

Traveling cannabis fair visits Astoria

Seeds, edibles, even insurance, on display

By EDWARD STRATTON
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A month after the rides went down, the blue ribbons were given out and the 4-H animals sold at auction, another type of fair came the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

The Hemp & Cannabis Fair, a traveling, all-in-one display for one of Oregon's newest industries, set up shop over the weekend.

Naomi Forkash, manager of the fair, said the idea is to bring knowledge about all things cannabis to the people. The fair is traveling around the state, next visiting Bend and Salem.

The fair brought speakers on the laws, effects, science and seeds behind cannabis. Vendors sold seeds, edibles, paraphernalia, growing and harvesting supplies and even insurance. It included some of the newer businesses that have popped up as a result of legalization.

Steven Lewis said he had been working for a company focusing on energy efficiency. He helped build a greenhouse



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My Urban Growhouse is selling all-in-one indoor grow setups at The Hemp & Cannabis Fair.

in a friend's backyard. Then the idea for My Urban Growhouse was born.

"We basically give you a complete turnkey grow system," Lewis said.

Dawn Redlich, a representative of New Growth Insurance, said there are probably only three companies in the region providing insurance to cannabis-related business. She said her employers were working in the more traditional insurance industry, but saw an unserved market.

"Sadly, the reality is dispensaries are being robbed," Redlich said.

Her company sends investi-

gators to potential customers to check their business practices. If everything checks out, she said, New Growth will cover up to \$2 million in case of theft.

Kevin Sikkink and Grant Thomas traveled from Minnesota to represent their company, Skunk Tees, started while they were college students.

Despite legalization and the history of cannabis and hemp cultivation in the U.S., Sikkink said he has to source his hemp and organic copper shirts from China because of the cost being about double domestically. Sikkink said he also faces the challenge of finding printers who will work on hemp.

Thomas said the irony is that while cannabis-related businesses love to be associated with hemp products, hemp companies are fearful of the linkage and its effect on business.

But the two said they are still finding a market in head shops and fairs. "We're trying to be one of those early companies," Sikkink said.

The only local sponsor of the event was Sweet Relief Natural Medicine, the first dispensary in the county. Gary Reynolds, a co-owner of the dispensary, said it's important for local businesses to be present at such fairs and help provide knowledge to their customers.

Department of Corrections doesn't track mistakes in inmate releases

Mistake in Washington state set thousands free early

By PARIS ACHEN
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon corrections officials say it's rare that inmates are mistakenly released early, though they don't track such errors.

A computer coding error in Washington state caused thousands of inmates there to be released before they had completed their sentences.

The Oregon Department of Corrections releases more than 5,000 inmates each year. Officials said instances of erroneous releases are a "rare occurrence" because they test computer codes used to calculate sentences and "good time" credit and review individual files. But officials could not provide an estimate of how many mistakes occur each year.

"While DOC does not track when erroneous early releases happen, we do know that it does not occur that often," said Betty Bernt, a corrections spokeswoman.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee announced in December that state's Department of Corrections had released up to 3,200 inmates too soon since 2002 because a software-coding error was miscalculating sentences. The error occurred when calculating "good time" credits for certain sentences.

A victim's family alerted officials to the problem in 2012, but officials knowingly delayed a scheduled software fix, according to a third-party investigation of the errors.

Several of those prisoners committed crimes while they were free, Washington corrections officials said. One prisoner, Jeremiah A. Smith, gunned down 17-year-old Caesar Medina during an attempted robbery at a Spokane tattoo par-



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Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton. Oregon corrections officials say its rare that inmates are mistakenly released early, though they don't track such errors.

lor in May 2015, less than two weeks after Smith's accidental release from prison, according to multiple news reports.

Oregon Department of Corrections has multiple systems in place to guard against mistakes in release dates, Bernt said.

Information technology employees conduct extensive testing when sentencing tracking computer system updates are made due to law changes. Two separate corrections employees also review prisoner files six months prior to release, with additional reviews at two weeks and one day before release, Bernt said.

