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KNAPPA LOGGERS FINISH PERFECT SEASON, CLAIM THIRD STATE 2A/1A BASEBALL TITLE IN FOUR YEARS. SEE STORY, PAGE 10A.



The Knappa Loggers celebrate winning the state championship in Kelzer. Collin Murphy/The Daily Astorian

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FOUR DIE IN CRASH ON US HIGHWAY 30



Clatskanie Chief

A fatal crash closed U.S. Highway 30 Friday morning.

Family from Gig Harbor and South Korea

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Four people were killed Friday morning in a crash that closed U.S. Highway 30 west of Bradley State Scenic Viewpoint.

A Honda minivan with eight people inside was westbound and attempted a left turn onto Shingle Mill Road near Clifton

Road into the path of a Ford pickup truck towing an empty horse trailer. The driver said he was concerned that a large commercial truck was going to hit the van from behind, causing him to suddenly accelerate into the turn, according to Oregon State Police. The crash occurred about 10 a.m.

Four people in the minivan were killed and four were taken to hospitals. Two of those killed were from Gig Harbor, Washington — Yun Hee Lee, 44, and a juvenile male — and two were from South Korea —

Soon Ja Lim, 71, and Jung Hee Lee, 39.

The driver of the van — Yong Gi Kim, 45, of Gig Harbor — was taken to a hospital by ambulance. Yoon Kyung Lee, 42, of South Korea, was taken to a Portland-area hospital by Life Flight, along with two more juveniles — one from South Korea and the other from Gig Harbor.

Occupants of the minivan appeared to be an extended family on the way to the beach, Oregon State Police Lt. Andrew Merila said.

Three people in the Ford F-450 pickup were also taken to hospitals. The driver — Stevie R. Smith, 21 — was taken by ambulance, along with Charlie A. Dockins, 25, and a juvenile passenger. Everyone who was in the pickup is from Roy, Washington.

Dockins, in a Facebook post, said Smith was her sister and they were traveling with her baby. "Thank goodness he was secured safely and properly," she wrote.

The highway was reopened to traffic Friday afternoon.

Judges dismiss appeal against new Walmart

Store opens this month in Warrenton

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Judges with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals have affirmed the earlier dismissal of a lawsuit brought by Clatsop Residents Against Walmart and Sara Meyer against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The group of residents and business owners, formed in 2010 to oppose Walmart's move to Warrenton, sued the Corps in 2015 after the agency granted a 0.37-acre wetland fill permit to Peaksview LLC, developer of the retailer's new location at Ensign Lane and U.S. Highway 101 in the North Coast Retail Center.

A federal judge in U.S. District Court dismissed the case in 2016, after which the group appealed.

Karl Anuta, the group's

lawyer, has argued the Corps failed to do an independent review of the wetland fill application, and didn't fairly consider alternatives, such as a previously proposed site for Walmart at Dolphin Avenue and Highway 101. Nearly 15 acres of designated wetlands at the site had been filled in for a development.

The Walmart store is scheduled to open June 13. Anuta's appeal sought further wetland mitigation from the retailer and from future nearby developments.

The Corps' attorneys argued the characteristics of the Dolphin Avenue location would have required too much wetland mitigation, and that the 0.37-acre permit did not require as exhaustive a review. Three appeals court judges concurred.

"Given that the fill permit at issue in this case relates to a .37-acre wetland, we have little difficulty concluding that the Corps adequately 'considered a range of alternative sites for the project,

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Herman to run for City Council

She will seek Price's seat

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
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Radio programmer and planning commissioner Joan Herman announced Sunday she will run for Astoria City Council.

Herman will vie for the downtown Ward 3 seat held by City Councillor Cindy Price.

Price has said she is considering a run for mayor and is expected to make an announcement this week.

Herman was appointed to

the Astoria Planning Commission in October to fill a seat left vacant after former Commission President David Pearson resigned to take a job outside of the area. While she has enjoyed her time on the commission, Herman said

she wants to be more involved in city government and would like "to devote more time to a broader range of tasks."

The city's housing crunch is one of the foremost issues on her mind, but she is also interested in

working on the Riverfront Vision Plan, which governs development along the waterfront.

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From parkour to police officer

Anderson pursued dance before law enforcement

By BRENN A VISSER
The Daily Astorian

CANNON BEACH — Before being able to serve, every police officer candidate in Oregon must pass a physical abilities test — think a police work-themed obstacle course.

The course involves balance beams, jumping under and over a variety of objects

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and racing up staircases. It's a grueling feat, but Jacob Anderson — Cannon Beach Police Department's newest recruit — couldn't help but feel uniquely qualified.

"The first time I saw it, I was like, 'Ah — this is just like parkour,'" Anderson said.

Before becoming a police officer, Anderson spent the majority of his life training as

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Brenna Visser/The Daily Astorian
Jacob Anderson is the newest recruit at the Cannon Beach Police Department.



Joan Herman

