

Getting out the vote



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Tillamook County Commissioner Tim Josi speaks at a candidate forum Thursday at Clatsop Retirement Village. Josi was one of three candidates for the state House District 32 position there along with John Orr and a representative for Tiffany Mitchell. Three county Board of Commissioners candidates — Mark Kujala, Pamela Wev and Peter Roscoe — also spoke at the forum.

Portland interfaith leaders, youths to push for state assault rifle ban

By ANDREW SELSKY
Associated Press

SALEM — A movement to ban assault rifles in Oregon was launched in a Portland church Thursday, with clerics saying youths — many of whom have been protesting for gun control — will drive the campaign.

Interfaith religious leaders in Portland said they aim to get enough signatures on petitions to put a ban on assault weapons before voters statewide in the November election.

There has been some movement in just a few other states in the wake of the February shooting at a Florida high school that killed 17 people, including:

- In Delaware, Gov. John Carney called for state lawmakers to ban the sale of assault-style rifles, saying military-style weapons like the rifle used in Florida have no place in the hands of

civilians. Legislation is now being drafted.

- In California, legislation is proposed that would expand the definition of an assault weapon to include most semi-automatic rifles bigger than a .22. But that would require them to be licensed like assault weapons, not banned.

In Oregon, the campaigners must gather over 88,000 signatures by July 6, and they're counting on youths who have demonstrated for gun control to help.

“Young people in this country are crying out. This is the moment in time where we need to step alongside them as adults and do our part with them,” said Pastor Mark Knutson of the Augustana Lutheran Church in Portland.

While a person must be at least 18 to vote, even a 14-year-old can go out and seek signatures, Knutson told The Associated Press over

the phone.

“This is going to be a youth campaign,” said Knutson, who will be one of the three chief petitioners of the ballot measure.

Rev. Alcena Boozer, a former high school principal and pastor emeritus of St. Philip the Deacon Episcopal Church, and Rabbi Michael Cahana, of Congregation Beth Israel, are the other two chief petitioners. The treasurer is Imam Muhammad Najieb, director of the Muslim Community Center of Portland and a Marine veteran.

The anti-assault-rifle campaign was launched with a news conference at the Augustana Lutheran Church, which Knutson said is fitting. He recalled the civil rights campaigns of the 1950s and '60s, and how churches played a role, including one in Alabama where the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. preached.

Michael Foster Library proposed in Astoria

School booster taught, raised money for Astoria schools

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

The Astoria School Board next month will decide whether to name the Astoria High School library after the late community booster Michael Foster.

“The idea was presented to me by a community member that wanted to honor the contributions that Michael Foster has had over the years,” said Lynn Jackson, principal of the high school.

Foster, who died in 2016, founded Astoria High School Scholarships Inc., whose members recommended dedication of the library. Since 1977, the group has awarded more than \$3.5 million in scholarships to more than 2,000 graduates. The group's assets have climbed to more than \$8 million.



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School boosters hope to dedicate the Astoria High School library after the late Michael Foster, a former graduate and teacher who founded a scholarship program for graduates.

“In my 22 years in the Astoria community Michael, by far, has had the most impact not only in the schools but also in service to the community,” wrote Craig Hoppes, superintendent in Astoria, in a letter to the school board recommending the dedication of the library to Foster.

Foster, a fourth-generation

Astorian, graduated from the high school in 1958, earned a bachelor's from Willamette University and came back as a teacher in 1962. After leaving to teach with the State Department in Afghanistan and earning his master's from the University of Oregon, Foster again returned to the high school as librarian in 1977. He retired in 1996.

Northrup Creek Horse Camp goes reservation-only

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The state Department of Forestry seeks public comment on a pilot online reservation system for Northrup Creek Horse Camp.

Campers will reserve sites at the campground through Reserve America, the same reservation system used by the state Parks and Recreation Department. All campsites will be reservation-only.

The new reservation pro-

vides certainty to people trailering a horse to the camp, Ty Williams, Astoria District assistant forester, said in a release.

“This is a popular reservation system that will be familiar to many campers, and should be a good fit for this campground,” he said. “It also allows ODF to provide focused upkeep when we know the camp is being used.”

Reservations can be made up to nine months in advance

with a debit or credit card. A transaction fee of \$8 would be added to standard camping fees. The public can reserve campsites beginning on or about May 1. Camping opens one weekend before Memorial Day through November.

The public can comment on the changes from Monday through May 4 at tinyurl.com/ReserveNorthrup or by mail at: ODF Public Affairs, 2600 State St., Salem, OR 97103.