Mistakes in release dates usually stem from human error or failure to receive "critical information" from the county jail or county court in a timely manner, she said.

Mistakes are usually detected when corrections employees review an inmate's file after release for some reason, Bernt said. Events that could prompt a review include when a lawsuit is filed or when officials receive a call from county officials who have questions about the release, she said.

John Potter, who has been executive director of the Oregon Criminal Defense Association for the past 37 years, said he has never known of a case when a client was released too early.

"I can't even come up with an anecdotal example of a lawyer who had someone who got out early because someone made a mistake," Potter said.

State Rep. Jeff Barker, D-Aloha, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said he was unaware that Oregon corrections officials don't track the frequency of erroneous releases.

"I don't know if they have anybody released early, ... but I would be interested in looking into that," Barker said.

Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said even though Oregon doesn't appear to have a chronic problem with releasing inmates too early, he has asked the Department of Corrections to begin to count how many times it happens.

"I know they said they don't normally, but they are going to maybe try to integrate that in, so they have a point of reference," Prozanski said.

Corrections officials said they plan to track those numbers in the future, but have not selected a date. Tracking past instances would require officials to manually pull the release records of every inmate, they said.

"So far, our plans to start tracking erroneous releases are in the discussion phase," Bernt said. "We agree that erroneous releases should and can be tracked in some way, but need to explore the most accurate and efficient way to do that."

"We are confident that premature releases are a rare occurrence in Oregon," she added.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA AccuWeather.com

TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
57	67 55	69 55	68 53	71 55
Cloudy with a couple of showers	Occasional morning rain and drizzle	Partial sunshine	A morning shower; otherwise, cloudy	Mostly cloudy and comfortable

ALMANAC
Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures
High/Low 66°/53°
Normal high/low 69°/51°
Record high 92° in 1955
Record low 41° in 1956

Precipitation
Sunday 0.00"
Month to date 0.57"
Normal month to date 0.24"
Year to date 41.41"
Normal year to date 38.59"

REGIONAL WEATHER
Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

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SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 7:46 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday 6:43 a.m.
Moonrise today 10:58 a.m.
Moonset today 9:58 p.m.

First Full Last New
Sep 9 Sep 16 Sep 23 Sep 30

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: M18 is a small star cluster in the constellation Sagittarius, which is low in the south at nightfall.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
5:08 a.m.	6.7 ft.	10:56 a.m.	1.3 ft.
5:01 p.m.	7.7 ft.	11:39 p.m.	0.8 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.
Atlanta	89 68 s 92 69 s	
Boston	69 63 r 72 67 sh	
Chicago	88 73 s 90 75 pc	
Denver	89 52 s 91 53 pc	
Des Moines	90 75 t 92 73 t	
Detroit	85 68 s 90 73 s	
El Paso	93 73 t 83 67 t	
Fairbanks	55 46 r 48 35 sh	
Honolulu	87 75 pc 87 76 pc	
Indianapolis	89 70 s 90 73 s	
Kansas City	91 74 s 92 75 pc	
Las Vegas	93 71 s 96 73 s	
Los Angeles	76 60 pc 78 59 pc	
Memphis	94 77 t 93 77 pc	
Miami	90 77 pc 88 76 s	
Nashville	92 69 s 93 70 s	
New Orleans	88 78 t 89 78 pc	
New York	83 68 pc 85 70 pc	
Oklahoma City	92 73 pc 91 74 pc	
Philadelphia	85 69 s 90 71 pc	
St. Louis	93 76 s 94 78 pc	
Salt Lake City	75 53 pc 80 57 pc	
San Francisco	71 55 c 74 57 pc	
Seattle	67 55 c 66 55 c	
Washington, DC	88 69 s 92 73 s	

