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The J.C. Penney store in Astoria is closing its doors after more than 100 years of operation at various locations in the downtown area. The announcement that the store, which opened in 1916 in Astoria, would close was made in March.

## J.C. Penney's was a downtown fixture

A historical look back in the pages of Astoria's newspapers

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A business brief in The Astoria Daily Budget on Jan. 10, 1916, heralded the opening of Astoria's J.C. Penney store. "The J.C. Penney Co., prominent mercantile operators of the northwest, owners of 83 different stores, have leased two store rooms in Spexarth Building, where it will open for business about April 1.... The Penney Co. establishes places which are invariably a credit to the cities in which they are managed."

After more than 100 years in operation and several moves downtown, J.C. Penney closes today.

The retailer opened its 109th store in Astoria April 8, 1916. According to the retailer's store history, the opening was financed by the profits from the store in Pendleton, Oregon's first J.C. Penney. In March, the company announced the imminent closure of 138 stores.

While on vacation, company founder and namesake James Cash Penney visited Astoria in 1918, at which point he had 197 locations. "Mr. Penney reports that his many stores on the coast are doing a wonderful business and he is especially pleased with the one in Astoria so successfully conducted by E.R. Keefe," read a story about his visit in The Morning Astorian.

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A May 30, 1940, edition of the Astorian Budget was dedicated to the newly remodeled J.C. Penney on Commercial Street.



Southern Methodist University

A 1920 photo from J.C. Penney's archives in DeGolyer Library at Southern Methodist University shows the store's original Astoria location in the Spexarth Building.

## Coffenbury Lake under health alert for algae

First ever for lake in Fort Stevens State Park

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A health advisory remains in effect for Coffenbury Lake because of a massive bloom of blue-green algae that can produce dangerous toxins.

It is the first time the Oregon Health Authority has had to issue such an advisory for the lake at Fort Stevens State Park, though the department did receive a sample in 2013 following a possible bloom that year. The number of bacteria cells counted then, however, was below the threshold. Rangers report they have seen things that look like blooms — floating streams of algae, greenish patches of water — but never anything like this year.

This year the whole lake looks green, said Rebecca Hillwig, a natural resource specialist with the Oregon Health Authority.

The sample the state received this summer — a 500 milliliter jar filled with lake water — contained more than 2 million cells, well over what the health authority wants to see. The algae can be present and not producing toxins, but with such a high cell count an advisory was necessary, the state said.

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## Now that's summer weather

Heat blast hits coast, inland Wednesday

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Get ready to sweat your socks off.

An excessive heat watch is in effect Wednesday for communities along Oregon's North Coast and in southwest Washington, with record high temperatures of 85 to 95 degrees possible. Temperatures could hit as high as 100 in several locations Wednesday. Though temperatures are expected to be slightly cooler on Thursday, that day could still be just as hot. Astoria, and the North Coast generally, will be among the hottest spots on the Oregon Coast this week.

The warning coincides with the opening days of the Buoy 10 recreational fishery on the Columbia River — a fishery that draws thousands of anglers — and the Clatsop County Fair.

"We're getting air out of Nevada — dry, hot air — and it's blowing over, going from the east to the west," said Gerald Macke, a meteorologist technician with the National Weather Service. "Almost always you have

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## A passion for belly dancing, a yearning to help

Dailey uses her art to help local nonprofits thrive

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Belly dancing has been a passion for Sarah Dailey for seven years, although many who know her do not know her creative side.

Her style is classic Egyptian, also known as Raqs sharqi, which she fears is a dying art. The music she dances to may be sensual, a party atmosphere, a love song or a sad ballad. She will even



throw in some of her favorite modern songs. "I love it when I can make an audience feel what I feel through the art of dance and the art of music," said Dailey, who lives in Seaside.

A few months ago, Dailey began Bellydance Benefit to help support Clatsop County nonprofit organizations. Her first benefit was for The Harbor in Astoria, which helps those who have survived

domestic violence and sexual assault. The second was for Clatsop Animal Assistance in Warrenton, where she used to volunteer.

An animal lover, Dailey's next benefit will be for the Wildlife Center of the North Coast on Aug. 25 at Buddha Kat Winery in Seaside.

"I wanted a way to give back and to be able to share my love for dance with people," she said.

After being a stay-at-home mother for 3 1/2 years to daughter Katherine, Dailey decided last year it was time to re-enter the workforce.



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Sarah Dailey belly dancing at the beach.