Portland veterans office comes to Astoria

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The Veterans Administration will hold a meeting in Astoria from noon to 1:30 p.m. April 3 on issues, concerns and ideas to improve

services for veterans.

At the meeting will be representatives from the Portland Regional Benefits Office handling veterans benefits, health care, patient advocacy, suicide prevention, online

scheduling and transition and care management.

The meeting will take place in the Clatsop Post 12 American Legion dining hall at 1132 Exchange St. in Astoria.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Tonight

38

Mostly cloudy with a passing shower

Saturday

51
38

Mostly cloudy, a shower in the afternoon

Sunday

52
36

Some sun with a couple of showers

Monday

54
36

Mostly cloudy

Tuesday

54
37

Mostly cloudy

ALMANAC

Astoria through Thursday.

Temperatures

High/low 51°/39°

Normal high/low 54°/39°

Record high 74° in 1947

Record low 28° in 1988

Precipitation

Thursday 0.08"

Month to date 1.54"

Normal month to date 3.74"

Year to date 20.15"

Normal year to date 21.13"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 7:22 p.m.

Sunrise Saturday 7:25 a.m.

Moonrise today 7:23 a.m.

Moonset today 6:41 p.m.

New

First

Full

Last

Mar 17

Mar 24

Mar 31

Apr 8

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Caroline Herschel Birthday (1750).

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time

High

Low

2:22 a.m.

8.3 ft.

8:25 a.m.

1.3 ft.

2:16 p.m.

8.5 ft.

8:40 p.m.

0.2 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Sat.	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	71	55	pc	75	56	t		
Boston	37	24	pc	33	17	pc		
Chicago	38	31	pc	46	30	pc		
Denver	57	29	pc	65	34	s		
Des Moines	36	32	r	44	33	c		
Detroit	39	25	sf	47	27	s		
El Paso	72	53	c	71	52	c		
Fairbanks	28	20	sn	34	20	s		
Honolulu	85	72	pc	85	72	pc		
Indianapolis	45	34	c	45	26	sh		
Kansas City	52	37	t	51	34	c		
Las Vegas	65	49	pc	61	45	c		
Los Angeles	61	49	c	61	45	pc		
Memphis	64	58	t	76	47	pc		
Miami	79	64	s	82	66	s		
Nashville	67	57	c	77	46	sh		
New Orleans	75	64	t	78	64	t		
New York	39	28	pc	46	26	s		
Oklahoma City	78	41	s	69	44	pc		
Philadelphia	40	28	pc	48	27	s		
St. Louis	48	41	r	52	37	c		
San Francisco	58	46	pc	51	34	c		
Salt Lake City	56	46	sh	57	44	c		
Seattle	57	37	pc	54	40	c		
Washington, DC	47	31	pc	46	31	c		

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Whitehorse 39/23

Yellowknife 24/14

Churchill -11/12

St. John's 16/11

Halifax 28/17

Montreal 37/21

New York 52/26

Washington 46/31

Atlanta 75/56

Miami 82/66

Monterrey 92/64

Houston 86/68

La Paz 81/69

Chihuahua 77/50

El Paso 71/52

San Francisco 57/44

Los Angeles 61/45

Vancouver 50/36

Seattle 54/40

Billings 32/16

Winnipeg 32/14

Chicago 46/30

Denver 65/34

Saskatoon 32/16

Calgary 31/21

Victoria 50/36

Anchorage 38/32

Honolulu 85/72

ON THE RECORD

DUII

- At 1:04 a.m. today, Richard Andrew Camacho, 35, of Portland, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on Supple Road

- At 8:32 p.m. Wednesday, Donald Walter Frades, 50, of Astoria, was arrested

in Knappa and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants.

by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on Ninth and Commercial streets and charged with DUII and recklessly endangering another person.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Clatsop Care Health District Board, noon, Clatsop Care Memory Community, 2219 S.E. Dolphin Road, Warrenton.

Ecola Creek Watershed Coun-

cil, 4:30 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Knappa School Board, 5:30 p.m., Knappa High School library, 41535 Old U.S. Highway 30.

Jewell School Board, 6 p.m., Jewell School library, 83874 Oregon Highway 103.

Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Thursday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 4-7-1-1

4 p.m.: 3-5-5-1

7 p.m.: 4-3-7-9

10 p.m.: 6-2-6-3

Thursday's Lucky Lines: 02-05-10-16-18-23-28-29

Estimated jackpot: \$25,000

6-4-6

Thursday's Keno: 02-07-10-16-19-20-23-27-36-46-49-53-56-62-64-68-69-71-73-78

Thursday's Match 4: 03-05-11-17

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