When medical and police

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George Vetter/For The Daily Astorian

Graduating Cannon Beach CERT students and volunteer "victims" at the previous CERT basic training drill in April.

CERT CLASSES

Countywide courses

The 21-hour course is offered as either a nine-week course offered each Thursday evening from Sept. 24 through Nov. 12 at the Clatsop County Emergency Operations Center in Warrenton, or as a three-day course Nov. 13-15 at Camp Kiwanilong in Warrenton.

For more information and to register, contact Clatsop County Emergency Management at 503-325-8645.

Cannon Beach course:

- 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 17
- 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 24
- 5:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Sept. 29
- 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 1.

Call Laura Yokoyama at 503-436-2811 for more information

Coach, six Philomath players cited in Camp Rilea hazing

Harassment said to occur at summer camp

Corvallis Gazette-Times

Six Philomath High School varsity football players and one coach were cited Monday in connection with "aggravated hazing" incidents in July at Camp Rilea in Warrenton, Benton County District Attorney John Haroldson said.

Volunteer assistant coach and former player Cooper

Kikuta, 22, has been cited on a charge of second-degree criminal mistreatment, a misdemeanor, and is set to appear in Clatsop County Circuit Court.

The Benton County District Attorney's Office is set to file juvenile delinquency petitions in Benton County Juvenile Court for all six students cited, with arraignments scheduled for Friday.

The six teenagers have been cited on charges that, if committed by adults, would constitute the crimes of harassment

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Anabal Ortiz/Gazette-Times

Delinquency petitions will be filed in juvenile court against six Philomath High School football players for aggressive hazing of underclassmen in July at Camp Rilea, according to Benton County District Attorney John Haroldson.