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.	City	Today	Tues.
Baker City	70 35 pc 61 35 c		Olympia	67 52 c 67 51 c	
Bend	69 43 s 65 38 c		Pendleton	74 52 pc 69 50 sh	
Brookings	67 51 pc 66 53 pc		Portland	70 57 c 69 54 sh	
Eugene	76 52 pc 70 48 sh		Roseburg	79 52 pc 73 54 c	
Ilwaco	64 58 c 64 57 r		Salem	75 55 pc 70 51 sh	
Klamath Falls	71 35 s 72 36 pc		Seaside	65 58 c 65 56 pc	
Medford	80 49 s 79 52 pc		Spokane	70 48 pc 60 47 sh	
Newberg	71 55 c 69 51 sh		Springfield	75 51 pc 68 50 sh	
Newport	62 53 pc 62 51 sh		Vancouver	69 56 c 68 52 sh	
North Bend	67 54 pc 67 52 c		Yakima	78 51 pc 76 44 c	

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Sunday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 4-6-6-7
4 p.m.: 7-0-9-0
7 p.m.: 3-5-8-6
10 p.m.: 1-1-0-6

Saturday's Megabucks:
02-04-16-17-37-48
Estimated jackpot: \$1 million

Saturday's Powerball: 07-39-50-59-67, Powerball: 25, Power Play: 3
Estimated jackpot: \$170 million

Saturday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 9-6-5-9
4 p.m.: 7-7-5-3
7 p.m.: 5-4-9-1
10 p.m.: 6-1-0-9

Friday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 6-1-0-7
4 p.m.: 0-1-8-9
7 p.m.: 4-4-6-8
10 p.m.: 8-9-7-7

WASHINGTON

Sunday's Daily Game: 7-7-0
Sunday's Keno: 03-13-22-24-27-38-40-52-54-55-57-65-68-69-71-73-76-78-79-80
Sunday's Match 4: 05-12-13-22
Saturday's Daily Game: 7-4-0
Saturday's Hit 5: 06-07-27-32-38
Estimated jackpot: \$280,000
Saturday's Keno: 06-18-19-20-22-23-29-32-33-36-38-40-51-53-62-71-72-73-74-75
Saturday's Lotto: 05-15-27-37-41-46
Saturday's Match 4: 01-12-23-24
Friday's Daily Game: 2-1-4
Friday's Keno: 03-16-18-28-31-35-38-41-42-46-50-52-53-57-62-65-66-73-74-75
Friday's Match 4: 03-12-16-21
Friday's Mega Millions: 22-28-41-46-60, Mega Ball: 3, Megaplier: 3
Estimated jackpot: \$92 million

Schools take steps to ensure water supplies are lead free

By EDWARD STRATTON
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As school starts this year, school districts trying to ensure returning students have water supplies free of lead.

Astoria Superintendent Craig Hoppes said testing found lead issues in five feed lines to water fountains at Astoria High School. All other schools came back clean.

"The district is in the process of replacing the feed lines to the water fountains," Hoppes wrote in a letter to parents. "In addition, the district is replacing the five water fountains at the high school. The water fountains will be replaced due to their age and for pre-

cautionary reasons." Hoppes said two of the affected fountains will be replaced by Tuesday, with the other three replaced within a couple weeks. The district received help with testing from the city of Astoria.

Warrenton-Hammond School District received their results from lead and copper testing Thursday. Superintendent Mark Jeffery said that among the two water features tested at Warrenton Grade School and Warrenton High School, there were no issues.

"We're good on lead and copper," Jeffery said, adding the district is focusing on readying its preliminary testing plans for lead and radon by Sept. 15.

FUNERAL

Tuesday, Sept. 6
PARKS, Glen William — A funeral service is 1 p.m. Tuesday at Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary. A reception follows

after the service at Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St., Warrenton, Oregon. Caldwell's Luce Layton Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY
Seaside Community Center Commission, 10 a.m., 1225 Avenue A.
Seaside Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 1131 Broadway.
Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 6 p.m., 34587 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989

Broadway.
Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
WEDNESDAY
Astoria Maritime Memorial Committee, 1 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 204 W. Marine Drive.
Seaside Improvement Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

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